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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN OF

WHITEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1997

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PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING.

TOWN VOTING AND TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE C.D. MCINTYRE BUILDING.

BUSINESS MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998 7:30 PM

POLLS OPEN: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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The Town of Whitefield dedicates the 1997 Annual Report to Martha Hardiman. Martha has served as a Selectperson for the Town of Whitefield for nine years.

Martha, we thank you, and appreciate your hard work and dedication to the Town.



TOWN OFFICERS

		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:	Kenneth Russell, Jr.	1998
TREASURER:	Linda Mai	1998
	Jonna Robinson ted Tax Collector)	2000
SELECTMEN:	Martha Hardiman Alan McIntyre Michael Lalumiere	1998 1999 2000
SUPERVISORS O	F THE CHECKLIST: Gary Roy Dawn Giroux Colleen Malone	1999 2001 2003
TRUSTEES OF T	HE TRUST FUNDS: Catherine Burns Francis Matott Carol Littlefield	1998 1999 2000
LIBRARY TRUST	EES: Eileen Alexander Frederick Vashaw Sherrill Harris Wendy Joseffy Kathleen Dunlap	1998 1998 1999 1999 2000
CEMETERY TRUS	TEES: Albert Morancie, Sr. Joseph Elgosin Chester Thomas	1998 1999 2000

Selectmen meet the second, fourth, and fifth Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Town Office.

PUBLIC WELFARE SUPERVISORS: Board of Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD:

Stanley Holz, Chairman, Larry Rexford, John Tholl, William Robinson, Raymond Belanger, Robert Diblasi, and Alan McIntyre, BOS Rep.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Frank Mai, Robert Stiles, Virgil Hammon

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Joseph C. Ciccarelli, Chief Paul Ingersoll, Jr., Corporal Stephen Cox, Patrolman Rick Brown, Patrolman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Greg Hatfield, HWY Foreman

SEWER DEPARTMENT: William Robinson

PUBLIC WORKS COORDINATOR: John Severance

Planning Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

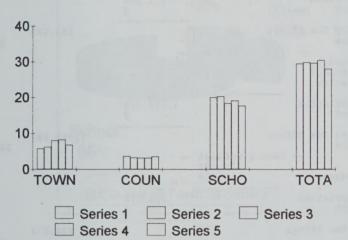
Town Clerk/	
Tax Collector M-F 9am-4pm	837-9871
Thursdays till 6pm	
Selectmen's Office	837-2551
Police Department EMERGENCY NUMBER	911
Ambulance EMERGENCY NUMBER	911
Fire Department TO REPORT A FIRE	911
Police Department NON-EMERGENCY	837-9086
Fire Department NON-EMERGENCY	837-2655
Town Garage	837-2202
Sewer Treatment Plant	837-9571
Water Department	837-9237
Public Library Hrs: Mon 9am-Noon T&TH 2-8pm	837-2030

Sat 10am-5pm

COMPARISON OF TAX RATE

TOWN	1997 5.77	1996 6.25	1995	1994 8.18	1993 6.77
·COUNTY	3.61	3.22	3.14	3.15	3.48
SCHOOL	20.03	20.31	18.44	19.12	17.72
	29.41	29.78	29.61	30.45	27.97

COMPARISON OF TAX RATE



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$28,207,302
Buildings	\$51,490,900
Utilities	\$10,583,800

Total Valuation Before Exp.	\$90,202,002
Less: Elderly/Blind Exmpt.	1,555,000
Net Valuation on Which	

Tax Rate is Computed \$88,647,002

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION Municipal Services Division Concord, N.H. 03302-1122 1997 Tax Rate Calculation

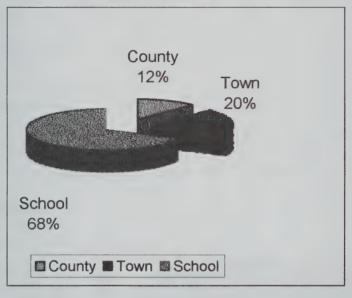
Town/City of: WHITEFIELD			Tax Rate	
Appropriations Less: Revenues Less: Shared Revenues Add: Overlay War Service Credits	1,607,150 1,219,970 16,612 123,001 17,700		Rate	25
Net Town Appropriation Special Adjustment		511,269 0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort Municipal Tax Rate			511,269	.77
Due to Local School	0 1,809,103 33,542			
Net School Appropriation Special Adjustment		1,775,561		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort School(s) Tax Rate	Dannia		1,775,561	.03
Due to County Less: Shared Revenues	323,197 2,919	11200		
Net County Appropriation Special Adjustment		320,278		
Approved County Tax Effort County Tax Rate			320,278	.61
Combined Tax Rate Total Property Taxes Assessed Less: War Service Credits Add: Village District Commits			2,607,108 (17,700) 0	.41
Total Property Tax Commitment			2,589,408	
Pro Net Assessed Valuation	of of Rate - Tax Rate		Assessment	
88,647,002	29.41	Borriell	2,607,108	
		Q,	10/3/97	

Town of Whitefield 1997 Tax Rate Total Tax Rate - \$29.41 Per Thousand

 County
 3.61

 Town
 5.77

 School
 20.03



TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1997:
Fleet Checking Account \$472,076
PDIP Investment Account 275,842

\$747,918

Plus 1996 Receipts:

Tax Collector
Town Clerk
Selectmen

\$2,903,927 198,803 664,228

\$3,766,958

\$4,514,876

Less:

By Paid Order of Selectmen

\$3,534,046

Balance, December 31, 1997:
Fleet Checking Account \$784,899
PDIP Investment Account 195,931

\$ 980,830



Whitefield Recreation Department

SEWER DEPARTMENT 12/31/97

PURPOSE OF	1997	1997	1998
APPROPRIATION	APPROP	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
_	\$ 18,293	\$ 18,467	\$ 19,208
Asst Op Wage	1,000	952	1,500
Collector Wage	2,500	1,833	2,500
Labor	2,500	1,005	2,500
FICA/Medicare	1,800	1,812	1,800
W/C-U/C	1,400	1,222	1,400
Telephone	800	739	800
Electricity	16,000	15,373	16,000
Water Rents	550	495	550
Repairs/Supplies	10,000	10,855	10,000
Office Supplies	500	545	500
Fuel/Gas/Oil	500	88	250
Chemicals	250		50
Miscellaneous	1,200	1,479	1,200
Ref/Reim/Overpay	500	10	500
Equipment	2,000		
Outside Labor		2,414	
C.D.			2,157
Rte 3 Sewer Line	15,000	14,540	
	\$74,793	\$71,829	\$60,915
	T11001		
	INCOM	시도	
Sewer Usage	\$55,250	\$56,667	\$56,600
Sewer Hook-up	500	1,000	500
Reimb. Uncollect	3,543	4,095	3,500
Int.Income	500	293	315
Invest Acct	15,000	10,000	
Route 3 Sewer			
	\$74,793	\$ 72,055	\$60,915

SEWER DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on hand 1/1/97		\$ 20,957.52
INCOME: Sewer Usage Fees Sewer Hook-up Reimburse Uncollect Interest Income Invest. Acct.	\$ 56,667.15 1,000.00 4,094.92 293.34 10,000.00	\$ 72,055.41
Operator Wages Asst. Op.Wages Collector Wages Labor FICA/Medicare W/C-U/C Telephone Electricity Water Rents Repairs/Supplies Office Supplies Fuel/Gas/Oil Miscellaneous Ref/Reimb/Overpay Outside Labor Route 3 Sewer Line	\$ 18,466.94 952.00 1,832.87 1,005.02 1,812.24 1,222.36 738.99 15,372.73 495.00 10,855.10 544.52 88.46 1,479.08 9.65 2,414.50 14,540.00	\$ 71,829.46
Cash on hand 12/31/97		\$ 21,183.47

WATER DEPARTMENT 12/31/97

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION Superintendent \$ Collector Labor FICA/Medicare W/C-U/C Telephone Equipment Hire Outside Labor Electricity Heat Repairs/Supplies Office Supplies Gas/Oil/Tires Mlg./Misc./Meals Ref/Reimb/Overpay Taxes Water Testing Corrosion Control Water Main Miscellaneous Truck Computer Bray Hill Tank Ex Rte #3 Sewer Line	2,825 12,000 3,000 2,050 3,700 2,000 2,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 3,500 3,500 3,000 4,000 1,000 8,000 1,000	1997 ACTUAL \$ 22,552 1,970 4,216 2,198 1,642 4,225 120 6,684 25,665 1,226 14,591 309 1,222 910 7 2,572 1,400 3,925 18 769 19,086 541 15,586 \$131,434	1998 PROPOSED \$ 26,870
•	INCOME		7100/12/
Water Rents Job Works	\$125,675 4,000	\$124,709 5,469	\$124,627 4,000
Reimbursements Int Income	8,000 500	16,223	8,000
Stumpage	12,000	36,313	12,000

1,000

151,175

2,000 1,000

185,452

150,127

Hook-ups

WATER DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on hand 1/1/97			\$ 77,192.29
INCOME: Water Rents Job Works Reimbursements Int Income Timber Cut Hook-ups	\$	124,708.46 5,469.08 16,222.96 738.42 36,312.93 2,000.00	\$ 185,451.85
EXPENSES: Superintendent Collector Wage Labor FICA/Medicare W/C,U/C Telephone Equipment Hire Outside labor Electricity Heat Repairs/Supplies Office Supplies Gas/Oil/Tires Mlg./Misc./Meals Ref/Reimb/Overpay Taxes Water Testing Corrosion Control Water Main Replace Truck Route 3 Sewer Computer	\$	22,551.73 1,970.20 4,216.52 2,198.48 1,641.64 4,225.16 119.59 6,683.93 25,665.22 1,225.85 14,591.16 309.19 1,221.81 1,677.68 6.92 2,572.27 1,400.00 3,925.00 18.00 19,086.00 15,586.43 541.35	\$ 131,434.13
Cash on hand 12/31/9	7		\$ 131,210.01

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

CREDITS

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:

	1997	1	.996	PR	IOR
Property Taxes Land Use Change Yield Taxes Utilities Interest Penalties	\$2,265,548.85 2,000.00 31,689.71 160,834.80 4,629.74 1,351.06		4,389.04 30,748.65 21,876.38 1,098.36	\$	20.77
ABATEMENTS MADE: Property Taxes Yield Taxes Utilities Current Levy Deed	6,817.65 1,095.74 412.15 ed 564.67		509.83		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES Property Taxes Land Use Change Yield Taxes Utilities	335,318.70				
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,843,238.45	\$39	9,591.77	 \$	20.77

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED	TAXES:
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	1997	1996	PRIOR
Property Taxes Yield Taxes Utilities	1337	\$341,874.09 4,254.99 31,251.56	20.77
TAXES COMMITTED:			
Property Taxes Land Use Change Yield Taxes Utilities	\$2,607,805.70 3,250.00 33,574.32 192,173.81		
OVERPAYMENTS:			
Property Taxes Yield Taxes Utilities	1,795.23	193.78 134.05 6.92	
INTEREST COLLECTED ON DELINQUENT TAXES		21,876.38	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,843,238.45	\$399,591.77	\$ 20.77

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

DEBITS	1996	1995	1994
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes/Beg. of F.Y.	1	177,419.38	63,116.91
Liens Executed During F.Y.	152,558.54		
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	A 12A 95	21,702.62	16,824.55
	4,124.95	21,702.62	10,024.55
Costs	2,093.00	23.00	455.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$158,776.49	\$199,145.00	\$ 80,396.46
CDDDIMO			
CREDITS			
Remittances to Treasu	rer:		
Redemptions	\$ 50,236.74	\$ 81,224.71	\$ 61,941.31
Int.&Costs After			
Lien Execution	4 104 05		
	4,124.95	21,702.62	16,824.55
Costs	828.00	·	506.00
Costs Deed Costs	·	·	·
Deed Costs Abatements of	828.00	730.00	506.00 442.00
Deed Costs Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	828.00 488.39	730.00	506.00 442.00
Deed Costs Abatements of	828.00 488.39	730.00	506.00 442.00
Deed Costs Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	828.00 488.39 m 647.49	730.00 23.00 643.99	506.00 442.00
Deed Costs Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes Liens Deeded to Tow Unredeemed Liens	828.00 488.39 m 647.49	730.00 23.00 643.99	506.00 442.00

