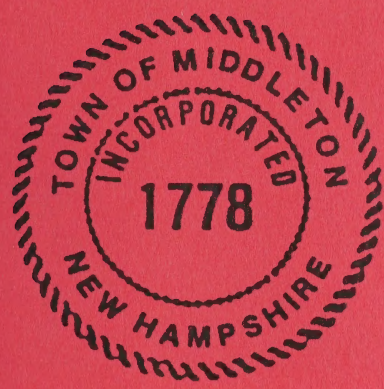


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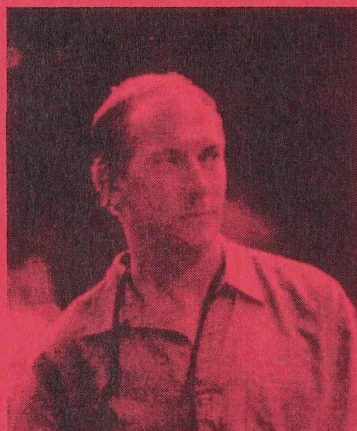


TOWN OF MIDDLETON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sunrise Lake Village District
And
Middleton School District

For the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 21, 2002

This Town Report is dedicated to the memory of



Stephen J. Gorton
1966 – 2002

As a member of the School Board, Steve demonstrated his commitment to the children and taxpayers of Middleton. More important, Steve was an exemplary member of our community...a loving husband, fantastic Dad, and a contributor to everyone. He was tireless in his association with the 500 Boys & Girls Club in Farmington. He is missed.

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MIDDLETON TOWN OFFICIALS 2002

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TERM EXPIRES

Town Moderator	Lucien Vita	2004
Board of Selectmen	John J. Mammone, Chairman	2004
	Robert Bruedle	2003
	Jack Savage	2005
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Veronica A. Griffin	2003
Treasurer	Sandra A. Bruedle	2004
Supervisors of the Checklist	Dorothy A. Reynolds	2006
	JoAnn Bormann	2004
	Kathleen Allfrey	2008
Middleton School Board	Terri Labreque, Chair	2004
	Janis Carruth	2003
	Albert Colburn	2005

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Animal Control Officer	Tammy Faulkner
Assessor	Janis Carruth (Corcoran Consulting)
Beach Commissioner	Vacant
Code Enforcement Officer	John C. Fitch
Code Enforcement: Electrical Inspector	Peter Ciccolini
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Julie Wilson
Deputy Town Treasurer	JoAnn Borman
Director of Emergency Management	Rick Washburn
Fire Chief	Michael Davenport
Deputy Fire Chief	Bill Lawrence
Forest Fire Warden	Bill Lawrence
Police Chief	Daniel Yoder
Acting Police Chief	Randy Sobel
Park Director	Darlene Cremen
Recreation Director	Darlene Marquis
Road Agent	Rick Washburn
Selectmen's Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dorothy A. Reynolds
Welfare Officer	Dorothy A. Reynolds

Planning Board

Kathryn Buzard, Chair	Owen O'Keefe
Steven Comeau	Randy Talon
Stephen Guay	Louis Ryan (Alternate)
Tom Bayer (Alternate)	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Ken Garry, Chair
Alfred Poulin
Ronald P. Cushing
Lou Vita
Roger Mains

Conservation Commission

Kathryn Buzard
Star Snyder
Roger Mains
Joe Curtin
Warren Bartlett

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the community of Middleton:

We are pleased to report that Town ended 2002 in excellent financial health. Careful management of our cash flow allowed us to make it through the year without taking a Tax Anticipation Note, and thanks to the town treasurer, we increased the interest earned on existing funds despite the low interest rates available. The Town portion of the tax rate has remained stable.

We are continuing to work to improve the operations of the various town departments. Based on the wishes of the voters at Town Meeting, we worked with the Fire Department to arrange a five-year lease-purchase of a much-needed new fire truck. We worked with the Road Agent to lease-purchase a new highway truck in time for winter plowing. The Tax Collector has acquired and installed new software to improve the operation of that office. The Selectmen updated the Town employee personnel manual, and to improve cash flow established April 1 as the earliest date any approved salary raises can be implemented, following performance reviews by supervisors.

Facing unacceptable increases in insurance, we were able to switch providers and cut insurance costs by 44%. Thanks to a suggestion by our Road Agent, we arranged to have local roads cleared of litter at little cost through a program run by the County Jail. Our cable franchise, Adelphia, is working through its financial problems, and is now offering cable modem service as well as a new channel lineup that features stations based in Boston as well as Portland, Maine.

We face ongoing challenges, however. The rapid pace of residential growth makes it critical that we plan for future needs well in advance. To that end, Middleton applied for and was granted a Design Charette that took place in October 2002, in which a team of architects and planners helped residents visualize future needs, such as a new highway building, a potential elementary school, and other improvements. (Interested citizens can see a copy of the resulting report at the municipal building.) In addition, the Planning Board has continued to work on updating the Master Plan, and we hope to see that work completed in 2003. Long term planning will be the key to keeping our tax rate stable.

The Selectmen applaud the efforts of the Middleton Lions Club, the Volunteer Fire Association, the Police Association and others who brought the community together through events such as the highly successful Family Day, pancake breakfasts, and various suppers. We encourage all residents to come join the fun, get to know your fellow citizens, and support these local groups.

We note with sadness the untimely passing of school board member Steve Gorton, and thank Janice Carruth for her willingness to step in and serve in his place. Thanks are due to Jim Buzzard who served the community for a number of years on the planning board. We should all thank Darlene Cremen, long-time overseer of the park, for her tireless efforts on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Mammone, Chair
Robert Bruedle
Jack Savage

Warrant for the 2003 Town Meeting
State of New Hampshire
Town of Middleton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2003 at 11 o'clock (11:00 a.m.) in the forenoon, with polls not closing before seven o'clock (7 p.m.) in the evening to act upon the following:

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year: Selectman for three (3) years; Town Clerk/Tax Collector for three (3) years; Trustee of the Trust Fund for three (3) years.

Article 2: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Middleton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$21,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$33,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Middleton zoning ordinance as follows: Inserting a definition of "Vernal Pools" in the Wetlands District to better identify and preserve these important Town natural resources?

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Middleton zoning ordinance as follows: Combining the existing adopted "Driveway Regulations" into the Building Ordinance where its placement is most appropriate?

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Middleton zoning ordinance as follows: Under "Heights of Structures", to insure safety from fires and other dangers and to provide existing and new structures with adequate light, air, views, and consideration of the rural character of the Town, the height excluding chimneys for new structures will be twenty-four feet (24') in the Sunrise Lake District and thirty feet (30') in all other Districts?

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Middleton zoning ordinance as follows: "Nonconforming Use, Structure or Parcel," to address in a just and legal manner these situations, but still requiring adequate septic systems, water and yard setbacks to protect abutters?

You are further notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall on Wednesday the 12th day of March 2003 next at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening to act upon the following Articles:

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,218.59 for General Government as follows:

Executive	\$ 50,485.59
Election, Registration, & Vitals	\$ 15,055.00
Financial Administration	\$ 25,460.00
Assessor Service	\$ 32,250.00
Tax Map update	\$ 2,500.00
Legal Expense	\$ 7,500.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 95,915.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 3,280.00
General Government Buildings & Repairs	\$ 27,150.00
Insurance	\$ 15,473.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 800.00
Interest on TANs	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL	\$282,368.59

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$231,138.11 for Public Safety as follows:

Police Department	\$ 156,340.00
Fire & Rescue Department	\$ 60,403.61
Office of Emergency Management	\$ 100.00
Strafford Dispatch	\$ 9,294.50
Police Detail	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$231,138.11

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$266,891.20 for the maintenance of Highways, Streets, Bridges and Street Lighting as follows (\$43,000 of which will be granted through a Block Grant for road work, and \$5000 of which will be through the School District Fuel Reimbursement):

Highway Operating Expense	\$214,891.20
Block Grant (State Revenue)	<u>\$ 43,000.00</u>
Subtotal:	\$257,891.20
School District Reimbursement	\$ 5,000.00 Street
Lighting	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$266,891.20

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,519 for Health, Welfare, and Sanitation as follows:

Code Enforcement Officer (Bldg/Health)	\$ 10,000
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,247
Health Agencies	\$ 2,863
Welfare	\$ 10,600
Sanitation	<u>\$ 94,809</u>
TOTAL	\$123,519

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,300 for Culture & Recreation as follows:

Beach	\$ 300
Park	\$ 2,500
Children's Parties	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,300

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) to continue the reclaiming and paving construction of various roads in the Town. (Not Recommended by the Selectmen).

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund. (Two-thirds vote required)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,901.00 (twenty-three thousand nine hundred and one dollars) for the purchase of a new police cruiser, and authorize the withdrawal of five thousand five hundred and sixty dollars (\$5,560) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$18,341 is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser for the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (eight thousand dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose and authorize the withdrawal of five thousand five hundred and sixty dollars (\$5,560) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$2,240 is to come from general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article to be passed over if Article 14 passes.)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,480 to be added to the salary of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the purpose of making the office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector open to the public for an additional 24 hours each month. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) for the purchase of a new digital radio for use by the Animal Control Officer. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) to be added to the existing Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of treating Exotic Milfoil and other Exotic Aquatic Weed. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to add the donated property of Map 26, Lot 005, approximately nine acres located on Moose Mountain Road to the existing Town Forest under RSA 31:110, to be managed by the Town Conservation Commission under provisions of RSA 31:112-II.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, merge together, and permanently protect all lands now designated as, or intended to be part of, the Middleton Town Forest in order to better guarantee to the people of Middleton that there will be public access on these lands forever, that natural resources will be adequately protected, and in order to leverage the value of the easements as "match" for grant money from federal, state, and/or private sources. There are currently approximately 112 acres of Middleton Town Forest.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to modify the adoption of RSA 79-A:25, which currently places 100% of all Land Use Change Taxes collected in the Conservation Fund, to instead place 50% of Land Use Change Taxes in the Conservation Fund, and the remaining 50% of the Land Use Change Taxes to the General Fund to help alleviate some of the tax burden on the residents of the Town.

Article 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under hand and seal, this 17th day of February, the year of our Lord two thousand and three,

Middleton Board of Selectmen
 John J. Mammone
 Robert Bruedle
 Jack Savage

BUDGET OF TOWN: EXPENSES (MS-6 FORM)

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Executive	7	49,861.	46,443.	50,486.	
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	7	16,556.	12,039.	15,055.	
Financial Administration	7	25,675.	23,309.	25,460.	
Revaluation of Property	7	17,900.	21,977.	32,250.	
Legal Expense	7	5,000.	2,597.	7,500.	
Personnel Administration	7	98,540.	93,744.	95,915.	
Planning & Zoning	7	2,904.	2,990.	3,280.	
General Government Buildings	7	22,250.	18,992.	27,150.	
Cemeteries					
Insurance	7	26,686.	27,646.	15,473.	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Police	8	156,222.	154,478.	156,340.	
Ambulance	8	17,124.	17,124.	17,124.	
Fire	8	20,200.	16,530.	43,280.	
Building Inspection					
Emergency Management	8	100.	-0-	100.	
Other (Incl. Communications)	8	17,053.	10,120.	14,295.	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Administration					
Highways & Streets	9	249,098.	235,183.	257,891.	
Bridges					
Street Lighting	9	4,300.	3,901.	4,000.	
Other (school fuel)	9	5,000.	4,502.	5,000.	
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Administration					
Solid Waste Collection	10	42,950.	42,641.	43,809.	
Solid Waste Disposal	10	43,000.	46,037.	49,000.	
Solid Waste Clean-up	10	900.	931.	2,000.	
Garbage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

BUDGET OF TOWN: EXPENSES (MS-6 FORM)

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
TER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
Administration		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Water Services					
Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC					
Admin. and Generation		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Purchase Costs					
Electric Equipment Maintenance					
Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH					
Administration	10	8,400.	6,944.	10,000.	
Pest Control	10	5,472.	4,187.	5,247.	
Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	10	1,863.	2,863.	2,863.	
WELFARE					
Administration & Direct Assist.	10	7,600.	7,958.	10,600.	
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments					
Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Parks & Recreation	11	3,750.	2,984.	5,300.	
Library					
Patriotic Purposes					
Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION					
Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	7	800.	620.	800.	
Other Conservation					
REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE					
Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	7	5,000.	-0-	2,500.	
Other Debt Service					

BUDGET OF TOWN: EXPENSES (MS-6 FORM)

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Land		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	14-15	43,750.	43,750.		8,000.
Buildings					
Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	12	111,000.	114,455.		150,000.
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
To Special Revenue Fund					
To Capital Projects Fund					
To Enterprise Fund					
Sewer-					
Water-					
Electric-					
Airport-					
To Capital Reserve Fund					
To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
To Agency Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1		1,008,954.	964,945.	902,718.	158,000.

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
Avitar Software	13	7500.	7485.	-0-	
Town Clerk/Tax Coll.	16	-0-	-0-	5480.	
Milfoil Treatment	18	2000.	1600.	2000.	
Website	17	1500.	1095.	-0-	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	7480.	XXXXXXXXXX

BUDGET OF TOWN: SOURCE OF REVENUE (MS-6 FORM)

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES				
		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Change Taxes		1,300.		3,000.
Resident Taxes				
Timber Taxes		8,000.	8,032.	8,000.
Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
Other Taxes				
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		20,000.	30,822.	20,000.
Inventory Penalties				
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Business Licenses & Permits		75.		75.
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		170,000.	193,748.	170,000.
Building Permits		13,000.	17,891.	13,000.
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000.	2,475.	5,000.
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE				
		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Shared Revenues		7,062.	7,906.	8,000.
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		37,500.	42,699.	37,500.
Highway Block Grant		44,000.	43,851.	43,000.
Water Pollution Grant				
Housing & Community Development				
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
Flood Control Reimbursement				
Other (including Railroad Tax)		1,154.	1,154.	1,154.
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Income from Departments		20,000.	18,193.	
Other Charges		6,000.		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Sale of Municipal Property		19,300.	25,000.	
Interest on Investments		2,000.	7,817.	2,000.
Other		2,000.		2,000.

