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Front Cover

Two children shooting hoops at one of the basketball courts located in the new recreation area across Main Street from the Town Building.

Back Cover

The "Bethlehem Park Express," a centerpiece in the newly refurbished playground behind the Town Building, heads for the 21st century carrying the future of Bethlehem – today's children. Doug Webb and Dustin Siggins, the two top finishers in the name the playground competition, are in front leading the way. Webb, on the left front, chose the winning name and received a gift certificate from the Village Book Store of Littleton. Siggins, to Webb's right, was the runner-up contest winner. The train was donated to the Town by Patria Lamadriz, a Florida resident with family members living in Bethlehem.

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ANNUAL REPORT
BETHLEHEM, NH AND
BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT
for the year ending DECEMBER 31, 1995

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

JOHN L. WEDICK, JR. (Term expires 1996)
RAYMOND BUSHWAY (Term expires 1997)
DANIEL TUCKER (Term expires 1998)

Secretary - Board of Selectmen

CINDY HOLMES

Town Clerk

BRENDA DARLING (1998)

Treasurer

TERI-ANN BROWN (1998)

Tax Collector

CLAUDIA BROWN (1998)

Moderator

ALISTAIR MACBAIN (1996)

Police Chief

HOWARD E. SANBORN

Road Agent

GEORGE TUCKER, III (1996)

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

HOWARD E. SANBORN

Health Officer

HOWARD E. SANBORN

Overseer of Welfare

CHERYL SARGENT

Trustees of the Trust Funds

DAVID KERR (1996)
ROBERT PEARSON (1997)
JAMES TIBBETTS (1998)

Supervisors of the Checklist

JUDY GAGNE (1996)
ANN SYKES (1998)
PHILIP DAVIS (2000)
LORNA RAY (Resigned)

Librarian

MURIEL BROWN

Library Trustees

MELANIE HARDING (1996) NANCY STEVENSON (1997)
BARBARA L. MELLOR (1996) ELIZABETH HARRINGTON (1998)
RUTH D. MILLER (1996) PAULINE KEACH (1998)
RUSSELL R. BONNEVIE (1997) MILDRED CHAMBERLAIN (1998)
MAXINE JACKSON (1997)

Cemetery Committee
FLORENCE DEDERICK
ERNEST FERLAND
DANIEL TUCKER
RICHARD ROBIE

Revolving Loan Committee
LEN REED
PETER THOMA
TOM HEPNER

Recreation Committee
RONNIE LYSTER
MIKE MISCIO
LEN REED

Conservation Commission
NICOLE CALTON (8/95)
TANYA TELLMAN (6/97)
CINDY WOOD (6/97)
ERNEST MACMILLAN (Resigned)
LIZ WARD (Resigned)

Bretzfelder Park Committee
JOHN STEVENSON
HAROLD BROWN
ELEANOR STEPHENSON
FLORENCE DEDERICK
TANYA TELLMAN
OLIVER UNDERHILL
ELLEN PRITHAM
NIGEL MANLEY
DAVID WOOD
ELIZABETH WARD

Secretary - Planning / Zoning Boards
CHERYL SARGENT

Planning Board
SARAH MIKE, Chairman (6/96)
STEVE HUNTINGTON (6/96)
JOHN KIMBALL (6/97)
ROD HAYWOOD (6/97)
DANIEL TUCKER (3/98)
JOHN KELLER (6/98)
DENNIS SIGGINS (6/98)
HAROLD BROWN (Alt 6/98)
DAVID WOOD (Resigned)

Zoning Board
LESLIE WARREN, Chairman (6/96)
STEVE HUNTINGTON (6/96)
STEPHEN HUGGINS (6/98)
ANN SYKES (Alt 3/95)
GORDEN WEBER (Resigned)

RESULTS OF THE 1995 WARRANT

Moderator, Alistair D. MacBain, declared the polls open at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Building on Tuesday, March 14, 1995. It was moved by Lorna Ray and seconded by Judy Gagne to proceed to vote on Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 and delay the reading and action of the other Articles in the Warrant until the evening session. The motion carried. At 6:00 p.m. the Moderator declared the polls closed and the ballots counted.

Moderator MacBain called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at the Bethlehem Elementary School Auditorium. He explained where the fire exits and bake sale were located and instructed non-voters to refrain from voting.

ARTICLE 1

Total Votes Cast - 579

Brenda Darling, Town Clerk -- 428 votes, elected
Dianne Lambert, Town Clerk -- 145 votes, not elected
Philip R. Davis, Selectman -- 119 votes, not elected
Kevin Horion, Selectman -- 32 votes, not elected
Daniel Tucker, Selectman -- 409 votes, elected
James Tibbetts, Trustee of Trust Funds -- 508 votes, elected
Teri-Ann Brown, Treasurer -- 492 votes, elected
Claudia Brown, Tax Collector -- 497 votes, elected
Norman A. Brown, Constable -- 249 votes, not elected
Howard E. Sanborn, Constable -- 300 votes, elected
George E. Tucker III, Road Agent -- 516 votes, elected
Mildred Chamberlain, Library Trustee -- 370 votes, elected
Elizabeth Harrington, Library Trustee -- 416 votes, elected
Pauline Keach, Library Trustee -- 358 votes, elected
Jean Wedick, Library Trustee -- 224 votes, not elected

Non-Binding Questions:

Are you in favor of the Board of Selectmen entering into an agreement with Grafton County to provide dispatching service for the Police and Fire Departments?

YES 278 NO 288

Are you in favor of the Fire Department becoming a member of the Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Association?

YES 274 NO 287

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

Amend general provision #8 of the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance relating to side and rear setbacks which currently reads:

“No building or part thereof shall be erected or constructed upon land that fronts on any street within sixty (60) feet of the center line of said street right of way. No building or part thereof shall be erected or constructed within thirty (30) feet (15 feet in District #1 - Main Street) of side and rear property lines, unless a Special Exception is granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. However, under no circumstances shall said setback be less than fifteen (15) feet.”

If approved the amended Provision would read as follows:

"No building or part thereof shall be erected or constructed upon land that fronts on any street within sixty (60) feet of the center line of said street right of way. No building or part thereof shall be erected or constructed within 15 feet of side and rear property lines in District #1 Main Street and District #1: thirty (30) feet in District II." (Ballot vote. The Planning Board approves this amendment).

YES 365 NO 187

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

To be added to Section II, Definitions of the manufactured housing ordinance on page 14 of the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance:

"Pre-site built housing: A manufactured housing unit with a removable chassis, delivered to the site in two or more sections, which, when erected on a site, has a total width of not less than twenty-four (24) feet and a total length greater than its width, shall be considered pre-site built housing as defined in RSA 674:31a when its chassis is removed and its construction meets all federal, state and local building codes required for site built single-family." (Ballot vote. The Planning Board approves this amendment)

YES 382 NO 160

ARTICLE 4 Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual Town Meeting in this town, the first session for choice of Town Officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the Selectmen, for transaction of other business? (Ballot vote by petition. The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

YES 315 NO 228

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted. \$1,507,895 - budget total exclusive of warrant articles.

Motion made by Daniel Tucker Time: 8:10 p.m.
Seconded by Paul Lister

John Wedick moved and Dan Tucker seconded to amend the posted budget by increasing the Parks and Recreation account by \$3105 to correct an error made during budget preparation (see page 27 in 1994 report) and to increase the Highway and Streets account by \$57,000 to pay for painting the Prospect St. Bridge over the Ammonoosuc River. Sue Derby asked why so much to paint a bridge. Selectman Tucker explained that was the lowest estimate received and also discussed the lead based paint removal on the bridge. A good paint job should last 20 years. The last time it was painted was around 1971. The vote on the amendment passed unanimously.

Paul Lister made a motion and seconded by Rod Haywood to amend the budget by increasing the Parks and Recreation account by \$2000 for a Babe Ruth Team for 13 - 14 year olds. The vote on the amendment passed unanimously.

Bob Coute asked for clarification of the amount in Article 11 and was it the same as what was posted in the budget. It was explained that the posted budget \$1,669,395 includes the warrant article amounts. This article is to pass a budget of \$1,507,895 which does not include the warrant articles which will be voted on later.

Bob Coute moved to cut the Golf Course budget by \$230,935. Donna Symonds seconded. He felt it should be self-sustaining. Kim Pearson spoke for the Bethlehem Country Club and the tourists that come to Town and stay and eat and shop here; the business community does benefit. Selectman Bushway said the course has improved greatly and we have to spend money to make money. If we stay with this for a few years, the course will start paying the Town back. It is an asset we shouldn't give up. Jack Anderson pointed out that the revenue coming in offsets the expenses and to spend money you have to appropriate it. Bob Coute insisted that it was still costing us money to have the course here and mentioned the Town lending the course the money (\$12,508 plus 5% interest - \$13,131) to keep going. Selectman Wedick pointed out that the last buff page in the Town Report says "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes in 1995" is zero. The Country Club is in fact self-sustaining. The Country Club did spend \$12,508 more last year than it took in - a conscious decision on the Selectmen's part. The Country Club is paying that money back to the General Fund with interest because it was decided when it was set up as a Special Revenue fund that the Country Club was not going to be subsidized by the taxpayers of Bethlehem as it has in the past. You do not have to raise \$230,000. That comes from Club revenue, but it does have to be appropriated to spend the money. Bernie Kohn said he didn't approve of the Selectmen going over budget. Selectman Wedick pointed out that in terms of over expending, the authority granted by the voters last year was \$228,126 (see page 29 of the Town Report). The Selectmen spent \$229,262.98; thus, the Selectmen actually overspent the budget by \$1,136.98.

Steve Huntington asked "Have you ever contemplated selling the Country Club?" Selectman Tucker questioned if the voters of Bethlehem expect the Club to be self-sustaining, or do they expect the Club to make a contribution to the General Fund of the Town. Bob Coute expressed concern that according to the Municipal Budget Act, if any money is cut, the Selectmen still have the authority to move funds. He said his understanding is that you have to cut the budget to zero because partial budget cuts have no effect. Selectman Wedick explained that a partial budget cut does reduce the bottom line (the total budget). Paul Greenlaw asked "If, in fact, we cut the budget by the amended amount, would there be any money to run the Golf Course?" Selectman Wedick answered no; the Golf Course will be closed automatically. Paul Greenlaw pointed out that in the past when the Golf Course showed a profit it was not correct because insurance and workmen's comp were not shown in the account as they are now. Teri Ann Brown, the Town Treasurer pointed out that the Country Club is definitely an asset to the cash flow in Bethlehem; it generates \$230,000 that we can use and don't have to borrow. Tanya Tellman asked what would happen to any excess over \$230,000 that the Club might take in. Selectman Wedick explained that the Selectmen would come back to the voters the following year and either return some of the money to the General Fund or ask to spend that money for improvements.

Selectman Wedick pointed out that the Club was started in July 1898. At that time there were less than 1000 clubs in the United States. The end objective is to keep reinvesting in the Club until its 100 year anniversary; and if we can build it to that point, it should be able to start making a contribution to the General Fund. Dennis Siggins spoke about the benefit from an innkeeper's point of view. The course does draw tourists to town. He also stated that the pool costs \$25,000 to run every year and why don't we close that? He appreciates the quality of the work that went into the golf course in the past year. This year it was run in a much more upscale fashion. It should be run as a business and most first year businesses don't show a profit.

Len Reed brought up the old Town Garage. It should be painted or torn down.

Some discussion about selling the Golf Course. Selectman Wedick said if you shut it down you won't find a buyer and noted that the revenue increased this year from \$184,000 to over \$216,000. Bob Coute questioned if the Club could be run on \$100,000. Selectman Wedick

explained money is not being raised for the Club. Funds to operate the Club come from revenue produced by the Club; appropriating the money allows it to be spent. If the Club is shut down, you reduce expenditures by \$230,000 and reduce revenue by \$230,000. The amount raised by taxes is still zero.

Howard Keach suggested the Selectmen explain the logistics of how the tax rate is set. Selectman Wedick explained the tax rate is based on the amount of money we have to raise from property taxes - the Country Club doesn't increase or decrease the amount raised by property taxes. There is no amount to be raised in taxes for the Country Club. Before the amendments, the budget, including all warrant articles would result in a reduction in the Town portion of the tax rate between 7 and 10 percent.

The vote on the amendment was no. The amendment failed. The Moderator received a written request for a secret ballot. The amended budget amount is \$1,570,000.

The Vote: YES 126 No 17 Spoiled 2 Amended Article 5 Passed

Selectman Wedick moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 5 under the provisions of RSA 40:10. Ted Wilkinson seconded and the vote passed.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of bringing the town building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

**Motion made by John Wedick Time: 9:50 p.m.
Seconded by David Wood**

Sue Ferland asked exactly what has to be done. Selectman Tucker explained that the Town Building does not meet ADA requirements. It must be handicapped accessible, such as putting an external elevator on the back side of the building which may cost the Police and/or Fire Department one bay. This amount requested may not cover the total cost. We were supposed to be in compliance by January 31, 1995.

Norman Brown asked about hiring a grant writer. Selectman Tucker said we were looking into the grant writer possibilities.

Dick Robie expressed concern about losing one of the bays downstairs. Jack Anderson said the third floor should not be used because of the fire safety issue and an external fire escape would be needed.

The vote: Article 6 Passed.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds:
Fire Department \$1231
Police Department \$2434
Highway Department \$1228

These monies will be returned to the General Fund.

**Motion made by Ray Bushway Time: 10:00 p.m.
Seconded by Sara Mike**

Selectman Wedick explained that these funds do not meet the State requirements for specificity. The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) will charge this as revenue to the Town unless we first return these monies to the General Fund and then in the following Articles put these monies in the newly created Capital Reserve Funds.

Last year we voted from the floor on Article 18 to put \$15,000 in Capital Reserve Funds. The DRA disallowed this because Capital Reserve Funds must be structured as Warrant articles and DRA recommended we set it up the way it is here this year.

The vote: Article 7 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 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 a police cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,165 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (\$6,500 is to be raised by taxes with the balance of the Capital Reserve Funds, Police Department and Fire Department that were discontinued.) (The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

**Motion made by Dan Tucker Time: 10:10 p.m.
Seconded by Mickey Whitcomb**

Bruce Brown asked if this was long term or would these monies be spent this year. The answer is long term - 2 or 3 years from now.

Bob Coute asked if it comes back to Town Meeting for a vote or can the Selectmen just purchase it? Moderator MacBain pointed out that the article designates the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. John Miller asked what happened to the Fire Department monies from the preceding article. Selectman Wedick explained that a Capital Reserve Fund by law must be specific and at this time the Fire Department did not need a specific capital expenditure. Also that there was only \$1231 in that fund so it was combined with the Police Capital Reserve monies.

Joel Goodell thought that power was being taken away from the citizens and that the voters do not have a say. Sara Mike explained that all department heads were asked for input as to what they needed. The Planning Board put together a document for the Selectmen called a Capital Improvement Program and held public hearings about it to which nobody came. The intent is to put money away each year and pay cash and avoid interest charges. Dan Greenlaw said the issue was not money; the issue is returning control to the people. Government being all the people in this room, not just the people sitting in the front row. Several people spoke about the fact that we have elected the Selectmen to do this job, and if they do not do it the way we want we don't have to vote them in again. Some people thought the Selectmen with the advice of the department heads would be more knowledgeable about the purchase of a dump truck or a police cruiser than the voters.

Jack Anderson moved the question.

The vote: Article 8 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a highway dump truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,228 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (\$20,000 is to be raised by taxes with the balance from the Capital Reserve Fund, Highway Department.) (The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

**Motion made by John Wedick Time: 10:35 p.m.
Seconded by Ray Bushway**

No discussion.