TOWN CLERK

<pre>DEBITS: Motor Vehicle Permits I</pre>	Issued	\$187,386.00
Dog Licenses Issued: Town of Whitefield State of NH (Fees)	\$2,329.50 \$ 978.50	3,308.00
Filing Fees Fees		24.00 6,554.44
Marriage Licenses & V.S	S. State Fees	1,531.00
		\$198,803.44
CREDITS: Remittances to Treasure	er:	
Motor Vehicle Permits Dog Licenses		\$187,386.00
Filing Fees Fees		24.00 6,554.44
Marriage Licenses & V.S.	S. State Fees	1,531.00
		\$198,803.44
Dogs 4 UCC Filing Fees MVSF 20 VS 1	535 26 430 95 6 010 .16	\$187,386.00 1,170.00 3,058.00 1,464.44 24.00 4,020.00 970.00 461.00
	10	250.00
		\$198,803.44

RECEIPTS

Town Clerk	
Motor Vehicle Fees	\$187,386.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	,,
(Dog/Marriage/V.S./Filings)	11,417.00
	198,803.00
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Shared Revenue	70,037.00
Highway Block Grant	52,449.00
State Sewer Bond Reimbursement	67,810.00
Railroad Tax Credit	7,785.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	20,917.00
	218,998.00
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS	
Police Department:	0.5.0
Court Fines	952.00
Ordinance Fines	435.00
Parking Tickets Witness Fees	820.00 476.00
Special Duty	4,837.00
Report Copies	550.00
Miscellaneous	327.00
Ambulance Fees	14,703.00
Ambulance Appr./Town of Dalton	1,500.00
Town Officer's Income	267.00
Highway Department	4,135.00
Fire Department	110.00
Planning Board	857.00
Transfer Station:	
Sale of Recyclables	3,773.00
Fees	10,220.00
Clean-Up Day	85.00
Pay-Per-Bag Income	12,950.00
Cemetery	334.00
Recreation Department	2,355.00
	59,686.00

OTHER RECEIPTS & REIMBURSEMENTS Unemployment Worker's Compensation Property/Liability	1,250.00 19,968.00 _3,765.00 24,983.00
OTHER: Tax Collector Interest on Deposits Sale of Tax Deeded Property Sale of Town Property:	2,903,927.00 24,070.00 34,372.00
Rescue Van Computer Payment in Lieu of Taxes:	250.00 50.00
Highland House Whitefield Power & Light Weeks Hospital McIntyre Apartments	20,000.00 225,000.00 1,151.00 9,091.00
Rental of Town Property Postage Reimbursement Gas Tax Refund Miscellaneous	100.00 371.00 1,867.00 3,044.00
Welfare Reimbursements Rural Development Fuel Farm Transfer from Park Street Cemetery Trust Fund	621.00 13,793.00 3,178.00
Transfers from Capital Reserves: Fire Truck Mt. Carberry Closure	21,694.00
	\$3,264,488.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$3,766,958.00

DISBURSEMENTS

General Government Public Safety - Police Public Safety - Fire Public Safety - Ambulance Hepatitis B Vaccine Safety Supplies/Training Highways/Streets/Bridges Street Lights Transfer Station Street Sewer Mnt. & Repairs Health & Welfare Culture & Recreation Economic Development Principal/Long Term Notes Interest/Long Term Notes Special Revenue Funds:	\$313,047.00 127,690.00 31,109.00 24,191.00 86.00 968.00 237,366.00 18,261.00 70,642.00 5,882.00 14,531.00 14,519.00 5,796.00 77,242.00 67,350.00
LibraryAirport Airport Insurance Airport Regionalization DevelCemeteryBand Concerts Capital Reserve Warrant Articles Tax Lien - Offset by Receipts Refunds Miscellaneous School District Assessment Coos County Assessment	21,000.00 5,200.00 2,425.00 5,000.00 14,538.00 4,206.00 37,000.00 125,774.00 152,783.00 8,175.00 5,538.00 1,820,530.00 323,197.00
TOTAL	\$3,534,046.00

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE	
Selectmen's Salaries:	
Alan McIntyre, Chairman	\$ 1,000.00
Martha Hardiman	1,000.00
Michael Lalumiere	1,000.00
Telephone	1,503.00
Tax Map Update	625.00
Registry of Deeds	599.00
Training	330.00
Service Contracts	1,660.00
Advertising & Public Notices	1,549.00
Dues & Subscriptions	245.00
Office Supplies	2,012.00
Postage	4,743.00
Rentals & Repairs	965.00
Books & Forms	934.00
Mileage/Travel/Misc.	1,504.00
Salaries/Selectmen's Office:	
Judith Ramsdell	23,505.00
Kathy Dunlap	4,431.00
Elspeth Richardson	68.00
Moderator	70.00
Sound System Rental	200.00
Town Report	1,625.00
	49,568.00
Less Reimbursements	-638.00
Net Expenditure	48,930.00
Appropriation	47,497.00
Overdraft	\$-1,433.00

ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL STATI	STICS
Jonna Robinson, Town Clerk Kathy Dunlap, Deputy Town Clerk Donna Pallaria	\$11,869.00 5,130.00 69.00
Audit Dog Tags & Licenses	6,525.00 158.00
Supervisor's Salaries Advertising & Public Notices	255.00 57.00
Printing & Supplies Ballot Clerks Meals	432.00 180.00 127.00
	24,822.00
Less Reimbursements Net Expenditure	-8,907.00 15,915.00
Appropriation	23,568.00
Balance of Appropriation	\$7,653.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	40 450 00
Assessing Jonna Robinson, Tax Collector	10,153.00 11,868.00
Kathy Dunlap, Deputy Tax Collector Donna Pallaria	4,858.00
Tax Bills Treasurer's Salary (Linda Mai)	1,163.00 500.00
Sweetsoft Ambulance Billing Software Inf. Sys. Data Proc. (Bus. Mgmt.)	
	35,923.00
Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	37,198.00 1,275.00
	1,2,0,00
JUDICIAL/LEGAL/CONSULTING Defense Proceedings	9,550.00
Other Legal/Consulting Expenses	3,088.00
Consultant Forester	<u>420.00</u> 13,058.00
Appropriation	56,000.00
Balance of Appropriation	\$42,942.00

PLANNING & ZONING	
Registry of Deeds	\$ 134.00
Clerical	384.00
Advertising & Public Notices	215.00
Postage	109.00
Miscellaneous	60.00
To a Delahamanaha	902.00
Less Reimbursements	<u>-857.00</u> 45.00
Net Expenditure Appropriation	2,750.00
Balance of Appropriation	2,705.00
Balance of Appropriacion	2,705.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	
Town Hall/Cleaning Labor	2,724.00
Town Hall/Electricity	2,271.00
Town Hall/Fuel	63.00
Water/Town Buildings	717.00
Sewer/Town Buildings	275.00
Town Hall Roof	17,250.00
Town Hall Garage Door Repairs	574.00
Town Clock Repairs	235.00
Repairs/Maintenance	167.00
Town Hall/Eqpt. & Supplies	2,114.00
Fire Station/Cleaning Labor	1,079.00
Fire Station/Mnt. & Repairs Fire Station/Electricity	2,569.00
Fire Station/Fuel	449.00
Highway Garage/Mnt. & Repairs	2,752.00
Highway Garage/Electricity	1,488.00
Highway Garage/Fuel	326.00
Library Roof	13,500.00
Library/Mnt. & Repairs	61.00
	50,513.00
Appropriation	46,240.00
Overdraft	\$-4,273.00

INSURANCE Property/Liability Geo. M. Stevens 100.00 31,871.00 NHMA-PLIT, Inc. 31,971.00 Less Reimbursements -3.765.0028,206.00 Net Expenditure 32,000.00 Appropriation Balance of Appropriation 3,794.00 Health Insurance NHMA Health Trust 44,334.00 46,500.00 Appropriation 2,166.00 Balance of Appropriation Life/Disability Insurance NHMA Health Trust 2,298.00 Appropriation 2,500.00 Balance of Appropriation 202.00 Wellness Stipend 375.00 Appropriation 1,625.00 Balance of Appropriation 1,250.00 FICA 14,897.00 19,500.00 Appropriation Balance of Appropriation 4,603.00 Medicare 5,139.00 Appropriation 6,000.00 861.00 Balance of Appropriation Police Retirement/NH Rtmt. Sys. 3,173.00 Appropriation 4,500.00 Balance of Appropriation \$1,327.00

Employee Retirement/NH Rtmt. Sys. Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	\$ 6,933.00 9,000.00 2,067.00
Unemployment/Comp. Funds Less Reimbursements	1,880.00 1,250.00 630.00
Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	<u>2,500.00</u> 1,870.00
NHMA Dues Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	731.00 731.00 0.00
Worker's Comp/Comp. Funds of NH Less Reimbursements Net Expenditures Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	21,319.00 -19,968.00 1,351.00 -27,000.00 25,649.00
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT Airport Insurance Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	2,425.00 2,425.00 0.00
North Country Council Appropriation Overdraft	1,692.00 1,641.00 -51.00
Community Action Program Apppropriation Balance of Appropriation	1,550.00 1,550.00 0.00
Information Booth Appropriation Overdraft	1,969.00 1,500.00 \$ -469.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries	\$111,026.00
Telephone	2,156.00
Film/Developing	41.00
Dues/Subscriptions	278.00
Office Supplies	583.00
Postage	21.00
Repairs/Supplies/Equipment	3,537.00
Gasoline	2,617.00
Cruiser Maintenance	2,228.00
Firearms & Ammunition	723.00
Mileage & Meals	1,814.00
Uniforms	1,303.00
Equipment	295.00
Training/Seminars	59.00
Books & Periodicals	1,009.00
	127,690.00
Less Reimbursements	-8,397.00
	119,293.00
Appropriation	130,859.00
Balance of Appropriation	11,566.00
AMBULANCE	
Payroll	9,290.00
Training	757.00
Phone	1,411.00
Gasoline	693.00
Equipment	3,833.00
Supplies	4,577.00
Maintenance	3,630.00
	24,191.00
Less Reimbursements	-16,203.00
Net Expenditures	7,988.00
Appropriation	22,500.00
Balance of Appropriation	\$14,512.00

CIVIL DEFENSE Appropriation Expenditure Balance of Appropriation	\$ 100.00 0.00 100.00
SAFETY SUPPLIES/TRAINING Appropriation Expenditure Balance of Appropriation	1,000.00 968.00 32.00
HEPATITIS B VACCINE Appropriation Expenditure Balance of Appropriation	500.00 86.00 414.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT Salaries: Warden & Asst. Wardens Fire Chief Clerk Firemen's Salaries Telephone Dues & Subscriptions Supplies Repairs & Maintenance Gas & Oil Equipment Training	500.00 1,000.00 100.00 12,035.00 1,158.00 235.00 4,494.00 3,434.00 978.00 5,546.00 1,510.00 119.00
Employee Physicals Less Reimbursements Net Expenditures Appropriations Overdraft	31,109.00 -110.00 30,999.00 29,750.00 \$-1,249.00

HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES & SANITATION

HIGHWAYS/STREETS/BRIDGES		
Highway Salaries	\$	90,575.00
Training		435.00
Physicals & Drug Testing		455.00
Telephone		727.00
Contract Services		365.00
Shop Supplies		7,386.00
Gas & Grader Fuel		8,648.00
Lubricants/Motor Oil		2,160.00
Vehicle Repairs/Mnt.		27,141.00
Chloride		6,330.00
Street Signs		573.00
Oxygen/Acetylene		886.00
Asphalt/Hot Mix/Cold Patch		22,806.00
Mileage/Travel/Meals		912.00
Uniforms		2,836.00
Culverts		3,505.00
Sidewalk Mnt. & Repairs		10,005.00
Salt		10,437.00
Sand & Gravel		33,680.00
Roadside Mowing		1,478.00
Capital Equipment		4,435.00
Dam Repairs		1,591.00
*		237,366.00
Less Reimbursements		4,135.00
Net Expenditures		233,231.00
Appropriation		264,250.00
Balance of Appropriation		31,019.00
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STREET LIGHTS		
Expenditures		18,261.00
Appropriation	_	19,000.00
Balance of Appropriation	5	739.00

TRANSFER STATION	
Transfer Station Salaries	\$16,942.00
Contract Services	2,470.00
Supplies	1,458.00
Diesel Fuel & Oil	245.00
Mnt. & Repairs	956.00
Tipping Fees	18,144.00
Permits/Testing/Engineering	5,862.00
Phone	378.00
Electricity	1,671.00
Propane	350.00
Transportation Hazardous Waste Collection	7,691.00
Pay-Per-Bag Purchases	12,259.00
Engineering	1,661.00
Engineering	70,642.00
Less Reimbursements	-27,028.00
Net Expenditure	43,614.00
Appropriation	86,800.00
Balance of Appropriation	43,186.00
SEWER MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	
Sewer Mnt. Labor	3,760.00
Repairs & Supplies	2,122.00
	5,882.00
Appropriation	
Overdraft	-882.00
HEALTH & WELFARE	
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HEALTH OFFICER	
J. F. Ciccarelli	1,000.00
Appropriation	1,000.00
Balance of Appropriation	\$ 0.00