BUDGET OF TOWN: SOURCE OF REVENUE (MS-6 FORM)

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year.
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		43,750.	-0-	5,560.
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From FB ("Surplus")			43,750.	
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			400,141.	443,338.	318,289.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	964,945.	902,718.
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	-0-	-0-
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	11,000.	7,480.
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	975,945.	902,718.
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	(400,141)	(318,289)
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	575,804.	584,429.

DETAILED SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS 2002

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

2002 Actual

Executive

Selectmen's salary	\$6,300
Selectmen's Sec/Bookkeeper	\$18,344
Office Help	\$1,928
Office Telephone	\$5,501
Office supplies	\$2,712
Postage and postage meter	\$2,986
Mileage reimbursements	\$915
Association dues	\$898
Resource materials	\$463
Advertising	\$18
Meetings/conferences	\$1,269
New Equipment	\$208
Copier/lease	\$384
Computer expense/support	\$1,052
Consultant	\$330
Town Reports Expenses	\$2,560
Donations/Gifts	\$189
Forester	\$387

Total **\$46,443**

Election and Registration

Town Clerk	\$8,885
Deputy Town Clerk	\$881
Moderator salary	\$360
Supervisor salary	\$1,360
Ballot clerks	\$490
Election Supplies	\$24
Advertising/notices	\$39
Restoration of records	

Total **\$12,039**

Financial Administration

Tax Collector Salary	\$8,885
Deputy Tax Collector	\$2,039
Recordings at registry	\$635
Copies Only	\$36
Mortgage search	\$830
Tax Bills	\$673
Computer/Software Support	\$750

Audit	\$7,325
Treasurer	\$2,137
Total	\$23,309
Reappraisal of Property	
Assessor service	\$19,477
Tax map update	\$2,500
Total	\$21,977
Legal Expense	
Town Attorney	\$2,597
Total	\$2,597
Personnel Administration	
Health insurance	\$55,707
Dental insurance	\$4,129
Police retirement	\$4,840
Workman's compensation	\$13,896
Unemployment compensation	\$628
Employer Social Security	\$10,710
Employer Medicare	\$3,836
Total	\$93,745
Planning & Zoning	
Stafford Regional Planning	\$1,154
Advertisements/Notices	\$177
Workshops	\$90
Reference materials	\$530
Maps/Misc.	\$168
Clerk	\$700
Board of Adjustment	\$172
Total	\$2,990
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	
Electric - Town Hall	\$1,806
Electric - Highway Dept.	\$1,864
Electric - Fire Dept.	\$464
Electric/Municipal bld.	\$3,093
Cleaning	\$1,835
Septic Service	\$150
Propane	\$511
Water testing	\$90
Repairs/Maintenance	\$2,308
Repairs/Municipal Building	\$1,194
Old Town Hall Supplies	\$266

Supplies/Municipal Building	\$1,089
Generator	\$556
Heat - Town Hall	\$1,254
Heat - Highway Department	\$1,167
Heat - Fire Department	\$827
Heat/Municipal Buildings	\$520

Total **\$18,992**

Insurance

Property liability	\$1,296
General Liability	\$3,933
Town official's bond	\$644
Town officials liability	\$4,862
Vehicle insurance	\$11,371
Police insurance	\$642
Umbrella	\$4,898

Total **\$27,646**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department

Chief salary	\$5,364
Sgt. Salary	\$31,460
Full Time Officer	\$30,014
Part-time officers	\$26,677
Salary Overtime	\$24,544
Police Secretary	\$3,675
Telephone	\$4,250
Dues	\$50
Training	\$682
Uniforms	\$1,517
Vehicle maint. and repairs	\$4,937
Vehicle Fuel	\$3,240
Equipment	\$1,584
Radio Repairs	\$3,165
Communication	\$1,298
Misc.	\$408
Office Supplies	\$624
Prosecution	\$3,000
Cruiser	\$7,088
Northern Juv. Court	\$1,000

Total **\$154,578**

Fire & Rescue

Medical Supplies	\$1,736
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Member Expense	\$2,800
Inhouse Training	\$55
EMT School	\$515
Telephone	\$421
Misc Equipment	\$2,097
Vehicle Service/Maintenanc	\$5,053
Diesel	\$735
Radio Repairs/Equip.	\$2,085
Forest	\$872
Misc.	\$160
Ambulance	\$17,124
Total	\$33,653

Emergency Management Expenses

Other Public Safety

Strafford Dispatch Center	\$9,295
Police Detail	\$825

Total **\$10,120**

Building & Health Inspector

Health Officer Salary	\$6,800
Dues	\$10
Workshops	\$52
Supplies	\$82

Total **\$6,944**

Highways, Streets & Bridges

Road Agent Salary	\$32,642
Lic. Equip. Operator	\$21,842
Truck Driver/Labor	\$21,419
Overtime	\$7,705
Highway Telephone	\$476
Dues/Workshop	
Gas	\$877
Highway Diesel	\$5,237
Vehicle Service/Repairs	\$5,616
Vehicle Equipment Supplies	\$8,054
Hot Top/Cold Patch	\$40,153
Culverts	\$1,500
Winter Sand	\$3,000
Salt	\$15,066
Highway Communication	\$947

Rental of Equipment	\$10,458
Highway Misc.	\$6,873
Crushed Gravel	\$12,000
Truck Lease	\$13,843
Uniforms	\$2,502
Block Grant	\$30,513
Total	\$240,723
School Fuel, Repairs	
School Diesel	\$4,502
Total	\$4,502
Street Lighting	
Electricity	\$3,901
Total	\$3,901
Sanitation	
Tonage	\$46,037
Metal Pickup/Recycling	\$704
Hazard Waste	\$227
Waste Magt/Turnkey	\$42,641
Total	\$89,610
Animal Control	
Animal Control Salary	\$2,395
Cocheo Valley Dues	\$1,297
Mileage	\$222
Uniforms	\$55
Training	\$300
Pager	\$183
Misc.	\$289
Total	\$4,187
Health Agencies	
Visiting Nurse Association	\$1,863
Community Action Program	\$1,000
Total	\$2,863
Welfare	
Welfare Expense	\$6,506
Fuel Assistance	\$283
Welfare Mileage/Meetings	\$285
Salary	\$884
Total	\$7,958

Culture & Recreation

Park Maintenance	\$1,039
Beach Maintenance	\$282
Children Parties	\$1,663

Total **\$2,984**

Conservation Commission

Conservation Expense	\$620
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Total **\$620**

Debt Service

Interest on TANs	\$3,177
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Total **\$3,177**

Capital Outlay

Road Repaving	\$100,000
Fire Truck	\$43,750
Well For Park	\$4,275
Tax Collection Software	\$7,485
Milfoil Treatment	\$1,600
Town Website	\$1,095

Total **\$158,205**

TOTALEXPENDED **\$973,761**

EMPLOYEE EARNINGS REPORT 2002

Name	Position or Service	Amount
Allfrey, Kathleen	Supervisor of Checklist	\$440
Arnold, Pamela	Consultant	\$800
Arsenault, Laura	Ballot Clerk	\$70
Barker, Bruce	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$69
Bisson, Brian	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$38
Bormann, JoAnn	Supervisor of Checklist	\$460
Bowden, Andrea	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$175
Bowden, Donald	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$142
Brown, June	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$124
Brown, Timothy	Police Officer, Part-Time	\$20,737
Bruedle, Robert W.	Selectman	\$2,100
Bruedle, Sandra	Treasurer	\$2,137
Burrows, Andrew	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$53
Cremmen, Darlene J.	Office Help	\$2,959
Cremmen, Darlene J.	Office Cleaning	\$1,835
Curtin, Mark	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$115
Davenport, Charlotte	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$100
Davenport, Michael	Fire Chief	\$500
Dixon, Darlene	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$53

EMPLOYEE EARNINGS REPORT 2002, cont'd.

Dixon, Kelly	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$100
Dixon, Kevin	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$24
Evans, Susan	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$29
Farrington, Ernest R.	Highway Dept.	\$25,389
Faulkner, Tammy	Animal Control	\$2,385
Fitch, John C.	Code Enforcement	\$6,810
Garry, Ken	Moderator	\$80
Griffin, Veronica A.	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$17,769
Hall, Betty	Police Secretary	\$610
Hall, David L.	Police Officer, Full Time	\$41,754
Laughy, Jr. Michael	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$22
Laughy, Sr., Michael	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$58
Lawrence, Nancy	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$100
Lawrence, William	Deputy Fire Chief	\$300
Lee, Mary	Ballot Clerk	\$150
Mahoney, Christine	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$43
Mammone, John M.	Selectman	\$2,100
Mammone, John M.	Moderator	\$80
Mineo, Donna	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$62
Nolen, Carmen	Police Secretary	\$2,928
Norton, Debra	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$123
O'Reilly, Sean J	Police Officer, Part-Time	\$123
Page, Robert R.	Highway Dept.	\$25,096
Paul Taylor	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$100
Reynolds, Dorothy A.	Selectman's Secretary	\$18,344
Reynolds, Dorothy A.	Welfare Director	\$560
Reynolds, Dorothy A.	Supervisor of Checklist	\$460
Savage, David J.	Selectman	\$2,100
Sherman, Anthony E.	Police Officer, Part-Time	\$3,159
Sinclair, Timothy C.	Police Officer, Part-Time	\$4,062
Snyder, Star	Planning Board Clerk	\$950
Sobel, Randy M.	Acting Police Chief	\$48,087
Taylor, Darnita	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$56
Taylor, John	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$109
Tutt, Brian	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$175
Vita, Carol	Ballot Clerk	\$110
Vita, Lucien	Moderator	\$200
Washburn, Rick A.	Road Agent	\$33,123
Wheeler, Freda	Ballot Clerk	\$160
Whitten, Chris	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$111
Wilson, Julie E.	Deputy Clerk	\$3,057
Yoder, Daniel	Police Chief	\$963
Yoder, Daniel	Fire/Rescue Dept.	\$21

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - Please specify the period -			
As of December 31, 2002 OR June 30, 200__			
A. ASSETS	Account number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 543,661	\$ 678,930
b. Investments	1030	32,852	
c. Taxes receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1080	278,319	222,987
d. Tax liens receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1110	42,914	49,149
e. Accounts receivable	1150	2,070	2,248
f. Due from other governments	1260		
g. Due from other funds	1310		
h. Other current assets	1400		2,905
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670	102,011	87,573
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)		\$ 1,001,827	\$ 1,043,792
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 9,552	\$ 7,129
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050	2,446	2,446
d. Due to other governments	2070	601	652
e. Due to school districts	2075	690,833	707,780
f. Due to other funds	2080		
g. Deferred revenue	2220		866
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 703,432	\$ 718,873
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 18)	2440		\$ 6,874
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on page 18)	2450	3,600	
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 18)	2490	102,470	88,094
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	192,325	229,951
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 298,395	\$ 324,919
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
<i>(Should equal line A1j)</i>			
		\$ 1,001,827	\$ 1,043,792

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2002

VALUE OF LAND ONLY	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Current Use	5152.4	\$512,611
Residential	4388.86	\$24,039,270
Commercial/Industrial	170.1	\$651,750
Total of Taxable Land	9711.37	\$25,203,631
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable Land	688.6	

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

Residential	\$53,451,830
Manufactured Housing	\$4,148,600
Commercial/Industrial	\$2,438,810
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$60,039,240
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable	

PUBLIC UTILITIES

PSNH	\$1,318,300
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS \$86,561,171

MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES

Blind Exemption	\$15,000
Elderly Exemption	\$265,000
Disabled Exemptions	\$0
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$280,000

**Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal
County and Local Education Tax is Computed** \$86,281,171 Less Public
Utilities \$1,318,300

**Net Valuation w/o Utilities on which State
Education Tax is Computed** \$84,962,871

SUNRISE LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND ONLY	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Current Use	43.11	\$6,452
Residential	297.93	\$13,463,700
Commercial/Industrial	0	\$0
Total of Taxable Land	341.04	\$13,470,152
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable Land	52.5	

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

Residential	\$24,832,100
Manufactured Housing	\$306,700
Commercial/Industrial	\$0
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$25,138,800
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable	

PUBLIC UTILITIES

PSNH	\$0
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$38,608,952
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MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES

Blind Exemption	\$15,000
Elderly Exemption	\$60,000
Disabled Exemptions	\$0
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$75,000

Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal County and Local Education Tax is Computed	\$38,533,952
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ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT

Number of Individuals	Age	Amount	Max. Allowable Exemption	Total Actual Exemption
Granted an Elderly Exemption	65-74	9	\$90,000	\$90,000
	75-79	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
	80+	8	\$160,000	\$160,000
Total		18	\$265,000	\$265,000

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	136	\$53,433
Forest Land	4752	\$455,709
Unproductive Land	6	\$87
Wet Land	25867	\$3,382
Total	5152	\$512,611

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	2991.6 acres
Total Parcels in Current Use	113
Total Owners in Current Use	64

TAX RATE COMPUTATION REPORT

2002 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Finance Bureau
2002 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: Middleton

Gross Appropriations	962,841
Less: Revenues	362,285
Less: Shared Revenues	4,384
Add: Overlay	12,288
War Service Credits	15,800

Net Town Appropriation	624,260
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	624,260	TOWN RATE 7.23
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	2,130,479
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(829,092)
State Education Taxes	(439,767)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	861,620	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 9.99
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STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$5.80		
75,821,951		439,767	STATE SCHOOL RATE 5.18
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
84,962,871			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
Pay to State →	0		

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	177,207
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,833)

Approved County Tax Effort	175,374	COUNTY RATE 2.03
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,101,021	TOTAL RATE 24.43
Less: War Service Credits	(15,800)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	6,551	
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,091,772	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	84,962,871	5.18	439,767
All Other Taxes	86,281,171	19.25	1,661,254
			2,101,021

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The year 2002 was the first full year that the Town of Middleton has offered plates and decals. Most people are pleased with the convenience of "one-stop" registrations. In the past 12 months the town has collected an additional \$4,792.50 in fees for this convenience.

