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## FINANCIAL REPORT



# FRANCONIA

## NEW HAMPSHIRE



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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, 1997**

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## TOWN OFFICERS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Kenneth P. Ford		(Term expires 1998)
Ruth A. Vaill		(Term expires 1999)
D. Edward Carbonaro	(Resigned)	(Term expires 2000)
Rene T. Wills	(Appointed)	

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Trina B. Luce (1998)

### TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (1998)

### MODERATOR

David E. Schaffer (1998)

### AUDITOR

Francis J. Dineen & Co. (Appointed)

### FIRE CHIEF

William L. Mead (Appointed)

### POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

### WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard McLachlin	(1998)
Jon Peabody	(1999)
Daniel Walker	(2000)

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jewell Friedman	(1998)	Harriet Taylor	(1999)
Shirley C. Lyman	(1998)	Bernadette Costa	(2000)
Daniel C. Fowler	(1999)	Marjorie H. Taylor	(2000)
	Robert Gorgone	(2000)	

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mary Fowler	Franconia (1998)
Bruce Perlo	Sugar Hill (1998)
Robert Hackett	Easton (1999)
Tina Peabody	Franconia (1999)
Catherine Strasser	Sugar Hill (2000)

#### PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Perley Whipple	Bethlehem (1998)
James Walker	Lafayette (1998)
John Starr	Bethlehem (1998)
Margaret Gale	Bethlehem (1999)
Tina Peabody	Lafayette (1999)
Christopher Brooks	Lafayette (2000)
David Wood	Bethlehem (2000)

### TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Richard E. Bennink	(1998)
Philip H. See	(1999)
Elise Drake	(2000)

### 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

Robert Ball	(1998)	Peter Stewart	(2000)
Sybil Carey	(1998)	John McGurin (Alternate)	(1998)
Steven Heath	(1999)	Kurt Lucas (Alternate)	(1999)
Earle Collins	(1999)	Robert Anthony (Alternate)	(2000)
Fred Griffin	(2000)	Carol Wills (Alternate)	(2000)

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Richard Gaudette	(1998)	Eleanor Bliss (Alternate)	(1998)
Barbara Barrand	(1999)	Bertram Herbert (Alternate)	(1998)
Mary Ellen Gilbert	(1999)	George Roorbach (Alternate)	(1999)
James Walker	(2000)	Rick Page (Alternate)	(1999)
		Rene Wills(Alternate)	(2000)

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

H. Ashton Crosby	(1998)	Richard Bennink	(1999)
Robert Ball	(1998)	Linda Camelio	(1999)
Christie Shaw-Doran	(1998)	Lucy Hall	(2000)
		Elizabeth Welch	(2000)

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Sugar Hill	Franconia	Easton
Amy Cyrs	Carrie Hamblin (1998)	Laurie Dexter
Lori Henault	M. Kate Foley-Marvelli (1999)	
	Kim Cowles (2000)	

### FRANCONIA HISTORY - MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Amy Bahr	Christopher Brooks	Hamilton Ford (Emeritus)
Eileen Ball	Beatrice Hunt	Shirley Lyman
	Warren Taylor	

### DOW COMMITTEE

	Darald & Julie Libby	
Christie Shaw-Doran	(1998)	Ruth A. Vaill (1999)
Jane Ferrelli	(1999)	Linda Camelio (2000)
Jennifer Gaudette	(1999)	Ken Mosedale (2000)
	Alice Williams	(2000)

# AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL AND COMMENTARY LETTER

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February 6, 1998

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, 1997, 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 6, 1998, 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. Investment Policy

No formal investment policy has been adopted by the Town to provide guidance to the Trustees of the Trust Funds concerning Capital Reserve Investments.

### Recommendation

RSA 35:9 specifies that "at least annually, the governing body of the Town shall review and adopt an investment policy for the investment of public funds in conformance with the provisions of the applicable statutes."

## 2. Trustees of the Trust Funds

Per Warrant Articles #7, 8 & 9, three new Expendable Trust Funds were created in 1997. The money for these funds was deposited in the same account that is used for Capital Reserve Funds. According to the RSA's, Capital Reserve Funds must be held in separate accounts. While the Expendable Trust Funds can be combined into one account, that account must be separate from the account holding the Capital Reserve money.

### Recommendation

The Trustees of the Trust Funds should withdraw the remaining balance of \$15,126.00 of the Expendable Trust Fund from the Capital Reserve account at People's Bank and deposit the funds into a new bank account for Expendable Trust Funds only.



### 3. Library Trust Funds

As in previous years, there are two funds without principal balances listed on the Trustees of the Trust Funds Report submitted to the State of New Hampshire.

#### Recommendation

The current Library Trustees should continue to search for the original principal balance of the Greenleaf Fund. The Grimes Fund's original principal balance was obtained from the broker. Both funds' original principal balances should be included in the Library Trustees of the Trust Funds Reports in 1998.

### 3. Principal Balances of Trust Funds

The Trustees 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. This was also mentioned in last year's audit.

#### 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.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town for their assistance during the course of our audit.

Very truly yours,

Francis J. Dineen, C.P.A.

**BALANCE SHEET**  
for the Year ending December 31, 1997

ASSETS

Cash		
NOW Account	\$113,871.70	
Yield Tax Account	<u>6,005.43</u>	\$ 119,877.13
Investments (NH-PDIP)		209,593.33
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes Receivable - Current	218,611.88	
Property Tax Liens Receivable	177,191.95	
Resident Taxes Receivable	3,114.00	
Yield Taxes Receivable	<u>568.18</u>	399,486.01
Other Accounts Receivable		366.44
Due from Other Funds		
Franconia Water Department	3,000.00	
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	<u>45,000.00</u>	48,000.00
Due from State of New Hampshire (Bridge Aid)		<u>236,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$1,013,322.91</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts/Warrants Payable - 1997		\$ 6,246.25
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	\$250,513.00	
Lafayette Regional School District	<u>268,341.00</u>	518,854.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>525,100.25</b>

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	996.50	
1997 - Article 18 - Skating Rink	6,500.00	
1997 - Article 15 - Dow Bridge (from Surplus)	<u>3,735.00</u>	17,880.00
Funds Reserved for Continuing Appropriations		
1997 - Article 15 - Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	45,000.00	
1997 - Article 15 - State of NH Bridge Aid	<u>236,000.00</u>	281,000.00
Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance		<u>189,342.66</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>		<b><u>488,222.66</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>		<b>\$1,013,322.91</b>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$28,977,967.00
Buildings	63,472,100.00
Manufactured Housing	899,200.00
Electric Utilities	<u>1,514,500.00</u>
Gross Valuation	94,863,767.00
Elderly Exemptions	<u>(44,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation	\$94,819,767.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 1,308,602.00
Revenues	<u>(839,978.00)</u>
Net Town Appropriations	468,624.00
Net School Appropriations	1,252,814.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>154,620.00</u>
Total of Town, School, County	1,876,058.00
Less Shared Revenue	(8,756.00)
Add Overlay	20,802.00
War Service Credits	<u>3,500.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	1,891,604.00
Adjustments for exempt properties/computer	<u>(336.00)</u>
Adjusted Property Tax to be Raised	1,891,268.00
Less Credits	<u>(3,500.00)</u>
Taxes Committed to Collector	\$1,887,768.00

### 1997 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$ 5.11
County	1.63
School	<u>13.21</u>
	\$19.95

# STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia - December 31, 1997

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Building	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 25,700.00	\$178,600.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment			16,502.00
Town Hall, equipment			4,666.00
Library, land & building	24,300.00	217,000.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	25,000.00	208,900.00	
Fire Department, equipment			215,259.00
Police Department, equipment			16,460.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & Buildings	23,300.00	73,100.00	
Highway Department, equipment			145,009.00
Franconia Museum (Jowder House)	42,000.00	91,600.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Land & Buildings	68,000.00	8,000.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, Mains, etc.			140,400.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & Buildings	23,500.00		
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, Mains			168,657.00
Cemetery	33,800.00		
Gravel pit	10,800.00		
Land in Bethlehem	134,500.00		
Land in Franconia	67,600.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	49,100.00	72,300.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	6,800.00	1,300.00	
Dow Strip	54,300.00		
Fox Hill Park	65,200.00		
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TOTALS	\$653,900.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$850,800.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$706,953.00 <sup>(2)</sup>

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation.