The vote: Article 9 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35 for the future re-evaluation of the municipality and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 toward this purpose and to designate the Board of Selectmen

as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

Motion made by Ray Bushway Time: 10:37 p.m.
Seconded by Sara Mike

David Wood asked if there had been any discussion about a re-evaluation done by the State or a private firm. Selectman Wedick explained that the last re-evaluation was done in 1988. It will only last for maybe three more years. A computerized re-evaluation would be the best; it's done once and then updated annually.

The vote: Article 10 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to rehabilitate and enhance the playground areas behind and across Main Street from the Town Building. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until work on the playground area is completed or in three years, whichever is less. (The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

Motion made by Daniel Tucker Time: 10:40 p.m.
Seconded by Hank Bernat

Selectman Wedick gave the voters some background on the issue. A group of concerned parents raised some issues to the Selectmen. The older children have no where to play. A Citizens Advisory Group has been formed. North Country Environmental Services has pledged to do the engineering and the site work. Louie DeSouza brought up the problem of children crossing the street. Selectman Bushway said the Board is interested in hearing any suggestions on that problem. Hank Bernat, a member of the advisory group said the present playground is unsafe and he explained they are looking into new design options. This money will be used to buy materials and volunteers will be needed to help put it together. David Kerr, also a member of the group, said the group is sending out a survey to residents asking for input and plans to hold a public informational meeting in April.

The vote: Article 11 Passed unanimously.

5-minute break

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to require that all aggregate purchased by the Town for use on Town roads shall comply with the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) specifications. The above to take effect upon adoption. (By Petition. The Selectmen approve this article)

Motion made by John Wedick Time: 10:50 p.m.
Seconded by Joyce Tucker

No discussion.

The vote: Article 12 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to require that the Board of Selectmen insure that all aggregate purchased by the Town is acquired under a competitively bid contract. (The Selectmen approve this article)

Motion made by Ray Bushway Time: 10:55 p.m.
Seconded by Ernie Ferland

Ted Wilkinson made a motion to table the article, seconded by Bob Coute. Moderator MacBain explained that a motion to table is non-debatable and that we will vote by a standing count.

The vote: YES 45 NO 11 Article 13 is tabled.

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the rental of equipment from a Town Official, relative of a Town Official, or from a company which is controlled by either a Town Official, or the relative of a Town Official in a situation where the work to be performed for the Town and paid for by the Town has not been advertised for open competitive bid. (The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

Motion made by Daniel Tucker Time: 11:00 p.m.
Seconded by Ray Bushway

Norman Brown voiced concern that the competitive bid process binds the Selectmen in that the low bidder always gets the job. This could eliminate local people. George Tucker Jr. stated the Selectmen will not pay bills totalling \$5100 which pertain to work done on the Brook Rd., Gilmanton Hill Rd., and Cherry Valley Rd. Selectman Wedick said that this particular warrant article is a reflection of State Law RSA 95:1 which prohibits a transaction between an elected official and, in this instance the Town, if it exceeds \$200. In the interest of avoiding any possible appearance of conflict of interest, the Town attorney provided a legal opinion, which is actually part of this article. Selectman Wedick read a letter that the Board of Selectmen wrote to Mr. Tucker. The issue is that both of Mr. Tucker's sons are elected officials of the Town and both own similar equipment for which the Town was billed. Before the Selectmen can authorize payment, proof of ownership documents, bills of sale, or lease documents signed before the first use of the equipment are needed. The Selectmen will pay the bill when they receive the requested documents.

Len Reed suggested the article should be amended so as to de-personalize it and use the RSA to reword the article by adding the "purchase of goods or services in excess of \$200." In addition to the rental of equipment, he feels this article is specifically directed toward one situation, and to broaden its scope it should be revised. Len made the motion to revise the article. David Tellman seconded it. Selectman Wedick reminded everyone that this is State Law. Ted Wilkinson pointed out if it is already State Law then we don't need this, and that this seems entirely personal. Selectman Tucker spoke of a problem with a roller or lack of one. The State used to loan rollers. He went to an equipment auction and purchased a pull behind roller for \$900 and charged the Town \$10 an hour. Renting a roller is more expensive. In the past, these bills were paid. This year it seems someone has an axe to grind with both Selectman Dan Tucker and Road Agent George Tucker III. Selectman Tucker stated that he does not receive any compensation from this bill that is now pending, he does not own any of the equipment used. Since the services were provided in 1994, he feels the Selectmen should pay the bill because there was no policy in effect at the time. Vote on the amendment failed. Norm Brown made a motion to table and Bruce Brown seconded. Standing vote.

The vote: YES 65 NO 0 Article 14 is tabled

Dan made a comment that the State Law says that if the Road Agent is appointed he has the authority to use any equipment he wants. He said he was not upset with the actions of this Board; he is upset at the State statute that says if the Road Agent is elected he basically shouldn't be trusted because he's got to put his hired equipment out to competitive bid.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to sell and convey real estate acquired by the Town by gift or by Tax Collector's deed. (The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

Motion made by John Wedick Time: 11:25 p.m.
Seconded by Joyce Tucker

Selectman Wedick explained that we did not construct Article 20 properly last year, and therefore we have had no authority this past year to sell tax deeded property. Bruce Brown made a motion

to amend and John Miller seconded to add the sentence "In every instance, sale shall be held by public auction or advertised sealed bids." After discussion the vote was taken on the amendment, and it passed.

The vote: Amended Article 15 Passed

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to designate Gilmanton Hill Road as a scenic road. (By petition - The Board of Selectmen approve this article)

**Motion made by Ray Bushway Time: 11:35 p.m.
Seconded by Ted Wilkinson**

Discussion about the name of the road becoming Old Franconia Road when 911 goes on line. Some one asked what restrictions would be placed on the road if it were designated scenic. Ted Wilkinson made a motion to amend the article to add "/Old Franconia Road" after the words Gilmanton Hill Road and it was seconded. The amended article passed. Selectman Tucker read RSA 231:158 (Effect of Designation as a Scenic Road) to the voters. Ted Wilkinson explained some reasons the property owners wanted the designation. Road Agent George Tucker III asked not to designate the road "scenic" because it is too restrictive on the work he wants to do there. Hank Bernat asked about any additional expenses such as power line moved or buried. Selectman Tucker said no, but any paving work requires notification in the paper.

The vote: No Amended Article 16 Failed.

ARTICLE 17 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Time 11:50 p.m.

George Tucker III asked for a poll of the people who approve of him buying a roller out of his operating budget. All were in favor.

John Miller talked about the lack of street lights on Brook Road.

Bob Coute made a motion and it was seconded that the Town should pay Mr. Tucker the \$5100 (discussed in Article 14). There was discussion on what exactly the bill contained. Selectman Tucker explained. Moderator MacBain explained that you can not vote on something that is a violation of state law. A non-binding poll was taken, however, and all were in favor of paying Mr. Tucker.

Bruce Brown made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by many.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$1,731,500.00

Brenda Darling
Bethlehem Town Clerk

STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS
Town of Bethlehem - December 31, 1995

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Peoples Bank of Littleton - Highway Garage	<u>\$52,469.04</u>
Total Long Term Notes Outstanding:	\$52,469.04

**ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING
LONG TERM NOTES & BONDS**

Highway Garage

Installment Note - Prime Lending Rate Divided by 1.5 - 5.67%

Date Issued: May 27, 1991
Amount: \$98,000.00
Payable At: Peoples Bank of Littleton

Date	Principal	Interest *	Total Payment
May 1988	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 3,317.26	\$13,117.26
May 1999	9,800.00	3,317.26	13,117.26
May 2000	9,800.00	3,317.26	13,117.26
May 2001	<u>9,800.00</u>	<u>3,317.26</u>	<u>13,117.26</u>
 TOTAL	 \$39,200.00	 \$13,269.04	 \$52,469.04

* Subject to changes in the Prime Lending Rate.

**RECONCILIATION OF
OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Outstanding Long Term Debt December 31, 1994	\$91,820.82
LESS Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year 1995	<u>39,351.78</u>
Outstanding Long Term Debt December 31, 1995	\$ 52,469.04*

*Paid in Full 1/17/96 (\$40,801.29)

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$ 492,950.00
Highway Department - Building	244,700.00
Country Club, Land and Building	1,557,450.00
Parks and Pool	337,100.00
Schools - Land	289,850.00
Cemetery (Maple St. Cemetery Not Assessed)	31,750.00
Land and Buildings	
acquired through Tax Collector's Deed	
(Listed by location and Map and Lot #)	
Lower Brook Road 201-43	18,350.00
Long Hill 202-37	63,800.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.013	35,000.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.014	35,900.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.015	35,900.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.016	35,000.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.017	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.018	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.019	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.020	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.021	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.022	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.023	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.024	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.025	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.026	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.027	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.028	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.029	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.030	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.031	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.032	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.033	14,850.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.034	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.035	15,450.00
Pleasant Street 203-32.036	14,850.00
Main Street & Arlington Street 204-056	298,500.00
Jefferson Street 205-28	133,300.00
Agassiz Street 205-37	6,250.00
Harrigan Street 205-37.01	6,250.00
Harrigan Street 205-42	41,500.00
Edelweiss Drive 205-049	14,300.00
Edelweiss Drive 205-050	16,050.00
Alpenhof Road 205-056	13,300.00
Congress Street 205-142	11,600.00
Agassiz Street 205-120	83,050.00
Elm Street 206-27	75,750.00
Elm Street 206-29	13,800.00
Elm Street 206-29.1	21,950.00
Rt. 302 208-57	18,400.00

Rt. 116N 405-005	81,300.00
Rt. 116N 405-054	28,600.00
Forest Lake Road 406-009	25,400.00
Hazen Road 406-032-005	19,100.00
Willson Heights Road 407-35.310	32,800.00
Willson Heights Road 407-35.340	29,300.00
Agassiz Street/Edelweiss Drive 409-40	21,800.00
Mt. Cleveland Road 411-43	16,700.00
Mt. View Lane 413-41	5,950.00
Prospect Street 414-4	6,450.00
Prospect Street 414-5	100,100.00
Austin Road 414-8	81,400.00
Rt. 142 415-21	6,900.00
Wing Road 415-38	8,950.00
Wilderness Road 415-107	9,800.00
Beaver Brook 415-134	11,400.00
Moose Trail 415-147	5,350.00
Off Route 142 416-21	10,700.00
Off Hazen Road 416-28	7,000.00
Off Route 302 420-24	3,250.00

OWNER UNKNOWN

Off Pleasant Street 203-30	3,500.00
Reid Road 203-75	11,850.00
Arlington Road 205-55.01	5,150.00
Doris Street 205-48	5,700.00
Austin Road 206-55	6,100.00
River Road 209-78	11,800.00
River Road 209-79	1,700.00
River Road 209-80	10,500.00
Prospect Street 414-7	26,500.00
Whitefield Town Line 417-6	1,100.00

Total Town Property

\$4,830,900.00

SUMMARY - INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Current Use Land	\$ 1,882,700.00	
Residential Land	48,741,126.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>5,575,385.00</u>	
Total Taxable Land		\$ 56,199,211.00
Residential Building	62,828,113.00	
Manufactured Housing	1,436,756.00	
Commercial/Industrial Building	<u>9,943,765.00</u>	
Total Taxable Buildings		74,208,634.00
Public Utilities		4,049,045.00
Valuation Before Exemptions		134,456,890.00
Blind Exemptions	30,000.00	
Adjusted Elderly Exemptions	<u>450,000.00</u>	
Total Exemptions Off Valuation		<u>480,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed		\$133,976,890.00
Veteran Exemptions	13,000.00	
Disabled Veterans	<u>8,400.00</u>	
Total Tax Credits		<u>21,400.00</u>
Non-Taxable Land and Buildings		<u>\$ 32,510,250.00</u>

TAX RATE ON \$1,000.00 VALUATION

Municipal \$ 4.71
 County 1.24
 Schools 19.64

Total \$25.59

Village District 2.74

Total \$28.33

Net Assessed Valuation - \$133,976,890.00

Net Assessed Valuation - Village District - \$57,065,750.00

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL</u>	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL TOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL PRECINCT</u>
1988	4.13	.63	11.23	.79	16.15	16.78
1989	2.79	2.03	10.72	1.24	14.75	16.78
1990	3.41	2.48	13.91	1.12	18.44	20.92
1991	2.87	2.45	15.28	1.01	19.16	21.61
1992	4.19	2.23	16.87	1.12	22.18	24.41
1993	4.16	2.15	17.04	1.06	22.26	24.41
1994	4.98	2.47	18.13	1.15	24.26	26.73
1995	4.71	2.74	19.64	1.24	25.59	28.33

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Effective January 1, 1996, dog license fees were increased to \$10.00 per dog, \$7.50 if the dog is neutered or spayed, and remain \$2.00 for dogs whose owners are over 65 years of age. Because of the law enacted last year which requires veterinarians to notify town clerks of rabies shots, we licensed 373 dogs this year up from 254 last year.

Model year (instead of manufacture year) is now used to calculate local registration permit fees starting with model year 1996 vehicles. Model year 1995 and earlier vehicles will remain on the year of manufacturer schedule for permit fees.

This year I gave \$349, (fees collected) to the town for Dianne Lambert the Deputy Town Clerk, to work for me while I was on vacation. This money is earmarked for a Town Clerk's Computer System. The total accumulated amount now is \$549.00 in the general fund and \$812.07 in the Open for the Season account which includes money from fund raisers including \$ 183.00 raised in December from the Christmas Quilt Raffle, which was won by Loxely Ness. If anyone would like to donate a computer, we would use the money we have toward the purchase of software (\$4000.). If the Selectmen get a new computer for their secretary (as proposed in this years budget), perhaps they will see fit to give me her old computer. If this happens we could be on line sooner. I plan to have a Town Yard Sale in June for my next fund raiser. The Chamber of Commerce has taken over the Homes Tour. They incorporated it into their Christmas promotion activities and plan to do so again December 7 & 8, 1996.

There have been several changes in election laws. Same day voter registration is now applicable at all town, city, school district and village district elections. It does NOT apply to town and school meetings. Any absentee ballots received in the mail on election day shall be accepted up until 5:00 p.m. on that day.

Voting for Town Officials will be on Tuesday, March 12, 1996. The actual Town Meeting this year will take place on Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m. This change is because of last year's warrant article #4 (by citizens petition) which lets the selectmen choose a different day rather than voting day. In the past meetings have gone on until midnight with just a handful of voters left. We hope this allows more active participation from the Townspeople.

If you have called my office lately you have noticed the new voice mail. Many people do not like listening to a recording, but this system has been very helpful to me since it gives my hours. I update it regularly about specific deviations such as holidays, elections, etc., and I get my messages.

