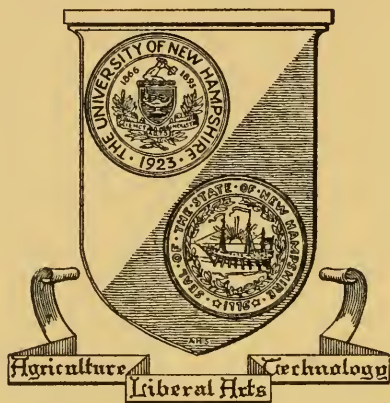


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Fifty-Ninth Annual Report

of the

CITY OF LACONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the

Year Ending April 26, 1952



UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF

HONORABLE ROBINSON W. SMITH, Mayor

and Councilmen

BREWSTER H. KOEHLER (res. Jan. 28, 1952)	Ward 1
LEO G. ROUX (elected March 11, 1952)	
ARCHIE L. TARDIF	Ward 2
EVERETT D. WHEELER	Ward 3
CLARENCE J. BRAZIL	Ward 4
FORREST A. BUCKLIN	Ward 5
HAROLD E. TEFFT	Ward 6

(The City Council was elected March 12, 1951 for two years)

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ALDRICH STUDIO

Honorable Robinson W. Smith, Mayor, City of Laconia, New Hampshire - 1951-1952

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

of the

Honorable Robinson W. Smith

To the Honorable Council:

At this time I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those citizens of Laconia who by their vote made it possible for me to be here today. I consider it a privilege and a great honor to be returned to City Hall after an absence of six years.

During the past two years Laconia has lost by death a number of citizens who at one time or another have been directly connected with our City Government. Many of these men have given years of service to public life. It is, therefore, fitting and proper that at this time we pause and pay tribute to those men who have left us so recently. I refer to The Honorable Dr. Clarence E. Rowe, The Honorable Lewis K. Wilkinson, The Honorable Charles J. Hayford, Dr. Chester L. Smart, Mr. Henry T. Turner, Mr. George B. Munsey, Mr. Arthur W. Spring and The Honorable Judge Frank P. Tilton.

There are other men and women who have left us during the past years who have been very active in building a bigger and better Laconia and have served their City equally as well as those of us who have been privileged to hold an elective or appointive office. Today I shall refer only to those who have been associated directly with the City Government.

Hon. Clarence Elwin Rowe, the thirteenth Mayor of Laconia. Dr. Rowe was born at 63 Beacon Street, this City on May 6, 1876. He attended the Laconia Public Schools and worked his way through Baltimore Medical College receiving his degree in dentistry in 1900. Dr. Rowe conducted a successful practice in Dentistry in Laconia from the year 1900 until his death on June 8, 1949. Probably no person has served the people of Laconia more devotedly than did Dr. Rowe. He served as Moderator from 1901 to 1902, Ward Clerk from 1913 to 1916, Councilman from 1914 to 1916 and Mayor of his City during the years of 1917 and 1918. He was a member of the Board of Education from 1919 until 1925, a member of the Park Commission from 1925 until his death in 1949. The most of this time he served as Chairman of the Park Commission. He also was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1930 and a member of the Police Commission of our City from 1933 until June 6, 1949. Dr. Rowe was very active in the Y.M.C.A. and was a director of the State Y.M.C.A. and Chairman of the Camp Committee. Dr. Rowe's administration as Mayor came

during the first World War, and under his guidance Laconia surpassed its quota for material and men. He assumed the Chairmanship of many of the drives including the liberty loan drive, and also was Chairman of Public Safety.

Hon. Charles Joseph Hayford was the 18th Mayor of the City of Laconia serving during the years 1927 to 1929. Mr. Hayford was born in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire October 16, 1885. He received his education in the Wolfeboro Public Schools and Brewster Free Academy. After his graduation he was employed for sometime by the Edison Electric Light Company in their Boston laboratory. He was employed by the Boston and Maine Railroad in Concord, and the American Locomotive Company in Manchester, moving to Laconia in 1911. For twenty-five years he was associated with the Laconia National Bank, in later years as Cashier and Director. At the time of his death on December 7, 1949 he was credit manager for the C. A. Lund Company of this City. Mr. Hayford's public offices have included Belknap County Treasurer, City Auditor, City Council, and the State Senate. He was the first President of the Laconia Men's Club and served as President and Treasurer of the Laconia Country Club. His terms as Mayor were notable for municipal improvements which included the building of the present concrete bridge on Church Street, as well as widening and laying a concrete surface on Church Street between Main Street and the bridge. The macadam surface around the five mile ring so-called was completed during his administration.

Mr. Henry T. Turner was born in Gardner, Massachusetts June 10, 1874 and died May 8, 1950. Mr. Turner came to Laconia 57 years ago, and from 1893 to 1933 he served as the Telephone Company Manager. In 1935 and 1936 Mr. Turner served as State Director of Welfare under appointment by the then Governor Styles Bridges. He had charge of the local N.R.A. headquarters from 1937 until its termination and during World War II he served as Chairman of the Belknap County Rationing Board through nearly all of its existence. In 1947 he was appointed County Treasurer to fill a vacancy, and was elected to the post in 1948. For many years he was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Gale Memorial Library. He was reappointed to this office for another term just a month before he died. Mr. Turner was President of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce in 1933 and 1934, and was President of the Laconia Country Club from 1937 to 1942, and Director of the Laconia National Bank since 1938. From 1933 to 1937 he was General Manager of the Canterbury and Loudon Telephone Company. At one time he was the head of the Red Cross, the boy scouts and the tuberculosis drives in Laconia and the County. Mr. Turner was very active in public life and took a great deal of interest in the civic affairs of the City of Laconia.

Hon. Lewis H. Wilkinson was the 15th Mayor of the City of Laconia serving during the years 1921 to 1923. Mr. Wilkinson was born

in Laconia July 18, 1880. He received his education in the public schools of Laconia. In 1898 he entered the employ of J. L. Moore & Son, funeral directors, and in 1905 he purchased this business, which he successfully carried on until a few years ago. He served as President of the New Hampshire Funeral Directors Association, President of the Tri-State Funeral Directors Association (Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont). At the time of his death he was President of the Laconia Building and Loan Association, and President of the Federal Savings and Loan Association, and a Director of the Citizens Publishing Company. Mr. Wilkinson, "Lou" as everyone knew him, always took an active interest in the affairs of his community. He served five terms as President of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce, and at one time was President of the New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924 and again in 1938. Mr. Wilkinson was the second Democrat to be elected Mayor of Laconia. His administration was progressive and very beneficial to the City. Under his administration construction of the new high school on Union Avenue was started; the Main Street Bridge was built, and Mr. Wilkinson was also Chairman of the Building Committee for the high school building, a special committee having been chosen from the Mayor and Council and the School Board. He served as State Senator in the years 1942 and 1944. He was Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Trust Funds for the City of Laconia during the years 1924 to 1932. Mr. Wilkinson died August 6, 1950.

Dr. Chester L. Smart came to Laconia soon after the close of World War I. He was very active in the practice of his profession up until his death which occurred November 30, 1950. While Dr. Smart held only one elective office in his City, that as a member of the Board of Education during the years from 1929 to 1935, he was ever willing to lend his services and counsel whenever called upon. He served on numerous Committees and participated in many bond drives during his years in Laconia. He was never too busy in his practice to take time to help his community and its people. He was a true friend to all who knew him. In the passing of Dr. Smart Laconia has lost a faithful servant, leader and friend, but he leaves behind him an example of devotion that will live on in continuing memory of him.

Mr. George B. Munsey, a funeral director in Lakeport for many years died March 6, 1951 at the age of ninety years. In his death the City has lost one of its most highly respected and influential citizens. His sturdy and Christian character was an example for many years. Mr. Munsey served as City Clerk from 1901 to 1913 during the administration of Mayor Alfred C. Wyatt and Dr. George Saltmarsh. Mr. Munsey was Trustee of Trust Funds from 1925 to 1930 and at one time represented Ward Six in the Legislature.

Hon. Frank P. Tilton, Judge Tilton as he is known to his host of friends, was a native of Littleton, New Hampshire and came to La-

conia some forty-eight years ago. He was born March 4, 1880 and died March 12, 1951. The Judge received his early education at the public schools in Spokane, Washington, and in 1899 came to Concord, New Hampshire. Judge Tilton graduated from Boston University Law School in 1902. He served as City Solicitor from 1907 to 1913, and Judge of Probate from 1912 to 1923. He was very active as a member of the Board of Education in our City from 1914 to 1928. He was Chairman of the Belknap County Selective Service Board for World War I, and a member of the Advisory Board during World War II. He was a member of the State Senate in 1925-1929 and served as its President from 1927 to 1929. Judge Tilton was a friend to everyone and will be missed by a host of friends.

Mr. Arthur W. Spring, Chief Spring, as he was known to everyone in Laconia, died March 14, 1951. Arthur W. Spring was born in County Kerry, Ireland on November 10, 1872. He came to the United States when he was twenty-two years of age and worked for a time for the Erie Railroad in New York City, transferring to Marlboro and Townsend, Massachusetts where he worked for lumber companies. Chief Spring came to Laconia in 1898 as a construction foreman for the old Laconia Car Shops, and the same year he joined the Fire Department as a volunteer in the hook and ladder company and became its clerk later. He was promoted to the Board of Engineers and became its clerk. In 1904 he was elected Chief of the Fire Department, first as a call chief, and later as permanent chief. The Fire Department was mechanized under his supervision. He served as Forest Fire Warden for thirty-five years, being an inspector for many years, and under Mayor Carroll's administration he was Overseer of the Poor for over three years. He served as President of the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs Association and held membership in the International Organization of Fire Chiefs. At one time he served as President of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce. For forty-six years he served the City of Laconia as Fire Chief. Chief Spring had a great sense of humor, and in his passing Laconia has lost a colorful figure.

To all of these men it can well be said — they were good and faithful servants and served their community well.

Let us rise and pay tribute to these men who have passed to the great beyond.

City Government

On several occasions in years past I have both publicly and privately advocated the changing of the City's fiscal year to correspond with the fiscal year of our State and Federal Government. If this was done our fiscal year would end on June 30 of each year instead of February

15, as at the present time. Some may ask what are the reasons for making such a change. The answer is, — your Mayor and Council, together with other City Officers, are not sworn in until the fourth Tuesday in March. It is obvious that the budget cannot be prepared and appropriations made until the Appropriating Body is sworn into office and organized. Therefore, every department of our City with the exception of the School Department is operating illegally from February 15 to July 1, because they are spending funds not yet appropriated. Recent Councils have attempted to legalize this procedure by passing a resolution authorizing the several departments to continue operations until their budget could be acted upon and appropriations made. Then again, if the fiscal year ended June 30 it would not be necessary to borrow only about one-half as much money in anticipation of taxes, thus saving approximately \$1,500 in interest.

Now you ask the question — If this is true why hasn't some Mayor and Council made the change? The reason is obvious. No Mayor and Council wishes to add four and one-half months expenses to the tax rate in any one year. Therefore, no change in the closing date of the City's fiscal year has been made since Laconia was incorporated as a City, 58 years ago. If this change could be made in three stages, the amount of the added appropriation would not raise the tax rate appreciably in any one year. Therefore, I am asking that the Council give this recommendation serious study.

Fire Department

Our City Fire Department is apparently well-equipped and well-manned. However, we do believe that certain changes in the administrative set-up of the Department would be beneficial. House Bill No. 254, now before our Legislature, together with those sections in our city charter governing the Fire Department, should be thoroughly studied by the Committee on Fire Department, aided by our City Solicitor, to determine if legislative action is necessary to make the desired changes and I recommend that this Committee proceed at once with their investigation.

Parks and Playgrounds

Probably no city in New Hampshire, and possibly in New England, has a greater area of its city, based on per thousand population, devoted to Parks and Playgrounds than has Laconia. Our parks in most instances are utility parks and are so equipped. With the addition of the public beach at The Weirs, the enlargement of the beach at Opechee Park, which has already been completed, should meet the needs of our people for some time. The beach on the Bond property, now owned by the city and made a part of our Park System, must be improved. Such toilet facilities as we have there were condemned last summer by our Board of Health, and in my opinion their action was justified.

An improved road to the beach must be built and I strongly recommend that the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds meet with the Park Commissioners at an early date and discuss thoroughly the so-called Leavitt Park beach situation.

The Laconia Airport

About ten years ago Laconia acquired an airport that cost approximately three-quarters of a million dollars to build. The direct cost to the City of Laconia was in the vicinity of ten thousand dollars. This, plus five thousand dollars of County funds, represents all of the local money spent at the airport up to the time the City acquired it. Since that time I believe the City has appropriated \$3,500 and turned this amount over to the airport authority for maintenance and improvement purposes. Last summer the Northeast Airlines placed Laconia on its regular schedule for the summer months, and I understand that the patronage from Laconia and the surrounding area was sufficient to warrant an extended season this year, and possibly a year-round service. I speak of the airport at this time because I believe that the taxpayers of Laconia should know that up to the present time they have contributed only a little over one hundred dollars per year for the running expenses and maintenance of their airport.

We wish to congratulate the Authority for the good work they have done in the interest of their City and the surrounding towns.

City Finances

When the City books were closed and audited on the 15th of February this year, I am told that there was an unexpended balance of approximately \$21,000. While this balance is somewhat smaller than in previous years, it nevertheless is a tidy sum and I can assure you Mayor McIntyre, that the incoming Council appreciates having this balance to be credited to the 1951 budget.

In order to give a true picture of our City's finances it is necessary to quote a few figures and make a few comparisons. On February 15, 1946 the net debt of the City was \$85,500, and the total assessed valuation was \$16,307,771.00.

On February 15, 1950, or four years later, the net debt was \$369,150.00 exclusive of the \$850,000 Sewerage Bonds, which I shall not consider here, and the assessed valuation was \$23,853,437.00.

The tax rate in 1946 was \$33.00 per thousand.

The tax rate in 1950 was \$39.60 per thousand.

Over this four-year period the tax rate increased \$6.60 per thousand and the assessed valuation increased \$7,545,666.00.

Now I do not wish to imply that all of this increase in the cost of running our City Government has taken place during the last two years, and neither do I wish to imply that the increases have not been necessary. I do say that the cost of running our City has increased

materially during the last *few* years, and I am told by those who ought to know that the increase will continue for the next year at least.

Since the tax rate for 1950 was established last June, added commitments on our Treasury have been made.

The Commitments are: Salary increases, including retirement allotments \$54,938.86. Sewerage bonds to be retired \$30,000. Interest on Sewerage bonds \$12,750. The Weirs beach bonds, principal, \$5,000. Interest on The Weirs beach bonds \$472.00. This makes a total of \$103,160.86 that must be added to the 1951 budget, and the increase in this year's tax rate from this item alone, figured on last year's assessed valuation will amount to \$4.30. Add to this the increase in the county tax over last year which will amount to \$3.15 per thousand, and we have a total of \$7.45 to be added to last year's tax rate, or a tax rate for 1951 of \$47.05. This figure is arrived at by using last year's budget and last year's valuation. We may expect that there will be a nominal increase in the assessed valuation of taxable property, but by using the same measuring stick we may also expect a nominal rise in the running expenses of our City. Therefore it seems to me that Mr. and Mrs. taxpayer may expect a tax rate for 1951 of between \$45 to \$50 per thousand dollars of taxable property.

We have no reason to believe that salary increases have not been justified. Surely those whom we employ in our City Government, including the teachers in our school system are entitled to as good a salary as is being paid for similar services in private industry. The cost of living to the individual has increased materially during the past ten years. The National Industrial Conference Board in New York has recently released some comparisons as to what your dollar will buy today as compared to what it would buy in 1940. Their report states that if you or I were receiving a salary of \$3,000 in 1940 we must have earned \$5,448.00 in 1950 to pay for the same things we purchased in 1940 with the \$3,000. If we earned \$4,000 in 1940 then we must have earned \$7,394.00 in 1950. If our salary was in the higher income bracket, say \$5,500.00 in 1940, then we must have earned \$10,366 in 1950 if we lived as well in 1950 as we did in 1940.

With the cost of government continually rising, and our departments demanding a relative increase, the sixty-four dollar question is — where do we go from here?

I cannot recommend any *new* projects for the year 1951. Those projects already started *must* be completed, and all physical property of the City must be maintained and kept in good state of repair. The increased cost of government is no greater than that of private business and it seems to me that a normal increase in our tax rate should be expected. With all of the City's revenue coming from taxes, it is only reasonable that the two divisions of our City Government directly connected with our tax system be made *strong* and *efficient*, and staffed

with a *personnel of experience, integrity and ability* to do the job. In order to arrive at a fair tax, we must have a *just, honest and impartial* appraisal of all taxable property. The Tax Collector's office must be made *strong and efficient*. Uncollected taxes means a higher tax rate for those who can and do pay. I, therefore, recommend that the Finance Committee of the Council, together with the City Auditor, make a careful study of the entire financial set-up of our City Government, making their report and any recommendations that they may deem advisable to the full Council for their consideration.

There is much that one could say relative to the good honest work of our city employees. They have and are giving good and valiant service to the City of Laconia.

There is another group of our citizens who are rendering a fine service to their City. I refer to the men and women who are serving without pay on our several commissions. These good people are working for a bigger and better Laconia and it is my honest opinion that just as long as our present system of City Government is continued, using the services of our citizens on the several commissions, we can rest assured that Laconia will continue to be one of the finest places on earth in which to live.

I am sure that the Members of the Council, together with the two newly elected members of our School Board, join with me in extending our sincere thanks to the citizens of Laconia, who by their vote, conferred upon us the high honor and privilege of serving in our official capacity for the next two years. I am sure your trust in us has not been misplaced.

In closing I wish to quote a few lines from the Inaugural Address of the late Honorable Clarence E. Rowe, delivered on March 27, 1917, just 24 years ago. I quote—

“No man achieves anything worthy until he learns the power of conviction. If we are deficient of courage, pluck or determination, we must develop these qualities, and then assert them vigorously. We all find that the same way to live is to be busy about something; to take a keen interest in those things that do not directly minister to our vanity; to find occupation and pleasure in doing things for other people.

“So we as Members of the Laconia City Council in assuming office today, do it, fully understanding the personal sacrifice of time, energy, and I am sorry to say, sometimes friends.

“Let us on entering the Council Chamber leave behind all political animosities if they unhappily exist, forgetting all ward and sectional feelings, remembering that we are to represent only the citizens and taxpayers of Laconia. Never allow ourselves to admit that we are inferior to the emergency confronting us, for this is to invite defeat. Let us also remember that courtesy is of commercial value and that honesty and integrity of public officials is indispensable to any well governed city.”

CITY OFFICIALS

<i>City Auditor</i>	DANA S. BEANE, JR.	<i>Director of Welfare</i>	MILDRED BUCKLIN
<i>City Clerk</i>	CHARLES E. LORD	<i>Planning Director</i>	WILLIAM BLAKEY
<i>City Engineer</i>	ARNOLD J. O'MARA	<i>Police Chief</i>	CHARLES E. DUNLEAVEY
<i>City Physician</i>	EDWARD S. MORRIS, M.D.	<i>Deputy Chief</i>	NORMAN DROUIN
<i>City Solicitor</i>	THOMAS P. CHENEY	<i>Captain</i>	WALTER E. MONT
<i>City Treasurer</i>	CLARENCE S. NEWELL	<i>Probation Officer</i>	ROBERT P. TILTON
<i>Custodian of City Hall</i>	MAYOR ROBINSON W. SMITH	<i>Scaler of Weights and Measures</i>	CHARLES J. GOSS
<i>Dog Officer</i>	RENE HUARD	<i>Tax Collector</i>	RICHARD F. SHELLEY
<i>Fire Chief</i>	MERLE B. SARGENT	<i>Building Inspector</i>	MERLE B. SARGENT
<i>Fiscal Officer</i>	MADELINE TARDIF	<i>Inspector of Electrical Wiring</i>	MERLE B. SARGENT
<i>Judge, Municipal Court</i>	HARRY E. TRAPP	<i>Health Officer</i>	C. F. MOWERS
<i>Judge, Special Municipal Court</i>	THEO. S. JEWETT	<i>Assessor — Full Time</i>	HARRISON E. MORIN
<i>Moth and Tree Warden</i>	ARTHUR E. LAVALLE		

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS

Board of Assessors

3 year term	Appointed
Donald Tabor, <i>Chm.</i>	Mar. '50
Harrison E. Morin	Mar. '51
Malcolm E. Barney	Mar. '52

Board of Examination of Plumbers

1 year term	Appointed
Arnold J. O'Mara	Mar. '52
Leon Labranche	Mar. '52
B. G. Walker	Mar. '52

Board of Health

3 year term	Appointed
Arthur E. Simoneau	Mar. '50
Earl J. Gage, M.D.	Mar. '51
Willis H. Hoyt, M.D.	Mar. '52

Board of Public Works

6 year term	Appointed
Harry L. Smith, <i>Pres.</i>	Mar. '47
Alfred W. Simoneau	Mar. '49
Harold E. O'Neill	Mar. '51

Fence Viewers

1 year term	Appointed
Arnold J. O'Mara	Mar. '52
Albert W. Head	Mar. '52
Archie Tardif	Mar. '52

Licensing Board

1 year term
KENNETH D. HOPKINS, <i>Chm.</i>
MAYOR ROBINSON W. SMITH
CHIEF CHAS. E. DUNLEAVEY

Park Commission

5 year term	Appointed
Arthur J. Clairmont, <i>Chm.</i>	Mar. '49
Robinson W. Smith	Mar. '52
Frank T. Monohan	Mar. '48
Edward J. Dupont	Mar. '50
Mrs. Frances Foster	Mar. '51

Planning Board

	Term Expires
Howard O. DeCoster, <i>Chm.</i>	June '53
Norman P. Randlett, <i>Sec.</i>	June '55
Albert J. Boudreau	June '52
Haven E. Flanders	June '54
William W. Keller	June '56
Alphonse J. Morin	June '57

Ex-Officio

<i>Mayor,</i>	ROBINSON W. SMITH
<i>Councilman,</i>	FORREST A. BUCKLIN
<i>City Engineer,</i>	ARNOLD J. O'MARA

Trustees of the Laconia Public Library

3 year term	Appointed
Dr. Theodore L. Steiger	Mar. '50
Agnes Tilton	Mar. '52
Alice S. Harriman	Mar. '52
Max Chertok	Mar. '50
Marion Lawson	Mar. '51
Edward J. Gallagher	Mar. '51

Zoning Board of Adjustment

	Term Expires
Jason C. Sloan, <i>Chm.</i>	Aug. '54
John H. Dow	Aug. '55
Archie L. Tardif	Aug. '53
Allen S. Veazey	Aug. '52
Arthur C. Trombly	Aug. '55

Police Commission

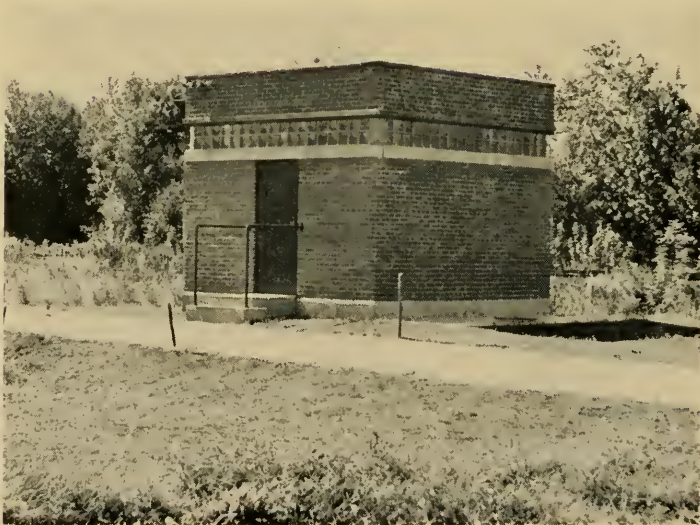
3 year term	Appointed
Kenneth D. Hopkins, <i>Chm.</i>	Sept. '51
F. E. Normandin	Sept. '50
Guy C. Richards	Sept. '49

Board of Engineers—Fire Department

	Appointed
Merle B. Sargent, <i>Fire Chief</i>	
Arthur Plourde, <i>1st Asst. Engineer</i>	
Raymond Tefft, <i>2nd Asst. Engineer</i>	
Allen S. Veazey, <i>Member at large</i>	

Trustees of Trust Funds

3 year term	Appointed
Kenneth D. Hopkins, <i>Chm.</i>	Mar. '51
Frank D. Brisse	Mar. '50
Laurette B. Johnson	Mar. '52



The Keazor Court Sewage Pumping Station, which is part of the project to provide city sewerage service to the lower Court Street area.