PUBLIC WELFARE	
Electric	\$ 1,299.00
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Heat & Oil Rentals	1,159.00 7,727.00
	1,228.00
Mortgage Payments Food & Other	1,928.00
rood & Other	13,341.00
Less Reimbursements	<u>-621.00</u>
Net Expenditure	12,720.00
Appropriation	13,000.00
Balance of Appropriation	280.00
barance of Appropriacion	200.00
VET SERVICE	
Expenditures	190.00
Appropriation	500.00
Balance of Appropriation	310.00
CULTURE & RECREATION	
MEMORIAL DAY	
Ingerson-Smith Post	500.00
Appropriation	500.00
Balance of Appropriation	0.00
PARKS & RECREATION	
	5,400.00
Recreation Payroll Rec. Eqpt./Supplies/Com. Day	1,256.00
Bus/Mileage Expenses	2,300.00
Electricity Common/Rink	1,415.00
P&P Repair Mnt. & Supplies	2,848.00
Pool Rental	800.00
1001 Kental	14,019.00
Less Reimbursements	-2,355.00
Hess Kermoursemenes	11,664.00
Appropriation	14,150.00
Balance of Appropriation	2,486.00
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Economic Development	5,796.00
Appropriation	7,250.00
Balance of Appropriation	\$1,454.00

DEBT SERVICE

PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES Ct. Nat. Bank-Sewer Bond Less Reimbursements Net Expenditure Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	\$40,000.00 -40,000.00 0.00 40,000.00 40,000.00
Farmers Home Administration/ Industrial Park Bond Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	3,215.00 6,646.00 3,431.00
Farmers Home Administration/ Water Bond Appropriation Overdraft	19,027.00 12,262.00 -6,765.00
Connecticut National Bank/ Transfer Station Bond Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	15,000.00 15,000.00 0.00
INTEREST/LONG TERM NOTES Connecticut National Bank/ Sewer Bond Less Reimbursements Net Expenditure Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	27,972.00 -27,810.00 162.00 37,808.00 37,646.00
Farmers Home Admin./ Industrial Park Bond Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	2,162.00 4,110.00 \$ 1,948.00

Farmers Home Administration/ Water Bond Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	\$36,421.00 37,808.00 1,387.00
Connecticut National Bank/ Transfer Station Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	795.00 1,590.00 795.00
INTEREST/TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES Tax Anticipation Notes Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	0.00 7,500.00 7,500.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND Ambulance Highway Eqpt. Replacement G.I.S. Police Cruiser	15,000.00 10,000.00 5,000.00 7,000.00 37,000.00
Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	37,000.00
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Library Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	21,000.00 21,000.00 0.00
Band Concerts Appropriation Overdraft	4,206.00 3,800.00 \$ -406.00

CEMETERY

Common Ground/Mowing Services Flowers Repairs/Supplies/Mnt. PSNH Payroll Mowers Gas Less Reimbursements Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	\$ 805.00 48.00 1,497.00 120.00 10,227.00 1,786.00 55.00 14,538.00 3,512.00 11,026.00 15,000.00 3,974.00
AIRPORT	
Mt. Washington Regional Airport Appropriation Balance of Appropriation	5,200.00 5,200.00 0.00

5,000.00 5,000.00



Airport Regional Development

Appropriation

Ron Sheltry, John Ross, Jr., Terry Schmidt, and Ed Tibbets, Members of the Whitefield Fire Department

WARRANT ARTICLES

Airport Fuel Farm - Article #3* Carberry Landfill ClsrArticle #12	\$13,793.00
Road Paving Program - Article #13	50,000.00
Fire Truck - Article #11 White Mt. Mental Health-Article#16	32,000.00 2,862.00
Expendable Trust/Water Dept-Art.#14 Weeks Home Health-Article #15	10,000.00 7,210.00
North Country Elderly - Article #18	3,000.00
Caleb Group-Article #17 Whitefield Hist. Society -Article#20	3,000.00

*Balance Encumbered - 1998



Front Row (Left to Right): Janet Bean and Ellen Dorr Back Row (Left to Right): Phyllis Harris, Mildred Holmes, and Lorraine Champagne
Sisters of the Skillet

SALARIES

TOWN OFFICE Judith Ramsdell, Admin. Asst. Jonna Robinson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kathleen Dunlap, Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector, Water & Sewer Coll.	
RECREATION DEPARTMENT Adrianna Champney, Director Kimberly Mackey-Pearson Kevin Hoverman Clark Lombardi Elspeth Richardson Kiera Russell	\$ 1,500.00 400.00 740.27 682.50 646.02 625.82 \$ 4,594.61
INFORMATION BOOTH Erica Joseffy Elspeth Richardson Emily Jacobs	\$ 869.25 586.74 513.00 \$ 1,968.99
HEALTH OFFICER Joseph Ciccarelli	\$ 1,000.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT William Robinson, Superintendent	\$18,466.94
WATER DEPARTMENT John Severance, Superintendent	\$22,551.73

SALARIES - CONTINUED

POLICE DEPARTMENT Joseph, Ciccarelli, Chief	\$30,848.29
Joseph, Ciccarelli, Chief	\$30,848.29
Paul Ingersoll, Jr., Corporal Stephen Cox, Patrolman Jason Henry, Patrolman Rick Brown, Patrolman Donna Pallaria, Clerk/Special Heidi Way, Clerk	24,924.77 23,903.80 15,629.49 3,420.00 7,397.48 563.50
SPECIALS Paul Ingersoll, Sr. Justin Carter Robert Roesch Wilford Tompkins	1,798.50 1,684.50 60.00 795.00 111,025.33
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	
Raymond Belanger John Severance Chester Hall, Jr. Corey Hall Gregory Hatfield Philip Morris Ed Tibbets Peggy Cormier Cathleen Dalton Maynard L'Heureux Gary George Ryan Gilfillan Shane Queiros Patricia Howland Jeffrey Stanford William Robinson Walter Morton III John Brown Nicholas Pilotte Marcia Placey Guy Way David Glidden II	6,563.86 4,125.06 14,415.36 19,246.03 28,093.03 9,597.21 12,184.71 73.50 3,150.38 4,014.00 6,675.76 110.25 63.00 6,452.88 420.00 285.00 6,651.51 42.00 241.50 2,415.00 968.00 776.00

Public Works Department Allocation:

Highway Department	\$ 90,575.20
Cemetery	9,916.00
Landfill	16,941.55
Treatment Plant	1,005.02
Sewer Dept.	3,759.75
Water Dept.	4,366.52
	\$126,564.04



Walter Mechachonis with a resident of Mirror Lake

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS For Year Ending December 31, 1997

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS: Sewer Dept./Mnt.&Eqpt. Rplcmt. Fire Rescue Vehicle Revaluation Landfill Closure Police Cruiser Ambulance Water Dept. R&R Highway Grader Mt. Carberry Closure Highway Eqpt. Rplcmt. G.I.S.	Whitefield Cem. Assoc. A.B. White Post	Whitefield Police Scholarship	Weeks Family/Cem.Lot Mnt.	Walker-Gove/Lib. E.H.Jordan/Lib. M.Hamilton/Lib.	COMMON TRUST FUNDS: Cemetery Funds: Pine Street Park Street	Purpose
94,598 220,000 21,900 3,318 7,000 45,000 22,172 3,295 10,000 5,000	833 100	1,948	5,000	1,500 500 2,000	39,479 32,739	Balance Beg.Yr.
7,000 15,000 10,000 5,000		15			750	PRINCIPAL- Funds Created D
3,510 20,000						With- Drawals
91,088 021,900 3,318 14,000 60,000 32,172 3,295 1,379 20,000	833 100	1,963	5,000	1,500 500 2,000	39,479 33,489	Balance End.Yr.
3,061 1,355 3,346 502 1,635 1,635 1,635 163	104 482	300	1,586	596 199 408	16,893 1,470	
5,081 339 1,344 2,379 2,577 1,276 185 125 541	45 15	119	350	112 37 128	3,000 1,834	Income A
1,490 1,694 288			39		3,139	OMEAmount Expended
1,652 4,690 705 380 5,732 2,908 355 543	149 497	419	1,897	708 236 536	19,893	Balance End Yr.

DOG LICENSING REMINDER

REQUIREMENTS

Each dog over three months old must be registered by its owner or keeper prior to April 30th each year. The Town Clerk shall provide to the registrant a tag which shall be worn by the registered dog. The tag shall carry the name of the town, the year issued for the license, and the registered number of the dog. These tags shall be furnished by the Town Clerk at the expense of the City or Town. No license shall be issued by the Town Clerk until a certificate of rabies is produced by the person registering the dog.

FEES

- 1) For each altered dog, the fee will be \$6.50 (beginning in 1994)
- 2) The fee for each regular dog will be \$9.00 (beginning in 1994)
- 3) The Town Clerk must be satisfied with the certificate presented by the person registering the dog which attests that the dog has been altered.
- 4) License fee for a puppy (older than 3 months but younger than 7 months) is \$4.50. After the initial license year, the dog owner will need to supply proof of spaying/neutering in order to maintain the reduced fee.

EXEMPTIONS

- 1) For dog owners 65 or over, the fee shall be \$2 for the first dog, but the regular fees shall apply to any additional dog.
- 2) No fee shall be required for the registration and licensing of a seeing eye dog used by a blind person, or a hearing dog used by a deaf person.

GROUP LICENSES

- 1) Any person who keeps five or more dogs shall by April 30th each year pay the required fee and obtain a license authorizing him or her to keep the dogs on the premises described in the license. The Town Clerk may not deny a group license to any person who complies with the requirement.
- 2) Group License Fees are \$20 for five or more dogs.

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, March 28, 1998 at the Whitefield Fire Department from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The town meeting and day-long voting will again be held in the auditorium of the newly renovated C.D. McIntyre building. The date of Town Meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 pm with the polls open for voting from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The Grand Opening of the Whitefield Family Health Center was held in June. This new building is certainly an asset to the community.

The McIntyre apartments opened shortly after town meeting and rented the first apartments to two long-time Whitefield residents, Adrian Couturier and Thelma Page.

Cathy Conway has been working with us in an effort to obtain grant funds for construction of the Route 3 North Sewer Main extension. If all goes as planned, this will be a bond vote at town meeting. The total project cost is \$642,000 of which \$597,115 will come in the form of grants. The Town's portion will be \$44,885.

The new fuel farm has been installed at the airport and the old tanks removed. We are still awaiting the installation of the card reader which will allow pilots access to fuel 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

We were fortunate to have several new businesses open up, including The Whitefield Brick Oven, Christopher's Bike, PC Pathways, and Simply Yours, a new craft & gift store. Sara Currier relocated her beauty salon, Sara's Salon, to a newly renovated building on Union Street. Brad and Terry Lufkin are the new owners of the laundromat building.

The Fire Department purchased their new rescue van. This heavy-duty, walk-in rescue van has proven to be well worth the investment.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to the volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and energy to the Town's boards, committees, and departments. We also give special thanks to the employees, and most importantly, the citizens who have contributed so much to the operation of the Town during the past year.

Board of Selectmen Martha Hardiman Alan McIntyre Michael Lalumiere



Mike Lalumiere, Preston Gilbert of North Country Council, members of the Plan NH Design Charette Team, and Attorney Ken Russell

WHITEFIELD AMBULANCE SERVICE 1997 Annual Report

The Whitefield Ambulance Service has been serving the needs of the people within Whitefield since 1976. We have grown in many ways since then, from a Life Squad responding with a jump kit, to an ambulance with transporting capabilities. Our most significant accomplishment is a heart monitor and defibrillation units for cardiac calls. We now have both the main ambulance and our back-up ambulance equipped with defibrillation units purchased through the generous contributions from many organizations and individuals. Each ambulance is equipped with direct communications to the hospitals made possible by Gardner Electronics and Cellular One. Our advancement has reached the Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate level of care. We also have a Paramedic available to help with lifesaving drugs should the situation call for it.

This is all made possible due to the many hours given by dedicated volunteers and the continued support from the residents of Whitefield. Special thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance throughout the year. We are looking forward to serving you in 1998.