State law requires that you present your current registration for renewal or transfer. If you are signing a new registration or transfer for someone else you **must** have a **notarized** temporary power-of-attorney.

I am working with the state to register boats. The Town of Middleton is first on the list for training and implementation of full boat registrations. I have spoken with Concord and this should be complete in the next few months. This will not only offer a convenience for the residents of Middleton along with non-residents, but it will also bring in more revenue to the Town of Middleton.

A quick reminder that all dogs must have a current rabies certificate and be licensed by April 30. This year's rabies clinic will be held at the Municipal Office Building on April 19, 2003 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

For your convenience the town clerk/tax collector's office is open on the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 – 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica A. Griffin
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

Motor Vehicle	2306	\$ 193,869.00
Building Permits	141	17,831.50
Copies		668.10
Dogs	415	2,799.50
Dog Fines	2	50.00
FEMA		1,154.17
Highway Block Grant		43,850.79
Highway Department		2,715.26
Junk Yard Permits	3	75.00
Police Detail		3,402.50
Police Department		2,142.02
Rescue		4,720.52
School District Diesel		5,084.15
State Revenue		56,771.19
Sub Divisions		1,215.50
Taxes Buy Back	5	35,481.07

Town Hall Rental	10	550.00
UCC		705.00
Vitals	32	909.00
Wetlands Application	1	25.00
Zoning Applications	2	150.00
Other Revenues		<u>4,800.26</u>
Total:		\$ 378,969.53

VITAL RECORDS 2002 TOWN OF MIDDLETON

BIRTHS

Child's Name Father's Name	Date of Birth Mother's Name	Place of Birth
Bartley, Ethan Thomas Bartley, Peter	01/02/2002 Bartley, Ellen	Portsmouth, NH
Brisson, Olivia Emmalee Brisson, Kenneth	01/20/2002 Brisson, Christina	Portsmouth, NH
Todd, Brandon Albert Todd, Thomas	01/28/2002 Todd, Jennifer	Rochester, NH
Scalise, Daniel James Scalise, Richard	05/15/2002 Scalise, Michelle	Dover, NH
Bourque, Bryce Michael Bourque, Brian	05/30/2002 Bourque, Leanne	Rochester, NH
Yates, Kayla Ammie Yates, William	06/04/2002 Yates, Karen	Dover, NH
Garry, Isaac Quertier Garry, Kenneth	07/08/2002 Garry, Julie	Wolfeboro, NH
Laughy, Owen Richard Laughy, Michael	11/05/2002 Laughy, Sandi	Rochester, NH
Peaslee, Jaclyn Renee Peaslee, Robert	11/24/2002 Peaslee, Monique	Rochester, NH
Salsbury, Jonathon Jerome Salsbury, James	12/03/2002 Salsbury, Erica	Dover, NH

DEATHS

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death
Father's Name	Mother's Name	
Horgan, Frederick N.	02/08/2002	Middleton, NH
Horgan, Daniel	Hannon, Ellen	
Willsey, Paul E.	02/17/2002	Middleton, NH
Willsey, William	Ellis, Wonetta	
Buell, Donald	04/12/2002	Middleton, NH
Buell, Earl	Herrick, Vivian	
Roach, Calvin E.	04/18/2002	Rochester, NH
Roach, John	Robinson, Mabel	
Richardson, Arabella A.	04/19/2002	Middleton, NH
Peppard, Warren	Roach, Fannie	
Gorton, Stephen J.	08/22/2002	Rochester, NH
Gorton, James	Goulet, Estelle	
Bruedle, Edmund H.	12/08/2002	Manchester, NH
Bruedle, George	Macfarland, Rilla	

MARRIAGES

Groom's Name	Residence	Bride's Name
Residence	Date of Marriage	
Kutsch, Wilhelm P	Middleton, NH	Joyce, Joan C.
	03/04/2002	
Bryant, Timothy L.	Farmington, NH	Cavallaro, Kathleen A
	04/13/2002	
Jones, Brian A.	Middleton, NH	McGrath, Beverly J.
	04/20/2002	
Thurber, Jeffrey M.	Middleton, NH	Ryan, Lindy L.
	05/18/2002	
Savage, David J.	Middleton, NH	Kimball, Cheryl E.
	05/25/2002	
Smith, William H.	Middleton, NH	Neou, Srey R.
	06/01/2002	
Kelch, Gene A.	Middleton, NH	Land Kim M.
	07/06/2002	
Croston, Daniel K.	Middleton, NH	Bezanson Raeann
	07/28/2002	
Marchisio, Walter J.	Middleton, NH	Patch, Vickie J.
	08/03/2002	

MARRIAGES, continued

Groom's Name Residence	Residence Date of Marriage	Bride's Name
Bruedle, Robert W. Middleton, NH	Middleton, NH 08/03/2002	Sargent, Jessica A.
Robinson, Chad M. Middleton, NH	Somersworth, NH 08/17/2002	Hanchett, Rebecca L.
Sturmer, Joshua D. Middleton, NH	Rochester, NH 08/17/2002	Polchies, Emily M.
Proulx, Jason J. Middleton, NH	Middleton, NH 08/17/2002	Bishop, Paula M.
Page, Lee B. Middleton, NH	Middleton, NH 10/12/2002	Spear, Amanda S.
Hanchett, Nicholas R. Middleton, NH	Middleton, NH 11/16/2002	Cloutier, Sarah N.
Wagner, Robert E. Middleton, NH	Middleton, NH 11/16/2002	Burke, Tracy R.
Taylor, Paul T. Middleton, NH	Middleton, NH 12/28/2002	Lower, Candice A.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2002

2001 Uncollected:

Property	\$ 273,073.88
Land Use Change Tax	1296.40

Committed:

Property	2,094,270.72
Yield	8,032.20
Land Use Change Tax	0.00

Overpayments: Property	6,873.91
Interest & Penalties	<u>18,349.28</u>

TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,401,895.67
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Remitted to Treasurer:

Property	\$2,142,624.22
Yield	8,032.20
Land Use Change Tax	1,296.40
Interest & Penalties	18,349.28
Overpayments	6,873.91

Abated Property	7,418.50
Deeded Property	1,188.03
Uncollected:	
Property	222,987.04
Yield	0.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,401,895.67

SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS

Unredeemed:	\$52,913.63
Tax liens executed	82,122.66
Interest & costs	12,472.88
Refunds	<u>127.60</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$147,636.77
Redemptions	\$67,250.73
Interest & costs	12,472.88
Overpayments	
Abated 70.55	
Deeded	7,893.75
Unredeemed	<u>59,148.86</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$147,636.77

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A very rare thing has happened this past year. As some of you may have noticed the tax rate decreased on the town side. This along with the reevaluation of the town resulted in a \$1.17 decrease in the overall tax rate. Unfortunately we don't seem to have too much say with the school. I encourage every taxpayer in the Town of Middleton to write to the Governor, Attorney General and any and all state and local representatives to voice your concerns about the astronomical cost of education to this town.

As of the end of the year 2002, 89% of the current taxes have already been paid with more coming in each week.

If you or anyone you know is having trouble paying their taxes please call or come in to work out some arrangements. You can pay on your outstanding tax bill as often as you feel necessary, weekly, monthly or even daily if necessary.

The Tax Collector's office is open Monday 1:00 – 7:00 Tuesday

through Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00 and the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 – 12:00. The phone number is 473-2134 if I can be of any help.

On a personal note I would like the Town to know that I have fulfilled the requirements of Certified Tax Collector as approved by the New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association. Thank you for your support and confidence in my abilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica A. Griffin
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

We started the year 2002 without a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) and ended it the same way. I have been working closely with the Bank of New Hampshire on different ways to earn more interest. We currently are making 1.59% interest with the option of higher interest but never lower. For the year 2002 we earned more than \$7,000 in interest as compared to about \$1,200 for the year 2001.

I appreciate the support from the Selectmen and help from the Bank of New Hampshire. When deposits are made on a timely basis we are able to earn more interest on our money.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bruedle

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Middleton on December 31, 2002

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	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities (Withdrawals)	Balance End Year	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year		Balance End Year
1935	Nat Roberts	CEMETERY CARE	Common Trust	17.2%	202.50			202.50	32.64%	10.10		414.67	617.17
1935	Alfred Edgar Jones	CEMETERY CARE	Common Trust	31.4%	275.00			275.00	16.59%	98.58		1,011.34	1,186.34
1934	Charles Cook	CEMETERY CARE	Common Trust	34.8%	400.00			400.00	31.87%	131.48		1,542.82	1,542.82
1974	William Heaton	CEMETERY CARE	Common Trust	25.5%	-200.00			300.00	19.53%	6.84		69.19	369.19
		TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS		100%	\$ 1,177.50			\$ 682.50	100%	\$ 30.94		\$ 713.28	\$ 1,890.78
1946	Elton Roberts	EDUCATION	Common Trust		100.00			100.00	15.49%	3.18		94.37	194.37
1931	Charles Roberts	LIBRARY	Common Trust		202.50			202.50	84.51%	17.35		857.62	1,060.12
		TOTAL LIBRARY AND EDUCATION FUNDS			\$302.50			\$302.50	100%	\$20.53		\$951.99	\$1,254.49
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
1989	Fire Truck	CAPITAL RESERVE			40,000.00			40,000.00				707.47	3,228.89
1989	Fire Addition	CAPITAL RESERVE			16,000.00			16,000.00				291.03	1,783.56
1997	Police	CAPITAL RESERVE			5,000.00			5,000.00				464.15	555.06
1992	Middleton School District	CAPITAL RESERVE			20,000.00			20,000.00				394.18	24,086.00
1977	Shore Lake Village District	CAPITAL RESERVE			16,000.00			16,000.00				314.37	18,061.33
2002	Conservation	CAPITAL RESERVE			2,200.00		1,600.00	600.00				18.89	18.89
		TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			\$97,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$97,600.00		\$1,818.83		\$11,733.72	\$109,233.72

SUNRISE LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT REPORT

Fiscal Year 2002

Check #	Date	Description	Debit	Credit
	01/31/02	No Activity		
	02/28/02	No Activity		
	03/29/02	No Activity		
	04/30/02	No Activity		
	05/31/02	No Activity		
	06/30/02	No Activity		
	07/31/02	No Activity		
	08/31/02	No Activity		
355	09/30/02	Immanuel Insurance	\$ 1,325.00	
	10/24/02	Deposit Tax Receipts		\$ 6,500.00
356	11/04/03	Dam Registration	\$ 600.00	
357	12/15/03	Dept of Environmental Services	\$ 4,218.04	
358	12/29/03	Capitol Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
Totals			\$ 7,143.04	\$ 6,500.00
			Debit	Credit
			\$ 7,143.04	\$ 6,500.00
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2002			\$ 1,845.91	
Closing Balance as of December 31, 2002			\$ 1,202.87	

District Officers

Chairman	Warren Bartlett
Commissioner	Peter Cicolini
Commissioner	Joe Curtain
Treasurer	Nancy Cicolini
Clerk	Gail Tronkowski
Moderator	David A. Schulze

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

New homes 22

- Double Wides 3
- Repairs 29
- Foundations 3
- Decks 11
- Garages 11

Gazebos 1

- Modular Homes 6
- Additions 5
- Sheds 11
- Elec. Upgrades 2
- Siding 4

Total income from building permits \$17,766.50

As Code Enforcement Officer for the town of Middleton, I would like to thank all local department heads for their cooperation and quality work this past year. The hard work shows and is greatly appreciated by all. I ask you to please be aware that our town is expanding, and with this growth comes growing pains. There is a lot of work to be done in the coming year, but from what I've seen thus far I think that we should have no problem in keeping Middleton a safe, beautiful place.

Sincerely,

John Fitch
Code Enforcement Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission has had a busy year in 2002. The CC is pleased to report that the year began on a positive note when the town voted to add 70 acres to the Town Forest on Piper Mountain and also 14 acres on Silver Street. The article also allowed for the placement of any proceeds that may be derived from the management of the forest to go into a separate forest maintenance fund, which will be allowed to accumulate from year to year.

Landowner Helen White read of the Town Forest designation and wanted to protect even more of Piper Mountain by donating her land. She contacted Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG), a local land preservation organization. They contacted the Middleton C. C. and also fulfilled her wish of seeing her land one more time by driving her to it and walking it with her. We are happy to announce that the Selectmen recently accepted her donation in behalf of the Town.