Note (2) Depreciated

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
for the Year Ending December 31, 1997  
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$116,387.50
Dog Licenses	646.25
Marriage Licenses	722.00
Certified Copies	603.00
Municipal Agent Fees	541.50
Filing Fees, Postage, Misc.	24.27
Clerk's Fees:	
Vehicle Registrations	1,810.50
Titles	169.00
Certified Copies	517.00
UCC & IRS Filings	3,499.28
Marriage Licenses	133.00
Municipal Agent Fees	<u>1,624.50</u>
Total To Treasurer	\$126,677.80



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
Levy of 1997 - Property & Resident Taxes

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$1,892,560.00	
Yield Taxes	13,712.47	
Land Use Change Taxes	<u>84.00</u>	\$1,906,356.47
Overpayment of Property Taxes	4,814.62	
Interest Collected on Property Taxes	2,094.28	
Interest Collected on Yield Taxes	<u>38.43</u>	<u>6,947.33</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$1,913,303.80</b>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$1,665,492.12	
Yield Taxes	13,144.29	
Land Use Change Taxes	84.00	
Overpayments	4,814.62	
Interest Collected	<u>2,132.71</u>	\$1,685,667.74
Abatements		
Property Taxes	8,456.00	
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	218,611.88	
Yield Taxes	<u>568.18</u>	<u>227,636.06</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$1,913,303.80</b>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Levy of 1996 - Property & Resident Taxes**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1997		
Property Taxes	\$232,870.13	
Resident Taxes	1,690.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>258.41</u>	\$234,818.54
Interest & Penalties Collected on		
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes	16,740.83	
Resident Tax Penalties	14.00	
Overpayments on Property Taxes	<u>340.56</u>	<u>17,095.39</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$251,913.93</b>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$231,036.13	
Resident Taxes	140.00	
Yield Taxes	28.41	
Interest & Penalties	16,740.83	
Resident Tax Penalties	14.00	
Overpayments	<u>340.56</u>	\$248,299.93
Abatements		
Property Taxes	1,834.00	
Yield Taxes	230.00	
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Resident Taxes	<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>3,614.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$251,913.93</b>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Levy of 1995 & Prior Years - Resident Taxes**

DEBITS		
Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1997		
Resident Taxes	\$1,564.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>169.48</u>	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$1,733.48</b>
CREDITS		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Yield Taxes	169.48	
Uncollected Taxes		
Resident Taxes (per Collector's List)	<u>1,564.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$1,733.48</b>

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997**

	DEBITS			
	1996	1995	1994	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes				
12/31/96	\$	\$105,439.20	\$73,085.89	\$1,304.89
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	125,200.09			
Interest & Costs to Lien	11,687.30			
Interest Collected after Lien	<u>1,077.38</u>	<u>16,281.05</u>	<u>23,601.32</u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>137,964.77</b>	<b>121,720.25</b>	<b>96,687.21</b>	<b>1,304.89</b>
Remittances to Treasurer				
Redemptions	28,968.10	33,805.12	71,653.32	
Interest & Costs after Lien	1,077.38	16,281.05	23,601.32	
Abatements	34.26	1,197.69		
Deeds Issued	901.23	823.28	837.53	1,304.89
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>106,983.80</u>	<u>69,613.11</u>	<u>595.04</u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$137,964.77</b>	<b>\$121,720.25</b>	<b>\$96,687.21</b>	<b>\$1,304.89</b>

## UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

	1996	1995	1994
Andross, Elizabeth	\$ 3,916.56	\$ 3,562.61	\$
Bittner, John L.	571.18	51.08	
Cantlon, James	9,890.98	8,992.24	
Carey, Sybil	2,254.70		
Chase, Arthur J.	49,430.07	32,903.71	
Clough, Theodore F.	435.69		16.29
Crosby, Nancy	2,502.08		
Cushing, Joseph C.	2,173.25	1,062.60	
Dane Family Trust	97.57		
Feiguine, Robert	619.99	566.40	578.75
Ferraro Family Ltd.	331.19		
Ferraro, Nancy	1,765.96		
Flynn, Ronald	645.96		
Forest Hills Association	64.77		
Girouard, Jerry C.	2,085.61	1,899.24	
Harris, Harriet	1,625.76		
Hunt, Ronald A.	4,677.14		
Lescault, Donald	250.33		
Locke, Lisa	1,723.54	630.35	
Mancino, Sally	327.27	300.50	
McKenzie, Joel	1,314.28	1,199.04	
McKenzie, Stuart	6,086.67	5,537.25	
SBO, LLC	13,926.70	12,663.56	
Stephenson, Sam P.	<u>266.55</u>	<u>244.53</u>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$106,983.80</b>	<b>\$69,613.11</b>	<b>\$595.04</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance \$487,794.44

PEOPLES NOW Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$255,766.90	
Tax Collector	1,972,212.57	
Town Clerk	126,677.80	
Selectmen	213,764.15	
Resident Taxes	154.00	
NOW Interest Earned	<u>2,218.94</u>	
 Total Regular Receipts	 2,315,027.46	
Transfers IN		
Land Use Account	8,119.32	
NH-PDIP Account	230,000.00	
Trustees	1,397.42	
Cemetery Fund	3,850.00	
Dow Fund	<u>18,266.05</u>	
 Total Transfers In	 261,632.79	
Loan Proceeds	<u>300,000.00</u>	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 2,876,660.25	2,876,660.25
Total Regular Disbursements	(2,517,824.81)	
Loan Payments	(300,000.00)	
Misc. Debit/Fees	(709.96)	
Transfers OUT		
NH-PDIP	<u>(200,000.00)</u>	
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 (3,018,534.77)	(3,018,534.77)
 Ending Peoples National Bank Balance	 113,892.38	

### NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$232,027.54	
From PNB NOW	200,000.00	
Interest Earned	7,565.79	207,565.79
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(230,000.00)</u>	(230,000.00)
 Ending FRAN-NHPDIP	 \$209,593.33	
 ENDING CASH BALANCE		 \$323,485.71

## LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$48,475.91
Deposit from Selectmen	-0-
Interest Earned	2,039.88
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(8,119.32)*</u>
Ending Balance	\$42,396.47

\*Net withdrawal of \$42.00 Deposit and \$8,161.32 Transfer Out

## YIELD TAX ACCOUNT

NH-PDIP Account	
Beginning Balance	\$5,534.92
Transfer IN	-0-
Deposits from Checking	169.48
Interest Earned	301.03
W/Ds to Checking	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Balance	\$6,005.43

## McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

NH - PDIP Account	
Beginning Balance	\$2,859.29
Contribution	-0-
Transfer IN	-0-
Interest Earned	<u>152.09</u>
Ending Balance	\$3,011.38



## FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE		\$57,133.13
PNB Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$15,864.15	
Water Rents	39,031.40	
Interest	435.86	39,467.26
Expenses & Fees	(19,856.89)	(19,856.89)
Other Disbursements	<u>(2,000.00)</u>	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	33,474.52	
NH-PDIP Account		
Beginning Balance	41,268.98	
Transfer In	-0-	
Interest	<u>2,196.10</u>	2,196.10
Ending Balance	43,465.08	
ENDING CASH BALANCE		\$76,939.60

## FRANCONIA/MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Balance		\$116,762.52
PNB Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$13,590.09	
Adjustment	(215.71)	(215.71)
Water Rents	17,537.10	
Interest	277.77	17,814.87
Expenses & Fees	<u>(19,018.75)</u>	<u>(19,018.75)</u>
ENDING BALANCE	12,170.50	
NH-PDIP Account		
Beginning Balance	103,172.43	
Transfer In	-0-	
Interest Earned	<u>5,490.25</u>	5,490.25
Ending Balance	108,662.68	
ENDING BALANCE		\$120,833.18

# SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

## TAXES

3110-3185 Revenue from Taxes	\$1,915,663.49
3190 Interest & Penalties	47,791.45

## LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3220-3290 Licenses, Permits & Fees	127,757.80
3319 Federal Government	36,997.66

## FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	72,077.76
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## CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	2,600.39
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	10.00
4150 Financial Administration	516.91
4191 Planning & Zoning	818.50
4194 Government Buildings	199.58
4195 Cemeteries	450.00
4210 Police Department	6,333.97
4220 Fire Department	2,645.00
4221 Life Squad	214.00
4290 Forest Fire	63.11
4299 Emergency Phone	1,160.67
4312 Highway Department	3,810.73
4324 Transfer Station	38,506.97
4442 Welfare	25.00
4520 Parks & Recreation	8,492.16
4612 Conservation	200.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	13,431.00

## MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3501 Sale of Town Property	250.00
3502 Interest on Investments	10,085.76
3503 Other (Museum Trust Funds)	72,149.00

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3912 Special Revenue Funds	2,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	20,872.00
3916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>28,974.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUES \$2,414,096.91

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)

4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 1,555.43
4332 Water Department	8,243.39
4589 Museums	268.69
4619 Conservation	8,237.00
BC/BS-Lovett	3,321.00
DOW Field Fund	18,266.05
Land Use Fund	42.00
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>300,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS \$ 339,933.56

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

### TAXES

3110 Property Taxes	\$1,902,337.20	
3120 Land Use Taxes	42.00	
3180 Resident Taxes	140.00	
3185 Yield Taxes	<u>13,144.29</u>	\$1,915,663.49
 3190 Interest and Penalties		 47,791.45

### LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	118,367.00	
3230.1 Building Permits	1,080.00	
3290 Other Permits & Fees	<u>8,310.80</u>	127,757.80
 3319 Federal Government		 36,997.66

### FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351 Shared Revenue Block Grant	29,241.96	
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	9,100.46	
3353 Highway Block Grant	<u>33,735.34</u>	72,077.76

### CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Administration	500.00	
Copies and Printouts	28.95	
Fax Machine Reimbursement	24.91	
Maps	62.25	
Secretarial Wages	1,449.21	
Town History	40.00	
Unemployment Compensation	<u>495.07</u>	2,600.39
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
Checklist		10.00
4150 Financial Administration		
Administrative Fees	500.00	
Bookkeeping Adjustment	<u>16.91</u>	516.91
4191 Planning and Zoning		
Public Hearing Fees	757.00	
Zoning Ordinances	<u>61.50</u>	818.50
4194 Government Buildings		
Chairs/Tables Rental	9.00	
Custodial Charges	142.50	
Refund-Supplies	3.08	
Town Hall Use	<u>45.00</u>	199.58
4195 Cemeteries		
Burials		450.00

4210 Police Department		
Donations	500.00	
Fines Repaid to Town	500.00	
Police Coverage	560.00	
Pistol Permits	100.00	
Police Reports & Photos	840.00	
Sale of Firearms	2,325.00	
Supplier Refund	76.06	
Supplies Reimbursed	436.91	
Vehicle Warranty Refund	546.00	
Witness Fees	450.00	6,333.97
4220 Fire Department		
Fire Reports	20.00	
Services Supplied	225.00	
Sale of Scott Air Packs	2,400.00	2,645.00
4221 Life Squad		
Vehicle Insurance Refund		214.00
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)		
Training Expenses Reimbursed		63.11
4299 Emergency Phone Line		
Town of Sugar Hill		1,160.67
4312 Highways Department		
Gasoline	272.31	
Road Maintenance Reimbursed	3,238.42	
Supplies	300.00	3,810.73
4324 Transfer Station		
Phone Reimbursement	359.51	
Recycled Material	95.92	
Stickers	102.00	
Town of Easton	12,374.85	
Town of Sugar Hill	25,574.69	38,506.97
4442 Welfare		25.00
4520 Parks and Recreation		
Town of Easton	2,505.90	
Town of Sugar Hill	5,178.86	
Icemaking	750.00	
Social Security	46.50	
Medicare Social Security	10.90	8,492.16
4691 Conservation		
Donations		200.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
Baseball Fees	1,155.00	
Basketball Fees	423.00	
Hockey Fees	1,053.00	
Summer Recreation Fees	10,800.00	13,431.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

3501 Sale of Town Property		
Cemetery Lots		250.00
3502 Interest on Investments		
Peoples Bank	2,218.94	
NH-PDIP	<u>7,866.82</u>	10,085.76
3503 Other (Museum Trust Funds)		72,149.00

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3912 Special Revenue Funds		
Franconia Water Department		2,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Reassessment Reserve Fund-Article 16		20,872.00
3916 Expendable Trusts		
Cemetery	4,100.00	
Highway Improvement Fund	15,374.00	
Town Buildings Fund	<u>9,500.00</u>	28,974.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$2,414,096.91

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)

4324 Solid Waste Disposal		
Landfill Reimbursement		
Construction Debris		1,555.43
4332 Water Department		
Gas, Diesel, etc.	38.96	
Insurance-Commercial Auto	580.75	
Wages	6,982.50	
Social Security	432.94	
Medicare Social Security	101.24	
Unemployment Compensation	25.74	
Worker's Compensation	<u>81.26</u>	8,243.39
4589 Museums		
Jowder House-Heating Oil		268.69
4619 Conservation		
Land Use Fund-Doolan House		8,237.00
BC/BS-Lovett		3,321.00
Dow Field Funds		18,266.05
Land Use Fund		42.00
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>300,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$339,933.56



**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**  
**Accrual Basis (Including Articles)**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

4130 Executive (Incl. 1997 Art. 19)	\$ 61,725.54
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	11,172.06
4150 Financial Administration	25,863.24
4152 Revaluation of Property (Incl. Reserve Fund)	22,110.00
4153 Legal Expense (Incl. Legal Reserve Fund)	3,764.92
4191 Planning and Zoning (Incl. 1997 Art. 17)	6,306.68
4194 General Government Building	53,670.12
4195 Cemeteries	9,096.53
4196 Insurance	6,099.00
4196 Advertising and Regional Associations	6,156.33

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

4210 Police (Incl. 1997 Art. 16)	159,050.63
4215 Ambulance	4,200.00
4220 Fire	49,454.82
4221 Life Squad	3,915.09
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	1,406.43
4299 Emergency Phone Line (8123)	7,884.44

**HIGHWAYS AND STREETS**

4312 Highway Department (Incl. 1997 Art. 9)	204,105.24
4316 Street Lighting	16,670.76

**SANITATION**

4324 Transfer Station	83,099.47
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**HEALTH**

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	4,985.24
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**WELFARE**

4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	6,616.05
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**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

4520 Recreation	29,307.27
4521 Parks	2,702.54
4550 Library (Town Payments)	26,169.51
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,150.00
4589 Museums	776.50

**CONSERVATION**

4619 General Expenses	2,363.85
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**DEBT SERVICE**

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	7,966.84
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**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

4902 Vehicles & Equipment	71,595.00
4903 Buildings (Museum)	72,149.00
4909 Other Improvements	10,265.00

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Fund (Library Appropriation)	15,226.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	34,000.00
4916 Expendable & Cemetery Trust Funds	40,250.00
4920 Non-Lapsing Funds (Skating Rink)	6,500.00
ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDS	<u>4,047.47</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,071,821.57
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	\$ 156,482.00
4933 School Districts	1,347,826.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>1,716.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,577,845.57
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)	
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 1,555.43
4332 Water Department	8,243.39
4589 Museums	268.69
4619 Conservation	8,237.00
BC/BS - Lovett	3,321.00
Dow Field Expense	18,266.05
Land Use Fund	42.00
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>300,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$339,933.56