The squad responded to 257 calls this year. The breakdown is as follows: Medical Emergency Cardiac Emergency 47 45 Fire Scene Support Respiratory Dis. 34 14 M.V.A. Non-Emergency 21 46 Fractures 21 Diabetic Emerg. 7 Seizures 6 Burns 4 Special Details 12

Anyone interested in serving their community by being part of the Whitefield Ambulance Service need only speak to any member of our unit. I would like to welcome and congratulate our President for 1998 - John St. Martin.

The unit members are as follows.

Doug Allen Rick Vashaw Suzanne Nile Paul Ingersoll Chuck Lockhart

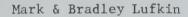
Joe Cabaup Alan Smith Tom Ladd

Charlie Crawford Jen Cabaup Gretchen Harvey Rick Brown Dan Milligan Judy Deveau Kathy Barden

> Respectfully submitted, Marcel Deveau 1997 President



Benji Pilotte





WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT - 1997

The North Country Dialysis Center opened for operations in the Whitefield Family Health Center in February, and the Ammonossuc Family Health Services began operations in June. The parking lot has been paved. With the addition of signs for the parking lot in 1998, the medical center project is completed.

Inherit New Hampshire, a historic preservation group, recognized the Economic Development Corporation and Littleton Regional Hospital for the medical center project. The award was presented at the group's annual meeting in June.

The Whitefield "Home Page" has been established on the Internet. The page provides information on the Town of Whitefield. Next we need to add information on businesses in the Town and provide connections to other "home pages". The "Home Page" can be accessed at www.Whitefield.org.

We applied to PlanNH to participate in one of their programs. Our request was to look at the area surrounding the Common. We were selected to participate in a charrette, and the Plan NH team spent two days here in November meeting with a number of residents of the Town to identify ways to make the area around the Common more viable. The preliminary suggestions were interesting, and we await their return to present the final report.

We contracted with Provan & Lorber and the North Country Council to prepare a feasibility study for upgrades at the Industrial Park. We asked them to look at costs to upgrade Hazen Road from Route 115 to the Park, and to study different ways of providing sewer service in the Park. These upgrades are necessary if we are to attract businesses to the Park. We await their report.

This has been a busy year for the Economic Development Corporation. We look forward to the final reports from the studies undertaken. We invite interested residents to our monthly meetings to offer their ideas to our efforts to improve the Town's economy. We generally meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Town Office. If you are intereted, please contact Sam Chase at 837-2466.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Chase



Everett Aldrich, Ellen Teague, and Roxie Severance

WHITEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

1997 Breakdown of Calls

10 Vehicle Accidents 9 Auto Alarms
7 Jaws of Life 6 Brush Fires

5 Grass Fires 5 Reports of Smoke 4 Ambulance Assists 3 Carbon Monoxide 3 Service Calls 2 Vehicle Fires 2 Smoke in Houses 2 Chimney Fires 2 Furnace Malfunction 2 Gas Spills

Mutual Aid Requested: 17
Mutual Aid Received: 8

1997 was another busy year with the Department responding to 82 calls. We ended the year with only one major structure fire. Two other potentially disastrous fires were avoided by early detection with smoke detectors. Carbon monoxide calls in 1996 and 1997 remained at three. However, only two months into 1998 we have responded to six.

Fire prevention, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and other early warning devices help keep the severity of an incident in check. Please change the batteries in your alarm yearly, practice fire drills in your homes, and do a home safety check. Should you need assistance or have any questions, contact any member of the Department.

We outgrew our support van and with funds from a capital reserve fund we purchased a heavy rescue unit. The unit has a two man cab with a walk-in body and enough room to carry a five person crew. All the storage compartments are accessible from the outside, making it much easier and quicker for auto-extrication and fire support functions. The unit also has its own lighting system and carries 300 gallons of foam solution with its own pump. We wish to thank

the voters for supporting this purchase and invite you to stop in anytime for a tour of the station.

A Confined Space Rescue Team, that had been in training for several years, was put into service this past year. This specialized team has a wide diversity of training in areas such as lock-out procedures, self-contained breathing apparatus, three gas analyzer, first-aid and hydraulic extrication techniques. Although the training was on-going, we realized that funding for the tools and equipment would have to wait. However, this was taken care of through the generosity of Whitefield Power & Light Company. The Company purchased all the tools and equipment needed and donated them to the Fire Department to get the Team started.

The department greatly appreciates the help and support given to us by the Life Squad, Police Department, Highway Department, North Pac Mutual Aid, and the citizens of Whitefield.

Respectfully submitted, Alan Smith, Chief

John Ross, Jr. Deputy Chief Marcel Deveau, Captain Ron Sheltry, Captain Ed Tibbets, Lieutenant Robert Cormier, Lieutenant

Robert Cormier, I Donnie Hatfield Adam White John St. Martin Charlie Crawford Tony Stiles Kevin Smith Rick Brown Justin Carter

Wendy Chase

Charlie Hatfield
"Tiny" Miller
Terry Schmidt
George Harris
John Severance
Lee Brownell
Larrie Bratko
David Glidden, II

NOTICE TOWN OF WHITEFIELD

All outdoor open fires require a written permit. This includes all outdoor incinerators and any type of barrel burning. Permits may be obtained from.

> Chief Alan Smith John Severance Dianna Corrigan-Smith 837-9645

837-9645/2655 837-2367



Etika Herter, Kelsey & Linda Bennion at the Library Book Sale

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

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

There are 2,400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

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

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported Thru December 23, 1997)

	FIRES RE	PORTED BY COUNTY	
Belknap	58	Merrimack	148
Carroll	96	Rockingham	54
Cheshire	63	Strafford	63
Coos	29	Sullivan	19
Grafton	51	Hillsborough	145
	CAUSES	OF FIRES REPORTED	
Smoking	54	Debris Burnin	g 261
Campfire	99	Power Line	33
Railroad	03	Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14	Children	60
OHRV	00	Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33	Fireworks	16

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Richard C. Belmore Forest Ranger

Alan Smith Forest Fire Warden

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Whitefield in the County of Coos and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet in the auditorium of the C.D. McIntyre Building on Highland Street in said town on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at half past seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects. The polls shall be open for voting at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before six o'clock in the evening to act upon the following article by written ballot: Article 1.

- 1. To choose one Moderator for two years, one Treasurer for two years, one Selectperson for three years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustees for three year terms, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$642,000) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, land acquisitions and/or easements, and for the construction of Route 3 North Sewer Main extension, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and notes not to exceed \$642,000 under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1, et seq.), as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon. and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale, and

delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Whitefield, and additionally to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486.14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such Monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. Any income from temporary investment of the bond proceeds shall be returned to the General Fund. This appropriation is contingent upon successful receipt of \$448,300 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Rural Community Hardship Grant Program, \$22,415 from the NH DES match, and \$126,400 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service's State Aid Grant Program. The Town's share will be \$44,885. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required.)

- 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement to establish the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority at the Whitefield Airport, in accordance with the provisions of such proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement. (A copy of the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement has been posted with a copy of the Warrant, and copies of the proposed Agreement are available at the Town Clerk's office. This Agreement will not go in effect unless at least five towns with a combined population of 10,000 people approve the Agreement. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- 4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict revenues from the Recreation Department to expenditures for the purpose of recreation and recreation

equipment. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Recreation Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. (Majority ballot vote)

- 5. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of such personal property. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting.
- 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for:
 - a. General Government
 - 1) Executive
 - 2) Election, Registration & V.S.
 - 3) Financial Administration
 - 4) Assessing Services
 - 5) Legal Expense
 - 6) Planning & Zoning
 - 7) General Government Buildings
 - 8) Cemeteries
 - 9) Insurance
 - 10) Adv. & Reg. Assoc. NHMA Dues
 - 11) Other General Government

- b. Public Safety
 - 1) Police Department

 - 2) Ambulance
 3) Fire Department
 4) Civil Defense
 5) Other Public Safety
- c. Airport/Airport Insurance
- Highways & Streets d.
 - Highways & Streets
 - 2) Bridges
 - 3) Street Lights
- e. Sanitation
 - 1) Transfer Station
 - 2) Street Sewer Maintenance & Repair
- f. Health
 - 1) Vet Service
 - 2) Health Officer
- q. Welfare
 - 1) Welfare/Direct Assistance
- h. Culture & Recreation
 - 1) Parks & Recreation

 - 2) Library3) Memorial Day
 - 4) Band Concerts
- Economic Development
 - 1) Administration
- j. Debt Service
 - Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes
 Interest Long Term Bonds & Notes

 - 3) Interest on TAN's

- k. Municipal Sewer Department1) Operation & Maintenance Expenses
- Municipal Water Department
 Operation & Maintenance Expenses
- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a payment of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve account previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of eventually purchasing a Fire Vehicle and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Grader Capital Reserve Fund. Monies already deposited into said fund, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.
- 10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Mt. Carberry Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. Monies already deposited into said fund, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.
- 11. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

 Monies already deposited into said fund, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.

- 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000) to purchase a new Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to purchase G.I.S. equipment and authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000) for a road paving program of town roads. Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) of this appropriation is contingent upon a contribution from Whitefield Power and Light Company of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) for the paving of Hazen Road. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the Expendable General Trust Fund known as the Water Department Repair and

Replacement Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

- 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$1,909) to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town's and/or its residents' and businesses' electric loads in the NHMA Pooled Energy Plan in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for landfill trash relocation and fill placement at the landfill on Hazen Road. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for a playground to be erected at the Recreation Field on Highland Street and for paving of the hockey rink. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (By Petition)
- 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Dollars and 27/100 (\$7,210.27) for the Weeks Home Health Center to be used to assist in the delivery of home health care services to the residents of the Town of Whitefield. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (By Petition)
- 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars and 00/100

- (\$2,862.00) as Whitefield's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health & Developmental Services, a non-profit mental health and developmental service center. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (By Petition)
- 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to assist The Caleb Group with their volunteer caregiver program. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (By Petition)
- 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in support of the Tri-County Cap/North Country Elderly Programs for town funding in the amounts of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for senior meals and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for transportation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (By Petition)
- 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Whitefield Family Health Center to assist in defraying costs of uncompensated care provided at The Whitefield Family Health Center. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (By Petition)
- 25. To see if the Town is in favor of the recently instituted "User Fee" System for the use of the White Mountain National Forest.

26. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town this day of February, 1998.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST Martha M. Hardinan
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MARTHA HARDIMAN

ALAN MCINTYRE
MICHAEL LALUMIERE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF	N.H.
Approp	priations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 or ical Year From
	to
	IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.
	 Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
	2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
	When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.
Date_	February 9, 1998
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	Martha M. Hardiman

SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

Whitefield

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

(Revised 1997)

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Arti	Appropriations Frior Year As Approved By DEA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. EMSUING FISCAL TR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXX	
4130-4139	Executive	6a1	47,497	49,566	51,100	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. 4 Vital Statistics	6a2	23,568	24,822	27,386	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	6a3	25,698	25,771	22,616	
4152	Assessing Services	6a4	11,500	10,153	11,500	
4153	Legal Expense	6a5	56,000	13,058	26,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration					
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	6a6	2,750	903	5,000	
4194	General Government Buildings	6a7	46,240	50,513	40,193	
4195	Cameteries	6a8	15,000	14,538	24,000	
4196	Insurance	6a9	151,125	132,318	142,700	
4197	Advertising & Regional	6a10	731	731	753	
4199	Other General Government	6a11	4,691	5,211	5,656	
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxxx	
4210-4214	Police	6b1	130,859	127,690	136,977	
4215-4219	Ambulance	6b2	22,500	24,191	31,500	
4220-4229	Fire	6b3	29,750	31,109	36,000	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Civily Defense	6b4	100	0	100	
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)	6b5	1,500	1,054	1,500	
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations /Ins.	6c	12,625	12,625	7,625	
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4311	Administration					
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets	6d1	261,250	235,775	239,554	
4313	Bridges	6d2	3,000	1,591	3,000	
4316	Street Lighting	6d3	19,000	18,261	19,000	
4319	Other					
	EARITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Transfer Station Solid Waste Disposal	6e1	86,800	70,642	86,209	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Arti	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Tear	APPROPRIATIONS EMBUING FISCAL TR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. EMBUING FISCAL IR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	6e2	5,000	5,882	6,000	
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		xxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXX
4331-4332	Admin. and Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other					
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Naintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH		xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411-4414	Vet Service Admin. and Pest Control	6£1	500	190	500	
4415-4419	Health Officer Bealth Agencies & Bospitals & Other	6f2	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	6g1	13,000	13,341	16,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	6h1	14,150	14,019	17,800	
4550-4559	Library	6h2	21,000	21,000	22,500	
4583	Memorial Day	6h3	500	500	500	
4589	Band Concerts other Culture & Recreation	6h4	3,800	4,206	4,500	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources					
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	6i1	7,250	5,796	7,250	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4711	Princ Long Term Bonds & Notes	6ja	73,908	77,242	74,244	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notas	6jb	71,318	67,350	67,471	
4723	Interest on TANs	6jc	7,500	0	7,500	