CITY CLERK

CHAS. E. LORP, *City Clerk*
MADELINE E. TARDIF, *Fiscal Officer*
ETHEL ALDRICH, *Typist-Clerk*
MAUDE LEMERE, *Typist-Clerk*

The City Council:

In addition to the biennial meeting of March 27, 1950, the City Council held fifteen regular meetings and six special meetings. Of the regular meetings, two of these were meetings of Mayor McIntyre's administration which were held on February 26 and March 26, 1951. The present administration of Mayor Smith held seven public hearings; one on the city's annual budget, two on zoning amendments and four on the road acceptance — Pine Street extension, Bungalow Court, Clairmont Street, Cherry Street and Chaumayne Avenue.

Eleven (11) ordinances relative to traffic regulations, zoning amendments fire department, fiscal year and salaries of certain officials and twelve resolutions were passed. These ordinances and resolutions are published in the bound copy of the City Report for this year and also under separate cover. Copies of this report may be obtained at the City Clerk's office.

Change of Fiscal Year:

In democratic government the final authority to establish the budget constitutes the most effective control exercised by the legislative body over administrative officials.

In the process of reviewing the city's budget, the City Council has an opportunity to judge the adequacy of the proposed operating program, to establish the level of city services to be rendered, to determine the basic organization and personnel staffing patterns, and to review the efficiency of work methods. A complete budget including all proposed expenditures and revenues makes it possible for the City Council to compare the needs of one service with the needs of another and to weigh the desirability of the services proposed against the burden of taxes required to finance the work program.*

The above statement is certainly true and since the fiscal year began on February 15 and the newly elected City Council came into office on the fourth Tuesday of March, every other year, a lapse of some six weeks and if it then began a study and preparation of the City's budget, it would be three or four months later before the budget would be approved. During this period the affairs of the City were being conducted without any budgetary plans. It was for this reason among others that it was voted to change the fiscal year to start on July 1st of each year.

By this change, the city departments will be working under the past City Council's budget and the newly elected Mayor and Council will be in a position to study and prepare a budget which will become effective on July 1st.

A second advantage will be a

savings on interest payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes which will be considerable since the period of borrowing is shortened by four and one-half months.

*Municipal Finance Officers' Association

VITAL STATISTICS

For year ending December 31, 1951

Number of births	590
Still Births	8
Total	598
Parents Living in—	
Alexandria	2
Alton	2
Andover	2
Belmont	43
Bridgewater	1
Bristol	5
Bronx, N. Y.	1
Canterbury	2
Center Harbor	10
Concord	2
Derry	1
Dover	1
Durham	2
Franklin	10
Gilford	24
Gilmanton	12

Kezar Falls, Maine	1
Laconia	303
Loudon	3
Malden, Mass.	1
Manchester	1
Meredith	62
Moultonboro	9
New Hampton	1
New York City, N. Y.	1
Northfield	7
Ossipee	2
Plymouth	1
Roxbury, Mass.	1
Rumney	1
Sanbornton	16
Sandwich	16
Sunapee	1
Tamworth	7
Tilton	32
Wentworth	1
West Hartford, Conn.	1
Winstead, Conn.	1
Marriages	201
Deaths	259
Deaths occurring at Belknap County Home	6
Bodies brought to Laconia for burial	70
Veterans body brought from Korea for burial	1
Total	336

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CITY OFFICERS' EXPENSE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation \$7,725.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$7,725.00**

EXPENDITURES

City Report 1,790.67
 Dog Officer 709.34
 Flowers 10.00
 Supplies, Equipment, etc. 4,117.98
 Taxes—Gilford Sandbank 38.00
 Telephone 341.75
 Travel 216.53

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,224.27
Balance C'd to 1952-53 Budget	171.27
Transferred to Other Accounts	41.00
Transferred to E & D	288.46
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	\$7,725.00

ELECTIONS

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$3,210.00
Transfers In	396.14
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,606.14
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EXPENDITURES

Labor & Materials	317.07
Lights & Power	89.48
Meals — Ward Officers	362.80
Printing	918.90
Rent	65.00
Salaries — Ward Officers	1,711.00
Supplies	67.37
Miscellaneous	25.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,556.62
Transferred to E & D	49.52
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	\$3,606.14

MAINTENANCE OF CITY HALL

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$10,536.45
Transfers In — Cost of Living Adjustment	109.18
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10,645.63
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EXPENDITURES

Equipment	190.46
Fuel	1,807.46
Labor, Materials & Repairs	695.13
Lakeport Clock	183.83
Light & Power	860.17
Salary — Janitor	2,905.63
Supplies	738.30
Cost of Living Adjustment	85.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,465.98
Balance C'd. to 1952-53 Budget	275.00
Transferred to Other Departments	1,469.00
Transferred to E & D	1,435.65
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	\$10,645.63

SALARIES

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$36,782.51
Transferred In	24.00
Cost of Living Adjustment	340.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$37,146.51

EXPENDITURES

Mayor	1,083.33
Councilmen	1,800.00
City Clerk	4,375.01
Clerical Assistance	7,618.00
City Auditor	1,125.00
City Fiscal Officer	2,772.00
City Physician	937.50
City Solicitor	1,375.00
City Treasurer	1,500.00
City Sealer of Weights & Measures	750.00
Public Works Board	600.00
Sec.-Treas., Trustees of Trust Funds	625.00
State of N. H. Retirement	11,003.34
Cost of Living Adjustment	340.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 35,904.18

Transferred to Other Departments 573.40

Transferred to E & D 668.93

\$37,146.51

WEIRS DEVELOPMENT

RECEIPTS

Armstrong Company Concession	\$1,595.08
Weirs Pay Toilets	828.06

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$2,423.14

Transfers In 389.36

\$2,812.50

EXPENDITURES:

American Coin & Lock Co.	\$284.39
Labor & Materials	1,248.48
Lights & Power	325.83
Salary — Janitor	853.00
Supplies	100.80

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$2,812.50

STREET LIGHTING

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$27,500.00
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EXPENDITURES \$27,337.96

Transferred to E & D 162.04

\$27,500.00

PARKING METER FUND

Balance February 15, 1951	\$2,481.77
RECEIPTS	
Revenue from Meters	\$30,545.97
Received for damages to meters	20.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,565.97
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	\$33,047.74
EXPENDITURES	
Collection, Maintenance & Supervision	655.31
Equipment	350.14
Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,055.31
Lights & Power	819.91
Police Department	8,000.00
Public Works Department	12,000.00
Rent of Parking Lots (4)	1,901.40
Sorting Coins	365.47
Supplies	138.21
Traffic — Painting Parking Spaces	521.23
Capital Outlays — Blinker Lights	395.68
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	26,202.66
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Balance April 26, 1952	\$6,845.08

INSURANCE

RECEIPTS	
Budget Appropriation	\$7,624.30
Received for Damages	464.60
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,088.90
EXPENDITURES	
Fire Insurance — City Property	5,526.33
Public Liability & Property Damage	1,109.55
Fire, Theft & Collision — \$50 Deductible on 2 police cars	557.14
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,193.02
Paid out for damages	249.68
Transferred to Other Departments	57.50
Transferred to E & D	588.70
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	\$8,088.90

LACONIA HOSPITAL

Budget Appropriation & Expenditures	\$30,000.00
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BELKNAP COUNTY TAX

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures	\$90,898.61
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MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$10,179.06
Transfers In	7.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$10,186.81

EXPENDITURES

Lages Region Association	900.00
Public Wharves	200.00
Vital Statistics	257.75
Strike — Scott & Williams, Inc.	5,329.06

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 6,686.81
Balance C'd to 1952-53 Budget 3,500.00

\$10,186.81

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$1,950.00
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EXPENDITURES

4th of July	\$ 529.78
Memorial Day	500.00
Spanish War Veterans	250.00
American Legion Convention	600.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1,879.78
Transferred to Elections 50.42
Transferred to E & D 19.80

\$1,950.00

STATE EDUCATIONAL TAX

Budget Appropriation & Expenditures \$3 708.00

ATHLETIC FLOODLIGHTS

RECEIPTS

High School & Ball Clubs	\$1,244.00
Transfer from E & D	624.56

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1,858.56

EXPENDITURES

Care of Lights	5.00
Insurance	105.11
Labor & Materials for Repairs	929.00
Light Bills	371.70
Removing & Installing Lights	367.75
Supplies	90.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$1,858.56

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD

MRS. RUTH ANN SMITH, *Chairman*

EARLE V. KINSMAN, *Secretary*

MRS. ETTA G. GALLAGHER

THEO S. JEWETT

KENNETH D. HOPKINS

DR. JEROME R. LEAVITT

RHODEN B. EDDY, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD

As Chairman of the School Board of the City of Laconia, it again becomes my pleasant duty to report that your School Board, superintendent, and staff have done their utmost during the past year to maintain a superior school system for the best possible education of your children. The purpose of this report is to acquaint every citizen, taxpayer and parent with your schools.

Over the years, the City of Laconia has been developing school offerings that will meet the needs of all our young people, whether they are enrolled in elementary schools or in high school. Your School Board knows that our program, that accounts for approximately 36% of each tax dollar, is a necessity if we are to educate our children to take their places not only in our own community, but also the state, nation and world. You, as citizens of Laconia, may well be proud of your efforts to bring such an effective education to your sons and daughters; and proud of the standing of the Laconia schools in New Hampshire, New England and the Country.

Mr. Eddy has spent a great deal of time in the preparation of this report in order to show you actually how much you are getting for your tax dollar. This report shows particularly that for half a century Laconia has spent an unbelievably small amount of money for school building construction. It is no wonder that the maintenance of our school plant is continuously a pressing problem. If you will read this report carefully — and this is the only way your School Board can direct your attention to our educational matters — I believe you will have a clearer understanding of our problems and our efforts.

The meetings of your School Board are open to the public at all times and are held in the office of Mr. Rhoden Eddy, our superintendent. We deem it a privilege to have you attend our meetings, as you are entitled to know how the education of your children is directed and how your money is being spent and why. Our school buildings, machinery and apparatus are in continuous need of repair, replacement and up-

keep, and these things, along with books, supplies, heat, lights, fuel, and so on, all use your tax money.

Your School Board will appreciate at any time the interest of the people of Laconia who may come to the Board with suggestions for the improvement of our fine schools.

RUTH ANN SMITH, *Chairman*
Laconia School Board

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

1950 — 1951

*To the Members of the Laconia School Board
and the Citizens of Laconia:*

The report appearing here (bound with the City Report) is a summary of a longer, detailed School Report to be published separately at a somewhat later date. The purpose of the separate Report is to collect in one volume as much information about Laconia's school plant as can be secured; it will be of some historical importance. During the past year a great deal has been said about a new high school building and new school buildings have been discussed for many years.

As time has progressed and as Laconia has grown, new school building construction has been necessary. Your superintendent and his staff have spent a vast amount of time trying to determine just what Laconia has done. The findings that cover more than three-quarters of a century are amazing. If ever a community applied to its school buildings the motto to which we became so accustomed during World War II — "Make it do! Use it up! Wear it out! — that community must be Laconia. The essential facts follow:

Laconia now has in use six elementary school buildings and will probably bring back into use a seventh elementary building; there are two buildings comprising the junior-senior high school plant. When were these buildings built? What did they cost? What has been spent on alterations over the years?

I ACADEMY STREET SCHOOL

This building was built for a high school building in 1886. It cost \$26,000. Over a period of 66 years, alteration* costs have been about \$7,289.59.

II GILFORD AVENUE SCHOOL

This building was built in 1892. It cost about \$5,800. Over a period of 60 years, alteration* costs have been about \$1,846.23.

III BATCHELDER STREET SCHOOL

This building was built in 1902. It cost \$12,548. Over a period of 50 years, alteration* costs have been about \$5,218.33.

IV WASHINGTON STREET SCHOOL

This building was built in 1902. It cost \$12,548. Over a period of 50 years, alteration* costs have been about \$9,195, and this includes remodelling from a four-room to a six-room building.

V MECHANIC STREET SCHOOL

This building was rebuilt in 1906 after a bad fire. It cost \$14,004.20. Over a period of 46 years, alteration* costs have been about \$10,645, and this includes remodeling from a four-room to a six-room building.

VI HARVARD STREET SCHOOL

The present building was built originally in 1870. After a fire in 1901, the building was rebuilt. There was a second smaller fire in 1910. The original four rooms were made smaller and a two-room addition was added in 1927. The cost of the original building cannot be found, but in 82 years, Laconia has spent only about \$21,915.60 on this building and this includes rebuilding and an addition.

VII BOWMAN STREET SCHOOL

This building, like Harvard Street, goes back so far into antiquity that its original cost cannot be found. Bowman Street School was dedicated July 14, 1854. It was a one-story brick building of two rooms. At a later time, a second story was added but this cost also is not to be found. The 1931 School Report says that this building was condemned by the State of New Hampshire for school use, or at least until it had entirely new lighting, ventilating and sanitary systems. The building went into disuse after the new high school was built in 1923; in 1930 the building was given to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Possibly a larger sum was spent for building alterations* on Bowman Street School, but in the 60 years of its use expenditures seem to indicate that Laconia spent only \$792.74 for alterations. (See reference to School Districts.)

Bowman Street School will be 100 years old in another year.

VIII HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

This building was built in 1922. It cost \$227,695.29 and land costs were \$17,499.74. Over a period of 28 years, alteration* costs have been about \$16,469.12, and this includes a complete rebuilding of the roof parapet wall, extensive alterations in the boys' locker room and toilet rooms, as well as new cold water piping and the replacement of many new toilet bowls.

IX PRACTICAL ARTS BUILDING

This building was built in 1936. The cost to Laconia was \$77,128.69.

The Public Works Administration contribution was \$49,950, making the total cost of the building \$127,078.69. In a period of 15 years, alterations* have cost about \$6,866.93, but this includes the cost of changing from oil heating to coal in 1943 (at government direction) and finishing the ground floor, originally unfinished, for later use — as a cafeteria, at present.

*Alterations consist of those changes in buildings that represent long term improvements. In the alterations referred to here, these are:

New heating plants, new toilets (apparently all elementary school buildings at one time had outdoor toilets, because installing toilet facilities recurs time and again in the alteration figures, but even now all elementary school toilets are in the cellars of the buildings and are in constant need of repair), ventilating systems, remodeling and additions to buildings, insulating, and so on. Alterations differ from repairs, painting, etc., which are all short term improvements and necessary maintenance expenditures only.

Notes Regarding Costs of Buildings and Alterations for the last 100 years

Laconia became a city in 1893. Up to this time Meredith, Gilford and Gilmanton town lines took up parts of the territory that is now Laconia and was known as Laconia Village. In the area of these towns — since 1861, at least — there has been a varying number of School Districts, each embracing parts of the towns' names. In 1861 there were five such School Districts:

District Number 1	Laconia Village
District Number 2	Lake Village
District Number 3	Crockett
District Number 4	Weirs
District Number 5	Wadleigh

In 1893 when Laconia was incorporated as a City, there appear to have been three School Districts that covered the present area of Laconia as we now know it.

With this background the reader can understand why it is that expenditures made solely from moneys raised by taxation in the present Laconia area cannot be found and allocated entirely to the Laconia of the present. Some of the construction costs were made by people in other towns supporting various School Districts. Bowman Street School and Harvard Street School seem to be the only buildings in this study for which information is lacking up to 1886, however.

It is safe to say that the present school building and alteration costs for the school buildings listed in this Report, since 1886, were costs assumed entirely by the present Laconia area.

In 1915, an Act by the State of New Hampshire created a single School District to be known as the Laconia School District.

As accurately as can be determined, the present Laconia has spent

the following sums of money for school building construction and alterations in the last 75 years:

Building	To Construct a New Building	For Land for New Building	For Alterations to the Building
1886			
Academy St. School (Old High School)	\$26,000.00		\$7,289.59
1893			
Gilford Ave. School	5,800.00		1,846.23
1902			
Batchelder St. School	12,548.00		5,218.33
1902			
Washington St. School	12,548.00		9,195.00
1906			
Mechanic St. School	14,004.20		10,645.00
1870			
Harvard St. School	.....		21,915.60
1854			
Bowman St. School	.....		792.74
1923			
High School Building	227,695.29	\$17,499.74*	16,469.12
1936			
H.S. Practical Arts Bldg.	77,128.69	(inc. \$1,000)*	6,866.93
Miscellaneous**			11,721.92**
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	\$375,724.18	\$17,499.74	\$91,960.46

*\$1,000 of the \$17,499.74 spent for high school land should be allocated to land for the Practical Arts Building.

**Expenditures on school buildings no longer in use, especially the Weirs School, and for expenditures allocated to no single school, such as fire escapes.

Briefly, in the last three-quarters of a century Laconia has spent only \$485,184.38 for capital outlay — that is, to construct new buildings. In so far as we can determine the figures are complete and accurate, and in any event a sum of money only a little larger would be completely accurate. It would be fair to say that not more than \$650,000 has been spent in the last 75 years to build new buildings and make necessary alterations.

\$500,000 represents the actual cost of the buildings and their alterations; \$150,000 represents interest charges on borrowed money. It is assumed that all or most of this capital outlay money was "borrowed money" (bond issue money). Hence, Laconia has actually spent \$650,000 for school building capital outlay. For the total interest paid on borrowed funds, only an estimate can be made; if this sum of money were to be borrowed today on three per cent bonds payable over a twenty-year period, Laconia would pay approximately \$150,000 in interest. It is reasonable to assume that this sum does approximate very

closely all the money Laconia has spent to build new buildings and to make major alterations. Accordingly, the cost over a 75 year period would be only \$8,666.66 a year.

It is not surprising that demands are continuously being made for major repairs, for better toilet facilities, for better lighting, for better ventilation, for improvements to school grounds, for roof repairs, and so on. The remark has been made from time to time that, "Laconia's elementary school buildings owe the city nothing." In any event, except for the Practical Arts Building, the very great bulk of school building costs in Laconia were undertaken, and paid for, by the people of our older and past generations; little has been spent for new buildings by the present generations. For the most part, Laconia's school plant is a gift from the past. It is the school plant, however, that serves your children today.

This Report is factual. One may draw his own conclusions as to its findings. I am deeply grateful for the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Ellis Ayre and Mrs. Selima Chandler of my office, and to Mr. Charles Lord, City Clerk, and other city officials for their help and cooperation. Without this aid, I could not have prepared this material.

It is your superintendent's hope that this summation will lead to a real interest in the larger, more complete Report.

Very respectfully yours,

RHODEN B. EDDY
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

In its music work in the past year, it has been the endeavor of the Music Department of the Laconia Public Schools to foster interest in the music program and encourage participation of students in musical activities.

In Vocal Music, the Senior High School Mixed Chorus has taken part in two concerts and a State festival in Portsmouth. A Mixed Double Quartet has continued to function. In *Instrumental Music*, continued interest in the growth of the Band on the part of local citizens and organizations resulted in raising money for a new set of uniforms, first used in the Fall of 1950. Other instrumental music outlets have been the High School Orchestra, the Instrumental Music Classes for beginners and the Elementary School Orchestra. In *Academic Music*, a course in Beginning Music Theory was elected by forty students. *Programs* presented by the various musical organizations have included those at school, such as the Christmas Concert and Pop Concert, those out of town, as at the Belknap Recreation Area, Plymouth High School, Belmont Memorial Day and the State Festival at Portsmouth. *Junior*

High music was notably strengthened by the fine work of Miss Jane Vogel. Class music work, glee club work and the production of a version of "Carmen" all contributed to betterment of this level of music work. The Elementary Grade program has been as complete as possible with the inclusion of singing, instrumental music, listening and general music activities contributing to the cultural development of all the boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,
 BERNARD E. WILLIAMS
 Director of Music

**ANNUAL REPORT
 LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Report of the year ending June 19, 1951

Attendance	32,662
Circulation of books	12,240
Number of pupils having cards	850
Average circulation of books per pupil	13.9
Number of books lost or discarded	56

Many books need mending. Many are beyond repair. Others because of the age of the material covered should be discarded.