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### 4130 Executive

##### General Expenses

Bethlehem Property Tax	\$ 1,842.59
Dues	662.36
Equipment-Insurance	64.00
Equipment-Maintenance	464.45
Equipment-New	5,132.60
Maps	1,441.00
Miscellaneous	326.00
Newspaper Notices	195.71
Postage	657.00
Professional Assistance	1,720.00
RSA Updates & Law Books	416.94
Supplies	862.15
Telephone	1,099.32
Training/Lectures	30.00
1997-ARTICLE 19/AIRPORT	405.00

##### Wages

Selectmen	6,639.66
Administrative Assistant	16,707.16
Moderator	42.00
Secretary	7,763.40

##### Taxes & Benefits

Disability Insurance-Employee	162.72
Health Insurance	8,482.08
Medicare Social Security	509.71

##### Retirement

Employee Contribution	3,181.28	
Town Contribution	<u>622.88</u>	3,804.16

Social Security	2,178.95
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Unemployment Compensation	57.09
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Workers Compensation	<u>59.49</u>	\$ 61,725.54
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#### 4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

##### Town Clerk General Expenses

Dues	35.00
Newspaper Notices	29.75
Supplies	84.65

##### Voter Registration General Expenses

Postage	6.70
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##### Wages

Supervisors	189.00
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##### Town Clerk

Fees	6,582.50
Wages	<u>2,271.21</u>

8,853.71

Deputy Town Clerk			
Fees	614.00		
Wages	<u>577.50</u>	1,191.50	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		147.24	
Social Security		<u>634.51</u>	11,172.06
4150 Financial Administration			
General Expenses			
Auditor		4,500.00	
Bank Charge/Wire Transfers		20.00	
Bank Service Charge/Peoples		594.96	
Bank Fees/Returned Checks		95.00	
Checks		529.93	
Dues		30.00	
Newspaper Notices		35.70	
Postage		830.15	
Professional Assistance		875.00	
Tax Bills		810.80	
Tax Collection		1,096.42	
Tax Lien Recording Fees		362.03	
Town Report		1,475.00	
Wages			
Bookkeeper		8,778.40	
Tax Collector			
Fees	1,028.00		
Wages	<u>2,000.04</u>	3,028.04	
Treasurer		1,100.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		196.43	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	424.08		
Town Contribution	<u>206.08</u>	630.16	
Social Security		839.18	
Unemployment Compensation		<u>36.04</u>	25,863.24
4152 Revaluation of Property			
Property Assessment		1,238.00	
Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund		<u>20,872.00</u>	22,110.00
4153 Legal Expenses			
General Expenses			
Beechwood Road		355.12	
Wallace Hill Road		2,122.53	
Miscellaneous		<u>1,287.27</u>	3,764.92
4191 Planning & Zoning			
General Expenses			
Maps		285.00	
Newspaper Notices		267.75	

Postage	126.95	
Printing Expenses	113.13	
RSA Updates & Law Books	90.00	
Supplies	165.74	
Training/Lectures	45.00	
Wages	2,984.80	
Taxes & Benefits		
Medicare	43.26	
Social Security	185.05	
ARTICLE-17/MAPS & OVERLAYS	<u>2,000.00</u>	6,306.68

#### 4194 General Government Buildings

General Expenses		
Building Maintenance		18,269.80
Dow Clock		582.37
Heating Oil		2,804.11
Insurance		
Boiler	261.00	
Building	209.00	
Commercial Auto	771.75	
Equipment	<u>329.00</u>	1,570.75
Plantings		200.00
Supplies		1,053.44
Vehicles & Equipment		405.35
Wages		
Custodian		19,986.07
Custodial Assistant		721.76
Taxes & Benefits		
Disability Insurance		129.12
Health Insurance		4,241.04
Medicare		348.71
Retirement		
Employee Contribution	982.40	
Town Contribution	<u>472.00</u>	1,454.40
Social Security		1,491.43
Unemployment Compensation		36.04
Workers Compensation		<u>375.73</u>
		53,670.12

#### 4195 Cemeteries

General Expenses	
Electricity	217.71
Opening and Closing Graves	135.00
Fence	810.49
Restoration of Grave Stones	44.10
Supplies	31.95
Vehicles & Equipment	52.82
Wages	7,158.00
Taxes & Benefits	
Medicare	101.16

Social Security	432.44	
Unemployment Compensation	25.74	
Workers Compensation	87.12	9,096.53
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4196 Insurance		
Auto/non-owned and Hired	165.00	
Liability Coverage	3,422.00	
Public Officials Liability	1,000.00	
Public Officials Bond	1,512.00	6,099.00
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4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.		
Chamber of Commerce	5,000.00	
North Country Council	1,156.33	6,156.33
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PUBLIC SAFETY		
4210 Police		
General Expenses		
Bike Safety Program	29.49	
Building Maintenance	672.39	
Dues & Subscriptions	125.00	
Firearms & Ammunition	5,572.97	
Insurance		
Building	52.00	
Commercial Auto	2,258.50	
Equipment	413.00	
Liability	2,282.00	5,005.50
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Investigations	268.00	
Miscellaneous	429.48	
Office		
Equipment-New	1,217.33	
Equipment-Repairs	410.00	
Professional Assistance	885.00	
Supplies & Postage	1,326.59	
Photography	625.14	
Radar Certification	40.00	
Radios	264.70	
RSA Updates & Law Books	398.59	
Telephone	1,625.66	
Training Expense	277.50	
Uniforms		
Cleaning	865.85	
New	3,632.56	4,498.41
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Vehicles		
Gas	3,089.25	
Maintenance	5,549.92	
Supplies	567.57	9,206.74
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Wages		
Salaries	70,617.97	
Overtime	3,241.24	



Investigations		1,945.99	
Specials		12,166.90	
Special Police Duty		480.00	
Training		3,990.73	
Taxes & Benefits			
Disability Insurance - Employee		189.84	
Health Insurance		15,796.80	
Medicare		1,471.81	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	8,127.16		
Town Contribution	<u>2,880.05</u>	11,007.21	
Social Security		963.31	
Unemployment Compensation		128.70	
Workers Compensation		1,113.37	
ARTICLE-16/BIKE PATROL		<u>3,058.27</u>	159,050.63
4215 Ambulance			4,200.00
4220 Fire			
General Expenses			
Administration & Supplies		453.23	
Building Maintenance		8,875.54	
Dues & Subscriptions		739.65	
Gas & Diesel		288.67	
Heating Oil		2,455.67	
Insurance			
Boiler	261.00		
Buildings	188.00		
Commercial Auto	4,517.00		
Commercial Liability	2,043.00		
Errors & Omissions	<u>250.00</u>	7,259.00	
New Equipment		9,865.94	
Radios		1,062.71	
Telephone		1,442.23	
Training and Prevention		522.03	
Vehicles and Equipment		2,928.38	
Wages			
Annual Pay		10,374.00	
Firemans' Fund		2,106.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		150.41	
Social Security		643.21	
Unemployment Compensation		51.48	
Workers Compensation		<u>236.67</u>	49,454.82
4221 Life Squad			
General Expenses			
Gas & Diesel		141.95	
Insurance-Commercial Auto		923.00	

Radios	1,218.11	
Supplies	894.55	
Telephone	317.45	
Vehicles & Equipment	87.44	
Workers Compensation	<u>332.59</u>	3,915.09
4290 Forest Fire		
General Expenses		
Equipment Maintenance	112.45	
Insurance - Commercial Auto	579.00	
Miscellaneous	19.25	
Supplies	43.32	
Training Expenses	39.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	62.00	
Wages		
Annual Pay	425.00	
Training	93.90	
Taxes & Benefits		
Medicare	6.16	
Social Security	<u>26.35</u>	1,406.43
4299 Emergency Phone		
8123 Phone Line	2,320.44	
Grafton County Dispatch	<u>5,564.00</u>	7,884.44

#### HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

##### 4312 Highway Department

General Expenses		
Building Maintenance	1,334.89	
Bridge Maintenance	244.29	
Culverts	2,515.77	
Dues	20.00	
Equipment-Maintenance	2,523.97	
Equipment-New	790.28	
Equipment-Rental	3,570.00	
Gas, Diesel, etc.	9,180.90	
Gravel	3,928.85	
Insurance		
Boiler	130.00	
Building	125.00	
Commercial Auto	5,158.00	
Equipment	<u>1,022.00</u>	6,435.00
Lease of Grader	372.46	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Radios	2,908.83	
Road Maintenance	2,464.00	
Roadside Mowing	1,530.00	
Road Oil	10,629.98	
Sand and Salt	14,671.84	
Sidewalk Maintenance (plowing)	2,037.95	
Street Sweeping	4,471.15	





# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall  
March 10, 1998 - 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 .....	\$ 61,074.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	13,673.00
Financial Administration .....	27,966.00
Revaluation of Property .....	7,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	1,000.00
Planning and Zoning .....	4,613.00
General Government Buildings .....	43,048.00
Cemeteries .....	11,500.00
Insurance .....	7,000.00
Advertising and Regional Associations .....	8,150.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....)	7,000.00)
(No. Country Council.....)	1,150.00)

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Police .....	157,026.00
Ambulance .....	4,500.00
Fire Department.....	47,800.00
Life Squad .....	6,800.00
Forest Fire.....	1,918.00
Emergency and 8123 Phone Lines .....	7,900.00
HIGHWAYS and STREETS .....	197,429.00

(General Expenses.....)	75,250.00)
(Salaries & Wages.....)	79,800.00)
(Benefits & Taxes .....	25,379.00)
(Road Oil.....)	15,000.00)
(Sidewalks.....)	2,000.00)

STREET LIGHTS .....	16,800.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL .....	87,968.00
HEALTH & HOSPITALS .....	5,209.00

(N.C. Home Health.....)	1,980.00)
(White Mtn. Mental Health.....)	1,267.00)
(Gr. County Senior Citizens.....)	1,075.00)
(Health Officer.....)	400.00)
(Hospice.....)	487.00)

WELFARE .....	8,700.00
(General Assistance.....)	8,000.00)
(CAP.....)	700.00)

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Programs .....	32,842.00
Parks .....	4,000.00
Library .....	42,504.00
(Total Budget.....)	60,781.00)
Patriotic Purposes .....	1,150.00
Museums .....	1,000.00
CONSERVATION .....	2,000.00
INTEREST/TAN .....	9,000.00
TOTAL .....	\$819,570.00

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established and authorize the transfer of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) 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 twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established and authorize the transfer of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) 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 establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a new Trash Compactor and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Highway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9.** 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 Library Building Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of maintaining the Library Building and to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) 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 appropriate the sum of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00) to purchase a 1999 Ford F350 cab and chassis with plow and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the existing Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for the purpose of resurfacing the Fire Station parking lot. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.



**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to purchase two 25 ft. Stinger Spike Systems for the Police Department. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of sixty-eight thousand thirty-five dollars (\$68,035.00) for the purpose of installing a lift to provide access for the physically handicapped to the lower level of the Library Building, and to provide a public lavatory accessible by the physically handicapped. Both of these improvements meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Thirty-three thousand thirty-five dollars (\$33,035.00) of this amount would be received from a federal grant provided by the Library Services and Construction Act, with the remaining thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to be withdrawn from the Library Building Fund (all donations). This will be a non-lapsing account as per RSA 32:3,VI, and will not lapse until these improvements are complete or in five years, whichever is less. The Selectmen and the Library Trustees recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional sum of one hundred eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$118,500.00) for the purpose of repairing and restoring the Dow Avenue Bridge and authorize the expenditure of twenty-three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$23,700.00) from the Town's surplus for this purpose. The remaining ninety-four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$94,800.00) to be received from the State of New Hampshire's Bridge Aid Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purpose of restoring the Willow Cemetery. This will be a non-lapsing account as per RSA 32:3 VI, and will not lapse until the restoration has been completed, or in five years, whichever is less. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the annual line item payment of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce representing the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton for a total of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00). The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation, but have agreed to place this Article on the warrant so that the Townspeople may decide.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement to establish the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority at the Whitefield Airport, in accordance with the provisions of such proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement. (A copy of the proposed Agreement is available in the Selectmen's office. This Agreement will not go into effect unless five towns with a combined population of 10,000 people approve the Agreement.)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred twenty-two dollars (\$422.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to give up all rights to, and to discontinue completely, a .21 acre portion of Forest Road that comprised a turn-around circle at the end of the road and to deed this .21 acre portion at the end of the road to the abutters Susan T. Steele and Gary C. Shaw.



**ARTICLE 20.** 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.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Rockwood Road as a town road, given that the Selectmen have agreed upon (1) the improvements required to upgrade said road to current town standards and (2) the cost thereof, and the funds required for this upgrade have been placed in escrow and will be transferred to the Town upon acceptance of the road.

**ARTICLE 22.** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 23.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Ruth A. Vaill  
Kenneth P. Ford  
Rene T. Wills  
Board of Selectmen

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1997	Actual 1997	Estimated 1998
<b>TAXES:</b>			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 8,000.00
3180 Resident Taxes	-0-	140.00	-0-
3185 Yield Taxes	13,700.00	13,144.00	10,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	37,000.00	47,741.00	40,000.00
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:</b>			
3220 Motor Vehicles	95,000.00	118,367.00	110,000.00
3230 Building Permits	925.00	1,080.00	500.00
3290 Other Fees-Town Clerk	6,800.00	8,311.00	7,600.00
<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
3319 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	36,998.00	36,998.00	18,000.00
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
3351 Shared Revenues	29,000.00	29,242.00	29,000.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	9,091.00	9,100.00	9,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	33,735.00	33,735.00	32,800.00
3359 Other-Bridge Aid	236,000.00	-0-	94,800.00
Library Grant	-0-	-0-	33,035.00
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES:</b>			
3401 Income from Departments	58,312.00	85,298.00	70,238.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:</b>			
3501 Sale of Town Property	2,400.00	2,400.00	-0-
3502 Interest on Investments	9,000.00	10,086.00	9,000.00
3503 Other-Museum	71,000.00	72,149.00	-0-
Library	-0-	-0-	35,000.00
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:</b>			
3912 Special Revenue-Fran. Water Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	45,000.00	45,746.00	37,500.00
3916 Trust Funds	5,000.00	28,974.00	5,000.00
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<u>172,900.00</u>	<u>158,918.00</u>	<u>63,700.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$863,903.00</b>	<b>\$703,471.00</b>	<b>\$615,173.00</b>

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 1997	Actual 1997	Estimated 1998
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
4130 Executive	\$ 57,851.00	\$ 61,321.00	\$ 61,074.00
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	8,698.00	11,172.00	13,673.00
4150 Financial Administration	26,550.00	25,863.00	27,966.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	6,000.00	22,110.00	7,000.00
4153 Legal Expense	1,000.00	3,764.00	1,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	5,545.00	4,307.00	4,613.00
4194 General Government Buildings	43,118.00	53,670.00	43,048.00
4195 Cemeteries	10,000.00	9,097.00	11,500.00
4196 Insurance	8,000.00	6,099.00	7,000.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	6,156.00	6,156.00	8,150.00
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>			
4210 Police	148,992.00	155,992.00	157,026.00
4215 Ambulance	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,500.00
4220 Fire	45,230.00	49,455.00	47,800.00
4221 Life Squad	6,800.00	3,915.00	6,800.00
4290 Emergency Management			
Forest Fire	1,540.00	1,406.00	1,918.00
4299 Emergency Phone Line-8123	8,520.00	7,884.00	7,900.00
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS:</b>			
4312 Highway Department	186,842.00	204,105.00	197,429.00
4316 Street Lighting	16,200.00	16,671.00	16,800.00
<b>SANITATION:</b>			
4324 Transfer Station	83,561.00	83,099.00	87,968.00
<b>HEALTH:</b>			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	5,313.00	4,985.00	5,209.00
<b>WELFARE:</b>			
4442 Direct Assistance and CAP	7,650.00	6,616.00	8,700.00
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION:</b>			
4520 Recreation	31,369.00	29,307.00	32,842.00
4521 Parks	5,000.00	2,703.00	4,000.00
4550 Library	26,786.00	26,170.00	27,714.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
4589 Museums	1,000.00	777.00	1,000.00
<b>CONSERVATION:</b>			
4619 General Expenses	2,000.00	2,364.00	2,000.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>			
4723 Interest on TANS	11,000.00	7,967.00	9,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