The total money collected in the Town Clerk's office between January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995 is as follows:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 186,793.00
Dog Licenses	2,732.54
Vital Statistics	532.00
Marriage Licenses	1,170.00
UCC Fees	1,171.86
Wetland Permits	61.01
Utility Pole Licenses	0.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Bounced Check Fees	20.00
Articles of Agreement	<u>5.00</u>
	\$ 192,495.41

Brenda Darling
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance on Hand, January 1, 1995 (Cash Journal, reconciled)	\$ 504,796.39
Total Adjusted Receipts:	5,861,194.30
Total Expenditures:	<u>5,957,518.50</u>
Ending Balance on Hand, December 31, 1995 (Cash Journal, reconciled)	\$ 408,472.19

Respectfully submitted,

Teri-Ann Brown, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1995, 1994, 1993 and 1992 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

		DEBITS			
Levies of:		1995	1994	1993	1992
Uncollected Taxes					
Beginning of Year:					
Property Taxes	\$		\$774,517.78	\$14,436.44	\$347.02
Resident Taxes				2,400.00	600.00
Yield Taxes			503.94	1,390.60	
Taxes Committed This Year:					
Property Taxes		3,558,463.21			
Land Use Change		2,328.90			
Yield Taxes		64,914.72			
Overpayment:					
Property Taxes		2,498.27	4,243.89		
Interest Collected On Delinquent Tax:		3,892.36	13,532.33	675.78	
Collected Resident Tax Penalties:				49.00	3.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$3,632,097.46	\$792,797.94	\$18,951.82	\$950.02
		CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:					
Property Taxes		\$2,764,294.04	\$285,291.31	\$ 2,372.34	\$
Resident Taxes				550.00	30.00
Land Use Change		2,328.90			
Yield Taxes		61,853.09	503.94	1,390.60	
Interest		3,892.36	13,532.33	643.13	
Penalties				49.00	3.00
Liens in 1995			487,517.07		
Abatements Made:					
Property Taxes		22,521.59	5,953.29		
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:					
Property Taxes		774,145.85		12,096.75	347.02
Resident Taxes				1,850.00	570.00
Yield Taxes		3,061.63			
TOTAL CREDITS		\$3,632,097.46	\$792,797.94	\$ 18,951.82	\$950.02

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Year Ending December 31, 1995

DEBITS

	1995	Levies 1994	1993	Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Year	\$	\$360,706.11	\$276,031.18	\$36,557.63
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	536,407.03			
Interest & Costs Collected				
After Lien Execution	6,415.28	18,331.89	75,544.48	3,326.03
Cost	<u>2,663.00</u>	<u>1,564.00</u>	<u>1,876.32</u>	<u>138.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$545,485.31	\$380,602.00	\$353,451.98	\$40,021.66

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$118,128.61	\$104,505.86	\$225,314.35	\$ 7,753.05
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	6,415.28	18,331.89	75,544.48	3,326.03
Cost	2,663.00	1,564.00	1,876.32	138.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	3,343.21	1,860.11	880.88	
Unredeemed Liens Balance				
End of Year	<u>414,935.21</u>	<u>254,340.14</u>	<u>49,835.95</u>	<u>28,804.58</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$545,485.31	\$380,602.00	\$353,451.98	\$40,021.66

REVENUES - DETAILED STATEMENT

1995 Estimated & Actual 1996 Estimated

	1995 Estimated 9/1/95	1995 Acutal	1996 Estimated 2/26/96
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ -0-	\$ 2,328.90	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	-0-	2,328.90	1,000.00
RESIDENT TAXES			
Resident Tax Prior Years	<u>260.00</u>	<u>580.00</u>	<u>270.00</u>
TOTAL RESIDENT TAXES	260.00	580.00	270.00
YIELD TAXES			
Yield Taxes	<u>66,150.00</u>	<u>63,747.64</u>	<u>52,000.00</u>
TOTAL YIELD TAXES	66,150.00	63,747.64	52,000.00
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES			
P.I.L.O.T.	<u>176,170.00</u>	<u>198,295.91</u>	<u>202,130.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	176,170.00	198,295.91	202,130.00
INTEREST, PENALTIES & COSTS			
Property Tax Interest	<u>105,000.00</u>	<u>124,143.39</u>	<u>110,000.00</u>
TOTAL INTEREST, PENALTIES & COSTS	105,000.00	124,143.39	110,000.00
BUSINESS LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Business Licenses	125.00	131.01	125.00
UCC Filings & Certificates	<u>1,075.00</u>	<u>1,096.54</u>	<u>1,075.00</u>
TOTAL BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,200.00	1,227.55	1,200.00
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	<u>175,000.00</u>	<u>186,901.82</u>	<u>187,000.00</u>
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	175,000.00	186,901.82	187,000.00
BUILDING PERMITS			
Building Permits	<u>2,820.00</u>	<u>2,498.96</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS	2,820.00	2,498.96	2,500.00

OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Dog Licenses	2,500.00	2,742.54	2,500.00
Dog Fines	200.00	235.00	200.00
Marriage Licenses	990.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
Certificates - B,D, & M	<u>405.00</u>	<u>532.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER			
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES	4,095.00	4,634.54	4,325.00
SHARED REVENUE			
Shared Revenue	<u>26,165.00</u>	<u>89,959.50</u>	<u>26,165.00</u>
TOTAL SHARED REVENUE			
	26,165.00	89,959.50	26,165.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT			
Highway Block Grant	<u>61,400.00</u>	<u>61,732.27</u>	<u>62,045.00</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT			
	61,400.00	61,732.27	62,045.00
STATE & FEDERAL FOREST LAND REIMBURSEMENT			
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	<u>21,580.00</u>	<u>21,582.74</u>	<u>21,580.00</u>
TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL FOREST LAND REIMBURSEMENT			
	21,580.00	21,582.74	21,580.00
OTHER (INCLUDING RAILROAD TAX)			
Railroad Tax	<u>1,460.00</u>	<u>1,466.25</u>	<u>1,460.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER (INCLUDING RAILROAD TAX)			
	1,460.00	1,466.25	1,460.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Village District	<u>27,240.00</u>	<u>27,888.81</u>	<u>28,600.00</u>
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
	27,240.00	27,888.81	28,600.00
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS			
Income from Copy Machine	500.00	504.75	500.00
Income from Lists & Maps	100.00	103.00	100.00
Current Use Applications	150.00	237.00	200.00
Landfill Stickers	125.00	150.00	150.00
Pay Phone Commissions	200.00	253.14	250.00
Pistol Permits	125.00	142.00	150.00
Police Reports	250.00	395.00	300.00
Court Fines	200.00	200.00	200.00
Court Fees	50.00	68.50	50.00
Fire Reports	30.00	-0-	30.00
Planning Board Fees	2,000.00	2,160.50	2,000.00
Zoning Board Fees	150.00	155.12	150.00

Pool Revenue	6,000.00	7,126.70	7,000.00
Cemetery Fees	<u>4,520.00</u>	<u>5,700.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS	14,400.00	17,195.71	15,080.00
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY			
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	3,500.00	-0-	7,000.00
Sale of Personal Property	<u>-0-</u>	<u>136.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	3,500.00	136.00	7,000.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS			
Interest on Checking	2,600.00	3,290.52	3,300.00
Interest on Other Investments	<u>600.00</u>	<u>146.38</u>	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	3,200.00	3,436.90	3,500.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Insurance Refunds	5,950.00	5,947.00	-0-
Refunds - Other	-0-	74.71	-0-
Reimbursements HES	280.00	283.90	310.00
Reimbursements-Other	1,680.00	1,977.83	-0-
Reimbursements Welfare	<u>-0-</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	7,910.00	8,293.44	310.00
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
BCC	230,965.00	233,166.17	269,700.00
Solid Waste Disposal	57,505.00	63,660.73	63,700.00
Closure Prospect Street Dump	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>115,342.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	<u>288,470.00</u>	<u>296,826.90</u>	<u>448,742.00</u>
BUDGET TOTAL	\$986,020.00	\$1,112,877.23	\$1,174,907.00

EXPENDITURES - DETAILED STATEMENT

1995 Budget & Actual 1996 Budget

	1995 Budget	1995 Actual	1996 Budget
EXECUTIVE:			
Overseer of Welfare	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Health Officer Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00
Administrative Assistant Salary	21,600.00	21,521.25	22,610.00
Selectmens' Salaries	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
BC/BS	2,174.00	2,174.04	2,251.00
SS/MC	2,219.00	2,212.31	2,262.00
Registry	300.00	220.75	300.00
Telephone	1,478.00	1,173.93	1,233.00
Services	25,200.00	21,140.98	23,100.00
Insurance	10,265.00	7,141.00	7,855.00
Supplies	5,435.00	2,120.39	4,435.00
Postage	<u>3,849.00</u>	<u>2,033.11</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL EXECUTIVE	80,070.00	67,287.76	74,096.00
ELECTION/REGISTRATION/ VITAL STATISTICS			
Town Clerk Salary	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Town Clerk Fees	9,650.00	10,939.25	11,486.00
Deputy Town Clerk	1,215.00	821.08	1,336.00
Moderator	75.00	125.00	350.00
Supervisors of Checklist	900.00	960.00	900.00
Ballot Clerks	530.00	380.00	1,530.00
SS/MC	455.00	1,232.52	1,249.00
Meals	300.00	244.32	1,000.00
Telephone	593.00	555.14	583.00
Services/Supplies	1,575.00	1,862.94	1,575.00
Payments to Government Agencies	<u>2,015.00</u>	<u>1,624.00</u>	<u>2,015.00</u>
TOTAL ELECTION/REGISTRATION/ VITAL STATISTICS	20,808.00	22,244.25	25,524.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			
Tax Collector's Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,300.00
Tax Collector's Fees	9,000.00	8,442.00	8,864.00
Deputy Tax Collector	5,670.00	4,990.36	5,240.00
Treasurer's Salary	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Deputy Treasurer's Salary	450.00	12.00	250.00
SS/MC	1,083.00	1,602.35	1,672.00
Registry	1,200.00	1,359.09	1,400.00
Telephone	589.00	538.20	565.00
Information Systems	3,300.00	1,553.60	7,480.00
Services	3,500.00	6,682.35	6,700.00
Supplies	1,585.00	1,243.72	1,585.00
Postage	<u>1,548.00</u>	<u>1,508.00</u>	<u>1,548.00</u>

TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	35,425.00	35,431.67	44,104.00
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY			
Revaluation Services	<u>10,600.00</u>	<u>4,246.16</u>	<u>10,600.00</u>
TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	10,600.00	4,246.16	10,600.00
LEGAL EXPENSE			
Legal Expense	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>2,604.69</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSE	15,000.00	2,604.69	15,000.00
PLANNING & ZONING			
Secretary's Salary	14,160.00	14,596.56	15,330.00
BC/BS	2,174.00	2,174.04	2,251.00
SS/MC	1,083.00	1,116.76	1,173.00
Planner	250.00	-0-	250.00
Legal Expense	2,000.00	100.00	2,000.00
Advertising	900.00	560.80	700.00
Telephone	546.00	548.31	576.00
Services	2,000.00	734.02	2,000.00
Insurance	637.00	662.00	670.00
Supplies	1,100.00	481.83	1,000.00
Postage	<u>220.00</u>	<u>284.40</u>	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING	25,070.00	21,258.72	26,250.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
Salaries	24,085.00	24,910.31	24,085.00
BC/BS	4,348.00	3,804.57	3,377.00
SS/MC	1,922.00	1,905.61	1,842.00
Services	6,500.00	11,362.73	6,500.00
Lights	4,124.00	5,566.60	5,845.00
Fuel	6,680.00	6,276.71	6,590.00
Insurance	7,430.00	4,036.00	4,036.00
Supplies	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,111.85</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	57,089.00	58,974.38	54,275.00
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOC.			
Information Booth Salary	3,500.00	3,498.00	3,500.00
Information Booth SS/MC	268.00	267.67	268.00
Information Booth Services	700.00	71.36	500.00
Promotional Advertising	-0-	-0-	1,250.00
Information Booth Lights	500.00	-0-	-0-
North Country Council	1,841.00	1,841.00	2,114.00
Holiday/Decorating	1,300.00	595.00	1,300.00
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	8,609.00	6,773.03	8,932.00

OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Forester Salary	-0-	-0-	6,000.00
Forester	1,500.00	1,153.60	-0-
Forester SS/MC	-0-	-0-	459.00
Forester Services/Supplies	-0-	-0-	1,200.00
Town Lines	4,000.00	395.50	3,000.00
Town Signs	1,000.00	1,485.08	2,500.00

TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

6,500.00	3,034.18	13,159.00
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POLICE

Police Chief Salary	29,939.00	32,054.04	32,055.00
Officers' Salaries	88,000.00	97,008.22	97,010.00
BC/BS	8,696.00	8,696.16	9,400.00
SS/MC	1,695.00	2,420.65	2,850.00
NHRTS	3,545.00	2,498.42	2,650.00
Telephone	1,405.00	1,542.08	1,619.00
Services/Supplies	5,000.00	5,684.10	5,000.00
Cruiser Purchase	-0-	20,212.64	-0-
Insurance	6,818.00	9,340.00	9,340.00
Fuel/Gas	2,250.00	2,489.89	2,490.00
Cruiser Maintenance	1,850.00	1,680.40	1,681.00
Vehicle Reimbursement-Chief	4,601.00	4,600.96	4,601.00

TOTAL POLICE

153,799.00	188,227.56	168,696.00
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AMBULANCE

Attendants	1,400.00	1,526.00	1,526.00
Services/Supplies	1,300.00	2,231.90	2,232.00
Insurance	-0-	223.00	223.00

TOTAL AMBULANCE

2,700.00	3,980.90	3,981.00
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FIRE

Fire Chief Salary	2,890.00	2,890.16	2,890.00
Volunteer Firemen	2,500.00	2,303.00	2,303.00
Forest Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00
SS/MC	412.00	221.52	221.00
Training	6,300.00	-0-	6,300.00
Telephone	2,334.00	2,026.73	2,120.00
Services/Supplies	2,000.00	4,839.25	5,210.00
Out-of-District Hydrants	159.00	158.40	159.00
Insurance	7,530.00	6,989.00	6,990.00
Fuel/Gas	1,650.00	2,076.84	2,080.00
Equipment/Vehicle Repair	2,500.00	656.59	660.00
Vehicle Reimbursement-Chief	2,108.00	2,108.08	2,108.00

TOTAL FIRE

30,633.00	24,519.57	31,291.00
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BUILDING INSPECTION

Salary	4,400.00	4,777.50	4,400.00
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SS/MC	337.00	365.49	337.00
Supplies	<u>345.00</u>	<u>221.15</u>	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION	5,082.00	5,364.14	4,987.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Supplies	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	100.00	-0-	100.00
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY			
Dispatcher	48,800.00	45,261.00	45,261.00
BC/BS	2,174.00	1,811.70	4,502.00
SS/MC	3,738.00	3,462.49	3,463.00
Telephone	-0-	-0-	-0-
Insurance	<u>4,392.00</u>	<u>978.00</u>	<u>978.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY	59,104.00	51,513.19	54,204.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Road Agent's Salary	30,775.00	32,758.20	32,758.00
Salary	93,000.00	89,759.37	93,820.00
BC/BS	13,044.00	12,138.39	12,381.00
SS/MC	9,469.00	9,372.45	9,683.00
Telephone	797.00	781.18	820.00
Services	5,500.00	8,306.96	5,500.00
Lights	2,634.00	2,068.75	2,183.00
Equipment Rental	5,000.00	6,118.75	6,000.00
Sander Purchase	-0-	-0-	9,500.00
Insurance	20,495.00	20,383.46	22,422.00
Supplies	10,000.00	5,127.48	10,000.00
Fuel & Lubricants	16,000.00	12,894.35	16,000.00
Equipment Repair	20,000.00	41,415.27	20,000.00
Vehicle Reimbursement	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Sand, Gravel & Stone	35,000.00	17,150.29	40,000.00
Salt	9,000.00	8,382.18	9,500.00
Asphalt	41,000.00	105,144.47	71,000.00
Other Construction Material	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>2,241.02</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	348,014.00	375,342.57	367,867.00
STREET LIGHTING			
Lights	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>35,066.27</u>	<u>27,320.00</u>
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	35,000.00	35,066.27	27,320.00
ANIMAL CONTROL			
Salary	3,100.00	3,159.96	3,264.00
SS/MC	237.00	241.80	250.00
Services/Supplies	<u>850.00</u>	<u>318.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	4,187.00	3,719.76	4,164.00

HEALTH AGENCIES/HOSPITALS

Upper Valley Senior Citizens	2,844.00	2,844.00	3,006.00
North Country Home Health	4,820.00	4,820.00	4,965.00
White Mountain Mental Health	3,060.00	3,060.00	3,060.00
Hospice of Littleton	1,220.00	1,220.00	1,220.00
American Red Cross	812.00	812.00	813.00

TOTAL HEALTH

AGENCIES/HOSPITALS	12,756.00	12,756.00	13,064.00
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DIRECT ASSISTANCE

Rent	6,400.00	10,265.70	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	523.77	1,000.00
Lights	1,800.00	2,910.09	3,000.00
Fuel	1,200.00	682.82	750.00

TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE

10,600.00	14,382.38	16,750.00
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE

PAYMENTS

Community Action Program	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00
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TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL

WELFARE PAYMENTS	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00
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PARKS/RECREATION

Pool Salaries	12,000.00	12,290.85	12,430.00
Pool SS/MC	918.00	940.29	951.00
Pool Telephone	198.00	218.89	230.00
Pool Services	6,675.00	6,058.44	6,475.00
Pool Lights	3,206.00	3,377.48	3,563.00
Pool Insurance	2,140.00	1,704.00	1,704.00
Mt. Agassiz Trail Assoc.	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-
Little League Services/Supplies	5,450.00	5,748.82	4,100.00
Little League Field Improvements	4,210.00	4,187.00	4,000.00
Little League Insurance	795.00	992.00	1,042.00
Skating Rink Salary	1,040.00	1,391.55	1,390.00
Skating Rink SS/MC	80.00	106.46	107.00
Tennis Court Services/Supplies	500.00	-0-	500.00
Park Improvements	-0-	6,047.00	100.00

TOTAL PARKS/RECREATION

38,712.00	44,562.78	36,592.00
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LIBRARY

Services	22,050.00	22,050.00	22,100.00
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TOTAL LIBRARY

22,050.00	22,050.00	22,100.00
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OTHER CONSERVATION

Services	725.00	725.00	950.00
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TOTAL OTHER CONSERVATION

725.00	725.00	950.00
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Police Cruiser	6,500.00	6,500.00	11,000.00
Highway Truck	20,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00
Revaluation	35,000.00	35,000.00	50,000.00
Town Properties ADA	75,000.00	75,000.00	-0-
Town Building Renovations	-0-	-0-	25,000.00
Building Demolition	-0-	-0-	20,000.00
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TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	136,500.00	136,500.00	146,000.00
IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS			
Playground Enhancement	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>21,434.05</u>	<u>3,565.95</u>
TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	25,000.00	21,434.05	3,565.95
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND			
BCC	230,965.00	227,025.58	269,700.00
Solid Waste Disposal	47,155.00	49,155.61	63,700.00
Closure Prospect Street Dump	<u>192,946.00</u>	<u>109,755.19</u>	<u>115,342.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	471,066.00	385,936.38	448,742.00
PRINCIPAL LONG TERM BONDS/NOTES			
Principal Long Term Bond/Note	<u>29,400.00</u>	<u>29,400.00</u>	<u>39,200.00</u>
TOTAL PRINCIPAL LONG TERM BONDS/NOTES	29,400.00	29,400.00	39,200.00
INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS/NOTES			
Interest Long Term Bond/Note	<u>3,326.00</u>	<u>3,317.25</u>	<u>1,602.00</u>
TOTAL INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS/NOTES	3,326.00	3,317.25	1,602.00
INTEREST - T.A.N.'S			
Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>14,030.80</u>	<u>15,200.00</u>
TOTAL INTEREST - T.A.N.'S	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>14,030.80</u>	<u>15,200.00</u>
BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,674,500.00	\$1,596,258.44	\$1,679,890.95

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - BCC

HS Salary	\$ 19,186.00	\$ 19,744.69	\$ 2,060.00
HS Contract Staff	-0-	-0-	22,000.00
HS SS/MC	1,468.00	1,510.43	158.00
HS Advertising	2,752.00	3,259.12	2,500.00
HS Telephone	1,302.00	940.45	988.00
HS Services/Supplies	2,500.00	5,308.48	5,000.00
HS Due General Fund	13,131.00	13,131.00	-0-
HS Ghin-Handicap	2,100.00	2,306.00	2,400.00
HS Lights	2,000.00	3,110.81	3,282.00
HS Heat	650.00	211.29	500.00
HS Building Maintenance	1,500.00	608.05	600.00
HS Improvements	-0-	209.56	2,500.00
HS Insurance	1,080.00	701.00	500.00
HS Refunds	-0-	994.00	1,000.00
HS Dues/Prof Meeting	375.00	250.00	300.00
HS Fuel/Lubricant	2,100.00	2,147.82	2,200.00
HS Bank Service Fees	-0-	1,179.08	1,200.00
HS Golf Car Rental	15,000.00	15,000.00	19,000.00
HS Pro Incentive	10,840.00	9,887.20	12,000.00
HS Pro Retainer	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,900.00
CR Salary	59,690.00	60,339.25	61,602.00
CR BC/BS	1,601.00	1,449.36	1,450.00
CR SS/MC	4,566.00	4,598.13	4,713.00
CR Telephone	720.00	592.14	622.00
CR Services	2,100.00	1,345.12	2,100.00
CR Lights	900.00	328.73	347.00
CR Improvements	4,783.00	261.85	34,500.00
CR Reserve For Improvement	-0-	-0-	5,638.00
CR Equipment Rental	1,500.00	1,249.30	1,500.00
CR Equipment Purchase	26,230.00	25,804.63	25,000.00
CR Insurance	8,925.00	6,957.00	7,400.00
CR Dues/Prof Meetings	440.00	129.75	440.00
CR Supplies	2,600.00	2,251.24	2,600.00
CR Chemicals	8,026.00	8,019.53	9,000.00
CR Fuel/Lubricant	2,200.00	1,973.11	2,200.00
CR Equipment Repair	4,700.00	5,227.46	5,500.00
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$230,965.00	\$227,025.58	\$269,700.00

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SALARIES

Beane, Seth R.	\$ 2,020.84
Bocash, William	2,589.09
Bresnahan, Donald F.	3,258.75
Brooks, Glenn	28,356.08
Brown, Chet	3,159.96
Brown, Claudia G.	12,442.00
Brown, Teri-Ann	3,500.00
Bushway, Raymond	1,600.00
Carson-Higgins, Patricia	2,164.25
Clark, Frances	10,890.00
Courchaine, Matthew D.	4,422.00
Cushing, Russell J.	2,886.00
Daignault, Fred	91.88
Darling, Brenda L.	14,389.25
Davis, Philip R.	150.00
Derrington, James G.	1,018.48
Doyle, Jeremy	18,676.70
Dyne, Mikel L.	421.44
Ellingwood, Daniel R.	2,079.69
Englert, William	13,109.52
Ferland, Todd D.	18,816.03
Fitch, June W.	3,571.88
Gagne, Judy	300.00
Gonyer, Lewis	7,159.75
Guest, Claudia R.	360.00
Hassan, Donald	7,978.75
Holmes Jr., Gregory C.	1,048.71
Holmes, Cindy	21,060.00
Howe, Kathryn A.	170.50
Keane, Jonathan T.	1,884.40
Keane, Matthew	403.75
King Jr., Charles H.	20,717.29
Laleme, Mary L.	5,920.00
Lamarre, Edgar	941.18
Lambert, Dianne M.	16,244.94
Lehouillier, Tracy M.	147.00
MacKay-Pearson, Kimberly	2,866.91
Mardin, Lawrence G.	1,163.25
Miles, Eugene R.	2,135.44
Miller, David M.	1,110.67
Miller, John J.	32.00
Miscio, Meredith	2,526.58
Monroe, Lori C.	362.26
Moodie, Edward	19,656.66
Nelson, Julia	6,920.00
Newell, Harry J.	4,777.50
Piche, Heather	4,434.39
Pilotte, David	8,997.25
Ray, Lorna M.	5,807.50

Read III, Theodore	18,147.53
Reynolds, Theodore R.	21.00
Rivers, Maureen E.	12.00
Robie Sr., Richard S.	351.20
Robie, John D.	16.00
Robie, Richard Jr.	132.00
Sanborn, Howard E.	34,944.20
Sargent, Cheryl	17,196.56
Sargent, David	8,557.25
Silver, Willis A.	861.00
Smith, Nancy Lee	2,584.42
Stevens, Michael E.	28,148.05
Sweeney, Michael S.	15.75
Sykes, Ann A.	300.00
Symonds, Donna J.	5,147.50
Thompson, Stephen J.	44.63
Tremblay, Joshua B.	962.64
Trombley, Cathy H.	10,270.00
Tucker III, George	32,758.20
Tucker, Daniel C.	1,600.00
Verret, Henry	24,276.78
Warner, Steven A.	25,747.56
Wedick Jr., John L.	1,600.00
Whipple, Brent	2,364.07

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Anderson, Jack	\$ 77.00
Brown, Bruce	98.00
Brown, Curt	56.00
Brown, Derek	119.00
Brown, Harold	21.00
Bushway, Jon	14.00
Bushway, Raymond	7.00
Charland, Brian	70.00
Clark, Bing	28.00
Davis, Phil	14.00
Englert, William	21.00
Ferland, Ernie	119.00
Ferland, Justin	14.00
Ferland, Todd	126.00
Keach, Howard	21.00
Keller, Doug	7.00
Keller, John	14.00
King, Jr., Charles	84.00
King, Charles	14.00
King, Chris	21.00
Lapete, Claude	7.00
Marvin, Rodney	7.00
Marvin, Ronnie	21.00
Miller, John	154.00
Moodie, Dennis	56.00
Moodie, Ed	63.00
Robie, Dick	189.00
Robie, John	161.00
Robie, Rick	203.00
Siggins, Dennis	70.00
Stone, Wayne	7.00
Symonds, William	112.00
Trombley, Dean	98.00
Verret, Henry	63.00
Ward, Bob	63.00
Whitcomb, Michael	<u>84.00</u>
 Total	 \$2,303.00

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS**

Brown, Bruce	\$ 42.00
Brown, Floyd	7.00
Bushway, Jon	7.00
Charland, Brian	28.00
Davis, Phil	238.00
Englert, William	14.00
Garneau, Evelyn	203.00
Guest, Claudia	7.00
King, Jr., Charles	56.00
King, Charles	14.00
King, Jackie	413.00
LaRocque, David	56.00
Miller, John	224.00
Moody, Ed	14.00
Robie, Dick	133.00
Robie, Rick	<u>70.00</u>
 Total	 \$1,526.00

JOINT COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT #1 - 1995
Prospect Street Dump Closure

- Joint initiative by Bethlehem Board of Selectmen and No. Country Environmental Services, Inc.
- Dump footprint is 3.1 acres
- Engineering design was started by Sanborn Head & Associates late in 1994
- The Town of Bethlehem provided all construction materials for the closure under its Multiple Supplier Contract - Aggregates
- North Country Environmental Services, Inc. and Casella Construction Co., Inc. provided the equipment and manpower to effect the closure
- Reshaping of the landfill started in June
- Glacial Till placed in June and July
- Topsoil and Seeding completed mid July

Soil and other construction materials used in Closure:

Source/Vendor	Material	Paid By	Qty (cu.yds)	Cost (\$)
WRC Pit	Fill	Town	6,061	\$ 3,594
WRC Pit	Glacial Till*	Town	11,122	5,450
Recreation Area	Fill	Town	1,708	2,764
NCES	Top Soil	Town	2,674	21,392
Dump	Fill Moved on site	NCES	2,720	0**
Dump	Waste Moved on site	NCES	7,340	0**
Stone's Pit	Crushed Gravel	NCES	<u>14</u>	<u>126</u>
Total			31,639	\$ 33,326

*Glacial Till for capping had to have a permeability less than 1×10^{-5} cm/second

** Included in Construction costs shown below

Services needed for Closure:

Firm	Service	Paid By	Date	Cost (\$)
Sanborn Head & Assoc.	Engineering Design	NCES	12/94 - 8/95	\$ 15,839
Casella Construction	Construction	NCES	6/94 - 8/95	85,854
Kelmic Enterprises	Equipment Mobilization	NCES	7/95	100
Sanborn Head & Assoc.	Engineering Inspection	Town	6/95 - 8/95	16,897
Phoenix Hill Associates	Surveying	Town	10/95	1,271
Cartographics Assoc.	Surveying	Town	6/95	639
Various Truckers	Trucking Materials	Town	6/95 - 8/95	37,640
Various Recording Fees	Application Fees	Town	2/95 - 5/95	174
Casella Construction	Vent Pipes	Town	8/95	786
Capital Environmental	Well screens, pipe	Town	7/95	1,072
Hubbard	Mulch Hay	Town	7/95	600
Aubuchon Hardware	No Trespassing signs	Town	11/95	17
Home Quarters	Posts	Town	7/95	26
Charles Heart Seed Co.	Seed	Town	7/95 - 8/95	946
Casella Construction	Material Supply	Town	7/95	<u>16,486</u>
Total				\$ 178,347
Town Costs 1988 - 1992 Inclusive			\$ 9,902	
Town Costs 1993			5,750	
Town Costs 1994			2,045	
Town Costs 1995			<u>\$ 109,754</u>	
Total Town Costs				\$ 127,451
North Country Environmental Services, Inc. Costs - 1995				<u>101,919</u>
Prospect Street Dump Closure Total Costs				\$ 229,370

JOINT COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT #2 - 1995
Town Playground Improvement & Recreation Area Development Project

- Joint initiative by Bethlehem Board of Selectmen, Bethlehem Citizen's Advisory Group Playground Rehabilitation & Enhancement and North Country Environmental Services, Inc. (NCES)
- Citizen's Advisory Group coordinated the project and committed to raise \$25,000 to help with the funding
- Town of Bethlehem voted at the 1994 Town Meeting to appropriate \$25,000 to partially fund this project
- NCES donated the cost of site work to help with the construction of this project
- The engineering for this project was started in early 1995 and the construction was completed in August on the Playground. Work on the Recreation area will be completed in 1996

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT

Materials used in Construction:

Source	Material	Paid By	Qty (cu. yds)	Cost (\$)
Stone's Pit	Bank Run Gravel	NCES	368	\$ 1,288
Stone's Pit	Crushed Gravel	NCES	16	100
Lincoln Sign Co.	Sign	NCES	N/A	750
Miracle Playground	Playground Equipment	Town	N/A	9,312
Miracle Playground	Swing Seats and Chains	Town	N/A	447
Charles Heart Seed Co.	Seed	Town	N/A	159
Superior Fence Co.	Playground Wood Train	Town	N/A	1,670
Gibbons Recreation	Swings	Town	N/A	187
Varney Smith Lumber	Sakrete, Pipe	Town	N/A	226
Browns Concrete	Sakrete	Town	N/A	286
Miscellaneous	Poles, Bolt, Envelopes, Notice	Town	N/A	130
Perras Lumber	Wood Chips	Town	300	1,500
WRC Pit	Volleyball Sand	Town	84	<u>1</u>
Total				\$ 16,056

Services needed for Construction:

Firm	Service	Paid By	Date	Cost (\$)
Phoenix Hill Associates	Surveying	NCES	12/94 - 8/95	\$ 535
Cavendish Partnership	Design	NCES	4/95	2,102
Casella Construction	Construction	NCES	6/94 - 8/95	13,253
Phoenix Hill Associates	Surveying	Town	6/95	<u>242</u>
Total				\$ 16,132

RECREATION AREA DEVELOPMENT

Materials used in Construction:

Source	Material	Paid By	Qty (cu. yds.)	Cost (\$)
Stone's Pit	Bank Run Gravel	NCES	3070	\$ 10,745
Stone's Pit	Crushed Gravel	NCES	101	607
Kelmic Enterprises	Equipment Mobilization	NCES	N/A	100
Pike Ind. & Porter Pav.	Asphalt	NCES	N/A	14,752
Isaacson Steel	Culvert	NCES	N/A	74
Red Head Supply	Pipe Plugs	NCES	N/A	46
Persons Concrete	Concrete	Town	1	56
Poulsen Lumber	Plywood & Lumber	Town	N/A	1,975
Charles Heart Seed Co.	Seed, line paint	Town	N/A	769
Public Service NH	Poles	Town	N/A	1,312
Littleton Water & Light	2 Poles & installation	Town	N/A	1,165
Pike Ind. & Porter Pav.	Asphalt	Town	N/A	6,047
Gibbons Recreation	4 Basketball Hoops	Town	N/A	5,700
Twin Mt. Fence Co.	Fence Posts	Town	N/A	485
White Mt. Concrete	Concrete curb for rink	Town	N/A	<u>3,350</u>
Total				\$ 47,183