Number of books added to the library	297
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Of this number, 174 were purchased by the School Department, and 123 were gifts. Of the gift of \$100 from the Junior High School, over \$60 has not been spent. The library specialists with whom we have done business for a long time, have been unavoidably delayed in filling our order of books with library bindings.

Number of books in the library	4,822
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Of this number, 4,600 are in the library proper, while 222 have been cataloged by the librarian and are in various classrooms for the use of the pupils there. For example, Mr. Shipman has 30 books on vocational agriculture, Miss Arnold has 46 books on sociology, and Mrs. Townsley has 23 on elementary science.

Number of magazines in the library	64
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Of this number 46 are purchased by the School Department and 18 are gifts. Some of these do not remain in the library because they are considered to be of greater value in some particular classrooms.

Number of newspapers in the library	3
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Morning Union)
 Christian Science Monitor) All gifts

Laconia Evening Citizen)
New York Sunday Times) for a part of the year

Amount of money collected in fines \$253.45

Library Instruction:

This year we have added six filmstrips, "The Library Series," covering the following topics:

1. The Book
2. The Dewey Decimal System
3. The Card Catalog
4. The Dictionary, Part I
5. The Dictionary, Part II
6. The Encyclopedia

The new Resources Room

I am very much pleased with the new Resources Room that has been made out of the girls' coat room and connected with the Library with an arched opening. Shelves have been put along the walls on both sides for housing the back magazines. With the three dozen pamphlet files that have been added since school closed, we have 109 boxes. These labeled files give the room a tidy appearance. The magazines not in the cases are neatly tied up and on the shelves in order. About a hundred professional books adorn the top shelf. Mr. Olsen's boys made us two excellent tables, and with twelve new oak chairs, we are well equipped.

At this time I would like to say that we are very fortunate in the number of back magazines that we possess. We are generally able to supply any magazine indexed in the *Abridged Readers' Guide*, which we have been taking since 1940. We have an excellent file of *Life*, *Time*, *National Geographic*, *America*, *Harper's*, *Newsweek*, *Good Housekeeping*, *American Magazine*, *Science News Letter*, *Scientific American*, and *Reader's Digest*, all going back for about ten years. At the present time we subscribe to nearly every magazine listed in the *Abridged Readers' Guide*.

For the use of teachers especially we have *The Education Digest*, *Education Summary*, *The English Journal*, *The School Review*, *Exchange*, *The Bulletin of the National Association of Secondary School Principals*, and *Know-How*.

When the teachers have free periods, many of them find this Resources Room an ideal place in which to work. I can truthfully say that it has been very satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. O'SHEA
Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT

1950 1951

There follows a detailed "Statement of Expenditures" for the school year 1950-1951. The statement gives in complete form the exact sums spent by the School District for every item, not only in total but also by the divisions of the school system—elementary, junior high and senior high.

The expenditures shown total	\$422,358.90
Laconia appropriated	\$366,864.86
Receipts from tuitions, reimbursements for vocational teachers, rentals, etc. were	55,494.04
Income and expenditures balance*	\$422,358.90

*This exact balance in income and expenditures resulted from a special appropriation by the City Council to pay an overdraft in the Teachers' Retirement account brought about by a change in the retirement law that became effective during the school year. Ordinarily income and expenditures do not balance exactly.

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

June 30, 1951

"BUDGET "A"— OPERATION OF PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS:

	Sr. High	Jr. High	Elementary	Total
I ADMINISTRATION (Prorated)*				
1. Salaries, Dist. Officers....	\$ 99.86	\$ 46.05	\$ 153.09	\$ 299.00
2. Supt's. Salary (and car)	1,644.95	758.45	2,521.60	4,925.00
3. Attend. Officer & Census	467.60	215.60	716.80	1,400.00
4. Other Exp. of Adm.	164.36	75.78	251.95	492.09
5. Sec., Clerical Salaries....	1,826.41	842.12	2,799.77	5,468.30
6. Office Tel., Mailings, Supplies	222.76	102.71	341.47	666.94
TOTAL ADMIN.	\$ 4,425.94	\$ 2,040.71	\$ 6,784.68	\$ 13,251.33
II INSTRUCTION				
7. Teachers' Salaries	\$118,196.26	\$57,221.16	\$102,210.32	\$277,627.74
8. Textbooks	1,198.99	573.78	1,180.28	2,953.05
9. Pupils' Supplies	6,582.13	2,804.41	2,323.00	11,709.54
10. Other Exp. of Instruct. & Library	2,396.93	621.01	939.28	3,957.22
TOTAL INSTRUC'N..	\$128,374.31	\$61,220.36	\$106,652.88	\$296,247.55
III OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT				
11. Janitors' Salaries	\$ 8,581.80	\$ 2,820.44	\$ 6,548.78	\$ 17,951.02
12. Fuel	2,643.66	1,322.31	4,350.22	8,316.19
13. Water, Lights, Gas	3,426.87	1,712.39	1,355.97	6,495.23
13a. Maintenance Supplies ..	468.78	233.31	672.05	1,374.14
TOTAL OPR. OF SCHOOL PLANT	\$ 15,121.11	\$ 6,088.45	\$ 12,927.02	\$ 34,136.58

IV. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Painting & Decorating..	\$ 314.47	\$ 157.24	\$ 842.70	\$ 1,314.41
14a. Repairs & Replacements	2,887.65	1,368.55	4,650.04	8,906.24
14b. Other Expenses of Maintenance	265.60	132.27	79.09	476.96
TOTAL MAINT. OF SCHOOL PLANT ..	\$ 3,467.72	\$ 1,658.06	\$ 5,571.83	\$ 10,697.61

V. AUXILIARY AGENCIES

15. School Nurses' Salaries..	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 812.50	\$ 3,687.50	\$ 6,125.00
16. School Physician's Sal.	200.00	100.00	200.00	500.00
17. Dental Hygienist	00	00	00	00
18. Health Supplies	33.01	16.50	43.82	93.33
19. Transportation	945.37	849.36	8,902.57	10,697.30
20. Other Spec. Activities....	119.90	59.93	130.11	309.94
TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES	\$ 2,923.28	\$ 1,838.29	\$ 12,964.00	\$ 17,725.57

VI FIXED CHARGES

21. Insurance	\$ 1,400.37	\$ 672.47	\$ 1,156.45	\$ 3,229.29
22. Teachers' & Supt's. Retirement	6,798.37	3,528.03	5,507.55	15,833.95
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$ 8,198.74	\$ 4,200.50	\$ 6,664.00	\$ 19,063.24

VII. OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT

23. Building Alterations	\$ 2,952.63	\$ 1,476.31	\$ 9,873.36	\$ 14,302.30
24. New Equipment	4,947.84	1,710.09	3,314.99	9,972.92
TOTAL OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 7,900.47	\$ 3,186.40	\$ 13,188.35	\$ 24,275.22
TOTAL BUDGET "A"	\$170,411.57	\$80,232.77	\$164,752.76	\$415,397.10

BUDGET "B"—EXTENSION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

VIII EXTENSION OF EDUC. SERVICES

1. Evening Sch. Sal. & Books	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00
2. Apprentice Courses.....	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00
3. VETS On Farm Training				5,681.87
4. VETS Cabinet Making....				1,279.93
TOTAL EXT. ED. SERVICES	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 6,961.80

GRAND TOTALS \$422,358.90

*Sr.Hi 33.4%; Jr.Hi 15.4%; Elem. 51.2%—From Annual Statistical Rpt.

The School Lunch Program

The summary below covers the receipts, expenditures, and balances of the School Lunch Program at Laconia High School for the fiscal year 1950-1951.

Cash on Hand July 1, 1950 \$ 3,263.19

Receipts

Lunch Sales — Children	\$16,588.64	
Lunch Sales — Adults	1,363.45	
	\$17,952.09	
Receipt of Reimbursement	6,102.70	
Misc. Cash Contribution	3,131.37	
	27,186.16	
Total Receipts		27,186.16

AVAILABLE TOTAL \$30,449.35

Expenditures

Food	\$21,085.84	
Labor	4,860.78	
Equipment	1,447.39	
All Other	1,788.39	
	\$29,182.40	
Total Expenditures		\$29,182.40

ACTUAL CASH BALANCE

as of June 30, 1951 \$1,266.95

Estimated Value of Food on Hand
as of June 30, 1951 \$ 710.28

Donations: Food..... Labor \$1,960.94 All Other.....Total \$1,960.94

Date: July 9, 1951 Mae Caverly, Clerk

NECROLOGY

JOHN WILLIAM O'CONNOR

Born May 19, 1911

Died February 22, 1951

Served as Teacher-Coach 1944-1951

Class of 1951

Eleanor May Aldrich
 Hazel Tilley Anair
 Elizabeth Norma Andrews
 Edgar Stanley Auger
 Samuel Paul Baker
 Lawrence Darrah Bass
 Lillian Julia Bernier
 Ernest Gideon Bolduc
 Roland Edmond Boucher
 Robert Joseph Boudreau
 Gilbert Wilfred Bourdon
 Marilyn Millicent Breed
 Bernard Bradley Brown
 Enid Gertrude Cadieux
 Catherine Sabas Caggiano
 Donald Francis Cameron
 Claire Elaine Carignan
 Leo Joseph Caron, Jr.
 Therese Marie Carroll
 Eugene Roland Cassavaugh
 Arlene Lillian Chase
 Joanne Carlene Chase
 Henry Bruce Clow
 John Philip Cole
 Lucile Theresa Cote
 Anna Marie Cotton
 Donald Herbert Cox
 Philip Edward Lawrence Dalton
 Claire Lucille Daoust
 Madeleine Alice Daoust
 Raymond Adolor Daoust
 Richard Poole Davis
 Lorraine Marjorie DeBlois
 Paul Howard DeCoster
 Alfred Henry Delisle
 Thomas Richard Dickson
 Jean Frances Dockham
 Natalie May Dockham
 Ronald Kenneth Dorval
 Roch Joseph Drouin
 Ann Elizabeth Dunleavy
 Maurice Robert Dutille
 Sandra Nan Edgerly
 Richard William Emery
 Lester Ezra Fellows, Jr.
 Joan Nora Flanders
 Elsie May Fogg
 Janet Lou Ford
 Gordon Mitchell Foss
 Colleen Phyllis Gallant
 Janet Mae Gifford
 Patricia Ann Goddard
 Rita Helen Goyette
 Celia Elizabeth Granger
 Helen Gray
 Norma Lois Greene
 Will Riley Guy
 Claire Therese Guyer
 Donald Rodolphe Hamel
 Arlene Muriel Harris
 Margaret Beverly Hedstrom
 Anne Louise Horner
 Douglas Lee Hounsell
 Stanley Buchan Howser, Jr.
 William Jefferson Huggins
 Russell Elwyn Hunt
 Doris Lucy Isabelle
 Donald Francis Jacques
 William Theodore Krasnow
 Sylvio Joseph Labbe
 Richard Eugene Lacasse
 Robert John Lacroix
 Priscilla Ann Laframboise
 Raymond Lucien Lagueux
 Gerald Wayne Lakeman
 Paul Richard Lamere
 Lita Marie Lamprey
 Gerard Peter LaPointe, Jr.
 Roger Emile Lebel
 Marie Arlene Lessard
 Rudolph Eddy Lessard
 Donald Bertrand Lucier
 Eugene Leslie MacKay
 Mary Ann McKillop
 Wesley David Malloreay
 Richard Armand Marcoux
 Annette Imelda Martel
 Robert John Martel
 Wilfred Fairbanks Mathewson, Jr.
 Donald Norman Mattson
 Ronald Herman Mattson
 Thomas Coffin Mooney, Jr.
 Barbara Anita Mary O'Mara
 Bernadette Alfreda Ouellette
 Sonnie Joseph Perkins
 Robert Alphonse Perry
 William Stanton Price, Jr.
 James Vincent Provencal, Jr.
 Susan Caroline Pynn
 Frederick Arthur Randlett
 Esther Blanche Robie
 Ernest Oscar St. Jacques
 Arthur Avery Saltmarsh, Jr.
 Janice Ann Scott
 Ellen Ruth Seymour
 Jacqueline Marie Sheehan
 Patricia Jane Sherman
 David Howard Shonting
 Betty Jane Smith
 Kenneth Charles Smith
 Virginia Elizabeth Smith
 Ruth Margaret Stone
 Harold Samuel Swain, Jr.
 Richard Bert Swain
 Judith Prescott Swormstedt
 Wilfred Benjamin Theberge
 Sherman Oscar Thompson
 Beverly June Towle
 Dorothy Ann Wagner
 Alton Merrill Weeks
 Francis Odell Weeks
 Frederick Aaron Wells
 Norma Kay Wilkinson
 Nancy Lee Wilson
 Raymond Chester Wilson
 Anne Eva Woodworth
 Winfred Otis Wyatt
 Will Douglas Wyland
 John Page Zanes

PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

EDWARD J. GALLAGHER, *Chairman*
MRS. A. H. HARRIMAN
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MRS. FREDERICK A. TILTON
RHODEN B. EDDY, *Ex-officio*
MAX CHERTOK
DR. THEODORE L. STEIGER

GENERAL INFORMATION

Due to unexpected additional income, as well as a saving on some of the expenditures, one thousand dollars of the total funds granted by the Mayor and Council for maintaining the libraries and park this past year was left in the city treasury. This is a record of which any department at any time may well be proud.

Mrs. Rose Mary Emery served capably as treasurer during her term of office, 1949-1952. Mr. Frederick A. Tilton was appointed a trustee for three years by the Mayor and Council, March 31, 1952.

The statistics for this report are based on the fiscal year, February 16, 1951 to April 26, 1952.

Over 1,100 new readers registered this year, making the total number of borrowers 4,231. One hundred and three residents of fourteen neighboring towns used the library by paying the custom-

ary fee of one dollar per year. Visitors may borrow books by special arrangement.

During the 363 days which the library was open, 84,371 books were circulated at the main library, representing an increase over the previous year. It is interesting to note that 36% of the books were borrowed from the juvenile collection. The Goss Reading Room, which is open 30 hours each week, circulated 13,190 books. Thirty-five per cent of them were used by children.

BOOKS

Nearly 2,100 volumes were added to the collection this year, augmenting the total to 40,500. Half of the books added were fiction, which is in proportion to the 59% fiction circulation. A strenuous effort has been made to add current material to several technical classifications. The latest editions of machinists' and electricians' handbooks, as well as those for civil and mechanical engineers, have been purchased. Radio and television guides, volumes on sports, and information dealing with various hobbies and handicrafts are always in demand. A recent musical dictionary, and drama anthologies, will aid students in those subjects. Fourteen percent of the total income was spent for books, while 27% of the book budget was used to purchase juvenile books.

PERIODICALS

With the exception of the latest issue, magazines may be borrowed

for seven days. This year 5,983 adult and 701 juvenile magazines were loaned to patrons. An attempt is always made to have the periodicals satisfy the varied interests of the public. Eighty-five magazines were purchased for the main library, and thirty-eight were received as gifts from library friends and organizations. Seven newspapers are available in the reading room. Many state and government publications are filed for future reference. Twenty magazines and three daily papers are received at the Goss Reading Room.

CHILDREN'S WORK

During July and August the sixty-one youngsters enrolled in the Vacation Reading Club read 529 books. Each grade from the second to the eleventh was represented. Forty diplomas were awarded to those who qualified by reading and writing a brief summary of at least ten books. Competition was so keen that a prize was awarded to the child from each grade who reported on the greatest number of books. Illustrated editions of the standard classics were used as prizes.

The Children's Film Hour was conducted alternate Saturdays during the fall and winter months. Eighty selected films were shown to 3,146 youngsters. An extra Christmas program was arranged to accommodate the pre-school children and their parents.

IMPROVEMENTS

Several improvements have been made which were planned and ordered last year. Patrons of the library, as well as the staff, have greatly appreciated the fluorescent lighting installed in the stacks. Specially designed table lamps for the large reading room have been enjoyed for the past year. New rugs add to the attractiveness of the entrance. Modern plumbing in the front basement has replaced that installed when the building was erected in 1903. Light paint and plastic hangings have made the recreation room a very attractive place for the children's film programs. Two exhibit cases have been purchased for use in Memorial Hall. The articles on display will be rearranged to provide space for the Abram L. Drake collection of local Indian relics. The Mayor and Council voted to buy a Mosler safe to be kept at the library to preserve the records of the 50th anniversary of the City of Laconia, observed in 1943.

Patrons of the Goss Reading Room are enjoying the fluorescent lights installed by the trustees of that library. A railing was also erected along the front walk.

GALE PARK

Small evergreens and lilacs have been planted at the rear of the building and hemlocks are growing on the side lawn. Colorful flower beds gave much pleasure throughout the season to all who visited, or merely passed the Park.

Library Statistics for the Year 1951

Circulation	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Laconia Public Library	54,494	29,877	84,371
Goss Reading Room	8,745	4,445	13,190
Total Circulation	63,239	34,322	97,561
Number of books added	1,292	787	2,079
Number of books withdrawn	936	152	1,088

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH ON HAND, Feb. 16, 1951		\$511.34
RECEIPTS		
City of Laconia	\$22,615.03	
Gale Estate	2,381.04	
Goss Estate	800.00	
Interest	504.09	
Fines, etc.	1,767.11	
	28,067.27	
Total		\$28,578.61

EXPENDITURES

Staff Salaries	13,816.51	
Extra Help	200.00	
Books	4,050.00	
Periodicals	489.95	
Binding	190.00	
Library Supplies	300.92	
Postage	106.62	
Printing	52.40	
Janitors' Salaries	4,326.94	
Building Supplies	159.57	
Building Repairs	311.59	
Water—Light	683.99	
Fuel	1,295.26	
Travel	40.75	
Telephone	336.50	
Insurance	158.40	
Children's Work	234.66	
Deposits Returned	174.00	
Capital Outlays	1,435.97	
Total Expenditures		28,364.03
Balance on hand, April 26, 1952		214.58
Total		\$28,578.61

**TREASURER'S REPORT
GALE PARK**

CASH ON HAND, Feb. 16, 1951		328.36
RECEIPTS		
City of Laconia	890.70	
Gale Estate	793.70	1,684.40
Total		\$2,012.76
EXPENDITURES		
Fertilizer 1951	102.75	
Fertilizer 1952	103.32	
Flowers	215.75	
Fountain Maintenance	14.24	
Gas & Oil	15.93	
Lawn Maintenance	100.00	
Miscellaneous	31.14	
Seed	12.45	
Spraying Trees	35.00	
Salaries	1,153.33	
Water	48.05	
Trees	91.00	
Total Payments		1,922.96
Balance on hand, April 26, 1952		89.80
Total		\$2,012.76



The New Weirs Beach

WELFARE

MILDRED H. BUCKLIN . . . *Director of Welfare*

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Lacomia:

Gentlemen:

It is my privilege and duty to submit herewith my report as Director of Welfare for the year ending April 26, 1952.

The amount appropriated for Direct Relief for the Fiscal year, February 15, 1951 to February 15, 1952, was \$61,000.00 with an additional appropriation of \$12,500.00 for a 10 weeks extension to complete the Fiscal year making a total of \$73,500.00. This has been expended as follows:

	Feb. 15, 1951-Apr. 26, 1952 (14½ mos.)	Feb. 15, 1950-Feb. 15, 1951 (12 mos.)
Families	\$17,947.75	\$14,847.13
Single persons	12,732.15	15,036.14
Veteran families	11,714.97	17,938.66
Single veterans	1,624.20	1,951.21
Adult Board & Care	9,422.96	4,700.86
Children Board & Care	4,497.45	3,635.31
	\$57,939.48	\$58,109.31
Total Relief	3,849.97	3,997.94
Salaries & Expenses	\$61,289.45	\$62,107.25
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency Fund for special appropriation ..	7,500.00	
	\$69,289.45	
Balance from appropriations		\$4,210.55
Refunds		479.99
		\$4,690.54
Available for transfer to Excess & Deficiency Fund		\$4,690.54

The amount of \$61,789.45 expended for Relief is broken down as follows:

Food (milk, groceries, meats, etc.)	\$26,110.72
Rent & Shelter	6,766.53
Fuel	3,880.64
Clothing, shoes and rubbers	716.14
Gas, electric and miscellaneous	215.21
Board & Care (does not include medical)	
Adults	7,306.05
Children	4,305.10

Salaries		3,483.03
Office Expense		366.94
Hospitals		
Laconia	\$5,688.19	
Hanover	268.21	
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		5,956.40
Other Medical		1,870.69
Funerals and ambulance		812.00
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Total		\$61,789.45

Assistance has been rendered to 71 families, comprised of 191 persons; to 33 single persons; to 84 Veterans' Families, comprised of 158 persons; to 7 single Veterans; to 7 regular Board and Care of Adults; and to 9 Board and Care of Children. This is a total of 405 persons assisted, a decrease of 304 persons over last year.

Men on Relief worked for different City Departments including Leavitt, Opechee, Tardif and Wyatt Parks in appreciation for aid furnished them. A total of 513 hours of labor was furnished by these men representing \$436.05.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

For the Fiscal year, February 1, 1951 to April 26, 1952, the Old Age Assistance recipients have received a total of \$192,031.77. Of this amount the City contributed 25%. The Appropriation was \$45,000.00 plus \$9,500.00 for the 10 weeks extension, making a total of \$54,500.00. The sum of \$48,007.96 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$6,492.04 from the combined Appropriations.

Refunds recovered from estates were \$1,154.40 making a total of \$7,646.44 to be transferred to the Excess and Deficiency Fund.

A year ago there were 244 cases; at present there are 225.

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$128,000.00
Balance, 1950-51 Budget	3,822.56
Transfers In — Cost of Living Adj.	85.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<hr/>	\$131,907.56
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EXPENDITURES

City Relief	61,704.45
Old Age Assistance	51,830.52
Cost of Living Adjustment	85.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<hr/>	113,619.97
Transferred to Other Departments		7,500.00
Transferred to E & D		10,787.59

\$131,907.56

HEALTH and SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH

ARTHUR SIMONEAU, *Pres.*
EARL J. GAGE, M.D., *Secy.*
DR. WILLIS HOYT

DEPARTMENT

C. F. MOWERS, H. I., *Dept. Head*
EDWARD S. MORRIS, M.D.,
City Physician
JULIA PERIARD, R.N., *City Nurse*
BARBARA SISSON,
Laboratory Technician

CITY PHYSICIAN

The City Physician examines in Municipal Court those cases of intoxication which are suspects or mandatory. He is advised by the Welfare Department which cases may receive medical or surgical aid from the City. Major fires are attended by the City Physician to insure immediate care to those endangered by fire fighting.

