

AMHERST

Town and School

REPORTS

for

1957



ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the

Year Ending December 31, 1957

Also

Officers of School District
Year Ending June 30, 1957

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TOWN OFFICERS – 1957

Moderator

Harold H. Wilkins, Sr.

Selectmen

Allen D. Howard, 1 year

Meric G. Arnold, 1 year

Rae Comerford, 3 years

Treasurer

Catherine A. Kruger

Town Clerk

Catherine A. Kruger

Tax Collector

Barbara H. Landry

Highway Agent

Richard G. Crocker

Constable

Albert H. Junkins

Auditors

Orson H. Bragdon

George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Checklists

Frank L. Pearson

Walter D. Wiggin

Donald O. Young

Sexton of Cemeteries

Clarence H. Hagar

Fire Wards

Gordon P. Bowler, Chief

Edward J. Marchildon, 1st Assistant

Robert Locke, 2nd Assistant

Trustees of Trust Funds

Benjamin G. Bundy, 1 year

Howard G. Arnold, 2 years

Meric G. Arnold, 3 years

Library Trustees

Cleaveland J. Campbell, 1 year
Margaret Moser, 1 year
Rev. Frank Weiskel, 2 years
Elizabeth Hall, 2 years
Henry F. Merrill, 3 years
Margaret Seamans, 3 years

Zoning Officials

Administrative Official
Rufus I. Brown

Board of Adjustment
John C. Duff, 1 year
James F. Wanless, 2 years
Hibbert V. Miles, 3 years
Allen D. Howard, 4 years
Arthur L. Underwood, 5 years
Fred Vatcher, Secretary

Civil Defense Director

Donald O. Young

OFFICE HOURS
of
TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

At the Town Hall 2nd and 4th Friday evenings
from 7:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Tax Collector

Office at home – Mack Hill Road, Monday, Wed-
nesday and Friday 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.

Also every 2nd and 4th Fridays at Town Hall, 7:30
p. m.

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Every Monday evening 5:00 to 8:00 p. m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00
a. m.-1:30 p. m.

2nd and 4th Fridays, Town Hall – 7:30 p. m.

Phone Town Hall	Milford 527
Tax Collector	356-J
Town Clerk	1019
Fire Chief	522-J
Assistant Chief	906
Fire Station	540

IN CASE OF FIRE—CALL 80

Road Agent	92-M
Police Chief	Harrison 4-3300

Veteran's exemption blanks must be filed each year
not later than April 15th.

Obtain a permit before burning out of doors. Any
kind of an outside fire is subject to a \$200 fine if started
without a permit.

Every new building, sign or new business requires
a permit.

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls to open at 1:00 p. m. and close at 7:00 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday the eleventh day of March next, at eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year and the ensuing three years.

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

3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on 1958 property taxes paid by May 1st, 1958. Any person paying on their 1958 property tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1957 property tax to be allowed $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ discount on their 1958 property tax bill if paid in full by December 1, 1958.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to purchase advertising space in the 1959 Guide of the Merrimack Valley Region, or act in relation thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to continue the plan started in 1956 for the improvement of roads.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000 for the purchase of a road grader or take any action in relation thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used by the Selectmen to continue the repair and renovation of the Town Hall and to have the moderator appoint a committee to work with the Selectmen to determine the work to be done.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 to paint and repair the fence around the common and to erect a suitable flag pole in front of the Soldiers Monument or take any action in relation thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to remove the restriction "subject to gates and bars" from the public highway known as Colonel Wilkins Road or Bridle Road for its entire length from the Old Milford Road to the Merrimack Road, so-called, and to authorize the Selectmen to take all appropriate action to effect such removal of said restricted classification at the earliest possible time in 1958. By Petition.

11. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of Tax Collector from \$400 to \$750 per year and raise and appropriate money for same.

12. To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a committee of five (5) to study the possibility of acquiring a plot of land for recreational purposes such as baseball and similar sports; the committee to report at the next annual meeting.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$900 to purchase hardtop folding tables and folding chairs for use in the Town Hall dining room, or take any action thereto. (By Petition)

14. A. To see if the Town will vote that an Amherst Planning Board be established.

B. That this board absorb and use as its nucleus, the present existing permanent Zoning Study committee appointed by the selectmen and moderator in 1955.

C. That the present permanent appointment be amended to a system the selectmen and moderator annually appoint one new member to serve as a replacement for a senior member. (By Petition)

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

Given under our hand and seal this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

ALLEN D. HOWARD,
RAE COMERFORD,
MERIC ARNOLD,
Selectmen of Amherst.

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year, Jan. 1, 1957 to Dec. 31, 1957

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1957	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1957	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1958
From State:			
Reimbursement Veteran's funeral		\$ 100.00	
Interest and dividends tax	\$11,500.00	15,314.47	\$15,000.00
Railroad tax	25.00		
Savings bank tax	100.00	88.73	75.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	10.00	6.39	6.00
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	1,500.00	453.41	
For fighting forest fires		169.49	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.		974.90	
Bounties 1955		162.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	700.00	763.80	700.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	5.00	9.50	5.00
Fines & forfeits, municipal court	100.00	224.02	100.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	200.00	202.50	200.00
Income from trust funds	50.00	208.21	50.00
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment		127.50	
Sale of cemetery lots		90.00	
Trusts perpetual care		900.00	
Tree Committee		109.30	
Motor vehicle permit fees	11,000.00	11,448.79	11,000.00
Sale of town property:			
Maurice Young		100.00	
Donald Holt		212.00	
Burning without permits		152.35	
Town of Hollis, fire assistance		53.40	
Town of Merrimack, fire assist.		95.73	
Town of Milford, grader rental		28.00	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes			
Souhegan National Bank:			
Fire truck		3,000.00	
Tax anticipation		12,000.00	
Bridge		15,000.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—regular at \$2	1,500.00	1,198.50	1,500.00
(b) National bank stock taxes	70.00	70.20	70.00
(c) Yield taxes	1,000.00	1,947.40	500.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1957	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1957	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1958
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,025.00
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00	2,116.61	2,300.00
Election and registration exp.	200.00	103.25	350.00
Municipal court expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,625.00	2,594.05	2,625.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	1,000.00	1,094.37	1,100.00
Fire department, including hydrant rental	5,365.00	6,371.01	5,800.00
Tree committee	1,500.00	1,575.70	2,350.00
Art. 19 of 1956, new fire truck	3,000.00	9,250.00	3,000.00
Fire dept. equip., Art. 15	1,480.00	661.35	
Civil Defense	100.00	102.95	150.00
Health:			
Health dept., including hospitals	50.00	41.50	50.00
Vital statistics	80.00	58.25	80.00
Town dump and garbage removal	400.00	436.45	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Oiling roads	8,000.00	7,998.55	9,000.00
Town maintenance:			
Summer	7,500.00	7,528.29	8,000.00
Winter and snow fence	6,600.00	7,409.12	6,600.00
Street lighting	2,500.00	2,434.05	2,500.00
General exp. of highway dept.	800.00	1,105.56	800.00
Town road aid	1,049.27	1,049.27	1,278.23
Libraries:			
Libraries	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	300.00	105.90	1,000.00
Old age assistance	3,200.00	2,804.40	3,200.00
Patriotic Purposes			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	200.00	210.78	200.00
Aid to soldiers & their families	500.00	458.45	500.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	700.00	711.47	700.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	1,450.00	1,449.34	1,450.00
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00	200.00	200.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1957	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1957	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1958
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses, includes dog damage	250.00	108.50	250.00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	100.00	290.23	125.00
On long term notes and bonds	250.00		650.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:			
Highways and Bridges:			
Town construction, road im- provement, Art. 6	1,174.45	1,197.67	
Yield tax deposit		120.00	
Yield tax to state		542.83	
Auto permits	700.00	633.50	700.00
Bridge Rt. 122, Art. 14, 1954		15,000.00	3,000.00
Town hall improvement	2,000.00	2,011.04	
Repair of grader, Art. 9	1,000.00	1,388.14	
Precinct tax	5,069.95	5,069.95	4,478.90
Trustees of trust funds		928.00	
Head tax		4,486.00	
Taxes bought		2,799.12	
Temporary loans		12,000.00	
County taxes	15,000.00	16,160.55	17,000.00
School taxes	115,768.19	124,568.67	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$249,399.87</u>	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1957

	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements 1957	Total Amount Available 1957	Expenditures 1957	Unexpended Balance 1957	Overdrafts 1957
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,020.00		\$2,020.00	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 183.39	\$ 5.00
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,116.61	96.75	
Election and registration	200.00		200.00	103.25	224.02	
Municipal Court	200.00	\$ 224.02	424.02	200.00	208.45	
Town hall and clock	2,625.00	202.50	2,802.50	2,594.05		
Police department	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,094.37		94.37
Fire department and hydrant rental	5,365.00	470.97	5,835.97	6,371.01		535.04
Tree Committee	1,500.00	109.30	1,609.30	1,575.70	33.60	
Health department	50.00		50.00	41.50	8.50	
Vital statistics	80.00		80.00	58.25	21.75	
Town dumps	400.00		400.00	436.45		36.45
Highways—summer maintenance	7,500.00	95.71	7,595.71	7,528.29	67.42	
Highways—winter maintenance	6,000.00	55.00	6,655.00	7,409.12		754.12
Snow fence	600.00		600.00			
Oiling	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,998.55	1.45	
General expense highways	800.00	35.00	835.00	1,105.56		270.56
Town road aid	1,049.27		1,049.27	1,049.27		
Street lighting	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,434.05	65.95	
Libraries	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Town poor	300.00		300.00	105.90	194.10	
Old age assistance	3,200.00	974.90	4,174.90	2,804.40	1,370.50	
Patriotic purposes:						
Soldiers' aid	500.00	100.00	600.00	458.45	141.55	10.78
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00	210.78		

Parks and playgrounds	700.00	711.47	11.47
Cemeteries	1,450.00	1,449.34	.66
Soulhegan Nursing Association	200.00	200.00	
Damage and legal expense	250.00	108.50	141.50
Auto permits	700.00	633.50	66.50
Trustees of Trust Funds		928.00	
Taxes bought by Town	100.00	2,799.12	190.23
Interest on short term notes	250.00	290.23	250.00
Interest on long term notes			
Head tax			
Preinct tax	5,069.95	4,486.00	
Temporary loans		5,069.95	
State's share Yield tax		12,000.00	
Civil Defense	100.00	542.83	2.95
Bridge 12 Art. 1494		102.95	
Refund on Yield tax		15,000.00	
Fire truck, Art. 9, '56	3,000.00	120.00	
Article 6, Road improvement	1,174.45	9,250.00	23.22
Article 9, Grader repairs	1,000.00	1,197.67	388.14
Article 12, Town hall repairs	2,000.00	1,388.14	
Article 15, Fire equipment	1,480.00	2,011.04	11.04
School District—1956-1957 balance		661.35	818.65
School District 1957-1958		19,068.67	
County tax	15,000.00	115,768.19	10,268.19
		16,160.55	1,160.55

COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

	1956		1957	
Land and Buildings	\$2,075,560.		\$2,173,670.	
Electric Plants	109,000.		100,000.	
Horses	1,550.	(31)	1,950.	(39)
Neat Stock	1,400.	(29)	800.	(20)
Cows	21,680.	(460)	19,840.	(419)
Sheep and Goats	794.	(79)	875.	(110)
Hens	5,615.	(24,115)	5,380.	(24,402)
Hogs	
Gasoline Pumps	875.		1,375.	
Water Systems	300.			
Wood and Lumber	19,400.		13,060.	
Mills and Machinery	5,650.		6,300.	
Stock in Trade	22,350.		29,000.	
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Totals	\$2,263,874.		\$2,352,250.	
Veteran's Exemption	141,775.		161,575.	
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Net Taxable Property	\$2,122,099.		\$2,190,675.	
	1956		1957	
Tax Rate per 100	\$6.70		\$7.34	
School Rate	4.66		5.21	
Town Rate	2.04		2.13	
Precinct Rate	.82		.78	

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer		\$13,494 66
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Grader Fund		1,744 18
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1957		598 30
(b) Levy of 1956		433 98
(c) Levy of 1955		346 16
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1957		27,905 51
(b) Levy of 1956		8 00
(c) Levy of 1955		6 00
(e) State Head Taxes — Levy of 1957		1,155 00
(f) State Head Taxes — Previous Years		55 00
Total Assets		<u>\$45,746 79</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Fire Equipment, Article 15 of 1957		818 65
(a) State Head Taxes — 1957		
(Uncollected \$1,115.00)		
(Collected — not remitted to		
State Treasurer \$39.50)		1,194 50
(b) Yield Tax — Bond and Debt Retirement		
(Uncollected \$131.52)		
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation		10,268 19
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Grader Fund		1,744 18
Notes Outstanding:		
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, Fire Truck		3,000 00
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, Bridge		15,000 00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$32,025 52</u>
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)		13,721 27
Grand Total		<u>\$45,746 79</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 40,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
2. Libraries, land and buildings	18,000 00
Furniture and equipment	5,000 00
3. Police Department, land and buildings	
Equipment	500 00
4. Fire Department, land and buildings	8,000 00
Equipment	19,000 00
5. Highway Department, land and buildings	1,000 00
Equipment	6,000 00
6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000 00
9. Schools, Lands and Buildings	130,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
10. Dump	100 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Harding and Cassidy lot, 2 acres	25 00
Whitmore lot	20 00
Proctor lot, 25 acres	125 00
Winslow lot, 9 acres	15 00
Goodwin building	300 00
Chandler lot	50 00
Gelinas lot, 5 acres	100 00
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Total	\$242,735 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

36 ('56) Auto Permits Jan. 1-March 31, '57	\$ 110 44
1231 ('57) Auto Permits Jan. 1-Dec. 31, '57	11,338 35
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	\$11,448 79

DOG ACCOUNT

257 Male or Spayed Dogs	\$514 00
45 Female Dogs	225 00
5 Kennels	69 00
1 1956 License	2 00
10 Licenses for part of year	17 40
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Total	\$827 40
Commission for licensing dogs	63 60
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	\$763 80

Notice to owner or keeper of dogs – Chapter 466:1

Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirtieth day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of the ensuing May, in the office of the clerk of the town wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its registered number.