Services needed for Construction:

Firm	Service	Paid By	Date	Cost (\$)
Cavendish Partnership	Design	NCES	4/95	\$ 7,559
Abbott Rental	Equipment Rental	NCES	6/95	60
Casella Construction	Construction	NCES	6/94 - 8/95	17,694
Phoenix Hill Associates	Surveying	NCES	4/95	<u>1,441</u>
Total				\$ 26,754

	Playground	Recreation Area	Total Costs
Town Costs	\$14,160	\$20,859	\$35,019
NCES Costs	<u>18,028</u>	<u>53,078</u>	<u>71,106</u>
	\$32,188	\$73,937	\$106,125

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST Year Ending December 31, 1995

	Balance 12/31/94	Expenses	Contributions	Income	Balance 12/31/95
Cruft, Town Building	\$ 21,833.98	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 597.97	\$ 19,306.95
Phillips/Cruft, Needy Children	22,647.13	0.00	0.00	717.05	23,364.18
Jeffries, Park Building	1,218.71	0.00	0.00	31.99	1,250.70
West, Library	1,051.04	550.00	0.00	12.36	513.40
Cemetery	30,248.01	1,450.00	0.00	936.83	29,734.84
CAPITAL RESERVE					
CLOSED					
Village Distr., Sewer	18,523.91	18,691.95		168.04	0.00
Fire Dept.	1,187.38	1,245.12		57.74	0.00
Police Dept.	2,348.18	2,462.38		114.20	0.00
Highway	1,184.65	1,243.27		58.62	0.00
OPENED					
Village Distr., P.U. Truck	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	151.72	10,151.72
Highway Dump Truck	0.00	0.00	21,243.27	41.48	21,284.75
Police Cruiser	0.00	0.00	10,207.50	123.48	10,330.98
Town Bldg. ADA Fund	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
Revaluation Fund	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Prospt. St. Dump Closure	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
TOTALS	\$100,242.99	\$28,767.72	\$226,450.77	\$3,011.48	\$300,937.52

• Deposit in transit (Rec'd 1/10/96)

Highway Dump Truck	\$20,000
Police Cruiser	6,500
Revaluation	35,000
Town Building ADA	75,000
Dump Closure	75,000

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Building in said Bethlehem on **Tuesday**, the twelfth day of March, 1996, at nine o'clock in the morning (the polls to close at 6:00 p.m.; business meeting to be held at the Bethlehem Elementary School on **Saturday**, the sixteenth day of March, 1996, at 9:00 AM) to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (Ballot Vote)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted, \$1,405,478.95 - budget total exclusive of warrant articles.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Police Cruiser. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Highway Dump Truck. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Revaluation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of rehabilitating the lower level of the Town Building and to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of demolishing or rehabilitating Town owned properties that are eyesores and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be placed in the fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Capital Reserve Fund - Town Building ADA, to the Capital Reserve Fund - Town Properties, ADA. The Board of Selectmen approves this article. (2/3 Vote Required)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Prospect Street Dump Post Closure Fund, for the purpose of the care and maintenance of the capped dump for a period of 30 years as required by State law and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,412 for this purpose, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to provide that all dwellings built before 1986 and their out buildings be exempt from B.O.C.A. Code. Any additions or changes to such structures will require a permit given by the Board of Selectmen so the Town can keep the

tax assessment cards up to date. Cosmetic repairs and replacements (roofs, windows, doors, decks, etc.) that are already noted on assessment records do not need a permit to do such work. All above are exempt from fees, rules, regulations, and inspections set by B.O.C.A. Code. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

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

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and sealed this 26th day of February, 1996.

Daniel C. Tucker
John L. Wedick, Jr.
Raymond F. Bushway

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1995	Actual 1995	Estimated 1996
Taxes:			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ -0-	\$ 2,328.90	\$ 1,000.00
Resident Taxes	260.00	580.00	270.00
Yield Taxes	66,150.00	63,747.64	52,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	176,170.00	198,295.91	202,130.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	105,000.00	124,143.39	110,000.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees:			
Business Licenses and Permits	1,200.00	1,227.55	1,200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	175,000.00	186,901.82	187,000.00
Building Permits	2,820.00	2,498.96	2,500.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,095.00	4,634.54	4,325.00
From State:			
Shared Revenue	26,165.00	89,959.50	26,165.00
Highway Block Grant	61,400.00	61,732.27	62,045.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	21,580.00	21,582.74	21,580.00
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	1,460.00	1,466.25	1,460.00
From Other Government:			
Intergovernmental Revenues	27,240.00	27,888.81	28,600.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	14,400.00	17,195.71	15,080.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Sale of Municipal Property	3,500.00	136.00	7,000.00
Interest on Investments	3,200.00	3,436.90	3,500.00
Other	7,910.00	8,293.44	310.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
Bethlehem Country Club	230,965.00	233,166.17	269,700.00
Solid Waste Disposal	57,505.00	63,660.73	63,700.00
Closure Prospect St. Dump	-0-	-0-	115,342.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$986,020.00</u>	<u>\$1,112,877.23</u>	<u>\$1,174,907.00</u>

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1995	Expend. 1995	Approp. 1996
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 80,070.00	\$ 67,287.76	\$ 74,096.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	20,808.00	22,244.25	25,524.00
Financial Administration	35,425.00	35,431.67	44,104.00
Revaluation of Property	10,600.00	4,246.16	10,600.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00	2,604.69	15,000.00
Planning and Zoning	25,070.00	21,258.72	26,250.00
General Government Building	57,089.00	58,974.38	54,275.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	8,609.00	6,773.03	8,932.00
Other General Government	6,500.00	3,034.18	13,159.00
Public Safety:			
Police	153,799.00	188,227.56	168,696.00
Ambulance	2,700.00	3,980.90	3,981.00
Fire	30,633.00	24,519.57	31,291.00
Building Inspection	5,082.00	5,364.14	4,987.00
Emergency Management	100.00	-0-	100.00
Other Public Safety (including Communications)	59,104.00	51,513.19	54,204.00
Highways and Streets:			
Highways and Streets	348,014.00	375,342.57	367,867.00
Street Lighting	35,000.00	35,066.27	27,320.00
Health:			
Animal Control	4,187.00	3,719.76	4,164.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	12,756.00	12,756.00	13,064.00
Welfare:			
Direct Assistance	10,600.00	14,382.38	16,750.00
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation	38,712.00	44,562.78	36,592.00
Library	22,050.00	22,050.00	22,100.00
Conservation:			
Other Conservation	725.00	725.00	950.00
Capital Outlay:			
Improvements Other Than Building	25,000.00	21,434.05	3,565.95
Debt Service:			
Principal Long-Term Bonds/Notes	29,400.00	29,400.00	39,200.00
Interest-Long-Term Bonds/Notes	3,326.00	3,317.25	1,602.00
Interest on TAN	25,000.00	14,030.80	15,200.00

Operating Transfers Out:			
Special Revenue Funds			
Bethlehem Country Club	230,965.00	227,025.58	269,700.00
Solid Waste Disposal	47,155.00	49,155.61	63,700.00
Closure of Prospect Street Dump	192,946.00	109,755.19	115,342.00
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>136,500.00</u>	<u>136,500.00</u>	<u>146,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,674,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,596,258.44</u>	\$1,679,890.95*
Less:			
Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of			
Property Taxes			1,174,907.00
Total Amount To Be			
Raised By Property Taxes			<u>\$ 504,983.95</u>

*Total recommended operating appropriation for 1996 exclusive of warrant articles \$1,405,478.95.

SUMMARY - ALL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED
1996

	Percent of Total	Amount
TOWN	14.9%	\$ 504,984.00
Bethlehem Elementary Profile		1,408,685.00 <u>1,298,937.00</u>
SCHOOLS**	79.9%	2,707,622.00
COUNTY**	5.2%	<u>175,741.00</u>
TOTAL - All Property Taxes to be Raised		<u>\$3,388,347.00</u>

** Estimated

1996 BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Bethlehem Country Club

REVENUE

Fees & Commissions	\$249,700.00
Timber Sales	<u>20,000.00</u>

Total Revenue	269,700.00
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EXPENDITURES

Club House	105,088.00
Course	<u>164,612.00</u>

Total Expenditures	269,700.00
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes in 1996	\$ -0-
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1996 BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Solid Waste Disposal

REVENUE

Host Town Fees	\$63,700.00
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EXPENDITURES

Disposal Charges	50,630.00
Transfer to:	
Trust Fund-Prospect St.	
Dump Post Closure Costs	<u>13,070.00</u>

Total	<u>63,700.00</u>
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes in 1996	\$ -0-
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1996 BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Closure of Prospect Street Dump

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Unexpended Balances - 1995 Special Revenue Fund	
Closure of Prospect St. Dump	\$89,852.00
Other Funds - Reimbursement from State of NH	<u>25,490.00</u>

TOTAL 115,342.00

EXPENDITURES

Transfer To: Trust Fund - Prospect St.	
Dump Post Closure Costs	<u>115,342.00</u>

Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes in 1996 \$ -0-

CLOSURE OF PROSPECT STREET DUMP

Financial Summary

Estimated Closure Costs

Provan & Lorber, Inc. - Engineers - 1993		\$395,952.00*
Less: Actual closure costs paid by Town		
1988 - 1992 incl	\$9,902.00	
1993	5,750.00	
1994	2,045.00	
1995	<u>109,754.00</u>	<u>127,451.00</u>

Savings to Town 268,501.00

Source of Savings to Town

Reduced construction & material costs		
Casella Construction Co., Inc.	158,850.00	
Wing Road Commons, LTD	<u>7,732.00</u>	166,582.00

Cash contributions

North Country Environmental Services, Inc. 101,919.00

Total \$268,501.00

*Includes \$9,902.00 paid by Town before Provan & Lorber, Inc., 1993 estimate of \$386,050.00.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The statistics below show you what a busy little library we have in this Town. One hundred forty-eight new registrations in 1995. Bethlehem is a growing Town and the Library tries to keep up with the demand of the patrons. The computer stays busy locating books requested that we do not own and borrow from other libraries throughout the State. Our shelves are overcrowded and weeding is an on-going process. Two Book Sales were held during the summer with these books and books donated for the sale, there is a table of books on sale in the library year-round.

Library sponsored programs included, Dick Fortin with a wonderful display of woodsmens' tools and talk, Esther Kamerling presented a program on Alaska with a video of her sons and discussion. In October, our first monthly program at the Hillview Community Room was Everet Aldrich, who gave a demonstration on Fall Flower Arrangement, in November, two videos were shown, and in December, the Profile High School Chorus delighted the attendees with holiday music. Mildred Chamberlain is in charge of the Programs. Ruth Miller, Jean Wedick and Barbara Meany have been much appreciated volunteers and we do thank them. We especially appreciate all of you who donate books, audio cassettes and magazines to the Library. Audio cassettes have been in great demand this year.

In closing, I hope you will continue to visit the Library often and I will do my best to obtain the information you request.

Muriel Brown

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

CIRCULATION:

Adult Fiction	5,279
Adult Non-fiction	1,607
Juvenile	2,762
Magazines	2,020
Audios and Videos	464

ACCESSIONS:

Adult Fiction 297, Adult Non-Fiction 95, Juvenile 182,
Magazines 58, Audio Cassettes 42, Videos 8, Memorial Books 12

New registrations 148 bring the number to 1558.

SELECTMENS' REPORT

In 1995, we continued our efforts of last year to improve the Town's financial condition. As of January 17, 1996, the Town no longer owes any long term debt. The Prospect Street Dump is permanently closed (capped) and sufficient money is available to fully fund a Trust Fund to pay for its post closure care for 30 years as required by State law.

We also had the Prospect Street bridge over the Ammonoosuc River sandblasted and painted in its original 1928 silver color. And we are pleased to report that the Country Club had a very successful year, producing gross revenue of over \$233,000 which was about \$2,200 in excess of projected revenue.

We again saw a tremendous outpouring of volunteerism, this time to make the refurbished playground and the new recreation area across Main Street from the Town Building a reality. In addition to the contribution made by North Country Environmental Services, Inc., area residents and businesses contributed over \$14,000 in cash; over \$2,500 in construction materials; and thousands of hours of labor and equipment time. Clearly volunteerism is alive and well above the notch. Our thanks to all who helped make Bethlehem a better place for children to live and play.

Please see other parts of this Annual Report for complete details on the cost of constructing the playground and the recreation area and the closing of the Prospect Street Dump.

John L. Wedick, Jr.
Daniel C. Tucker
Raymond F. Bushway

BETHLEHEM REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Bethlehem Revolving Loan Fund was established in 1986. It was a result of a grant application for community development block grants from the Federal Government. The North Country Council (NCC) administered the grant application, and once funds were received, the NCC was awarded the function of general administration of the grant proceeds.

The BRLF has as its purpose creating or expanding employment opportunities as well as stabilizing employment in existing businesses in the Town of Bethlehem. The BRLF assists qualified businesses to relocate or expand in Bethlehem by providing low interest loans. Loans may be used to finance capital expenses, inventory, working capital or marketing. Loans must be matched with other funds on a basis of one to one when the loan is under \$30,000, and two to one for amounts in excess of \$30,000.

The fund has financed nearly thirty business applications. Applications are processed by the NCC, reviewed by the Bethlehem Community Development Committee, and approved and awarded by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Bethlehem. Individuals wishing to make application should make contact with the NCC.

As of December 31, 1995 balances due on loans outstanding amount to \$105,146.36. Total funds available to loan were \$122,434.66. Bethlehem Community Development Council members are Thomas Hepner, Leonard Reed and Peter Thoma.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 1995 Annual Report

The Bethlehem Conservation Commission meets monthly, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month in the basement of the Town Hall. The Commission reviews wetlands permits and discusses matters relating to Town resources. The Commission is a member of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

Because Bethlehem has a Conservation Commission, land owners are able to file the Expedited Minimum Impact Form to the Wetlands Board for approval within thirty days by the Wetlands Bureau staff without Board action if certain criteria are met. The filing must first be reviewed and signed by the Conservation Commission before submission to the Town Clerk. The Commission has adopted a policy that filings should be received two weeks before the regular monthly meeting at which the filing is to be reviewed and signed, allowing members time to make a site visit.

The Conservation Commission maintains the Bethlehem segment of the NH Heritage Trail which begins at the Skookumchuk Trail Head off Rt. 3 in Franconia and goes to Bretzfelder Park with an interruption between Muchmore Road and the Caddy Memorial. Also planned are nature trails on the Town property off Prospect Street where the old Town landfill was recently closed.

The Commission continued to take responsibility for hauling the Town recycling trailer from the Municipal landfill to the Littleton transfer station each month. The Commission thanks Phil Bell for his continued help with this project.

The Conservation Commission has a separate checking account into which is deposited the entire approved budget amount each year. Money not spent accumulates.

Expenditures this year were:

NH Association of Conservation Commissions dues	\$150.00
Administration	<u>103.00</u>
Total	\$253.00

Resignations were received from Jeff Wallner and Ernest MacMillan. Jeff was a member since the first Commission in 1982, was responsible for the Bethlehem segment of the Heritage Trail and much of the development of Bretzfelder Park as well as many other projects around Town. Ernest served as secretary for the two years he was on the Commission and helped a lot with trail maintenance.

The Commission encourages Town residents to attend meetings and become involved in Heritage Trail work and other conservation activities.

Tanya Tellman
Chair

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In 1995, the newly purchased information booth was moved from its location at the former Northern Land Services to the corner of Main Street and Log Cabin Lane under the direction of Dan Tucker, the town crew and Harry Newell. Water was hooked up by Bud and Warren Miller and electrical grounding was done by Peter Mountain. Several Chamber members put in many hours painting, landscaping and redecorating.