4902 Vehicles and Equipment			
Article 13-Grader	55,000.00	55,000.00	-0-
Article 14-Maintenance Truck	18,000.00	16,595.00	-0-
Article 10-Highway Truck	-0-	-0-	37,500.00
4903 Buildings			
Article 10 Museum	71,000.00	72,149.00	-0-
Article 13 - Library	-0-	-0-	68,035.00
4909 Other Improvements			
Article 15-Dow Bridge '97	295,000.00	10,265.00	-0-
Article 14-Dow Bridge '98	-0-	-0-	118,500.00
Article 11-Fire Station Parking Lot	-0-	-0-	7,000.00

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:

4912 To Special Revenue Fund-Library	15,226.00	15,226.00	14,790.00
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund-Bridge	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-

SUB-TOTAL	\$1,222,297.00	\$983,560.00	\$1,050,605.00
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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

CRF-Fire Truck	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
CRF-Police Cruiser	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
CRF-Reassessment	12,000.00	12,000.00	-0-
CRF-Trash Compactor	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
ETF-Town Buildings	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
ETF-Sidewalks	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ETF-Highway Improvement	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
ETF-Library Building	-0-	-0-	2,000.00
NLF-Rink	6,500.00	6,500.00	-0-
NLF-Willow Cemetery	-0-	-0-	2,500.00

SUB-TOTAL	\$78,500.00	78,500.00	89,500.00
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INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES—RECOMMENDED

Police Bike Patrol	5,400.00	3,058.00	-0-
Planning Maps	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-
Regional Airport '97 & '98	405.00	405.00	422.00
Police Stinger Spike System	-0-	-0-	1,500.00

SUB-TOTAL	7,805.00	5,463.00	1,922.00
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TOTAL	\$1,308,602.00	\$1,067,523.00	\$1,142,027.00
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INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES—NOT RECOMMENDED

Chamber of Commerce	-0-	-0-	2,000.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,308,602.00	\$1,067,523.00	\$1,144,027.00
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# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriation	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$ 57,851.00	\$ 3,680.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	8,698.00	10.00
Financial Administration	26,550.00	500.00
Revaluation of Property	6,000.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	-0-
Planning & Zoning	5,545.00	819.00
Town Buildings & Grounds	43,118.00	9,700.00
Cemeteries	10,000.00	450.00
Insurance	8,000.00	-0-
Advertising & Regional Association	6,156.00	-0-
Police	148,992.00	6,334.00
Ambulance	4,200.00	-0-
Fire Department	45,230.00	245.00
Life Squad	6,800.00	214.00
Forest Fire	1,540.00	63.00
Emergency Phone	8,520.00	-0-
Highway Department	186,842.00	19,185.00
Street Lights	16,200.00	-0-
Transfer Station	83,561.00	442.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	5,313.00	-0-
Welfare	7,650.00	25.00
Recreation	31,369.00	2,876.00
Parks	5,000.00	-0-
Library	42,012.00	-0-
Patriotic Purposes	1,150.00	-0-
Museums	1,000.00	-0-
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	200.00
Interest	11,000.00	1,086.00
Bridge Reserve Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$783,297.00</b>	<b>\$45,829.00</b>

## EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$ 61,531.00	\$ 61,321.00	\$ 210.00	\$ -0-
8,708.00	11,172.00	-0-	2,464.00
27,050.00	25,863.00	1,187.00	-0-
6,000.00	1,238.00	4,762.00	-0-
1,000.00	3,765.00	-0-	2,765.00
6,364.00	4,307.00	2,057.00	-0-
52,818.00	53,670.00	-0-	852.00
10,450.00	9,097.00	1,353.00	-0-
8,000.00	6,099.00	1,901.00	-0-
6,156.00	6,156.00	-0-	-0-
155,326.00	155,992.00	-0-	666.00
4,200.00	4,200.00	-0-	-0-
45,475.00	49,455.00	-0-	3,980.00
7,014.00	3,915.00	3,099.00	-0-
1,603.00	1,406.00	197.00	-0-
8,520.00	7,884.00	636.00	-0-
206,027.00	204,105.00	1,922.00	-0-
16,200.00	16,671.00	-0-	471.00
84,003.00	83,099.00	904.00	-0-
5,313.00	4,985.00	328.00	-0-
7,675.00	6,616.00	1,059.00	-0-
34,245.00	29,307.00	4,938.00	-0-
5,000.00	2,703.00	2,297.00	-0-
42,012.00	41,396.00	616.00	-0-
1,150.00	1,150.00	-0-	-0-
1,000.00	777.00	223.00	-0-
2,200.00	2,364.00	-0-	164.00
12,086.00	7,967.00	4,119.00	-0-
<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$829,126.00	\$808,680.00	\$31,808.00	\$11,362.00

## NOTES



Supplies		4,707.95	
Telephone		429.29	
Tree Removal		150.00	
Uniforms		1,796.42	
Vehicle Maintenance		7,279.25	
Workers Compensation Upgrade		5,599.62	
Wages		72,679.71	
Taxes & Benefits			
Disability Insurance-Employee		451.92	
Health Insurance		11,529.36	
Medicare		1,155.04	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	4,873.18		
Town Contribution	<u>1,614.24</u>	6,487.42	
Social Security		4,939.67	
Unemployment Compensation		102.96	
Workers Compensation		1,742.93	
LAFAYETTE ROAD IMPROVEMENT		<u>15,373.54</u>	204,105.24
4316 STREET LIGHTING			16,670.76
SANITATION			
4324 Transfer Station			
Electricity		555.59	
Landfill		48,904.91	
Miscellaneous		69.46	
Operation		33,210.00	
Telephone		<u>359.51</u>	83,099.47
HEALTH			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies			
Grafton County Senior Citizens		1,040.00	
Hospice of Littleton Area		487.00	
North Country Home Health		2,019.00	
White Mountain Mental Health		1,267.00	
Health Officer			
Wages	160.00		
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare	2.32		
Social Security	<u>9.92</u>	<u>172.24</u>	4,985.24
WELFARE			
4442 Direct Assistance and CAP			
Big Brothers/Big Sisters		500.00	
Community Action Program		550.00	
Direct Assistance		<u>5,566.05</u>	6,616.05
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
4520 Recreation			
Basketball			
Insurance		143.40	
Supplies		541.50	

Little League and Softball			
Insurance		531.00	
League Fees		246.00	
Supplies & Equipment		2,115.26	
Wages-Executive Director		1,000.00	
Summer Recreation			
Accident Insurance		310.00	
Newspaper Notices		150.14	
Pool and Facilities		240.00	
Supplies		643.79	
Tennis Instruction		510.00	
Transportation		1,940.49	
Wages		11,745.60	
Rink and Hockey Program			
Equipment Maintenance		197.67	
Equipment Shed		169.59	
Ice Making			
Contract Fee	2,275.00		
Gasoline	24.29		
Wages	<u>1,651.24</u>	3,950.53	
Insurance			
Building-Warming Hut	21.00		
Program-Children	<u>366.25</u>	387.25	
Rink Maintenance		242.88	
Supplies		69.29	
Utilities		1,621.47	
Wages - Executive Director		1,000.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Medicare		261.80	
Social Security		1,119.17	
Unemployment Compensation		51.48	
Workers Compensation		<u>118.96</u>	29,307.27
4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity		117.23	
Field Maintenance		<u>2,585.31</u>	2,702.54
4550 Library			
Insurance			
Boiler	130.00		
Building	313.00		
Fine Arts Floater	<u>25.00</u>	468.00	
Wages-Librarian		15,708.12	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		4,241.04	
Medicare		288.32	
Retirement			
Employee Contribution	3,754.08		
Town Contribution	<u>435.52</u>	4,189.60	