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RAA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL IR. (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. EMSUIM FISCAL TR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Nachinery, Vehicles & Equipment		SEE ATTACHED L	IST OF WARRANT	ARTICLES	
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings					
	OPERATING TRANSFERS		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-	6k1	74,793	71,829	60,915	
	Water-	611	151,175	131,434	150,127	
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	7&8	37,000	37,000	30,000	
4916	Water Dept. R&R To Expendable Trust Funds (except Bealth Maintenance Trust Fund)	16	10,000	10,000	10,000	
4917	To Bealth Maintenance Trust Fund					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
	SUBTOTAL 1		1,444,078	1,311,311	1,394,676	

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

Acct.#	Warr.	Amount	Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount
4915	7	15,000			
4915	8	15,000			

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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

Acctf	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (REA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Tear As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS EMBUING PISCAL TEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. EMBUING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Route 3 North Sewer	2			642,000	
	Playground/Paving	19			25,000	
	Weeks Home Health	20	7,210	7,210	7,210	
	White Mtn. Mental Hea	lth 21	2,862	2,862	2,862	
	The Caleb Group	22	3,000	3,000	3,000	
	No. Co. Elderly Pgms	23	3,000	3,000	3,000	
SUBTOTA	Whitefield Family L 2 Recommended Health Cti	24	0 XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	5,000 688,072	XXXXXXXXX

Airport Fuel Farm

60,000 13,793

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (REA 32:3,VI)	Warr Art	Appropriations Frior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Tear	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL TEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Police Cruiser	12			22,000	
	Highway Truck	13			37,000	
	G.I.S.	14			15,000	
	Road Paving Pgm.	15	50,000	50,000	98,000	
	NHMA PEP	17			1,909	
	Landfill Trash Reloc. & Fill	18			20,000	
	Fire Truck Mt. Carberry Closur	е	32,000 3,000	32,000 1,909	0	
SUBTOTAL	L 3 Recommended		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	193,909	XXXXXXXXX

Acct.#		arr.	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Year
ACCC.V	TAXES		XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		0	2,000	5,000
3180	Resident Taxes		0	.0	0
3185	Yield Taxes		20,000	31,690	25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		259,600	255,242	280,000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		50,000	59,792	45,000
	Inventory Penalties		1,200	1,932	1,000
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Notor Vehicle Permit Fees		170,000	187,386	170,000
3230	Building Permits				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		7,000	7,475	7,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		35,000	70,037	16,938
3352	Heals & Rooms Tax Distribution			20,917	20,894
3353	Bighway Block Grant		50,043	52,449	51,033
3354	Water Pollution Grant		67,810	67,810	64,322
3355	Bousing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				`
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		3,500	7,785	7,785
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		41,000	59,686	50,000
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		1,000	34,672	1,000
3502	Interest on Investments		17,000	24,070	20,000
3503-3509	Other Misc.		10,000	6,003	5,000
Ins.	Ref. & Reimb.		30,000	24.983	20,000
White	efield Power & Light Co.				24,000

Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		74,793	72,055	71,829
	Water - (Offset)		151,175	185,452	131,434
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		23,000	23,604	43,795
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		1,000	3,178	1,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXX
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes		60,000	13,793	597,115*
	Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")		0	0	0
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		125,000	150,000	150,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		1,198,121	1,362,011	1,809,145

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	1,394,676
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (from page 4)	688,072
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 4)	193,909
FOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2,276,657
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,809,145
Estimated Assount of Taxes To Be Raised	467,512

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*	U.S.	Env. Protection Agency Rural Com. Hardship Grant	\$448,300
	N.H.	DES Match	22,415
	N.H.	DES State Aid Grant Program	126.400

Librarian's Report Whitefield Public Library

	1996	1997
Circulation	14,321	13,915
Accessions	709	523
Adult Fiction by Gift	97	62
Adult Fiction by Purchase	246	213
Juvenile Fiction by Gift	34	18
Juvenile Fiction by Purchase	e 112	119
Adult Non-Fiction by Gift	9	10
Adult Non-Fiction by Purchas	se 91	75
Juvenile Non-Fiction by Gift	10	1
Juv. Non-Fiction by Purchase	e 39	25
Records/Cassettes	5	8
Video Cassettes	66	55

In February, 1997, the Whitefield Public Library officially went "on-line" through the generosity of the Connecticut River Network, which donated the hook-up fee and the monthly access charges. This resource enables us to use the computer as another research tool; now we can access the collection of the N.H. State Library and its 231 libraries, as well as the Internet and the boundless information it holds. Patrons have already benefitted from up-to-date medical and biographical searches, directory listings, and magazine and newspaper references.

Tutoring and the library seem to go hand in hand; the Adult Tutorial Program makes use of our meeting room to help adults better their reading skills and prepare for the GED. The AARP Tax Help volunteers also use our room for conferences with clients during tax season.

Summertime is always the busiest season here at the library. Between the Summer Reading Program and Lisa Clifford's Story Hour many, many children came to the library on a regular basis. "Take Us To Your Readers," the Summer Reading Program, saw 42 students reading 633 books during July and August. Over 100 children attended the weekly Story Hour.

The Coos Quilters were extremely successful in their annual Quilt Raffle and the library benefitted tremendously. The Book Sale was held in August and our numerous volunteers helped to make it a success.

The Library Board meets once a month. Assistant Librarians Margaret O'Donnell and Karen Murray provide valuable assistance, and help to insure that the day-to-day operations go smoothly.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Holz, Librarian



Judy Santy, Cliff Santy, and Joseph Ciccarelli cooking at the Annual Community Day

WHITEFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY 1997 REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Balance, December 31, 19	96	\$2021.00
Revenues: Town Appropriation \$ Interest Fines Copies Gifts & Donations Book Sale Total Income:	21,000.00 38.00 1,052.00 262.00 1,753.00 561.00	24,666.00 26,687.00
Expenses: Salaries \$ Payroll Taxes Books Magazines Videos Heat Electricity Telephone Repairs & Mnt. Library Programs Supplies Cleaning Petty Cash/Misc. Treasurer New Equipment Flower Boxes Book (Grange Donation) 1996 Deposit to CD	8,660.00 663.00 6,218.00 744.00 711.00 401.00 711.00 778.00 717.00 214.00 452.00 240.00 162.00 500.00 129.00 144.00 136.00 1500.00	

\$23,080.00

Total Expenditures:

Balance: December 31, 1996 \$ 3,607.00

Other Accounts:

Women's Study Club Account: Balance - \$3346.00

Certificate of Deposit (for future handicapped accessibility) Fleet Bank

Principal \$17,643.53
Deposit(1997) 1,500.00
Interest 1,150,76
Balance \$20,294.29

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Alexander Treasurer



WHITEFIELD PLANNING BOARD 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

Most of the activity coming before the Planning Board this past year was simple subdivision requests and building permits for single family homes. There was very little in the way of commercial activity...the one exception being a request for the construction of a pet crematorium. After much discussion, that request was approved with several conditions assuring compliance with our regulations governing air quality, odor, and noise.

Our budget request for the 1998 fiscal year will show a \$4,000 increase. This is needed to update the Town's Master Plan which was last published in 1989. The state recommends that we update our Master Plan every seven years, or whenever it becomes obsolete. We seem to meet both criteria...our plan will be nine years old, and several major sections are either obsolete or no longer meet state standards. The budget request covers a minimum update...which will cost \$3,000...and the cost of scanning, printing, and binding...which will run no more than \$1,000. This is a one time expense for something that really shouldn't be put off any longer.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley A. Holz Chairman

WHITEFIELD RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee gathered the signature of 25 registered voters to place an article on the town warrant requesting \$25,000 for playground equipment and paving of the hockey rink for skateboarding and rollerblading on Highland Street. The Committee has had various fundraisers to raise approximately \$6,500 to do the additional work that will be required. We ask that you support this warrant article at town meeting.

The Committee also asked the Selectmen to place an article on the warrant to establish a Special Revenue Fund for the fees that are collected through the Recreation Department. This means that all fees collected for recreation programs will be placed in a fund and will be used for recreational purposes or equipment only. We also ask for your support of this article.

Tote bags with the Whitefield town emblem are for sale at the Town Office for the great price of \$10 each. All proceeds will benefit the playground fund.

We are in the midst of planning a Winter Carnival, and hope to have another Community Day this summer in conjunction with the Methodist Church Road Race on the third Saturday of August.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine DiBlasi
Dennis Streeter
Judy Santy
Peter Place

Steve Cox Mark Lufkin Larry Rexford Marsha Lombardi

Margaret Corey

WHITEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

With the plans and programs in place, the Whitefield Police Department began its most pro-active year yet with our main focus on the reduction of juvenile offenses. As pointed out in our 1996 town report, the large rise in the percentage of juvenile offenders in 1996 gave us great concern.

In 1997 we again entered the Elementary School with the D.A.R.E. Program, our second year with the "Officer Phil" program, and many additional local presentations aimed at providing assistance, education, and exposure to the Police Department for young students. These programs produced positive results.

With the receipt of a \$10,000.00 Federal Block Grant through the Attorney General's Office, we were able to implement our proposed "School Resource Officer" program at White Mountains Regional High School. This program provided an officer in the school one day a week on a rotating basis from the towns of Whitefield, Lancaster, and Carroll. We have thus far provided programs for, and have had students participate in, such areas as drunk driving, drugs, law updates, criminal and motor vehicle, domestic violence, and many other areas students voiced interest in.

Whether or not our programs or any programs are reaching their goals is, of course, open to debate. Those that support the effort and believe in the programs will say yes, while those who doubt the efforts will down play the results. In this case, as in all cases dealing with statistical comparisons, I will simply

present you with the numbers so that you may draw your own conclusions as to the success or failure of our efforts.

In 1996 our juvenile caseload rose a full 10% over 1995, accounting for 29% of the cases we handled. In 1997 our juvenile caseload was 51 out of 274 cases handled by the department or 18%. This number reflects more than a 10% drop in juvenile offenses. I am not naive enough to believe that the total reduction in these numbers is due to our programs. I am, however, enough of a realist to see that our ideas are on target and moving in the right direction and I hope, with your support, to continue our efforts.

Personnel changes in 1997 provided both a challenge and a loss the department had to face. Our first loss came in September when Officer Jason Henry left law enforcement to become a full-time Physical Education teacher in North Stratford. Our second loss came in November when Donna Pallaria left her postion as records clerk and special officer, which she had filled for the past 12 years, to assume a full-time position with the White Mountains Regional School District. The loss of a valued employee is difficult for any organization to deal with, but more so in a small group such as ours where you become more like family members than fellow employees.

We have been fortunate enough to fill both positions with local, highly-qualified individuals. Richard Brown, Jr., a long time resident known to many people for his service with the Fire Department and the Ambulance Squad and also as a Special Police Officer, will fill

Officer Henry's spot in the Department and will attend the Academy in 1998.

Our Records Department will be well-served with the addition of Heidi Way of Dalton, who will fill this part-time position while she completes her Associates Degree requirements at the N.H. Community Technical College.

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL COMPARISONS 1996/1997

	1996	1997
Arrests	122	117
Summonses	278	313
Warnings	258	134
Accidents	102	116
Criminal	225	281
Domestic	61	64
General	1214	1399
Motor Vehicle	650	531
General Assists	312	289
Emergency Med.Assts.	87	73
Fire Assists	23	19
Police Assists	138	157

During 1997, the Police Department was responsible for the investigation of 274 criminal investigations. Of these 274 major cases, 245 were cleared by either arrest or court prosecution leaving only 29 open cases for the year resulting in an 89% closure rate. Even this is not a final figure; as time goes by cases are closed, further increasing the closure rate.

A partial breakdown of criminal complaints handled in 1997 follows:

Theft/Burglary	47
Sexual Assaults/Abuse	10
Simple Assaults	54
Second Degree Assaults	2
Bad Checks	10
Drug/Alcohol Related	21
DWI Arrests	15
Criminal Mischief/Trespass	9
Use/Possession Firearms	4
Protective Custody	14
Criminal Threats/Stalking	9
Untimely Deaths	4

Total Calls Logged 1996=3145 1997=3347

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Ciccarelli Chief of Police



Martha Hardiman, Mike Lalumiere,

Paul Ingersoll, Jr., and Alan McIntyre

WHITEFIELD TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Whitefield Transfer/Recycling Station has had a successful but busy 1997. The implementation of the "pay-per-bag" system has been a learning experience for all concerned. The residents of Whitefield should take great pride in having the foresight to use this system. A special thanks to Martin's Food Basket, Whitefield Hardware, and Jiffy Mart for selling these bags as a service for the Town. All towns are looking for ways to face the upcoming 250-300% increase in disposal costs of solid waste. Whitefield is in a good position to handle such shocking increases with the present method of cost distribution. Credit is due to the Solid Waste Operators at the facility and to the Public for making this system work!!!