Sally Donovan supervised the operation of the booth. The staff included Pat Carson Higgins and Larry Mardin. Operating the booth involves a lot of work and Sally, Pat and Larry did a superb job.

A four-page promotional brochure was developed and printed. Nearly 20,000 copies were distributed statewide at information areas and by mail.

In December the Chamber sponsored "A Bethlehem Christmas", showcasing several festively decorated local Inns and private homes with local artisans and craftspersons on hand with live demonstrations. Other Bethlehem attractions and features were also highlighted. The event, which was held on December 9 and 16, was successful and drew the attention of the news media from as far away as Massachusetts. Although many people worked to plan the event, a special note of appreciation goes out to the late Gary Skeels of The Mulburn who spearheaded the promotion and coordination of the project.

The Memory Tree was part of the Bethlehem Christmas. The lights were put up under the direction of Lon Weston and Clare Brown. Steve Huggins oversaw the lighting ceremony and read the names of those to be remembered. The Profile High School chorus led carols under the direction of Lisa Robar, the Profile choral director. Barbara Siggins prepared and served hot chocolate.

As of December 31, the Chamber had 37 paid-up members. Officers elected for 1996 are: President, Steve Huggins; Vice President, Ann Syke; Secretary, Sally Donovan; Treasurer, Ruth Miller; Directors: Fran Marszalkowski, Victor Hofmann, Harry Newell, and Gary Skeels.

Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. except July and October. Dues are \$65.00 and the membership year runs from August 1, to July 31. All meetings are open to the public.

LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT

The 1995 Bethlehem Little League season was a most exciting venture. Beginning with practice in April and extending to the playoffs in July, the girls' softball team captured the quad town title (Lincoln joined with us and Franconia and Lisbon) as did the boys' team. Ron Ramback's Red Ladies won the division title followed closely by Ali Lister's Blue Bombers, both posting impressive 8-2 records. Frank Hagan took his Red Sox to the top finish and Ron Ingerson's Mets and John Dickerman's Pirates made a great show of it. The combined All-Stars for both boys and girls won their respective championships. Their impressive trophies are currently on display at Bethlehem Video. In all, over 175 kids from our town participated in the program.

This marked the first year of Bethlehem's affiliation with Babe Ruth/Bambino sanctioning. Post season play proved exciting for the 10 year old All Stars, 11-12 year old boys and 11-12 year old girls. The girls went to Nashua and came within one run of playing for the state championship in their first year.

1995 also marked the inaugural year for town-sponsored 13 year old boys' Babe Ruth, the Bulldogs, coached by Al Wright, John Stevenson and Paul Lister and the Diamonds, 13-15 year old girls' softball team, who scrapped for several impressive wins despite having mostly 13 year olds. They were capably coached by Julie Duranty and Gene Girdwood.

The town fielded six 7-9 year old farm league teams. After losing the Friendship House field to construction work, the kind folks at the White Mountain School and the Harry Carter family, kindly offered their soccer field and this proved to be a beautiful venue. Coaches who generously donated their time included Cherie Cunningham, Ron Ramback, Pete Rivers, Bill Cunningham, Sue Houck, Mike Parcell, Linda Bucciarelli, Tom Young and Steve Spangle.

Our umpiring crew, led by the very capable eyesight of chief John Stevenson, included Skip Marie, Paul Greenlaw, Harry Newell, Jeff Davidson, Jim Payette, Gerald Marquis, Jim Parish, Guy Haynes and Paul Lister.

The 1996 season has plans for the creation of a T-ball program for 5 and 6 years olds. We are hoping that the season will begin with a parade of teams down Main Street followed by a dedication of the two ball fields at the end of Elm Street. A concession stand is being considered and may serve as a source of revenue in the future to help defray the cost of the program.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone in the town for allocating the funds for our program, especially during the past three years which allowed us to construct the two most beautiful fields in the state. Space does not permit me to thank everyone who has been responsible for the success of the program and the development of the fields but I would like to express my gratitude to Harry Newell, Ron Ramback and Jeff Davidson who spent countless hours finishing the lower field and Perley Whipple, Bernard Ristuccia, John Wedlick and Danny Tucker whose donations were greatly appreciated.

Please plan to join us at the games this year. There will be one night set aside each week in July and August for the kids to continue with parental supervision and the Bethlehem All Stars, an old timers' coed team, will defend their title against area teams.

Finally, I wish to thank our retiring coaches. Ron Ingerson, Cherie Cunningham, Sue Houck and John Dickerman have dedicated hundreds of hours to our kids in their years of coaching. I am privileged to have worked with them. This season is dedicated to their generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Lister, Commissioner

INFORMATION BOOTH STATISTICS

During the 1995 season, 781 visitors utilized the information booth services.

General areas of information with approximate counts of visitors' interests were recorded in the following categories:

Maps, directions, things to do	540
Lodging	146
Dining	56
Phone calls	75
Antiques	11
History	35
Miscellaneous	34
Information packets	124

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

As Executive Councilor for District One, it is a privilege for me to communicate with the citizens of this town and area which are a part of District One of 98 towns and four cities.

The five member Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of Government. The NH House and Senate make laws and pass into law a budget. It is then the constitutional and lawful duty of the Governor and Council to carry out those laws and budget. The entire Judicial Branch of judges are all nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Council. The Governor and Council also nominate and confirm 267 Commissioners and Directors to terms of office in the various state executive branch departments.

The Governor and Executive Council also are required by law to nominate and confirm dozens of citizens to various volunteer boards and commissions. If anyone is interested in serving, they should forward their resume directly to Governor Merrill or my office at the State House. A list of these boards and commissions may be obtained by calling my State House Office at 271-3632.

The year ahead will prove challenging in the area of town, county and state administration of the recently passed House Bill 32 which reallocates, reorganizes most of the Health and Human Services Department of NH State Government. It is extremely important that local and county officials stay in close touch with their State Senators and State Representatives. I have asked Health & Human Services Commissioner, Terry Morton to appoint at least 15-20 people from each county to act as advisors to this office as commission. If any of you are interested in serving, please call his office direct 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4331 or send him a note at his office on Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 expressing your interest.

As of this writing there is still about \$270,000 waiting to be matched by local dollars in the Economic Development Matching Grant Program and \$275,000 waiting to be matched in the Joint Tourist Promotional Program. Both of these programs can be accessed by calling 271-2411.

Some 9 million dollars is waiting at the Office of State Planning (tel. no. 271-2155) in the Community Development Block Grant Program. A town, county, regional economic development council or other regional group is eligible to apply.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation has submitted our recommendation to the Governor on various projects submitted to us by towns and regional planning commissions. It is now up to the Governor to submit his recommendations to the House and Senate by February 15, 1996 and then it's up to those two bodies of state government as to the final disposition of the plan. I don't look for much in the way of new highways, bridges and transportation projects due mainly to lack of money. Hopefully, we'll be able to keep in good repair the transportation system we've got.

It is amazing the advice and technical assistance available in State Government to citizens, businesses and local municipalities. The Office of Industrial Development has a very attractive brochure listing technical, financial and community resources available for the asking by calling 271-2411.

Should my office be of help in matters relating to the Executive Branch, please know that I welcome the opportunity to respond. It is a pleasure to serve you.

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
Office - 603 271-3632
Home- 603 747-3662

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Fiscal Year 1995

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present the following reports and financial statements. We hope they will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operations and assure citizens that their County tax dollars have been expended wisely.

During FY 1995, funds received exceeded the budget by \$163,615.52 for a total of \$14,981,914.52 in actual County revenues. This was primarily due to the receipt of Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, given by the Federal Government to partially offset the cost of serving a disproportionate share of Medicaid recipients at the County Nursing Home.

Actual expenditures totaled \$14,598,041.22 which was \$220,257.78 less than had been budgeted. This includes \$378,525 paid to the State of New Hampshire to enable the County to receive \$757,050 in Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, for a net receipt of \$378,525 which was used by the County to start a Nursing Home Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$200,000 and the balance going to surplus to help reduce the amount to be raised by County taxes. Expenditures for Medical Referee, Dispatch Center, Grafton County Conservation District, and Outside Counsel were all a little over-expended based on what was budgeted, but all other County departments were well under their budgeted amounts.

The bottom line for FY 1995 showed that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$383,873.30 leaving the County in a sound financial position at the end of its fiscal year. The Commissioners feel extremely proud of this financial picture, which exemplifies good management by all County department heads, both elected and appointed.

Grafton County experienced some major changes during FY 1995, some of which were the retirement of Douglas "Bum" Bigelow who served the County with forty-four years of dedicated, loyal service. The Commissioners would also like to take the opportunity to thank former Commissioner Betty Jo Taffe for her years of dedicated service to the citizens and employees of Grafton County. The Commissioners would also like to extend their thanks to Joanne Mann for doing an excellent job as Acting Administrator of the Nursing Home through November of 1994. At that time, Mr. John Will came on board as the Nursing Home Administrator, and we would like to welcome Mr. Will and inform you he has done a superb job thus far. Last but not least, we would like to welcome our newest Commissioner, Mr. Steve Panagoulis, Vice-Chairman, Grafton County Board of Commissioners, District 3. Commissioner Panagoulis brings a great deal of knowledge and sound judgment to the Board, and has shown those qualities since January, 1995. We feel Commissioner Panagoulis is a great asset to the citizens and employees of Grafton County.

FY 1995 was another busy year for the Department of Corrections. Admissions were up, although inmate days decreased slightly. The Electronic Monitoring Program continues to grow, and appears to be an excellent form of alternative sentencing, and now has expanded to include the Drug Freedom Program which is funded through a grant from the Attorney General's Office. Superintendent Bird continues utilizing many volunteers for a number of in-house programs.

The Grafton County Nursing Home has seen changes during the past year in the following areas: computer hardware upgrade, and adding a new part-time dietary aide to help serve meals. In May, Cheryl Ridley, RN, became our new Director of Nursing, our census continues to grow, and our Staff Development Coordinator has implemented a "Quality Assurance" program in-house.

The Commissioners are extremely proud of the Whole Village Family Resource Center project, which continues on track, and hopefully will be completed by the end of the next fiscal year. We are certain it will benefit many citizens and their families in Southeastern Grafton County.

All other County departments were extremely busy during FY 1995. The County Treasurer did an excellent job investing County funds, and exceeded the budgeted interest revenue figure by \$55,177.78. The new County Attorney has done an excellent job in his office, and the number of backlog cases has been reduced drastically. Our Sheriff's Department and Dispatch Center continue to increase with activity, and remain as effective and efficient as always. Carol Elliott, Register of Deeds, and her staff also continue to be overwhelmed with work, and continue to do an excellent job and to generate a great deal of revenue for the County and the State of New Hampshire.

For FY 1995, the Commissioners concluded with preparation of the FY 1996 County Budget, which was adopted by the County Legislative Delegation in late June.

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners holds regular weekly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the County Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm, and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public, with interested citizens and members of the press encouraged to attend. Call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 to confirm date, time and schedule.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to all staff members, elected officials, other agency personnel, and the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted,

Grafton County Commissioners
Barbara B. Hill, Chairman (District 1)
Steve Panagoulis, Vice Chairman (District 3)
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2).

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL 1995 Annual Report

This last year has been a year of great growth for the Council. The high point of the year came with North Country Council's move to the new regional resource center on November 1. The center will provide expanded information, data and resources. It will bring together under one roof, public technical assistance providers, businesses and non-profits for regional advocacy and partnership. The new center, located at the Rocks Estate in Bethlehem, offers conference facilities, electronic network connections and technical assistance.

It has also been a very productive year for the regional transportation planning program. We have undertaken a scenic byway project in the Connecticut River Valley involving 13 towns, and will in the near future expand this effort to the remaining 38 towns in the region. We have also completed a list of projects to be included in the state ten-year highway plan. We have completed the North Country program for transportation enhancement funding and have been active in transportation projects at the local and regional level.

We have had a successful public works development program this year. Littleton's industrial development project and Conway's sewer project are underway. We have started the work to fund a sewer expansion project in Haverhill and a water development project in Berlin. The total of these 4 projects exceeds \$6.5 million. In addition, we have provided detailed engineering assistance and leadership on 16 additional projects across the region totaling \$10 million.

The Council hosted the third annual Ingenuity Fair which exhibited the manufacturing and business creativity of the North Country to 10,000 visitors. We also conducted our fourth annual business survey of the 3000+ businesses in the region. We have been working on the development of a regional commercial kitchen with the town of Lancaster and the State Rural Development Council. We also have assistance from DRED and Fleet Bank.

The Council continues to be actively involved in telecommunications, from a legislative and coordinative role. In addition, we have been participating in a variety of statewide forums to make sure our telecommunication needs as a region are being heard. Recognizing that adequate and affordable health care is an essential component of the region's economic infrastructure, the Council is committed to supporting and facilitating regional efforts to improve the coordination and delivery of health care services. Our involvement has been prompted by our work with CHOICE, Inc., a non-profit education and cost containment organization that is affiliated with the NHMA. In that same period of time, we've been meeting with local health care providers to get their views on the region's health care practices, problems, and potential solutions.

On the solid waste front, the Council is providing solid waste technical assistance to all member towns on solid waste and recycling issues.

We have continued our commitment to community planning assistance. We have provided 4 training sessions in the region for local planning boards. We have also provided project assistance to 17 towns on local land use, planning and design issues and have worked with virtually every town in the region to answer short-term planning questions.

North Country Council is participating in a national demonstration highway planning corridor project with three other regional planning commissions along Route 16 under the auspices of the NH Department of Transportation. Our segment of this project involves approximately 90 miles of Route 16 beginning at the southern end of Mt. Washington Valley and ending in Wentworth Location. The project involves an intensive land use and transportation assessment and will be both GIS and data base formatted. The public participation process has been designed to involve all the communities along the corridor to develop innovative land use and traffic management recommendations.

This coming year promises to build on the progress of 1995. We will see the growth and development of the regional center, the establishment of a business resource library and a community design center in cooperation with several major universities. On behalf of the Board of Directors of NCC, we thank you for your involvement in the Council and we look forward to serving you in 1996.

Sincerely,

Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Annual Report

The Board of Directors and staff of Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. work throughout the year to enhance the health and independence of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1995, 94 residents of Bethlehem were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's programs. These older adults enjoyed balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, benefitted from hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources by our lift-equipped buses, and found opportunities to put their talent and skills to work for a better community through volunteer service.

Services for older residents of Bethlehem were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Bethlehem community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC.
Report of 1995 Services

With the arrival of 1996 comes North Country Home Health Agency's 25th Anniversary providing home health care services to residents of Bethlehem and surrounding communities. The Board of Directors are proud of the commitment of its experienced and qualified staff. NCHHA provides North Country residents with acute home care services (as a continuum of care or as an alternative to hospital care) and long term care (as an alternative to institutional placement).

In July, 1995, after months of preparation and with overwhelming community support, NCHHA moved its Littleton facility and administrative headquarters into the renovated Littleton Christian School property at 536 Cottage Street. This new space gives NCHHA efficient space for staff, as well as wonderful classroom space for continuing education programs.

The Medicare Certified Hospice Program continues to work in close collaboration with the volunteers from Hospice of the Littleton Area to provide a comprehensive plan of care and support for individuals with a terminal illness and their families. Twelve (12) clients and their families received expanded Medicare benefits from the certified hospice program at NCHHA during 1995.

During 1995, 734 home care clients in Northern Grafton and Southern Coos Counties received 42,668 home visits from NCHHA staff. In the Town of Bethlehem, 45 residents received 2,774 home care visits as follows:

<u>Disciplines</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	306
Home Health Aide	1,667
Homemaker	535
Physical Therapy	155
Occupational Therapy	23
Speech Therapy	11
Medical Social Service	22
Companion	55

More than 800 individuals received care at agency sponsored influenza immunization, blood pressure, blood sugar and foot care clinics.