SUMMARY

Police cases	67
Office calls	132
House calls	129
Hospital visits	159
Operations	12
Committed to State Hospital....	4
Deaths	4

E. S. Morris, M.D.

CITY NURSE

The City Nurse made (2620) calls for medical and surgical patients for the past year. The following is a summary of the visits:

Medical	1637
Surgical	600
Pre-School Children	109

Crippled Children	27
Pre-natal	2
Post-natal	8
Infant care	84
Home visits, Instructive	153

The City Nurse is responsible to the Board of Health for the carrying out of her duties.

Following is a summary of the Nurses care to patients:

1. Bedside Nursing.
2. Treatment ordered by a Physician in the home.
3. On call for special treatment in convalescent homes.
4. Instructions to members of a patients family as to invalid or infant care, etc.
5. Visits and instruction to families regarding care of crippled children.
6. Work of a semi-social service nature — as contacting agency for aid in cases without means or proper food and clothing.

PATIENTS, TYPES

1. Chronic and Medical patients.
 - a. Who require beside nursing and treatment often over a period of years.
 - b. Patients who require treatment and nursing care and advice.
2. Surgical Patients.
 - a. Visits in the home for surgical dressings following discharge from the hospital.
 - b. More numerous service, establishments of early ambulatory routine for hospital patients.
3. Visits for Pre-natal and Post-natal and infant care and instruction.
4. Visits for instruction and the care of crippled children.

HEALTH INSPECTOR

Sanitary Inspection

Markets

Inspections have been made this year concerning the fifty-three markets located in Laconia, Lakeport, and the Weirs. Methods of handling meat, vegetables and fruit products have been investigated, the storage of all types of foods, the eradication, as far as possible, of roaches, mice and rats and other vermin has been undertaken. Several markets were unable to meet the sanitary requirements for food handling and were instructed as to correct procedures for complying with requirements. At the present time all markets in town are complying with regulations.

Drug Stores

The five drug stores located in the Laconia area have been inspected. Literature has been posted in the Laconia Citizen as to certain drugs that are not to be dispensed without prescriptions from doctors. Several drugs that were on the market this year had to be withdrawn due to certain poisonous constituents. A careful supervision is maintained on such drugs that may be harmful to the health of the public.

Restaurants, Hotel Dining Rooms, Diners, Transient Food Dispensers and Counter Service.

A constant check is made in Restaurant and Food Dispensing Establishments. We have at the present time forty-six such establishments located in the Laconia Area. Sterilization of all eating utensils is of primary importance. Tests are made of

dishes, silverware, etc. to determine whether a chemical disinfectant has been employed. Where hot water is used for sterilization, temperature is checked. Automatic dishwashers have been installed in many of the more popular restaurants. Some were required to install boosters to comply with the standard temperature required for these machines. garbage disposal and waste fats present a problem. Coverage of all garbage is required and removal at frequent intervals is necessary to control fly and rat infestation.

Food storage here is another item. Fish products such as clams, etc. must meet requirements and be registered with the State before they may be sold. Certain areas are designated for the digging of clams and unless each container is registered it must be condemned.

Dishes, glasses, etc. that are chipped or cracked must be destroyed. Storage must be in such a manner as to be free of dust, fat or moisture contamination.

Cabin Colonies and Tourist Homes

Inspection was made at seventy-three cabin colonies and tourist homes. The primary importance of such inspection is the water supply. Many cabin colonies were found to be drawing raw water from the lake and serving it to the public. These problems were soon taken care of by the Public Health Regulation, which requires water to be chlorinated or drawn from a well which will meet water standards. The situation is now under control and the public may en-

joy the benefits of a safe water supply.

Sewer problems have been encountered at many cabins and rectified by proper instructions as to size, type of septic tanks and proper drainage from same.

Laundry must be done in such a manner as to prohibit any form of skin irritation from bedding. Roach and bed bug contamination is practically under control.

Convalescent Homes and Foster Homes

Thirteen homes have been inspected and must comply with regulations to obtain a license for continued operation. Inspections of this type are much the same as combined Tourist and Eating Establishment Regulations, as discussed in the above. However, certain types of patients must be located in certain areas for easy removal in case of fire, etc.

Bakeries

Bakeries of Laconia are six in number. These are inspected at intervals when deemed necessary. The most important of the above is refrigeration of such products as creamed filled pastries, which if not properly cared for, will cause illness to the consumers. Proper handling of the various products, storage of flour and various mixing apparatus is essential.

Complaints

All complaints made to this department during the past year concerning matters which jeopardized the health of one or more persons, were thoroughly investigated, and action taken in any case on which the Board so ruled.

Complaints numbered two hundred fifty this year. The most common being septic tank contamination. These situations unless corrected in the very near future may result in a serious epidemic to this town. Garbage disposal is becoming more of a problem. The throwing of garbage in backyards is a direct invitation to rats and flies, the primary factors in transmission of disease. An ordinance covering this type contamination has now been authorized.

Slaughter Inspection

Slaughter inspection involves the inspection of all meat products to be sold in the City of Laconia which have not been previously inspected by the United States Government or Foreign City Inspectors. Inspection begins with the live animal. Any animal not found to be in good health before slaughter is rejected. Animals to be slaughtered are killed according to Governmental procedures. After killing and bleeding, each gland of the lymphatic system is incised and examined for any pathological condition. The organs are then examined, such as heart, liver, lungs, pancreas, spleen, etc. If all parts of the animal are healthy and normal, the animal is stamped with the City of Laconia seal and passed; refrigerated properly, they may be sold to the public in this city or elsewhere. Condemnations have been in several cases since the establishment of this inspection service, in cases that might have caused serious sickness to consumers.

Milk Inspection

Milk and Ice Cream inspection is a very important phase of this department work. A laboratory technician is now employed who will run the samples as they are submitted by the inspector. A sample is taken from each herd once a month. In this manner a check is kept for the producer, the plant manager and public. Any person at any time may inspect these records at the City Hall. A card is sent to the producer after his analysis is made, and if his counts are too high, will, with the aid of the Inspector find the cause and eliminate same. The very factors that make milk such an ideal food for mankind likewise make it an ideal food for most of the microorganisms that are bound to get into it, as they are bound to get into or upon all food. All of the other foods that we daily consume are not so ideal for bacteria growth. Because of its physical and chemical nature, milk is the most perishable of all foods and its perishability is very largely determined by bacterial action. Hence, our problem is by means of proper care to keep all bacteria out of milk so far as practically possible. This is important from the point of view of

disease and from the point of view of satisfactory keeping quality and desirable flavors. The former is public health, the latter, economic.

LABORATORY SUMMARY

Bacteria analysis	
(Raw Plate)	
Producers	546
Producer-Dealers	2,148
Tank Samples	105
Bacteria analysis	
(Laboratory pasteurized)	
Producer-Dealers	2,175
	Total 4974
Coliform analysis	586
Sediment Tests	399
Phosphatase Tests	306
Butter Fat Tests	835
	Total 2126
Water analysis	Total 186
Bacteria Count Average	
Producer Samples of	
Grade A, Pasteurized	
and homogenized milk....	16,975
Producer-Dealer samples	
of raw milk	42,915
Laboratory pasteurized	
samples	7,342
Butter Fat Averages	
Grade A, pasteurized, and	
homogenized milk	3.99
Raw Milk	4.08

MILK LICENSES

Markets	59
Restaurants	46
Dealers	12
Producer-Dealers	10
Total Receipts	\$1,160

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$13,037.10
Transfers In	565.86

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$13,602.96

EXPENDITURES

Equipment & Supplies	169.04
Mileage	975.00
Milk & Cream	156.59
Miscellaneous	46.27
Printing & Postage	57.51

Salaries	11,714.21
Supplies — City Nurse	53.11
Telephone & Gas	162.16
Cost of Living Adjustment	255.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,588.89
Transferred to E & D	14.07
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	\$13,602.96

Civil Defense

BRANDON L. HALL, *Director*

For the past year we have improved the different sections of Civil Defense. Our communications have been set up to operate much more efficiently than ever before.

A small amount of equipment has been secured this past year. Our plans call for establishing a fund to eventually get a good alarm system for the City.

The Red Cross has held classes in various subjects such as First Aid and Nurses Aids. These classes have been a great help in keeping our Civil Defense personnel well trained and well informed.

One test alert was held, which from the view point of State and County Civil Defense Directors was very successful. It is expected to have three or four of these alerts in the coming year. More equipment will be needed as we progress from alert to alert. The Civil Defense officials felt we were as well set up and trained as any City in the state of comparable size.

I wish to express the City's as well as my own personal appreciation to all those members who have unselfishly spent many hours in helping to establish Civil Defense in Laconia and to urge other patriotic citizens to join with us in being sure that should an emergency arise, Laconia will be prepared to deal with it.

Following is the financial report of the past year:

RECEIPTS	
Budget Appropriation	\$1,200.00
EXPENDITURES	
Clerical Assistance	\$ 16.13
Equipment	454.96
Printing & Postage	1.00
Supplies	72.17
Travel	22.63
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	566.89
Transferred to E & D	633.11
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	\$ 1,200.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE COMMISSION

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*
 F. E. NORMANDIN
 GUY C. RICHARDS, *Clerk*

CHARLES E. DUNLEAVY, *Chief of Police*
 NORMAN P. DROUIN *Deputy Chief*
 WALTER E. MONT *Captain*

Your Police Department is now operating with nineteen (19) officers instead of twenty-one (21) as was indicated by a previous report.

We sometimes find it difficult to give the entire city the police protection it requires with this reduced staff, but we are convinced that the taxpayers of the City of Laconia will find the same efficiency of the department as in the past considering the present personnel.

The department now is being conducted under the longevity plan whereby officers who have been with the department for a great many years are receiving an extra reward for long and faithful service.

Annual Report of the Chief of Police for Year Ending January 31, 1952

ARRESTS

Males	393
Females	22
Total	415

CAUSES OF ARREST

Arrested for out of town Officers	3
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Assault	11
Assault on an officer	9
Allowing an unlicensee to operate	5
Bastardy	1
Breaking, entering & larceny	1
Building without a permit	1
Contribute to juvenile de- linquency	4
Destroying property	2
Double parking	1
Deserters (Army & Navy)	8
Disorderly person	17
Drunkenness (resident)	71
Drunkenness (non-resident) ..	64
Escaped convict	1
Failing to display flag	1
Forgery	1
Failing to have car registered	5
Failing to stop at stop sign....	9
Failing to stop for an officer	2
Giving beer to minor	2
Insane person	2
Larceny	24
Leaving scene of accident	11
Non-support of family	1
Operating uninspected auto	1
Operate auto without brakes	6
Operate auto without license	36
Operate auto recklessly	5
Operate auto under the in- fluence of liquor	44
Operate auto after license is revoked	9
Operate auto at unreasonable speed	41
Passing over center line	1
Passing over closed bridge	1
Receiving stolen goods	2
Selling liquor	1
Selling liquor to minor	4
Selling gun to minor	2
Taking auto without owner's permission	1
Total	415

HOW DISPOSED OF

Appealed to Superior Court	12
Bail forfeited	14
Bound over to Superior Court	5
Committed to House of Cor- rection	37
Committed to State Hospital	2

Complaints placed on file	9	Fires attended	14
Cases not settled	2	Fires discovered and alarm given	7
Complaints dismissed	2	Assistance rendered injured persons	8
Discharged by the court	7	Dead bodies recovered	1
Delivered to out of town of- ficers	9	Burglaries reported	13
Paid fine & cost	308	Larcenies reported	30
Suspended by paying cost	8	Lost children restored to parents	27
Total	415	Store doors and windows found open and secured	1088

INCIDENTAL SERVICES

Accident reported	160	Street lights reported out	1332
Assistance rendered	176	Police radio calls	2460
Assisted out of town officers	70	Telephone duty calls	36292
Auto reported stolen	1	Number of persons furnished lodging	117
Auto recovered	2	PARKING VIOLATIONS	2498
Bicycles reported stolen	8	Fees collected from vio- lations	\$1,249.00
Bicycles recovered	7		
Complaints received and in- vestigated	1930		

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$89,810.00
Balance, 1950-51 Budget	639.21
Receipts	2.00
Transfers In	5,660.11

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$96,111.32

EXPENDITURES

Auto Expense	3,054.32
City Lockup	151.95
Equipment	600.00
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	194.10
Medical Expense	24.00
Miscellaneous & Contingencies	55.00
Printing	164.25
Radio & Professional Services	150.69
Salaries	80,146.67
Sick Leave	1,396.93
State of N. H. Retirement System	4,144.93
Supplies	489.98
Telephone, Postage & Express	1,770.16
Uniform Allowance	1,079.83
Water, Light & Power	237.13
Cost of Living Adjustment	1,615.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 95,274.94
 Balance C'd to 1952-53 Budget 834.38
 Transferred to E & D 2.00

\$96,111.32

MUNICIPAL COURT
SUMMARY 1951-52

RECEIPTS

Fines	\$12,462.80	
Costs	1,308.56	
Small Claims	651.08	
Parking Violations	2,131.50	
Writs & Entry Fees	8.51	
Transferred from E & D	1,234.14	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	17,796.59	

EXPENDITURES

City Physician — Examinations	\$268.00	
Equipment	179.40	
Postage	8.70	
Officers' Fees	27.90	
Witness Fees	37.60	
Labor, Materials & Supplies	30.73	
Travel & Restitution	358.64	
Small Claims	92.12	
Salaries:		
Harry E. Trapp, Justice	\$2,250.00	
Small Claims Fees	255.00	
	\$2,505.00	
Theo. Jewett, Special Justice	250.00	
Chas. E. Lord, Clerk of Court	750.00	
Small Claims Fees	205.00	
	955.00	
Robert Tilton, Probation Of- ficer	375.00	
	4,085.00	
State of N. H.:		
Fish & Game Department	225.80	
Motor Vehicle Department	7,932.70	
Employment Division	50.00	
	8,208.50	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,296.59	
Towards Estimated Revenue	4,500.00	
	\$17,796.59	

MOTH AND FORESTRY

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Receipts .....	.60	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,500.60	

EXPENDITURES

White Pine Blister Rust Control	400.00	
Tree Warden	752.20	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,152.20	
Transferred to E & D	348.40	
	\$1,500.60	

FIRE PROTECTION

MERLE B. SARGENT	. . . . .	<i>Fire Chief</i>
ARTHUR PLOURDE	. . . . .	<i>1st Assistant Engineer</i>
RAYMOND TEFFT	. . . . .	<i>2nd Assistant Engineer</i>
GEORGE TARLSON	. . . . .	<i>3rd Assistant Engineer</i>
ALLEN S. VEAZEY	. . . . .	<i>Member at Large</i>

FIRES AND FIRE LOSSES

During 1951 we had 304 calls, 272 stills and 32 bell alarms. Of these, nine were false alarms, fifteen for emergencies, sixteen smoke scares, 154 house fires, thirty-seven buildings other than houses, thirty-four grass and brush fires, twenty-five automobiles, and fourteen other type fires. The fire loss for 1951 was \$51,438.42, based on losses reported by insurance companies.

The installation of a new 1000 gallon tank and a pump on the F7 Ford chassis has been authorized by the City Council. This will be a much needed piece of equipment when it is put in commission and will aid greatly in extinguishing fires in localities where there is no water or very limited quantities. Our fire apparatus is all modern and in very good operating condition. We have 9800 feet of 2½" hose and 5750 1½" hose. This has been tested to 220 pounds pressure and is in good condition.

We have 183 hydrants in Laconia and Lakeport and sixteen in the Weirs. There are also several private hydrants to which we have access. The program of expansion by the Laconia Water Company has been going on slowly and has increased the waterflow in the areas affected. Eight new hydrants that have been voted by the Council for some time have not, as yet, been installed.

The station at Lakeport is in need of major repairs. Its condition is such that the expenditure of any large sum of money for repairs seems inadvisable, as it would be of more or less a temporary nature and would not eliminate any of the undesirable conditions that now exist. The construction of a new station would be the most practical thing to do.

The outside wiring of the fire alarm system is in a very poor condition. A large part of it being bare of insulation and sagging between poles. This leaves the system susceptible to grounds which, if they become too great, will make the system inoperative.

It is recommended that a capital reserve system be set up for the purchase of capital equipment, thus enabling the financial burden to be spread more evenly over a period of year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$78,020.00
Revenue	2,317.80
Transfers In	3,021.46

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$83,359.26

EXPENDITURES

Auto Expense	6,008.97
Fire Alarm Expense	429.69
Fuel	1,822.51
Gas, Water, Light & Power	1,166.81
Insurance Liability	315.90
Inspection — Fire	271.66
Labor and Materials	345.29
Laundry, Telephone & Postage	943.17
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	24.38
Radio Upkeep	28.56
Salaries	60,059.47
State of N. H. Retirement Plan	1,938.12
Supplies	956.11
Uniform Allowance	507.89
Capital Outlays	6,439.30
Bedding	50.40
Cost of Living Adjustment	1,675.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 82,983.23
Balance C'd to 1952-53 Budget 243.78
Transferred to E & D 132.25

\$83,359.26

HYDRANT SERVICE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation \$5,000.00

EXPENDITURES 4,975.00
Transferred to E & D 25.00

\$5,000.00

PLANNING

HOWARD O. DECOSTER, *Chm.*
NORMAN P. RANDLETT, *Sec.*
ALBERT J. BOUDREAU
HAVEN E. FLANDERS
WILLIAM W. KELLER
ALPHONSE J. MORIN

Ex-Officio

Mayor, ROBINSON W. SMITH
Councilman, FORREST A. BUCKLIN
City Engineer, ARNOLD J. O'MARA
Planning Director, WILLIAM BLAKEY

The Board: At the annual meeting of the Board in June, Mr. Howard DeCoster was elected chairman and Mr. Norman P. Randlett was re-elected as Secretary. Mr. Alphonse Morin was appointed to the Board by Mayor Smith for a six year term of office.

In addition to its regular work of preparing a long range plan for the orderly and economic development of the City, the Board spent better than half of the year on current planning and research studies. These are described below under general headings.

Cost of living and pay scales: The job classification study for all city employees requested by the previous administration was suspended by request of the mayor and council. However, the Board was called upon to compare the pay of Laconia city employees with pay received in other cities. In November the Planning Director worked for the Finance Committee of the Council on a cost of living adjustment for all employees and on a study of pay received and the organization of administrative departments in comparison to other cities in the State, particularly in relation to fees and special allowances received.

Traffic and Parking: The Board was called upon periodically to assist on traffic and parking in the downtown shopping center and parking at The Weirs. The Parking Committee of the Chamber of Commerce met with the Planning Director several times, and with a joint meeting of the City Council and the Board. Several recommendations were made, including purchase of the so-called theater parking lot and provision of the offstreet parking facilities on a long range development plan, establishment of an official map to bring about eventual widening of Main Street and other streets, traffic lights, parallel parking on Main Street, one way traffic on Main and Pleasant streets from Bank Square to Veterans' Square, and a study of traffic and parking regu-

lations. The Board assisted the Mayor in getting information on new parking meters and is preparing a plan for laying out the City Hall and Theater lots with meters.

At The Weirs, parking time studies were made at the request of Councilman Koehler to determine if parking privileges were being abused. On four separate days Lakeside Avenue was surveyed every hour until 7:00 P. M. on weekdays and until 11:00 P. M. on Saturday. It was found that almost 50% of the cars were parked for four hours or more, yet the parking lot which the City leases was practically vacant exception Saturday night. The Board has been directed by the City Council to prepare a plan for installing parking meters at The Weirs.

Zoning: Two amendments to the zoning map were referred to the Board for report. In each case, it was recommended that the amendment be passed, and the Council accepted the recommendation. The planning Director is Clerk of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Recreation: A report was made on necessary equipment, supervision and maintenance of the new beach at The Weirs at the request of Mayor Smith. The Board also gathered data and maps for Mayor Smith and Mr. Oliver Colby, who represented the City, in the negotiations to have Endicott Rock returned to the City.

For the past two years, the Planning Director has worked with Miss Arnold in relating the studies of her high school sociology classes to local problems. The first year the group made a study of what kinds of recreation activities and equipment children of different ages preferred, how often they went to a playground, and to which one they went to play. They also made one map showing the distribution of population 5-14 years of age and one of population 15-18 years of age. This year part of the class made a study of how many children are within a safe, reasonable walking distance of a playground. Another part made a study of the numbers of children who went to each playground in relation to the size of the playground. These studies, which were very well done, will be incorporated into the section of the Land Use Plan covering parks and playgrounds.

Not only did the work prove valuable to the City Planning Board, but it also helped the students understand some of the problems which confront the City in providing the recreation programs they request.

Land Use Plan Studies: The Board is required by State Law and Ordinance to prepare a plan for the orderly and economic development of the City. Two sections of the plan have been completed and transmitted to the City Council. These are (I) Economic Base and Population, and (II) a Land Use Plan for Industry. The Economic Base

study pointed out that approximately 85% of the people of Laconia directly or indirectly depend upon industry for their livelihoods and that development of Laconia as a shopping center is as important as industrial development.

The Land Use Plan for industry analyzed the advantages and deficiencies of the City for industrial development. The report found that one of the big difficulties is that of making available a selection of sites for industry at a reasonable prices. In addition to providing services, one important contribution the City can make is to assist in making land available.

The Board is now completing a Land Use Plan for Commercial Areas and Parking.

In the course of these studies the Board has suggested steps to be taken to put these plans into operation. One of these is preparation of an official map so that, eventually, Main Street can be widened without the increased expense of buying new buildings. The Board is asking for a special appropriation for the coming year to start an official map for the City.

Another step which can be taken to carry out the proposed plans is the use of Federal redevelopment funds. The City Council has requested an allocation of \$100,000 of these funds which have been made available if the City wishes to proceed. It is possible for the City to get a preliminary advance of funds to make redevelopment plans and determine if redevelopment is feasible. Redevelopment to provide industrial sites and improvements in the shopping center are recommended for study in the coming year under a preliminary Federal advance.