Through the initiative of the Attendants, Selectpeople, and the NH-DES, Whitefield has three State certified grade IV solid waste operators. The dedicated time and training has been a great help in running the transfer/recycling station as efficiently as possible.

Thank you to the Whitefield residents for your recycling efforts!! The Mt. Carberry Landfill has a 40% recycling requirement for all Towns that use their facility. Whitefield now enjoys a 55% recycling rate and may reach 60% if trends continue!! The only way that this is possible is through the dedication of the Public.

The Whitefield transfer/recycling station received 699.49 tons of solid waste in 1997. Of this total, 382.51 tons were recycled. The cost

of this tonnage if not recycled and simply placed in the trash compactor, would have been an additional \$6,265.00 in trucking fees and \$7,172.00 in disposal fees: a total of \$13,437.00. This figure is pure cost and does not include the income from recyclables nor the added cost of not being allowed to use the Mt. Carberry Landfill if no recycling occurred. If this 382.51 tons were not allowed to go to Mt. Carberry and was sent to another facility, the cost would approximately double.

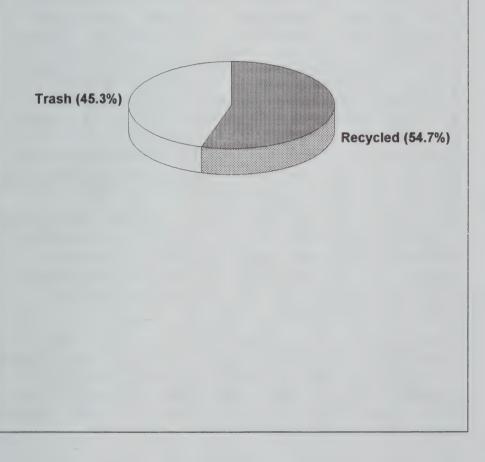
It is important to note that the trash tonnage sent to the Mt. Carberry Landfill has dropped from 166.31 tons to 97.7 tons in the six month period of using the "pay-per-bag" system. Some of this drop is due to people not using the facility and sending directly to NCES in Bethlehem; while some is credited to an increase in recycling efforts.

Please take the time to review the income side of the transfer/recycling station budget. This money can be found in the Town Report under Revenues and is used to reduce taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

John Severance

1997 - Recycled vs. Trash Hauled Total MSW- 699.45 Ton



WHITEFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

The year 1997 has seen some growth for the Town of Whitefield with several new water service lines connected to our water system. This moderate growth is encouraging for all concerned and is a good indicator of the attraction to reside in Whitefield. Whitefield has the good fortune to have an adequate supply of EPA and NH-DES approved water to allow for expansion.

The one million gallon water storage tank near the Whitefield School was once again drained this summer. This was done for the installation of a "current impressed" cathodic protection system. This system will help prevent internal corrosion within the steel tank and prolong the life expectancy of the "School" tank for many years. Thank you to the people who put up with low water pressures and the slight chlorine residual during this two week period of time.

A new dry fire hydrant has been installed near the Grist Mill thanks to Bill Weeks and members of the Whitefield Fire Department. This second dry hydrant has been a goal for the Fire Department for the past three years. A suitable location that was not too high above the water surface eliminated many previously proposed sites. It is comforting to have an alternate source of water for fire protection on both sides of the bridge.

Several watermain valve boxes and sewer manholes were "raised" in conjunction with the rebuilding of Highland, School, and Terrace Streets this summer. This is very necessary to enable the Water Department to gain access to these valves when leaks and breaks occur. (This is

especially true in the winter months with frozen ground conditions!) Thanks to the "highway crew" for a lot of hard work in accomplishing this.

Whitefield has passed the first round of three series of Lead and Copper testing. All towns in New Hampshire are required to take these tests for EPA approval for their water systems. Thank you to the 20 residents that are helping with these "first draw of the morning" tests. The cooperation and willingness to help are greatly appreciated.

The Whitefield Water Department now has four years of water usage on record. These monthly and yearly totals are required by the State and provide useful information. We have succeeded in "tightening" the water distribution system with leak detection and repairs over the past four years and this saves the entire Town money, especially in electricity for pumping costs. Thank you to the many residents who reported leaks or suspected leaks throughout our system.

Respectfully submitted,

John Severance

MT. WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Mount Washington Regional Airport has seen many changes in 1997. First, the Commission was strengthened by appointing people to fill the vacant positions. The new commissioners represent various communities in the area as well as bringing many different interests and backgrounds to the Commission. Members of the Commission are:

Joel Bedor - Littleton
Roland Bronson - Whitefield
Sam Chase - Whitefield
Mike Lalumiere - Whitefield
Robert Lee - Whitefield
David McLure - Littleton
Don Mooney - Dalton
Greg Westcott - Lancaster
Reg Willey - Whitefield

The Commission has directed its efforts in the following areas:

Airport Facilities - The fueling system is being upgraded with the installation of a new system which will allow pilots to fuel their planes without having anyone from the airport present. The old tanks have been removed.

The airport beacon has been repaired, the runway cracks have been sealed and "danger" trees have been removed from the landing safety area. The Commission has worked with the Town Highway Department to rectify problems with snowplowing.

Marketing/Promotion - A pamphlet has been
prepared highlighting the White Mountains and

activities available to visitors. Local hotels and tourist attractions have advertisements in the pamphlet which will be mailed to 30,000 private pilots living in the area from New England to Virginia. Advertisements for the airport have been placed in pilots' magazines.

The airport was the site of a "fly-in" held in conjunction with the Great Gatsby weekend at the Mount Washington Hotel. There was also a pancake breakfast held with the Whitefield Lions Club.

Intermunicipal Agreement - Efforts are underway to get other towns in the area to become involved in the operation of the airport. Interested towns will have a warrant article authorizing the town to become involved in the operation of the airport, and a second to authorize the financial support. It is hoped that the airport will be a regional facility after this spring's town meetings.

<u>Civil Air Patrol</u> - The Mount Washington Regional Airport Composite Civil Air Patrol Squadron has been established at the airport to allow adults and young people to become involved in the various aspects of flying.

The Mount Washington Regional Airport is a valuable asset for the north country and we hope that it will help to bring more people to the region. We welcome ideas from the residents of the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Reg Willey, Chairman

Report to the Citizens of District One by Raymond S. Burton, Councilor RR1, Box 106 Woodsville, New Hampshire 03785 603-747-3662 Car Phone 481-0863 State House (603)271-3632

It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of your Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory, and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of the New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities, and individuals and a host of other duties.

A good list of phone numbers for citizens to gain information throughout this district to have on hand would be the following:

AIDS Hotline	1-800-752-AIDS
Children, Youth, & Families	1-800-852-3345
Consumer Complaints, Insurance	1-800-852-3416
Consumer Complaints, Utilities	1-800-852-3793
Disabilities Assistance	1-800-852-3345
Elderly & Adult Assistance	1-800-442-5640
Fuel Assistance	1-800-552-4617
Emergency Assistance	9-1-1
Employment Opportunities	1-800-852-3400
Job Training Information	1-800-772-7001
NH State Library	1-800-499-1232
NH State Police	1-800-525-5555

NH Tech. Community Colleges	1-800-247-3420
NH Help Line (24-hour)	1-800-852-3388
NH Operation Game Thief	1-800-344-4262
NH Veteran's Council	1-800-622-9230
NH Corrections Dept.	1-800-479-0688
NH Dept. of Labor	1-800-272-4353
NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
NH Higher Educational Ass't.	1-800-525-2577
Headrest Teenline	1-800-826-3700
NH Independent Living Found.	1-800-826-3700
NH Charitable Foundation	1-800-464-6641

It is a pleasure to serve you as one of your public servants. My office is at your service.



Town Roof Repairs

THE CALEB GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICES PARTNERSHIP

In 1997 the Caleb Group and its volunteers have provided more than 1,300 hours of volunteer caregiver service for Whitefield's older neighbors. Volunteer caregivers from Twin Mountain, Lancaster, Jefferson, and Whitefield have assisted these older persons with home safety checks, chore services, rides to go shopping or run errands, rides for medical appointments and have provided daily telephone reassurance calls and weekly visiting. Many Whitefield residents are taking advantage of the computer lab at Highland House and volunteer computer trainers continue to provide ten hours of free lessons weekly for seniors interested in learning how to use a computer.

The Caleb Group helps to organize the commodity supplemental food program for area seniors. Forty-seven Whitefield citizens participate in this program. Caleb Volunteer Caregivers also deliver food to seniors who are homebound. This food program is available every other month and income eligible persons 60 and over are invited to call our office for information on signing up for this program.

We continue to act as a resource to the community by providing service coordination for elders or their family members who may need assistance with finding services and benefits to remain independent at home. We do not duplicate the services provided by home care or other agencies—rather we compliment and work cooperatively with all area senior agencies by filling in where there are voids.

We take seriously the needs of the elders of Whitefield and are committed to continue serving their needs. There are no fees for the volunteer caregiver services or the service coordination provided by The Caleb Group. We are thankful for the Town's support last year of \$3,000 and hope that the Town will continue to support our non-profit program in 1997.

Any people interested in receiving caregiver services or are interested in becoming a volunteer caregiver is encouraged to call our Highland House office at 837-9179.



Lillian Burns receiving the Boston Post Cane from Selectpersons, Martha Hardiman and Alan McIntyre. Her brother, Chester Savage, was also in attendance.

WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Whitefield Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1982. Less than three years ago the Historical Society moved into rented quarters that were sufficient for its present needs on the lower level of the Fleet Bank located on the Common in Whitefield. The overall purpose of the Society is the dissemination and display of historical materials on the village of Whitefield and its environs. The Society maintains alphabetical information files by subject and surname of early families in the area. It also maintains picture files, magazine files, and has established a library of historical reference books and journals on the related history of the area.

One of the major collections displayed is of clothing owned by local individuals in Whitefield. Materials on the early industries of the area are also on display in the society's museum. The Society has a very complete collection of early postcards of Whitefield in its boom days. Additional cases exhibit information on the early citizens of Whitefield, its schools, and its churches.

The Historical Society has regular hours every Thursday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. These hours are maintained all year long. As usage of the collection increases, consideration will be given for expanding these hours possibly to an additional afternoon during the summer months. The collection is also available by appointment. The Society's museum/library is now more visible because of the recent sign mounted beside the Fleet Bank side entrance. The sign was donated by Aggie and Sam Chase.

In its present location the Society has space for meetings which are held several times a year. The public as well as the Society membership is invited to all meetings which are announced in the local newspapers in advance.

Work Of Special Committees. The committee appointed to undertake the reprinting of the town's history successfully achieved its goal. The Town of Whitefield through a warrant article contributed \$2,000 towards the \$2,800 project. Shortly after Memorial Day, eight hundred copies were delivered to the Society. They are for sale in various outlets in the immediate Coos County area.

Another committee is the <u>Cemetery Inventory</u> Committee, which will create records for the seven cemeteries in Whitefield. No complete inventory has ever been taken of the cemeteries and existing records are very few. A substantial part of this committee's work was done when Faith Kent, a society member, contributed three inventories for the Bray Hill, Burns, and Kimball Hill Cemeteries that she completed a number of years ago. An inventory of the St. Matthew Cemetery has been undertaken by Helen and Tony Pinard who are also members of our society. The Society is frequently asked for information on burials in Whitefield by those who do not reside in Whitefield, but who have relatives here. It is hoped that a workable agreement can be reached between the Society, the town government, the cemetery trustees, and the people of Whitefield so that the inventory may be finally completed.

The town office has cooperated recently with the Society by retiring older historical documents

from the town office to the safekeeping of the Society. These non-confidential records will be processed and made available to users.

Membership Committee. Those working with this committee are to be commended for the increase in the Society's membership. This year, for the first time in years, the Society increased its membership by more than 10%. The Society has at present 112 active members. An effort has been made to recruit more local members. A number of the Society's members are former local residents living outside of the Whitefield area and even in other states.