It is important to note that Moose Mountain Regional Greenways has provided Middleton's Conservation Commission with information vital to its inventory of wetlands. Through a grant from the NH's Office of State Planning, MMRG hired a wetland scientist to evaluate 10 wetlands in Middleton, as well as 5 other of its member towns. MMRG provided our CC with survey information regarding our community's knowledge and attitudes regarding natural resources. Member Conservation Commissions pay \$50 dues a year to MMRG.

We accomplished an important goal this year by providing a packet of useful information to shoreland owners around Sunrise Lake. They were delivered by hand which gave us an excellent opportunity to meet with people, hear comments and suggestions from shorefront owners and explain our role. Conservation Commissions are charged with recommending proper use and

protection of their area's watershed and other natural resources. The conservation commission is the only board specifically charged to protect the natural resources of the town. It must, by state law, conduct research into its local land and water areas, seek to coordinate the activity of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, keep an index of all open space and natural, aesthetic or ecological areas, all marshlands, swamps and other wetlands.

Milfoil continues to be a problem in Sunrise Lake. To date, efforts to completely eradicate variable milfoil and other exotic species from any water body in New Hampshire have proven unsuccessful. The most the Town can hope for is to aggressively manage these species, usually through periodic herbicide applications. With this in mind, in 2002 we created the Exotic Species Fund to pay for treatment of infestations of milfoil or fanwort, or even more aggressive plants like Hydrilla or Brazillian elodea. Herbicide treatments currently cost an average of \$800 per acre of lake, therefore it's necessary to continue to treat the lake regularly and supplement the fund annually, so that there is money available for matching funds for grants as they become available. We would like to thank Hampshire Shores Association for their generous contribution to the exotic species fund. Please do your part: inspect your boat, trailer and recreational equipment every time you enter or leave a lake or pond. Remove and properly dispose of ALL vegetation well away from the water. Help keep invasive species from spreading.

The loons on Sunrise Lake laid two eggs this year – some say they saw chicks for a day but the next day they were gone. There are plans to rope off an area if chicks hatch this year to give them a break from jet skis and boaters, and to keep residents aware that these threatened birds are desperately trying to survive in the area.

Development continues at an unprecedented rate. The Conservation Commission will continue to work to protect Middleton's clean water, open land and wildlife for the present and future residents of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Buzard

Warren Bartlett

Star Snyder

Roger Mains

Joe Curtin

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We have had another wonderful year. I would like to thank all of the townspeople who helped us this year with fundraisers, all who came out in the cold to see Santa Claus, and last but not least all the men and women who volunteer their time to be our members. A special thanks to all of you who bear the cold, wind, rain and cold meals to help out our townspeople.

The year was busy for us with a call volume of 140, up 40 calls from last year. We hosted an excellent training exercise with five other towns when we burned the house next door to Middleton Building Supply. A chance does not come often to be able to receive live fire training for our pump operators, EMS, and firefighters, and we all gained valuable knowledge that day while officers from surrounding towns were able to see how our department has grown in skills as well as knowledge.

This training also gave us the opportunity to give the new engine an aggressive work out. It performed flawlessly. The new truck has proven thus far to be a great asset and a smart purchase. We now pull up to calls “ready to jump into action” as we are all “Scotted Up” and are able to discuss responsibilities and a game plan as we are in route to calls. All of the controls are up to date and very user friendly. We have also gone on several mutual aid runs with it. We have to thank everyone for the support on this one. It is truly money well spent.

In the spring we had the chance to burn a small barn with excellent results once again, giving our members another chance at a live practice burn along with SCBA training, Search and Rescue, and a mock incident. We will be burning a larger house in the spring, which we will once again invite surrounding towns to train with us. Before doing that type of training there are a lot of hours with planning, paperwork, and inspection, which all must take place to insure that the building is safe for the environment and our personnel.

As always we are looking for those who would like to come by and see what we are all about. Our meetings are on Tuesday nights and the public is more than welcome to stop in, visit and maybe even join up to assist us in our efforts. In closing, most of all we have to thank our volunteers and their families for all their hard work, long hours and sacrifices. Keep up the good work!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Davenport
Fire Chief

FIRE WARDEN REPORT

I am happy to report that this year was a very uneventful one. We were a little worried about the amount of fuel still left in the woods from the ice storm. But through the efforts of the Deputy Wardens, people getting permits and excellent communication with the public, we avoided any major fires.

The amount of permits issued this year was more than last year. And

I am glad that trend exists and I hope it will continue to grow.

We responded to a couple of mutual aid calls to New Durham on Kings Highway along with hundreds of personnel from many towns and states. We brought many crew members and where able to take charge of multiple groups at that scene and provide valuable information to the scene commander.

We went on more than our share of non-permitted burns and unattended fires. Please make sure that you contact the Warden or a Deputy Warden and make sure that you are issued a permit and that the fire is completely extinguished. The permits are free that way we know where there is a fire in a certain area. If you have any questions or would like your burning area inspected just call a Deputy Warden or me.

Sincerely submitted,

Bill Lawrence, Forest Fire Warden/ Deputy Fire Chief (755-3484)

Mike Davenport, Deputy Warden / Fire Chief (473-2058)

Don Bowden, Deputy Warden / Fire Lt. (473-8803)

Bruce Barker, Deputy Warden (473-8570)

Paul Taylor, Deputy Warden

Brian Tutt, Deputy Warden

Michael Laughy, Deputy Warden

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

As of this writing, this has been a good old fashion winter! The highway department has treated roads or plowed and treated roads during 19 different occasions along with two major snowstorms. One storm which we had 16 inches and the other storm piled up 20 inches. Logging over 130 hours of overtime per man and 155 tons of salt along with 1,500 yards of sand and this is only January. Compared to last year at this time we were only called out for service nine times and had only six inches of snow.

The highway department was also very busy during the summer months top coating three miles of roads. We reclaimed Governors Road, base paved and installed new drainage. We processed and hauled over 3,500 yards of winter sand from our pit to the highway garage.

We finally received the new highway truck after many problems and headaches which is a nice of piece of equipment, very much needed, already showing 1,800 miles.

The highway department was also involved in many other projects working at the ball park, helping with the well, metal pick-up, and mowing of town

lawns which kept us very busy having only three men on the department.

I would like to thank Ernie Farrington and Robert Page who go the extra mile to get the job done and for making my job much easier. Also, thanks for the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen on several different projects.

With the support of the town's people we will continue our paving projects on Ridge Road and Drew Estates this year. Drew Estates area will take some work and a lot of money and may need to be done in two stages, but we will get the job done.

Thanks again for your support and remember comments and compliments are always welcome. You may contact me at 473-8390 and I will do my best to help you.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Washburn
Road Agent

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

It was a busy year for the Officers that were here in 2002. We were short handed for the entire year, as one part-time Officer and Chief Yoder continued to be on leave. We have two part-time positions open as well, but expect to fill those slots in early 2003.

Despite being short handed the department was able to meet most of the needs of the community. We held a child fingerprint I.D. kit booth at the Family Day in October. Judging by the amount of children printed this was a huge success. Also, we held a bike rodeo during the summer to teach kids about bike safety.

The following is some of the activity for the department in the year 2002:

Calls for service	612
Arrests	35
M/V Summons	101
M/V Warnings	603
Accidents	27

In comparison to last year the numbers are similar with the exception of accidents, which nearly doubled.

For 2003, I would like to bring the department to its full staffing in order to reduce overtime and wear on the Officers. I would also like to set up a mountain bike patrol for the thickly populated areas of town such as the lake area. This was one of the areas of concern over the summer due to juvenile activity.

I would like to thank the people and businesses of the community that have supported the department. On behalf of the Officers of the Middleton Police Department, we hope to serve you to the best of our ability. Have a safe year.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sobel
Acting Chief of Police

PARK & RECREATION REPORTS

In 1984 there was a survey done in town and it was determined that recreation was something that was needed in town. In August the school board at that time requested any who were interested to meet at the old Town Hall to discuss plans to have a recreation area which was to include a ballfield. At that meeting I was assigned the task of compiling information received from the Department of Recreation in Concord. After a few phone calls we had a gentlemen come out from that department and put on a slide show showing the different kinds of recreational facilities and what was recommended at that time.

Kit Clews from Learning Structures in Portsmouth was contacted and he came for an interview and a site inspection. All present at the meeting were interested in this new concept. It was helpful for towns with limited resources, you could be creative and there was a low rate of accidents and injuries. Through the Augenblick Funds awarded to our school district we had a 50/50 matching grant. We kept track of the in-kind labor and the state would match it with monies to purchase the materials needed such as sand, wood, loam, etc., and a great deal of volunteer labor—especially from Ed Randall Construction, Triple B's Construction, and Paul Bourque Construction. Some of the companies in the area like DiPrizio's Lumber Yard and Kinville were very generous in donating materials or equipment. Our volunteer fire dept got together with the members of the recreation committee and the site was cleared of the trees and had a bonfire one weekend.

A meeting was held and teams were organized to construct each apparatus within the Adventure Garden (as it was called) This project would take one weekend and we were number 74 on Mr. Clews list of projects completed. Channel 11 News had contacted him and asked him if they could film one of his projects being constructed. Since we were the most challenging, as we did not even have a school and limited assets, he asked if he could use Middleton. Being the director of this project I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to put Middleton on the map in a positive way and

gratefully accepted this invitation for our project to be viewed on "New Hampshire Crossroads" with Fritz Weatherbee.

In July of 1985 on a Friday the site preparation was started and on Saturday, which of course it rained, approximately 45 to 50 people came in teams of 4 to 6 people to put together the first part of the Middleton Recreational Park. It was heart warming to see neighbors helping each other and working side by side in the drizzling rain, work in muddy trenches to put together a playground for the children of Middleton. A few weeks later we decided to paint the tires bright colors and the finished project was aired on Channel 11 and plans were already in the works for the ballfield. This time we were writing a grant and competing against some communities like Nashua, Newmarket and many others. Figuring Middleton being a small population and not having a school would make our chances very small of being awarded any grants. There was a team of about five people worked on the grant, including Kathy Allfrey, Kim Burrows, Christine Fuller, Star Snyder, and myself.

On December of 1987 we were awarded the grant and started that spring with the ballfield. Urban Tree Service cleared the trees and brush, John Blackwood from Sanbornville came in with his huge loader and cleared all the stumps. Ford Construction was awarded the bid for preparing the site and for hydroseeding the field afterward. Maynard Ellingwood was hired to build the shed which stored the tractor that was purchased from Kinville to mow the fields. As time went on and money allowed we eventually had the ballfield skinned in by Cameron Sod Farms. Rocks and stumps in the picnic area were removed by Triple B's Construction who also donated labor and equipment. Chris & Sheila Kuehl, Jen Kuehl, Patrick Cremen, Tim Cremen, Andrew Burrows, Chris Whitten, Matt Chesley, and Al Poulin donated their time to install the chain link fence around the basketball court and down the driveway. The basketball court was donated by Calvin Roach and he hired Paul Bourque Construction to build the basketball court. Using the park budget we purchased the poles, hoops, and nets.

Through the years we have cleared trees and brush to open it up and make it brighter but always remembering that some shade is always needed on those hot summer days. This was accomplished by bartering for the wood or donated labor by Richard Burrows, Bobby Bruedle, Jr. and a few other generous citizens of Middleton. For the last 17 years the key word was "donated" whether it was labor, equipment, or time to organize and clean up each year. There are friends and neighbors in Middleton who have always been there to lend a hand for whatever task was asked of them, volunteering, donating, and supporting the goal to have a place for us to enjoy with our families and friends.

It is now time to turn this project over to a fresh new generation with the enthusiasm and energy that is needed to continue building and improving the park. It has been an unforgettable experience and a true labor of love. I have truly enjoyed being the director of this project and appreciate all the cooperation and support through the years by all who have been involved in the Middleton Recreational Park. I thank all of you.

Sincerely,

Darlene Cremmen
Park Director

RECREATION REPORT

I would like to thank the people of Middleton for the opportunity to run the Recreation Department. I had a lot of fun at both the Halloween party and the Christmas party. I wouldn't have been able to do this if it were not for all the help. Thank you to the Middleton Lions, volunteer Fire Department, and Police Department. Also to all the many moms and dads who helped out at both parties. I can only hope that this year will be another of fun and smiles for the children of Middleton.

Thank you,

Darlene Marquis

MIDDLETON PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board received and approved five Voluntary Merger Applications, one Lot Line Adjustment, one Major and one Minor Subdivision Application this year. Increased requests from property owners or their agents to discuss projects they may want to submit has also kept the Board very busy.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the appointments of all town boards this year making current appointments along with specified terms. Unfortunately our Chairman Jim Buzard was not reappointed. The members of the Planning Board requested this dedicated volunteer continue to service. Two experienced members had retired the previous year and four new members/alternates were appointed making Jim's experience and his organizational, communication and research skills very needed. We thank him for his hard work and service to the Planning Board.

Work has continued on updating our Town Master Plan and with the help of Cynthia Copeland and her staff from Strafford Regional Planning we hope to complete this project this coming year, which will include the new State guidelines. The Digital Tax Mapping Project is also very close to completeness. The Board welcomed Randy Talon as a member. He has been very helpful with road, driveway and drainage issues. We also welcome Steve Guay and Tom Bayer both just recently appointed to the Board.

Several ballot questions are submitted this year for your support and vote this March 11th.

Driveway Ordinance: places this existing document into the Building Ordinance for ease of retrieval and a better flowing section.