There are 70-80 professional, paraprofessional and trained staff employed at NCHHA, representing 45-50 full-time equivalent employees.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions concerning home care for yourself, a family member or friend. Offices are located in Gorham, Littleton, Lincoln and Woodsville.

We look forward to continuing to earn your confidence as the home care provider and visiting nurse organization in Bethlehem during 1996 and long into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Ruppert
Executive Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA 1995 Annual Report

Hospice of the Littleton Area has completed its sixth year of providing volunteer services to residents of area communities. Our service area included the towns of Littleton, Bethlehem, Twin Mountain, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Bath, and Woodsville/Haverhill. Volunteers provided supportive care at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes to 50 individuals and families coping with the final stages of illness. Volunteers also conducted a bereavement support group and a cancer support group. Volunteers gave over 1300 hours in the provision of services.

Hospice conducts a yearly training session for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or in increasing their knowledge about hospice care. In the spring of 1995, seventeen individuals completed this training program. In an effort to better serve the Woodsville and Haverhill areas we conducted an additional training program in North Haverhill in the fall and 15 individuals completed this training program. We now have a total of 80 trained Hospice volunteers to support area residents.

Our organization was very pleased this year to offer support to two new area programs. We provided volunteer services to the North Country Home Health Agency's new Medicare Hospice Program and we offered supportive care to patients and families in the Littleton Regional Hospital's new Hospice Room which opened in May.

In 1995 our program provided supportive care to five residents from Bethlehem. In addition, four residents of Bethlehem completed the volunteer training program.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we enter our seventh year of providing care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Lakey, Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1995**

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF FATHER NAME OF MOTHER
Mar. 6, 1995	Littleton	Eli Harper Kerr	M	David Harper Kerr Cheryl Lynn Kerr
Mar. 8, 1995	Littleton	Allison Cady MacDonald	F	David C. MacDonald Suzanne M. MacDonald
May 19, 1995	Littleton	Bradford Nicholas Weekes, Jr.	M	Bradford N. Weekes, Sr. Dana Louise Weekes
Jul. 7, 1995	Littleton	Benjamin William Rathman	M	William J. Rathman Laurie Ann Rathman
Jul. 24, 1995	Littleton	Steven Michael Skeels	M	Timothy P. Skeels Lisa Ann Skeels
Jul. 27, 1995	Littleton	Anne Sophie Zanger	F	Lee Steven Zanger Jane Leslie Zanger
Aug. 1, 1995	Littleton	Samuel Curtis Pitre	M	James Anthony Pitre Stephanie Mae Pitre
Sep. 27, 1995	Littleton	Jacob Henry Rivers	M	Peter D. Rivers Maureen E. Rivers
Oct. 8, 1995	Littleton	Ira Alan Ray	M	Richard Ira Ray Joanna Ruth Ray
Oct. 16, 1995	Littleton	Brittany Michaela Sulham	F	Michael E. Sulham Cynthia L. Sulham
Oct. 21, 1995	Bethlehem	Micah Marie Delventhal Saffian	F	Mark E. Saffian Amy Bee D. Saffian
Nov. 2, 1995	Littleton	Justin Alexander Whiton	M	Christopher D. Whiton Wendy M. Whiton

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

Brenda Darling
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1995**

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
Jan. 21, 1995 Littleton	Thomas S. Alt Elizabeth R. Thomas	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Apr. 21, 1995 Littleton	Eric Michael Sheedy Christine Lynn Wright	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Apr. 21, 1995 Bethlehem	Neil Allan Brody Susan Frances Brooks	Wilton, CT Wilton, CT
May 5, 1995 Bethlehem	Ronney A. Lyster Rhonda Elaine Murray	Bethlehem Bethlehem
May 20, 1995 Bethlehem	Jason Allen Knapp Anna Marie Rogers	Woodsville Woodsville
May 28, 1995 Bethlehem	Brian Edward Mozingo Katy Ann Kasprzak	Owings, MD Owings, MD
Jun. 24, 1995 Bethlehem	Richard Glen Herrington Lisa Marie Mandra	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jun. 24, 1995 Campton	Frederick A. Ghioto Lorna M. Ray	Florida Bethlehem
Jul. 1, 1995 Littleton	Jeremy Robert Doyle Michelle Marie Dufour	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jul. 1, 1995 Bethlehem	Daniel Garrett Crosby Jane Anne Giroux	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jul. 8, 1995 Bethlehem	Shawn Carson White Kristin Read	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jul. 8, 1995 Bethlehem	Bradley Eastman Presby Joyce May Simons	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jul. 8, 1995 Bethlehem	Kevin James Shannon Carolyn Marie Mulcahy	Holyoke, MA Rochester, NY
Jul. 22, 1995 Bath	Philip Alan King Lois Ann Wilder	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jul. 22, 1995 Carroll	Douglas Eric Cramer Sharon Ann Koberl	Bethlehem Bethlehem

Jul. 29, 1995 Franconia	Roger K. Carpenter Kimberly B. Wyman	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Aug. 3, 1995 Moultonboro	Richard Ubaldo Jackalyn E. Evans	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Aug. 5, 1995 Littleton	Matthew Nelson Joyal Hope Lee Bowen	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Aug. 19, 1995 Hudson	John Earl Palmer Cynthia Lee Boulanger	Gilmanton Bethlehem
Sep. 2, 1995 Bethlehem	Kevin Allen Stone Janice Marie Hazen	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Sep. 16, 1995 Twin Mountain	Timothy Gilbert Coote Jennifer M. Irons	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Sep. 30, 1995 Bethlehem	Robert Morrison Lundin Deborah Aimee LaPierre	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Oct. 15, 1995 Bethlehem	Marian Josef Gawel Linda Anne Lavoie	Arizona Arizona
Dec. 9, 1995 Littleton	Richard Allen Ingerson Jennifer Mae Demontigny	Littleton Bethlehem
Dec. 31, 1995 Easton	Steven Harold Sloan Tammi Lee Smith	Bethlehem Bethlehem

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Brenda Darling
Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1995**

DATE & PLACE OF DEATH	NAME & SURNAME OF DECEASED	AGE	SEX	NAME OF FATHER NAME OF MOTHER	
Feb. 17, 1995	Littleton	Joseph Henry Smith, Jr.	94	M	Joseph H. Smith, Sr. Ethel Morris
Mar. 18, 1995	Bethlehem	Richard Ira Inghram	60	M	Ira Inghram Delia Gallagher
Apr. 15, 1995	Littleton	Dale Robert Bedell	59	M	Burns S. Bedell Irene MacIntyre
May 19, 1995	Lebanon	Jennifer Ann Dickey	34	F	Albert Hauch Marian Winkel
May 27, 1995	Bethlehem	Alfred Ellsworth Wright	85	M	Alfred Wright Mabel -
Jul. 16, 1995	Lebanon	Marjorie May Keller	51	F	Warren Kidney Eleanor M. Jobin
Jul. 21, 1995	Bethlehem	Raymond D. Hurlbutt	75	M	Henry Hurlbutt Myrtle Deering
Jul. 25, 1995	Bethlehem	John D. Chamberlain	43	M	Fredrick Chamberlain Teresa Hayes
Aug. 20, 1995	Littleton	Clara B. Lyons	81	F	Walter Peters Bertha Hall
Sep. 17, 1995	Bethlehem	Thelma S. Gilman	78	F	Frank Santy Irene Chase
Nov. 10, 1995	Lebanon	Kendall B. Huntoon, Sr.	72	M	Albridge Huntoon Lena Robinson
Dec. 3, 1995	Bethlehem	Robert A. Procacino	67	M	Anthony Procacino Evelyn Broker
Dec. 27, 1995	Littleton	Bettina E. Dederick	87	F	Henry S. Dederick Agnes Tanner
Dec. 29, 1995	Bethlehem	Gary W. Skeels, Jr.	59	M	Gary W. Skeels, Sr. Agnes C. Alyward

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

Brenda Darling, Town Clerk

**FINANCIAL REPORT
for the
BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT**

OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Alistair D. MacBain

PRECINCT CLERK

Cheryl I. Sargent

COMMISSIONERS:

Term Expires 1996

Richard E. Robie, Sr.

Term Expires 1997

Walter F. Blandin

Term Expires 1998

Bruce S. Brown

BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT RESULTS OF THE 1995 WARRANT

The annual meeting of the Bethlehem Village District was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 1995 at the Bethlehem Elementary School. Present were Commissioners Bruce Brown, Richard Robie, Sr. and Walter Blandin.

ARTICLE 1 Bruce Brown moved to nominate Alistair MacBain as Moderator for the ensuing year. Walter Blandin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Alistair MacBain as Moderator. This was done.

ARTICLE 2 Karleen Sanborn moved to nominate Cheryl Sargent as District Clerk for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Richard Robie, Sr. The motion was carried unanimously and the Moderator was instructed to cast one ballot for Cheryl Sargent for District Clerk. This was done.

ARTICLE 3 Karleen Sanborn moved to nominate Bruce Brown as District Commissioner for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Floyd Brown and unanimously carried. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Bruce Brown for District Commissioner for a three year term. This was done.

ARTICLE 4 Bruce Brown moved to nominate Carole Hard as District Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Walter Blandin and carried unanimously. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Carole Hard for District Treasurer for the ensuing year. This was done.

ARTICLE 5 Bruce Brown moved to hear reports of Officers and take any action relating thereto as printed in the Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Gus Sanborn and carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 6 Bruce Brown moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$540,925.36 for all necessary District expenses, including water department, water plant, sewer plant and expenses, police, fire department, garbage removal, lights, streets, indebtedness, social security, insurance, construction of new water or sewer lines, repair of existing sidewalks, etc. The motion was seconded by Floyd Brown and carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 7 This Article was moved by Bruce Brown and seconded by Karleen Sanborn. Bruce Brown moved to amend the Article to see if the Bethlehem Village District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a pick-up truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in this fund. Karleen seconded the motion to amend the article and the motion carried. There was some discussion regarding the amendment to this Article. Bruce Brown explained that the amendment to the wording of this Article was due to a change in the budget law by the State and that any Capital Reserve Funds set up must state specifically what they are for. This Article as amended was voted on in favor unanimously.

ARTICLE 8 Bruce Brown moved Article 8 and it was seconded by Karleen Sanborn. Bruce Brown made a motion to amend Article 8 to see if the Bethlehem Village District will vote to discontinue the Sewer Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1989, which had a balance on February 22, 1995 of eighteen thousand five hundred sixty-seven dollars and seventeen cents (\$18,567.17). Said fund, with accumulated interest to date of discontinuance, is to be transferred to the general fund. The motion to amend Article 8 was seconded by Karleen Sanborn. The amended motion was discussed briefly. Bud Miller asked what would happen if there was an emergency at the sewer plant. He said that this was the reason that

the fund had originally been set up for. Richard Robie stated that if this happened that it would probably require that a special meeting be held. Bruce Brown agreed and stated that the wording of the original Article that had set up this fund in 1989 is now illegal. The Warrant Article must state specifically what it is to be used for. The amended article carried unanimously with no further discussion.

ARTICLE 9 Bruce Brown moved Article 9 and it was seconded by Richard Robie, Sr. Bruce Brown moved to amend Article 9 to see if the Bethlehem Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars for the purchase of a tractor equipped with snowblower, sander and bucket. The amended motion was seconded by Karleen Sanborn. There followed some discussion with regard to plowing of the sidewalks. Various attachments for the snowplow were discussed. Frances Clark and Muriel Brown commended the Village District personnel for their fine work in plowing the sidewalk in front of their homes. The article carried as amended unanimously.

ARTICLE 10 Bruce Brown moved to see if the District would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to begin the mapping of water and sewer lines. The motion was seconded by Richard Robie, Sr. and carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 11 Bruce Brown moved to see if the District would vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to apply for, accept, and expend without further action by the District Meeting, money from state, federal or other governmental unit, or a private source or bequest which becomes available during the year in accordance with the procedure set forth in RSA 31:95-b. The motion was seconded by Walter Blandin. Bruce explained to those present that Karleen Sanborn and Provan Lorber had completed work on a grant that would pay \$650,000.00 to the District with the first payment to be over \$66,000.00. The motion carried unanimously with no opposition.

ARTICLE 12 Bruce Brown moved to see if the District would vote to authorize the Commissioners to borrow monies, from time to time, for current indebtedness of the District for the ensuing year, in anticipation of taxes to be collected for the year 1995 and to be paid therefrom. The motion was seconded by Walter Blandin and carried with no discussion.

ARTICLE 13 Bruce Brown moved to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Walter Blandin seconded the motion and it carried. There was some discussion on water meters and the billing. Joel Goodell asked for an explanation of one of the overdrafts from the Detailed Statement of Payments. Bruce Brown explained that this particular overdraft was caused by payment of a TAN which had not been budgeted for and that the District had to borrow money for the first time in many years. There being no further discussion Bruce Brown made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Richard Robie, Sr. and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sargent, Clerk
Bethlehem Village District

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

WATER ACCOUNT	Approp.	Expend.	Balance & Overdraft*
Officers' Salaries	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 6,850.00	\$ -0-
Officers' Expenses	24,300.00	24,337.54	37.54
*Legal Expenses	1,000.00	253.75	746.25
*CPA Audit	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-
NH Retirement System (Police)	460.00	457.20	2.80
Insurance & BC/BS	18,400.00	17,898.67	501.33
*Social Security/Medicare	6,000.00	5,758.53	241.47
Police Salary	13,254.00	13,253.94	.06
Fire Department	15,316.50	14,098.29	1,218.21
Streets	150.00	150.00	-0-
Sidewalks	4,000.00	1,066.26	2,933.74
Street Lighting	100.00	100.00	-0-
Solid Waste Collection	18,300.00	17,930.42	369.58
Water Department Expenses	78,000.00	73,194.76	4,805.24
Water Treatment Plant Operation	32,000.00	31,324.78	675.22
New Construction Water	30,000.00	17,117.13	12,882.87
FMHA (Water) Principal	15,658.51	16,306.75	648.24*
FMHA (Water) Interest	49,061.49	48,413.25	648.24
Reservoir Cover Principal	20,000.00	20,000.00	-0-
Reservoir Cover Interest	6,110.00	6,110.00	-0-
Capital Reserve Fund (pick-up)	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
Mapping Water Lines	1,250.00	1,000.00	250.00
Tractor	<u>21,195.00</u>	<u>21,095.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$368,905.50	 \$344,216.27	 \$24,689.23
 SEWER ACCOUNT			
Insurance & BC/BS	6,015.00	5,848.33	166.67
Sewer Plant Operation	60,000.00	56,537.15	3,462.85
Sewer Department Expenses	23,000.00	21,050.35	1,949.65
New Construction Sewer	30,000.00	5,990.50	24,009.50
FMHA (sewer) Principal	3,719.00	3,772.41	53.41*
FMHA (sewer) Interest	9,953.00	9,898.79	54.21
Capital Reserve Fund (pick-up)	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
Mapping Water Lines	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,250.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$138,937.00	 \$108,097.53	 \$30,839.47
State Guaranteed Loan Principal	35,000.00	35,000.00	-0-
State Guaranteed Loan Interest	<u>26,777.86</u>	<u>26,777.86</u>	<u>-0-</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 61,777.86	 \$ 61,777.86	 \$ -0-
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$569,620.36	 \$514,091.66	 \$55,528.70

*25% from Sewer Budget

Unclassified

WATER

Repayment of Loan from Sewer Dept. \$20,000.00

SEWER

Loan to Water Dept. 20,000.00

*Payment out of wrong account 23,055.00

Total Expense \$ -0-

*Payment reimbursed by Debt Service Reservoir Cover (Water Dept.)