A Few Notable Gifts to the Society. This year the Alumni Association of the Whitefield High School contributed an important ledger containing information on all graduating classes from 1888 until 1967. This is the only known source of information on Whitefield High School graduates. The now defunct Mt. Washington Grange contributed memorabilia, including their Bible, to the Society. Robert Glidden, a society member, provided the Society with a number of photocopies of Whitefield Census Reports, the earliest being the census of 1820.

The Historical Society would like everyone in Whitefield aware of the Society and its goals; and that they will make full use of its facilities. It is further hoped that local individuals will trust the Society with their memorabilia either by gift or temporary loan.

Submitted for the Society and its Board of Directors by

Donald E. Roy

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our second year of operations from the Cottage at the Rocks, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

The transportation committee had a busy agenda dealing with numerous local and regional projects. Highlights include: participation in a three-state discussion focused on Route 2, planning and funding several major bridge projects, planning and coordinating trail systems as well as addressing regional rail issues. The Portland Natural Gas Pipeline occupied a lot of time as we worked with the Attorney General's Office and the communities along the proposed right of way dealing with location and mitigation issues. Work continued on the Route 16 Corridor Protection Project. Our two working groups from the 14 towns along the highway started to look at some of the potential actions that can be taken along the corridor and will be working towards guidelines and recommendations over the coming year. Major products of the Route 16 effort this past year were a tourism scenic evaluation element and a design quidebook, both of which will be very useful to local planning boards. Transportation funding activities were a priority with the Council's Transportation Committee and By Way Council. During the year both committees solicited projects to be funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program and the Scenic By Way Program. Recommendations for funded projects were made to the state and federal agencies, results of those efforts will be known this spring.

The year saw the approval of our fifth EDA public works grant since 1991. The latest grant approved was to the Town of Colebrook. The Colebrook Grant brings N.C.C.'s twenty five year record of EDA funding in the North Country to \$33 million. Work continues on the Haverhill and Lancaster E.D.A. projects and is complete in North Conway and Littleton. The Council's new Economic Development Committee was formed and began meeting. Planning for the new North Country Regional Overall Economic Development Program began. New projects for E.D.A. funding are now being solicited for inclusion in the O.E.D.P.

The N.C.C. Business Resource Center opened and has been in use by area entrepreneurs for the last six months.

The Council continued its work representing the interests of the communities on the Connecticut River, and the region as a whole in the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydro Re-Licensing project. The Council was a key player in the negotiations and was able to represent community interest in the operating agreement, insuring that the present access/use continue and that reservoir levels and flow regime remain intact. This means that recreation activities and local tax revenue potential will be equivalent to present conditions. We will continue to stay on top of this critical issue during the coming years.

This last year, the North Country Council Scenic and Cultural By Way Council adopted a Plan for the Regional By Way and developed a marketing publication which will be printed during the spring of 1998. In addition, the Council submitted a proposal to the Federal Highway Administration to have National Scenic By Way

designation on the Kancamagus Highway expand to include portions of Routes 302, 3, and I-93 creating a continuous loop through the White Mountains. Work also continued on the Connecticut River Scenic By Way in cooperation with Vermont and Massachusetts.

The Community Design Program at the Council provided assistance to Jackson, Haverhill, Whitefield, Bethlehem, Colebrook, Lancaster, and Littleton. G.I.S. mapping continued for the entire North Country and individual projects were done for Lisbon, Littleton, and Colebrook. The Council also hosted the northeast Your Town Training Program. This unique program brought 30 local civic leaders and new planning professionals together with a national level community design faculty for a three day intensive community design program. Support of public involvement in community decision making was provided to several towns through survey projects and local forums around the region.

Solid waste planning services continued at the Council with every town in the region getting support from the Council's Solid Waste Staff. On a regional level, the Household Hazardous Waste Program is entering its eleventh year. A regional glass crushing program began with the Town of Lancaster in the lead. Support was provided to the region's schools on recycling everything from paper to plastic and glass.

Local technical assistance has always been a mainstay of Council activity, and this last year was not any different. The Council's grant writing, planning and engineering staff worked with many of the region's 279 boards and councils on so many locally significant projects that they would be too numerous to mention.

Libraries, industrial parks, ordinances, plans, site plan review, water and sewer feasibility, drainage projects, transfer stations, master plans, land development capability assessment, water access, road improvement and handicapped access were just a few of the results.

As the year came to a close, the Council forged a relationship with a sister region in the Czech Republic. As a result of this effort, we hope to have local officials, non-profits and businesses from the North Country working with peers in Europe developing mutually beneficial projects and establishing a connection for the North Country into the European Union. In November, a regional official from the Slovak Republic came to the office for a day and a similar dialogue is starting.

The end of the year also witnessed the kick-off of a telecommunications initiative at the Council with support from Bell Atlantic, C.D.F.A., and other partners. This important activity is the result of four years of study and some intensive work during the last six months.

The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country. As a region, the North Country contains one third of the land-mass of N.H. and one fifth of its municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Gilbert

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. is seeking funding assistance again from your town to help support its Community Contact Program.

We are requesting \$2,000.00 for 1998. We depend on funding from your town and neighboring communities to help with operational costs of our Community Contact office in Lancaster. Your funding is combined with the Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance monies, and the N.H. Emergency Shelter Grant. Town funding is not used to pay staff salaries.

Enclosed is a chart of the services and financial assistance we provided in the last year for the residents of Whitefield. We provided \$36,237.65 in direct assistance and services to over 300 individuals.

The Lancaster Community Contact office assists low-income, elderly, and handicapped persons to solve problems and meet their physical and financial needs. We provide information and referrals, counseling, guidance, and crisis management. Additionally, we provide assistance to individuals who are homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless, in need of emergency utility and rental assistance, clothing, furniture, welfare assistance, education, nutritional, and domestic violence, and substance abuse resources. Plans are being made in the next year to provide comprehensive and greatly needed adoption-related information and resources.

We appreciate your support and cooperation. We look forward to continuing our partnership to provide essential services for the residents of Whitefield.

Sincerely,

Amy Sawyer Fogg Community Contact Office Lancaster, New Hampshire

TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT IN WHITEFIELD \$36,237.65

Food Assistance 51 Individuals \$510.00

Utility Assistance 20 Individuals \$1,322.77

Fuel Assistance 224 Individuals \$33,360.89

Weatherization 1 Home \$758.99

Rental Assistance 2 Individuals \$285.00

AREA RESIDENTS SHARED IN QUARTERLY USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS, HOLIDAY BASKETS, AND OVER \$25,000.00 IN DONATED BAKERY PRODUCTS.

WEEKS HOME HEALTH SERVICES - 1997 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF WHITEFIELD

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Weeks Home Health Services, we want to report to the residents of Whitefield that 1997 has been filled with excitement and activities...and to thank you for your continued support and caring. Without your investment in the Mission of the agency, we could not have served the health care needs of so many North Country residents. To briefly recap the year:

To the Town of Whitefield, Weeks Home Health Services provided 6,964 home visits/units of service: 1,347 visits by registered nurses; 180 physical therapy; 7 speech therapy; 106 occupational therapy; 2,772 C.N.A. visits; and 2,552 Homemaker-Companion units.

The Board of Directors selected Bob Fink, MSW of Lancaster to become the agency's Executive Director. Bob has a Master's Degree in Social Work with over 30 years of professional experience including five years of home health administration.

Two major services have been added to the agency. Medical Social Services (MSS) assists the nurses and therapists with the psychosocial and resource planning needs of patients. The agency has also instituted a Companion Program whereby families who require non-skilled care (e.g. meal preparation, light housekeeping) can receive services. During its brief tenure, the program has already provided over 400 hours of Companion services.

The Board also approved the agency's seeking of Medicare Hospice certification. Hospice certification will go towards supporting and strengthening our current hospice initiatives and provide an additional benefit to Medicare patients to which they are entitled. The goal is to be certified by the end of this year.

On October 31st, the agency moved to its new location at 278 Main Street. With the professional assistance of the hospital's Environmental Services, John MacKillop's crew turned the former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses into a modern and efficient space for the delivery of home health services into the 21st century.

Weeks Home Health Service has a dynamic staff of 40 professionals and paraprofessionals. There are eight registered nurses; 1 medical social worker; 11 certified home health aides, 4 homemakers; and 11 companions. The office is well managed by Kristen Wilkinson, who also serves as an EMT volunteer. It's a great team!

In total the staff provided 6,163 skilled nursing visits; 781 therapy visits; 10,520 home health aide visits; 2,881 homemaker hours; and over 400 companion hours.

Special thanks must be given to the Board of Directors who give generously of their time and talents. With their oversight and leadership, the agency will continue to move forward in this changing era of health care. Again...thank you for your support and confidence.

Bob Fink, MSW
Executive Director

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT 1997

Highlights of 1997:

During this past year, White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has invested a great deal of effort in augmenting services to children and the elderly, segments of our community which have historically been less than adequately served by the mental health system.

We are proud of the extensive outreach program we are now able to offer children diagnosed with a severe emotional disturbance who are referred to our agency. Through our children's case manager and one of twelve children's outreach workers on our staff, severely emotionally disturbed children and their families receive in-home supports, assistance succeeding in school and help with practical challenges which effect the stability of family life. These services are offered in conjunction with services provided by our team of psychiatrists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed marriage and family counselors, licensed clinical social workers and outreach specialists. These professionals work together and with other community caregivers to provide services which are not only appropriate for the child, but are also "user friendly" for the family.

Elderly services have been similarly strengthened. Our elderly services coordinator works with our staff and with other community agencies to provide services to elders who may

be unable or unwilling to come in to the office for traditional mental health treatment. The Gatekeepers Program, sponsored by White Mountain Mental Health, makes it easy for concerned persons in the community to contact a professional regarding concerns about an elder. Most recently, we have obtained the services of a licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner, who will be making "house calls" with our elderly services coordinator to isolated elders who may be in need of both physical and psychiatric care. In addition to these community based programs, we continue to offer psychiatric consultation services to three area nursing homes. As our community ages, the need for these services increases. We are working hard to respond to the challenge this presents.

Service Statistics:

During 1997, 81 Whitefield residents received 1,749 hours of service. These residents were either uninsured or under-insured, and were not able to pay the full cost of services. Our services include:

- --individual, group and family therapy
- --outreach services to severely emotionally disturbed children and their families
- --in-home support and treatment to elders
- -- substance abuse counseling
- --experiential, activity based program for adjudicated adolescent boys
- --psychiatric assessment and medication
- --psychological assessments
- --housing, vocational, and case management services to person with severe mental illness
- --24 hour emergency service

Thank you, Whitefield residents, for your long history of support to our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. MacKay, CCSW Area Director



Bryan Rexford



John Ross, Sr. and Charlie Packard

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Whitefield, N.H. Year Ending December 31, 1997

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DATE	NAME OF CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER	BIRTHPLACE
Jan 6	Gabrielle Alynn Walter	Dennis G. Walter, II	Chrystie L. Willey	Littleton
Feb 6	Christy Marie Laflamme	Patrick R. Laflamme	Rhonda A. Landers	Littleton
Feb 27	Alexandria K. Meisenheimer Jason A. Meisenheimer Lisa M. Davenport	Jason A. Meisenheimer	Lisa M. Davenport	Littleton
April 4	Tyler Ellis Labounty	Chad E. Labounty	Jeannine M. Brodeur	Littleton
May 1	Gabrielle Renae Stevens	Scott L. Stevens	Christine A. Glines	Littleton
Мау 5	Eric Nicholas Blake	Eric N. Blake	Amy L. Marro	Littleton
May 19	Tyler Joseph Gooden	Arnold L. Gooden	Christine L. Kinne	Lancaster
June 30	Katherine Kricket Belanger Marc S. Belanger	Marc S. Belanger	Sandy L. Beattie	Lancaster
July 2	Callum Arthur Hening	Scott D. Hening	Tonya Lea Trahan	Whitefield
July 23	Travis John-Carl Gooden	Jamie C. Gooden	Kathy Jo Silver	Lancaster
July 24	Amanda Lee Stiles	Anthony C. Stiles	Tracy A. Lee	Littleton
Aug 19	Kaitlin Raianna Jackson	Joseph E. Jackson, II	Debra L. Mackenzie	Lancaster
Aug 29	Danielle Denise D. Gooden	Dennis S. Gooden	Herbi-Jo M. Wright	Lancaster

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Whitefield, N.H. Year Ending December 31, 1997