Miscellaneous: The Board informed the City Council that according to the N. H. Board of Fire Underwriters fire insurance rates will increase 25% for commercial buildings and 15% for residential buildings some time in the near future. The underwriters pointed out further that if the City passed and enforced a building code and inaugurated a program of improvements in the fire department these increases would not be made. The Board requests that it be directed to draft a building code and present it to the City Council for consideration.

The Board recommended that a capital budget and improvement program be started.

The new city map was prepared by the Board and printed. This is the first up-to-date map that has been printed since 1927.

The Board is continuing to provide photographs, maps, and data to the State Industrial Agent as he requests them. As a by-product of

this and other work the Board is building a file of photographs of the City which should be of increasing values as time goes on.

During the coming year the Board anticipates continuing its Land Use Plan studies. It is hoped that the Mayor and Council will authorize the Board to prepare detailed plans for some of these recommendations so that the City can inaugurate a program of commercial and industrial development.

PLANNING BOARD

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$5,847.00
Transfers In	127.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5,974.00
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EXPENDITURES

Equipment	17.00
Printing & Copy	311.59
Salary — Clerical	414.00
Salary — Director	4,812.00
Supplies	126.63
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	171.92
Travel	18.27
Cost of Living Adjustment	85.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,956.41
Transferred to E & D	17.59
	\$5,974.00

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

RECEIPTS

Hearing Fees — 19 @ \$10	\$190.00
Transfers from E & D	189.53

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 379.53
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EXPENDITURES

Advertising	178.94
Printing & Postage	43.61
Director's Salary	100.00
Supplies	56.98

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 379.53
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Board of Public Works

HARRY L. SMITH. *President*
HAROLD E. O'NEILL. *Sec.*
ALFRED W. SIMONEAU

COLLECTION OF ASHES, WASTE & REFUSE

There is an increasing demand for the extension of the refuse collection to areas of the city not presently covered by it and which under present conditions cannot be granted.

The department owns one piece of equipment for collecting ashes and other wastes that is operated by a crew of three men. During the year, 12,000 miles were travelled in collecting 1,285 loads of refuse. The average load weighed 5 tons, making a total of 6,425 tons collected. There were many days during the year when the crew worked 13 to 14 hours, in order to complete their routes. It would be impossible to make any further extension of the routes with our present personnel and equipment and so I would recommend that another truck and load packer, similar to the one in use be purchased.

RESURFACING STREETS

We have approximately 455,000 sq. yds. of surface treated gravel roads to maintain. The past year, 154,227 sq. yds. or 1/3 of the total were resurfaced. Of this, 142,000 sq. yds. were surfaced with asphalt and sand at a cost of \$9,195.22 or .065 per sq. yd. Province and Pearl Streets were resurfaced with an asphalt and pea stone cover at a cost of .185 per sq. yd. A total of 78 streets was resurfaced. From the appropriation for Class 4 roads, to which the State contributes 1/2 the cost, Union Avenue and Elm Streets were resurfaced with asphalt and stone. From the balance remaining in the account, we plan to pave Main Street from Mill to Church Street with a plant mixed, hot-laid asphalt this coming season.

WINTER EXPENSES

The winter expense account covers the cost of plowing, sanding, salting and removing snow from streets, opening catch basins and culverts in the spring, erecting and removing snow fence and cleaning streets of the winter's accumulation of sand. The amount expended last year for this work was \$69,626.33. In the fiscal year 140 inches of snow fell which compared with a fall of 58 inches the previous year explains the reason for such an expenditure this year. Some 69,900 cu. yds. of snow were removed from the business sections and outlying streets at a cost of \$11,713.22 and was more than twice the quantity removed last year. In plowing the 60 miles of streets, the actual distance cov-

ered was 11,265 miles as compared with 7,535 miles last year. We plow 85 miles of sidewalks, separated into 14 routes. Each route was plowed 35 times for a total of 2,975 miles.

In connection with sidewalk plowing I believe that we should consider substituting mechanized plows for the horse drawn ones now in use. The cost of maintaining 14 horses from November 1st to April 15th is considerable. I would recommend that we make a start in this direction this year by purchasing 2 sidewalk tractors, equipped with plows and eventually increase the number to 6. With this number we can give service equal to that now provided with 14 horses and at less cost.

The department did a creditable job in keeping the streets and walks plowed and sanded and I wish to commend the foremen and other employees of the Public Works Department for the service they performed in working nights, Sundays and holidays during the past winter.

GENERAL

A major part of our construction work was centered on the sewer construction program which was financed from the sewer bond fund. Sewers were built on Winnisquam Avenue, with a force main running to a pumping station on Keasor Court; a sewer on Keasor Court and on Court Street. This part of the project will be completed next season when a sewer will be extended on Court Street to St. Francis Home and on Addison, Durkee and Matthews Streets. A sewer was also built from the sewage treatment plant, along the shore of Lake Winnisquam to Gale Avenue. When the treatment plant is in operation, the sewage now discharging into Lake Winnisquam from Fenton, Whipple and Gale Avenue will be diverted into this line.

Most of our equipment has been 7 or more years in service and has reached a stage when a great amount of repairs must be made to keep it in operation. The past winter made heavy demands on our trucks and Snogo and a considerable sum of money must be expended to make the latter piece of equipment serviceable. We have not received much in the line of new equipment the past few years and I recommend again that a yearly appropriation be made available to the department to replace this equipment when it reaches a condition that the repair and maintenance costs make it uneconomical to own.

On the matter of Capital Outlays for the coming year consideration should be given for the construction of drains on Court Street, near Addison and Durkee Streets and at Wyatt Park.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD J. O'MARA

City Engineer

Supt. Streets and Sewers

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Revenues and Appropriations	Total Expended	Unexpended Balance
General Repairs & Maintenance	\$61,034.01 (1)	\$60,782.37	\$251.64
Winter Expenses	67,989.00	69,626.33	1637.33 #
Sanding Sidewalks	5,380.00	6,543.14	1163.14 #
Collection Ashes, Waste, Rentals	16,615.00	16,592.94	22.06
City Engineering	5,300.00	5,299.02	.98 #
Cleaning Streets	10,625.00	11,611.07	986.07 #
Resurfacing Streets	11,450.00	11,447.65	2.35
Drain Repairs	2,645.00	2,639.56	5.44
Cleaning Catch Basins	3,135.00	3,129.77	5.23
Cutting Trees, Grass, Brush	3,200.00	3,200.00	.....
Maintenance of Macadam	6,180.00	6,174.22	5.78
Resurfacing Sidewalks	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....
Insurance	216.00	157.00	59.00
Bridge Repairs	2,560.00	664.22	1895.78
Map Project	1,275.00	1,275.00	.....
City's Share T.R.A.	921.70	921.70	.....
City's Share Class 4 Roads	4,750.00	4,750.00	.....
Brooks Street Sewer	450.00	444.69	5.31
Court Street Curbing	572.58	572.58	.....
So. Main Street Curbing	312.42	297.12	15.30
Reimbursable Expend. (T.R.A.)	150.90(2)	150.90	.....
Reimbursable Expenditure (Class 4 Roads)	934.15(2)	934.15	.....
Sewer Bond Fd.—Contingent Acct.	2,745.05(2)	2,745.05	.....
Sewer Bond Fund—Trailer	2,700.00(2)	2,700.00	.....
Sewer Bond Fund—Sewer Const. Acct.	48,600.81(2)	48,600.81	.....
Capital Reserve Acct.—Truck	1,900.00(2)	1,900.00	.....
Weirs Beach	534.92(2)	534.92	.....
Bond Beach Road	1,159.43(2)	1,159.43	.....
Sanitary Sewerage Fund	9,131.92(2)	9,131.92	.....
	\$274,967.89	\$276,485.56	\$ 1,517.67 #
Sanitary Sewerage Fund (Other revenue).....	156.50	156.50	156.50

Indicates an overdraft

(1) Includes \$10,693.01 Receipts and Transfers

(2) Receipts and Transfers



LACONIA SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

The Sewage Disposal Plant at the end of Water Street is nearly completed. At the end of the fiscal year (April 26, 1952) the City had spent \$730,600.95 of the \$850,000.00 bond issue for sewerage work.

The artist's drawing above is reproduced to indicate how the

several buildings shown below are located in relation to each other. The sewer mains which formerly emptied into Lake Winnisquam and the Winnepesaukee River are now connected to the Rack House shown as A on the drawing. Here large solids, such as sticks and stones, are screened out of the sewage.



A. The Rack House

Underground between the Rack House and Pumping station, shown as B on the drawing, is the grit chamber where sand and other similar material settle to the bottom.

The Pumping Station is the central building of the plant. In it are located the electrical control panel, the laboratory as well as the pumps. The sewage is treated with chlorine gas either at

the Rack House or Pumping Station, or if the need arises it can be chlorinated at both buildings. When the sewage comes from the grit chamber, any remaining solids are ground up and the sewage again treated with chlorine. At this point in the treatment, the sewage has been chlorinated twice to kill bacteria and most solids removed.



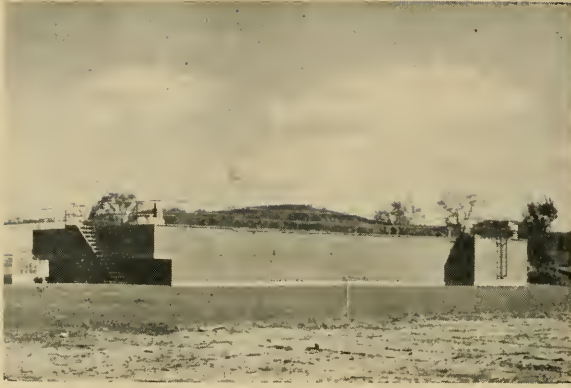
B. The Pumping Station

The partially treated sewage is then pumped to the sedimentation tanks, shown as C on the drawing, where it is held for two hours. During this time the sludge settles to the bottom of the tank and the remaining sewage, or effluent, is released into the lake. This effluent is a milk liquid, mostly water, which is practically free of solids except those in suspension and at least 95% free of bacteria.

The sludge, which has settled to the bottom of the sedimentation tanks, is returned to the Pumping Station where it is pumped to the Sludge Digestion Tanks, shown as D on the drawing. The sludge is

held in these tanks for several weeks, where biological action "decomposes" or digests the sludge, reducing it to its inorganic parts. A certain amount of liquid is released by the sludge digestion process which is returned to the Pumping Station and the Sedimentation Tanks as described above.

When the digestion is complete, the sludge is pumped from the digestion tanks to the Sludge Drying Beds, marked E on the drawing. The two sludge drying beds look like greenhouses. When the sludge is dried it is trucked away and dumped.



C. The Sedimentation Tanks

The Sewage Disposal Plant was constructed upon an order of the State Water Pollution Abatement program. Money was borrowed from the Federal Government for the engineering studies, in 1946, and the firm of Metcalf and Eddy was retained by the City to make the necessary surveys and plans.

In 1950 the City issued bonds amounting to \$850,000.00 to finance construction of the plant and finance an extension of the sewerage system in the lower Court Street where it was badly needed. The Massachusetts North-eastern Construction Company was awarded the contract for building



D. The Sludge Digester

the plant and Metcalf and Eddy were retained to supervise construction. The project was started in the fall of 1950.

The City is paying off the bond issue over a thirty year period. It is estimated that it will cost between \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00 per year to run the plant, plus \$10,000.00 per year to maintain the sewer system. These funds are derived from sewer rentals which are paid by those property owners who are connected to the sewerage system.

As of April 26, 1952, expenditures were as follows:

Sewage Treatment Plant Construction	\$570,499.42
Connecting the plant with the sewer main on Winnisquam Avenue	24,710.63
Construction of Keazor Court Pumping Station..	29,622.42
Purchase of power shovel and trailer	21,948 00
Construction of a sewer connecting the plant with the Gale Avenue Sewer Main and sewer extensions down Court Street (not complete).	49,319.08
Metcalf & Eddy for supervising construction	12,745.48
To the U.S. Government to repay loan for plans	19,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,255.92
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Total Expenditures	\$730,600.95



E. The Sludge Drying Beds

RECREATION

Park Commission

ARTHUR J. CLAIRMONT, *Chairman*
 FRANK T. MONAHAN
 EDWARD J. DUPONT
 ROBINSON W. SMITH
 FRANCES F. FOSTER, *Secretary*

The Park Commission was greatly pleased with the progress of the parks. The summer playgrounds were utilized to their full extent and a most successful summer was enjoyed. The following people were in charge of the activities at the various playgrounds: at Leavitt Park, Lou Athanas and Janet Greenwood; at Opechee Park, Franklin Smith, Robert McGrath and Lucille Beard; at Wyatt Park, Arthur Casey; and at Tardif Park, Mrs. Rachel Prey.

Mr. Samuel Sargent was life guard at Opechee after playground hours.

The construction of a very attractive bathhouse at Bond Beach for Leavitt Park was an outstanding accomplishment. In addition to this bathhouse new sand was added to the beach and the undergrowth was removed in the vicinity of the beach and bathhouse, greatly improving the appearance of this area. At Opechee Park a steel fence was erected about the tennis courts, this permitted the removal of the rotted wooden fence which has served out its years of usefulness. A metal fence about the tennis court at Tardif Park was also installed and plans were being made for a wading pool for youngsters. At Wyatt, loads of fill were placed to bring the play fields up to level.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$17,900.00
Balance, 1950-51 Budget	3,933.41
Transfers In	939.11

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$22,772.62

EXPENDITURES

Band Concerts	360.00
Fuel	1,789.57
Labor	2,488.96
Lights & Power	1,145.76
Materials for Repairs, Supplies	1,938.46
Moving Bleachers	271.35
Moving Hockey Fence	68.78
Salaries — Park Attendants	2,770.00
Skating Rinks	2,082.55
Capital Outlays	8,875.57

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 21,791.00
 Balance C'd to 1952-53 Budget 915.42
 Transferred to E & D 66.10

\$22,772.52

Trustees of Trust Funds

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*

FRANK D. BRISSE

LAURETTE B. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

As has been stated in last year's City Report, trust shares were purchased under the Leavitt Park Trust Fund and the Charles H. Perkins High School Trust Fund. It is to be noticed the income from the Leavitt Park Trust Fund is \$936.63 or representing a 7½% revenue from the total trust fund (\$12,233.70).

The income from the Charles Perkins High School Fund this year is \$362.88 representing a 7% revenue from the total trust fund (\$5,000.00). The higher revenue from this high school trust fund will afford a better scholarship for the deserving boy and girl graduate at the Laconia High School.

The above income from these special trust funds represent a 4% higher revenue than would have been received in the savings banks.

Under a new law passed by the legislature at the last session, permission was granted to trustees of trust funds to co-mingle trust funds for the purpose of facilitating investments. Therefore, trust shares amounting to \$9,993.57 were purchased December, 1951. The revenue from the investments of the cemetery trust funds did not produce greater income due to the late date of purchase. However, it should be pointed out that no decrease in income received was evidenced by the transfer.

It is not the intention of the trustees to invest all cemetery trust funds. The trustees have tried to invest trust funds which were not producing sufficient income from the savings banks to pay the seasonal fee.

It is still the desire of the trustees to continue to urge all persons contemplating the setting-up of a trust fund for the care of cemetery lots to consider an amount of not less than \$200.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURETTE B. JOHNSON
Secretary-Treasurer

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS
OF CEMETERIES**

April 26, 1952

Deposits in Savings Banks	\$94,130.99
Stock Certificates:	
Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund, 150 shares	4,998.00
Fidelity Fund Inc., 267 shares	4,995.57
Laconia Water Company	100.00
	\$104,224.56

Unexpended Balance 2/15/51

\$4,439.14

Cash: Interest and Dividends Received:

Savings Banks	\$2,620.74
E. & H. Bal. Fund	134.07
Fidelity Fund Inc.	135.24
Laconia Water Co.	6.00
Savings Banks	\$2,620.74
E. & H. Bal. Fund	134.07
Fidelity Fund Inc.	135.24
Laconia Water Co.	6.00

\$2,896.05

Stock: Dividends & Surplus Earnings received
and represented by stock certificate

E. & H. Bal. Fund ....3 shares	\$ 91.68
Fidelity Fund Inc....6 shares	100.62

192.30

Total Dividends and Interest Received 1951/52

3,088.35

\$7,527.49

Less Amount Expended 1951/52

2,600.06

Balance on hand 4/26/52

\$4,927.43

PRINCIPAL

Trust Funds on hand 2/15/51

\$98,244.56

New Trust Funds Received 1951/52

5,930.00

\$104,224.56

New Trust Funds established during year ending 4/26/52

Brouillard, Euclide J.	\$150.00	Paquette, Charles	150.00
Chateaufort, Evariste	150.00	Papiennuk, Walter & Vincent ..	200.00
Constant, Edmond	150.00	Perusse, Albert	75.00
Cooper, Albert & Josephine ..	150.00	Piche, Frank	150.00
Decelle, Amedee	225.00	Provencal, Marie	150.00
Demers, Albert	150.00	Ryan, Willis J. Jessica	100.00
Forcier, Aurore	150.00	Sanders Trust Fund	100.00
Hamel, Gedeon S.	150.00	Sanders, George	100.00
Hughes, George & Mabelle ...	100.00	Seymour, Margaret A.	300.00
Labee, J. Hector	300.00	Stevens, Ralph C.	150.00
Lapointe, Olivia	75.00	Stionphile, Pierre	75.00
Larivee, Elodora J.	150.00	Tibbetts, Maurice	150.00
Larmie, Alfred	200.00	Thompson, Howard & Dorothy ..	200.00
Maynard, Candace Quimby ..	480.00	Townsend, Lenna Ransom ...	1,000.00
Nadeau, Alcide	150.00		
Palmer-Dockham Tr. Fd.	150.00		
Paquette, Alcide	200.00		
		Total (31 new trust funds) ..	\$5,930.00

a. FINANCIAL REPORT OF

Leavitt Park Trust Funds as of 4/26/52

Total Trust Fund as of 2/15/51	\$12,233.70
*B.B. No. 5339 Loan & Trust Bank, Concord, N. H.	\$767.69
*B.B. No. 59036 N. H. Savings Bank, Concord, N. H.	502.90
*B.B. No. 19314 Laconia Savings Bank, Laconia, N. H.	5,832.40
*B.B. No. 3119 City Savings Bank, Laconia, N. H.	730.71
U. S. Government Bonds	200.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Stocks	700.00
Laconia Water Co.	3,500.00

*Note: Above amounts which were on deposits in the various savings bank 2/15/51 — by vote of the Board of the Trustees of Trust Funds — were withdrawn and invested in stock certificates March, 1951, as follows:

Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund, 100 Shares.....	\$3,184.00
Fidelity Fund Inc., 266 Shares	4,648.35
U. S. Government Bonds	200.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Stocks	700.00
Laconia Water Co.	3,500.00
Laconia Savings Bank	1.35
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	\$12,233.70

Unexpended Balance 2/15/51

\$2,198.71

Cash: Interest & Dividends Received:

Eaton & Howard Bal. Fd.	\$164.38
Fidelity Fd. Inc.	240.76
U. S. Govt. Bd.	7.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel.	98.26
Laconia Water Co.	210.00
Laconia Savings Bank	53.99
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	774.89
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	\$2,973.60

Stock: Dividends & surplus earnings received and represented by stock certificates:

Eaton & Howard Bal. Fd.2 shrs.	61.12
Fidelity Fd. Inc.6 "	100.62
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	161.74

Balance on Hand 4/26/52

\$3,135.34

Balance B.B. No. 2697 — Lac. Fed. Savings & Loan Assoc.