Vernal Pools: places a definition for these areas.

Nonconforming Use, Structure or Parcel: deals with these issues in a legal and fair way.

Structure Height: to ensure that new and/or expanded structures be compatible with the scale and character of neighboring properties and the rural character of the Town; ensure safety from fire and other dangers; and protect adequate light, air, and views of existing buildings and structures in Sunrise Lake District by 24 feet height structure.

Kathryn Buzard, Chair

Steve Comeau

Randy Talon

John Mamzone

Steve Guay

Alternates: Owen O’Keefe, Lou Ryan, Tom Bayer.

Clerk: Star Snyder

RURAL DISTRICT VNA & HOSPICE REPORT

Your Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice continues to serve your community as a private, independent, non-profit home health agency certified by Medicare and licensed by the state in home health and hospice. Your VNA & Hospice provides high quality care in a cost-effective, caring manner. In addition to our full range of home health and hospice services, we are supported by a dedicated group of volunteers providing companionship and respite to patients and families.

Our Board of Directors, including your Board Representative, Camille Bourque, are continually evaluating the health care needs in Middleton to ensure that decisions we make are in the best interest of your community. Your VNA & Hospice continues to serve patients regardless of their financial circumstances. Your town contribution is essential to meeting the intermittent skilled home health and hospice needs of those with little or no insurance.

The Rochester / Rural District Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice has grown with a steady increase in admissions throughout 2002. The acuity of our patients has increased dramatically, requiring the skills of our nurse specialists. Our patients are sicker when they are admitted, many requiring home IV therapy and many more requiring complicated dressing procedures.

We are facing many challenges: the two most critical include the shortage of nurses and the technical challenges of our computer system. The nursing shortage is a national problem and one way we are fighting the problem is by utilizing technology. We are moving forward with computers for the professional staff with the goal of decreasing paperwork and increasing efficiency. Via grant funding we are initiating a telehealth program.

Please know that you have a right to choose your home care and hospice provider. Choose quality combined with a long-standing commitment to your community. Ask for **Your VNA & Hospice** (Rochester/Rural District VNA & Hospice) by name. If you have questions about the availability of care/services please call 332-1133 for information.

Thank you to everyone that has made personal contributions in support of our programs and memorial donations. We are proud to be meeting your home health and hospice needs and look forward to working with you in the future.

Visits Jan - Sept, 2002, annualized

Skilled Nursing Visits	852
Perinatal Visits	7
Physical Therapy	237
Occupational Therapy	69
Speech Therapy	3
Medical Social Worker	47
Home Care Aide	1008
Homemaker	284
Nursing: non-billable	24
Office Visits	20
Bereavement	<u>0</u>
Total Visits	2551

% of Visits by Payor

Medicare	41%
Medicaid/HCBC	43%
HCBC = (low income nursing home eligible)	
Insurance	12%
Other: Self pay, grants, etc.	4%

Report Submitted By:
Linda Hotchkiss, RN, MHSA
Executive Director

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment received one appeal for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement in the Rural Residential District and four appeals for variances in the Sunrise Lake District. The Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement was granted. One of the Variance appeals was granted. Another Variance appeal was *continued* pending the

outcome of an appeal to the Conservation Commission regarding the Shoreland Protection District Ordinance. The remaining two Variance appeals were deferred, pending the outcome of required appeals to the Conservation Commission regarding the Shoreland Protection District Ordinance.

In administrative business the Zoning Board of Adjustment adopted an information and instructional packet for applicants who wish to appeal to the Board of Adjustment. The Board also adopted a new application form recommended by the State Planning Office. Both documents are available in the Municipal building conference room.

The Board of Adjustment needs alternate members to substitute when a member is absent or has a conflict of interest with a specific case. We would encourage anyone interested in serving to contact a member of the board of the Board of Selectman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Garry, Chairman

Lou Vita, Secretary

Al Poulin, Member

Ron Cushing, Member

Roger Mains, Member

ANNUAL REPORTS of the SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2002

OFFICERS OF THE MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

As of December 31, 2002

SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Albert Colburn	Term Expires 2005
Mrs. Terri Labrecque	Term Expires 2004
Mrs. Janis Carruth	Term Expires 2003

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Brian J. Blake, C.A.G.S.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Deborah E. Briggs, M.Ed.

DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Jean M. Parsons, M.S.

TREASURER

Dorothy Reynolds

CLERK

Linda Peckham

MODERATOR

Lou Vita

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the inhabitants of the School district in the town of MIDDLETON
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March 2003 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a District Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a School District Clerk for the coming year.
3. To choose a School District Treasurer for the coming year.

To choose one School Board Member for the ensuing three years.

**2003 School District Warrant
Middleton School District**

To the inhabitants of the Middleton School District qualified to vote in District affairs:

First Session of the Annual Meeting (Deliberative):

You are hereby notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall in Middleton, NH, on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at 6:30 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 2 through number 8. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

Second Session of the Annual Meeting (Voting):

Voting on warrant articles number 1 through number 8 as amended will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with town meeting voting at the Middleton Town Hall on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. Polls will be open from 11:00 AM and will remain open until 7:00 PM.

Article 1. To choose the following School District Officers:

School Board Member	1	3 year term
School District Treasurer	1	1 year term
School District Clerk	1	1 year term
School District Moderator	1	1 year term

Article 2. To hear the reports of auditors, agents, committees and officers chosen to conduct the prudent affairs of the District, and to pass any votes related thereto.

Article 3. Shall the Middleton School District rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) as adopted by the Middleton School District on March 1, 2001, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (Three-fifths majority required.)

Article 4. To see if the Middleton School District will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Special Education Trust Fund, for the purpose of defraying the cost of unanticipated special education placement costs. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) toward this purpose and to name the school board as agents to expend from this fund. (The School Board recommends this article.)

Article 5. Shall the Middleton School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the year?

Article 6. To see if the Middleton School district will vote to raise \$101,681.50 to reduce the general fund deficit by 50% pursuant to RSA 189:28-a.

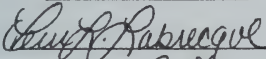

Article 7. Shall the Middleton School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,768,486.66. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,766,753.75, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Middleton School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X & XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

Article 8. To see if the school district will vote to enter into an agreement with a legal consulting firm to study the present area agreement and review tuition rate calculations contained in that agreement and to make a public presentation at the conclusion of the study to present the results in addition to a written report; furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) for this purpose. (Majority vote required.)

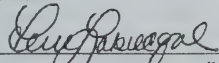
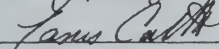
Article 9. Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing and federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets:

Be it Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the Middleton School District vigorously oppose any and all un-funded and under-funded federal educational mandates, including, but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law as well as those mandates historically un-funded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws. (Majority vote required.)

Given under our hands at said TownHall this 24th day of January 2003

	School Board
	School Board
_____	School Board

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

	School Board
	School Board
_____	School Board

BUDGET MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT FY 2004

Middleton, NH FY 2004 MS-26

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 233.4)	WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/01 to 6/30/02	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)						
1100-1199	Regular Programs		\$1,408,525.46	\$1,882,571.25	\$2,317,137.14	
1200-1299	Special Programs		\$72,973.95	\$123,546.35	\$301,740.00	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs					
1400-1499	Other Programs					
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs					
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs					
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)						
2000-2199	Student Support Services		\$1,578.50	\$2,600.00	\$2,500.00	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services					
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION						
2310 840	School Board Contingency		\$27,832.45	\$8,666.07	\$10,041.45	
2310-2399	Other School Board					
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION						
2320-310	SAU Management Services					
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$58,358.75	\$63,615.21	\$64,136.94	
2400-2499	School Administration Service					
2500-2599	Business		\$1,067.68	\$2,140.00	\$1,690.00	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant					
2700-2799	Student Transportation		\$83,501.09	\$70,933.60	\$71,041.13	
2800-2899	Support Services, Central & Other					
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION					
4000-4999						
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)						
5110	Debt Service - Principal					
5120	Debt Service - Interest					
FUND TRANSFERS						
5220-5221	To Food Service					
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue					
5230-5239	To Capital Projects					
5251	To Capital Reserves		\$20,156.55			
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see pg 3)					
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts					
5254	To Agency Funds					
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.					
SUPPLEMENTAL						
DEFICIT						
SUBTOTAL 1			\$1,673,994.43	\$2,154,072.48	\$2,768,486.66	

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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

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Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 223,V)	Expenditure for Year 7/1/01 to 6/30/02	Appropriation Prior Year As Approved by DRA	WARR ART#	APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FY RECOMMENDED	APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
2300	Contingency Fund	\$0.00	\$20,000.00			
1200	Special Education Trust Fund			4	\$20,000.00	
1900	Deficit - RSA 189:28a			6	\$101,681.50	
2300	Legal Counsel Appropriation			8	\$5,000.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED	0	\$20,000.00	XXXX	\$126,681.50	XXXXXXXXXX

Budget - School District of Middleton, NH FY 2004

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Acct#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR ART#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSURING FISCAL YEAR
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition				
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	6	\$4,452.79	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources				
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid				
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid	6	\$19,475.18	\$13,592.98	\$24,591.22
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition				
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution	6	\$2,922.40	\$8,000.00	\$1,500.00
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4910)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	4	\$20,156.55		

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5499	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		\$47,006.92	\$23,592.98	\$28,091.22

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)	\$2,154,072.48	\$2,768,486.66
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	\$20,000.00	\$126,681.50
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,174,072.48	\$2,895,168.16
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$23,592.98	\$28,091.22
Less: Amount of Cost of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*	\$1,212,438.00	\$1,268,859.00
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	\$938,041.50	\$1,598,217.94

*Note: You will also be required to pay a State Education Tax RSA 76:3 and you may be required to pay an additional excess education tax in the amount of \$_____.

#61 SAU BUDGET 2003-2004

ACCT #	Funcion	Obj #	Loc	Object Description	EXPENSED 2002-2003	BUDGETED 2003-2004	Proposed 2003-2004	Approved 2003-2004	Projects 2003-2004	INCREASE	PER CENT INCREASE	SAU APP	DESCRIPTION
SAU Board													
2310	1114	0		Salary	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	3,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Secretary/Treasurer
2310	2310	0		Staff Dir.	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	3,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Board of workshops and conferences
2310	3218	0		comr. Sec	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	210.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Attorney's fees
2310	3800	0		Legal	\$797.98	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Accounting/Orders
2310	5100	0		Insurance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%		SAU Travel
2310	5200	0		Printing	\$728.54	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%		SAU Energy fee
2310	8101	0		Dues/Prof	\$272.84	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%		
					\$1,284.71	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00		\$0.00	0.0%		
SAU Staff & Benefits													
2320	1101	0		Salary	\$50,644.00	\$55,851.00	\$46,639.34	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Business manager's salary
2320	1110	0		Salary	\$2,323.00	\$2,323.00	\$75,033.44	\$75,033.44	\$7,000.00	(\$3,252.46)	-4.3%		Superintendent's salary
2320	1120	0		Salary	\$55,967.00	\$55,967.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$3,811.55)	-10.1%		Payroll Director
2320	1150	0		Salary	\$18,103.40	\$18,103.40	\$18,103.40	\$18,103.40	\$18,103.40	\$0.00	0.0%		Director/Recruitment
2320	1156	0		Salary	\$24,716.60	\$24,827.60	\$27,135.20	\$27,135.20	\$27,135.20	\$0.00	0.0%		STED Secretary
2320	1158	0		Salary	\$10,217.60	\$11,256.10	\$11,256.10	\$11,256.10	\$11,256.10	\$0.00	0.0%		Accts. Payable Assistant
2320	1158	0		Salary	\$24,213.60	\$24,397.60	\$26,535.20	\$26,535.20	\$26,535.20	\$0.00	0.0%		Payroll Assistant
2320	1158	0		Salary	\$7,824.63	\$8,126.40	\$12,327.60	\$12,327.60	\$12,327.60	\$0.00	0.0%		Federal Funds Bookkeeper/Asst. Airt.
2320	1169	0		Salary	\$3,869.63	\$4,867.00	\$4,972.80	\$4,972.80	\$4,972.80	\$0.00	0.0%		Curriculum's salary(PT HRIS.)
2320	1199	0		Misc.	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	(\$500.00)	-16.7%		Longevity
2320	1201	0		Insurance	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Sick day reimbursements
2320	2110	0		Insurance	\$23,844.14	\$23,244.33	\$18,253.00	\$18,253.00	\$18,253.00	\$11,241.60	39.4%		Health Insurance
2320	2310	0		Insurance	\$1,014.77	\$1,014.77	\$1,014.77	\$1,014.77	\$1,014.77	\$139.00	13.6%		Dental Insurance
2320	2320	0		PTCA	\$1,611.00	\$1,611.00	\$1,611.00	\$1,611.00	\$1,611.00	(\$115.50)	-0.7%		P.T.A. Account
2320	2310	0		Refund	\$11,888.49	\$11,732.53	\$11,732.53	\$11,732.53	\$11,732.53	\$0.00	0.0%		P.T.A. Account
2320	2400	0		Staff Dir.	\$7,784.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$3,400.00	50.0%		Center reimburse
2320	2400	0		Work. Comp.	\$4,655.43	\$1,036.10	\$691.98	\$1,036.10	\$1,036.10	(\$5.59)	-0.5%		Workshops Compensation
2320	2400	0		Staff Dir.	\$2,240.40	\$2,400.00	\$2,232.73	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Workshops Compensation
2320	2800	0		Treasr.	\$1,275.80	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.48	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%		SAU Office travel
2320	8101	0		Dues	\$1,781.16	\$1,876.00	\$3,557.51	\$3,557.51	\$3,557.51	\$0.00	0.0%		Dues and fees
2320										\$0.00	0.0%		Non-supperted salary increases
					\$55,221.27	\$59,649.13	\$48,613.63	\$47,031.76	\$49,250.13	\$1,217.57	4.3%		
Barbers & Finance													
2520	4120	0		Copier	\$7,005.25	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$721.00	10.3%		Copier
2520	5340	0		Perage	\$3,683.62	\$5,500.00	\$2,488.27	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Stamp and mailing
2520	6100	0		Supplies	\$7,471.70	\$6,400.00	\$5,347.84	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	-15.6%		General office supplies
2520	6117	0		Misc.	\$273.50	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Miscellaneous office expnses
2520	6419	0		Periodicals	\$1,271.15	\$1,250.00	\$1,446.49	\$1,275.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Subscriptions - Newspapers, magazines, etc.
					\$13,705.92	\$17,400.00	\$16,502.70	\$18,546.00	\$18,546.00	(\$279.00)	-1.5%		
Computer Technology													
2530	3201	0		Tech. Support	\$4,126.37	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Tech. Software Support
2530	4304	0		Repairs	\$5,481.30	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Computer hardware/software maintenance
2530	6100	0		Supplies	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$284.63	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Computer supplies
2530	6500	0		Software	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Computer software
2530	7210	0		Hardware	\$2,764.10	\$1,200.00	\$1,073.97	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%		Computer hardware
					\$12,571.77	\$11,200.00	\$11,978.40	\$11,740.00	\$11,740.00	\$0.00	0.0%		