50c penalty if not paid by July 1st.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
LEVY OF 1957

Dr.	
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property	\$167,761 84
Poll	1,520 00
Yield	2,736 52
National Bank Stock	70 20
Total Warrant	----- \$172,088 56
Added Property	30 82
Overpayments	51
Interest Collected	24 10

Total Debits	\$172,143 99

Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$140,684 78
Poll Taxes	1,198 50
Yield Taxes	1,947 40
National Bank Stock Tax	70 20
Interest	24 10
Total	----- \$143,924 98
Discounts Allowed	55 15
Abatements Made	258 35
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's Lists:	
Property	26,794 39
Poll	322 00
Yield	789 12

Total Credits	\$172,143 99

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1957**

Dr.		
State Head Tax Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$5,040 00	
Penalties Collected	4 50	
Total Debits	-----	\$5,044 50
Cr.		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	\$3,885 00	
Penalties	4 50	
	-----	\$3,889 50
Uncollected as per Collector's List		1,155 00

Total Credits		\$5,044 50

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
LEVY OF 1956**

Dr.		
Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1957:		
Property	\$29,989 35	
Poll	308 20	
Yield	800 03	
	-----	\$31,097 58
Added property taxes	36 85	
Added poll taxes	10 00	
Overpayment, G. Long	2 00	

	\$31,146 43	
Interested collected	785 01	
Total Debits	-----	\$31,931 44
Cr.		
Remittances to Treas. during year ending December 31, 1957:		
Property	\$29,871 85	

Poll	266 20	
Yield	773 23	
Interest	785 01	
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property	154 35	
Poll	46 00	
Yield	26 80	
Uncollected as per Collector's List:		
Poll	8 00	
Total Credits	-----	\$31,931 44

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
LEVY OF 1956

Dr.		
Uncollected taxes as of		
January 1, 1957	\$1,085 00	
Added taxes	45 00	
Overpayment	5 00	
Penalties collected	91 50	
Total Debits	-----	\$1,226 50
Cr.		
Remittances to Treas. during 1957:		
Head tax	\$955 00	
Penalties	91 50	
Abated	155 00	
Uncollected as per Collector's List	25 00	
Total Credits	-----	\$1,226 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
LEVY OF 1955

Dr.		
Uncollected taxes as of		
January 1, 1957	\$60 00	
Uncollected penalties	1 00	
	-----	\$61 00

Penalties collected	2 00
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Total Debits	<u> </u> \$63 00
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Remittances to Treas. during 1957	\$20 00
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Penalties collected	1 00
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Penalties paid in 1957	2 00
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Abatements made during 1957	10 00
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Uncollected as per Collector's List	30 00
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Total Credits	<u> </u> \$63 00
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1955

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1957:	
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Poll	\$16 00
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Yield	37 29
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Total Warrant	<u> </u> \$53 29
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Interest collected	2 74
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Total Debits	<u> </u> \$56 03
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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957:	
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Poll taxes	\$ 6 00
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Yield taxes	37 29
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Interest	2 74
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	<u> </u> \$46 03
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Abatements made	\$ 4 00
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Uncollected taxes as per Collector's List:	
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Poll taxes	6 00
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Total Credits	<u> </u> \$56 03
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**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
LEVY OF 1954**

	Dr.	
Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1957		\$30 00
	Cr.	
Abated during 1957		\$30 00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Poll Taxes
LEVY OF 1954**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1957:		
Poll taxes		\$8 00
	Cr.	
Abated during 1957		\$8 00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Poll and Property Taxes
LEVY OF 1953**

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1957:		
Property	\$13 25	
Poll	2 00	
Total Debits	-----	\$15 25
	Cr.	
Abated in 1957:		
Property	\$13 25	
Poll	2 00	
Total Credits	-----	\$15 25

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
As of December 31, 1957

Dr.					
Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:					
	1957	1956	1955	1954	Prev.
Taxes sold town dur-					
1957 fiscal year	\$596.75	\$2202.37			
Bal. of unredeemed					
taxes Jan. 1, 1957			\$1420.04	\$117.36	\$311.39
Interest collected		25.24	55.76	7.64	48.24
Redemption costs	1.55	34.10			
Total Credits	\$598.30	\$2261.71	\$1475.80	\$125.00	\$359.63
Cr.					
	1957	1956	1955	1954	Prev.
Remittances to Treas.					
during 1957		\$1760.49	\$1022.16	\$ 54.21	\$159.51
Abated			8.00		
Deeded to Town		42.00	43.72	63.15	151.88
Unredeemed taxes					
Dec. 31, 1957	\$598.30	433.98	346.16		
Interest collected		25.24	55.76	7.64	48.24
Total Credits	\$598.30	\$2261.71	\$1475.80	\$125.00	\$359.63

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 1957

Cash on hand January 1, 1957 \$ 17,140 49

Received from:

Barbara Landry, Tax Collector		
Poll, Property and		
Head Taxes	\$180,626 30	
Redeemed Taxes	3,133 25	
	-----	183,759 55

Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk		
Auto permit fees	11,448 79	
Dog licenses	763 80	
	-----	12,212 59

Selectmen

Pistol permits	5 50	
Two permits to sell fire arms	4 00	
Property sold to Donald Holt	212 00	
Property sold to Maurice Young	100 00	
	-----	321 50

Souhegan National Bank

Note - Fire Tuck	3,000 00	
Anticipation of Taxes	12,000 00	
Bridge	15,000 00	
	-----	30,000 00

Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton

Sale of Lots	90 00
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Gifts - Perpetual Care

S. Elizabeth Caldwell Estate	300 00	
Dana V. Hewitt	150 00	
Raymond Stimson	150 00	
George A. Knight	150 00	
Richard L. Mesle	150 00	
	-----	900 00

Trustees of Trust Funds		
Fisk Highway Fund,		
Cr. Highway	58	21
Credit Cemetery Fund	150	00
	-----	208 21

State of New Hampshire		
Forest Fires, reimbursements	169	49
Reimbursement loss of tax,		
State land	6	39
Interest and dividends	15,314	47
Savings bank tax	88	73
Bounty Porcupines (1956)	162	00
Old age recovery,		
reimbursement	974	90
Reimbursement,		
growing wood and timber	453	41
Reimbursement, burial veteran	100	00
	-----	17,269 39

Tree Committee		
School District	45	00
Charles Dearing	17	30
G. Kenneth Eaton	35	00
Benjamin Bundy	12	00
	-----	109 30

Town Hall Rentals		
Baptist Church	5	00
American Legion Auxiliary	15	00
Souhegan Grange	77	50
Men's Club	75	00
Hillsboro Police (2 years)	20	00
Lorden company	10	00
	-----	202 50

Fire Department, burning without permit		
Ralph Tibbetts	7	95
Louis Heaton	43	25
Arthur Gagnon	24	95

Perry Linscott	43 25	
A. Lievens	5 60	
William Cheever	27 35	
	-----	152 35
Town of Merrimack, assisting with fire	95 73	
Town of Hollis	53 40	
	-----	149 13
Town of Milford, Grader Fund		28 00
Richard G. Crocker, Road Agent		
Plowing, Carl S. Merrill, Cr. winter maint.	25 00	
Mrs. Theodora Lincoln, Cr. winter maint.	30 00	
Richard McDonald, Cr. summer maint.	6 00	
Hitchiner Company, Cr. summer maint.	31 50	
Sold Pump, Neal Shute	35 00	
	-----	127 50
George H. Howard, Clerk of Court		
Fees, Municipal Court		224 02

Total Receipts		\$245,754 04
On hand January 1, 1957		17,140 49

		\$262,894 53
Less Selectmen's orders paid		249,399 87

Balance December 31, 1957		\$ 13,494 66

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Town Officers' Salaries Appropriation \$2020.00

Expended:

George A. Knight, Selectman	\$116 67
Allen D. Howard, Selectman	350 00
Rae Comerford, Selectman	350 00
Meric G. Arnold, Selectman	233 33
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector	400 00
Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer	200 00
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk	200 00
Howard A. Arnold, Trustee of Trust Funds	75 00
Orson H. Bragdon, Auditor	50 00
George H. Howard, Auditor	50 00
	----- \$ 2,025 00

Town Officers' Expenses Appropriation \$2,300.00

Expended:

Cabinet Press, printing and advertising	\$126 67
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance	239 87
Ass'n of N. H. Assessors, dues	3 00
Edson Eastman, supplies	31 40
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	57 22
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	22 55
Raymond Dyer, Town Clerks supplies	4 24
Souhegan National Bank, safe deposit box	5 00
Edwin Locke, stamps	60 00
Allen D. Howard, use of car	34 00
George A. Knight, use of car	24 00
Rae Comerford, use of car	15 00
Meric G. Arnold, use of car	5 00
Boston Sign Co., zoning map	50 00

James Melzer, Estate, dog licenses	15 00	
John C. Page & Co., bonds for town officers	55 00	
Register of Probate, furnishing names	80	
State of New Hampshire, trailer market report	1 25	
Barbara Landry, supplies and clerical work	484 16	
Register of Deeds, recording deeds and fur. names	154 35	
Charles Hardy, dues, town clerk ass'n	3 00	
Harlan Holt, bond for Meric G. Arnold	56 70	
N. H. State Tax Collector's Ass'n, dues	3 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, clerk's convention and tel. exp.	31 50	
Sargent Brothers, tax collectors supplies	54 15	
Branham Publishing Co., auto reference books	6 00	
Town of Milford, pistol permit forms	1 25	
Maxfield Press, Inc., printing town reports	500 00	
Speedrite System, check writer	72 50	
	-----	2,116 61

Election and Registration

Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:

Wanda Coffeen, ass't town clerk	\$10 00
Wilhelmina Brine, ballot clerk	7 00
Ernest C. Stewart, ballot clerk	7 00
Harold H. Wilkins, moderator	10 00
Albert H. Junkins, police duty	11 25
Dwight P. Brown, ass't to voters	6 00
Cabinet Press, ballots	16 00

Walter Wiggin, supervisor of checklist	12 00	
Donald O. Young, supervisor of checklist	12 00	
Frank L. Pearson, supervisor of checklist	12 00	
	-----	103 25

Municipal Court
Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:		
Charles J. Lincoln, Judge	\$100 00	
William C. Vose, Associate Judge	50 00	
George H. Howard, Clerk of Court	50 00	
	-----	200 00

Town Hall and Other Buildings and Care of Clock
Appropriation \$2,625.00

Expended:		
Draper Fuel Co., oil	\$724 97	
Dwight P. Brown, janitor service and care of clock	510 58	
Kenneth Durant, rubbish disposal	43 00	
Amherst Village District, water bill	30 00	
New England Tel. & Tel., service	141 20	
W. D. Bell, gas for town hall	100 50	
Public Service Co., electricity	320 00	
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., insurance	467 25	
Wilton Plumbing Co., repairs to oil burner	79 60	
Carl Stimson, labor on hood and blower	40 00	
Owen P. Fisk, wiring	15 50	
Charles Coffeen, liability policy	116 31	
Thrift Stores, Inc., bulbs	2 64	
Reginald Going, setting glass	2 50	
	-----	2,594 05

Police Department
Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Albert H. Junkins, constable	\$607 37
Harold Aldrich, special officer	43 40
Frank Hall, special officer	79 01
Howard French, special officer	80 68
Thomas Crocker, special officer	19 75
Leroy Bishop, special officer	87 14
Walter White, special officer	15 00
H. S. Homes & Co., forms	12 29
John C. Page, insurance and bond	60 40
N. H. Humane Society	2 00
Oscar Burns, M.D., blood tests	10 00
Milford Duplicating Service, letterheads	10 00
Belmont Supply, flares	17 95
White Elephant, filing cabinet	25 00
Seamans Supply	6 40
Riddle Radio, repairs	6 90
Philip Morris Co., file tabs	6 08
Paul Bouthillier, M. D. ,blood test	5 00

----- 1,094 37

Fire Department
Appropriation \$5,365.00

Expended:

Edwin Locke, chief and forest fire warden	\$ 29 18
Ezra Edwards, chief and forest fire warden	29 57
Edward Marchildon, assistant chief	21 60
Robert Locke, assistant chief	6 25
Edwin Locke, fire bills	1,204 41
Amherst Village District, hydrant rental and water	1,395 00
New England Tel. & Tel. telephone and network	303 15

Ezra Edwards, fire bills	542	23
Milford Grain & Coal Co., oil for fire house	237	96
Public Service Co., lights	138	48
Robert Hancock, janitor service	50	00
Charles Reynolds, janitor service	51	20
Lawrence Engine Co., salaries	200	00
Bob's Auto Service, supplies and repairs	403	28
Guy H. Nelson, snow removal	20	87
Rotch Insurance Agency	355	23
John C. Page, workingmen's compensation	287	93
Milford Public Works, hydrant rental	40	00
Lawrence Clark Insurance Agency	19	25
James Coffin, supplies and equipment	76	40
Town of Merrimack, ass't at fire	10	70
C. A. Watkins, fire hose	540	00
Economy Supply, supplies	16	98
McLeod Co., supplies	10	75
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, fence	57	72
McKay & Wright, work on water holes	210	25
Roland Sprague, labor	10	30
Edward G. Moody, repairs on truck	53	25
Daniels Service, oil	49	07
	-----	6,371 01