\$2,973.60

Stock Certificates in Safety Deposit Box

161.74

\$3,135.34

b. CHARLES H. PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL TRUST FUND

Amount of Trust Fund					\$5,000.00
<p>Note: The above amount which was on deposit in the Laconia Savings Bank as of 2/15/51 — by vote of the Board of the Trustees of Trust Funds was invested as follows:</p>					
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	75 shares				\$2,388.00
Fidelity Fund Inc.	148 "				2,586.30
Laconia Savings Bank					25.70
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					\$5,000 00
Unexpended Balance 2/15/51					\$63.16
Cash: Interest & Dividends received					
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund			\$138.44		
Fidelity Fund Inc.			139.58		
Laconia Savings Bank			3.99	282.01	
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					\$345.17
Stock: Dividends and surplus earnings received and represented by stock certificates.					
E. & H. Bal. Fund	1 share.....		30.56		
Fidelity Fund Inc.	3 shares.....		50.31		
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					80.87
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Balance on hand 4/26/52					\$426.04
Balance B.B. No. 55155 Laconia Sav. Bank					\$345.17
Stock Certificates in Safety Deposit Box					80.87
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					\$426.04
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c. CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Deposits in Savings Bank	Balance 2 15/51	Amt. Rec. 1/52	Interest Rec.	Amount Expended	Balance 4/26 52
Fire Alarm System	\$4,070.53	.....	102.64	.....	\$4,182.17
Truck replacement	2,039.77	.....	3.53	1,900.00	143.30
Power Sweeper	2,039.77	.....	51.30	.....	2,091.07
Gravel & Screening Pl... ..	1,532.47	38.57	1,571.04
Burroughs Acct. Mach... ..	507.30	887.70	1,395.00
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Total Interest 1951/52				\$196.04	

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

February 15, 1951 — April 26, 1952

Taxes:		
Property—1951	\$1,075,917.49	
Polls—1951	10,838.00	
National Bank Stock	1,850.65	
Tax Levy—1952	610.85	
Tax Levy—1950	82,230.98	
Tax Levy—1949	614.67	
Tax Levy—1948	340.57	
Tax Levy—1947	141.80	
Tax Levy—1946	20.60	
Tax Levy—1945	8.00	
Tax Levy—1944	6.00	
		\$1,172,579.61
State Head Tax		35,152.00
Public Works Department		78,550.19
School Department		74,256.65
State of N. H.:		
Interest & Dividends Tax	22,768.06	
Railroad Tax	1,299.77	
Savings Bank Tax	3,017.16	
		27,084.99
Motor Vehicles:		
Permit Fees, 1952	32,710.20	
Permit Fees, 1951	37,058.29	
Permit Fees, 1950	68.69	
		69,837.18
Parking Meters		30,651.47
*Miscellaneous:		
Assessors Office	78.50	
Athletic Floodlights	1,244.00	
City Officers' Expenses	195.53	
Elections	18.66	
Fire Department	2,317.80	
Parks and Playgrounds	1,407.55	
Planning Board	14.95	
Police Department	150.88	
Street Lighting	55.00	
Tax Collector's Office	73.19	
Weirs Development	2,423.14	
Welfare Department	1,634.39	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	190.00	
Excess & Deficiency	36.60	
Interest Received on State Head Tax	419.00	
Interest Received on State Bonus Tax, '45	6.92	
Interest Received on State Bonus Tax, '44	4.84	
Property Acquired by Tax Titles	22.37	
Property Sold City, 1950 Tax	4,144.03	
Property Sold City, 1949 Tax	2,256.77	
Property Sold City, 1948 Tax	659.14	
Property Sold City, 1947 Tax	32.45	
Trust Funds	5,980.00	
Fees, City Clerk	2,318.35	
Health Department	1,160.00	
Insurance Refunds—Property Damage	464.60	
Interest on Bonds	27.78	
Interest Received on Govt. Securities	5,719.82	
Interest on City Taxes	3,584.24	
Licenses	3,130.75	
Licenses—Dog	2,672.50	
Miscellaneous, City Clerk	59.96	
Municipal Court	16,562.45	
Property Acquired by Tax Deed—Sold	300.00	
Received from State for Collection Head Tax	802.02	
Reimbursement of Growing Wood & Timber Tax	37.40	
Tax Collector's Fees	693.47	
Miscellaneous	13.16	
Overlay for Abatements	86.29	\$ 60,986.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$1,549,098.83
Plus Balance, February 15, 1952		92,031.74
TOTAL		\$1,641,130.57
*Due to the size of the chart and the comparative size of departmental items, they have been included with miscellaneous items except for the Public Works and School Departments.		
SPECIAL FUNDS — RECEIPTS		
Sanitary Sewerage Fund	\$	30,154.94
1952 Bond Issue & Premium		40,061.60
TOTAL	\$	70,216.54

CHART OF
CITY INCOME BY SOURCE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 26, 1952

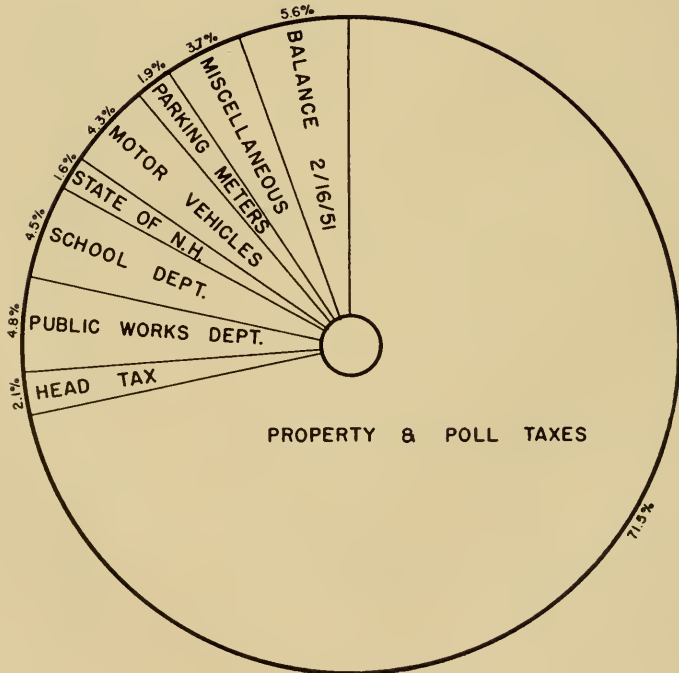
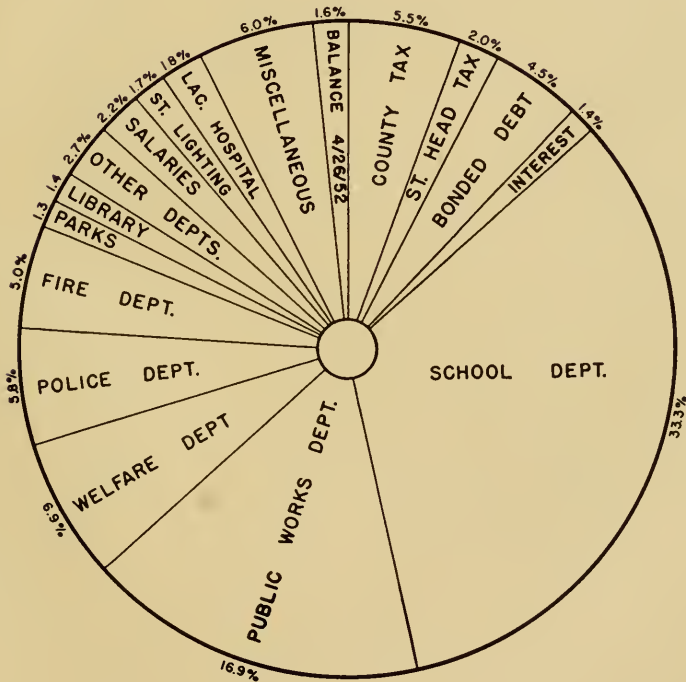


CHART OF CITY EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 26, 1952



WHERE THE MONEY WENT

February 15, 1951 — April 26, 1952

County Tax	\$	90,898.61
State Head Tax		32,175.00
Bonded Indebtedness		73,350.00
Interest Debt		22,598.78
Schools		545,957.90
Public Works Department		276,485.56
Welfare Department		113,619.97
Police Department		95,423.82
Fire Department		82,983.23
Parks and Playgrounds		22,070.75
Public Library		23,505.73
Other Departments:		
Assessors Office	\$	15,455.62
Civilian Defense		566.89
Health Department		13,588.89
Planning Board		5,971.36
Tax Collector's Office		9,508.42
		45,091.18
Salaries		35,904.18
Street Lighting		27,392.96
Laconia Hospital		30,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Budget Expenditures—		
Capital Reserve Funds	887.70	
Maintenance City Hall	7,466.78	
City Officers' Expenses	7,419.80	
Elections	3,565.28	
Hydrant Service	4,975.00	
Insurance	7,193.02	
Miscellaneous	9,499.31	
Moth & Forestry	1,152.20	
Overlay for Abatements	10,815.80	
Patriotic Purposes	1,879.78	
State Educational Tax	3,708.00	
Revenue Accounts—		
Athletic Floodlights	1,868.56	
Fees—City Clerk	3.50	
Insurance Refunds—Storm Damage	215.98	
Interest on Taxes .....	.11	
Licenses—Dog	236.11	
Licenses—Other	168.68	
Motor Vehicles, 1952	54.17	
Motor Vehicles, 1951	60.00	
Motor Vehicles, 1950	2.06	
Municipal Court	13,296.59	
Parking Meters	6,288.16	
Reimbursement of Growing Wood & Timber Tax	223.54	
Tax Collector's Fees	101.95	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	379.53	
General Ledger Accounts—		
Excess & Deficiency	4,150.00	
Head Tax Refunds	105.00	
Property Sold City—1950 Tax	5,707.01	
Tax Levy, 1951—Refunds	428.22	
Tax Levy, 1950—Refunds	2.00	
Trust Funds	5,980.00	\$ 97,833.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,615,291.51
Balance, April 26, 1952	\$	25,839.06
SPECIAL FUNDS — EXPENDITURES		
Sanitary Sewerage Fund	\$	9,357.35
Sewer Bonds Fund		486,657.18
Weirs Beach Bonds Fund		5,084.92
1952 Bond Issue		39,000.00
TOTAL	\$	540,099.45

Board of Assessors

DONALD TABOR, *Chairman*

HARRISON E. MORIN

LIONEL C. LANGLOIS

MEMBERSHIP:

This report covers the period February 16, 1951 through April 26, 1952. The membership of the Board for the period from February 16, 1951 to February 26, 1951 consisted of George F. Dame, Chairman, Donald Tabor and Harrison E. Morin. Mr. Dame resigned on February 26, 1951 and Mr. Lionel C. Langlois was appointed by the Mayor and Council on March 26, 1951 to fulfill the unexpired term. The Board then consisted of Donald Tabor, Chairman, Harrison E. Morin and Lionel C. Langlois, through the period to April 26, 1952. Mr. Morin was appointed by the Mayor and Council to the position of Full Time Assessor and remained in the position from February 26, 1951 through April 26, 1952.

DEPARTMENT RECORDS:

The Assessors department is rapidly accumulating a wealth of information in its files that has not been available to the Board in the past. These records include the recently completed tax map, a copy of the descriptive portions of owners deeds, and the file of master cards containing a description of the improvements on each property and a sketch of the land area with a history of past assessments.

Much work still remains in reconciling all of the records, and in checking for accuracy, but the information now on hand is an invaluable aid in making comparisons of properties.

The completion of the tax map by the City Engineer's Department will allow the assessors to separate land and building valuations in future assessments. This project will involve much additional work, and will of course, not be completed immediately, but the project is now possible and can be started soon.

The maintenance of these new records requires more work of the department but the records permit the assessors to place fairer and more equal valuations. It is the continuous goal of the Board that all taxpayers be treated fairly and that no taxpayer be required to pay an unjust share of taxes.

ADDRESSOGRAPH AND EQUIPMENT:

For the first time the city's tax ledgers were printed by Addressograph instead of being copied and recopied by hand as was done under

the old system. The Tax Collector's records, the bills, and the department records were all printed from the same plates and are therefore identical. The Board believes it is justifiably proud of the new ledger which is always available for public inspection.

The Board acquired a new ten key listing calculator during the year and this machine was used to compute the tax rate and to determine the amount of the bills after the tax rate had been established to facilitate earlier billing.

REVALUATION:

A revaluation of properties in the city was made this year using all of the information available to the Board. Many values were changed, some upward and others reduced. This project was done by the Laconia Board of Assessors with the help of the State Tax Commission appraisers. The entire city was covered in the survey and the Board feels that valuations are more nearly equal than in the past. Many valuations were reviewed after the initial assessment, and all who desired received a hearing and a reappraisal.

SUMMARY:

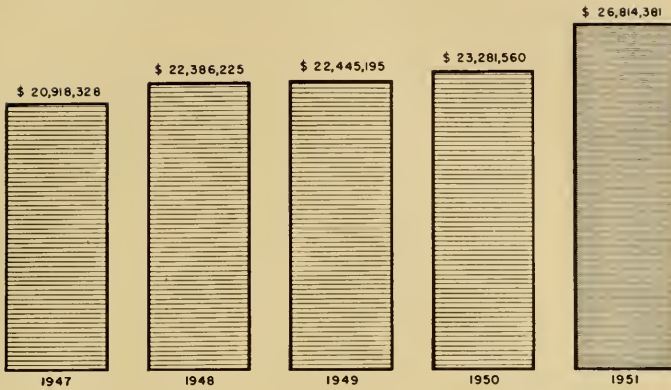
The Board has tried to equalize property valuations and improve department records. In line with the change in fiscal year, the Board is utilizing its new equipment to enable the city to establish the tax rate at an earlier date than has been possible in the past so that city revenues will be available to reduce or eliminate borrowing in anticipation of taxes. Though the tax base is expanding through new construction and subdivision, the new system will enable the Board to reduce the time necessary to complete the annual inventory of taxable property.

The Board would like to express its appreciation for the aid and



The new bathhouse at Bond Beach - Leavitt Park

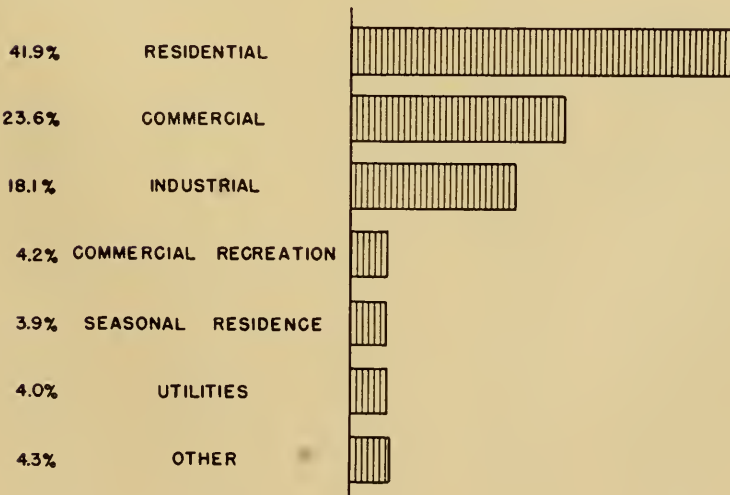
TREND OF ASSESSED VALUATION
LACONIA, N. H.



assistance it has received from the State Tax Commission, the Manchester, N. H. Board of Assessors, Mr. Willaim Blakey, Planning Director, and the Engineer's Department, all of whom have contributed to the establishment of the new system.

DISTRIBUTION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
BY TYPE

1951



SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS

	Year 1950	Year 1951
Electric Plants	599,706.00	762,840.00
Land and Buildings	17,483,350.00	20,418,775.00
Mature Wood & Timber		
Horses	4,075.00	3,725.00
Oxen		750.00
Cows	27,125.00	27,375.00
Other Neat Stock	1,375.00	2,325.00
Sheep & Goats	115.00	90.00
Hogs	1,350.00	1,050.00
Fowls	3,125.00	2,062.00
Fur-Bearing Animals		1,700.00
Vehicles	2,500.00	5,740.00
Boats & Launches	184,660.00	235,510.00
Portable Mills		
Wood & Lumber (Not St. & Tr.)	3,517.00	11,101.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	30,480.00	46,345.00
Stock & Trade	3,735,314.00	4,108,626.00
Mills and Machinery	1,776,745.00	1,795,892.00
Aqueducts, Locks & Canals		2,500.00
Wharves		2,500.00
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Total	23,853,437.00	27,428,906.00
Less Veterans Exemptions	571,877.00	614,525.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate Computed ...	23,281,560.00	26,814,381.00
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Property Taxes	921,949.77	1,185,195.64
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	12,284.00	12,872.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	1,843.65	1,799.65
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Taxes Committed	\$ 936,077.42	1,199,867.29

OVERLAY FOR ABATEMENTS

Year 1951

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$39,150.48
Added Tax during the year	1,869.37
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Total Receipts	\$41,019.85

EXPENDITURES

Abatement Refunds	\$12,057.51
Abatements by the Assessors	28,720.27
Transferred to Unappropriated Surplus	242.07
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Total Expenditures	\$41,019.85

ASSESSORS OFFICE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$15,023.53
Sale of Equipment & Supplies	78.50
Transfers In	388.48

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$15,490.51

EXPENDITURES:

Auto Expense	200.00
Equipment	393.53
Register of Deeds	419.20
Salaries	7,983.34
Special Account	5,173.80
Supplies & Printing	848.61
Telephone	139.60
Travel	42.54
Cost of Living Adjustment	255.00

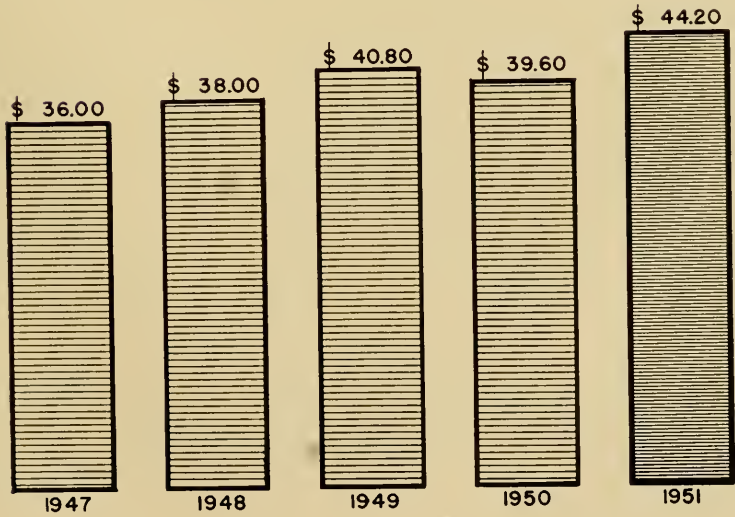
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 15,455.62

Transferred to E & D 34.89

\$15,490.51

TREND OF TAX RATE
(PER THOUSAND)

LACONIA, N.H.



Tax Collector

RICHARD F. SHELLEY *Tax Collector*
SUSIE M. LAWRENCE *Assistant*

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hereby submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the City of Laconia for the fiscal year ending April 26, 1952.

Formerly the number of items that the Tax Collector handled was a little less than eleven thousand (11,000) which consisted of Property Tax and Poll Tax.

Last year two sewer rentals a year and the State Head Tax was added to the other items so that at the present time there are a little over twenty-five thousand (25,000) items now handled by this office.

This number of items will require more help in this office to follow up and see that collections are made.

The percentage of collection against the warrant of 1951 was higher than the former year or a percentage of 93.7 as against 89.5 per cent for 1950.

TAXES

1952

Total amount of taxes not committed	\$	562.85
Total amount of polls not committed		48.00
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	\$	610.85
Total amount collected to April 26, 1952	\$	562.85
Total amount of polls collected April 26, 1952		48.00
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	\$	610.85

1951

Total amount of taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	\$1,187,437.27
Total amount of polls committed by the Board of Assessors	12,872.00
Total amount of added taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	1,149.37
Total amount of polls added and committed	582.00
Total amount of refunds	416.22
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	\$1,202,492.86
Total amount collected to April 26, 1952	\$1,077,768.14
Total amount of polls collected April 26, 1952	10,838.00
Total amount of taxes abated April 26, 1952	23,965.53
Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952	89,921.19
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	\$1,202,492.86

1950

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1951	\$ 87,113.86
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	140.00
Total amount of refunds	2.00

\$ 87,255.86

Total amount collected to April 26, 1952	\$ 82,230.98
Total amount abated to April 26, 1952	2,040.49
Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952	2,984.39

\$ 87,255.86

1949

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1951	\$ 3,378.26
Total amount of polls added and committed April 26, 1952	2.00

\$ 3,380.26

Total amount collected April 26, 1952	\$ 614.67
Total amount abated April 26, 1952	597.52
Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952	2,168.07

\$ 3,380.26

1948

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1951	\$ 1,456.10
Total amount collected April 26, 1952	\$ 340.57
Total amount abated April 26, 1952	26.50
Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952	1,089.03

\$1,456.10

1947

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1951	\$ 1,725.71
Total amount of polls added and committed April 26, 1952	2.00

\$ 1,727.71

Total amount collected April 26, 1952	\$ 141.80
Total amount abated April 26, 1952	376.44
Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952	1,209.47

\$ 1,727.71

1946

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1951	\$ 1,136.43
Total amount collected April 26, 1952	20.60
Total amount abated April 26, 1952	41.25
Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952	1,074.58

\$ 1,136.43

1945

Total amount \$3.00 polls uncollected February 15, 1951	\$ 1,557.15
Total amount collected April 26, 1952	\$ 9.00
Total amount abated April 26, 1952	1,548.15

\$ 1,557.15

Total amount \$2.00 polls uncollected February 15, 1951	\$	968.72
Total amount collected April 26, 1952	\$	8.00
Total amount abated April 26, 1952		960.72
	\$	968.72
1944		
Total amount \$3.00 polls uncollected February 15, 1951	\$	1,110.00
Total amount added tax—previous fiscal year		3.00
	\$	1,113.00
Total amount collected April 26, 1952	\$	9.00
Total amount abated April 26, 1952		1,104.00
	\$	1,113.00
Total amount \$2.00 polls uncollected February 15, 1951	\$	690.67
Total amount added tax—previous fiscal year		2.00
	\$	692.67
Total amount collected April 26, 1952	\$	6.00
Total amount abated April 26, 1952		686.67
	\$	692.67

SUMMARY OF REGULAR TAXES

	Costs & Fees	Prop. & Poll	Interest
Total amount collected for 1952 taxes	\$	\$ 610.85	\$
Total amount collected for 1951 taxes		1,088,606.14	522.45
Total amount collected for 1950 taxes		82,230.98	2,615.55
Total amount collected for 1949 taxes		614.67	45.74
Total amount collected for 1948 taxes		340.57	54.51
Total amount collected for 1947 taxes		141.80	31.11
Total amount collected for 1946 taxes		20.60	4.65
Total amount collected for 1945 \$3.00 polls		9.00	6.92
Total amount collected for 1945 taxes		8.00	6.01
Total amount collected for 1944 \$3.00 polls		9.00	4.84
Total amount collected for 1944 taxes		6.00	3.27
Total amount collected for above years	692.97		
	\$ 692.97	\$ 1,172,597.61	\$ 3,295.05

SUMMARY OF TAXES REDEEMED

TOTAL SUMMARY

	Levy 1947	Levy 1948	Levy 1949	Levy 1950	(Sale)
Uncollected February 15, 1951	\$32.45	\$1,103.03	\$2,379.66	\$5,707.01	8/15/51
Collected to April 26, 1952	32.45	659.14	2,256.77	4,144.03	
		\$ 443.89	\$ 122.89	\$1,562.98	
Abated by vote of City Council ..		224.47		86.29	
Taxes deduced to City		20.13			
Uncollected as of Apr. 26, 1952 ..	None	199.29	122.89	1,476.69	
	None	\$ 443.89	\$ 122.89	\$1,562.98	
Int. Collected to Apr. 26, 1952	6.93	86.93	165.68	41.41	

TOTAL SUMMARY

Total taxes collected to April 26, 1952	\$1,172,597.61
Total interest collected to April 26, 1952	3,295.05
Total taxes and interest redeemed to April 26, 1952	7,393.34
Total costs & fees collected to April 26, 1952	692.97

\$1,183,978.97

REPORT OF ACCOUNTING FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HEAD TAX IN CAPACITY AS AGENT FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

1952

Total amount of Head Taxes not committed	\$ 40.00
Total amount collected to April 26, 1952	\$ 40.00

1951

Warrant: November 1951	\$ 39,630.00
Added Head Taxes to April 26, 1952	2,165.00
	<u>\$ 41,795.00</u>

Total Amount Collected to April 26, 1952	\$35,904.00
Less Refunds (Paid Twice)	5.00

Total Net Receipts to April 26, 1952	\$ 35,089.00
Total Amount Abated by Board of Assessors	1,490.00
Total Amount Uncollected April 26, 1952	5,216.00

\$ 41,795.00

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND

April 26, 1952

Warrant: January 1951	\$ 18,233.57
Less Cash Received and Abatements to February 15, 1951	14,473.18
	<u>\$ 3,760.39</u>

Less Cash Received April 26, 1952	\$ 1,920.16
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	43.89
Balance Uncollected April 26, 1952	1,796.34

\$ 3,760.39

Warrant: July 1951	\$ 16,421.76
Less Cash Received April 26, 1952	\$ 14,099.09
Less Refunds	6.00

Total Net Cash Received April 26, 1952	\$ 14,093.09
Less Abatements Allowed By Board Of Public Works	643.08
Balance Uncollected April 26, 1952	1,685.59

\$16,421.76

Warrant: January 1952	\$ 16,504.48
Plus Added Tax	3.00
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	\$16,507.48
Less Cash Received April 26, 1952	\$ 13,589.47
Less Refunds	6.15
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Total Net Cash Received April 26, 1952	\$ 13,583.32
Less Abatements April 26, 1952 By Board of Public Works	93.77
Balance Uncollected April 26, 1952	2,830.39
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	\$16,507.48

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$9,024.60
Transfers In	829.17
Receipts	25.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS 9,878.77

EXPENDITURES

Bond Expense	535.00
Equipment	221.00
Miscellaneous	55.80
Postage & Envelopes	653.59
Salaries	7,491.47
Supplies	183.97
Telephone	127.00
Travel	22.40
Cost of Living Adjustment	170.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,460.23
Balance C'd to 1952-53 Budget	338.40
Transferred to E & D	80.14
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	\$9,878.77

Report of City Auditor

Laconia, N. H.