SAU #61 Budget
2003/2004

Plant & Maintenance Operations																
61	2620	4110	0	Utilities	\$157,772	\$858,000	\$754,711	\$0.00	\$2,203	50.00	0.0%					Water/Sewer
61	2620	4220	0	Snow Rem.	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	28.00	50.00	0.0%					Snow Removal
61	2620	4390	0	Repairs	\$1,517.38	\$500.00	\$778.78	\$0.00	2,835	\$500.00	100.0%					Equipment maintenance
61	2620	4391	0	Repairs	\$8.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	1,010.00	50.00	0.0%					Building repairs
61	2620	4410	0	Restairs	\$30,528.00	\$30,528.00	\$35,833.86	\$32,117.40	\$3,723.00	\$1,645.60	5.3%					S.A.I. office
61	2620	5310	0	Utilities	\$9,692.89	\$8,500.00	\$7,418.15	\$9,000.00	\$5,200.00	50.00	0.0%					Telephone
61	2620	6115	0	Supplies	\$574.00	\$700.00	\$376.10	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	50.00	0.0%					Chemical supplies
61	2620	6220	0	Utilities	\$4,012.78	\$4,800.00	\$7,789.90	\$0.00	4,400	50.00	0.0%					Electricity
61	2620	6240	0	Utilities	\$4,500.00	\$9,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	90.00	50.00	0.0%					Fuel oil
61	2620	7310	0	New equip.	\$4,695.91	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50.00	0.0%					New Equipment
61	2620	7320	0	Furniture	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$385.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50.00	0.0%					New Furniture
61	2620	7350	0	Replacement	\$781.95	\$300.00	\$251.48	\$300.00	\$179.00	50.00	0.0%					Replacement of equipment
61	2620	7370	0	Replacement	\$1,574.73	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50.00	0.0%					Replacement of furniture
Total					\$57,238.57	\$59,846.00	\$39,313.98	\$44,117.40	\$16,733.00	\$1,185.60	3.5%					
GRAND TOTAL					\$448,622.24	\$484,345.13	\$476,459.40	\$493,689.16	\$512,515.23	\$19,644.17	4.1%					

MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

Exhibit A

MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

June 30, 2002

all amounts are expressed in American Dollars

	Governmental	Fiduciary	Totals <i>(Memorandum Only)</i>
	<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Fund Type</u>	
	<u>General</u>	Trust And <u>Agency</u>	
Assets and Other Debits			
Assets			
Cash and equivalents	10,971		10,971
Intergovernmental receivables	15,025	23,896	38,921
Prepaid items	600		600
	<u>26,596</u>	<u>23,896</u>	<u>50,492</u>
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	821		821
Intergovernmental payable	229,138		229,138
	<u>229,959</u>		<u>229,959</u>
Equity			
Fund balances			
Reserved for special purposes		23,896	23,896
Unreserved			
Unreserved - Undesignated (Deficit)	(203,363)		(203,363)
	<u>(203,363)</u>	<u>23,896</u>	<u>(179,467)</u>
	<u>26,596</u>	<u>23,896</u>	<u>50,492</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Exhibit B
MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
For the fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

All amounts are expressed in American Dollars

	Governmental	Fiduciary	Totals
	<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Fund Type</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Trusts</u>	
		Expendable	<i>(Memorandum Only)</i>
Revenues			
School district assessment	805,747		805,747
Intergovernmental revenues	1,234,835		1,234,835
Miscellaneous	4,453	628	5,081
Other financing sources			
Operating transfers in	20,157		20,157
	2,065,192	628	2,065,820
Expenditures			
Current			
Instruction	1,931,428		1,931,428
Supporting services			
Student	1,579		1,579
General administration	85,351		85,351
Business	1,068		1,068
Student Transportation	102,693		102,693
Other financing uses			
Operating transfers out		20,157	20,157
	2,122,119	20,157	2,142,276
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	(56,927)	(19,529)	(76,456)
Fund balances(deficits) - July 1	(146,436)	43,425	(103,011)
Fund balances(deficits) - June 30	(203,363)	23,896	(179,467)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Exhibit C
MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

All amounts are expressed in American Dollars

	General Fund		Variance
	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
School district assessment	805,747	805,747	
Intergovernmental revenues	1,268,173	1,234,835	(33,338)
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,453	453
Other financing sources			
Operating transfers in	20,314	20,157	(157)
	<u>2,098,234</u>	<u>2,065,192</u>	<u>(33,042)</u>
Expenditures			
Current			
Instruction	1,935,221	1,931,428	3,793
Supporting services			
Student	3,200	1,579	1,621
General administration	66,425	85,351	(18,926)
Business	2,140	1,068	1,072
Student Transportation	91,248	102,693	(11,445)
	<u>2,098,234</u>	<u>2,122,119</u>	<u>(23,885)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses		(56,927)	(56,927)
Unreserved fund balances(deficits) - July 1	(146,436)	(146,436)	
Unreserved fund balances(deficits) - June 30	(146,436)	(203,363)	(56,927)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

SAU BUDGET DISTRIBUTIVE SHARES

District	2001 Equalized Valuation	Valuation %	00-'01 ADM Enrollment	Enrollment %	Combined %	District Share %
FARMINGTON	\$258,259,577.00	75.01%	1473	100%	175.01%	87.51%
MIDDLETON	\$86,033,355.00	24.99%	0	0	24.99%	12.49%
TOTALS	\$344,292,932.00	100%	1473	100%	200%	100%

DISTRICT SHARE IN DOLLARS

FARMINGTON	\$449,196.39	87.51%
MIDDLETON	\$64,136.94	12.49%
TOTAL	\$513,333.33	100.00%

SAU ADMINISTRATION SALARY DISTRIBUTION

	ANNUAL SALARY	FARMINGTON SHARE	MIDDLETON SHARE	STATE SHARE
SUPERINTENDENT	\$72,100.00	\$63,091.68	\$9,008.32	\$0.00
BUSINESS ADM.	\$50,000.00	\$43,752.90	\$6,247.10	\$0.00
PPS DIRECTOR	\$51,500.00	\$45,065.48	\$6,434.52	\$0.00
	\$173,600.00	\$151,910.05	\$21,689.95	\$0.00

MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

07/01/01-6/30/02

Balance Forward 07/01/01		\$ 124,064.90
Interest Year to Date	\$ 4,280.51	
Deposits	\$ 2,221,609.09	
	\$ 2,225,889.60	\$ 2,225,889.60
Less Checks	\$ (2,339,436.58)	
	\$ (2,339,436.58)	\$ (2,339,436.58)
Audited Cash on Hand 06/30/02		\$ 10,517.92

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN

The Middleton School Board has had a rough year. After the votes were tallied on Election Day, we had a third board member, Steve Gorton, who won the one-year term as a write-in. He became an instant help in all of our activities. After the summer break, we resumed our duties on the board and the SAU board. On the morning of August 22, 2002, I received a phone call at work to inform me that Steve Gorton—fellow board member, father, husband, friend and active member of this community—was tragically killed in an automobile accident that morning. This simply floored Mr.Colburn and me and put us into slow motion.

As time went on we asked resident Janis Carruth to fill the second half of Steve's one-year term. She graciously accepted and has made an immediate impact on the board. She has attended conferences to benefit the taxpayers and children of this community, things that other board members cannot do due to the constraints of already too busy schedules. I might add that in addition to our new school board member, we are working with a brand new administration at the SAU office, from the Superintendent on down. These folks have all been very helpful and cooperative in dealing with all of our questions and concerns. I know that not all our meetings have been on positive, but I do assure you, we are FINALLY getting the answers to the questions we have been asking for years, thanks to Brian, Deb, and Jean.

This year we have been faced with incredible increases in the tuition rates we pay for our out-of-district Special Education placements, which are playing a large part in our general fund deficit.

The new K-3 school opened in September and is an absolutely gorgeous school. Mr. Colburn and I were both very pleased with our personal tour prior to the opening. I know this year's tax rate increase on the school side seems quite steep, and I just want all the taxpayers in the community to know that all the questions and concerns we are hearing from all of you are valid. We are addressing all these things—most of the questions have long been asked by myself and other members of the board as well. We are doing everything we can to make sure our children are receiving a favorable education, while ensuring that our hard-earned tax dollars are being spent wisely and appropriately.

As we look to the future we are currently planning our strategies for the revisiting of the Area Agreement with the Farmington School Board. I can assure you that all items of concern will be addressed over the next two years.

My thanks to the Superintendent's staff my fellow board members, secretary, and all the parents and taxpayers of this community.

Lastly, on behalf of Janis Carruth, Albert Colburn and myself I would like to express once again our deepest condolences to the family of Steve Gorton. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Labrecque, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As I sit to write this, my first annual report as the Superintendent of Schools to the residents of Farmington and Middleton, I reflect on the past year and how far the school districts have come.

Undoubtedly, the most significant changes have occurred in the physical plant of the schools. The Valley View Community School went from being an identified need, to a dream, and finally to a beautiful building of which the communities should be proud. Additionally, the Henry Wilson School received a significant facelift. The renovations ranged from changing all of the air handling units and ventilation systems throughout the building to asbestos abatement in the older parts of the building. The students and staff are to be commended for their flexibility and continued desire to learn during the turmoil of the renovation project. The architect, engineers, and the construction team continue to monitor all of the systems in both schools to ensure optimal performance. As a result of the new elementary school and Henry Wilson renovation, we were able to close the Annex and Little Red School House buildings.

During the past year, we have had many changes in personnel, which you will read about in the following reports. I am proud of the dedication and level of commitment that is exhibited by our staff. We continue to see an increase in programming as teachers and administrators strive to meet the needs of all students. We have also seen a remarkable increase in the amount of funding the district receives through grants. These grants are competitive and have been written by teachers or counselors to provide a wide range of additional services to our students and the community. The reports that follow provide some examples of grants that have been received to date.

The focus on curriculum and the improvement of instruction continues to grow. The elementary school continues to work with Modern Red School House while the middle school works with the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS). Farmington High School continues to explore ways to provide additional learning opportunities for all students in addition to ensuring that students have the necessary skills to be successful after graduation. The schools are also working with a variety of consultants to enhance teaching strategies with the goal of improving test scores. The results are beginning to show, with significant increases in test scores, particularly at the elementary school. It is anticipated that scores will continue to improve with time and our interventions become more refined. The district has taken a proactive stance and has begun assessing student achievement ahead of the President's "No Child Left Behind" legislation. These assessments will help us to pinpoint student

achievement on a yearly basis and quickly point out curriculum areas that need improvement.

In the coming year, I will continue to work to support the efforts of our principals and teachers to improve educational opportunities for the students of Farmington and Middleton. Advancing Student Achievement will be the primary goal. The SAU administration, in conjunction with the school board and principals, will continue to explore ways to control spending and meet the challenges of the educational funding crisis. During the coming year, I would like to engage the local community in a conversation about our school system and build bridges between the various community groups and the school district.

I would like to thank the dedicated staff and administrators for their efforts on behalf of the children. I would also like to thank the SAU #61 board and the late Dr. Ronald Snyder for their vote of confidence and the opportunity to lead the school district in the coming years. It is both an honor and a pleasure. Together we will be able to improve the educational opportunities for all of our students and prepare them for the challenges that await them in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Blake, C.A.G.S.
Superintendent of Schools
SAU #61

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The business office is primarily responsible for the financial and operational affairs of the district. The business office staff is responsible for payroll, statistical reporting, budgeting, federal funds administration, procurement, financial management and compliance.

This year has marked a period of change for the Farmington School District. The most notable is a change in administration. Brian J. Blake has replaced Dr. Ron Snyder as the Superintendent. I, Deborah Briggs, have come aboard as the Business Administrator. Jean Parsons has joined the team as the Pupil/Personnel Director. All come from various backgrounds and each brings a unique perspective and different experiences with us. Thus far, each has enjoyed being a part of the district and feels privileged to work with such a professional staff and to provide services for students and parents in the Farmington community.