WATER DEPARTMENT - STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue	
Water Rents	\$177,645.87
Tap-In Fees	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	179,645.87
Appropriations	156,360.00
Water Filtration Grant	66,089.46
Sewer Reimbursements	78,504.04
Sewer Loan	20,000.00
Water Project Reimbursement	1,502.64
Compensation Funds of NH Dividends	515.60
Chlorine Sale	1,293.55
State Revenue Sharing for 1994 & 1995	945.08
Insurance Exchange	2,172.06
Insurance Refunds	1,408.00
State of NH - Road Toll Dividend (Gas Tax Rebate)	282.42
Reimbursements	
Supplies, Telephone and Handling Charges	77.56
Capital Reserve	18,691.95
Peoples Bank	
NOW Checking Account Interest	1,387.04
Bank Service Charges	<u>-233.89</u>
Total Current Revenue	528,641.38
Balance January 1, 1995 - Checking Account	<u>52,226.11</u>
Total	580,867.49
Total Expenditures	414,693.97
Sewer Repayment	<u>20,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1995	\$146,173.52

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

WATER ACCOUNT

1. OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 6,850.00
Expenditures	<u>6,850.00</u>
Balance	-0-

2. OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Appropriation	24,300.00
Expenditures	
Salaries	13,194.00
Supplies	1,115.73
Computer software & supplies	6,480.91
Telephone	891.92
Box Rent & Postage	1,024.46
Liens & Redemptions	14.00
Petty Cash	53.53
Ads & Notices	331.70
School Expenses & Mileage	940.75
Dues	187.50
Mileage	33.75
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>69.29</u>
	<u>24,337.54</u>

Overdraft 37.54

3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditures	<u>253.75</u>
Balance	746.25

4. CPA AUDIT

Appropriation	2,500.00
Expenditures	<u>2,500.00</u>
Balance	-0-

5. NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Police)

Appropriation	460.00
Expenditures (Town of Bethlehem)	<u>457.20</u>
Balance	2.80

6. INSURANCE BC/BS

Appropriation	18,400.00
Expenditures	
Premiums	6,451.50
BC/BS	<u>8,264.53</u>

Bonds	700.00	
CFNH	274.29	
Public Official Liability	1,012.50	
Workers Compensation	<u>1,195.85</u>	<u>17,898.67</u>
Balance		501.33
7. SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE		
Appropriation		6,000.00
Expenditures		
Social Security	4,511.26	
Medicare	1,055.21	
Medicare Police (Town of Bethlehem)	<u>192.06</u>	<u>5,758.53</u>
Balance		241.47
8. POLICE SALARY		
Appropriation		13,254.00
Expenditures (Town of Bethlehem)		<u>13,253.94</u>
Balance		.06
9. FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		15,316.50
Expenditures		
Reimbursed Town 1/2 Expenses of Department		<u>14,098.29</u>
Balance		1,218.21
10. STREETS		
Appropriation		150.00
Expenditures (Town of Bethlehem)		<u>150.00</u>
Balance		-0-
11. SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE		
Appropriation		4,000.00
Expenditures		
Equipment Rental (plowing)	477.50	
Plow Repairs	92.24	
Parts for Plow	322.02	
Labor (plow)	112.00	
Material for Maintenance	<u>62.50</u>	<u>1,066.26</u>
Balance		2,933.74
12. STREET LIGHTS		
Appropriation		100.00
Expenditures (Town of Bethlehem)		<u>100.00</u>
Balance		-0-

13. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Appropriation		18,300.00
Expenditures (contract)		<u>17,930.42</u>
Balance		369.58

14. WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		78,000.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	39,099.88	
Materials & Supplies	7,448.74	
Equipment Rental	8,319.58	
Uniforms	1,429.18	
Gas & Oil	1,677.54	
Parts & Labor	3,512.96	
Electricity	98.36	
Paging	592.50	
Testing	1,374.00	
Water Smith & Tibbetts	59.08	
Meters	491.00	
Water Project Expenses	3,741.16	
Trapping (beaver)	25.00	
Road & Intake Repairs	4,604.00	
Printing (bills)	641.78	
School Expenses	80.00	
		<u>73,194.76</u>
Balance		4,805.24

15. WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION

Appropriation		32,000.00
Expenditures		
Operational Contract	13,124.67	
Parts & Labor	2,993.34	
Freight & Materials	9,630.68	
Electricity	2,883.36	
Gas	2,170.17	
Telephone	457.71	
Postage	64.85	
		<u>31,324.78</u>
Balance		675.22

16. NEW CONSTRUCTION WATER

Appropriation		30,000.00
Expenditures		
Parts & Supplies	17,117.13	
		<u>17,117.13</u>
Balance		12,882.87

17. FmHA WATER LOAN PRINCIPAL

Appropriation		15,658.51
Expenditure		<u>16,306.75</u>
Overdraft		648.24

18. FmHA WATER LOAN INTEREST		
Appropriation		49,061.49
Expenditure		<u>48,413.25</u>
Balance		648.24
19. RESERVOIR COVER PRINCIPAL		
Appropriation		20,000.00
Expenditures		<u>20,000.00</u>
Balance		-0-
20. RESERVOIR COVER INTEREST		
Appropriation		6,110.00
Expenditures		<u>6,110.00</u>
Balance		-0-
21. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (pick-up)		
Appropriation		5,000.00
Expenditure		<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance		-0-
22. MAPPING WATER LINES		
Appropriation		1,250.00
Expenditure		<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance		250.00
23. TRACTOR		
Appropriation		21,195.00
Expenditures		<u>21,095.00</u>
Balance		100.00
SEWER ACCOUNT		
24. INSURANCE SEWER DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		6,015.00
Expenditures		
Premiums	2,061.50	
BC/BS	2,754.76	
CFNH	91.42	
Public Official Liability	337.50	
Workers Compensation	<u>603.15</u>	<u>5,848.33</u>
Balance		166.67
25. NEW CONSTRUCTION SEWER		
Appropriation		30,000.00
Expenditures		
Material & Supplies	860.50	

Equipment Rental	4,490.00	
Labor	<u>640.00</u>	<u>5,990.50</u>
Balance		24,009.50
26. TREATMENT PLANT EXPENSES		
Appropriation		60,000.00
Expenditures		
Operational Contract	21,874.97	
Equipment Rental	440.04	
Fuel Oil	1,326.78	
Supplies	4,828.41	
Parts & Labor	2,725.03	
Electricity	19,691.92	
Repairs to Plant	5,000.00	
Dam Registration	200.00	
New Equipment (pump)	<u>450.00</u>	<u>56,537.15</u>
Balance		3,462.85
27. SEWER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		
Appropriation		23,000.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	13,650.75	
Paging	197.50	
Gas & Oil	496.71	
Parts & Labor	910.16	
Uniforms	651.47	
Freight & Supplies	2,952.59	
Equipment Rental	1,601.97	
Printing (bills)	<u>589.20</u>	<u>21,050.35</u>
Balance		1,949.65
28. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (pick-up)		
Appropriation		5,000.00
Expenditure		<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance		-0-
29. MAPPING WATER LINES		
Appropriation		1,250.00
Expenditure		<u>-0-</u>
Balance		1,250.00
30. FmHA SEWER LOAN PRINCIPAL		
Appropriation		3,719.00
Expenditure		<u>3,772.41</u>
Overdraft		53.41

31. FmHA SEWER LOAN INTEREST

Appropriation	9,953.00
Expenditure	<u>9,898.79</u>

Balance	54.21
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32. STATE GUARANTEED LOAN PRINCIPAL

Appropriation	35,000.00
Expenditure	<u>35,000.00</u>

Balance	-0-
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33. STATE GUARANTEED LOAN INTEREST

Appropriation	26,777.86
Expenditure	<u>26,777.86</u>

Balance	-0-
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SEWER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

*1985 Series C (State Guaranteed)

Payment No.	Period Ending	Principal Maturity Schedule	New Interest Payment Schedule	Fiscal Year Total Payment
20	02/15/96	\$30,000.00	\$12,930.00	\$42,930.00
21	08/15/96	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,853.51</u>	<u>10,853.51</u>
TOTALS		\$30,000.00	\$23,783.51	\$53,783.51

- * Annual Reimbursement by State of New Hampshire.
- * Payoff February 15, 2005
- * January 1, 1996 - Principal Outstanding - \$290,000.00

SEWER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

*FHA

Payment No.	Period Ending	Principal Maturity Schedule	New Interest Payment Schedule	Balance Of Loan
19	01/21/96	\$1,948.48	\$ 4,887.12	\$153,258.97
20	07/21/96	<u>2,010.58</u>	<u>4,825.02</u>	151,310.49
TOTALS		\$3,959.06	\$ 9,712.14	

1987 through 2017
 Thirty year loan with interest rate of 6.375% for a total of \$179,700.00

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RESERVOIR COVER - STATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

*1989 Series A

Payment No.	Date	Principal Outstanding	Municipal Bond Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
13	01/15/96			\$ 2,380.00	\$ 2,380.00	
14	07/15/96	\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00	2,380.00	22,380.00	\$ 24,760.00
15	01/15/97			1,700.00	1,700.00	
16	07/15/97	50,000.00	20,000.00	1,700.00	21,700.00	23,400.00
17	01/15/98			1,020.00	1,020.00	
18	07/15/98	30,000.00	15,000.00	1,020.00	16,020.00	17,040.00
19	01/15/99			510.00	510.00	
20	07/15/99	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>510.00</u>	<u>15,510.00</u>	<u>16,020.00</u>
Totals		0.00	\$70,000.00	\$11,220.00	\$81,220.00	\$81,220.00

SEWER PROJECT - PHASE III

Checking Account - #204-00323

Receipts:		
State Guaranteed Loan		\$ 54,370.00
Fleet Bank Interest		<u>1,231.51</u>
Total		55,601.51
Balance January 1, 1995		<u>70,059.97</u>
Total Receipts		125,661.48
Expenditures:		
Fleet Bank - Service Charges		198.01
Total Paid Out		<u>61,777.86</u>
Balance December 31, 1995		\$ 63,685.61

SEWER DEPARTMENT - STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

Sewer Rents		\$140,821.83
Dump Fees		10,654.50
Water Repayment		20,000.00
Connect Fees		2,000.00
Reimbursements		
- Telephone and Handling Charges		56.46
*State Guaranteed Loan Paid from Phase III		12,307.86
*Reservoir Cover paid from Water Account		23,055.00
Peoples Bank		
Checking Account Interest	1,120.60	
Service Charges	<u>-115.36</u>	<u>1,005.24</u>
Total		209,900.89
Balance January 1, 1995 - Checking Account		<u>20,765.62</u>
Total Current Revenue		230,666.51
Total Expenditures		151,486.73
Water Loan		<u>20,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1995		\$ 59,179.78

*Paid out of Sewer Account in error

WATER PROJECT - VILLAGE DISTRICT
Checking Account - #9358132914

Receipts:		
FHA Grant	\$189,874.00	
Fleet Interest	73.57	
Total	189,947.57	
Balance January 1, 1995 - Checking Account	4,561.57	
Total Receipts	194,509.14	
Expenditures:		
Fleet - Service Charges	106.25	
Total Paid Out	192,922.49	
Balance December 31, 1995	\$ 1,480.40	

WATER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

*FHA

Payment Date	Loan Balance	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment
05/03/96	\$968,913.97	\$ 8,124.06	\$24,235.94	\$32,360.00
11/03/96	960,789.91	8,327.16	24,032.84	32,360.00
12/31/96	952,462.75			
TOTALS		\$16,451.22	\$48,268.78	\$64,720.00

Interest Rate 0.0500%

Payoff November 3, 2023

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WATER PROJECT

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Earned To Date	Balance To Finish
Administrative/Misc.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,552.00	\$ 12,552.00	\$ -0-
Interest	60,000.00	9,244.00	9,244.00	-0-
Legal	15,000.00	15,000.00	12,296.00	2,704.00
Engineering Preliminary	160,000.00	160,000.00	155,607.00	4,393.00
Pilot	-0-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
Engineering-Const. Service	238,637.00	269,811.00	269,811.00	-0-
Land	-0-	2,700.00	2,700.00	-0-
Filter Sand	100,000.00	54,951.00	54,951.00	-0-
Survey	-0-	40,710.00	40,710.00	-0-
Contract #1-Plant	878,500.00	921,024.00	921,024.00	-0-
Contract #2-H2O Main	729,240.00	760,845.00	760,845.00	-0-
Contract #3-Intakes	35,625.00	35,130.00	35,130.00	-0-
Contract #4-Meters/Install	120,950.00	237,359.00	237,359.00	-0-
Contingency	<u>207,048.00</u>	<u>25,674.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>25,674.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,517,229.00	\$32,771.00
 FUNDING SOURCES				
*FMHA Loan	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$ -0-
*FMHA Grant	<u>1,550,000.00</u>	<u>1,550,000.00</u>	<u>1,517,229.00</u>	<u>32,771.00</u>
Total	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,517,229.00	\$32,771.00

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LIBRARY BUDGET

INCOME:	1995 Estimate	1995 Actual	1996 Projected
Town Funds	\$22,050.00	\$22,050.00	\$22,100.00
Trust Fund Interest	800.00	1,201.68	750.00
Book Sales	600.00	614.30	600.00
Fines	500.00	370.65	600.00
Donations/Gifts	450.00	192.28	400.00
Book Replacement	50.00	40.29	50.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	82.11	50.00
Unexpended Designated Gifts	<u>367.00</u>		
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,867.00	\$24,551.31	\$24,550.00
Book Reimbursement		<u>+ 208.38</u>	
		\$24,759.69	
EXPENSES:	1995 Estimate	1995 Actual	1996 Projected
Books, etc.	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,331.85	\$ 8,400.00
Telephone	575.00	602.15	610.00
Postage	150.00	121.04	125.00
Petty Cash	150.00	130.00	130.00
Librarian's Expense	235.00	219.60	225.00
Supplies	700.00	640.10	650.00
Programs	250.00	85.00	200.00
Computer, etc.	500.00	262.50	200.00
Repair/Maintenance	100.00	45.00	50.00
Wages	10,500.00	10,204.28	10,600.00
SS/MC	802.00	780.67	850.00
Unemployment Compensation	305.00	306.13	310.00
Blue Cross	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>2,173.92</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$24,867.00	\$23,902.24	\$24,550.00
Book Reimbursement		<u>- 208.38</u>	
		\$23,693.86	

Al Reid Trust Fund \$600.00

Ernest and Anne Wolcott Trust \$2,000.00

Mrytie Connery Lathem Trust \$10,000 (\$1,000.00 added in 1995)

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE — 869-2293

Monday	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesday (Oct. 1 - May 31)	NOON - 4:00 PM
(June 1 - Sept 30)	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday	By Appointment
First Saturday of each month	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SELECTMENS' OFFICE & PLANNING & ZONING BOARDS

869-3351 869-2042

Monday thru Friday	8:00 AM - NOON
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SELECTMENS' MEETING

Every other Monday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
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PLANNING BOARD MEETING — 869-2042

Fourth Wednesday of each month	Opens at 7:30 PM
Work sessions 1st & 3rd Wednesday	

ZONING BOARD MEETING — 869-2042

As Needed	Opens at 7:30 PM
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TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE — 869-3133

Monday	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
First Saturday of each month	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LIBRARY — 869-2409

Monday thru Friday	1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Monday & Thursday evenings	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Fourth Thursday of each month	Opens at 7:30 PM
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BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT MEETING — 869-3440

First Tuesday of each month	Opens at 7:00 PM
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BETHLEHEM WATER DEPARTMENT — 869-3440

Maintenance - Monday thru Friday	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Office - Tuesday & Thursday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

NORTH COUNTRY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - 869-3366

Trudeau Road

Monday & Friday	8:00 AM - NOON
Wednesday	NOON - 4:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Chester Brown - 869-2004

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Harry Newell - 869-2042

ROAD AGENT

869-2212

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

869-2042

POLICE DEPARTMENT

869-5811

FIRE DEPARTMENT

869-2232



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