Fiscal Year Ended April 26, 1952

To the Honorable Mayor, the Finance Committee of the Council, and the Council of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire.

Gentlemen :

In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances, I have examined the financial accounts of the City of Laconia as of April 26, 1952. The accounting procedures and practices have been reviewed and recommendations will be found in this report. This end of the year audit and those throughout the past fiscal year were made in accordance with certain accepted auditing standards recommended by the auditing committee of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. Certain tests were applied to the extent deemed appropriate in view of the system of internal control.

I herewith present my report, based upon my examination, together with the following statements of condition of the various funds :

The past fiscal year of the City began on Feb. 15, 1951 and ended April 26, 1952. The extension of the year to April accomplished the first step of a pay-as-you-go plan to bring the City's business year to June 30. Financial-wise it will coincide the tax-cycle year more closely with the budget year and should affect a savings in interest on borrowed funds. Opening the year on June 30 will enable the various departments to expend funds in accordance with budgets approved and in effect.

The City closed its operations with a surplus or retained money in receipts of \$10,000 and savings in unexpended appropriations of \$14,000. Added to previous surplus, the City started this current year of '52 with \$28,000 in general funds and \$7,000 in available parking meter funds.

The past year has produced high financial activity in the bond funds of the City. Over a half-million dollars were expended throughout the year mainly for construction of the sewerage disposal plant and system. The office of the Tax Collector has made collections on three six-months sewerage rental warrants and due to non-operation of the plant, there is an unappropriated surplus in this separate fund of nearly \$40,000. However, until costs of operation are a known factor, it is advisable to treat this amount in the light of a contingent reserve.

In addition to the above revenue, investments of idle sewer bond money have brought the City \$6,500 in interest and an additional \$7,000 still remains as surplus received on the original sale.

TAX COLLECTION

The tax collection facilities of the City in addition to a 1952 property and poll levy of \$1,200,000 and of the individual sewerage rental receipts, were also called upon by the State of New Hampshire to act as agent in the receipt of state head taxes. This department is examined by your auditor at various times throughout the year and certain uncollected items are verified by direct letter to the taxpayer. All deposits are traced directly to the depositories. It is to be noted that there is a decrease in delinquent taxes of nearly \$1,000 and an \$1,800 decrease in tax liens (those taxes sold for non-payment). Various items concerning Tax Collection will also be found under "Auditor's Comments."

ACCOUNTING — DISPOSAL PLANT

During the year your auditor has worked closely with the Public Works Department to obtain an efficient accounting system to reflect the receipts and costs of the new plant. The monies received and used for this undertaking are maintained in a separate fund and expenditures are controlled by a council-approved budget. At the end of the '52 fiscal year costs and revenue figures on hand will enable the accounting staff to present statements to substantiate the costs of operation, and whether revenue is sufficient to maintain the plant and system at a high level of operation and provide for wear and tear of equipment.

TRUST FUNDS

Certain principal trust funds of the City which were producing less revenue than required have been invested in approved stocks during the year by the Trustees. These transfers, interest received, and deposits of principal in savings institutions have been thoroughly examined by the Auditor. Detailed safe deposit box inventories are maintained, but due to space limitations they are not presented in this report.

CENTRAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

As required by ordinance, one of the duties of the Auditor is to individually examine all items of disbursement from the City Treasury. These vouchers are then broken down by type of expenditure and charged to the budget accounts of the departments in the accounting office of the City Clerk. Monthly statements of financial activity are

compiled from these figures and presented to the Mayor and Council and department heads for their review and assistance in formulating future financial plans and decisions. The Auditor works closely throughout the year with this office in setting-up and supervising general ledger accounts of bond issues and general funds and adjusting these items upon completion of audits throughout the year.

Certain detailed statements of receipts and expenditures of the City are not included in this report, but are presented in the financial section of the City Clerk's report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The additions of previously mentioned warrants for collection in the tax office, and the large amount of poll tax abatements should indicate that there should be a close follow-up of delinquent accounts and other procedures to insure the collection of the multitude of these smaller items. An effort is now being made in this direction by the Collector and I suggest that lists of delinquent polls be supplied the City Clerk for collection purposes in conjunction with issuance of motor vehicle permits. Delinquent notices now being sent out at intervals by the Collector on sewerage rental fees should be continued as a regular process of collection — \$6,000 of such uncollected fees remain to be paid on the last three warrants. It is the opinion of the Auditor that such steps would pay for themselves in increased collections.
2. As recommended last year, an effort should be made to more centrally locate the payment of various sundry revenues for internal control purposes.
3. It is suggested that for such revenue the use of a small hand-operated receipt machine be employed.
4. With an increase in tax collection items during the past two years from 10,000 to 25,000 it is suggested that an investigation be made into more time-saving methods of posting and receipting in that office.
5. The accounting system should embrace a control on all types of withholdings from salaries and wages. General ledger accounts should reflect these liabilities on the City's books.

I appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the various departments during the examinations and audits of their records throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA S. BEANE, JR.
City Auditor
Laconia, N. H.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION — THE GENERAL FUND

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash:	
In Depositories	\$ 26,839.06
Petty Cash	450.00
	<u>\$ 27,289.06</u>
Taxes Receivable:	
Due City—Current Year	89,921.19
Due City—Delinquent	8,527.54
Less—Allowance, Est. Losses	2,500.00
	<u>6,027.54</u>
Tax Liens	1,798.87
Taxes on Deeded Property	353.04
Accounts Receivable:	
Due on State N. H. Head Tax	5,216.00
	<u>5,216.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$130,605.70</u>

LIABILITIES

Department Unexpended Balances:	
Appropriations Retained:	
School District	\$ 63,591.30
City Department	6,106.25
	<u>\$ 69,697.55</u>
General Appropriations Retained:	
Laconia's Share—Railroad Warning System	3,500.00
Unexpended bal.—1948 Bond Issue	5,791.00
	<u>9,291.00</u>
Due State N. H. — 1951 Head Taxes	8,496.50
Escrowed Funds — Bail Deposit	1,000.00
Revenue Earned and Deferred to '52 Fiscal Year:	
Interest on Bonds and Gov't. Securities	6,514.98
Miscellaneous	615.79
	<u>7,130.77</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 95,615.82</u>

RESERVES AND SURPLUS

General Fund Surplus	\$ 28,144.80
Parking Meter Surplus	6,845.08
	<u>35,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$130,605.70</u>

DETAIL ON TAXES RECEIVABLE BY YEAR OF LEVY

April 26, 1952

Tax Levy 1951	\$ 89,921.19
1950	2,986.39
1949	2,168.07
1948	1,089.03
1947	1,209.47
1946	1,074.51
	<u>98,448.73</u>

Unredeemed Taxes:

Tax Levy 1950	\$ 1,476.69
1949	122.89
1948	199.29
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	\$ 1,798.87

1952 BOND ISSUE — LOT PURCHASES

ASSETS

Cash — Peoples Nat'l.	\$ 1,061.60
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RESERVE AND SURPLUS

Reserve for Contingencies	\$ 1,000.00
Premium Surplus	61.60
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	\$ 1,061.60

WEIRS MUNICIPAL BEACH BONDS FUND

Statement of Financial Condition

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash — Peoples National Bank	\$ 8,796.09
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RESERVES AND SURPLUS

Reserve for Contingencies (available)	\$ 8,737.99
Premium Surplus (from bond sale)	58.10
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	\$ 8,796.09

CITY OF LACONIA SEWER BONDS FUND

Statement of Financial Condition

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories:	
Peoples Nat'l. Bank	\$ 2,700.73
Second Nat'l. Bank of Boston	126,719.82
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Total Assets	\$129,420.55

LIABILITIES

Contracts Payable:	
Northern Construction Co.	\$ 76,493.38
Metcalf and Eddy	2,254.52
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	\$ 78,747.90
Accounts Payable:	
Laconia Public Works Dep't.	35,732.92
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Total Liabilities	\$114,480.82

Reserves and Surplus

Reserve for Contingencies	\$ 7,174.15
Premium Surplus	7,765.58
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Total Liabilities, Reserves, Surplus	<u>\$129,420.55</u>

(1) \$3,255.82 was earned during fiscal year from investments made from idle sewer bond funds and has been transferred to the General Fund.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION — LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash — Savings Banks	\$ 6,088.10
Investments:	
U. S. Gov't. Bonds	10,525.00
Stocks	2,600 00
Coupons Due and Receivable	67.50
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Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,280.60</u>

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds	\$ 19,092.66
Accrued and Available Interest	187.94
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 19,280.60</u>

STATEMENT OF CONDITION — CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash in Bank:	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n.	<u>\$ 7,987.58</u>

RESERVES

Fire Alarm System	\$ 4,182.17
Truck Replacement	143.30
Power Sweeper	2,091.07
Gravel and Screening Plant	1,571.04
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Total Reserves	<u>\$ 7,987.58</u>

(1) \$196.04 of earned interest was added to this fund during the past fiscal year.

(2) \$1,900.00 was withdrawn during the year for purchase of a truck, and the balance set aside for an accounting machine was also used.

(3) There were no appropriations to this fund during the past year.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Chas. H. Perkins High School Trust Fund

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash:

Laconia Sav. Bank \$ 370.87

Investments:

Eaton and Howard Bal. Fund\$ 2,418.56
Fidelity Fund, Inc. 2,636.61 5,055.17

Total Assets \$ 5,426.04

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Fund \$ 5,000.00
Available Accrued Interest 426.04

Total Liabilities \$ 5,426.04

(1) \$80.87 of interest available is represented by 1 share of E. & H., \$30.56, and 3 shares of Fidelity Fund, \$50.31.

(2) Principal in stock is represented by 75 shares of E. & H., \$2,388.00, and 148 shares of Fidelity Fund, \$2,586.30.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION — CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:

City Savings Bank\$ 36,007.47
Laconia Savings Bank 52,324.24
Laconia Fed. Sav. & Loan 10,206.60
Lakeport Nat'l Bank 327.81
..... \$ 98,866.12

Investments:

Stock — Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund 5,089.68
" — Fidelity Fund, Inc. 5,096.19
" — Laconia Water Co. 100.00 10,285.87

Total Assets \$109,151.99

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds \$104,224.56
Available Accrued Interest 4,927.43

Total Liabilities \$109,151.99

(1) \$192.30 of available interest is represented by 3 shares of E. & H., \$91.68, and 6 shares of Fidelity, \$100.62.

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND
Statement of Financial Condition — Sewerage Revenue
April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:

Peoples Nat'l. Bank	\$ 13,646.93	
Lac. Fed. Sav. & Loan	20,056.59	
		\$ 33,703.52

Accounts receivable:

Sewer fees, due on warrants:

Jan. 1, '51	\$ 1,796.34	
July 1, '51	1,685.59	
Jan. 1, '52	2,830.39	6,312.32

Total Assets		\$ 40,015.84
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RESERVES AND SURPLUS

Reserve for Losses on Acc'ts. Receivable		\$ 4,000.00
Unappropriated or Available Surplus		36,015.84

Total Reserves and Surplus		\$ 40,015.84
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(1) Due to the non-operation of the sewerage plant during the fiscal year, surplus funds are now on hand. However, it is the opinion of the Auditor that these funds should not be applied to the reduction of the bond issue, but retained as a contingent factor until costs of plant operation can be obtained.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION — LEAVITT PARK TRUST FUNDS

April 26, 1952

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:

Lac. Federal Sav. & Loan		\$ 2,974.95
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Investments:

Stocks:

Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	\$ 3,245.12	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.	4,748.97	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	700.00	
Laconia Water Co.	3,500.00	
		\$ 12,194.09

Bonds:

U. S. Government	200.00	200.00	12,394.09
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Total Assets		\$ 15,369.04
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LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds		\$ 12,233.70
Available Accrued Interest		3,135.23

Total Liabilities		\$ 15,369.04
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(1) \$161.74 of interest available is represented by 2 shares of Eaton & Howard, \$61.12; and 6 shares of Fidelity Fund, \$100.62.

(2) Principal in above stock is represented by 100 shares of Eaton & Howard, \$3,184.00; and 266 shares of Fidelity, \$4,648.35.

ORDINANCES

AND

RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the Year ending

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ORDINANCES

Passed during the Year
ending April 26, 1952

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
THE SALARY OF THE COLLECTOR OF
TAXES.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Section 6 of
Chapter 6 of the Compiled Ordinances
of 1941 as amended by striking out
the words "twenty-nine hundred"
thereof and substituting therefor the
words "thirty-six hundred," so that
said section as amended shall read as
follows:

"SECTION 6. The collector of taxes
shall receive in full for his ser-
vices in the collection of taxes
each year the sum of thirty-six
hundred dollars, which shall be
paid in equal weekly payments."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall
take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved April 30, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Article III, Sec-
tion VIII, Chapter 42 of the Compiled
Ordinances 1942 as amended by the
Ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and
Regulations 1947 by adding thereto the
following:

(ah) The easterly side of Union
Avenue from the Northerly
corner of Gilford Avenue to
the Southerly boundary of the
property of Laconia High
School.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take
effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved the 28th day of
May, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
ZONING MAP.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1: Amend the zoning map,
which is a part of the zoning ordinance
as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the
center lines of Kentfield Court and
Court Street, which is the boundary
line between the heavy commercial
zone and the apartment house zone,
thence running easterly along Kent-
field Court to the line separating the
apartment house zone from the Gen-
eral Residence zone, thence turning
southerly and running along said line
to the centerline of Court Street, thence
turning northerly and running along
the centerline of Court Street to the
point of beginning. The above de-
scribed area to be changed from an
Apartment House zone to a Heavy
Commercial zone.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take
effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 26th day of
June, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
ZONING.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Article II, Sec-
tion 9 of the Zoning Ordinance as
amended Nov. 28, 1949, by striking out
the figure "50" and inserting the figure
"40" so that the first paragraph of said
section shall read

"Front setbacks shall be determined
from a line 40 feet from the center-
line of the street instead of from the
front lot line, as prescribed in Articles
III through IX for the purpose of
providing sufficient area for the
eventual widening and reconstruction
of the following streets."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take
effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 26th day of
June, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Section 3, Article VI of Chapter 42 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended April 28, 1947 by striking out the words "operation and maintenance" in the eighth line thereof so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 3. Installation of Parking Meters.

In said parking meter zones the Chief of Police shall cause Duncan Parking Meters to be installed upon the curb or sidewalk immediately adjacent to the parking spaces provided in Section 3 of this ordinance, and the Chief of Police shall be responsible for the regulation, control and use of such parking meters. Each device shall be so arranged that upon the expiration of the lawful time limit it will indicate by a proper visible signal that the lawful parking period has expired and in such cases the right of such vehicle to occupy such space shall cease and the operator, owner, possessor or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. Amend Section 8 of Article VI of Chapter 42 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended April 28, 1947 and April 26, 1950 by striking out the whole of said Section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 8. Collections. It shall be the duty of the Tax Collector to designate some person or persons, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council to make regular collections of the money deposited in said meters and to maintain said meters; and it shall be the duty of such person so designated to remove from the parking meters the money therein and to deliver to the Tax Collector the money so collected to be counted and deposited with the City Treasurer. Such persons so appointed shall be under the supervision of the Tax Collector.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of August, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Chapter 8 of the Compiled Ordinances by adding at the end of Section 1 the following:

SECTION 2. The salary of the City Clerk shall be Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars per annum, payable weekly.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of August, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO FINANCES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Section 16 of Chapter 4 of the Compiled Ordinances, as amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 16. The City Treasurer shall make up his accounts to the first day of July, and the financial year shall begin on the first day of July in each year, excepting that (a) the financial year of the city commencing on Feb. 16, 1951 shall terminate at the expiration on the 26th day of April, 1952, and (b) the next consecutive year shall commence on the 27th day of April, 1952 and terminate at the expiration of the 30th day of June, 1953; and the City Treasurer shall prepare his reports for each of the two said years mentioned in the above exception in two parts; the first part to cover the first twelve months period, and the second part to cover the period from the end of the twelve months period to the end of the fiscal year.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of August, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
THE CLERK OF THE ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Section 1 of an Ordinance relative to Clerk of the Zoning Board of Adjustment as passed November 27, 1950 by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The Clerk of the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be the Planning Director of the Planning Board who shall serve as said Clerk without pay.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of August, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
ZONING.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION I. Amend the Zoning Map of Laconia as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center line of Sheridan Street 100 feet southerly from School Street at the boundary line between the general residence zone and the industrial zone and running easterly parallel to School Street to the westerly property line of the B & M railroad, thence turning along said westerly property line and running northerly along said property line to the center line of Appleton Street extended, thence turning and running westerly along said center line to the center line of Sheridan Street and the boundary line between the industry zone and the general residence zone, thence turning southerly and running along said boundary line between the industry zone and the general residence zone to the point of beginning. The above described area to be changed from an industry zone to a general residence zone.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 24th day of September, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Section 1 of Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended on April 28, 1947, and on August 10, 1949, by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The Fire Department shall consist of a Board of Engineers and as many engine men, hose men, ladder men, and drivers as the number of trucks and the number and quantity of other fire apparatus belonging to the city shall from time to time require. The word "member" as used herein shall include engine men, hose men, ladder men, drivers and all other persons except engineers, engaged in the usual work of the Fire Department. No member of the regular police force shall serve on the board of engineers nor shall be a member of the Fire Department.

SECTION 2. Amend Section 2 of the Compiled Ordinances by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 2. The Board of Engineers of the Laconia Fire Department shall consist of the Chief Engineer, the first assistant engineer, the second assistant engineer, the third assistant engineer, and a member at large. "The said assistant engineers shall represent each of the three fire stations in Laconia but they shall not be full time employees of the Laconia Fire Department." The members of the board of engineers shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of fire wards. The chief engineer and assistant engineers shall continue in office, and shall hold their respective offices until they are removed. "The member at large shall be appointed biennially by the City

Council for a term of two years and shall in no other manner be connected with the Fire Department. He shall serve until his successor is chosen and qualified." He shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Engineers and shall preside at all meetings of the said Board. The said Board of Engineers shall meet at least once each month at City Hall. In case of any vacancies on the board of engineers, from any cause, such vacancies shall be filed by action of the City Council.

SECTION 3. Amend Section 5 of the Compiled Ordinances by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 5. The chief engineer of the Fire Department shall receive in full for his services the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$3,100.00) per annum payable weekly. The salary of the assistant engineers of the board of engineers shall be Two Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$275.00) each, per annum, payable quarterly. The member at large of the board of engineers shall be paid \$100 per annum, payable quarterly.

SECTION 4. Amend Section 6 of the Compiled Ordinances by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 6. In all cases the board of engineers shall have control and command over all apparatus, engineers and members of the department. They shall keep, or cause to be kept, in order all apparatus provided by the city for the extinguishment of fires, and shall cause all sources of water prepared for the fire department to be fully supplied and kept in order. No fire truck or other fire apparatus shall be allowed outside the city limits except in accordance with regulations of the board of engineers, excepting however, that the chief engineer, or in his absence, the ranking assistant engineer, in his discretion may permit fire trucks or other fire apparatus out of the city in emergency situations, and in accordance with the provision of the Mutual Aid Plan, so-called. The

rules and regulations of the board of engineers shall be enforced by the chief engineer, who shall be in command of all fire personnel and fire equipment at any fire. In the absence of the chief engineer the ranking assistant engineer shall be in charge. The board of engineers is further empowered to conduct investigations and perform such other acts as are necessary to the maintenance of a sound fire fighting department and in connection therewith to make such reasonable rules and regulations as in its judgment will be for the best interest of the City of Laconia and the Fire Department; said orders, rules and regulations shall be duly promulgated by causing the same to be posted at each fire station and at the City Hall at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to their effective date.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 29th day of October, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend Chapter 42 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended by adding to Article III, Section X, Paragraph (ad) so that the same shall read as follows:

(ad) The easterly side of Baldwin Street from Union Avenue to Avery Street.

2. Strike out Chapter 42, Article III, Section VIII, Paragraph (x) in its entirety and insert in place thereof:

(x) The easterly side of Baldwin Street from Avery Street to Pine Street.