Social Security	1,233.80	
Workers Compensation	<u>40.63</u>	26,169.51
4588 Patriotic Purposes		1,150.00
4589 Museums		
General Expense		
Insurance		
Boiler-Frost Place	130.00	
Building-Stone Stack Center	21.00	
Building-Frost Place	114.00	
Building-Jowder House	<u>452.00</u>	717.00
Newspaper Notices		<u>59.50</u>
		776.50
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
4619 General Expenses		
Dues	150.00	
Newspaper Notices	47.60	
Plantings	721.25	
Post Office Plantings	245.00	
Trees	<u>1,200.00</u>	2,363.85
DEBT SERVICE		
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes		7,966.84
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4902 Vehicles and Equipment		
Article 13-Grader	55,000.00	
Article 14-Maintenance Truck	<u>16,595.00</u>	71,595.00
4903 Buildings		
Article 10-Museum		72,149.00
4909 Other Improvements		
Article 15-Dow Avenue Bridge		10,265.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
4912 Special Revenue Funds		
Library Appropriation		15,226.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Article 2-Bridge Fund	2,000.00	
Article 3-Fire Truck Fund	10,000.00	
Article 4-Police Cruiser Fund	10,000.00	
Article 5-Reassessment Fund	<u>12,000.00</u>	34,000.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds		
Cemetery	250.00	
Highway Improvements	25,000.00	
Sidewalk	5,000.00	
Town Buildings	<u>10,000.00</u>	40,250.00

4920 Non-Lapsing Funds		
Skating Rink		6,500.00
ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDS		4,047.47
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		156,482.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	834,395.00	
Profile School District	<u>513,431.00</u>	1,347,826.00
4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	354.00	
Dog License Fees	82.00	
Marriage License Fees	722.00	
Vital Record Search Fees	<u>558.00</u>	<u>1,716.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$2,577,845.57
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In & Out)		
4324 Transfer Station		
Landfill Reimb.-Construction Debris		1,555.43
4332 Water Department		
Gas, Diesel, etc.	38.96	
Insurance-Commercial Auto	580.75	
Wages	6,982.50	
Medicare	101.24	
Social Security	432.94	
Unemployment Compensation	25.74	
Workers Compensation	<u>81.26</u>	8,243.39
4589 Museums		
Jowder House-Heating Oil		268.69
4619 Conservation		
Land Use Fund-Doolan House		8,237.00
BC/BS-Lovett		3,321.00
Dow Field Expense		
Capital Improvements	4,858.88	
Fence	354.00	
Gardens	2,237.25	
Parking Lot	1,320.00	
Playground Equipment	649.37	
Power/Telephone Lines	2,134.55	
Sports Equipment	892.00	
Sidewalks	<u>5,820.00</u>	18,266.05
Land Use Fund		42.00
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>300,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 339,933.56

## VALUATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1997 Ford Rescue Van	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 55,350.00	10	\$ 6,150.00
1993 Sutphen Delage Pumper	180,000.00	135,000.00	20	9,000.00
1988 Ford Equipment 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	1,124.00	20	63.00
1995 Scott Air Packs (2)	2,500.00	2,125.00	20	125.00
Scott Air Packs (6)	6,000.00	1,100.00	20	275.00
1997 Protective Gear	2,178.00	1,906.00	8	272.00
1993 Protective Gear	524.00	194.00	8	66.00
1992 Protective Gear	915.00	231.00	8	114.00
1991 Protective Gear	1,041.00	131.00	8	130.00
1990 Protective Gear	1,280.00	-0-	8	-0-
1989 Protective Gear	2,000.00	-0-	8	-0-
Protective Gear	3,000.00	-0-	8	-0-
1997 Fire Hose 4"	5,775.00	5,197.00	10	578.00
1996 Fire Hose 4"	5,775.00	4,619.00	10	578.00
1995 Fire Hose	3,003.00	2,103.00	10	300.00
1991 Fire Hose	531.00	160.00	10	53.00
1990 New Tools & Fittings	365.00	69.00	10	37.00
1990 Hose & Fittings	325.00	61.00	10	33.00
1989 1½" Hose & Fittings	914.00	86.00	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-
1997 Mini Responder Kit	393.00	314.00	5	79.00
1997 Computer	1,520.00	1,216.00	5	304.00
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	3,636.00	1,816.00	10	364.00
1993 Radio (New Truck)	1,839.00	919.00	10	184.00
1992 Portable Radio	690.00	276.00	10	69.00
1990 Midland Mobile Radio	767.00	151.00	10	77.00
1990 Mobile Radio	1,150.00	230.00	10	115.00
1989 Portable Radio (Forestry)	550.00	55.00	10	55.00
1988 Portable Radio	1,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Mobile Radios	7,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
Base Radio	2,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
1996 Beepers	700.00	420.00	5	140.00
1995 Beepers	1,174.00	706.00	5	234.00
1993 Beepers (2)	741.00	-0-	5	-0-
1992 Beepers (4)	1,626.00	-0-	5	-0-
1991 Beepers	1,423.00	-0-	5	-0-
1990 Beepers (4)	1,340.00	-0-	5	-0-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$386,947.00</b>	<b>\$215,559.00</b>		<b>\$19,487.00</b>

## VALUATION OF POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1996 Ford Cruiser	\$16,360.00	\$ 5,452.00	3	\$5,454.00
1995 Ford Explorer	23,000.00	-0-	3	-0-
1997 Mountain Bike	350.00	280.00	5	70.00
1993 Midland Mobile	800.00	-0-	10	-0-
1992 G.E. Mobile (2)	930.00	372.00	10	93.00
1991 Midland Mobile	596.00	176.00	10	60.00
1990 Midland Mobile	1,750.00	350.00	10	175.00
1989 Midland Mobile	1,370.00	137.00	10	137.00
1996 Motorola Portables (4)	2,760.00	2,070.00	8	345.00
Metro Media Pagers (3)	195.00	-0-	5	-0-
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	-0-	10	-0-
File Cabinets (2)	384.00	-0-	10	-0-
Lockers (6)	515.00	47.00	10	52.00
1997 Typewriter	500.00	400.00	5	100.00
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	319.00	5	80.00
1995 Computer System	2,023.00	1,414.00	10	202.00
1996 Sharp Copier	1,295.00	971.00	8	162.00
SKS Chinese Rifle	125.00	112.00	10	13.00
1995 SKS Rifle	125.00	86.00	10	13.00
1997 Sig .45 Cal (7)	3,709.00	3,338.00	10	370.00
1995 Sig 9mm	587.00	410.00	10	59.00
AK 47 Rifle	503.00	453.00	10	50.00
1989 Moseberg Shotgun	393.00	73.00	10	40.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$62,049.00</b>	<b>\$16,460.00</b>		<b>\$7,475.00</b>

## VALUATION OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Mack Truck	\$ 76,702.00	\$61,362.00	10	\$ 7,670.00
1995 Spreaders (2)	18,498.00	9,249.00	6	3,083.00
1992 Ford Truck	24,680.00	-0-	4	-0-
1990 John Deere Loader	47,500.00	21,900.00	15	3,200.00
1988 Pull Sweeper	6,700.00	-0-	6	-0-
1985 Highway Sweeper	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	51,333.00	15	3,667.00
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-
1990 Angle Plow	1,750.00	350.00	10	175.00
Radios	4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Compressor	1,163.00	815.00	10	116.00
10 Ton Jack	100.00	-0-	5	-0-
Chain Saw	338.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder and Culvert Pump	2,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$325,631.00</b>	<b>\$145,009.00</b>		<b>\$17,911.00</b>