Some of the goals of the outgoing administration have been retained in addition to the addition of new goals. Implementing responsible business practices and procedures has remained as a focal point and the business office

has been receiving valuable direction from DRA, DOE and our auditor. The administrative team of the Farmington School District continues to embrace the collaborative team approach fostered by Dr. Snyder. Several initiatives have been implemented to enhance the flow of information from the SAU office to the general public. An information line for general school information and a school cancellation/closure line have been added. A relationship with the press has been developed. Information has been made available in a timely and efficient manner whether requested in an official capacity or by a citizen at large. In summary, the business office and the administration in whole, has worked diligently to increase the public awareness of activity that affects the district.

This past school year has seen many improvements in the district. Curriculum has been modified and enhanced through the Modern Red School-house initiative. The Henry Wilson Memorial School has been remodeled and air quality issues have been corrected. The Valley View Community School went from a blueprint to becoming a reality. The value of the real estate in the Farmington School District has grown and the community should be very proud to have some of the newest and most modern facilities in the state. This combination of curriculum and facilities provides significant advantages for the children educated within the Farmington and Middleton School districts.

In the next year the business office looks toward innovation and process analysis to decrease operating costs and to increase services.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Briggs, M.Ed.
Business Administrator, SAU #61

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

It is a pleasure to be part of the School district team and to submit this annual report for the year 2002. During the past year the district has made significant improvements to the learning environment, as well as increasing available services for students.

With the completion and opening of the new Valley View Community School and the completed renovation and additions to the Henry Wilson Memorial School, the Farmington School District boasts one of the best district-wide physical environments for learning in the state. The community should be very proud of their commitment and continued support for the education of all their students.

Programming and delivery of services to students has been enhanced

by the available space in the new buildings. While much student support occurs directly in the regular classroom, we now have the space to better accommodate the needs of some students for small group and one-to-one instruction, as well as related services. At the Valley View School the additional space has allowed us to develop an in school Time Out Behavior Education (TOBE) program where disruptive behavior can be addressed in a positive manner outside of the classroom. This has resulted in better outcomes for students experiencing behavioral difficulties, while allowing classroom teachers to continue providing instruction to the rest of the group. With the success of the TOBE room, a similar intervention is being planned for the Henry Wilson Memorial School in the near future.

The elementary program for students with behavioral and emotional needs continues to flourish. We find that students benefit greatly from this program. We have been able to keep a significant number of students here in the district, due largely to the expertise of the staff in this program. The middle school program for the same student population has undergone some modifications in service delivery as we continually strive to address the unique needs of this student population.

With the receipt of grant funding we have been able to supplement reading instruction with a remedial reading program to boost the success of struggling readers at the elementary level. This same grant allowed us to hire a teacher to provide this instruction, which has limited the number of referrals to the special education team. We are in the process of applying for grant funds to expand this program to provide remedial reading support at the middle level as well.

Several staff have completed Critical Incident Response Team training, which will enhance the district's existing Critical Incident Response Team. While we hope not to have to use this team, we have activated them in the past and they remain ready to support students and staff in the event of tragedy or emergency in our community. In today's political climate, knowing that we are capable of this speed of response and level of support brings comfort to us all.

We are carefully reviewing our use of paraeducators to support student learning. We are focusing on the maximum use of existing resources, in order to meet the needs of our learners, while remaining cost effective to the community. Staff development programs focusing on teacher leadership training will be provided in order to improve ongoing teacher supervision and support of our dedicated paraeducators.

Next fall we anticipate gearing up for reapproval of our special education programs as we reach the end of another three-year approval cycle.

I look forward to my continued work with the Farmington school staff to bring quality educational services to students of the Farmington and

Middleton School Districts. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Parsons
Pupil Personal Director

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On behalf of the faculty, support staff and students at Farmington High School, I am proud to submit this annual report.

Farmington High School welcomed the following professional members to the staff in September 2002: Renee Dodge, Computer Education; Kim LaVoie, Counselor; Chinca Plante, Spanish and William Monza, Resource instructor. Their energy and willingness to strengthen our academic programs has been met with enthusiasm. We maintain a professional staff of 28 instructors. Our total staff including support personnel remains at 45. Looking to the near future, we have a number of long-time employees who will be retiring. Their loyalty and dedication will be a challenge to replace.

During the past year much energy was focused on transition issues for students entering grade 9. A study skills program was piloted in an effort to bridge gaps in the curriculum. This initiative has been extended to the middle school with a similar focus. Student profiles were developed for each student with the goal of matching course selection with ability and getting to know the needs of the freshmen more rapidly.

Our English department introduced an advanced placement literature course for juniors and seniors. This addition has challenged students in preparation for post-secondary education, which afford them an opportunity to receive college credit while still in high school. An SAT/ACT preparatory course was also offered on a volunteer basis to students who were motivated to improve test-taking strategies.

As identified in last year's report, social issues may be the toughest goal we address in years ahead. We work hard promoting and maintaining a safe school environment. Last year, the freshmen class and staff received harassment and bullying training. The students at Farmington High School again are to be commended for being pro-active, supportive and willing to be part of the solution. As stated in the past, the entire community must be part of the solution to combat these attitudes.

School news, handbook information and communication can now be accessed on line by dialing www.fhs.k12.nh.us. This is new to us but, with practice, it is proven to be a wonderful method of communication. You are

encouraged to check it out and let us know its effectiveness.

Last, our facility remains in pretty good condition for being seven years old. We are closing in on the fact that the wear and tear will influence maintenance or replacement. Items that range from furniture to equipment fall under this umbrella. The community can expect this to be reflected in future budgets. As the community grows and the population increases, careful planning for future expansion is recommended.

In closing, communication and planning remain the common threads to understand and address these facts. I am extremely proud of the students at Farmington High School. I thank a dedicated staff for their leadership and contributions to the educational system in preparing our students. Additionally, I thank the Farmington School Board and Middleton School Board as well as Mr. Blake, Superintendent of Schools for their continuous encouragement, guidance and support. Finally, thank you to the parents and community; you are part of the program and its solutions. You are always invited to visit your school to participate in your children's education.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lee
Principal

HENRY WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure to submit my annual school report as principal of H.W.M.S. The people of Farmington should be very proud of their efforts to help improve the educational needs of their community. Through the renovations H.W.M.S. is a safe and clean building that is conducive to learning for our young people. We now have enough space for all our programs. We have added a new multi-purpose room for assemblies and grade-level activities, the library has almost doubled in size, and everyone has made a comment about our "new" gymnasium.

H.W.M.S. has also been fortunate with new staff members, who have brought new ideas and enthusiasm to our school. The following are our new staff members:

Mrs. Brigitta Overbey	Fifth Grade
Ms. Marjorie Wyatt	Language Arts/Science Eighth Grade
Ms. Nikoll Couture	Special Education/Sixth Grade
Ms. Joanie Blais	Special Education/E.H. Program
Ms. Kelly Demato	Occupational Therapy
Mr. Kevin Bickford	Physical Education (6-8)
Ms. Kim Severance	Art (K-5)

Ms. Annie Eisenberg	Music (6-8)
Mr. Carlos Martinez	Music (K-5)
Mrs. Robyn Smith	Paraprofessional
Ms. Trisha Bradbury	Paraprofessional
Ms. Deb Goscinski	Paraprofessional
Ms. Jean Bailey	Tobacco Grant Coordinator
Ms. Stacy Carlstrom	Counselor to E-H Program

One of our main goals for the year was to try and ensure success for all students. This past year we took the five grade level teachers in grades 6-8 and made two teams of two and three. By doing this teachers came to know their students very well and students became comfortable with a smaller group of teachers. Interacting with a smaller group of students will better ensure that no student will go unnoticed. Plus with smaller groups of teachers there is better communications among the TEAM as well as with the parents.

Another major concern is the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program and the low test results. This past year we have been working with outside resources to help with our instruction which will hopefully improve our test scores. Cathie Thibodeau from NELMS has worked with the staff in Differentiated Instruction. Kathe Simons has been working with teachers in the areas of language arts and reading as well as analyzing our test results. Suzy Gagnon worked with our teachers in the area of mathematics. Both Ms. Simons and Ms. Gagnon are from the Department of Education. To help cut down on discipline issues and make students more responsible and accountable for their actions Mr. Jim Fitzpatrick gave a workshop on Responsible Behavior during the fall.

To help with a smoother transition of students to the high school, teachers from both schools worked together in Project Connection. By having a better understanding of both schools' programs and to improve in the areas that students are weak in we hope to make students more successful at the high school.

There is a lot happening at H.W.M.S. and we encourage you to visit your school and continue to be involved with your child's education. Thank you for your continual support of H.W.M.S. and together we can better prepare our youth for the future.

In closing I am very proud of our students and staff for their on-going efforts and dedication and to the communities of Farmington and Middleton for their continued support. I would also like to thank Mr. Brian Blake, Mrs. Jean Parsons, and Ms. Deb Briggs for their efforts and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton Lewis

VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit the first Annual Report from Valley View Community School.

2002 was a year of transition for us all. The winter and spring months found our school building well under construction, with renovations starting on the Henry Wilson Memorial School. Staff and students in all areas kept an attitude of flexibility, as we adapted to the ever-changing conditions within the building. Two third-grade classes moved into space at the *Catholic church*, while Kindergarten classes were housed at the SAU and Town Hall buildings. Half of the library was given over to office space. Through it all, staff members worked diligently to keep a high quality of education for the students.

The beginning of the 2002 school year brought many changes, as we moved into our new building. As the year has progressed we have worked to settle in and define the routines for the school.

In addition to our new facility, we have had several staffing changes. After 20 years with the district, our music teacher, Susan Bailey moved to a position closer to home. Several other teachers also moved on to new endeavors. In filling these positions, we have been pleased to welcome the following staff members to teaching positions: Miss Megan Hall and Mrs. Kriket Pankey in grade one, Mrs. Kim Severence for Art, and Mr. Carlos Martinez for Music. Additional new members to the professional staff are Ms. Kelly DeMato, providing OT services, and Mrs. Jean Merrill, providing speech services. Our staff was completed by the following members of the paraprofessional staff: Mrs. Christine Bartlett, Mr. Glenn Dore, Mrs. Catherine Hallin, Mrs. Margaret Gray, Mrs. Toni Puntty, Mrs. Patricia Shibles, and Mrs. Misty Willey. Each of these people has brought a high level of enthusiasm and commitment to their work with the children.

Last year was our initial year for implementation of the grant funded Modern Red Schoolhouse school reform model. This year, we have continued that work, through formal organization of thematic units at all grade levels, and identification of areas for assessment. In addition, the seven task forces have been working to identify additional avenues through which we can improve student achievement.

One area of concern, identified last year, was student behavior. Classroom disruptions due to inappropriate behaviors have been an issue for several years. We have adopted the Responsive Classroom as the avenue we will use to address this issue. All staff members have had an opportunity for training in the beginning elements of this model, morning meeting and rules with logical consequences. These elements are currently being implemented throughout the school.

The beginning of this year saw yet another change for our building. In the past we have had a targeted assistance Title I program. As of this year, we are a schoolwide Title I school. This identification allows greater flexibility for Title I staff to work with any child we find in need of assistance.

As last year ended, we learned we had been awarded funds from a SIG grant proposal written by Mrs. Virginia Phinney and Mrs. Susan Roy. These funds have allowed us to pilot the Wilson Foundations reading program for use in giving assistance to students who are struggling with reading. If this program proves successful, we hope to expand its use in future years. The Terra-Nova test, administered to students in grade one last year, was expanded to include second grade students, this year. From these tests, we receive reports which help to identify areas of strength or need. In addition, we have selected test formats, which will give the students experience with the test taking skills they will need when taking the NHIEAP assessment at the end of grade three.

Each person at Valley View Community School is committed to improving the achievement of our students. We look forward to continuing our work with the students, their families and the greater community, as we all work together to make this happen.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Farmington and Middleton School Boards for their continued support, as well as Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools, Jean Parsons, Director of Pupil and Personnel Services, and Deborah Briggs, Business Administrator for their guidance, encouragement, and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Sparks
Principal

GUIDANCE REPORT 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

It is once again our pleasure to submit a report for the district as Guidance Counselors at Farmington High School. The report will reflect some of the results of the 2001- 2002 school year as well as touch upon some of the activities occurring this year.

The graduating class of 2002 consisted of 74 students compared to 103 students for the class of 2001. 56% of the class of 2002 were accepted to post-secondary institutions. 26% are attending 4yr colleges in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio, North Carolina, and Hawaii. 30% are attending 2-year colleges in New Hampshire. Finally, 7% of our seniors enlisted in the military last year. The remainder sought full time employment.

On October 19, 2002, 64 students took the Preliminary Scholastic

Aptitude Test (PSAT). The test measures developed verbal and mathematical reasoning skills. 59% of the class of 2002 took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). This is an increase of 6% over last year. The average SAT scores for FHS students last year were Verbal=480 and Math=481. SAT scores can range from 200 – 800 on each section.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) was administered to 40 students on October 18, 2002. This test is used to assist students in defining their aptitudes and career interests. It is an optional test for Juniors, which is administered by the ASVAB Student Testing Program out of Portland, Maine. Personnel from this program also returned several weeks after the test to assist students in evaluating their scores and conducting an interest inventory with the students.