3. This ordinance shall take effect on its passage.

Passed and approved January 29, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the Year
ending April 26, 1952

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO
AWARDING THE \$40,000 PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 1952.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That the \$40,000 Public Improvement Bonds of 1952, dated April 1, 1952, authorized to be issued by resolutions of the City Council, duly adopted on February 25, 1952, shall bear interest payable semi-annually at the rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum;

That said bonds be and they hereby are awarded to The Second National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts on the basis of their bid to purchase them at 100.154 plus accrued interest to date of delivery, and the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to deliver said bonds to said purchaser or order against payment therefor; That all action taken by the City Treasurer in advertising said bonds for sale be and it hereby is ratified, adopted, approved and confirmed;

That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds, exclusive of the premium arising upon such sale, be and they hereby are appropriated to be expended as follows:

\$8,000 for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land situated between Main Street and Lake Opechee, adjoining to and directly north of Opechee Park, being the same property conveyed by F. A. Normandin to William Rudzinski and Lodolica Rudzinski by deed dated November 7, 1941, and recorded in Belknap County Records, Book 255, Page 101, said property to be used as a public beach and park area;

\$32,000 for the purpose of acquiring and improving a parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Pleasant Street southerly and adjoining the City Hall, being the same property conveyed by Joseph J. Morin to Laconia Amusement

Company by deed dated September 12, 1946, and recorded in Belknap County Records, Book 288, Page 13, said property to be used presently as an offstreet parking lot and ultimately for expansion of the City Hall, the development of a civic center or other similar municipal purposes, as the City Council may determine;

That all of the provisions contained in the resolutions of the City Council relating to these bonds which were adopted on February 25, 1952, to the extent that they are not inconsistent herewith, be and they hereby are ratified, adopted, approved and confirmed.

Passed and approved this 9th day of April, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE
ISSUANCE OF BONDS.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

WHEREAS, the present land owned by the City of Laconia in the vicinity of its City Hall is insufficient for the expansion of said City Hall, the development of a Civic Center, or other municipal purposes so that it is advisable to purchase adjoining land; and,

WHEREAS, until such development, land is urgently required to alleviate congestion of parking; and,

WHEREAS, the present beach and park area at Opechee Park is insufficient for the use made thereof, which use will greatly increase in the near future due to the great increase in the number of children resident within the City; and,

WHEREAS, certain land is now available for purchase at a reasonable price which, if buildings were erected thereon by private individuals, would greatly increase in price;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

Resolved: That the sum of \$32,000.00 be and it is hereby appropriated for the purpose of acquiring and improving property situated on the West-erly side of Pleasant Street Southerly and adjoining the City Hall and being the same property conveyed

by Joseph J. Morin to Laconia Amusement Company by deed dated September 12, 1946 and recorded in the Belknap County Records, Book 288, Page 13.

Resolved: That the sum of \$8,000.00 be and it is hereby appropriated for the purpose of acquiring property situated between Main Street and Lake Opechee and adjoining to and directly north of Opechee Park and being the same property conveyed by F. A. Normandin to William Rudzinski and Lodolica Rudzinski by deed dated November 7, 1951 and recorded in Belknap County Records, Book 255, Page 101.

Resolved:

1. That for the purpose of meeting the appropriations contained in the two preceding resolutions, there be and is hereby authorized the issuance and sale of serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia, aggregating \$40,000 in principal amount, which shall bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 2½ per cent, per annum, payable semiannually) as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance. Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be dated April 1, 1952, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the City Treasurer and the City Clerk, shall bear the city seal and the authenticating certificate, duly executed, of The Second National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall be payable as to both principal and interest at said bank. The interest coupons attached shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer. Eight of said bonds shall mature on the first day of April in each of the years 1953 to 1957, both inclusive.

2. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, to the bidder offering to purchase said bonds at the lowest interest rate, or, if two

or more bidders name the same lowest interest rate, to the one offering the highest premium; provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

3. That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they hereby are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the preceding resolutions as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first of said bonds to mature.

Passed and approved this 25th day of February, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, that, to confirm sale of real estate the following be recorded at the Registry of Deeds for the County of Belknap and the Mayor be authorized to sign in behalf of the City.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

THAT WHEREAS, on February 10, 1951 the City of Laconia, a municipal corporation, did sell at public auction certain lots to the highest bidder, having first disclaimed any guarantee that title to said lots was in said City, and,

WHEREAS, said City has received in hand in consideration hereof One Dollar and other valuable consideration from each and every purchaser at said auction and has received the total consideration bid for each lot from each purchaser, and,

WHEREAS, no conveyance of record now exists conveying said lots to said purchasers,

THEREFORE, said City of Laconia by these presents does remise, release, and forever quitclaim and by these presents does remise, release and forever quitclaim unto:

1. The Laconia Industrial Development Corporation, a certain lot

on Dell Avenue known as lot number 11.

2. The Laconia Industrial Development Corporation, three certain lots located in Highland Park, so-called, and being lots No. 128, 129, and No. 130.
3. Willard Smith, two certain lots located on Sheridan Street being lots No. 141 and No. 142.
4. Romeo deBlois, a certain lot on Arlington Street being lot No. 53.
5. Wilfred Gilbert, a certain lot on Arlington Street being lot No. 79.
6. Wilfred Gilbert, a certain lot on Arlington Street being lot No. 81.
7. Ralph Poudrier, two certain lots on Perkins Road being lots No. 11 and No. 12.
8. Rene Gilbert, two certain lots on Massachusetts Avenue being lots No. 57 and No. 58.
9. Rene Gilbert, two certain lots on Massachusetts Avenue being lots No. 59 and No. 60.
10. Rene Gilbert, three certain lots on Sheridan Street being lots No. 62, No. 63, and No. 64.
11. John Leonard, two certain lots off Jefferson Street being lots No. 102 and 103.
12. J. Felix Daniel, two certain lots off Mechanic Street being lots No. 8 and No. 9.
13. Carl Blaisdill, certain lots formerly owned by Roberts & Robinson.

To have and to hold the said remised premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to each aforesaid grantee, its or his heirs, successors, and assigns forever, but said City, in accordance with the terms of said sale, in no way warrants said property.

In witness whereof it has caused these presents to be executed by its Mayor and its seal to be affixed this 25th day of February, 1952.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Chas. E. Lord
City of Laconia

By Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Belknap, SS.

On this 25th day of February personally appeared Robinson W. Smith, known to me to be the Mayor of the City of Laconia, and whose name, in its behalf is subscribed hereto and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Maude E. Lemere
NOTARY PUBLIC

Passed and approved this 25th day of February, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE HOUSING ACT OF 1949.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

(a) WHEREAS under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to extend financial assistance to local communities in eliminating their slums and blighted areas and in providing maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the Locality as a whole, for the redevelopment of such areas by private enterprise and to that end is authorized to make advances to local public agencies for surveys and plans in preparation of projects and capital grants and temporary and definitive loans; and

(b) WHEREAS the Administrator will consider requests for the reservation or earmarking of capital grant funds that may be made available to local public agencies under the provisions of said Title I for slum clearance and urban redevelopment projects; and

(c) WHEREAS it is necessary and in the public interest that there be undertaken and carried out with financial assistance under Title I in the

CITY OF LACONIA

(herein referred to as the "Locality") an effective program of slum clearance and urban redevelopment; and it is therefore desirable and appropriate

that a request for a reservation of capital grant funds for the Locality be submitted to the Administrator; and

(d) WHEREAS pursuant to said Title I certain contractual obligations will be imposed upon a local public agency availing itself of financial assistance thereunder, which obligations will include among other things the approval of the redevelopment plan by the governing body of the Locality in which the project is situated, with appropriate findings (1) that financial aid by the Federal Government is necessary, (2) that the redevelopment plans for the redevelopment areas in the Locality will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the Locality as a whole, for the redevelopment of such areas by private enterprise, and (3) that the redevelopment plan conforms to a general plan for the development of the Locality as a whole; and such contractual obligations will further require among other things the provision of local grants-in-aid and the development of a feasible method for the relocation of families displaced from the project area; and

(e) WHEREAS pursuant to Title I every contract for a Federal capital grant will require local grants-in-aid in connection with the project which, together with the local grants-in-aid to be provided in connection with all other projects of the local public agency on which contracts for Federal capital grants have been made, will be at least equal to one-third of the aggregate net project costs involved in such projects; and

(f) WHEREAS such local grants-in-aid may be provided by a state, municipality or other public body, or by any other entity, and may consist of donations of cash, land, demolition or removal work, and streets, utilities, or other site improvements, and the provision of parks, playgrounds, and other public buildings or facilities which (1) are primarily of direct benefit to the project and are necessary to serve or support the new uses of land in the project area or (2) are of direct and substantial benefit both to

the project and to other areas in the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF LACONIA:

SECTION 1. That upon the basis of preliminary studies it is considered to be in the public interest and it is the desire and purpose of the locality that there be undertaken and carried out, with financial assistance under Title I, certain slum clearance and redevelopment work.

SECTION 2. That the Administrator be and he is hereby requested to reserve for the Locality capital grant funds in an amount not exceeding \$100,000.00.

SECTION 3. That it hereby be recognized that under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 certain requirements are imposed in order to obtain Federal Aid thereunder for slum clearance and redevelopment projects, including requirements for the provision of local grants-in-aid, the approval of redevelopment plans by the governing body of the Locality and the making of certain findings by such governing body, and it is further recognized that the cooperation of the Locality is necessary to carry out the slum clearance and redevelopment program which is proposed to be undertaken and for which the reservation of funds is hereby requested.

SECTION 4. That the duly authorized City Clerk of the Locality be and he is hereby directed to forward to said Administrator three certified copies of this resolution and such other supporting data and information as may be required, and that this resolution shall constitute the Locality's formal request to the Administrator for the reservation of capital grant monies and its approval of the filing by the Local Public Agency of an application or applications for an advance or advances of funds.

Passed and approved January 29, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION MAKING ITEM-
IZED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING FEB-
RUARY 16, 1952 AND TERMINATING
APRIL 26, 1952.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That the following itemized ap-
propriations be made for the Fiscal
Year commencing February 16, 1951
and terminating April 26, 1952.

1. Assessors' Office		
a. Auto Expense	\$ 200.00	
b. Equipment	353.53	
c. Register of Deeds	600.00	
d. Salaries	8,070.00	
e. Supplies and Printing	750.00	
f. Telephone	150.00	
g. Travel	50.00	
h. Special Acct,	4,850.00	
	<u> </u>	\$15,023.53
2. Belknap County Tax		90,898.61
3. Maintenance City Hall		
a. Fuel	2,400.00	
b. Labor, Materials, Repairs	3,100.00	
c. Lakeport Clock	185.00	
d. Light & Power	870.00	
e. Salary—Janitor	2,881.45	
f. Supplies	600.00	
g. Equipment	500.00	
	<u> </u>	10,536.45
4. City Officers' Expense		
a. City Report	1,790.67	
b. Dog Officer	840.00	
c. Flowers	60.00	
d. Supplies, Equip., etc.,	4,519.33	
e. Taxes—Gilford Sandbank	40.00	
f. Telephone	375.00	
g. Travel	100.00	
	<u> </u>	7,725.00
5. Civilian Defense		1,200.00
6. Elections		
a. Labor & Materials	75.00	
b. Light and Power	75.00	
c. Meals—Ward Officers'	335.00	
d. Printing	835.00	
e. Rent	90.00	
f. Salaries—Ward Officers'	1,750.00	
g. Supplies	50.00	
	<u> </u>	3,210.00

7. Fire Department		
a. Auto Expense	3,129.50	
b. Fire Alarm Exp.	595.00	
c. Forest Fires	50.00	
d. Fuel	2,027.00	
e. Gas, Water, Light and Power	952.00	
f. Insurance Li- ability	394.35	
g. Inspection—Fire	275.00	
h. Labor and Materials	357.70	
i. Laundry, Tel. & Postage	787.00	
j. Lunches, Travel & Conventions	29.80	
k. Radio Upkeep	34.61	
l. Salaries	60,107.53	
m. State of N.H. Re- tirement Plan	1,866.36	
n. Supplies	596.15	
o. Uniform Allow- ance	750.00	
p. Capital Outlays —Equipment	6,005.00	
	<u> </u>	78,020.00
8. Health Department		
a. Equipment and Supplies	175.00	
b. Mileage	825.00	
c. Milk and Cream	145.00	
d. Miscellaneous	55.00	
e. Printing and Postage	55.00	
f. Salaries	11,552.10	
g. Supplies— City Nurse	55.00	
h. Telephone and Gas	175.00	
	<u> </u>	13,037.10
9. Hydrant Service		5,000.00
10. Insurance		
a. Fire Insurance	5,524.30	
b. Public Liability and Property Damage	1,250.00	
c. Fire, Theft, Col- lision & \$50 De- ductible on 2 police cars	850.00	
	<u> </u>	7,624.30
11. Laconia Hospital		30,000.00
12. Miscellaneous		
a. Lakes Region Association	900.00	
b. Public Wharves	200.00	
c. Vital Statistics	250.00	

d. Police—Strike, Scott and Williams	5,329.00				
e. Protection, R.R. Crossings	3,500.00				
			10,179.00		
13. Moth and Forestry					
a. Tree Warden	1,100.00				
b. White Pine Blis- ter Rust Control	400.00				
			1,500.00		
14. Parks and Playgrounds					
a. Band Concerts	360.00				
b. Fuel	1,600.00				
c. Labor	2,685.00				
d. Lights & Water	800.00				
e. Materials for Re- pairs, Supplies	1,300.00				
f. Moving Bleachers	325.00				
g. Moving Hockey Fence	150.00				
h. Salaries—Park Attendants	2,780.00				
i. Skating Rinks	1,400.00				
j. Capital Outlays	6,500.00				
			17,900.00		
15. Patriotic Purposes					
a. 4th of July	600.00				
b. Memorial Day	500.00				
c. Spanish War Veterans	250.00				
d. American Legion Convention	600.00				
			1,950.00		
16. Planning Board					
a. Equipment	17.00				
b. Printing & Copy	240.00				
c. Salary—Clerical	455.00				
d. Salary-Di- rector	4,770.00				
e. Supplies	150.00				
f. Telephone, Post- age and Con- tingencies	180.00				
g. Travel	35.00				
			5,847.00		
17. Police Department					
a. Auto Expense	2,100.00				
b. City Lockup Supplies	120.00				
c. Equipment	820.85				
d. Labor & Materials	35.00				
e. Lunches, Travel & Conventions	180.00				
f. Medical Expense	35.00				
g. Miscellaneous & Contingencies	60.00				
h. Printing	180.00				
i. Radio & Pro- fession Services	180.00				
j. Salaries	78,054.15				
k. Sick Leave	480.00				
j. State of N.H. Re- tirement Plan	3,830.00				
m. Supplies	300.00				
n. Telephone, Post- age & Express	1,980.00				
o. Uniform Al- lowance	1,275.00				
p. Water, Light and Power	180.00				
				89,810.00	
18. Public Library and Gale Park					
a. Operation & Maintenance	3,172.75				
b. Salaries	19,299.50				
c. Supplies	6,086.00				
d. Capital Outlays & Equipment	1,138.70				
				23,645.51*	
19. Public Works Department					
a. General Repairs & Maintenance	49,441.00				
b. Winter Exp.	65,300.00				
c. Sanding Side- walks	5,080.00				
d. Collection of Ashes, Waste, Dump Ren- tals	16,415.00				
e. City En- gineering	5,200.00				
f. Cleaning Streets	10,575.00				
g. Resurfacing Streets	11,450.00				
h. City's Share Town Road Aid	921.70				
i. Drain Repairs	2,545.00				
j. Cleaning Catch Basins	3,060.00				
k. Cutting Trees, Grass, Brush	3,200.00				
l. Maintenance of Macadam Streets	6,180.00				
m. Resurfacing Sidewalks	2,500.00				
n. Insurance, Lia- bility	216.00				
o. Bridge Repairs	2,560.00				
p. Map Project (Clerical Hire)	1,200.00				

q. Capital Outlays	1,335.00	
r. City's Share, Class 4 Rds.	4,750.00	191,928.70
20. Salaries		
a. Mayor	1,300.00	
b. Councilmen (6)	1,800.00	
c. City Clerk	4,375.01	
d. Clerical Assistance	7,623.00	
e. City Auditor	1,125.00	
f. City Fiscal Officer	2,772.00	
g. City Physician	937.50	
h. City Solicitor	1,375.00	
i. City Treasurer	1,500.00	
j. City Sealer of Weights and Measures	750.00	
k. Public Works (Board (3))	600.00	
l. Trustee of Trust Funds, Sec.- Treas.	625.00	
m. State of N. H. Re- tirement Plan	12,000.00	36,782.51
21. Schools		
a. Administration	14,960.00	
b. Instruction	328,150.00	
c. Operation of School Plant	36,650.00	
d. Maintenance of School Plant	9,300.00	
e. Auxiliary Agen- cies	19,250.00	
f. Fixed Charges	22,550.00	
g. Outlay & New Equipment	10,000.00	
h. Extension of Ed. Services	7,000.00	393,000.00*
22. State Educational Tax	3,708.00	
23. Street Lighting	27,500.00	
24. Tax Collector's Office		
a. Bond Expense	567.50	
b. Equipment	70.00	
c. Salaries	6,832.30	
d. Supplies	239.20	
e. Telephone	149.50	
f. Travel	119.60	
g. Miscellaneous	149.50	
h. Advertising	59.80	
i. Postage and Envelopes	837.20	9,024.60
25. Welfare Department		
a. City Relief	73,500.00	
b. Old Age As- sistance	54,500.00	128,000.00
26. Interest Debt		22,584.50
27. Bonded Indebted- ness		
a. School Practical Arts Bonds, 1935	3,750.00	
b. Public Improve- ment Bonds, 1946	6,000.00	
c. Public Improve- ment Bonds, 1947	10,000.00	
d. Public Improve- ment Bonds, 1948	15,000.00	
e. Serial Notes (Fire Truck) 1949	3,600.00	
f. Weirs Beach Bonds	5,000.00	
g. City of Laconia Sewer Bonds	30,000.00	73,350.00
Total		\$1,298,984.87

*Requested from City

Passed and approved this 27th day of August, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN
ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY LOAN TO
AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ONE
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN
ANTICIPATION OF TAXES OF THE
PRESENT MUNICIPAL YEAR.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That for the purpose of meeting current expenses of the City, the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make a temporary loan for the use of said City of a sum not exceeding the aggregate amount of \$100,000.00 said loan being in the anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year and hereby expressly made payable therefrom, and to give for such loan subject to the

written approval of the Committee on Finance, notes of the City, each note to become due and payable within one year from its date. Said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and City Treasurer and countersigned by the City Clerk, shall be registered in the books kept for that purpose in the offices of the City Treasurer and City Clerk respectively. This authorization to borrow \$100,000.00 shall be in addition to the borrowing of \$300,000.00 authorized by a resolution passed and approved March 27, 1951 which took effect upon its passage.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved July 30, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND LACONIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY, CO-SPONSORS, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR FEDERAL AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF, AND THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF, THE LACONIA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Be it resolved by members of the City Council of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire:

SECTION 1. That the City of Laconia, New Hampshire, as co-sponsor with the Laconia Airport Authority, shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the purpose of obtaining Federal aid in the development of the Laconia Municipal Airport and that such agreement shall be as set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. That R. W. Smith, Mayor of the City of Laconia, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement in sextuplet on behalf of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire, and Chas. E. Lord, the City Clerk, is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire, and to attest said execution.

SECTION 3. That the Grant Agreement referred to hereabove shall be as follows:

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN ADVANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADVANCE PLANNING OF NON-FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE TERMS OF PUBLIC LAW 352, BLST. CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 1949.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Whereas, the City of Laconia, New Hampshire, herein called the "Applicant", after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data has hereby determined that the construction of certain public works, generally described as sewage treatment plant at the Weirs section of Laconia, New Hampshire, is desirable and in the public interest and to that end it is necessary that action preliminary to the construction of said works be taken immediately; and

Whereas, under the terms of Public Law 352, 81st Congress, approved October 13, 1949, the United States of America has authorized the making of advances to public bodies to aid in defraying the cost of architectural, engineering, and economic investigations and studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, procedures and other action are preliminary to the construction of public works (exclusive of housing); and

Whereas, the applicant has examined and duly considered such act and the applicant considers it to be in the public interest and to its benefit to file an application under said act and to authorize other action in connection therewith;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council the governing body of said applicant, as follows:

1. That the construction of said public works is essential to and is to the best interests of the applicant, and to the end that such public works may be provided as promptly as practicable and it is desirable that action preliminary to the construction thereof be undertaken immediately.

2. That Robinson W. Smith, Mayor of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire be hereby authorized to file in behalf of the applicant an application (in form required by the United States and in conformity with said act) for an advance to be made by the United States to the applicant to aid in defraying the planning cost preliminary to the construction of such public works, which shall consist generally of additional sewage treatment for the sewer system at the Weirs section of Laconia, New Hampshire in conformance with order number two of the State of New Hampshire Water Pollution Commission dated February 15, 1948, ordering the City of Laconia to abate the pollution entering into Lake Winnepesaukee and Lake Paugus on or before February 16, 1953 as improperly treated sewage is being discharged into said waters from outfall sewers owned by the City of Laconia;

3. That if such advance be made the applicant shall provide or make necessary arrangements to provide such funds, in addition to the advance, as may be required to defray the cost of such action preliminary to the construction of the public works;

4. The said representative is hereby authorized to furnish such information and take such other action as may be necessary to enable the applicant to qualify for the advance;

5. That the officer designated in the preceding paragraph is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the applicant for the purpose of furnishing to the United States such information, data, and documents pertaining to the application for an advance as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the applicant in connection with this application.

6. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the application for an advance to be submitted to the United States.

Passed and approved this 25th day of June, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE
ACTS AND DOINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND COUNCIL.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That all the acts and doings of the Mayor and Council done at a duly regularly-called meeting at the Colonial Theatre, Laconia, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 27, 1951, be, and they hereby are, ratified and approved this 16th day of April 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
TEMPORARY LOANS TO AN AMOUNT
NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANTICIPATION
OF TAXES OF THE PRESENT
MUNICIPAL YEAR.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That for the purpose of meeting current expenses of the City, the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make temporary loans from time to time for the use of said City of sums not exceeding the aggregate amount of \$300,000.00 said loans being in the anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year and hereby expressly made payable therefrom, and to give for such loan subject to the written approval of the Committee on Finance, notes of the City, each note to become due and payable within one year from its date. Said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and City Treasurer and countersigned by the City Clerk, shall be registered in the books kept for that purpose in the offices of the City Treasurer and City Clerk respectively.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved March 27, 1951.

Robinson W. Smith
MAYOR

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