Summer Maintenance
Appropriation \$7,500.00

Expended:		
Richard Crocker		7,528 29

Winter Maintenance
Appropriation \$6,000.00

Expended:		
Richard Crocker		6,813 27

Oiling

Appropriation \$8,000.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker \$7,998 55

General Expenses of Highway Department

Appropriation \$800.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker 1,105 56

Snow Fence

Appropriation \$600.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker \$595 85

Dumps

Appropriation \$400.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker 436 45

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriation \$700.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker \$711 47

Town Road Aid

Appropriation \$1,049.27

Expended:

State of New Hampshire 1,049 27

Tree Committee

Appropriation \$1,500.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker, brush removal	\$556 20
Guy H. Nelson, loam and digging	114 00
Bartlett Tree Service, spraying and trimming	861 00
Harry Melendy, planting trees	30 00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, fertilizer	4 50

Lawrence Engine Co., watering trees	10 00	
	-----	1,575 70

Street Lighting

Appropriation \$2,500.00

Expended:

Public Service Co. of N. H.		2,434 05
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Library

Appropriation \$2,000.00

Expended:

Amherst Town Library		\$2,000 00
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Cemeteries

Appropriation \$1,450.00

Expended:

Clarence H. Hagar		1,449 34
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Public Welfare

Appropriation \$3,500.00

Expended:

State of N. H. O. A. A.	\$2,804 40	
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For Joyce Smith, care

Rice's Pharmacy, drugs	\$ 5 29	
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David Marshall, M. D.	3 00	
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Nancy Kimball, board bill	62 00	
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Bargain Outlet, Inc., clothes	32 61	
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William B. Garvey, M. D.	3 00	
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Patriotic Purposes

Appropriation \$700.00

Expended:

Memorial Day —

Ferdinando's Band	\$135 00	
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Rev. Frank M. Weiskel, speaker	10 00	
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The Flag Shop, flags	41 78	
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Henry Davis, wreaths	24 00	
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Soldiers' Aid —

Moore General hospital	334 45	
L. Keeley Smith, undertaker	100 00	
Albert Snay, M.D.	24 00	
	-----	669 23

Civil Defense

Appropriation \$100.00

Expended:

Souhegan Valley Radio League, fees	\$ 2 00	
State of N. H. Defense tags	36 00	
H & H Sales Co, battery operated megaphone	64 95	
	-----	102 95

Trustees of Trust Funds

Expended:

Trustees of Trust Funds, includes grader fund		928 00
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Damages and Legal Expenses

Appropriation \$250.00

Expended:

Winfield H. Dorr, destroying stray dogs	\$ 6 00	
N. H. Humane Society, destroying stray dogs	2 50	
Charles J. Lincoln, town counsel	100 00	
	-----	108 50

Health Department

Appropriation \$50.00

Expended:

Oscar Burns, M.D., Health Officer		41 50
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Vital Statistics

Appropriation \$80.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger, recording statistics and fees to doctors and clergymen		58 25
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Auto Permits
 Appropriation \$700.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk	633 50
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Souhegan Valley Nursing Association
 Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:

Souhegan Valley Nursing Association	200 00
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Article No. 19 of 1956
New Fire Truck

Expended:

Farrar Co.	9,250 00
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Refund on Yield Tax

Expended:

Barbara Landry, refund on tax bond	120 00
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Taxes Bought by Town

Expended:

Barbara Landry, tax sales on 1956 levy and jeopardy levy	2,799 12
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Temporary Loans

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	12,000 00
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Interest
 Appropriation \$100.00

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	290 23
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Head Taxes

Expended:

State of New Hampshire	4,486 00
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Precinct Tax
 Appropriation \$5,069.95

Expended:

Amherst Village District	5,069 95
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County Tax

Appropriation \$15,000.00

Expended:

Treasurer, Hillborough County 16,160 55

Article No. 14 of 1955

New Bridge

Expended:

State of New Hampshire, part of bridge cost 15,000 00

Yield Tax

Expended:

State of New Hampshire,
State's share of Yield Tax 542 83

School District

Appropriation 1957-1958 - \$115,768.19

Expended:

1956-1957

Balance of appropriation \$ 19,068 67

1957-1958

On account of appropriation 105,500 00

----- 124,568 67

Article No. 6

Road Improvement

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker 1,197 67

Article No. 9

Grader Repairs

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Richard Crocker 1,388 14

Article No. 12

Town Hall Repairs

Appropriation \$2,000.00

Expended:

Carl Stimson, dampers and
chimney repairs \$ 45 88

James P. McEntee, building chimney	123	45	
Owen Fisk, wiring	31	39	
Craftsmen Inc., panic hardware	150	00	
Better Floors, dining room and hall	1,325	00	
Dwight P. Brown, labor,			
hearth and screens	33	50	
D. D'Ramio, stair rail and			
labor fire escape	86	82	
Jean Lorette, labor and			
materials – gutters	15	00	
Reginald Going, painting hall and			
refinishing floors	200	00	
	-----		2,011 04

Article No. 15

Fire Equipment

Appropriation \$1,480.00

Expended:

James A. Coffin			
2 – 2½” Mystery Nozzles	@	\$ 50 00	ea.
2 – 1½” Mystery Nozzles	@	27 50	ea.
Smoke ejector and flood light			
equipment		243 04	

		\$398 04	
11 Firemen’s helmets	@	\$ 15 00	ea.
1 Fireman helmet	@	15 75	
2 Spec. Helmet fronts	@	1 00	
12 Helmet hangers	@	60	
Express paid		3 19	

		\$193 14	
2-1½” Fog Nozzles		70 17	
		-----	\$661 35

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT
Richard G. Crocker

DUMPS

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Hired Equipment		\$300 70
Labor		135 75
		\$436 45

ARTICLE 6

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Article 11 – 1956 Balance	174 45	
	\$1,174 45	
Materials		\$ 592 67
Hired Equipment		394 10
Labor		210 90
		\$1,197 67

SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Hired Equipment		\$225 40
Labor		370 45
		\$595 85

ARTICLE 9

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Parts		\$1,109 04
Labor (repairs)		279 10
		\$1,388 14

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation	\$700 00	
Repairs and Supplies		\$197 22
Hired Equipment		27 60
Labor		486 65
		\$711 47

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Niel Shute, credit	35 00	
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	\$835 00	
Supplies (signs and tools \$580.99)		\$ 825 85
Insurance		279 71
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		\$1,105 56

OILING

Appropriation	\$8,000 00	
Materials		\$5,270 10
Hired Equipment		1,508 00
Labor		1,220 45
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		\$7,998 55

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$7,500 00	
Credit:		
Fisk Highway Fund	58 21	
Hitchiner Mfg. Co.	31 50	
Richard McDonald	6 00	
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	\$7,595 71	
Supplies		\$1,071 79
Hired Equipment		2,368 80
Labor		4,087 70
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		\$7,528 29

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$6,000 00	
Credit:		
Mrs. T. J. Lincoln	35 00	
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	\$6,035 00	
Supplies (salt and sand \$1,330.70)		\$2,241 84
Repairs		477 98
Hired Equipment		2,807 30
Labor		1,286 15
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		\$6,813 27

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Work on the Summer Maintenance Program included the replacement of eight culverts, setting of forty-eight posts with reflective markers at culverts, bridges, etc. Sixty-eight signs were posted in various sections of town. The spring of '57 found very little mud and required a minimum of spot graveling. During the summer some roads were spot graveled and the banks cut. A great deal of brush cutting was accomplished during the summer and accounted for almost half the money spent for summer maintenance.

The money for Article Six provided for completion of last year's project on the Baboosic Lake Road and the replacement of seven culverts in various sections of our black road system.

The Oil Program included the resurfacing of 11.2 miles of black road, the patching and spray patching of these roads during the summer.

The TRA Program included the surface treatment of Mann's Road, cutting banks on Warren's Road, Old Cider Mill Road and the New Boston Road, replacing of stone culverts on these roads and the graveling of Warren's Road, Old Cider Mill Road and the New Boston Road in preparation for surface treatment in 1958.

The Grading Program was started in April and continued through the summer months. We were unable to complete our fall grading because of continual breakdowns of our old grader. It was necessary to spend \$1,388.14 for repairs and approximately \$800.00 for hiring out of town graders to do the work. It is conceivable that the cost of grader repairs will increase in the coming year. More than \$2,100.00 was spent because of an inadequate, wornout grader. This is the reason your Highway Agent feels it is time to replace the present grader.

RICHARD G. CROCKER,
Highway Agent.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF

Arrests, including assault, drunk, etc.	13
Accidents	22
Warnings, including D. E. Cards and fire ban	77
Juvenile, warnings, lost child, returning boys to their home and school	21
Stolen property, breaking and entering, etc.	10
Complaints of various nature, includes disturbances, hunters and fishermen trespassing, bad checks, etc.	117
Civil Defense and aid to various departments	36
Town Hall	8
Dances and record hops at Baboosic Lake	32
Halloween duty, Fourth of July patrol, parade, fires, dog fines	97 hours
Dog complaints, found homes for stray dogs, stray dogs disposed of by police or Humane Society, etc.	24

This department extends thanks to State Police, Lieutenant Conti, Corporal McBain, Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry, State Troopers, Chief Rockwell and members of the Milford Police Department for their assistance and cooperation during 1957. We noted heavier traffic, also more people enjoying recreation at Baboosic Lake, requiring attention on Sundays and holidays. Our juvenile problems required a great deal more attention this year.

A Police Training School was held in Nashua last January. It is with pleasure that I inform the citizens that seven of our men completed the course of 40 hours (two nights per week) at no cost to the town. Modern police methods were explained in detail. The men gained a great deal of knowledge by attending this school.

A loudspeaker purchased through Civil Defense has been received and should prove very useful in our efforts for lost persons or fire details.

Fire extinguishers and first aid kits would be a great help in each police vehicle.

Let each one operating a motor vehicle OBEY ALL TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS and help to make Amherst a safe town during 1958. Thank you.

ALBERT H. JUNKINS, Police Chief.

The above report has been condensed; a complete itemized account of the 360 complaints and 97 man hours is on file.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

53	Fire alarms during 1957
11	Building fires
9	Grass fires
12	Brush fires
3	Oil burner fires
1	Washing machine motor fire
7	Dump fires
1	Air raid test
1	Tree fire from power lines
1	Incinerator fire
2	Automobile fires
3	Chimney fires
2	False alarms

Forest Fire Prevention is Everybody's Business

New Hampshire faces a continuing challenge in its forest fire problem — 97 percent of all our forest fires being man-caused and preventable — a serious indictment of interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbor. Both the State and the towns are striving diligently to effectively meet the challenge through education of the public to the threat fire presents to our woodlands; by maintaining a well trained corps of wardens and deputy wardens in every community and by providing ample opportunity for all who wish to dispose of unwanted waste materials. Carelessness and perverseness, however, continue to be the big hurdles.

Thoughtlessly discarded lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles, by hikers, hunters and fishermen; careless burning of debris during hazardous periods in dangerous locations; illegal burning; improperly extinguished debris, camp and cook fires — all result in serious loss of property, disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditure of town and state funds.

To meet the challenge successfully, the state, your

community and your local forest fire warden need YOUR thoughtful and cooperative effort – The rules are simple.

1. Don't burn at home – use your town dump and avoid all fire problems.
2. If you do burn, be sure to secure a written permit from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not covered with snow. Permits are required for open debris fires, home incinerators, outdoor fire places and camp fires. Your warden is instructed to permit burning if weather conditions, site and type of burning are safe.
3. Be sure that all lighted material – cigars, cigarettes and matches – are completely out before discarding them. Use ash trays in automobiles.
4. Make certain that your debris, camp and cook fires are completely out before leaving them.
5. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
6. Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.

REMEMBER – the fire you prevent might be the one which could burn YOUR property.

REMEMBER – FOREST FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS and our MOST IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING.

1957 Forest fire record for your town

Number of fires 20; Acreage burned 9½; Number of permits issued 92.

WINTHROP HANAFORD,
District Fire Chief.
EZRA EDWARDS,
Forest Fire Warden.

SEXTON'S REPORT

The season of 1957 started out with a fine lot of rain making the cemeteries green. The Perpetual Care lots had an application of Nitrate of Soda early in the Spring to kill out the moss that was getting into the lots. July — our green grass turned to brown except the front Perpetuals which were watered.

Through the dryness of the summer your Sexton had a chance to save a little on the appropriation and thereby was able to apply a small sum in fixing up the Chestnut Hill Cemetery without a special appropriation. Mr. H. W. Anderson was paid \$65.00 for his help to cut off the brush and trees and work on the general cemetery of ridding it of blueberry bushes. Guy Nelson was paid \$30.00 for his power shovel to skim off a part of the cemetery of these bushes. Oliver Merrill was paid \$30.00 for loam to top the ground where the blueberries had been. Two or three attempts at cleaning up this land will make a more respectful cemetery and can be mowed with mowers.

The Committee appointed to look up a suitable piece of land for additional cemetery purposes has not much to report. Land can be purchased outside of the village a mile or two but not near enough to be interested in. There are two kinds of land in Amherst, sandy or rocky; we are looking for sandy land that isn't too low that will cause water in the Spring. Any one having such land and caring to sell six or ten acres near the village please get in touch with the committee.

Your Sexton made over and seeded 10 lots for the town and five of the Perpetual Care lots in the fall.

There were 21 burials — 12 from town and nine from out of town.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1957

Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1957	
Souhegan National Bank	\$ 881 38
Manchester Savings Bank	1,348 50
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
Dividends and Interest received in 1957	2,733 51

	\$6,963 61

Expenditures in 1957	\$2,125 97
Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1957	
Souhegan National Bank	\$1,049 60
Manchester Savings Bank	1,787 82
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22

	\$6,963 61

GRADER FUND

On hand Jan. 1, 1957; Manchester Savings Bk.	\$1,657 67
Deposits in 1957	28 00
Interest Earned in 1957	58 51

On hand Dec. 31, 1957; Manchester Sav. Bk.	\$1,744 18

MERIC G. ARNOLD,
BENJAMIN G. BUNDY,
HOWARD G. ARNOLD,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Clerk of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

February 1, 1958

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

Again in 1957 the unusual drought and increasing inroads of the Dutch Elm disease have taken their toll of the Village trees.

Selected large Elms on Town property and others bordering the Village Streets were given a dormant spray in April. In June all Village Elms plus the 60 in Ponemah received the usual cover spray. These two applications are doing much in keeping the Elm beetles in check.

25 Trees, mostly Elm, which were diseased or dead in the Village were taken down and destroyed. By the cooperation of individual property owners and the Power Company the town was saved a portion of this heavy expense. Even so, almost half of our expenditures went for this purpose, which was unforeseen a few years ago. Even more Elms have been marked by the State this Summer and Fall, which means increased expenditures for removal work in early '58.

Our great hope is "REPLANTING." 15 young Maples were put out by the Town last Spring. A few did not survive the Summer but thanks to the cooperation of the Fire Department and the District Water Board, two waterings were accomplished; and a more effective program set up for '58.

Enclosed in the Town Report, at the suggestion of the Selectmen, is a reprint from Readers Digest "It's not too Late to Save Our Elms." It states so well our situation and what we are trying to accomplish here that it should be of interest to all Amherst residents.

Respectfully submitted,
G. WINTHROP BROWN,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chr.

January 15, 1958

AMHERST TREE COMMITTEE

BUDGET – 1958

Dormant Spray – late April – 75 selected Elms in Village	\$200 00
Cover Spray – late May – Village and Ponemah	250 00
Planting 15 Young Trees, includes preparing ground	300 00
General Tree Work – all trees – pruning, limited selective feeding, second cover spray if necessary	750 00
Cutting, removing, and burning condemned and dead Elms and Maples	850 00

	\$2,350 00

January 15, 1958

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL
OF ZONING ORDINANCE**

During the year 1957 there were twenty applications for the erection or alteration of buildings and the erection of signs within the districts covered by the Zoning Ordinance on which permits were issued as follows:

Dwelling houses – erection	6
Dwelling houses – alteration	1
Garages – erection	3
Garages – alteration	1
Stable	1
Tool house	1
Building for heating plant	1
Establish business	2
Signs – erection	4

One sign and the establishment of one business was refused by the Administrator and permits were authorized by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on appeal.

BENJAMIN B. PIPER,
Administrative Official.

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

Increased use of the Library has resulted from the opening of the additional rooms last year, made possible by the installation of the new heating system. The most recent example of this is the display of the model village of Amherst prepared by the fifth and sixth grades, under the direction of Mr. DeLacey. Many people have visited the Library to see it. It is to be hoped that further displays of school projects may be arranged.

Numerous gifts of books, magazines, and money have been received during the year, for all of which we are very grateful. We extend our thanks to the following:

Mrs. Frederick Mosher, Mr. Shirley Carr, Miss Honora Spaulding, Mrs. Robert Seamans, Miss P. E. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Holmes, Mrs. Arnold Wight, Mrs. Donald Davis, Mrs. E. Wilson Lincoln, Mrs. Carroll Chase, Mrs. Tenney Clough, and finally, to the Amherst Woman's Association.

Again last summer the children's Story Hour was conducted by Mrs. Burton Knight, and we wish to thank her for her interest and cooperation in this project.

We wish to thank Mrs. Walter Chambers for the many flower arrangements she has supplied during the year and for her beautiful Christmas decorations, all of which have been greatly appreciated.

Circulation for the year has been as follows:

Adult fiction	3377	Juvenile fiction	4020
Adult non-fiction	916	Juvenile non-fiction	2357
Magazines	924		
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Total	5217	Total	6377

Grand total circulation 11,594

A total of 399 books was added during the year. They are classified as follows:

Adult fiction	147
Adult non-fiction	62
Juvenile fiction	123
Juvenile non-fiction	67

In addition to the local newspaper, we subscribe to 20 magazines, most of them national in circulation, but several of local interest. With the exception of those of which we keep a complete file, the old magazines are available to anyone who wishes to buy them.

The new State walk-in type Bookmobile has a greater capacity than the old one and this enables us to borrow more books. Approximately 450 adult and children's books were loaned to us this year.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Trustees for their unfailing consideration and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION U. NELSON

January 17, 1958

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1957, cash on hand	\$ 280 57
Appropriation	2,000 00
Trust Funds — 1956 additional income	121 03
Trust Funds — 1957 income	215 00
Misc., gifts, fines and sale of books	194 66

	\$2,811 26

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	\$ 826 06
Magazines	98 22
Salaries	814 26
Lights	67 83
Building and grounds	40 10
Fuel	421 39

Supplies	34 85
Upkeep	65 00
December 31, 1957, cash on hand	443 55
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	\$2,811 26

Mary B. Upham Fund

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1957, cash on hand	\$3,175 88
Bank interest	109 91
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	\$3,285 79

DISBURSEMENTS

Guy Nelson, septic tank, dry well, etc.	\$ 263 35
O. P. Fisk, outside cable and meter	75 20
Milford Home Furnishing, rubber floor tiles	13 55
H. C. Foote, laying floor tiles	8 00
Kokko Builders, toilet room	166 86
Carl K. Stimson, supply and install toilet, lav., etc.	711 97
O. P. Fisk, supply and install four new fixtures	197 99
R. S. Going, painting	516 27
December 31, 1957, cash on hand	1,332 60
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	\$3,285 79

HENRY F. MERRILL,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICES AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

The Amherst Municipal Court experienced a relatively routine year. The case load remained about the same as in past years, though the number of juvenile cases brought before the Court increased materially.

One appeal was perfected to the Supreme Court from a ruling of the Amherst Municipal Court. This appeal involved the admissibility in evidence in a criminal matter of evidence obtained by means of wire tapping. The Supreme Court affirmed the admissibility of evidence obtained in this manner and the case was returned to the Amherst Municipal Court for trial. It was subsequently appealed to the Superior Court for a trial de novo before a jury where it presently awaits final disposition.

CHARLES J. LINCOLN,
WILLIAM C. VOSE,
Justices.

**REPORT
AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT**

	Dr.	
Total Receipts		\$633 00
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Payments:		
Motor Vehicle Department		\$357 00
Fish and Game Department		13 50
Town Treasurer		224 02
Court Expense		3 98
Balance Due Town		34 50
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Total Payments		633 00
Cases:		
Game Law Violation	1	
Juvenile	4	
Motor Vehicle Violation	41	
All Other	14	
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Total Cases	60	

**AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT
WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the
County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified
to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said Amherst on Friday, the 14th day of March next at
eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the
following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the
year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be neces-
sary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and
make appropriations of the same.
3. To transact any other business which may
legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 8th day of
February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred
and fifty eight.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
CARL E. PETERSON,
HARRY R. MITIGUY,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
CARL E. PETERSON,
HARRY R. MITIGUY,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

Your commissioners are pleased to announce that 1958 will bring about another reduction in the amount to be raised by Precinct Tax. The previous amount having been \$5,069.95, and the amount for 1958 being \$4,478.90. This economy has been brought about by close observation of costs, greater income from water usage, and fines.

1957 showed another increase in the number of subscribers to the Water District, having gone from 147 in 1956 to 153 currently. There are about eight dwellings remaining within the district that are not connected to the service. In all likelihood none if any of these will subscribe, for various reasons. Therefore we have practically arrived at the saturation point, unless there is a new building in the district, or the district is expanded.

Preparations are being made to have the tower inspected this spring by a qualified engineer, with the thought of painting the interior. The reserve that we have been accumulating over a period of several years is provision for such expenditures, eliminating the need for imposing periodic heavy burdens on the taxpayer.

A careful watch was kept on the water supply during the drought period of last summer, and we are happy to report that the supply held up well. The response of the householders to our published request to voluntarily curtail excessive use of water, was very gratifying.

All indications are that we should be able to enjoy the benefits of the water system without concern for a long time to come.

OTTO NEUGEBAUER,
CARL PETERSON,
HARRY MITIGUY,
Commissioners, Amherst
Village District.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1957

ASSETS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957	\$	2,404 23
Accounts Receivable including December 31 bills		2,694 10
Total current Assets	-----	\$ 5,098 33
Water System		
Land and buildings		679 60
Wells, pump, mains etc.		150,252 71
	-----	\$150,932 31
Fire Alarm System		6,700 00
Total Fixed Assets	-----	\$157,632 31

Total Assets		\$162,730 64

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$	125,000 00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		37,730 64
	-----	\$162,730 64

RANDOLPH KRUGER,
Treasurer.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1958
Compared to
Estimated and Actual Receipts and Expenditures of the Previous
Year January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

RECEIPTS

	Estimated 1957	Received 1957	Estimated 1958
Cash on hand January 1, 1957	\$ 314.10	\$ 314.10	\$ 404.23
Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
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Total	1,814.10	1,814.10	2,404.23
Income water service, prior year (4th quarter)	2,315.05	2,315.05	2,694.10
Income water service, current year (1st 3 quarters)	2,900.00	3,075.16	2,900.00
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Total income water service	5,215.05	5,390.21	5,594.10
Hydrant rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Precinct tax	5,069.95	5,069.95*	4,478.90
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Total Receipts	\$13,464.10	\$13,639.26	\$13,842.23

EXPENDITURES

Bonds called and cancelled	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Bond interest	3,015.00	3,015.00	2,745.00
Superintendent's salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Asst. Superintendent's salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Tax Collector's salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Accounting	100.00	100.00	200.00
Meters	60.00	27.70	153.00
Electricity	1,100.00	1,001.61	1,100.00
Operating supplies & maintenance	300.00	146.62	200.00
Service connections	250.00	107.73	100.00
Water tests (express charges)	10.00	12.50	15.00
Office supplies & printing	150.00	147.91	100.00
Insurance	125.00	99.75	125.00
Fire alarm maintenance	75.00	111.21	100.00
Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1957	314.00	314.00	404.23
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Total Expenditures	\$13,464.10	\$13,049.13	\$13,842.23

*To be raised by taxes in 1958

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1957

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
Jan. 5, Wilton	Harry L. Duval	25	Rev. E. A. Murphy
	Irma C. Testa	24	Priest
Feb. 9, Amherst	Robino Strachalursi	26	Catherine A. Kruger
	Ruth T. Kelley	28	Justice of Peace
Apr. 12, Amherst	Robert Nathaniel Turner, Jr.	39	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Ellen Frost Tyler	42	Clergyman
Apr. 13, Nashua	Leon Paul Dube	21	Rev. Denis Horan
	Jacqueline Mae Bartlett	20	Priest
June 1, Milford	Ralph Whitney Porter, Jr.	18	Rev. Harold W. Holder
	Carol Ann O'Connor	18	Clergyman
June 30, Milford	Harold Croft Bowley	61	Rev. George B. Higgins
	Cevie Mae Weston	55	Clergyman
Aug. 1, Milford	Harold Norman Dion	26	Rev. W. C. Blankenship
	Anne M. Dube	17	Priest
Aug. 4, Amherst	Merton Raymond Brown	20	Catherine A. Kruger
	Carol Hope Eastman	21	Justice of Peace
Aug. 15, Milford	Walter D. Carr	63	Rev. Harold W. Holder
	Josephine Tyler Farrin	48	Clergyman
Aug. 24, Amherst	William Palmer Long	25	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Sally Louise Spooner	18	Clergyman
Sept. 7, Amherst	Robert Joseph Frost	25	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Joan Clark	24	Clergyman
Sept. 10, Hampton	Charles T. Arnold	22	Rev. Leo Desclos
	Sarah D. Batchelder	21	Priest
Oct. 15, Amherst	Ralph Forace Lund, Jr.	30	Rev. Frank M. Weiskel
	Maureen Patricia Beaudin	23	Clergyman
Oct. 20, Townsend, Mass.	Frank Talcott Brooks	25	Rev. William Mullen
	Lorraine Marchildon	21	Priest
Nov. 2, Amherst	John Salvatore	23	Catherine A. Kruger
	Dorothy Whitney	23	Justice of Peace
Nov. 16, Milford	Gaston R. Simard	21	Rev. W. C. Blankenship
	Lillian M. Jutras	22	Priest
Dec. 28, Nashua	Henry Ellis Harris, Jr.	32	Rev. Paul R. Walker
	Mary Ann O'Neil	28	Clergyman

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1957

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
1953			
Mar. 16, Nashua	Robert Paul	Paul Emile Martineau	Beryl Elizabeth Potter
Mar. 16, Nashua	Laurie Ann	Paul Emile Martineau	Beryl Elizabeth Potter
Aug. 26, Manchester	Debra Ellen	Horace Eber Dean	Margaret Ora Williamson
1957			
Jan. 2, Nashua	Scott Lane	Creeley Shepard Buchanan	Rosamond Eckfeldt
Jan. 6, Manchester	Richard Allen	Harry Bennett Carter	June Pricilla Young
Feb. 5, Nashua	William Charles	Frank Spencer Millward	Ivy Waddilove
Feb. 9, Nashua	Richard Dale	Norman Hall	Ann Elizabeth Morgan
Feb. 26, Nashua	Elizabeth Ann	Robert Cowles Davis	Ann Woodbury
Mar. 15, Lawrence, Mass.	Thomas Leo	Leo Oswald Lutz	Evelyn Maude Sterndale
Mar. 27, Nashua	Arthur George, Jr.	Arthur George Charron	Catherine Veronica Buckley
May 11, Manchester	Larry James	Lawrence Kinder	Rita Pearl Goudreau
May 11, Nashua	Debra Ann	Carlton Lee Carter	Mary Ann Gillogly
May 16, Nashua	Philip Edward	Jesse Frank Hall	Barbara Lorraine Carter
July 3, Nashua	David William	Richard Perkins	Nancy Ann Nesmith
July 3, Nashua	Kenneth Charles	James Estes Jones	Anna Lucilla Moore
July 20, Manchester	Ann Marie	James Parmakian	Nancy Marie Hauser
July 23, Manchester	Kristen Elizabeth	Fosdick Jarvis Smith	Grace Marie Harding
Aug. 3, Nashua	Carol Jean	Edward Arthur Curtis	Marion Rose Pearo
Aug. 4, Manchester	John Edward	Deane Edward Harrington	Anne Theona Gravas
Aug. 10, Nashua	Joan Cheryl	Clarence William Davis	Pauline Louise Hobart
Sept. 9, Nashua	Donald Douglas, Jr.	Donald Douglas Poirier	Leona Juliette Rioux
Sept. 17, Nashua	Chris Bradley	Hollis Elmer Harrington, Jr.	Jane Bradley
Oct. 7, Nashua	John Malcolm	John Malcolm Steele	Cecelia Veronica McEntee
Oct. 20, Nashua	Kevin Paul	Fady Cauthien Judy	Elizabeth M. Neary
Oct. 28, Nashua	Debra Marie	Everett Duncan Stickney	Virgie Lillian Williams
Oct. 30, Nashua	Douglas Paul	William Page Magoon	Margaret Elizabeth Brazier
Nov. 11, Nashua	Colin Keith	William Harris Beach	Margaret Helen Burleigh
Nov. 22, Nashua	Duncan Libby	Lawrence Allan Carlsmith	Dorothy Ann Libby
Nov. 24, Nashua	David Michael	Harold Norman Dion	Anne Marie Dube
Nov. 26, Nashua	Gerald Wayne	Raymond Lucien Desmarais	Leora Ella Haight
Nov. 27, Manchester	Susan Marie	Raymond John Roberts	Carmel Maria Pinsonneault
Dec. 29, Nashua	Sarah Jane	Edwin Fenton Hall	Anna Katherine Lane

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1957

Date and Place	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1954				
Jan. 6, E. Derry	Charles Elmer White	63	Charles H. White	Clara Emerson
1955				
Nov. 5, Manchester	James Rosswaag		Richard C. Rosswaag	Margaret M. Melanson
1956				
Feb. 6, Nashua	Ida L. Johnson	57	John Hendrickson	Ida Mattison
1957				
Jan. 2, Nashua	Madelaine Mawhinney	70	Robert Moses	Lettie Whalen
Jan. 15, Nashua	Celia Fulton	85	Moses Adams	Susan Butler
Jan. 16, Nashua	Battista Adamo	59	John Adamo	Angela -----
Feb. 5, Amherst	Ernest Delude	65	Joseph Delude	Exina Scott
Feb. 17, Amherst	Robert S. Weaver	79	Charles H. Weaver	Frances Harvey
Feb. 22, Concord	John M. White	72	Obed White	Renev Stanton
Feb. 28, South Merrimack	Elizabeth M. Wheeler	77	Daniel MacNeill	Annie Irvine
Mar. 5, New Boston	Emma Sophia Lundgren	82	U/K	U/K
Mar. 12, Amherst	Hattie Moore Hartshorn	93	Frank Hartshorn	Elizabeth P. Knight
Apr. 2, Milford	Louise Lockwood Locke	68	Robert J. Ford	Martha L. Dyer
Apr. 10, Goffstown	Joseph Burgeson	85	U/K	U/K
Apr. 25, Milford	Harry Boutelle	87	Horace S. Boutelle	Martha Trow
May 27, Nashua	Thomas L. Reilly	81	James Reilly	Nancy S. Harvell
June 14, Boston, Mass.	Andrew J. Raymond	58	John W. Raymond	Henrietta Colster
June 19, Nashua	Emma Adelaide Nohle	73	William E. Alexander	Emma Keith
June 19, Amherst	Leroy M. Odell	59	Percy M. Odell	Clara Hammond
July 14, Amherst	Lulu May Lord	68	Frederic W. Sargent	Mary Jane Tyrell
July 28, Amherst	Jane Livermore Wells	58	William W. Livermore	Mary Wickham
July 30, Chelsea, Mass.	Mary T. Mesle	36	George C. Thompson	Hattie L. Stockton
Sept. 15, Boston, Mass.	Ulysses C. Chambers	86	Joshua Chambers	Samira C. Hawks
Sept. 16, Nashua	Prescott P. Thompson	82	George Thompson	Elizabeth Kilton
Oct. 10, Amherst	Fred William Hubbard	77	Engene C. Hubbard	Addie F. Noyes
Nov. 28, Amherst	Clara Louise Reynolds	90	James E. Bailey	Lucey A. Gould
Dec. 3, Nashua	Martha Emily Grundel	49	Gustave Krutzke	Marie -----

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>
1956			
Dec. 15, Turners Falls, Mass.	Walter J. Holohan	62	St. Patrick's
1957			
Jan. 8	O'Connor		
Jan. 16, Milford	Francis L. Boutelle	79	Meadowview
Jan. 16	Doyle		
Feb. 6, Maryland	Arthur Leslie Saywell	83	Meadowview
Mar. 12, Wakefield, Mass.	Elsa Kellough Hewitt	62	Meadowview
Mar. 27, Stoneham, Mass.	Bernard Leroy Bacon	53	Meadowview
Apr. 11, Nashua	William Bruce Hanson		Meadowview
Apr. 28, Pepperell, Mass.	Frederick A. Hill	71	Meadowview
June 3, Medford, Mass.	Walter J. O'Connell	67	St. Patrick's
June 22, N. Weare	Ruth Arlene Young	52	Chestnut Hill
July 30, Goffstown	John Doyle	62	St. Patrick's
Aug. 3, W. Bridge-water, Mass.	Maude M. Prescott	84	Meadowview
Aug. 31, Nashua	John F. McGuire	66	St. Patrick's
Sept. 6, Laconia	Mary T. Scully	87	St. Patrick's
Oct. 4, Saugus, Mass.	Eva Kazick	73	St. Patrick's
Oct. 9, Manchester	Harry T. Chandler	82	Chestnut Hill
Oct. 23, Milford	Daniel James Cahill	84	St. Patrick's
Oct. 25, Pepperell, Mass.	Margaret Jane Conley	67	St. Patrick's
Nov. 3, Nashua	Jennie May Murray	46	Chestnut Hill
Nov. 26, Nashua	Catherine Lovejoy	84	St. Patrick's
Nov. 28, Nashua	Katherine C. Comolli	76	St. Patrick's
Dec. 12, Foxboro, Mass.	John Prescott	79	Meadowview

One by one we miss the handclasps
 That so warm a welcome gave,
 One by one the voice is silenced
 In the stillness of the grave.

One by one we miss the faces
 Of the "loved ones to us blest"
 One by one 'neath names are written
 "Ceased from labor, home at rest."

Report of
Ways and Means Committee

REPORT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

February 21, 1958

The Ways and Means Committee has considered carefully each item in the Town and School Budgets and the Warrants. We have consulted with the Selectmen, School Board, and other town officials, individuals, and committee chairmen. Special consideration has been given to some of the more controversial articles of the Warrant, in an effort to arrive at recommendations which will prove most beneficial to the Town and yet keep to a minimum the necessary increase in expenditures which an inflationary economy promotes. We should like to express our appreciation of the sincere cooperation which all members of the Town have afforded us.

TOWN WARRANT

Article 1

No comment is necessary.

Article 2

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as noted. We have the following comment on some of those items where increases have been requested:

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES: This is raised this year because of additional poll expenses always incurred in years of biennial elections. It is the same as that of the previous election year, 1956.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: The requested \$100 increase covers the expense of additional hours of police protection and traffic duty on principal through routes of the Town during the summer months.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: This is up since the Fire Department, at the suggestion of this Committee last year,

now includes the purchase of hose, nozzles, and other equipment when needed, as part of their annual budgeted expense. The Department is continuing this year its program of acquiring new hose to replace that which is old and worn out. Included also is the amount of \$362 for the installation of a new oil burner in the Fire Station last month.

BLISTER RUST AND CARE OF TREES: The Tree Committee report, which emphasizes the rapid advance of the Dutch Elm Disease, is self-explanatory. This committee has previously recommended a continuing program of tree maintenance and replanting, for it is evident that the town will lose much of its beauty and attraction if a regular scheme of preservation and replacement of our shade trees is not supported by budgeted appropriation.

CIVIL DEFENSE: We recommend this be cut to \$50 since no budget has been presented to substantiate the request for \$150, and since the Director of Civil Defense feels that \$50 will be sufficient.

OILING ROADS: Present oiling costs are approximately \$600 per mile, and it is anticipated that between 13 and 15 miles of road will be oiled this year. In view of expected cost increases of raw materials, we believe the sum requested is reasonable.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE: The additional amount requested is for increases in wages and cost of supplies.

TOWN POOR AND OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: The increases requested are to cover anticipated expenses of cases presently being handled by the Town.

Articles 3 and 4

We recommend approval.

Article 5

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

Article 6

We recommend approval. This is a continuation of the long-range program for improvement of black-topped roads as recommended by this committee in previous years. Expenditures this year are for elimination of curves and reduction of grades on the Baboosic Road.

Article 7

We recommend approval. As anticipated in our report of last year, the continued repair of the under-sized grader purchased eight years ago by the Town has become an uneconomic proposition. Such expenditures and the rental of heavier equipment last year came to more than \$2,000. It is anticipated that similar expenses will be required on an increasing scale in 1958 and subsequent years. Investigation of the type of equipment which other towns in the State have indicates almost all villages own one machine capable of heavy snow removal and road maintenance. Amherst does not now have such a machine and is forced to rent one from other towns when available, to keep certain town roads open. Furthermore, some maintenance is now not being undertaken because of the lack of adequate equipment.

In view of the present competitive price situation in the road machinery industry, we believe that this year is a most advantageous time to purchase a new grader. The allowance now being given on the old one is substantially greater than offered last year, and we feel is undoubtedly larger than any which may be quoted next year when our present grader is a year older and manufacturers' inventories of such equipment lower. We believe the grader recommended by the Road Agent to be the best suited for the work required, and the lowest priced of the three bids submitted. The list price, delivered, of this Austin-Western Model 88-L, four-wheel drive Diesel Grader, complete

with Bulldozer Blade and Snow Plow Wing, is:	\$18,993 00
Less trade-in on present Adams Grader	2,500 00
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Net price of grader	\$16,493 00
Amount available in Grader Fund	1,744 18
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Net cost to Town	\$14,748 82

It is anticipated that the Town will borrow this money at interest rates of approximately 2½% and repay the loan at the rate of \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year over the next four years.

Article 8

In view of the great progress already made in renovating and improving the Town Hall through the program of regular appropriations in recent years, we recommend that this Article be combined with Article 13 and that for both a total amount of \$1,000 be raised and appropriated to be spent by the Selectmen in consultation with the Town Hall Committee on those projects, such as painting, new tables, curtain, etc., which they consider most urgent, with the balance deferred until subsequent years' appropriations for this purpose.

Article 9

We recommend disapproval in view of the already large increase in budgeted town expenses this year. We would hope that this worth-while improvement might be undertaken as a cooperative project of one or more of the Town's civic groups.

Article 10

We recommend disapproval. Petitioners imply that this road will stimulate the building of one or more houses in the area in 1958. In view of the substantial expense involved in repairing the present road, and its eventual maintenance, we do not feel that the town should undertake this added responsibility until some

positive evidence of such new construction is at hand. In such event, we would then recommend that the restriction "subject to gates and bars" be removed only to such point as may be convenient for access to new construction.

Article 11

Since this article was presented too late for adequate study, we are not in a position to provide approval. In view of the fact that there are alternative methods of compensating Town Tax Collectors in this State, we suggest that the Selectmen study this question this year and include in next year's budget a recommended method and amount.

Article 12

We have no objection to this Article, but recommend if Article 14 is approved that the study be undertaken by the Planning Board, so that an additional overlapping town committee may be avoided. We also call attention to the fact that the acquisition, development, and maintenance of such an area can only mean eventual permanent increase in the operating expenses of the Town.

Article 13

We recommend inclusion with Article 8.

Article 14

We recommend approval.

SCHOOL WARRANT

Articles 1 through 7

No comment necessary.

Article 8

We recommend approval of the School Budget except as noted, and have the following comments:

ADMINISTRATION: All of the items covered by

this heading are determined by the School Union, and the figures herein shown represent Amherst's share. Slight increases represent our proportion of larger salaries and expenses voted by the Union this year.

INSTRUCTION: The Amherst School Board in conjunction with the Milford Board has again studied the question of teachers' salaries and has developed a new scale to reflect increases given in other New England states. They have planned a schedule which provides for percentage increase on an annual basis, which we believe to be an equitable system. Since Amherst rates are now above average for the State, but in line with Milford and surrounding towns, we recommend the new schedule. The scale of teachers' salaries has risen regularly in the last several years for obvious reasons which are familiar to everyone. Our continuing inflationary economy indicates that further increases will be necessary in the future. In order that the District may continue to secure the best instruction for the funds available, we recommend that the School Board undertake immediately the study of a merit system for teachers' compensation and report on such study at next year's meeting.

BOOKS AND SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES: These amounts are always figured on a per-student basis, and the increase proposed this year is due to a larger number of students in the schools.

JANITORIAL SERVICES: Increase here is due to the hiring of a new janitor and the establishment of a mutually acceptable salary plan.

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT: Increase on this item due to increased charges by local suppliers for service on such items as plumbing, heating, etc.

HEALTH SUPERVISION: Increase here due to raise

in pay to school district nurse of which Amherst's share is \$100.

TUITION: The present rate charged by Milford per pupil is \$310.31, slightly under last year. Amherst expects to send 114 pupils to Milford next year.

RETIREMENT: Increase here is due entirely to increase in teachers' salaries and the school district's share of their retirement fund.

INSURANCE: We recommend that the school district save a substantial amount of money this year and in the future by placing all their insurance with one mutual insurance company, as recommended by the Insurance Committee a few years ago.

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS: The sum of \$900 is requested in accordance with previous recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee to provide a permanent program for improvements to grounds and buildings. The sum this year is to be spent on the fence on the east side of the Clark School, a grading job at the Brick School, repairs to sidewalks at Clark School, and the painting of two rooms and the hall at the Clark School and two halls at the Brick School.

Article 9

We recommend approval of this article, as we believe it will place our relations with Milford on a more permanent basis and allow both towns to undertake longer-range planning for the provision of an improved educational system and plant. We further recommend that in negotiating the contract, provision be included for participation by the Amherst School Board in the determination of the educational standards established for the High School.

Article 10

After careful consideration of all the factors in-

volved, we recommend that in view of the recent changes in personnel and the plans and activity of the Principal for improved administration in both the Clark and Brick Schools, the hiring of an additional full-time teacher be deferred at least until next year to see how the present system works out.

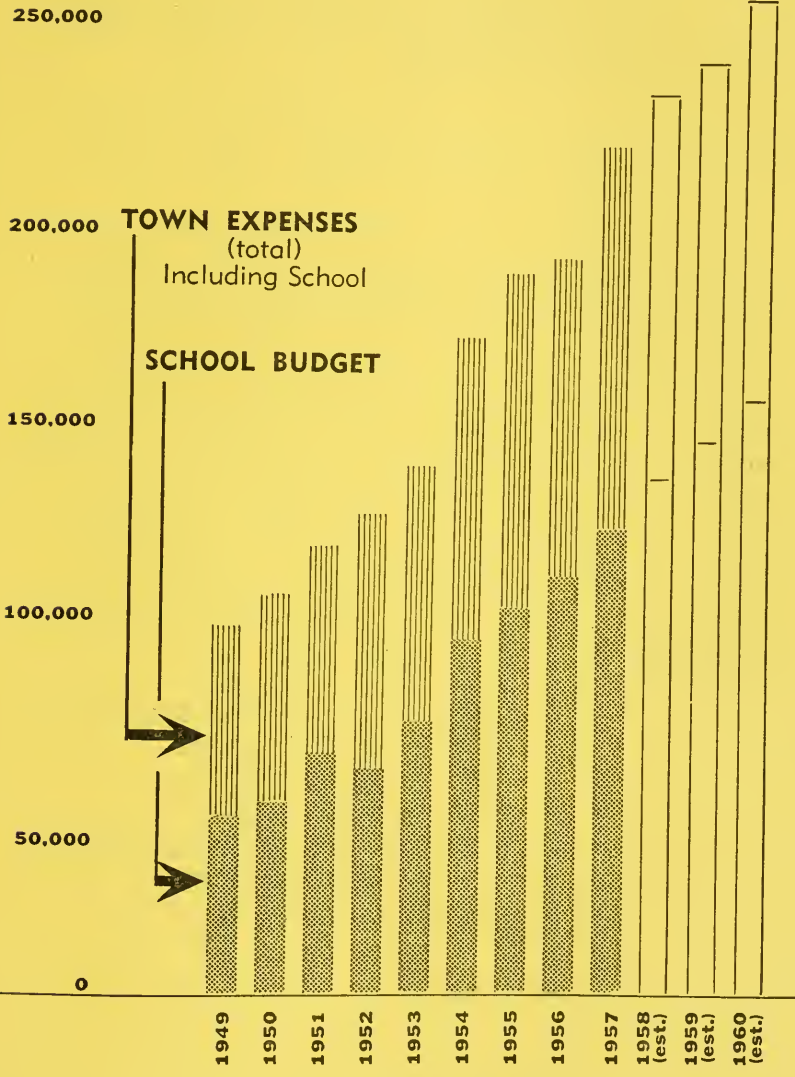
We feel it the responsibility of this Committee to call special attention to the graph on next page showing the persistently rapid rise of town and school expenditures in the past ten years and the inevitability of their continued increase in an inflationary economy.

As our society becomes more complex and sophisticated in its needs for education and the administration of town affairs, the expense of providing for such needs apparently grows disproportionately to increases in assessed valuation. In reviewing this year's budget requests, we have tried to give consideration to the desires of all segments of the town, not only for increased services but also to keep local tax bills within reason. This is the constant difficulty with which the Ways and Means Committee is always faced. The causes are invariably worthy, the needs obviously apparent, but each additional expense approved inexorably raises the total and intensifies the problem. On occasion where budget requests have been reduced or eliminated in some effort to hold the line, votes at town meeting have often restored the cuts.

In a town such as Amherst with an extremely narrow tax base and little likelihood of expanding it, we must now realize that the only result of increasing demands for better education and improved town services will be substantially larger tax bills. It makes little difference whether the assessed valuation is increased to 40 or 60 per cent of full value or the tax rate rises to over \$100 a thousand as it inevitably must.

EXPENSES

(in dollars)



The fact of the matter is that unless we want to live with constantly increasing real estate taxes, we must:

(1) Reduce drastically town and school expenses – a virtually impossible task in the face of present-day living standards and inflation.

(2) Secure assistance from the State in the form of returns from new Sales, Income, or other Taxes, to relieve the load on local realty taxes.

(3) Seriously consider whether we can continue to afford the duplicating expenses of separate town governments in a relatively small geographic area. There are virtually no other places left in this country where this system still prevails. In short, harsh economic facts may well be forcing us to consolidate with neighboring towns, not only our schools as we do today, but also other services such as town administration, fire, police, and public works, etc. It does not appear too early to initiate now a study of the advantages to be gained from such consolidation in an effort to provide more efficient administration of local governmental expenses. This might well become a continuing project for the Planning Board proposed in Article 14.

JOHN H. MORISON, Chairman
LAWRENCE C. HALL
ERNEST L. WARREN
ROLAND K. FRASER
LINWOOD G. HUNTINGTON
G. KENNETH EATON
ROBERT MacLEOD

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For the Year Ending June 30, 1957

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, School Board	Term Expires 1958
Mr. Curtis Worthen, School Board	Term Expires 1959
Mr. Prentice Shethar, School Board	Term Expires 1960
Mr. Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher
Mrs. Charlotte M. Dreyer	Clerk and Treasurer
Mr. Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Alexandre Law, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N.	School Nurse
Mrs. Dorothy Davis	Truant Officer

School Calendar for 1957-58

Begin	Close
Wed., September 4, 1957	Friday, December 20, 1957
Monday, January 6, 1958	Friday, February 21, 1958
Monday, March 3, 1958	Friday, April 25, 1958
Mon., May 5, 1958	Approx., Wed., June 13, 1958

Holidays:

- October 17-18 – Teachers' Convention
- November 28-29 – Thanksgiving
- School closes at 12:15 P. M., November 27
- May 30 – Memorial Day

School Calendar for 1958-59

Begin	Close
Wed., September 3, 1958	Friday, December 19, 1958
Monday, January 5, 1959	Friday, February 20, 1959
Monday, March 2, 1959	Friday, April 24, 1959
Monday, May 4, 1959	Approx., Thurs., June 11, 1959

Holidays:

- October 16-17 – Teachers' Convention
- November 27-28 – Thanksgiving
- School closes at 12:15 P. M., November 26

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 7th day of March 1958, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate an exclusive contract with Milford to take our tuition pupils for a five-year period at the rates charged by Milford within the limits permitted by law.

10. (By Petition) To see if the district will vote the funds necessary to hire an additional full-time teacher in order to relieve the Principal for full-time duty.

11. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 17th day of February, 1958.

DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
CURTIS R. WORTHEN,
PRENTICE SHETHAR, Jr.,
School Board.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1957

EXPENDITURES

Current Expenditures	\$109,087	42
Capital Outlay:		
Additions and Improvements	900	00
Debt and Interest	10,710	77
Total Appropriation	-----	\$120,698 19

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance, June 30, 1957 (Est.)	\$	
State Aid (Est.)	\$	2,000 00
Federal Aid (Est.)		1,500 00
Trust Funds (Est.)		430 00
Assessment Required to Meet		
School District Appropriation	116,768	19
Total Appropriation	-----	\$120,698 19

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the School District of Amherst held March 8, 1957.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957)

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer,
In account with the School District of Amherst.

Dr.

Balance as per last report	\$ 4,049 67
Board of Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation as of March 1956	100,068 67
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	2,000 00
Federal Funds	1,311 89
Other:	
Trust Funds	415 29
Other Income	220 96
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TOTAL	\$108,066 48

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Payments on order of School Board	\$108,050 82
Cash on Hand June 30, 1957	15 66
Total	\$108,066 48

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts.)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

AMHERST SCHOOL BUDGET

EXPENDITURE BY ITEMS

	Adopted Budget 1956-57	Actual Payments 1956-57	Adopted Budget 1957-58	Proposed Budget 1958-59
Administration:				
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	963.50	963.50	994.50	1,100.00
Per Capita Tax	784.00	784.00	748.00	798.00
Salaries other Administrative Personnel	1,038.50	1,038.50	1,158.86	1,335.00
Administration	561.50	674.60	607.70	610.00
Instruction:				
Teachers' Salaries	45,200.00	44,504.13	48,100.00	53,480.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	1,260.00	909.60	1,280.00	1,360.00
Scholars' Supplies	1,575.00	817.85	1,600.00	1,700.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	725.00	561.66	725.00	800.00
Operation of the School Plant:				
Janitorial Services	3,345.00	3,693.49	3,500.00	3,700.00
Fuel or Heat	2,100.00	1,922.63	2,100.00	2,100.00
Water, Light, Janitor's Supplies	1,250.00	1,613.39	1,350.00	1,600.00
Maintenance of the School Plant:				
Repairs and Replacements	300.00	413.74	300.00	400.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
Health Supervision	649.94	637.55	740.00	839.80
Transportation	10,500.00	10,504.05	13,000.00	13,000.00
Tuition	18,000.00	17,915.00	26,381.55	35,375.34
Special Activities	200.00	22.78	200.00	200.00
Fixed Charges:				
Retirement	3,064.87	3,071.51	3,403.22	4,068.70
Insurance	989.64	1,083.15	1,066.59	1,089.64

Capital Outlay:					
Additions and Improvements to Bldgs.				900.00	900.00
New Equipment	2,100.00	3,482.27	664.33	00.00	00.00
	620.00				
Other Charges:					
Principal of Debt	10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,000.00
Interest on Debt	989.39	964.26		710.77	482.44
Contingency	1,500.00	1,476.83		1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Expenditures					
Estimates or Actual Receipts	<u>\$108,048.34</u>	<u>\$108,050.82</u>		<u>\$120,698.19</u>	<u>\$134,770.92</u>
	7,979.67			3,930.00	4,420.00
Estimated or Actual Amount to be Raised and Appropriated	<u>\$100,068.67</u>			<u>\$116,768.19</u>	<u>\$130,350.92</u>

DOROTHY DAVIS,
CURTIS WORTHEN,
PRENTICE SHETHAR, JR.,
School Board.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

There are few expressions more frustrating, annoying, or valueless than "I told you so." That very reaction, however, occurred spontaneously to your board as the total of the new budget was tallied. You are advised to round up the annual reports of the last ten years to understand and to accept the amount requested to be raised and appropriated to run our schools in 1958-59.

Comment and explanation are in order for item 6, teachers' salaries, and for item 17, tuition cost.

As there seems to have been considerable confusion over the years in granting teacher-pay increase, we recommend that it be done on a percentage basis depending upon the training and the years of service. This method of payment will establish a standard procedure to follow in the future years and will give the more experienced teachers more equitable remuneration than the usual dollar increase across the board. It was found that ten years ago the average increase per year was approximately 4% and this is the figure we suggest. Using \$3,500.00 as a base of 100% the first year for those with a bachelor's degree, we suggest a 4% increase per year up to a maximum of 124% at the end of seven years. Base rates for those with a master's degree would be \$3,780.00 and those with less than a bachelor's degree \$3,220.00.

We feel that \$3,500.00 is the minimum starting salary at which we can expect to hire teachers of the caliber we would prefer to have in the school system, and is not out of line with other towns in the area. It should be brought to your attention also that the average teacher's salary in New Hampshire is \$3,890.00 a year compared with the national average of \$4,520.00, and that teachers are leaving the state at the rate of

575 per year. Of this group more than a third are going to other states for better pay, a sizable percentage are leaving teaching for jobs with better incomes, and 10% will retire.

As the number of tuition pupils to Milford High School grows, naturally the cost must likewise. Again the Milford Board is charging us what it costs to educate each high school pupil. The rate has dropped about \$7.00 per pupil, but the number has moved up from a little more than 80 of this year to about 114 pupils for September.

We have been advised by the State Board of Education to secure a vote by the School District on permission to arrange for a five year contract with the Milford School District. Milford has a similar article in its warrant, thus establishing mutual understanding and security.

The School Lunch Program under the management of Mrs. Lynn Marlatt and Mrs. Ervin Flandreau is enjoying the most successful year in its history. While the Amherst P.T.A. dropped its sponsorship this fall, continued interest in this outstanding project was shown in the appointment of Mrs. Eric Hare to arrange for volunteer daily help from its members, the printing of menus in the Milford Cabinet, as well as the purchase of needed equipment. Your board appreciates the use of the kitchen facilities and the dining room at the Town Hall and the subsidies in heat, light and oil.

Notice should be made of the reroofing of the Brick School last summer. By May the board had determined that the condition of the roof was such that the wooden shingles were splitting and curling and being blown off to such a degree that immediate steps had to be taken. The cost of the new roof was met in part from the balance in last year's budget and the \$500.00 raised and appropriated for interior painting in the present working budget. Thus was ended a topic of discussion for

the Ways and Means and interested citizens for the past decade or so.

The board is well aware of considerable discussion on the subject of part-time teaching principal versus administrative principal. No one accepts more readily the premise that the latter would tend to improve the standards, the organization, and the instruction in our schools. The board, nonetheless, is not suggesting such a move, which would mean hiring a 13th teacher, for a variety of reasons. We can cite three leading reasons, the increasing national teacher-shortage makes manning the present staff of 12 a real task for the Superintendent, the yearly increase in the asking salary of June graduates jumps the salaries of those already in the system and so adds to the total budget, and finally, the present setup of 11 teachers and a part-time teaching principal and an enrollment of under 350 pupils is workable.

Should the School Meeting believe it necessary, the Population Growth Committee or a special committee could study the subject of a full-time versus a part-time principal, and bring in a recommendation in 1959. The board also suggests that the first named committee analyze the projected number of pupils for the next three to four years in reference to the size of the rooms on the second floor of the Brick School.

A note of appreciation is in order each year for the interest and work of our teachers and school nurse, the art and music supervisors, and Helping Teacher, Miss Connolly, and Superintendent Bowley. Too often we take for granted their sustained attention to our children. We were indeed sorry that Principal Everett O. Rockwell resigned at the half-year. Such an interruption of leadership is disturbing to the system as a whole, but the board is confident that the year will be completed successfully with Lionel DeLacey as principal and Mrs. Dwight Richardson as teacher of Grades 5-6.

Another change has taken place in the resignation of William Wells as janitor for the past nine years. We wish him many years of health and leisure in his retirement. John Bowler has assumed the entire work of janitor, the board having released A. J. Godin, the assistant custodian of the Clark School.

Your board realizes that nationally the public schools are being subjected to more scrutiny and criticism than has been apparent in many years. If Sputnik and the rumored reputation of the Russian School System can break the apathy and the opposition among U. S. citizens to our schools, then it is an ill wind that is not stirring enlightened discussions with resulting progress.

Again we invite your serious study of the needs and problems of the public school in your little town, and request your cooperation in meeting the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS, Chairman
CURTIS R. WORTHEN
PRENTICE SHETHAR, Secretary

ADMINISTRATION

I herewith present my nineteenth Annual Report. It includes this discussion and other reports herewith.

A. Teachers

Changes have been in order since the last report. We register the loss of Mrs. Paire and Mrs. Knight for this school year. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Wheeler fill those places. Then, most recently, Mr. Rockwell requested and was granted release to accept a far more lucrative position. We wish him and his non-returning colleagues all the best of everything. Mr. DeLacey was promoted to the Principalship and Mrs. Lucy Richardson chosen to take his place as teacher. We appreciate the continuity of instruction which prevails in the majority of Amherst's rooms. That is very valuable. But change is inevitable and we have to learn to live with it.

The last change occurred in a part-time position. Mr. William Childs had to leave his two day per week work in Art to enter the Service. Mr. Ralph Parente is his successor.

Throughout this Union, we have been trying to reach a basis for teachers' salaries. With changing and upward revisions nearly every year, we could easily find ourselves in the unenviable position of paying a beginning teacher (because we had to have her) more than or the same as one already on the staff with more experience. So, one of our members made an analysis when we had more stable conditions and discovered that, with a four-year degree, teachers' salaries advanced 4% of the base per year with each year of experience until a maximum was reached. For instance, if the base was \$2,500 for a beginner, her second-year salary was \$2,600 and the third \$2,700, etc. Salaries for teachers with less than this Bachelor's degree and those with Master's degrees were compared with the base and found to be respectively 8% less and 8%

more in each year of experience. Therefore, it was only necessary to determine the beginning salary and all salaries would be whatever percentage of that base the teacher's experience warranted.

B. Enrollments

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Grade 1	38	39	39	41	32
Grade 2	53	38	39	39	41
Grade 3	41	53	38	39	39
Grade 4	42	41	53	38	39
Grade 5	42	42	41	53	38
Grade 6	46	42	42	41	53
Grade 7	38	46	42	42	41
Grade 8	35	38	46	42	42
	<hr/> 335	<hr/> 339	<hr/> 340	<hr/> 335	<hr/> 325

These projections are compiled from Census reports and present enrollment. Without any attempt to guarantee them in the future, they should indicate what accommodations you must provide for the next five years. Comparison with this year's enrollment of 342 gives some help, too.

C. Costs

Each year the State Department of Education is authorized to fix maximum liability for tuition. For Grades 9-12, the liability this year is \$410 per pupil, next year \$367; for Grades 1-8, \$251 and \$232. The reduction is due to a change in the law governing the computations. Tuition is chargeable at these rates or lower if the receiving district has a lower rate and a 2% rental charge, as approved by the State Board of Education, may be added.

Milford's rates to you are \$317.85 and \$190.00 for the present year; \$310.31 and \$200.00 for next year.

D. Appreciations

I am very appreciative of the splendid work of the Teachers, the understanding and interest of the School Board and the cooperation of the community toward making good schools better.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

February 3, 1958

OUR HELPING TEACHER

In this year's report to you who are interested in education in Union No. 40 I would like to mention the work being done by our teachers in locating our gifted children and providing for their special abilities. We realize there is a need for a definite program which will help them do an even better job, and one is now in the process of evolution. Two other areas of concern to all — science and arithmetic — should also be brought to your attention.

The Gifted

We consider as gifted any child with superior intelligence or some special talent or ability. We feel that it is his right to be allowed and encouraged to develop such powers to the utmost. Through our testing and with guidance starting in the first grade these children with special needs are located and a program is adopted to their needs. We now have the nucleus of a library which has already supplied enrichment for the many children throughout the union who have advanced reading ability. These books are on a loan basis and are in constant circulation, especially during the last half of the year when these pupils have read everything available in their classrooms. Other books, materials and ideas are available in other subject areas for pupil projects, research and reports. The teachers are to be congratulated on the fine work they are doing with these children in spite of all the extra time also involved in helping the slow-learners in the class.

Science

We have no way of adequately measuring the quantity or the quality of the science program within this union. In fact there is no co-ordinated program, as such, due mainly to the lack of an up-to-date program of studies usually suggested by the State Department

of Education. However, such a program is now in the process of study with two of our teachers on the state-wide Science and Arithmetic Committee. We should have something very definite by another year for all grades. Even though not following a "state outline" we do have a great deal of science being taught in every school, and being well taught.

Arithmetic

An excerpt from the January 1958 Helping Teacher's Bulletin (Union No. 40) in a report to the teachers gives some indication of the work being done in this area.

"As a whole, the results of the arithmetic tests were quite satisfactory in that on a union-wide basis they equaled or surpassed the National norm. Very few weak spots were found among the several towns — Granted the test results show we are doing well in the area of mathematics, we shall do better and for two very good reasons: because we want to improve and because we are just completing the adoption of some of the best methods and materials for the teaching of arithmetic.

"It is interesting to note some of the results already evident, in that for the first time to my knowledge the arithmetic reasoning scores are higher than are the fundamentals. This is true in 20 out of 24 final scores. We want pupils to first make full use of their intelligence through reasoning and understanding of numbers so that the memorization of number facts and fundamental processes can be truly effective.

"Actually, of the seven grades tested (3-9) throughout the Union the average norm is three months higher than the national norm, as compared with the average reading norm of seven months above the national norm in Grades 1-9. Without sacrificing our splendid gains in reading we hope the next round of arithmetic tests three years hence will show an equal superiority.

“Presumably the contributions to science and mathematics will come from the upper fifth of most any class. It is encouraging to note that the range of arithmetic achievement in this group in grade seven runs from 8.5 to 10.5, in grade eight from 9.5 to 11.5, in grade nine from 10.8 to 14.5. We are moving in the right direction!”

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the parents, teachers and principals, members of the school boards, and Mr. Bowley for their cooperation in our mutual endeavor for better education for our children.

Respectfully,
MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the School Board, Superintendent of Schools, and Citizens of Amherst:

I present herewith my 4th annual report of the Amherst Elementary Schools.

We have 342 students in school divided into 12 classes for an average of 29 per room. Three classes are double grades and eight are straight. Four of the twelve are carried on in modern classrooms.

Of the twelve teachers, six went to summer sessions. Willingness to advance and to use their individual talents to advance your school is quite evident.

From 1929 to 1938 and in 1953 and 1955 principal's reports encouraged parents to visit school. Now in 1958 may we extend another invitation. Parents, P. T. A., and School must work very closely to get the most for each tax dollar. We must know enough about our school to stand by it, promote it, and support its priceless contribution. This was one of the assets of the neighborhood one-room school house. We have come up with no satisfactory substitute for the closeness of the home and the one-room school.

Your Hot Lunch Program under Mrs. Marlatt and Mrs. Flandreau is in good shape. John Bowler is working into his job to replace Mr. Wells and Mr. Godin who worked hard for the schools. Mr. Engel is making progress with the instrumental music program. Miss Wheeler's music program is getting stretched thinner each year. Our testing program shows that we are succeeding in teaching the fundamentals.

Schools are everyone's problem and I want to express my appreciation to our Faculty, School Board, Superintendent, Miss Connolly, the P.T.A., and all parents and citizens of Amherst. Bidy and I say our sojourn here was too short. I want to offer my thanks to Mr. DeLacey for his help and wish him great success.

EVERETT O. ROCKWELL,
Principal.

SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING MARCH 8, 1957

Meeting was called to order by Creeley S. Buchanan, Moderator at 8:05 p. m. Rev. Frank M. Weiskel offered prayer.

The Moderator asked if there were no objections he would dispense with the reading of the Warrant. No objections.

Article 1. Creeley S. Buchanan was unanimously elected Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. Charlotte M. Dreyer was unanimously elected School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Charlotte M. Dreyer was unanimously elected School Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 4. Dorothy J. Davis was unanimously elected member of School Board for one year. Prentice Shethar was unanimously elected member of School Board for three years.

Article 5. Curtis Worthen moved this article be passed — to take it up under School Budget. So moved.

Article 6. Curtis Worthen moved this article be passed because there were no oral reports. Carried. Amendment by Dorothy Davis to accept reports as printed in Town Report. Carried.

Article 7. George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon were unanimously elected to serve as Auditors for the School District.

Article 8. Dorothy J. Davis gave a detailed explanation of each item on the budget from 1 to 18 incl. Explanation was given under item No. 14 — due to a typographical error, amount should be \$1,350. Also an explanation under item No. 16 — transportation will be \$1,000 less than printed. Curtis Worthen itemized and explained items from 19-27. Moved that the district raise and appropriate \$120,698.19 for the support of schools, for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the applica-

tion against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation with balance – to be raised by taxes by the town. Carried. William C. Vose moved that no money be raised or appropriated under item No. 23 – New Equipment. Carried.

Article 9. Randolph Kruger moved to have the School committee explore means of summarizing their budget similar to that of the Town. By printing appropriation above each expenditure. Carried.

Roland Fraser suggested an extra column might be added showing these amounts.

Alfred Conrad inquired about children attending schools in Amherst who were not residents of Amherst but who were in the School District of Amherst. He suggested having the representatives petition the Legislature to have boundaries changed. Not carried.

Richard Smith asked that the Amherst School District express its appreciation to Kenneth Goodwin for the years of faithful and unselfish service rendered to the Town and School District. Mr. Goodwin was given a rising vote and a hearty round of applause.

Dorothy J. Davis asked to have appreciation shown to Catherine A. Kruger for serving as School Clerk and Treasurer since 1946. Rising vote was given.

Hermon Anderson asked to have a vote of thanks given to School Board for their services rendered, rising vote of thanks was given to the members.

Moved to adjourn at 10:05 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Clerk of Amherst School District.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF
AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD**

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$108,066 48
TOTAL PAYMENTS	108,050 82

Cash Balance, June 30, 1957	\$ 15 66

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$ 1,311 89
State Aid:	
School Building Aid	2,000 00
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	100,068 67
From Sources Other Than Taxation:	
Trust Funds	415 29
Other Receipts	220 96
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$104,016 81
Cash on Hand July 1, 1956	4,049 67
GRAND TOTAL	\$108,066 48

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts.)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Dorothy Davis, School Board	\$75 00	
Kenneth Goodwin, School Board	56 25	
Prentice Shethar, School Board	18 75	
Curtis Worthen, School Board	75 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer	75 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Clerk	6 00	
Creeley Buchanan, Moderator	6 00	
Orson Bragdon, Auditor	10 00	
George Howard, Auditor	10 00	
	-----	\$332 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	963 50
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3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita Tax	784 00
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4. Salaries of Other Administration Personnel:

Dorothy Davis, Census Enumerator	\$ 50 00	
Dorothy Davis, Truant Officer	25 00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office clerk and Helping Teacher	963 50	
	-----	1,038 50

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office expenses and travel	\$512 50	
1956-57 School Board Dues	10 00	
Conference expenses, advertising, printing, etc.	152 10	
	-----	674 60

INSTRUCTION

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

Charlotte Boutelle	\$3,400 00
Rachel Brown	3,400 00

Alice Carpenter	3,200 00	
William Childs	1,280 00	
Lionel DeLacey	3,500 00	
Eva Gagnon	3,400 00	
Sarah Greenhalgh	3,400 00	
Alden Hoyt	3,100 00	
Elma Kittredge	3,400 00	
Wilene Knight	3,100 00	
Mary McGee	3,600 00	
Dorothy Paire	3,400 00	
Everett Rockwell	4,700 00	
Elsie Wheeler	650 00	
Mrs. Otto Neugebauer	50 00	
Mrs. Lucy Richardson	140 00	
Mrs. Harold Wilkins, Jr.	130 00	
Alfred Engel	567 30	
Other	86 83	
	*** -----	44,504 13

***This Amount includes deductions for:

National Education Association \$	96 00
Insurance	226 56
Income Tax	5,517 30
Retirement	3,272 83
Blue Cross	344 95

7. Textbooks:

Elementary	909 60
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8. Scholars' Supplies

Elementary	817 85
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10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

Catherine Hammond, Lip-reading	\$225 00	
Other Expenses	336 66	
	-----	561 66

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Janitor:

William S. Wells	\$2,500	00
Robert Hancock	108	35
Alexander J. Godin	1,085	14
	*** -----	3,693 49

***This Amount includes deductions for:

Income Tax	\$213	60
Social Security	321	43

12. Fuel or Heat:

Elementary		1,922 63
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13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

Elementary		1,613 39
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MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements:

Elementary		413 74
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision:

Alexandre Law, M.D.	\$153	75
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40,		
Nurse Salary	474	79
Supplies	9	01
	-----	637 55

16. Transportation:

Elementary	\$7,000	00
High School	3,504	05
	-----	10,504 05

17. Tuition:

Concord School District	\$	20 00
Exeter School District		215 00
Goffstown School District		430 00
Milford School District		17,035 00
City of Nashua		215 00
	-----	17,915 00

18. Other Special Activities:		
School Lunch	\$1,476	83
Other Special Activities	22	78
	-----	1,499 61

FIXED CHARGES

19. Retirement:		
Treasurer,		
Supervisory Union No. 40	\$ 64	07
New Hampshire Teachers		
Retirement System	3,007	44
	-----	3,071 51
20. Insurance:		
Harland H. Holt		1,083 15

CAPITAL OUTLAY

22. Additions and Improvements:		
Amherst Tree Committee	\$ 45	00
Richard G. Crocker	346	60
Dorothy Davis	1,000	00
Eastman Construction Company	1,396	68
Gault Plumbing and Heating Co.	312	30
Granite State Asphalt Products Co.	169	05
John J. McEntee and Sons	85	00
McKay and Wright	27	19
Pawling Rubber Corporation	100	45
	-----	3,482 27

23. New Equipment:		
Capitol City Band Instrument Repair	30	00
J. E. Faltin Motor Transportation Co.	1	90
Philip Morris and Company	105	50
A. H. Rice Company, Inc.	503	97
Sears, Roebuck and Company	19	10
Southwestern N. H. Transportation Co.	3	86
	-----	664 33

25. Principal of Debt	10,000	00
26. Interest on Debt		964 26
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>\$108,050 82</u>

BALANCE SHEET – JUNE 30, 1957

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1957	\$	15 66	
Net Debt (excess of liabilities over assets)		32,984 34	
TOTAL		-----	\$33,000 00

LIABILITIES

Notes and Bonds Outstanding**	\$33,000 00
**Indebtedness June 30, 1957	.
Clark School Additions	\$33,000 00

DOROTHY DAVIS,
PRENTICE SHETHAR,
CURTIS WORTHEN,
School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

2½ Story Brick School	\$ 59,000 00
Park Street School Building	6,500 00
Clark School	64,700 00
Contents	8,000 00
Total	----- \$138,200 00

SCHOOL POPULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The growth of school population continues and has reached the point where careful analysis of each census count is needed in order to know when added space may be necessary.

The January 15, 1958 count of first to eighth total is 342, instead of the 321 expected. The projection for 1958-59 total is now 338, instead of the 320 estimated a year ago. For the years 1959, 1960, 1961, and 1962, the starting totals are estimated, at this time, to be 342, 342, 331, and 329 respectively.

These figures include no growth factor. The latter, although erratic, averaged a little over 4% per year for the last four years. This appears to have slowed down to under 2% on the basis of pre-school age census but it should be kept in mind that an increase in the number of households may change this figure.

Although abnormal growth in 1958 and 1959 might make necessary the use of our overflow capacity and the juggling of certain classes there is no need, at this time, to propose a building program. Should the census figures of September 1958 and of January 15, 1959 indicate need for more space for classes of 1960-61, action can be taken at the School District Meeting in 1959.

ROLAND K. FRASER
OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER
LOUIS B. HEATON
ROBERT CURRIER
LAURA PRINCE

STATISTICS FOR 1956-57

Number of half-days in session	354
Whole number of different pupils registered:	
Boys 184; Girls 143	Total 327
Enrollment by grades:	
I-44; II-37; III-44; IV-48; V-39;	
VI-33; VII-50; VIII-32	Total 327
Average daily membership	312.3
Per cent of attendance	95.4
Number not absent nor tardy during school year	7
Number of visits made by Helping Teacher	280
Number of School Board meetings held	12

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

School Year — 1956-57

Two years: Gail Boutelle, Richard Locke, Warren Parkhurst.

School year — 1956-57:

Grade III: Stephen Curtis, Richard Locke, Warren Parkhurst.

Grade IV: Curtis Dustin, Gail Boutelle.

Grade V: Elizabeth Parkhurst.

Grade VII: Robert Grassett, Peggy Hartshorn, Dale Hathaway, Richard Merrill.

Grade VIII: Lionel Ledoux.

REPORT OF THE CENSUS ENUMERATOR

The 1957 census enumeration of all children in Amherst from birth through 18 years points up the following: one, the grand total continues to increase at the fairly constant rate of 30 to 35; two, school families go and come, but we always gain more than we lose: three, the national trend of larger families is clearly reflected locally; and four, the number of first graders for the next few years will be at least 40 plus the repeaters.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS

September 1956

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Enumerator

	Age as of Sept. 1, 1957	Total	Boys	Girls	Attending Public School	Attending Private or Parochial School
Under	1	30	16	14		
	1	37	22	15		
	2	35	14	21		
	3	39	19	20		
	4	39	16	23		
	5	48	30	18	20	
	6	39	22	17	39	
	7	42	22	20	42	
	8	41	24	17	41	
	9	39	21	18	39	
	10	46	24	22	46	
	11	31	16	15	31	
	12	43	22	21	42	1
	13	38	17	21	37	1
	14	39	27	12	34	5
	15	28	15	13	25	2
	16	20	7	13	17	3
	17	17	9	8	7	3
18	16	9	7	1		
Totals		667	352	315	421	15

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATED FROM
EIGHTH GRADE – JUNE 1957**

Ralph Calvin Anderson	Ann Jackson
Gordon Albert Armstrong	Robert Henry Junkins
Terry-Lee Atkinson	Lionel Robert Ledoux
Carol Ann Blair	Ronald Arthur Manning
Christopher Carl Doane	Carlene Ann Merrill
Marsha Elaine Foster	Charles Joseph Michie
Donald Joseph Goduti	Dorothy May Murray
David Randlett Hall	Linda Jane Nevens
Isaac Charles Hall	Merton Theodore Piper
Peter Theodore Hansen	Arthur Fredrick Provencher
Sterling Dwight Hammond	Janet Rose Rooney
Herbert Ira Harding, Jr.	David Sherman Stevens
Arthur Robert Norman	Hope Elaine Weimont
Edward MacLellan Houck	Charlotte Jean Wells
Laurie Alison Husmer	Cynthia Jane Wilkins

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL – JUNE 1957**

Marian Flandreau	Sally Spooner
Barry Hammond	Patricia Stockwell
Kaye Hauser	Steven Wardwell
Patricia Herlihy	Thomas Wigginn
Carol Marsh	

**AMHERST TUITION PUPILS 1957-1958
GRADE XII**

Crystal Burgess	Linda Merrill
Carolyn Davis	Choral Murray
Ronald Frye	Gordon Murray
Marilyn Green	Arthur Nichols
John Hanlon	Ronald Piper
Clematis Jones	Glenna Rooney
Ronald Marsh	

GRADE XI

Ronald Brown	Judith Harding
William Cheever	Marian Holland
Leonard Dean	Vivian Jutras
Tyrone Forbes	Sandra Mack
Leon Frye	Doreen McLaughlin
Susan Gidge	Charles Rooney
Robert Griffin	Jane Wardwell

GRADE X

Hilda Berwick	Brenda Miles
Jeraldine Flandreau	Frank Moulton
Richard Gould	David Moore
Thomas Hall	Curtis Morgan
David Hanlon	Beryl Murray
Evelyn Hathaway	Stephen Noble
Douglas Heaton	Judy Page
Dennis Holland	Gene Sibley
Donna Holt	Nathalie Sterling
Jill Husmer	Elizabeth Taborne
Lawrence Jasper	Theodore Wells
Judith Keane	Clayton Wilson
Donald Kelley	William Young

GRADE IX

Ralph Anderson	Lionel Ledoux
Gordon Armstrong	Ralph Manning
Terry Atkinson	Carlene Merrill
Carol Blair	Charles Michie
William Eaton	Fern Mitchell
David Hall	Dorothy Murray
Isaac Hall	Linda Nevens
Sterling Hammond	Merton Piper
Peter Hanson	Arthur Provencher
Herbert Harding	Janet Rooney
Edward Houck	David Stevens
Laurie Husmer	Hope Weimont
Ann Jackson	Charlotte Wells
Robert Junkins	Cynthia Wilkins

ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 15, 1958

Elementary – Grades 1-8									
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Grade I	34								34
Grade I	19								19
Grade II		9							9
Grade II		32							32
Grade III			31						31
Grade III			11						11
Grade IV				14					14
Grade IV				28					28
Grade V					32				32
Grade V					14				14
Grade VI						13			13
Grade VI						25			25
Grade VII							35		35
Grade VIII								45	45
Totals	53	41	42	42	46	38	35	45	342
Boys	29	23	25	22	26	16	18	18	177
Girls	24	18	17	20	20	22	17	27	165

SALARIES – 1956-57

a. Superintendent	
State's Share	\$2,500 00
Local Share:	
Amherst	\$ 963 50
Brookline	305 50
Hollis	752 00
Milford	2,467 50
Mont Vernon	211 50
	----- \$4,700 00
Total	----- \$7,200 00
b. Helping Teacher	
State's Share	\$2,500 00
Local Share:	
Amherst	\$ 451 00
Brookline	143 00
Hollis	352 00
Milford	1,155 00
Mont Vernon	99 00
	----- \$2,200 00
Total	----- \$4,700 00

OUR TEACHERS

Name of Teacher	Subject or Grade Taught	Exp. Here	Total Exp.
Charlotte Boutelle	Grade 4	32	34
Rachel Brown	Grades 1 & 2	7½	11
Alice Carpenter	Grades 7 & 8	2	7
Lionel DeLacey	Principal and		
(Replaced E. Rockwell)	Grades 7 & 8	5	5
Eva Gagnon	Grade 5	3	12
Sarah Greenhalgh	Grade 2	9	13
Alden Hoyt	Grades 7 & 8	2	2
Elma Kittredge	Grades 3 & 4	7	13
Mary McGee	Grade 3	13	19
Lucy Richardson			
(Replace DeLacey)	Grades 5 & 6	½	½
Everett Rockwell	Principal and		
(Left Jan. 24, '58)	Grades 7 & 8	3½	9½
Elsie Wheeler	Music, 1-8	24	26
Emma Wheeler	Grade 6	1	5
Virginia Young	Grade 1	1	3

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISOR — 1956-57

Alexandre Law, M.D., School Physician
Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N., School Nurse

The Total Number of Children Examined: 206
The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective Tonsils and Adenoids	8	5
Defective Teeth	29	25
Cardiac Disease	2	2
Orthopedic	6	3
Defective Vision	12	9
Defective Hearing	2	1
Defective Skin	1	1
Defective Scalp	1	1

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Chicken Pox	2
German Measles	1
Impetigo	1

Polio Clinics:

	No. Treated
October 23, 1956	149
May 21, 1957	284

Pre-School Clinics:

	No. Examined
May 13 and 14, 1957	35

Dental Inspection (Dr. Moriarty):

	No. Exam.	No. Treated
January 1957	211	18

Patch Tests for Tuberculosis:

(Grades 1, 4 and 7) March 1957	118
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Number home visits by School Nurse 48

N. H. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Bureau of Public Health Nursing

Without the co-operation of the School Department, Doctors, Nurses, and Health Committee, the Public Health Nurse could not have done so much Health work in your town.

A Salk Vaccine Clinic was held at the school and shots were given by the physician.

Infants	2
Pre-school	60
School	222
Pre-natal	1
	—
Total	285

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chairman and all those who assisted so generously with the work.

Respectfully submitted,
HAZEL W. SOMES, R. N.