DATE

NAME OF DECEASED

FATHER

MOTHER

PLACE OF DEATH

Dec 2 Dec 4 Dec 4 Dec 9 Dec 20 Dec 25	Aug 1 Aug 10 Aug 20 Aug 22 Aug 22 Sept 7	April 17 May 1 June 4 June 11 June 25	Jan 20 Jan 21 Jan 23 Jan 29 March 22 March 26 March 26	Jan 1 Jan 1 Jan 5 Jan 10 Jan 12 Jan 13
Margaret B. Whitney Charles E. Blake Edna J. Manning Harold A. Daniels Edward F. Brothers, Sr. Daniel W. Dubey	James W. Pinette Alice Emilia Cloutier Arrietta K. Coles Robert E. Gengenbach Julius Spillane Grace Hodge Grondin	Robert T. Goodwin Raymond V. Monahan Virginia Lee Newell Alice R. Barnett Eleanor Ann Burns	Henry Haenig John R. Ruland, Sr. Vera M. Glines Louis Spartaco Rose Marie Larose Beatrice K. Paige Lila Maude Davio	Marian Henry Kathryn Barton Byron W. Charles Eoline Sprague Stempel Minnie Amelia Fogg Mary Bockman
Ervin Bean John Blake William Greer Clarence A. Daniels Edward F. Brothers Joseph Dubey	Bernard Pinette Arcade Lambert Albert Marcou Robert Gengenbach Jeremiah Spillane John Hodge	Elbridge Goodwin Francis Monahan Henry Dow Richard Rexford Michael Tedesco	Bruno Haenig John Henry Ruland Pasquale Marro Joseph Rizzi Thomas Gilfoy George Kendall Burt Colburn	Elias Mathews Arthur L. Patterson Thurman Charles Edward B. Sprague Ray Davis Michael Marro
Orpha Kerwin Frieda Dietrich Clara Gadwah Leva B. McCaslin Anna Unk. Beverly Berry	Gerry McLaughlin Arthmise Cote Gertrude Unk. Frieda Spiess Ann Markert Winifred Daniels	Mabel Miller Alice Cryan Annabelle Kitridge Elizabeth Rheiman Ann Marie Peters	Elsie Lieb Neva Hardy Leota N. Sargent Margaret Clerici Rose Marie Ploufe Marcia Nichols Unk. Powers	Eliza Bees Louise J. Carrye Evelyn Hall Julia M. Hanks Elsie M. Stevens Amorosa Cioffi
Lancaster Lancastet Whitefield Whitefield Lancaster Whitefield	Lancaster Whitefield Lebanon Whitefield Whitefield Lancaster	Lancaster Manchester Whitefield Littleton Whitefield	Littleton Lancaster Lebanon Whitefield Whitefield Lancaster Whitefield	Whitefield Whitefield Lancaster Whitefield Whitefield Whitefield

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Whitefield, N.H. Year Ending December 31, 1997

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
Feb 14	Stephen D. Whitcomb	Franconia Whitefield
Feb 22	Scott D. Hening	Whitefield
160 22	Tonya Lea Trahan	Whitefield
March 22	James A. DiGirolamo	Whitefield
	Patrica S. Eckfeldt	Whitefield
April 1	David A. W. Yeargle	Whitefield
-	Sarah J. Chase	Whitefield
April 5	Ronald J. Verret	Whitefield
	Martha J. Grimard	Whitefield
April 12	Walter D. Miller	Whitefield
	Sandra L. Frechette	Whitefield
April 19	Alan N. Smith	Whitefield
	Dianna J. Corrigan	Whitefield
May 10	George D. Schloss	Whitefield
35 04	Ruth S.J. Waid	Dalton
May 24	Keith G. Jensen	Whitefield
June 7	Regina K. Stone Patrick W. Hurley	Whitefield E.Greenwich, NY
Julie /	Jennifer J. Lint	E. Greenwich, NY
June 21	Walter M. Anthony	Whitefield
ourse 21	Tammy J. Grautski	Whitefield
June 23	Frederick D. Caswell	Whitefield
0 4110 20	Cassandra DeMoranville	
June 24	Aaron D. Stiles	Marietta, GA
	Cortney D.Boswell	Whitefield
June 28	Terry J. Schmidt	Whitefield
	Zina B. Kilmer	Whitefield
July 5	John E. Towle	Whitefield
	Heather L. Foster	Whitefield
July 12	Daniel R. Milligan	Whitefield
	Pamela J. Towns	Whitefield

MARRIAGES-CONTINUED

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
July 19	Kevin M. Lussier	Leominster, MA
	Lisa M. Farley	Leominster, MA
Aug. 10	Alan D. Greenwalt	Whitefield
	Laura J. Mason	Whitefield
Aug. 16	James A. Reinhold	Chelmsford, MA
	Lisa V. Tomas	Chelmsford, MA
Aug. 23	Jason M. Henry	Whitefield
	Kristin M. Hovey	Whitefield
Aug. 28	Manuel A. Drasney	Omaha, NE
	Joan L. Bailey(Bean)	Omaha, NE
Aug. 31	Gregg A. Kessler	Maidstone, VT
	Patricia Greene	Maidstone, VT
Aug. 31	Edward H. Santy	Whitefield
	Katherine M. Livingston	Whitefield
Sept. 6	George A. LaCourse, Jr.	Whitefield
	Elizabeth M. Garcia	Whitefield
Sept. 19	Gerald D. Roy	Whitefield
	Vivian M. Fitzpatrick	Whitefield
Dec. 13	Richard L. Coulter	Whitefield
	Traci A. Mangano	Whitefield



Members of the popular band "Fluesy": Ethan Marro, Rob Thomas, Dan Walker, and Nathan Jordan



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DDOCCCCIONAL ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 3, 1997

Board of Selectmen Town of Whitefield Whitefield. New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Whitefield, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1996 and for the year then ended. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments". Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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The Town has not maintained a complete record of its Water or Sewer Fund fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, statements of Water and Sewer Fund fixed assets are not included in the financial statements. The amounts that should be recorded as Water and Sewer Fund fixed assets are not known.

As described more fully in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Town does not accrue the current portion of accumulated vacation pay in the General Fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The effect on the general purpose financial statements of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles cannot be determined.

As explained in Note 9, the Water and Sewer Funds are reported as Special Revenue Funds, whereas generally accepted accounting principles require that they be reported as Enterprise Funds.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded as general fixed assets are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omissions described in the third and sixth paragraphs and except for the effects of the matters discussed in the fourth and fifth paragraphs and except for the effects of such adjustments, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Whitefield, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1996 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary and similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements and Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Whitefield, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 3, 1997 on our consideration of the Town's internal control structure and a report dated April 3, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Lyford Pertified Public Accountant

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TOWN OF WHITEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Governm	Governmental Fund Types Special Ca Revenue Pr	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Group General Long-Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum
LIABILITIES AND FUND BOUITY						
Accounts Payable	1	\$11	40	40	40	
Accrued Liabilities	120	1	1	1	1	
Retainage Payable		38, 120	1	1	ı	
Contract Payable		143,859	1	1	1	
Due to Other Governments (Note 3)	696, 635	1	ı	ı	ı	
Due to Other Funds (Note 4)	1,574	7,364	1	1,470	ı	
Deferred Revenue	4,000	a	ı			
Accrued Sick Pay	•	ı	1	ŧ	9,041	
Due to Specific Individuals	1	ı	ı	3,976	1	
Landfill Closure Costs Payable (Note 12)	•	1	1	ı	843,455	
Bonds Payable (Note 5)	1	1	1	4	1, 136, 329	1, 136, 329
Total Liabilities	702, 329	189, 354	1	5,446	1, 988, 825	2,885,954
Fund Equity						
Reserved for Encumbrances	21,812	1		1	1	
Reserved by Trust Instrument	1	1	1	84, 465	ı	
Reserved for Contingencies	156,679	ı	ı	ı	1	
Unreserved:						
Designated for Capital Acquisition	ı	ı	1,973	248,672	å	
Designated by Trust Instruments	1	1	1	23,902	f	
Designated for Specific Projects/Purposes	1	175,747	1	ı	1	
Undesignated	459,766	1	f	ŧ	1	
Total Fund Equity	638, 257	175,747	1,973	357,039	t	1, 173, 016
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$1,340,586 \$365,101	3465 101	£1.6 15	\$1.973 \$362.485	\$1,988,825	\$4,058,970

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Financial Statement

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

DECEMBER 31, 1996 TOWN OF WHITEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	TOTAL ASSETS	Amount to be Provided in Future Years for Retirement of Long-Term Debt	Amount to be Provided for Sick Pay	Due from Other Funds (Note 4)	Due From Other Governments (Note 3)	Accounts Receivable	Taxes Receivable	Investments	Temporary Investments	ASSETS			
	\$1,340,586		1 ,	8,834	ı	1	584,973	1	274,671	\$472,108	General		Governm
	\$365, 101	11	ı	1	180,733	35, 437	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	70,957	\$77,974	Special		Governmental Fund Types
	\$1,973		ı	1,574	ı	399	1	1	ı	4s	Capital Projects		ypes
	\$362,485		ı	1	1	1	I	424	358, 183	\$3,878	Agency	Trust	Fiduciary Fund Types
	\$1,340,586 \$365,101 \$1,973 \$362,485 \$1,988,825 \$4,058,970	1,651,264	9,041	ł	328,520	1	1	1	1	45	Long-Term Debt	General	Account
(Continued)	\$4,058,970	1,651,264	9,041	10,408	509, 253	35,836	584, 973	424	703,811	\$553,960	(Memorandum Only)	Totals	

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Financial Statement

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH "GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS"

April 3, 1997

Board of Selectmen
Town of Whitefield
Whitefield. New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Whitefield, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996 and have issued our report thereon dated April 3, 1997. In our report, our opinion was qualified because the Town has not maintained a complete record of its Water or Sewer Fund fixed assets, the Town does not accrue the current portion of accumulated vacation pay in the General Fund, the Water and Sewer Funds are reported as Special Revenue Funds and the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed asset account group.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, "GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the Town is the responsibility of the Town's management. As part of

obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements

compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and

financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance

with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Town's

grants. However, the objective of our audit of the general purpose

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FAX: (603) 964-6105 (603) 964-7070 The results of our test disclosed the following instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported herein under "GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS" for which the ultimate resolution cannot presently be determined. Accordingly, no provision for any liability that may result has been recognized in the Town of Whitefield, New Hampshire's financial statements.

<u>Statement of Condition</u> - The sub-recipient of the Community Development Block Grant did not have an A-133 or grant audit.

Criteria - To comply with the sub-recipient portion of the Community Development Block Grant's compliance, the sub-recipient must have an A-133 or grant audit because they have received \$25,000 or more of federal funds as a sub-recipient.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ITIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS PRIVATE COMPANIES Effect of Conditions - If the Town does not ensure that the sub-recipient has an A-133 or grant audit, it might be responsible to repay the grant funds that were paid to the sub-recipient.

<u>Cause of Conditions</u> - The Town did not make the sub-recipient aware that they needed to have an A-133 or grant audit as the Town did not realize that because they paid \$25,000 or more of the grant directly to the sub-recipient, the sub-recipient needed an audit to comply with the grant conditions.

 ${\tt Recommendation}$ - The Town needs to notify the sub-recipient that they <u>must</u> have an A-133 or grant audit for the year 1996 in order to comply with the grant stipulations.

Management's Corrective Action Plan - The Town will notify the sub-recipient that they must have an A-133 or grant audit for the year 1996 in order to comply with the grant stipulations.

We considered these instances of noncompliance in forming our opinion on whether the Town's general purpose financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and this report does not affect our report dated April 3, 1997 on those general purpose financial statements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Lyford

Certified Public Accountant

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April 3, 1997

Board of Selectmen Town of Whitefield Whitefield, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Whitefield for the year ended December 31, 1996 we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The material that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated April 3, 1997, on the financial statements of the Town of Whitefield.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Town personnel and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

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CURRENT YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TAX COLLECTOR

Finding - As part of the over all internal control system and reconciliation process, complete monthly reconciliations need to be done for the Tax Collector's monthly trial balance. During the 1996 audit, we noted that the Tax Collector does not complete the reconciliation process at month end. This resulted in additional time being spent at year end to reconcile the year end trial balance.

Recommendation - The Tax Collector must reconcile all amounts on her monthly Tax Collector's trial balance report. We have a checklist which we would provide the Tax Collector to assist in the monthly reconciliations that need to be done.

Benefit - The monthly reconciliation process is the final crucial step in proving the Tax Collector's software reports and it would help facilitate in proving the accuracy of account balances.

<u>Management's Comments</u> - The Tax Collector will reconcile all amounts on her monthly Tax Collector's trial balance report using the checklist provided by Mason + Rich.



Christina Peletz with her dog Shadow, and Amber Gooden