Current enrollment at Farmington High School is 462 students. This is divided into Freshmen – 110, Sophomore – 135, Juniors – 120 and Seniors – 97. There are 40 students currently enrolled in vocational programs offered through the Regional Vocational Centers in Rochester, Dover, and Somersworth. This is an increase from last year's enrollment of 34. We hope this trend continues because young people today need to have skills to compete in the competitive job market.

The University of New Hampshire Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound Programs continue to be offered at Farmington High School. The programs are free and funded by the US Dept. of Education. Family income and educational background of the family determine program eligibility. In the 2001-2002 school year, these programs served 32 students. The program assists students in building the academic skills and motivation needed to be successful in high school. 91% of their students go on to higher education. These programs have made a big difference in the lives of the students participating in them.

The Parent Connection group continued to meet during the 2001 – 2002 school year. A small group of parents were involved in monthly meetings where they continued to work on their goal of increased communication between school and parents. One of their projects was organizing a mailing to high school parents to encourage them to check the FHS Web Page for information about activities at the school. In addition, the mailing encouraged parents to get in touch with their children's teachers through e-mail on the Web Page at www.fhs/k12.nh.us.

The Guidance Department continued to offer workshops to parents of Juniors and Seniors regarding the college application and financial aid process. Speakers from the NH Higher Education Assistance Program sponsor these workshops. These workshops help demystify the college search process for families. 58 seniors also attended the college fair at the University of New Hampshire in September 2001 where they were able to obtain information from over 200 institutions of higher education. For the students going from school to

work after high school, we offered transportation to a job fair in Portsmouth. They were able to talk to employers from over 100 companies.

The organization MAKING IT COUNT provided us with two free presentations this year. The first one was "Making High School Count", which was presented to 9th graders during freshmen orientation. The second presentation was called Making College/Work Count, which was attended by seniors from Farmington High and Nute High. Key content from the presentations can be found online at www.makingitcount.com.

The guidance counselors continue to meet with students individually and in small groups as well as making presentations in the classroom. We continue to refer students to outside agencies when necessary. Additionally, our students are accessing services at the Wreath School after school. These services are for all students and include support groups, anger management groups, educational groups, and counseling services for student and parents.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Costello
Kim Lavoie
Guidance Counselors

MEMORIAL DRIVE AND HENRY WILSON GUIDANCE REPORT - 2002

The past year has been one of changes. Last school year ended with a lot of different moves and working around construction. Our classrooms in the elementary school were spread out all over town. The guidance counselors still pride themselves on being highly visible within the school and throughout the buildings. Unfortunately last year that meant a lot of traveling (or walking). We continued, even under those circumstances, to see as many children and families as in the past and work closely with the teachers and administration. Now we are settled in our new schools. That was a change as well. Ms. Ripley is the only guidance counselor K-3. Ms. Omand is now 4-5 and under a different administration as part of Henry Wilson Memorial School.

This portion of the guidance report is being prepared by Ms. Ripley and Ms. Omand as the last guidance report from Memorial School with updates on this school year. Our *ultimate* goal is to promote healthy, pro-social skills that will help students survive within the school environment.

The counselors typical day consists of individual interventions as requested by the teachers/students/and /or parents of students; individual and group sessions with students to teach skills they need to cope with school i.e. anger management, social skills or other coping skills; parent and agency

contacts, teacher consults, Individual Education Plan meetings and appropriate observations. Behavioral plans are implemented as requested.

The guidance department is always re-assessing the needs of the school community. In doing so, we continued two programs that we began last year and added a new component. The first was the difficulty students often have in their transition from kindergarten to first grade. Social skills are being taught in kindergarten to help the transition to first grade more confidently.

The second area was for children with attention disorders. This program initially worked with 3-5 graders but now due to the split in schools works with 4 and 5. There are approximately 22 children participating this year (in the 4-5). The program consists of teaching social skills, relaxation techniques as well as study and organizational skills.

This year, through the Modern Red Schoolhouse revisions we have been implementing a morning meeting, in grades k-5. The counselors circulate through their grades to attend each classrooms meetings.(visiting each approximately every two weeks). In this meeting the counselor often brings in for discussion issues such as how to be friends, conflict resolution techniques, organizational skills, and topics the classroom teachers feel could benefit the students in their particular classroom.

Peer mediation is still ongoing in the 4th and 5th grade. We have joined with the 6-8 mediators and there are approximately 18 trained mediators. They continue to address peer conflicts and teach students conflict resolution techniques. All grades participated in Red Ribbon week. In the younger grade up to 5 we concentrated on anti-smoking and making good choices. The counselors organized activities across curriculum—posters in art, movies and discussions in health, discussions in morning meetings and assemblies of speakers on the subject. The 5th and 6th grade counselors still continue to organize and present project “Safeguard” in the spring. This program is for pre-teens and their parents to become informed about issues that they will have to face in adolescence and how to help them make healthy choices.

Our counselors also hold a “Pennies for Leukemia” drive yearly, with a free pizza party for the classroom collecting the most coins, and an ice cream party for the runner-up classroom. Students feel awesome for being able to help change another person’s circumstances.

The humane and caring concerns for our animal population are addressed by the delivery of a monthly newspaper, distributed to grades 1-5 and encouraged for home viewing by the entire family. The KIND newspapers are provided though a scholarship by the Cocheco Valley Humane Society.

In conclusion, this past year with all its upheavals and changes, has been challenging and stressful, and the guidance department has had to work

double duty with both students and staff to help with all these transitions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ripley
Sharon Omand
Guidance Counselors

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE 2001-02

The position of school nurse at Farmington High School continues to be an exciting position, and the year presented many challenges and satisfactions. It was the first time I did formal classroom teaching, for I taught two sections of health education. I very much enjoyed being a health educator and hope to continue in this capacity. I learned many new things and developed an appreciation for the work and time involved in curriculum development and teaching.

In order to participate in the high school athletics program, students need to have a recent physical on file with the nurse. Students entering the ninth grade are required to have a physical examination by their health care provider during the summer (after the eighth grade). All sport participants need to fill out a Health Questionnaire yearly to play sports.

Parents are encouraged to call me with any change in their child's health status, such as communicable diseases, chronic conditions, broken bones, surgeries, immunization updates, physical examinations and current medications.

All students in the school need to have their height and weight recorded and their health status evaluated. Immunization records were checked and parents were notified when shots were not up to date. All special education students had vision and hearing evaluations and appropriate referrals made as necessary.

I had students from the UNH Nursing program working with me on Wednesdays throughout the year. These students observed in the Nurse's Office to learn the role of the school nurse in an educational setting, as much of my work is done in collaboration with administration and staff. Much of my day is spent dealing with social and emotional issues, as nursing demands that the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of our clients are met. Many of the students assisted with a pet project of mine – substance abuse education. We made bulletin boards and presented workshops to educate students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Last fall, I taught the custodial staff disease prevention courses and standard precautions to maintain their health and safety. I also taught Red Cross

First Aid and CPR courses to athletic coaches, staff members, and students in health classes. Participants learned how to act in a medical emergency, how to perform rescue breathing and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the treatment for choking. I teach students informally in my office on a daily basis. Covered are such issues as: good hygiene, STD and HIV prevention, violence prevention, drug education, Hepatitis prevention and standard precautions, health and wellness education. Many teens have acquired knowledge that is not factual on many health matters and it is my job to correct this situation. Students are very willing to discuss areas of concern to them and I try to work with them to resolve their issues. Problems that I cannot help with are referred to our Guidance Counselors.

I am the Advisor of Project Alternative, a drug and alcohol prevention group. This group plans and supervises the events of Red Ribbon Week. After the events of 9/11, we decided that some of our Red Ribbon Week activities would be in poor taste, so the celebration of a drug free life was a very serious time based more on educational activities. We also conducted numerous conflict mediation sessions, and many community service projects. We held Peace Days and provided educational movies for Martin Luther King Day.

I meet frequently with the building administrators regarding attendance issues and make telephone calls to students concerning their health. I am a member of the Attendance Review Committee that meets with students who have frequent absences. I also attend the weekly Special Education meeting at our school and all IEP meetings for students with health issues.

Last year at Farmington High School, I met with 5425 students for routine health visits, conducted 60 hearing and vision evaluations, dispensed 2032 medications, and did 451 “nurse physicals”.

I am pleased to be working at Farmington High School and enjoy working with a very supportive staff and administration. I thank all the parents and students who have been cooperative and helpful this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Moriarty, RN

**REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES
MEMORIAL DRIVE and HENRY WILSON
MEMORIAL SCHOOL 2001-2002**

The 2001-2002 school year was as eventful as ever; with construction going on and classes being moved, the nurses were traveling around town to see students!

Thanks to the dental grant we were able to provide oral evaluations and

oral hygiene instruction, fillings, extractions and root canals to many of the district's students.

The nurse's performed health assessments and hearing and vision screenings on all students grades one through eight. Any student who had difficulty with the hearing and vision was given a referral notice.

We encourage all parents to have yearly physicals done on their children. They are only required on incoming students and those wishing to play sports. All students wishing to participate in a school sponsored sport are required to submit an updated physical form **prior to** trying out. Grades five and eight are given letters with their third and fourth report cards informing parents that physicals are necessary, (after May 1) in order to be eligible to try out for a sport the following year when they enter the middle school or the high school.

We encourage all parents to call us with any changes in the health of their child. This would include any communicable diseases, broken bones, surgeries, allergies, immunizations or any chronic condition that may affect their child during the school day. It is always helpful to know any medications that a child takes on a daily basis.

The head lice grant allowed us to offer head lice treatments, combs and shampoo for those students who needed it. It has been very beneficial. The number of cases of head lice has significantly dropped over the last two years!

The nurse's office is a busy place every day. Besides all the illness and screenings taking place, the nurses are dealing with behavior issues, social issues, wet clothes, broken glasses, dietary counseling, medications and visits from parents. There are also meetings on students with IEP's, and meetings with teachers so we can all remain informed regarding the students.

We continue to strive towards keeping healthy bodies and minds. We are involved with health education on an ongoing basis; either as a resource person or as a teacher in an informal classroom. We cover subjects such as dental hygiene, non-violence, nutrition, drug awareness, blood and body fluid precautions or any other subject that arises.

We would like to thank everyone who continues to support us by helping to obtain medical, optical, financial and personal assistance for our community. We would also like to thank all the parents for the support and encouragement while we care for their children.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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HEARING and VISION	1212
MEDICATIONS	6502
KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS	84

PARENT CONTACTS 4500
 SCOLIOSIS SCREENINGS 204

This is our last report as the Henry Wilson and Memorial Drive School. Next year we will be writing about the new Valley View School and the Henry Wilson School.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Lynn Olden, RN
 Anne Marie Conley, RN

**FARMINGTON- MIDDLETON
 TITLE I REPORT 2002**

The 2001-2002 school year was a critical year for the Title I Program in the Farmington School District. Not only did we have some new important local initiatives taking place, but the new federal legislation passed in January 2002 was and continues to be of major significance. The new legislation known as the “No Child Left Behind” act (NCLB), will bring about many changes, some specifically directed towards Title I schools. Individual school performance and accountability is an essential component of the new law. High quality teachers and higher academic standards for paraprofessionals are also addressed. Annual assessments in grades 3-8 will be mandated in the next few years. Tracking specific populations on these assessments will be occurring so that no child is left behind. The goal of this federal legislation is to improve our schools by establishing higher standards and greater accountability measures. As the new law is more clearly defined, future changes will be reflected in our school system to meet the new requirements.

During the 2001-2002 school year, Memorial Drive Elementary School was identified by the New Hampshire Department of Education as a Title I school “in need of improvement”. This identification was based on low state assessment scores over the past few years. If improvement were not forthcoming, severe repercussions would take place over the next few years. Being pro active, Memorial Drive Elementary School was already in its first year of comprehensive school reform. The Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) grant had been awarded to our school during the 2000-2001 school year. Implementation was to begin with the initial focus on curriculum alignment with state standards and reorganizing the internal structure of the school. This initiative and a number of other programs working collaboratively resulted in greatly improved state test scores for the 3rd grade students in reading and math in the spring of 2002. We are continuing to work on improving scores,

not only for 3rd grade students but for all students. During the summer of 2002 a Title I School Improvement Grant was awarded to the Farmington School District to assist the Title I schools in making further gains and improvements.

The year 2002 was also the beginning of a new local initiative that will impact the Title I Program in the 2002-2003 school year. It was the year of planning for Valley View Community School to become a Title I schoolwide school. In a schoolwide school, students will no longer be singled out or specifically identified as Title I students. Instead, the entire student body will be considered Title I students and the goal is to raise the achievement level of all students. It allows for greater flexibility with Title I money, resources and staff to achieve this goal. Henry Wilson Memorial School will still remain a Title I targeted assistance school, with students in grades 4 and 5 eligible for Title I support upon meeting specific criteria. The school wide plan was approved last spring and in the 2002-2003 school year will be implemented at Valley View Community School.

Title I continues to work fervently to help support students at risk, and work collaboratively with the staff, administration, and community to improve our educational programs. I would like to thank all those who work diligently to support the Title I Program and the Farmington school system.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole A. Albert
Title I Project Manager

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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE

MONDAY 1PM – 7 PM

TUESDAY – THURSDAY 9 AM – 3 PM

LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH 9 AM – 12 NOON

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

MONDAY EVENINGS 6 PM

DEPT. HEAD MEETINGS: 3RD MONDAY EACH MONTH 6:30 PM

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

2ND THURSDAY 6 PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1ST TUESDAY 3 PM

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MEETS AS NEEDED

MIDDLETON SCHOOL BOARD

1ST WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM