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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
FRANCONIA, NH

INCLUDING REPORTS OF THE
Water Commissioners
Abbie Greenleaf Library
Chamber of Commerce

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1996

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

EDWARD CARBONARO		(Term expires 1997)
RONALD A. HUNT	(Resigned)	(Term expires 1998)
KENNETH T. FORD	(Appointed)	
RUTH A. VAILL		(Term expires 1999)

Administrative Assistant

SALLY L. SMALL (Appointed)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TRINA LUCE (1998)

Treasurer

TINA PEABODY (1997)

Moderator

DAVID E. SCHAFFER (1998)

Road Agent

DAVID HUNT (Appointed)

Health Officer

PHILIP A. PAYETTE (Appointed)

Auditor

FRANCIS J. DINEEN & CO. (Appointed)

Fire Chief

WILLIAM L. MEAD (Appointed)

Chief of Police

MARK R. MONTMINY (Appointed)

Water Commissioners

CHARLES CASEY	(1997)
RICHARD McLACHLIN	(1998)
JON PEABODY	(1999)

Library Trustees

HAROLD D. TUTTLE (Resigned)	(1997)	ROBERT GORGONE (Appointed)	(1997)
MARJORIE H. TAYLOR	(1997)	SHIRLEY C. LYMAN	(1998)
JEWELL FRIEDMAN	(1998)	HARRIET TAYLOR	(1999)
DANIEL FOWLER, JR.	(1999)	BERNARDETTE COSTA	(1999)

Board of Education

Lafayette School District

JEAN SERINO	Sugar Hill (1997)
MARY FOWLER	Franconia (1998)
LEE WILLIAMS (Res.)	Sugar Hill (1998)
BRUCE PERLO (Appointed)	Sugar Hill
ROBERT HACKETT	Easton (1999)
TINA PEABODY	Franconia (1999)

Profile School District

CHRISTOPHER BROOKS	Lafayette (1997)
DAVID BISHOP	Bethlehem (1997)
JOHN STARR	Bethlehem (1997)
PERLEY WHIPPLE	Bethlehem (1998)
JAMES WALKER	Lafayette (1998)
TINA PEABODY	Lafayette (1999)
MARGARET GALE	Bethlehem (1999)

Trustees of Trust Funds

ELISE DRAKE	(1997)
RICHARD BENNINK	(1998)
PHILIP H. SEE	(1999)

Supervisors of the Checklist

NANCY PEABODY	(1998)
ANN ACKLEY	(2000)
KATHERINE C. WHITCOMB	(2002)

Scholarship Advisory Committee
 HARRIET TAYLOR, Library Representative
 CHARLES WOLCOTT, Church Representative
 HAROLD D. TUTTLE, JR., Town Representative

Planning Board

EDWARD CARBONARO	(1997)	FRED GRIFFIN	(1997)
JOSEPH NELSON	(1997)	WALTER ELANDER (Alternate)	(1997)
ROBERT BALL	(1998)	SYBIL CAREY	(1998)
KENNETH FORD (Alternate)	(1998)	JOHN McGURIN	(1998)
EARLE COLLINS	(1999)	STEVEN HEATH	(1999)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

JOSEPH NELSON	(1997)	CHRISTOPHER BROOKS	(1997)
RICHARD GAUDETTE	(1998)	BERTRAM HERBERT	(1998)
MARY ELLEN GILBERT	(1999)	BARBARA BARRAND	(1999)
GEORGE ROORBACH	(1999)		

Conservation Commission

LUCY HALL	(1997)	ELIZABETH WELCH	(1997)
H. ASHTON CROSBY	(1998)	CHRISTIE SHAW-DORAN	(1998)
ROBERT BALL	(1998)	LINDA CAMELIO	(1999)
RICHARD BENNINK	(1999)		

Recreation Committee

Sugar Hill	Franconia	Easton
LORI HENEAULT	KIM COWLES (1997)	KELLEY KING
SALLY FIELD	CARRIE HAMBLIN (1998)	
	M. KATE FOLEY-MARVELLI (1999)	

Franconia History - Museum Committee

AMY BAHR	SYLVIA CASEY	BEATRICE HUNT
EILEEN BALL	WARREN TAYLOR	SHIRLEY LYMAN
CHRISTOPHER BROOKS	HAMILTON FORD (Emeritus)	

Dow Committee

DARALD & JULIE LIBBY			
LINDA CAMELIO	(1997)	STEVE PLANT	(1997)
KEN MOSEDALE	(1997)	STEVE CHARDON	(1998)
CHRISTIE SHAW-DORAN	(1998)	JENNIFER GAUDETTE	(1999)
JANE FERRELLI	(1999)	RUTH A. VAILL	(1999)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

FRANCIS J. DINEEN & CO.
Certified Public Accountants
5 Middle Street
Lancaster, NH 03584

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Franconia
Franconia, New Hampshire 03580

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

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As is the practice with many New Hampshire municipalities, the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the financial report.

As explained in Note 3, the Water Fund is reported as a Special Revenue Fund, whereas generally accepted accounting principles require that it be reported as an Enterprise Fund.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph and except as noted in the fourth paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual funds of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1996, and the results of operations of such funds and the cash flows of nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining and individual fund financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as the supplemental schedule in the table of

contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose, combining and individual fund financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each of the respective individual funds taken as a whole.

Very truly yours,

Francis J. Dineen, C.P.A.
February 7, 1997

AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL AND COMMENTARY LETTER

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February 7, 1997

Board of Selectmen
Town of Franconia
Franconia, New Hampshire 03580

Members of the Board:

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

However, during our audit we became aware of the following conditions that should be corrected in order to strengthen internal controls and operating efficiency. This letter does not affect our report dated February 7, 1997, on the financial statements of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire.

Our following remarks are being made in the hope that they will improve existing procedures and are in no way a criticism of Town personnel.

1. Town Clerk Receipts

Cash receipts of the Town Clerk are not being deposited on a timely basis.

Recommendation

Receipts should be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit on a weekly basis or whenever the total exceeds \$500.00.

2. Principal Balances of Trust Funds

Currently the Trustee's of Trust Funds and the Library Trustees are not separately tracking the accumulated principal and income of the nonexpendable Trust Funds as required by State law.

Recommendation

All interest and dividends earned and expenditures from nonexpendable Trust Funds must be tracked separately from accumulated principal, additions to principal and capital gains and losses to ensure that the corpus remains intact.

3. Tax Collector's Records

During the course of our audit of the Tax Collector's records, we noted the following conditions that should be corrected:

- (a) Tax Collector receipts are not always being deposited on a timely basis. In the weeks subsequent to the mailing of the property tax bills some payments received by the Town remained unprocessed for up to a month and deposits are only being made once a week. Faster turnover and more frequent deposits are needed.
- (b) Resident taxes are being collected by Town personnel other than the Tax Collector thus reducing the internal control inherent in the tax collection system.
- (c) Tax liens are not being released within the required thirty days subsequent to payment in full by the taxpayer.
- (d) Formal, signed abatements appear to be issued after the fact. Abatements should be issued by the Selectmen, remitted to the Tax Collector, at which point the taxes should be removed from the system.

Recommendation

The Tax Collector should familiarize herself with the laws and regulations that govern the procedures to be followed by a Tax Collector.

4. Reconcile Treasurer's Records With Town's Computerized Records Monthly

We experienced difficulty at year-end in reconciling the Treasurer's records to the Town's computerized records.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Treasurer and Selectmen's Assistant reconcile their respective cash receipts, disbursements and cash balances to each others records on a monthly basis.

BALANCE SHEET
for the Year ending December 31, 1996

ASSETS

Cash			
NOW Account	\$255,718.13		
Adjustment for Bank Error	48.77		
Yield Tax Account	<u>5,534.92</u>		\$261,301.82
Investments (NH-PDIP)			232,027.54
Taxes Receivable			
Property Taxes Receivable - Current	232,870.13		
Property Tax Liens Receivable	179,924.59		
Resident Taxes Receivable	3,254.00		
Yield Taxes Receivable	<u>427.89</u>		416,476.61
Other Accounts Receivable			
Town of Easton	7,195.80		
Departments			
Executive	415.76		
Financial	<u>500.00</u>		8,111.56
Due from Other Funds (Water Dept.)			5,000.00
Due from Capital Reserve Funds (Life Squad Van)			<u>1,397.42</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>\$924,314.95</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts/Warrants Payable - 1996		\$10,104.91
Accrued Payroll - 1996		5,245.67
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	\$219,866.00	
Lafayette Regional School District	<u>382,451.00</u>	602,317.00
Due to State of New Hampshire		1,581.00
Due to Special Revenue Funds (Land Use)		<u>2,270.00</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES		 621,518.58

FUND EQUITY

Unexpended Articles		
1988 - Article 10 - Shared Services	3,233.48	
1993 - Article 5 - Library Restoration	1,637.75	
1994 - Article 10- Paint Highway Garage	671.20	
1995 - Article 3 - Handicap Ramp	1,106.07	
1995 - Article 4 - Library/Museum Study	<u>996.50</u>	7,645.00
 Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance		 <u>295,151.37</u>
 TOTAL FUND EQUITY		 <u>302,796.37</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY		 \$924,314.95

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$30,890,486.00
Buildings	59,568,600.00
Manufactured Housing	775,000.00
Electric Utilities	<u>1,293,700.00</u>
Gross Valuation	92,527,786.00
Elderly Exemptions	<u>52,000.00</u>
Net Valuation	\$92,475,786.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 878,104.00
Revenues	<u>(407,459.00)</u>
Net Town Appropriations	470,645.00
Net School Assessments	1,244,677.00
Net County Assessments	<u>146,973.00</u>
Total of Town, School, County	1,862,295.00
Less Shared Revenue	(8,756.00)
Add Overlay	15,495.00
Credits	<u>3,650.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	1,872,684.00
Less Credits	(3,600.00)
Adjustments for computer rounding calculations	<u>74.00</u>
Taxes Committed to Collector	\$1,869,158.00

1996 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$ 5.20
County	1.59
School	<u>13.46</u>
	\$20.25

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia - December 31, 1996

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Building	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 31,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment			4,629.00
Town Hall, equipment			1,654.00
Library, land & building	32,700.00	300,000.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	28,300.00	230,000.00	
Fire Department, equipment			166,089.00
Police Department, equipment			27,433.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & Buildings	20,000.00	110,000.00	
Highway Department, equipment			107,920.00
Hockey Rink, building		10,000.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Land & Buildings	27,100.00	152,350.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, Mains, etc.			140,400.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & Buildings	12,000.00	86,950.00	
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, Mains			168,657.00
Cemetery	25,500.00		
Gravel pit	15,000.00		
Land in Bethlehem	134,500.00		
Land in Franconia	182,100.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	69,500.00	98,000.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	45,300.00	10,000.00	
Dow Strip	135,000.00		
Fox Hill Park	117,500.00		
TOTALS	\$875,500.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$1,197,300.00 ⁽¹⁾	\$616,782.00 ⁽²⁾

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation.

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$108,373.50
Dog Licenses	592.00
Marriage Licenses	1,026.00
Certified Copies	513.00
Municipal Agent Fees	529.00
Filing Fees, Postage, Misc.	38.65
Clerk's Fees:	
Vehicle Registrations	1,792.50
Titles	148.00
Certified Copies	435.00
UCC & IRS Filings	544.00
Marriage Licenses	189.00
Municipal Agent Fees	<u>1,614.00</u>
Total To Treasurer	\$115,794.65

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 1996 - Property & Resident Taxes**

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$1,869,158.00	
Resident Taxes	5,320.00	
Yield Taxes	10,856.75	
Land Use Change Taxes	<u>10,630.00</u>	\$1,895,964.75
Overpayment of Property Taxes	19.14	
Interest Collected on Property Taxes	1,500.26	
Resident Tax Penalties Collected	<u>2.00</u>	<u>1,521.40</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$1,897,486.15

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$1,636,287.87	
Resident Taxes	3,630.00	
Overpayments	19.14	
Interest Collected	1,500.26	
Resident Tax Penalties	2.00	
Yield Taxes	9,928.51	
Land Use Change Taxes	<u>4,540.00</u>	\$1,655,907.78
Abatements		
Land Use Change Tax	6,090.00	
Yield Tax	669.83	
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	232,870.13	
Resident Taxes	1,690.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>258.41</u>	<u>241,578.37</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$1,897,486.15

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 1995 - Property & Resident Taxes

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1996			
Property Taxes	\$229,336.62		
Resident Taxes	1,164.00		
Yield Taxes	169.48		\$230,670.10
Interest & Penalties Collected on Property Taxes	16,337.92		
Resident Tax Penalties	19.00		
Overpayments on Property Taxes	38.04		16,394.96
TOTAL DEBITS			\$247,065.06

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	\$229,336.62		
Resident Taxes	240.00		
Interest & Penalties	16,337.92		
Resident Tax Penalties	19.00		
Overpayments	38.04		\$245,971.58
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)			
Resident Taxes	924.00		
Yield Taxes	169.48		1,093.48
TOTAL CREDITS			\$247,065.06

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levy of 1994 & Prior Years - Property & Resident Taxes

DEBITS			
Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1996			
Property Taxes	\$150.00		
Resident Taxes	<u>780.00</u>		\$930.00
Interest Collected on Property Taxes	22.83		
Resident Tax Penalties	<u>14.00</u>		<u>36.83</u>
TOTAL DEBITS			\$966.83
CREDITS			
Remittances to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	150.00		
Resident Taxes	140.00		
Interest Collected	22.83		
Resident Tax Penalties	<u>14.00</u>		326.83
Uncollected Taxes			
Resident Taxes (per Collector's List)	<u>640.00</u>		<u>640.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS			\$966.83

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

DEBITS				
	1995	1994	1993	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes				
12/31/95	\$	\$120,374.14	\$72,977.83	\$62,004.31
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	132,426.00			
Interest & Costs to Lien	11,727.63			
Interest Collected after Lien	<u>4,664.47</u>	<u>9,132.67</u>	<u>20,211.97</u>	<u>16,031.97</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	148,818.10	129,506.81	93,189.80	78,036.28
Remittances to Treasurer				
Redemptions	38,714.43	47,132.25	71,558.59	55,778.72
Interest & Costs after Lien	4,664.47	9,132.67	20,211.97	16,031.97
Abatements		156.00	1,048.19	5,291.75
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>105,439.20</u>	<u>73,085.89</u>	<u>371.05</u>	<u>933.84</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$148,818.10	\$129,506.81	\$93,189.80	\$78,036.28

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

	1995	1994	1993	Prior
AMP Trust	\$ 615.84	\$	\$	\$
Andross, Elizabeth	3,562.61	3,584.47		
Avrutine, Anthony	4,716.51			
B.F. Sturtevant	1,929.72			
Bittner, John L.	51.08			
Cantlon, James	8,992.24	8,972.70		
Carey, Sybil		1,271.71		
Chase, Arthur J.	44,923.63	44,944.53		
Clough, Theodore F.		415.37		
Cushing, Joseph C.	2,212.58	1,466.82		
Doolan, Estate of	1,101.00			
Feiguine, Robert	566.40	578.75		
Ferraro, Nancy	653.74			
Flynn, Ronald	2,334.18			
Franconia Development Corp.	823.28	837.53	371.05	933.84
Girouard, Jerry C.	1,899.24	1,922.44		
Grima, Richard J., Sr.	578.27	209.58		
Harris, Harriet	633.05			
Health Care Computer Works		269.67		
HR1-A	152.46			
Keefe, James	927.08			
Kessel, Dieter	10,024.66			
Lescault, Donald	230.55	247.65		
Locke, Lisa	676.58			
Lundquist, David Jr.	360.77	377.50		
Mancino, Sally	300.50	188.96		
McKenzie, Joel	1,199.04	1,217.60		
McKenzie, Stuart	5,537.25	5,628.92		
Peak Three Associates	1,362.11			
Peckett, Robert III	1,575.21	711.65		
Ronci, Samuel	317.69			
Shaw-Doran, Christie	1,190.83	240.04		
Sherburn, Stanley R.	870.91			
Stephenson, Sam P.	244.53			
Taylor, Victor	711.72			
Thompson, Linda C.	1,525.04			
White Pines Motel, Inc.	2,638.90			
TOTALS	\$105,439.20	\$73,085.89	\$371.05	\$933.84

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$344,234.21
PEOPLES NOW Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$232,651.21	
Tax Collector	2,163,844.69	
Town Clerk	115,795.65	
Selectmen	196,605.12	
Resident Taxes	4,005.00	
NOW Interest Earned	<u>2,232.15</u>	
 Total Regular Receipts	 2,482,482.61	
Transfers IN		
MUSEUM Fund	102,063.64	
McLachlin Fund	271.00	
Yield Tax Account	289.18	
Land Use Account	17,600.00	
NH-PDIP Account	385,000.00	
PB-MMTA Account	4,371.44	
Trustees	<u>78,958.58</u>	
 Total Transfers In	 588,553.84	
 Loan Proceeds	 <u>400,000.00</u>	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 3,471,036.45	 3,471,036.45
Total Regular Disbursements		
Loan Payments	(2,416,694.03)	
Misc. Debit/Fees	(400,000.00)	
Capital Purchase	(997.91)	
	(27,600.00)	
Transfers OUT		
NH-PDIP	(500,000.00)	
Museum Fund	(102,063.64)	
McLachlin Fund	(271.00)	
Yield Tax	<u>(294.18)</u>	
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 (3,447,920.76)	 (3,447,920.76)
 Ending Peoples National Bank Balance	 255,766.90	

PNB MMTA ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$4,331.82	
From PNB NOW	-0-	
Interest Earned	39.62	39.62
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(4,371.44)</u>	(4,371.44)
Ending MMTA Balance	\$ -0-	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$107,251.18	
From PNB NOW	500,000.00	
Interest Earned	9,776.36	509,776.36
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(385,000.00)</u>	(385,000.00)
Ending FRAN-NHPDIP	\$232,027.54	
ENDING CASH BALANCE		\$487,794.44

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$61,463.60
Deposit from Selectmen		2,270.00
Interest Earned		2,342.31
W/Ds to Checking		<u>(17,600.00)</u>
Ending Balance		\$48,475.91

YIELD TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance		\$5,260.24
Shawmut Savings Account		
Beginning Balance	\$5,260.24	
Transfer OUT	<u>(5,260.24)</u>	
Ending Balance	-0-	
NH-PDIP Account		
Beginning Balance	-0-	
Transfer IN	5,260.24	
Deposits from Checking	294.18	
Interest Earned	274.68	274.68
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(294.18)</u>	
Ending Balance	\$5,534.92	\$5,534.92

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

PNB - CD Account		
Beginning Balance	\$2,432.47	\$2,432.47
PNB Interest Matured CD	64.49	64.49
Close out Withdrawn Transfer	<u>(2,496.96)</u>	
Ending PNB CD Balance	\$ -0-	
NH - PDIP Account		
Beginning Balance	-0-	
Contribution	271.00	271.00
Transfer IN	2,496.96	
Interest Earned	<u>91.33</u>	91.33
Ending Balance	\$2,859.29	\$2,859.29

FRANCONIA MUSEUM FUND

NH-PDIP		
Beginning Cash Balance		\$99,754.92
Contribution		260.00
Interest Earned		2,053.72
Close out Withdrawal		<u>(102,068.64)</u>
Ending Balance	\$	-0-

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE		\$32,565.57
PNB Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$32,565.57	
Water Rents	34,261.85	34,532.87
Interest	271.02	271.02
Expenses & Fees	(26,760.48)	(26,760.48)
Transfer Out	(40,000.00)	
Transfer In	<u>15,526.19</u>	24,473.81
Ending Balance	15,864.15	
PNB MMTA Account		
Beginning Balance	17,089.88	
Deposits	-0-	
Interest	436.31	436.31
Transfer Out	<u>(17,526.19)</u>	(17,526.19)
Ending Balance	-0-	
NH-PDIP Account		
Beginning Balance	-0-	
Transfer In	40,000.00	40,000.00
Interest	<u>1,268.98</u>	1,268.98
Ending Balance	41,268.98	
ENDING CASH BALANCE		\$89,261.89

FRANCONIA/MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Balance		\$103,931.63	
PNB Checking Account			
Beginning Balance	\$103,931.63		
Water Rents	21,060.78		
Interest	790.87	21,851.65	
Transfer Out	(100,000.00)		
Expenses & Fees	<u>(12,193.19)</u>	(112,193.19)	
ENDING BALANCE	13,590.09		
NH-PDIP Account			
Beginning Balance	-0-		
Transfer In	100,000.00		
Interest Earned	<u>3,172.43</u>	103,172.43	
Ending Balance	103,172.43		
ENDING BALANCE		\$116,762.52	

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

Revenue from Taxes (excluding tax lien levy)	\$1,953,107.45
Interest & Penalties	68,073.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees	116,775.65
Federal Government	20,653.00
State of New Hampshire	65,436.78
Income from Departments:	
Executive	2,536.94
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	30.00
Financial Administration	561.42
Planning & Zoning	812.00
Government Buildings	190.79
Cemeteries	2,298.07
Insurance	15.00
Police Department	2,064.51
Fire Department	1,290.46
Life Squad	16.04
Forest Fire	692.55
Emergency Phone	1,014.50
Highways & Streets	1,231.42
Solid Waste Disposal	38,842.83
Welfare	110.00
Parks & Recreation	18,765.67
Library	1.96
Conservation	300.00
Interest on Investments	12,322.81
Special Revenue Funds	19,600.00
Capital Reserve Funds	77,458.58
Cemetery Trust Funds	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,405,701.43
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)	
Cash Transfer	\$ 887,068.64
Water Department	8,797.70
BC/BS-Lovett	3,714.12
Conservation	2,000.00
Donations	30,531.00
Tax Lien Levy	144,153.63
Town Clerk	<u>34.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,076,299.09

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

REVENUE FROM TAXES

Property Taxes (excluding tax lien levy)	\$1,934,633.94	
Land Use Change Taxes	4,540.00	
Resident Taxes	4,005.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>9,928.51</u>	\$1,953,107.45

INTEREST AND PENALTIES

68,073.00

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

Motor Vehicle Permits	110,081.00	
Building Permits	955.00	
Business Permits	25.00	
Other Permits & Fees	<u>5,714.65</u>	116,775.65

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

20,653.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shared Revenue Block Grant	35,988.67	
Highway Block Grant	<u>29,448.11</u>	65,436.78

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Executive		
Administration	500.00	
Copies and Printouts	76.40	
Copper Cannon Lease	1.00	
Maps	22.25	
Professional Assistance	175.00	
Secretarial Wages	1,652.91	
Town History	10.00	
Unemployment Compensation	96.51	
Worker's Compensation	<u>2.87</u>	2,536.94

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Checklist		30.00
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Financial Administration

Administrative Fees	500.00	
Unemployment Compensation	<u>61.42</u>	561.42

Planning and Zoning

Public Hearing Fees	772.00	
Zoning Ordinances	<u>40.00</u>	812.00

Government Buildings

Chairs/Tables Rental	61.25	
Rental of Main Hall	50.00	
Unemployment Compensation	61.42	
Worker's Compensation	<u>18.12</u>	190.79

Cemeteries		
Burials	2,250.00	
Unemployment Compensation	43.87	
Workers' Compensation	<u>4.20</u>	2,298.07
Insurance		
Refund		15.00
Police Department		
Police Coverage	220.00	
Pistol Permits	120.00	
Police Reports & Photos	645.00	
Sale of Portable Radios	300.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	476.47	
Unemployment Compensation	219.35	
Witness Fees	30.00	
Worker's Compensation	<u>53.69</u>	2,064.51
Fire Department		
Building Maintenance	150.00	
Services Supplied	48.00	
Supplies Refunded	993.31	
Unemployment Compensation	87.74	
Worker's Compensation	<u>11.41</u>	1,290.46
Life Squad		16.04
Forest Fire		
Newspaper Notices	29.75	
Fire Fighting Reimbursement	364.04	
State Reimbursement	<u>298.76</u>	692.55
Emergency Phone Line		
Town of Sugar Hill		1,014.50
Highways and Streets		
Culverts	228.55	
Equipment Rental	60.00	
Gasoline	227.35	
Salt Refund	36.00	
Road Oil	420.00	
Unemployment Compensation	175.49	
Worker's Compensation	<u>84.03</u>	1,231.42
Solid Waste Disposal		
Landfill Reimbursement	1,185.62	
Phone Reimbursement	502.82	
Recycled Material	284.91	
Stickers	604.00	
Town of Easton	11,825.70	
Town of Sugar Hill	<u>24,439.78</u>	38,842.83
Welfare		
General Assistance Repayment		110.00

Parks and Recreation		
Baseball/Softball Fees	1,095.00	
Basketball Fees	150.00	
Hockey/Skating Fees	177.00	
Summer Recreation Fees	7,243.80	
Donation-Baseball Equipment	100.00	
Town of Easton	2,918.10	
Town of Sugar Hill	6,030.74	
Sale of T-Shirts	204.00	
Icemaking	753.55	
Unemployment Compensation	87.74	
Worker's Compensation	<u>5.74</u>	18,765.67
Library		
Worker's Compensation		1.96
Conservation		
Donation		300.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		
Peoples Bank	2,232.15	
Peoples Bank/MMTA	39.62	
Yield Tax Account	274.68	
NH-PDIP	<u>9,776.36</u>	12,322.81
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Franconia Water Department	2,000.00	
Land Use Fund	<u>17,600.00</u>	19,600.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		
Legal Reserve Fund	2,207.00	
Life Squad Van Reserve Fund-Article 10	25,337.58	
New Equipment Reserve Fund-Article 2	35,000.00	
Reassessment Reserve Fund-Article 16	14,414.00	
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	<u>500.00</u>	77,458.58
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES		\$2,405,701.43
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)		
Cash Transfers		
NH-PDIP	385,000.00	
Museum Funds	102,068.64	
TAN	<u>400,000.00</u>	887,068.64

Water Department		
Insurance	442.00	
Medicare	111.91	
Social Security	478.50	
Unemployment Compensation	43.87	
Worker's Compensation	3.92	
WAGES	<u>7,717.50</u>	8,797.70
BC/BS-Lovett		3,714.12
Conservation		2,000.00
Donations		
Life Squad Rescue Van	30,000.00	
McLachlin Memorial Fund	271.00	
Museum Fund	260.00	30,531.00
Tax Lien Levy - per auditor		144,153.63
Town Clerk		
Duplicate Check		<u>34.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$1,076,299.09

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis (Including Articles)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive (Incl. 1988 Art. 10)	\$ 56,505.72
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9,359.35
Financial Administration	24,879.03
Revaluation of Property (Incl. 1994 Art. 16)	19,902.80
Legal Expense (Incl. Legal Reserve Fund)	3,422.41
Planning and Zoning	5,569.98
General Government Building	40,618.28
Cemeteries	8,746.24
Insurance	7,854.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	8,171.55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	140,027.43
Ambulance	4,200.00
Fire	40,572.72
Life Squad	2,912.98
Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	2,088.55
Emergency Phone Line (8123)	7,598.06

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways and Streets	176,127.98
Street Lighting	16,518.60

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

82,105.26

HEALTH

4,999.47

WELFARE

7,670.23

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation	28,752.28
Parks	5,318.08
Library (Town Payments Incl. 1995 Art. 3)	22,313.49
Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
Museums	463.50

CONSERVATION

General Expenses (Incl. 1989 & 1990 Art. 3)	2,646.25
Purchase of Land from Land Use Fund	17,600.00

DEBT SERVICE

Interest	11,700.00
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

Equipment	122,925.05
Buildings	4,700.00

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
Special Revenue Fund (Library Appropriation)	13,814.00
Capital Reserve Funds	17,000.00
ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDS	<u>8,337.68</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$926,420.97
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
Grafton County	\$ 148,835.00
School Districts	1,174,240.00
State of New Hampshire	<u>1,581.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,251,076.97
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)	
Cash Transfer	\$1,002,594.64
Water Department	8,780.73
BC/BS - Lovett	3,714.12
Conservation	2,000.00
Donations	30,000.00
Tax Lien Levy	144,153.63
Town Clerk	<u>34.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,191,277.12

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive			
General Expenses			
Bethlehem Property Tax	\$	1,856.40	
Dues		572.92	
Equipment Maintenance		408.00	
Equipment Insurance		29.00	
Maps		1,334.75	
Miscellaneous		168.80	
Newspaper Notices		195.95	
Postage		1,117.44	
Professional Assistance		1,758.00	
RSA Updates & Law Books		773.15	
Supplies		542.99	
Telephone		852.35	
1988-ARTICLE 10/SHARED SERVICES		130.00	
Wages			
Selectmen		5,903.84	
Administrative Assistant		16,625.96	
Moderator		210.00	
Secretary		8,364.80	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		10,360.56	
Medicare Social Security		489.14	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	2,041.60		
Town Contribution	<u>609.60</u>	2,651.20	
Social Security		2,092.66	
Unemployment Compensation		<u>67.81</u>	\$ 56,505.72
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics			
Town Clerk General Expenses			
Dues		20.00	
Meetings		30.00	
Newspaper Notices		29.75	
Supplies		194.39	
Voter Registration General Expenses			
Newspaper Notices		53.55	
Postage		6.02	
Wages			
Ballot Clerks		519.88	
Supervisors		696.51	
Town Clerk			
Fees	4,631.50		
Wages	<u>2,059.92</u>	6,691.42	

Deputy Town Clerk			
Fees	100.00		
Wages	<u>234.33</u>	334.33	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		148.54	
Social Security		<u>634.96</u>	9,359.35
Financial Administration			
General Expenses			
Auditor		3,950.00	
Bank Charge/Wire Transfers		40.00	
Bank Service Charge/Peoples		592.91	
Bank Overdraft Charge/Peoples		300.00	
Bank Fees/Returned Checks		75.00	
Checks		279.40	
Postage		937.00	
Professional Assistance		855.00	
Tax Collection		1,741.68	
Town Report		1,475.00	
Wages			
Bookkeeper		8,736.00	
Tax Collector			
Fees	1,456.00		
Wages	<u>2,000.04</u>	3,456.04	
Treasurer		1,100.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		169.54	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	201.60		
Town Contribution	<u>201.60</u>	403.20	
Social Security		725.11	
Unemployment Compensation		<u>43.15</u>	24,879.03
Revaluation of Property			
Property Assessment		5,489.05	
Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund		<u>14,413.75</u>	19,902.80
Legal Expenses			
General Expenses		1,215.00	
Legal Capital Reserve Fund		<u>2,207.41</u>	3,422.41
Planning & Zoning			
General Expenses			
Base & Composite Maps		160.00	
Computer Programming		240.00	
Newspaper Notices		160.65	
Postage		100.00	
Recording Fees		52.00	

RSA Updates & Law Books		190.00	
Supplies		430.07	
Wages		3,936.17	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		57.07	
Social Security		<u>244.02</u>	5,569.98
General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		5,820.08	
Dow Clock		576.42	
Heating Oil		3,282.22	
Insurance			
Boiler	261.00		
Building	574.00		
Commercial Auto	546.00		
Equipment	<u>120.00</u>	1,501.00	
Miscellaneous		200.00	
Supplies		849.05	
Vehicles & Equipment		555.55	
Wages		19,949.74	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		5,180.28	
Medicare		326.82	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	468.00		
Town Contribution	<u>468.00</u>	936.00	
Social Security		1,397.97	
Unemployment Compensation		<u>43.15</u>	40,618.28
Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity		224.73	
Opening and Closing Graves		828.25	
Fence		192.00	
Restoration of Grave Stones		200.00	
Supplies		277.91	
Vehicles & Equipment		45.09	
Wages		6,453.80	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		93.52	
Social Security		400.12	
Unemployment Compensation		<u>30.82</u>	8,746.24
Insurance			
Auto/non-owned and Hired		135.00	
Liability Coverage		5,827.00	
Public Officials Liability		1,000.00	
Public Officials Bond		<u>892.00</u>	7,854.00

Advertising and Regional Assoc.		
Chamber of Commerce	7,000.00	
North Country Council	<u>1,171.55</u>	8,171.55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police

General Expenses

Building Maintenance	539.64	
Dues & Subscriptions	197.50	
Gasoline	2,840.22	
Guns & Ammunition	729.24	

Insurance

Building	39.00	
Commercial Auto	1,860.00	
Equipment	147.00	
Liability	<u>3,577.00</u>	5,623.00

Investigations	90.00	
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Kennel Fees - Stray Dogs	200.00	
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Miscellaneous	200.03	
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New Equipment - Sharp Copier	1,295.00	
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Office	771.78	
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Photography	669.94	
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Postage	236.71	
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Radar Certification	50.00	
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Radios	889.00	
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RSA Updates & Law Books	394.11	
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Supplies	1,637.98	
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Telephone	1,321.47	
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Uniforms	3,562.65	
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Vehicle Maintenance	2,066.49	
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Wages

Salaries	79,677.18	
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Specials	14,965.66	
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Training	1,538.95	
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Taxes & Benefits

Health Insurance	15,799.80	
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Medicare	1,397.82	
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Retirement	2,196.76	
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Social Security	982.37	
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Unemployment Compensation	<u>154.13</u>	140,027.43
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Ambulance

4,200.00

Fire

General Expenses

Administration & Supplies	322.78	
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Building Maintenance	3,126.69	
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Cleaning	390.00	
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TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall
March 11, 1997 - 7:30 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot)

ARTICLE 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 57,851.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,698.00
Financial Administration	26,550.00
Revaluation of Property	6,000.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Planning and Zoning	5,545.00
General Government Buildings	43,118.00
Cemeteries	10,000.00
Insurance	8,000.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	6,156.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....)	5,000.00)
(No. Country Council.....)	1,156.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	148,992.00
Ambulance	4,200.00
Fire Department.....	45,230.00
Life Squad	6,800.00
Forest Fire.....	1,540.00
Emergency and 8123 Phone Lines	8,520.00
HIGHWAYS and STREETS	186,842.00

(General Expenses.....)	72,110.00)
(Salaries & Wages.....)	77,175.00)
(Benefits & Taxes	20,557.00)
(Road Oil.....)	15,000.00)
(Sidewalks.....)	2,000.00)

STREET LIGHTS	16,200.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	83,561.00
HEALTH & HOSPITALS	5,313.00

(N.C. Home Health.....)	2,019.00)
(White Mtn. Mental Health.....)	1,267.00)
(Gr. County Senior Citizens.....)	1,040.00)
(Health Officer.....)	400.00)
(Hospice.....)	587.00)

WELFARE	7,650.00
(General Assistance.....)	6,600.00)
(CAP.....)	550.00)
(Big Brothers/Big Sisters.....)	500.00)

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Programs	31,369.00
Parks	5,000.00
Library	42,012.00
(Total Budget.....)	59,012.00)
Patriotic Purposes	1,150.00
Museums	1,000.00
CONSERVATION	2,000.00
INTEREST/TAN	11,000.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	
Bridge Reserve Fund	2,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$783,297.00

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established and authorize the transfer of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Town's surplus to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established and authorize the transfer of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Town's surplus to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to be added to the Reassessment Reserve Fund previously established and authorize the transfer of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) from the Town's surplus to Trustees of the Trust Funds for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established to the Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this transfer .

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town Building Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of maintaining the Town Building and to appropriate and transfer ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Town's surplus to this fund for this purpose and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Sidewalk Improvement Fund, for the purpose of repairing and replacing the Town's sidewalks and to appropriate and transfer five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Town's surplus to this fund for this purpose and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Highway Improvement Fund, for the purpose of improving the Town's roads and to appropriate and transfer twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Town's surplus to this fund for this purpose and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the Heath property at 553 Main Street (Map 13, Lot 01) for the purpose of a museum and to request the Trustees of the Trust Funds to expend monies from the Museum Fund for this purpose. This amount would be the agreed upon sales price of seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71,000.00) and associated closing costs.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to lease the property at 553 Main Street (Map 13/Lot 01) to the Franconia Area Heritage Council, a non-profit organization, for a period of ten years, at a rate of a dollar per year, for the purpose of establishing and operating a Franconia Town Museum and to authorize the expenditure of the remaining Museum Fund by the Franconia Area Heritage Council for the purpose of repairing and restoring the building as a museum. The aforementioned lease to be negotiated on behalf of the Town by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 12. If the Town votes not to purchase the Heath property as per Article 10 above, will the Town then vote to authorize the Franconia Area Heritage Council to acquire and expend the Museum Fund to purchase, repair, and restore the Heath property at 553 Main Street for the purpose of establishing and operating a Franconia Town Museum, subject to the approval of the Grafton County Probate Court?

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifty- five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) to purchase a 1986 Cat 120G Grader with attachments and to authorize the expenditure of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) from the Town's surplus for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) to purchase a pickup truck for use in the maintenance of the town buildings, parks, and cemeteries and to authorize the expenditure of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) from the Town's surplus for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000.00) for the purpose of repairing and restoring the Dow Avenue Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the expenditure of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) from the Town's surplus for this purpose. The remaining two hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$236,000.00) to be received from the State of New Hampshire's Bridge Aid Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400.00) for the purpose of establishing; a Police Department Bike Patrol and to authorize the expenditure of five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400.00) from the Town's surplus for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to purchase a planning map from Cartographic Assoc. Inc., to include property lines, severe soils, slopes greater than 10%, wetlands, 100-year flood plain and aquifers, for use by the Planning Board and to authorize the expenditure of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Town's surplus for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) for the purpose of improving the skating rink and authorize the expenditure of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) from the Town's surplus for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing account as per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the improvements have been completed or in five years, whichever is less. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred five dollars (\$405.00) for the purpose of establishing a Regional Airport Authority. The participating members of the Authority would be responsible primarily for the costs associated with generating new sales and business opportunities for its member communities. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Franconia based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 yrs. to 75 yrs., \$10,000.00, for 75 yrs. to 80 yrs., \$15,000.00, for 80 yrs. and older, \$20,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400.00 or, if married, a combined income of less than \$20,400.00; and own assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees to the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify to Class V that portion of Wallace Hill Road, from the Bethlehem town line to a point 200 feet south of the intersection of the northerly boundary line of tax map 3, lot 1 with said road, and to reclassify Wallace Hill Road from that point to Skyline Drive as Class VI. Wallace Hill Road, south of Skyline Drive, will remain Class V.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify Coal Hill Road from the northerly boundary line of map 11, lot 1A to the end of the road as a highway to summer cottages as per RSA 231:79.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept Beechwood Lane and Evergreen Drive as Town Roads, being said roads were duly constructed under Town supervision to Town specifications, and being that the eight existing homes and remaining homesites currently contribute approximately \$20,000.00 per year in taxes to the Town. By petition.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept Rockwood Road as a Town Road which was constructed to Town specifications and was, at that time, approved by the Selectmen as meeting town specifications. By petition.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-c which authorize any town to elect not to assess, levy, and collect a resident tax.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A: 4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, provided however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of such personal property.

ARTICLE 28. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Ruth A. Vaill
D. Edward Carbonaro
Kenneth P. Ford
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997
TAXES:			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,270.00	\$ -0-
Resident Taxes	5,320.00	4,005.00	-0-
Yield Taxes	10,854.00	9,929.00	5,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	38,000.00	68,073.00	40,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	88,000.00	110,081.00	80,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	4,585.00	6,695.00	5,000.00
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal Forest Lands	20,653.00	20,653.00	20,000.00
FROM STATE:			
Shared Revenue	13,822.00	29,242.00	29,000.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	-0-	6,747.00	6,000.00
Highway Block Grant	29,448.00	29,448.00	32,188.00
Bridge Aid Fund	-0-	-0-	236,000.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments			
Transfer Station	35,967.00	38,843.00	38,065.00
Recreation Programs	17,329.00	18,766.00	19,047.00
Emergency Phone	981.00	1,015.00	1,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
Interest on Investments	6,000.00	12,323.00	9,000.00
Payment on Debt (Water Depts.)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Capital Projects (Rink)	6,500.00	-0-	-0-
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
Capital Reserve Funds	35,500.00	77,459.00	100,000.00
Trust Funds	5,000.00	1,500.00	76,000.00
FROM SURPLUS	<u>96,000.00</u>	<u>96,000.00</u>	<u>117,900.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$417,959.00	\$535,049.00	\$816,400.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$ 54,095.00	\$ 56,506.00	\$ 58,256.00
Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	9,895.00	9,359.00	8,698.00
Financial Administration	26,121.00	24,879.00	26,550.00
Revaluation of Property	6,100.00	5,489.00	6,000.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	1,215.00	1,000.00
Planning & Zoning	3,700.00	5,570.00	7,545.00
Government Buildings	42,119.00	40,618.00	43,118.00
Cemeteries	10,000.00	8,746.00	10,000.00
Insurance	8,500.00	7,854.00	8,000.00
Advertising & Regional Association	8,172.00	8,172.00	6,156.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	139,213.00	140,027.00	154,392.00
Ambulance	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
Fire (inc. Fire Fighting pay)	42,350.00	40,573.00	45,230.00
Life Squad	4,000.00	2,913.00	6,800.00
Forest Fire	1,658.00	2,089.00	1,540.00
8123 Phone	7,600.00	7,598.00	8,520.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Highways, Streets & Sidewalks	176,362.00	176,128.00	186,842.00
Street Lighting	16,500.00	16,519.00	16,200.00
SANITATION:			
Solid Waste Disposal	79,000.00	82,105.00	83,561.00
HEALTH:			
Health Agencies & Hospitals	5,236.00	4,999.00	5,313.00
WELFARE:			
	8,000.00	7,670.00	7,650.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
Recreation	29,455.00	28,752.00	31,369.00
Parks	5,000.00	5,318.00	5,000.00
Library (Town Payments)	22,284.00	22,065.00	26,786.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,150.00
Museums	1,000.00	464.00	1,000.00
CONSERVATION			
	2,000.00	2,646.00	2,000.00
INTEREST ON TAN			
	11,000.00	11,700.00	11,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY (Articles)			
	124,000.00	127,625.00	439,000.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:			
To Capital Reserve Funds	27,000.00	27,000.00	34,000.00
To Special Revenue (Library)	11,544.00	11,544.00	15,226.00
To Special Revenue (Land Use)	-0-	2,270.00	-0-
To Trust Funds	-0-	-0-	40,000.00
To Non-lapsing Funds (Rink)	-0-	-0-	6,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$888,104.00	\$893,613.00	\$1,308,602.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriation	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$ 54,095.00	\$ 3,516.94
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	9,895.00	30.00
Financial Administration	26,121.00	561.42
Revaluation of Property	6,100.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	-0-
Planning & Zoning	3,700.00	812.00
Town Buildings & Grounds	42,119.00	190.79
Cemeteries	10,000.00	2,298.07
Insurance	8,500.00	15.00
Advertising & Regional Association	8,172.00	-0-
Police	139,213.00	2,064.51
Ambulance	4,200.00	-0-
Fire Department	42,350.00	1,290.46
Life Squad	4,000.00	16.04
Forest Fire	1,658.00	692.55
Emergency Phone	7,600.00	33.50
Highways & Streets	176,362.00	1,231.42
Street Lights	16,500.00	-0-
Solid Waste Disposal	79,000.00	2,875.83
Health Agencies & Hospitals	5,236.00	-0-
Welfare	8,000.00	110.00
Recreation	29,455.00	1,436.67
Parks	5,000.00	-0-
Library	33,828.00	1.96
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	1,000.00	-0-
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	300.00
Interest	11,000.00	6,322.81
Bridge Reserve Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTALS	\$739,104.00	\$23,799.97

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$ 57,611.94	\$ 56,505.72	\$ 1,106.22	\$ -0-
9,925.00	9,359.35	565.65	-0-
26,682.42	24,879.03	1,803.39	-0-
6,100.00	5,489.05	610.95	-0-
1,000.00	1,215.00	-0-	215.00
4,512.00	5,569.98	-0-	1,057.98
42,309.79	40,618.28	1,691.51	-0-
12,298.07	8,746.24	3,551.83	-0-
8,515.00	7,854.00	661.00	-0-
8,172.00	8,171.55	.45	-0-
141,277.51	140,027.43	1,250.08	-0-
4,200.00	4,200.00	-0-	-0-
43,640.46	40,572.72	3,067.74	-0-
4,016.04	2,912.98	1,103.06	-0-
2,350.55	2,088.55	262.00	-0-
7,633.50	7,598.06	35.44	-0-
177,593.42	176,127.98	1,465.44	-0-
16,500.00	16,518.60	-0-	18.60
81,875.83	82,105.26	-0-	229.43
5,236.00	4,999.47	236.53	-0-
8,110.00	7,670.23	439.77	-0-
30,891.67	28,752.28	2,139.39	-0-
5,000.00	5,318.08	-0-	318.08
33,829.96	33,608.66	221.30	-0-
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
1,000.00	463.50	536.50	-0-
2,300.00	2,246.25	53.75	-0-
17,322.81	11,700.00	5,622.81	-0-
<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$762,903.97	\$738,318.25	\$26,424.81	\$1,839.09

NOTES

Dues & Subscriptions		544.81	
Gas & Diesel		404.99	
Heating Oil		3,411.29	
Insurance			
Boiler	261.00		
Buildings	538.00		
Commercial Auto	4,615.00		
Commercial Floater	1,094.00		
Commercial Liability	1,152.00		
Errors & Omissions	<u>250.00</u>	7,910.00	
New Equipment		8,791.90	
Radios		535.66	
Telephone		584.70	
Training and Prevention		509.45	
Vehicles and Equipment		1,526.02	
Wages			
Annual Pay		9,846.50	
Fireman's Fund		1,853.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		142.79	
Social Security		610.49	
Unemployment Compensation		<u>61.65</u>	40,572.72
Life Squad			
General Expenses		2,617.50	
Vehicle Maintenance		<u>295.48</u>	2,912.98
Forest Fire			
General Expenses		207.71	
Insurance - Commercial Auto		625.00	
Newspaper Notices		59.50	
Wages			
Annual Pay		425.00	
Firefighting		616.44	
Training		69.88	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		16.14	
Social Security		<u>68.88</u>	2,088.55
Emergency Phone			
8123 Phone Line		2,034.06	
Grafton County Dispatch		<u>5,564.00</u>	7,598.06
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		1,793.62	
Culverts		2,401.62	
Equipment Maintenance		3,210.01	
Equipment Rental		6,189.00	
Gas, Diesel, etc.		9,557.48	
Gravel		4,588.30	
Gravel Pit Closure		2,846.50	

Insurance			
Boiler	130.00		
Building	384.00		
Commercial Auto	4,136.00		
Equipment	<u>581.00</u>	5,231.00	
Lease of Mack Truck		6,712.17	
Miscellaneous		55.00	
Radios		638.04	
Roadside Mowing		1,485.00	
Road Oil		7,029.60	
Sand and Salt		10,733.69	
Sidewalk Maintenance (plowing)		1,811.26	
Street Sweeping		2,415.00	
Supplies		3,384.72	
Telephone		419.55	
Uniforms		1,709.94	
Vehicle Maintenance		5,169.42	
Wages		74,049.39	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		14,763.72	
Medicare		1,131.21	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	2,278.54		
Town Contribution	<u>1,564.24</u>	3,842.78	
Social Security		4,836.66	
Unemployment Compensation		<u>123.30</u>	176,127.98
STREET LIGHTING			16,518.60
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL			
Transfer Station			
Electricity		529.48	
Hazardous Waste Collection		811.00	
Landfill		47,209.84	
Newspaper Notices		40.95	
Operation		32,400.00	
Stickers		565.46	
Telephone		<u>548.53</u>	82,105.26
HEALTH SERVICES			
Grafton County Senior Citizens		1,002.00	
Hospice of Littleton Area		487.00	
North Country Home Health		1,980.00	
White Mountain Mental Health		1,267.00	
Health Officer			
General Expenses	7.80		
Wages	237.50		
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare	3.44		
Social Security	<u>14.73</u>	<u>263.47</u>	4,999.47

WELFARE

Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500.00	
Community Action Program	500.00	
Direct Assistance	<u>6,670.23</u>	7,670.23

RECREATION

Basketball		
Insurance	108.00	
Shirts	80.00	
Little League and Softball		
Insurance	501.00	
League Fees	81.00	
Supplies & Equipment	666.88	
Uniforms	1,681.69	
Wages-Executive Director	1,000.00	
Summer Recreation		
Accident Insurance	310.00	
Miscellaneous	271.50	
Pool and Facilities	500.01	
Supplies	680.23	
Transportation	1,757.03	
Wages	11,981.69	
Rink and Hockey Program		
Equipment Maintenance	55.95	
Ice Making		
Gasoline	12.01	
Wages	<u>3,725.00</u>	3,737.01
Insurance		
Building-Warming Hut	55.00	
Program-Children	<u>308.00</u>	363.00
Miscellaneous	75.00	
Supplies	377.42	
Utilities	1,570.40	
Wages - Executive Director	1,500.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Medicare	264.02	
Social Security	1,128.80	
Unemployment Compensation	<u>61.65</u>	28,752.28

PARKS

Dow Field		
Electricity	100.58	
Field Maintenance	1,452.50	
Seed & Supplies for Field	2,598.00	
Survey of Field	572.00	
Walking Path	<u>595.00</u>	5,318.08

LIBRARY

Insurance			
Boiler	130.00		
Building	821.00		
Fine Arts Floater	<u>122.00</u>	1,073.00	
1995 ARTICLE -3/Handicap Ramp		248.83	
Wages-Librarian		11,567.79	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		5,180.28	
Medicare		212.94	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	2,704.26		
Town Contribution	<u>415.74</u>	3,120.00	
Social Security		<u>910.65</u>	22,313.49

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES 1,000.00

MUSEUMS

General Expense		3.50	
Insurance			
Boiler-Frost Place	130.00		
Building-Stone Stack Center	55.00		
Building-Frost Place	<u>275.00</u>	<u>460.00</u>	463.50

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dues		150.00	
Land Use Fund/Doolan Property		17,600.00	
Legal Fees		300.50	
Newspaper Notices		29.75	
Plantings		566.00	
Supplies		125.00	
Trees		1,075.00	
1989 ARTICLE-3/Conservation		200.00	
1990 ARTICLE-3/Conservation		<u>200.00</u>	20,246.25

INTEREST ON TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES 11,700.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY-Equipment

Article 2/Mack Truck		60,740.58	
Article 4/Police Cruiser		17,944.47	
Article 5/Police Radios		3,060.00	
Article 6/Mower		4,195.00	
Article 10/Life Squad Rescue Van		<u>36,985.00</u>	122,925.05

CAPITAL OUTLAY-Buildings

Article 8/Fire Station Doors			4,700.00
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Library Appropriation		11,544.00	
Land Use Fund		<u>2,270.00</u>	13,814.00

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Bridge Reserve Fund-Annual Payment	2,000.00		
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	5,000.00		
Sidewalk Plow Reserve Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>		17,000.00
ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDS			8,337.68
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
Grafton County Tax			148,835.00
School Taxes			
Lafayette Regional School District	682,693.00		
Profile School District	<u>491,547.00</u>		1,174,240.00
State of New Hampshire			
Marriage License Fees	1,026.00		
Vital Record Search Fees	<u>555.00</u>		<u>1,581.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$2,251,076.97
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)			
Cash Transfers			
McLachlin Memorial Fund	271.00		
Museum Fund Donations	260.00		
Museum Fund Transfer	102,063.64		
NHPDIP Deposit	500,000.00		
TAN	<u>400,000.00</u>		1,002,594.64
Water Department			
Insurance-Commercial Auto	442.00		
Wages	7,717.50		
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare	111.91		
Social Security	478.50		
Unemployment Compensation	<u>30.82</u>	<u>621.23</u>	8,780.73
BC/BS-Lovett			3,714.12
Conservation			2,000.00
Donations-Life Squad Rescue Van			30,000.00
Tax Lien Levy-per Auditor			144,153.63
Town Clerk			
Duplicate			<u>34.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS			\$1,191,277.12

VALUATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1993 Sutphen Delage Pumper	\$180,000.00	\$144,000.00	20	\$ 9,000.00
1988 Ford Equipment Van	20,000.00	2,000.00	10	2,000.00
1982 Chev. Rescue Van	20,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-	16	-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)				
1996 Scott Air Pack (1)	1,250.00	1,187.00	20	63.00
1995 Scott Air Packs (2)	2,500.00	2,250.00	20	125.00
Scott Air Packs (6)	6,000.00	1,375.00	20	275.00
1993 Protective Gear	524.00	260.00	8	66.00
1992 Protective Gear	915.00	345.00	8	114.00
1991 Protective Gear	1,041.00	261.00	8	130.00
1990 Protective Gear	1,280.00	160.00	8	160.00
1989 Protective Gear	2,000.00	-0-	8	250.00
Protective Gear	3,000.00	-0-	8	-0-
1996 Fire Hose 4"	5,775.00	5,197.00	10	578.00
1995 Fire Hose	3,003.00	2,403.00	10	300.00
1991 Fire Hose	531.00	213.00	10	53.00
1990 New Tools & Fittings	365.00	106.00	10	37.00
1990 Hose & Fittings	325.00	94.00	10	33.00
1989 1½" Hose & Fittings	914.00	178.00	10	92.00
4" Hose & Fittings	7,800.00	-0-	10	-0-
3000' 2 1/2" 1000 1 1/2" Hose	5,275.00	-0-	20	-0-
1991 Marauder	843.00	-0-	5	-0-
1991 Smoke Ejectors	684.00	-0-	5	-0-
1987 Defibrillator	4,920.00	-0-	5	-0-
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	3,636.00	2,180.00	10	364.00
1993 Radio (New Truck)	1,839.00	1,103.00	10	184.00
1992 Portable Radio	690.00	345.00	10	69.00
1990 Midland Mobile Radio	767.00	228.00	10	77.00
1990 Mobile Radio	1,150.00	345.00	10	115.00
1989 Portable Radio (Forestry)	550.00	110.00	10	55.00
1988 Portable Radio	1,000.00	100.00	10	100.00
Mobile Radios	7,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
Base Radio	2,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
1996 Beepers	700.00	560.00	5	140.00
1995 Beepers	1,174.00	940.00	5	234.00
1993 Beepers (2)	741.00	149.00	5	148.00
1992 Beepers (4)	1,626.00	-0-	5	326.00
1991 Beepers	1,423.00	-0-	5	238.00
1990 Beepers (4)	1,340.00	-0-	5	-0-
Totals	\$335,581.00	\$166,089.00		\$15,326.00

VALUATION OF POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1996 Ford Cruiser	\$16,360.00	\$10,906.00	3	\$ 5,454.00
1995 Ford Explorer	23,000.00	7,667.00	3	7,667.00
1993 Midland Mobile	800.00	80.00	10	80.00
1992 G.E. Mobile (2)	930.00	465.00	10	93.00
1991 Midland Mobile	596.00	236.00	10	60.00
1990 Midland Mobile	1,750.00	525.00	10	175.00
1989 Midland Mobile	1,370.00	274.00	10	137.00
1996 Pentax Camera	169.00	34.00	5	135.00
1996 Motorola Portables (4)	2,760.00	2,415.00	8	345.00
Metro Media Pagers (3)	195.00	39.00	5	39.00
Sirens, Lights	1,200.00	-0-	10	-0-
1989 Siren	210.00	-0-	3	-0-
Radar Gun	1,450.00	-0-	5	-0-
Desks (2)	520.00	52.00	10	52.00
File Cabinets (2)	384.00	42.00	10	38.00
Lockers (6)	515.00	99.00	10	52.00
1995 Computer System	2,023.00	1,619.00	10	202.00
1985 Typewriter	400.00	-0-	4	-0-
1996 Sharp Copier	1,295.00	1,133.00	8	162.00
1995 SKS Rifle	125.00	99.00	10	13.00
1995 Sig 9mm (used)	400.00	320.00	10	40.00
1995 Sig 9mm	587.00	469.00	10	59.00
1995 Sig 9mm (used)	300.00	240.00	10	30.00
1990 9mm (4)	2,020.00	606.00	10	202.00
1989 Moseberg Shotgun	393.00	113.00	10	40.00
Totals	<u>\$59,752.00</u>	<u>\$27,433.00</u>		<u>\$15,075.00</u>

VALUATION OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Mack Truck	\$ 76,702.00	\$69,032.00	10	\$ 7,670.00
1995 Spreaders (2)	18,498.00	12,332.00	6	3,083.00
1992 Ford Truck	24,680.00	-0-	4	-0-
1990 John Deere Loader	47,500.00	25,100.00	15	3,200.00
1988 Pull Sweeper	6,700.00	-0-	6	-0-
1985 Highway Sweeper	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1982 Mack Truck	59,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1978 Dodge Truck	800.00	-0-	3	-0-
1976 Sandpiper Screener	15,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
1969 Gaeleon Grader	32,000.00	-0-	16	-0-
1990 Angle Plow	1,750.00	525.00	10	175.00
Radios	4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Compressor	1,163.00	931.00	10	116.00
10 Ton Jack	100.00	-0-	5	-0-
Chain Saw	338.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder and Culvert Pump	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$302,631.00	\$107,920.00		\$14,244.00

VALUATION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Computer	\$ 1,895.00	\$1,515.00	10	\$190.00
1993 Typewriter	180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1993 Printer	406.00	82.00	5	81.00
1993 Back-up Drive	289.00	57.00	5	58.00
1990 Computer	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
1988 Copier	1,600.00	-0-	5	-0-
1986 Typewriter	400.00	-0-	4	-0-
1986 Computer	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$16,770.00	\$1,654.00		\$329.00

VALUATION OF TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1985 Trash Compactor	\$20,000.00 (60%)	\$ -0-	10	\$ -0-

VALUATION OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1996 John Deere Mower	\$ 4,195.00	\$3,356.00	5	\$ 839.00
1995 Toro Snowblower	733.00	439.00	5	147.00
1993 Kabota Snowblower	2,085.00	834.00	5	417.00
1992 Gravely Mower	2,599.00	-0-	5	519.00
1986 Gravely Tractor	3,900.00	-0-	10	-0-
1984 Chevy Truck	3,000.00	-0-	3	1,000.00
1978 Kabota Tractor	5,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1973 Bombardier Plow	<u>8,370.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$29,882.00	\$4,629.00		\$2,922.00

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
Accrual Basis

INCOME STATEMENT
For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1996

REVENUES

Water Fees & Other Charges	\$37,393.43
Interest Earned on Bank Accounts	<u>1,976.31</u>
Total Revenues	39,369.74

EXPENDITURES

Town of Franconia, Payroll	7,100.97
PSNH	4,699.02
Contract Labor	50.00
NHDES & other, Water Testing	3,250.50
Franconia Hardware, Inc.	991.65
Safeguard Business Forms	61.77
Postage	342.60
Mileage	595.77
Miscellaneous Supplies	110.35
Wills Electric	327.24
Truck Insurance	221.00
White Mountain Concrete	3,620.00
Lawns, Landscaping, & More	1,750.00
Robert Anthony, Builder	2,207.00
Building Materials	985.00
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	571.98
Provan & Lorber	252.35
Bank Charges	<u>112.40</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>27,249.60</u>
Net Income	\$12,120.14

BALANCE SHEET
For The Year Ending December 31, 1996

ASSETS

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$41,268.98	
Cash on Hand-Checking Account	15,864.15	
Water Fees Due	32,961.94	
Stock on Hand	<u>600.00</u>	
 Total Assets		 <u>\$90,695.07</u>

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Due Town-Franconia	5,000.00	
Accounts Payable	<u>571.98</u>	
 Total Liabilities		 5,571.98
Surplus		<u>85,123.09</u>
 Total Liability Surplus		 <u>90,695.07</u>

EQUIPMENT (At Cost)

Deep Wells	15,628.80	
Mains	111,700.80	
Hydrants	6,770.00	
Tools & Equipment	<u>6,300.00</u>	
		 \$140,399.60

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Accrual Basis

INCOME STATEMENT

For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1996

REVENUES

Water Fees & Related Charges	\$19,388.22
Interest Earned on Checking Account	<u>3,963.30</u>
Total Revenues	<u>23,351.52</u>

EXPENDITURES

Town of Franconia, Wages & Worker's Compensation	2,060.32
Public Service Co. of NH	1,656.66
NHDES & Private Water Testing	1,682.60
Franconia Hardware, Inc.	32.81
Falcon Well Drilling	655.75
Lawns, Landscaping & More	50.00
Mileage Expense	681.60
Postage	32.00
Dues & Fees	140.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	3.98
Bank Charges	231.99
Wills Electric, Inc.	2,843.76
White Mountain Publishers	107.10
Clear Water Pools	115.90
Robert Anthony, Builder	115.00
Robert Peckett & Sons	2,106.54
Truck Insurance	<u>221.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>12,737.01</u>
Net Income	\$10,614.51

BALANCE SHEET
For The Year Ending December 31, 1996

ASSETS

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$103,172.43	
Cash on Hand-Checking Account	13,590.09	
Water Fees and Late Charges Due	<u>2,637.43</u>	
 Total Assets		 <u>\$119,399.95</u>

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	682.72	
Surplus	<u>118,717.23</u>	
 Total Liabilities		 <u>119,399.95</u>

EQUIPMENT (At Cost)

Mains		128,685.00
Deep Wells		28,300.00
Hydrants		5,322.00
Pumps		<u>6,350.00</u>
		 \$168,657.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities
Common Trust Fund Investments:			
Fidelity Magellan Fund	\$ 7,067.94	\$ 1,568.10	\$ 1,683.17
Janus Fund	7,483.12	1,253.31	-0-
Scudder Growth & Income Fund	8,134.19	735.11	-0-
Vanguard Fixed Income Fund	8,134.99	518.11	116.36
Northeast Investors Trust	8,266.91	1,081.29	-0-
Peoples Bank of Littleton	<u>9,736.85</u>	<u>19,546.63</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	\$ 48,824.00	\$ 24,702.55	\$ 1,799.53
Capital Reserve Funds:			
New Equipment	\$ 161,329.15	\$ 9,396.33	\$ (483.93)
Bridge Construction	42,903.54	4,498.84	(128.70)
Reassessment	29,284.33	1,705.61	(87.84)
Legal	11,728.68	683.12	(35.18)
Life Squad Van	25,337.58	1,475.74	(76.00)
Police Cruiser	270.06	15.73	(0.81)
Handicap Access	1,523.69	88.74	(4.75)
Dow Strip	1,033.76	60.21	(3.10)
Fire Truck	-0-	5,000.00	-0-
Sidewalk Plow	<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	\$ 273,410.79	\$32,924.32	\$ (820.14)
Scholarship Fund	\$ 82,853.53		
Remedial Education	\$ 86,324.07	\$ 6,769.57	\$ (5,905.52)
Museum Fund	-0-	\$ 102,169.79	-0-

* At year's end, the 1996 market value of the fund was \$84,196.
There was \$3,850 outstanding in payables to young scholars.

December 31, 1996

Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	INCOME Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
\$ (10,319.21)	\$ -0-	-0-	\$ 1,568.10	\$ (1,568.10)	-0-
-0-	8,736.43	-0-	1,253.31	(1,253.31)	-0-
-0-	8,869.30	-0-	735.11	(735.11)	-0-
(8,769.46)	-0-	-0-	518.11	(518.11)	-0-
-0-	9,348.20	-0-	1,081.29	(1,081.29)	-0-
<u>(1,500.00)</u>	<u>27,783.48</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>429.14</u>	<u>(429.14)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$ (20,588.67)	\$ 54,737.41	-0-	\$ 5,585.06	\$ (5,585.06)	-0-
\$ (35,514.75)	\$ 134,726.79	-0-	\$ 9,396.33	\$ (9,396.33)	-0-
(3.92)	47,269.75	-0-	2,498.84	(2,498.84)	-0-
(14,416.68)	16,485.42	-0-	1,705.61	(1,705.61)	-0-
(2,208.08)	10,168.53	-0-	683.12	(683.12)	-0-
(25,339.90)	1,397.42	-0-	1,475.74	(1,475.74)	-0-
(0.02)	284.96	-0-	15.73	(15.73)	-0-
(0.14)	1,607.73	-0-	88.74	(88.74)	-0-
(0.09)	1,090.77	-0-	60.21	(60.21)	-0-
-0-	5,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$ (77,483.59)	\$ 228,031.38	-0-	\$ 15,924.32	\$ (15,924.32)	-0-
	\$ 82,853.53*		\$ 5,011.04	\$ (3,300.00)	
\$ (65.00)	\$ 87,123.12	-0-	\$ 6,769.57	\$ (6,769.57)	-0-
-0-	\$ 102,169.79	-0-	\$ 106.15	\$ (106.15)	-0-

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As Of December 31, 1996

ASSETS

Cash-checking, Peoples Bank	\$ 4,003.57
Cash-checking, Peoples Bank	424.84
Petty cash	31.16
Due from Trust Funds	<u>816.13</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,275.70</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accounts payable	219.48
Accrued payroll	<u>1,302.14</u>
Total Liabilities	1,521.62
Unreserved designated fund balance	<u>3,754.08</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>\$ 5,275.70</u>

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1996

REVENUES

From the Town of Franconia General Fund	\$11,544.00
From the Library Trust Funds	17,107.72
Donations	1,410.50
Fines, lost books, book sales, copies, etc.	900.67
Interest on checking account	<u>85.01</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>\$31,047.90</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salary-Librarian	4,618.78
Wages-Librarian assistants	13,199.78
Wages-Custodian	2,005.30
Bookkeeping fees	1,000.00
Payroll taxes	1,703.95
Books, periodicals, etc.	7,637.03
Equipment	483.99
Office supplies	344.87
Library supplies	424.92
Postage	132.74
Dues	225.50
Programs	74.39
Training	15.00
Mileage	193.50
Misc.	26.09
Insurance	1,108.00
Repairs	530.36
Heat	1,343.50
Light	1,507.23
Telephone	694.50
Water	60.00
Custodial supplies	210.16
Garden supplies	<u>129.48</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>\$37,669.07</u>
 Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	 (6,621.17)
 Fund Balance, January 1, 1996	 <u>10,375.25</u>
 Fund Balance, December 31, 1996	 \$ 3,754.08

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Funds, Checking Accounts & Income Earned Thereon
For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
	Balance Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Greenleaf Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 2,050.14	\$ (2,050.14)	\$ -0-
Grimes Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,488.15	(1,488.15)	-0-
Harry W. & Mary H. Priest Fund									
Trust Fund - Fleet Bank	56,430.54	-0-	-0-	-0-	56,430.54	-0-	3,600.00	(3,600.00)	-0-
Scudder Bond	81,119.68	-0-	-0-	-0-	81,119.68	393.58	4,830.56	(5,224.14)	-0-
Vanguard Bond	30,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,000.00	179.65	2,138.82	(2,318.47)	-0-
Jarvis D. Blair Memorial Fund									
Vanguard Bond	34,265.17	-0-	-0-	-0-	34,265.17	201.75	2,401.94	(2,603.69)	-0-
Phillips Fund									
Peoples Bank	1,448.99	38.54	-0-	-0-	1,487.53	-0-	38.54	(38.54)	-0-
Woodsville Bank	3,130.64	152.10	-0-	-0-	3,282.74	-0-	152.10	(152.10)	-0-
J.C. Blair Technology Fund									
Peoples Bank	3,689.47	2,790.08	-0-	473.99	6,005.56	-0-	145.61	(145.61)	-0-
Woodsville Bank	2,685.94	130.50	-0-	-0-	2,816.44	-0-	130.50	(130.50)	-0-
Karl Schaffer Fund									
Scudder Bond	10,057.90	-0-	-0-	-0-	10,057.90	48.72	598.11	(646.83)	-0-
Building Fund - Peoples Savings	-0-	29,121.25	-0-	20,000.00	9,121.25	-0-	116.73	(116.73)	-0-
Peoples Cert. of Deposit	-0-	28,000.00	-0-	28,000.00	-0-	-0-	709.52	(709.52)	-0-
Peoples Cert. of Deposit	-0-	20,000.00	-0-	-0-	20,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Petty Cash	-0-	480.35	-0-	369.08	111.27	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTALS	\$ 222,823.33	\$ 80,712.82	\$ -0-	\$ 48,843.07	\$ 254,698.08	\$ 823.70	\$ 18,400.72	\$ (19,224.42)	\$ -0-

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Services: Items Loaned		Accessions: Library Materials	
Adult Fiction	5322	Total 12/31/95	20,346
Adult Non-fiction	3656	Purchased 1996:	
Juvenile Fiction	3404	Books	451
Juvenile Non-fiction	1175	Cassettes	27
Periodicals	1540	Videos	9
Cassettes	5196	CD ROM	0
Pamphlets	39	Gifts 1996:	
Puzzles	72	Books	572
Films	126	Cassettes	21
Videos	<u>565</u>	Puzzles	17
Total	21,095	Videos	22
		CD ROM	0
		Withdrawn	<u>750</u>
		Total on 12/31/96	20,715

Borrowed from N.H. State Library	152	Paperbacks Purchased	206
Borrowed from other N.H. Libraries	322	Paperbacks Gift	275
Borrowed from Littleton Public Library	140	Periodicals Purchased	29
Loaned to other N.H. Libraries	212	Periodicals Gift	28
		Newspapers	3
New Borrower Cards	140		
Total Active Borrowers	975		

Respectfully submitted,
Amy W. Bahr

FRANCONIA & FRANCONIA/MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENTS

AH! New England -- From the near drought of '95 to the wettest year of record, we've experienced a very busy 1996.

In three days during the January thaw, the Water Department road was washed away twice, at Mittersill, the pump house flooded, the snow-making building roof was blown off, the Inn developed a huge underground leak and downtown, the Gale Reservoir overflow froze, flooding Coal Hill Road.

In May, as a result of that road washout, we experienced a bacteria problem in the McGowan Reservoir. It was removed from use and wouldn't return until extensive repair.

June brought high copper levels at the new elementary school, just a lot of new piping and no real problem.

In July, we began the McGowan repairs including: sill, roof support and concrete inside walkway replacement, inner and outer sealing of a dry pore crack along 80% of the existing reservoir walls, new concrete piers to support walkway and roof, removal of existing spring sediment basin, re-grading of the road, widening of ditches and installation of three new culverts.

In late summer, extremely high ground water levels caused bacteria problems in both water systems, emergency chlorination was established and will, with the State and EPA requirements, soon become a permanent necessity.

In September, we completed EPA mandated Phase II and V of testing of all five sources with excellent results.

November brought installation of the long planned underground conduit for electrical service to Mittersill wells and pump house. The electrical wiring phase is on-going, to be completed by spring.

In December, we completed yet another (fourth) round of lead/copper testing on both systems.

Both systems show continued improvement, however, the increased time demands of required testing with its associated paper work, the necessary on-going updates and repairs, all point to hiring a full time operator in the very near future.

Our special thanks to:

David Ainsworth - Lawns, Landscaping & More
Bob Anthony - Builder
Bruce Bunker - White Mt. Concrete
A. D. Rossi - Concrete Sealing

Rene Wills - Wills Electric
Bob Peckett & Sons - Excavating
Jerry Landry - PSNH
Terry & Kathy Welch -
Welch's Water & Wastewater Services

Thank you,

Water Commissioners
Franconia & Franconia/Mittersill

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 1996, the Franconia Police Department has shown a significant increase in motor vehicle activity. This was due to reports from concerned citizens requesting an increased presence in a particular area due to speeding vehicles. As you are aware, an officer cannot be in all places at the same time. We greatly appreciate the public's involvement in helping us to deter motor vehicle violations. We encourage your participation in crime prevention and welcome any reports you may wish to pass on to us. Our commitment to the community for a safer environment will be achieved through the cooperation of the townspeople and the officers of the Franconia Police Department. I encourage the public to get to know your officers.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to my fellow officers for all the hard work they have shown in 1996. Their professionalism and team work are a great asset to the community.

Thank you,

Mark Montminy
Chief of Police

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Criminal Cases	101
Accidents	85
MV Warnings	269
Disabled MV	47
Prowler	13
Bank Alarm	1
Business Alarms	11
Assist Public	284
Open Doors	35
Juvenile Cases	5
Arrests	13
MV Arrests	55
Assist Other Agencies	166
Domestics	10
Dog Complaints	40
House Alarms	25
Abandoned MV	15
Vehicle Lockouts	27
Open Windows	7

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1996 the Franconia Fire Department responded to 88 calls in the following categories:

Automobile incidents	29
Mutual aid	11
Alarm activations	13
Miscellaneous	35

Although Franconia sustained no structure fires in 1996, the Fire Department saw the busiest year in its history, just surpassing last year's record of 87 calls. Compared to last year, we saw an increase in alarm activations -- false alarms triggered by automatic systems -- from 9 to 13. We saw a decline in automobile incidents from 40 to 29. (There were three moose collisions in 1996.) Mutual aid calls also declined from 16 to 11. Five of the mutual aid responses were to Littleton.

The miscellaneous calls were dominated by 13 incidents involving downed power lines due to bad weather. Other calls ranged from blocked chimneys to downed gliders.

The demand on our manpower was very significant, and the department's 20 members continue to demonstrate a commendable willingness to serve their community. In total, they logged 710 hours responding to emergencies during 1996. In addition they attended more than 300 hours of training and scheduled meetings.

The Fire Department invites any willing citizen to join the department. There is plenty of work.

The department's fire prevention activities included a program at the elementary school and scheduled inspections of private and public properties with the assistance of the State Fire Marshall's office. We appreciate the cooperation of property owners in bringing their properties up to code.

We wish to thank all citizens who have supported our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mead, Sr., Chief

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

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

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

TOTAL FIRES 107

Total permits issued in Franconia 103

Fires 1 - Powerline
 1 - Campfire
 1 - Rekindle of campfire

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”

Stephen M . Kessler
Forest Ranger

George Whitcomb
Forest Fire Warden

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Annual Report for 1996

We have just completed our first year under the area volunteers and our Board of Directors, and it has been a most successful year. Our goal to promote Tourism is growing.

The Main Street booth was maintained daily from June till October as well as a twenty-four hour telephone answering service. During the summer we had 1,983 cars stop, representing 4,969 people. We also operated the Cannon Tramway booth during the summer and fall months. We mailed 994 packets from booth calls and 11,116 from our ad in Yankee Magazine.

A four-color area brochure was printed and distributed through our booth, mailings, and trade shows.

Our members organized the Lupine Festival, Frost Bite Follies, Crafts Fair, and participated in the July 4th parade and June's Rugby weekend. Advertising was done in Montreal and Boston papers, AAA, and Yankee Magazine. We are currently working on a budget of \$12,000 for 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Fullerton
President

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Budget Report 10/1/95 – 9/30/96

INCOME

Dues	\$15,207.50
Mountain Country	6,010.00
Matching Grants	3,127.47
Postage	4,317.00
Events	4,897.50
Miscellaneous	1,151.63

Total Income

\$34,711.10

EXPENSES

Advertising	\$18,388.16
Postage	4,138.81
Insurance	608.00
Event Expense	2,823.89
Miscellaneous	2,212.23
Office Expense	2,454.24
Loan Expense	4,085.77

Total Expenses

\$34,711.10

TOWN FUNDS ACCOUNT

1/1/96 – 12/31/96

Balance per Checkbook 12/31/95

\$6,206.09

INCOME

Town of Franconia	\$7,000.00
Town of Sugar Hill	4,000.00
Town of Easton	<u>300.00</u>

Total Income

\$11,300.00

11,300.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE

\$17,506.09

EXPENSES

Booth Wages	\$9,717.57
Social Security	602.46
MediCare	140.42
Futa	167.28
IRS	115.40
Phone	2,262.48
Electric	202.10
Answering Service	834.74
Work Comp	<u>265.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$14,307.45

14,307.45

Balance in Town Funds

\$3,198.64

FRANCONIA/SUGAR HILL/EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

Our summer program had a new home base this year. We were at the multi-purpose room at the Lafayette Regional School. Our Director, Wendy LeClair, brought new ideas and our staff of Brian Frenkiewich, Jennifer Collins, Amy Cyrs, Libby Cassaboom and Sheila King each added their own special touch. The summer program ran for eight weeks and was filled with hiking, swimming, sports, arts and crafts, theater and dance. Jean Serino again taught the children swimming lessons at the Hillwinds pool.

We offered Instructional baseball, farm league, little league and softball teams. Our coaches were energetic and dedicated. In addition soccer, and basketball games were offered at the Lafayette Regional School. Over 90 children enjoyed these events.

Our winter program offers a hockey program and free skating at the rink behind the Abby Greenleaf Library. The rules and hours of operation are posted. This year the committee is pleased to add Wednesday "Family Night" skating from 4-6 pm. There will be music to skate by and hot dogs and hot chocolate available at a small charge. A great social time for skaters of all ages.

Our committee meets monthly to discuss the changing recreational needs of our area and is interested in supporting and providing recreational activities to meet the needs of our community. Parent and community ideas and support are welcome.

The recreational programs we offer involve everyone. We are very fortunate to have the support and dedication of our coaches and parents. We encourage the public to become active in our programs, support the youth and take advantage of the programs we offer.

Respectfully submitted,

The Recreation Committee

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 1996

This year has been demanding yet rewarding for the Life Squad members. Our runs have increased and our training has also increased. We have worked long hours on the plans for our new RESCUE/AMBULANCE type vehicle. This new vehicle should be in service the first of the year. This will not be a transport vehicle at this time. We would like to thank all of you who made private donations, and the TOWN OF FRANCONIA for their financial support toward the purchase of this vehicle.

As well as medical emergencies, the Life Squad responds to assist your Fire Department on their calls. We also train with them.

I would like to express our appreciation to Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton taxpayers for their continued support of our Squad.

The following is a breakdown of our activity from January through November 1996. We have had a total of 95 reportable runs thus far.

EMERGENCY DESCRIPTION	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fran.</u>	<u>S. Hill</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>Other</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	27	20	5	1	1
Medical Emergencies	23	12	10	1	0
Rec. Vehicle Accidents	1	1	0	0	0
Bicycle Accidents	1	1	0	0	0
Misc. Health Problems	2	2	0	0	0
Cardiac Problems	5	4	1	0	0
Alcohol Problems	1	1	0	0	0
Deaths	1	0	0	0	1
Burns/Fire Related	0	0	0	0	0
Pediatric Emergency	4	3	1	0	0
Mt. Rescue Med. Emergencies	2	2	0	0	0
Attempted Suicide	1	1	0	0	0
Minor Med. Emergencies	13	8	4	1	0
No Transport/Refused	7	5	2	0	0
Life Line Calls	6	2	4	0	0
Airplane Accident	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL RUNS	95	63	27	3	2



The citizens of the Town wish to express their heartfelt thanks to Darald and Julie Libby for their generous donation toward the purchase of this Life Squad van.

At this time, I would like to encourage anyone living in the tri-town area who is a certified E.M.T. to consider becoming a member of our Squad. Contact any Squad member for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel N. Peabody
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

PLANNING BOARD

New Developments in 1996:

Subdivisions - The following subdivisions were approved:

- Arthur Chase, 2-lot minor subdivision on Wallace Hill Road
- Jim Powers, 6-lot major subdivision on Easton Road
- Ken Mosedale (KHM Corp.), 6-lot major subdivision on Balancing Rock Road Extension

Lot-line/Boundary-line - The following lot-line/boundary line adjustments were approved:

- Bunker/Sears, Skyline Drive
- Forest Road turnaround
- Kenney/Burwell, Franconia/Easton boundary

In addition to a busy year of discussions and applications, the Planning Board has continued to review its regulatory documents with the intention of revising them as necessary. It also is in the process of computerizing all of its past and present records.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Ball, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative finding, and grants variances to the Town's Zoning Ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant an exception for use in keeping with certain provisions of the Ordinance.

The Board does not interpret or revise the ordinance. Rather, we are charged with the straightforward application of the provisions of the ordinance to the problems brought before us. We are empowered to grant special exceptions and variances, on a case-by-case basis, when such is appropriate and consistent with the letter and spirit of the ordinance.

No appeals were presented in 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Brooks, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The following projects were completed by the Franconia Conservation Commission during 1996:

Planting for the Post Office with grass, bulbs, shrubs and perennials. Many of the perennials were donated by Franconia residents.

The triangle at the intersection of Routes 18 and 116 planted with shrubs, evergreens and perennials.

Red oak trees planted in front of the Town Hall to replace diseased trees.

Acquisition of the Doolin property on Main Street. Plans are being made to remove the house and make the area a green space.

In addition:

Support and a contribution for the Blue Bird project was given to the area school children and the Recreational Program.

Donations were received from the White Mountain Garden Club for the beautification of Franconia and from Annette Sawyer for a tree to be planted in memory of Jeanette Schaffer.

Respectively submitted,

Elizabeth Welch
Franconia Conservation Committee

FRANCONIA HISTORY-MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The committee's concentration this year has been to find a location for the Franconia Museum. Early in the year we had a number of conversations and one meeting with Terry Knowles, Registrar, and Michael DeLucia, Deputy Attorney General, staff members of the Charitable Trust Division of the N.H. Attorney General's Office. An effort was made to clarify legal aspects of the Franconia Museum Trust given by Sarah N. Welch.

In July the Jowders House went on the market, and the members thought it could be an excellent home for the museum. The Committee's reaction to the availability of the Jowders House prompted the recommendation that the library-museum project be "annulled." Our bid on the house was not accepted by the seller. She had a better offer. When that offer was withdrawn in the fall, we made a second offer which was accepted provided the town votes at Town Meeting to buy the property with the Franconia Museum Trust Fund. In September, Ms. Knowles and Mr. DeLucia came to Franconia for a meeting with members of the History-Museum Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Two informational meetings are planned, one in January and one in February of 1997, to give people an opportunity to have input into a plan to purchase the Jowders House and to get information out to people before Town Meeting.

It should be noted that members of the History-Museum Committee have been helping members of the Franconia Area Heritage Council with the Interpretive Center at the stone iron furnace. More than 1500 visitors have signed the guest book since the opening of the center in May of 1994. Mr. Rolando and his team of industrial architects have completed a report on the furnace. It is a valuable research tool. A copy is available at the Abbie Greenleaf Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy W. Bahr, Chairman

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER & MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
February 28, 1996 Littleton, NH	Travis Wayne Brown	Gregory E. Brown Susan H. Smith
June 18, 1996 Littleton, NH	Taylor Amolia Girard	Sean Girard Mary Jo Opalinski
September 29, 1996 Littleton, NH	Kiana Leeanne Orlen	John Mark Orlen Jenny R. Resden

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
February 17, 1996 Franconia, NH	Vivek R. Dave Nutan V. Raval	S. Glastonbury, CT Toronto, Ontario, Canada
March 3, 1996 Franconia, NH	Robert W. Stark, Jr. Ann Margaret Johnson	Weymouth, MA Weymouth, MA
March 8, 1996 Franconia, NH	Robert M. Bleakley Jacqueline Ann Jackson	Bourne, MA Bourne, MA
April 4, 1996 Franconia, NH	Charles Robert Voss Stacey Ann McCarthy	Wallingford, CT Wallingford, CT
May 9, 1996 Littleton, NH	Lonny Lee Ashton Nicole Crosslan	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
June 8, 1996 Franconia, NH	Richard John Noel Caryn Frances Snitko	Royal Oak, MI Royal Oak, MI
June 15, 1996 Franconia, NH	Albert J. Lombardi, Jr. Deborah Ann Nash	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
June 29, 1996 Franconia, NH	William E. Cornelius Kimberly Jean Sheridan	Melrose, MA Melrose, MA
June 29, 1996 Littleton, NH	Chad Anthony Romprey Lisa Marie Randall	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
July 12, 1996 Franconia, NH	Kyle David Crawford Kathleen Mary Smith	Phoenixville, PA Phoenixville, PA

July 14, 1996 Franconia, NH	Robert Edward Foss, Sr. Margaret E. Fitzgerald	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
July 26, 1996 Franconia, NH	Michael Wayne Pribble Marcel Amber Petro	Danville, IL Danville, IL
August 10, 1996 Franconia, NH	Gerald E. Destremps Maria T. Wuest	Tiverton, RI Tiverton, RI
August 24, 1996 Franconia, NH	Eric Walter Conrad Barbara Ann Walsh	Westbrook, ME Westbrook, ME
September 7, 1996 Franconia, NH	Robert A. Franks Cheryl Ann Duhaime	Dunedin, FL New York, NY
September 14, 1996 Sugar Hill, NH	Trevor Alan Hamilton Sandra Ellen Morris	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 21, 1996 Franconia, NH	Allen Agosto Carol Leigh Drew	Rocky Hill, CT Rocky Hill, CT
October 5, 1996 Dublin, NH	Nelson Bartlett Howe Julia Chesser Barnes	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
October 5, 1996 Franconia, NH	Peter Yvon Goulet Keri Renee Bierce	Littleton, CO Littleton, CO
October 5, 1996 Franconia, NH	Scott Allen Beavers Patricia Mary Mulroy	Gilmanton, NH Gilmanton, NH
October 19, 1996 Franconia, NH	Thomas E. Norcott Christina E. Roe	Whitman, MA Whitman, MA
October 19, 1996 Sugar Hill, NH	Timothy A. Bassett Amy Lee Odell	Woodstock, VT Franconia, NH
October 26, 1996 Sugar Hill, NH	Steven James Bartlett Lisa Marie Paul	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 3, 1996 Sugar Hill, NH	Daniel Benjamin Scheidt Mattie-Jean Hunt	New York, NY Franconia, NH
November 9, 1996 Franconia, NH	Steven Gregory Gendron Tracie-Anne Grannis	Bozeman, MT Bozeman, MT
December 26, 1996 Franconia, NH	Ronald E. Donovan Paula Jeanne Murphy	Dorchester, MA Dorchester, MA
December 31, 1996 Franconia, NH	Peter H. Stewart Susan L. Grimley	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE & PLACE OF DEATH	NAME & SURNAME OF DECEASED	NAME & SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
Jan. 17, 1996 Franconia, NH	Olive Wilson	Charles E. Cate	Florence Brown
Feb. 1, 1996 Littleton, NH	Mabel Ann Foster	John Newhook	Tabitha Drake
Feb. 15, 1996 Littleton, NH	Ernest Doolan	Not Reported	Not Reported
Feb. 20, 1996 Franconia, NH	Doris Eva Baker	Porlard Boulay	Lillian Morin
Mar. 1, 1996 Littleton, NH	Garold Lee Miller	George Miller	Bertha Fiske
Mar. 14, 1996 Franconia, NH	Marion E. Holt	Herbert Sias	Lura Eastman
Mar. 17, 1996 Franconia, NH	Louise Bossie	Louis Marchand	Philamene Hamel
Mar. 24, 1996 Franconia, NH	Alice K. Hyde	Lawrence Keenan	Clara McCourt
Mar. 24, 1996 Franconia, NH	Bertha Cook	Harry W. Cheney	Bertha A. Tucker
Mar. 27, 1996 Franconia, NH	Alice A. Ainsworth	Washington Wilson	Bessie Bailey
Apr. 2, 1996 Franconia, NH	George H. Parker, Jr.	George H. Parker, Sr.	Edith Snow
Apr. 3, 1996 Franconia, NH.	Elsie Ludgate	Ernest H. Linden	Selma Rosenthal
Apr. 6, 1996 Franconia, NH	Glenna Choate	Asa King	Nellie Nunn
Apr. 23, 1996 Franconia, NH	Cecille C. Dawson	Robert Meserve	Gertrude Park
May 25, 1996 Franconia, NH	Frank Hubley, Sr.	Walter D. Hubley	Minnie Baughn

June 22, 1996 Franconia, NH	Jeannette Schaffer	Samuel Gotthelf	Annie Utt
July 1, 1996 Littleton, NH	Lauristine Cusson	Floyd Ray	Beatrice Garrett
July 1, 1996 Franconia, NH	Arline J. Paul	Ralph Halliwill	Lea Phaneuf
Aug. 12, 1996 Franconia, NH	Elizabeth Young	Hugh F. Henderson	Elizabeth Hallet
Aug. 21, 1996 Franconia, NH	Lucien A. Conant	Erving B. Conant	Daisy (unknown)
Sept. 13, 1996 Franconia, NH	Ruth Baker Wilmot	Frederick Baker	Maude Penock
Oct. 5, 1996 Franconia, NH	Iva C. Higgins	John Collishaw	Mary Nickerson
Oct. 12, 1996 Franconia, NH	Analda St. Hilaire	Onesime Routhier	Genaie Morin
Oct. 22, 1996 Franconia, NH	Ruby M. Kinne	Not Reported	Rena Chase
Nov. 19, 1996 Franconia, NH	Quentin N. Lavoie	Alphonse J. Lavoie	Hildegard Daly
Dec. 18, 1996 Franconia, NH	John D. Cornelius	John D. Cornelius	Viola M. Bedell