## VALUATION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1997 Computer	\$ 2,917.00	\$2,334.00	5	\$ 583.00
1997 Printer	860.00	688.00	5	172.00
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	319.00	5	80.00
1995 Computer	1,895.00	1,325.00	10	190.00
1993 Typewriter	180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1993 Printer	406.00	-0-	5	-0-
1993 Back-up Drive	289.00	-0-	5	-0-
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	9,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	<u>\$20,946.00</u>	<u>\$4,666.00</u>		<u>\$1,025.00</u>

## 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
1997 Ford Truck	\$16,595.00	\$13,276.00	5	\$3,319.00
1996 John Deere Mower	4,195.00	2,517.00	5	839.00
1995 Toro Snowblower	733.00	292.00	5	147.00
1993 Kabota Snowblower	2,085.00	417.00	5	417.00
1992 Gravely Mower	2,599.00	-0-	5	-0-
1986 Gravely Tractor	3,900.00	-0-	10	-0-
1978 Kabota Tractor	5,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1973 Bombardier Plow	8,370.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	<u>\$43,477.00</u>	<u>\$16,502.00</u>		<u>\$4,722.00</u>



# FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Accrual Basis

## INCOME STATEMENT

For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1997

### REVENUES

Water Fees & Other Charges	\$40,365.54
Interest Earned on Bank Accounts	<u>2,631.96</u>
Total Revenues	42,997.50

### EXPENDITURES

Town of Franconia, Payroll	5,902.04
PSNH	5,523.28
Contract Labor	115.00
NHDES & other, Water Testing	3,372.20
Franconia Hardware, Inc.	117.21
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	1,142.52
Postage	357.20
Mileage	403.00
Misc. Supplies	128.96
Truck Insurance	343.87
Clear Water Pools	353.53
Lawns, Landscaping & More	607.00
Equipment Rental	555.00
Falcon Well	238.00
Bank Charges	<u>126.10</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>19,284.91</u>
Net Income	\$23,712.59

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**For The Year Ending December 31, 1997**

**ASSETS**

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$43,465.08	
Cash on Hand-Checking Account	33,474.52	
Water Fees Due	34,296.08	
Stock on Hand	<u>600.00</u>	
 Total Assets		 <u>\$111,835.68</u>

**LIABILITIES & SURPLUS**

Due Town of Franconia	3,000.00	
Accounts Payable	<u>-0-</u>	
 Total Liabilities		 3,000.00
Surplus		<u>108,835.68</u>
 Total Liability Surplus		 <u>111,835.68</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, 1997

### REVENUES

Water Fees & Related Charges	\$19,515.01
Interest Earned on Bank Accounts	<u>5,768.02</u>
Total Revenues	<u>25,283.03</u>

### EXPENDITURES

Town of Franconia, Wages & Worker's Compensation	3,063.85
Public Service Co. of NH	3,189.95
NHDES & Private Water Testing	2,065.40
Franconia Hardware, Inc.	113.07
Falcon Well Drilling	3,889.20
Tri-State Drilling & Boring	90.00
Mileage Expense	600.60
Postage	64.00
Dues & Fees	100.00
Misc. Supplies	860.65
Bank Charges	175.08
Wills Electric, Inc.	91.87
Clear Water Pools	76.93
Rental Equipment	135.00
Robert Peckett & Sons	3,692.26
Truck Insurance	<u>343.88</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>18,551.74</u>
Net Income	\$ 6,731.29

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**For The Year Ending December 31, 1997**

**ASSETS**

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$108,662.68	
Cash on Hand-Checking Account	12,170.50	
Water Fees and Late Charges Due	<u>4,615.34</u>	
Total Assets		<u>\$125,448.52</u>

**LIABILITIES & SURPLUS**

Accounts Payable	-0-	
Surplus	<u>125,448.52</u>	
Total Liabilities		<u>125,448.52</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
<b>Common Trust Fund Investments:</b>			
Janus Fund	\$ 8,736.43	\$ 2,249.82	\$ -0-
Scudder Growth & Income Fund	8,869.30	1,528.17	-0-
Northeast Investors	9,348.20	935.04	-0-
People's Bank	<u>27,783.48</u>	<u>1,148.21</u>	<u>250.00</u>
	\$ 54,737.41	\$ 5,861.24	\$ 250.00
<b>Capital Reserve Funds:</b>			
New Equipment	\$ 134,726.79	\$ 7,846.75	\$ -0-
Bridge Construction	47,269.75	4,747.68	-0-
Reassessment	16,485.42	12,964.33	-0-
Legal	10,168.53	594.45	-0-
Police Cruiser	284.96	10,013.21	-0-
Handicap Access	1,607.73	105.68	-0-
Dow Strip	1,090.77	66.05	-0-
Fire Truck	5,000.00	10,290.62	-0-
Sidewalk Plow	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>581.24</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	\$ 226,633.95	\$47,210.01	\$ -0-
<b>Expendable/Maintenance Funds:</b>			
Sidewalk Improvement	\$-0-	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -0-
Highway Improvement	-0-	25,000.00	-0-
Town Building Maintenance	-0-	10,000.00	-0-
Scholarship Fund	\$ 82,853.53	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Remedial Education	\$ 87,123.12	\$ 9,562.27	-0-
Museum Fund	\$ 102,169.78	\$ 1,546.26	\$ -0-

\* At year's end, the 1997 market value of the Scholarship Fund was \$97,034.15.  
There was \$1,500 payable to young scholars.

December 31, 1997

Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	INCOME Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
\$ -0-	\$ 10,986.25	\$ -0-	\$ 2,249.82	\$ (2,249.82)	\$ -0-
-0-	10,397.47	-0-	1,528.17	(1,528.17)	-0-
-0-	10,283.24	-0-	935.04	(935.04)	-0-
<u>(4,100.00)</u>	<u>25,081.69</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,148.21</u>	<u>(1,148.21)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$ (4,100.00)	\$ 56,748.65	\$ -0-	\$ 5,861.24	\$ (5,861.24)	\$ -0-
\$ -0-	\$ 142,573.54	\$ -0-	\$ 7,846.75	\$ (7,846.75)	\$ -0-
-0-	52,017.43	-0-	2,747.68	(2,747.68)	-0-
(20,872.00)	8,577.75	-0-	964.33	(964.33)	-0-
-0-	10,762.98	-0-	594.45	(594.45)	-0-
-0-	10,298.17	-0-	13.21	(13.21)	-0-
-0-	1,713.41	-0-	105.68	(105.68)	-0-
-0-	1,156.82	-0-	66.05	(66.05)	-0-
-0-	15,290.62	-0-	290.62	(290.62)	-0-
<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,581.24</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>581.24</u>	<u>(581.24)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$ (20,872.00)	\$ 252,971.96	\$ -0-	\$ 13,210.01	\$ (13,210.01)	\$ -0-
\$ -0-	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
(15,374.00)	9,626.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
(9,500.00)	500.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	\$ 81,315.00*	-0-	\$ 3,076.77	\$ (2,897.00)	\$ 179.77
-0-	\$ 96,685.39	-0-	\$ 9,562.27	\$ (9,562.27)	-0-
\$ (103,716.04)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

**ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As Of December 31, 1997**

**ASSETS**

Cash, Peoples Bank Checking	\$ 6,824.60
Cash, Peoples Bank Checking	188.01
Petty Cash	.20
Due from Trust Funds	<u>801.27</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>7,814.08</u></u>

**LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Payable	1,283.96
Accrued Payroll	<u>1,470.48</u>
Total Liabilities	2,754.44
Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	<u>5,059.64</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u><u>\$ 7,814.08</u></u>



**ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**  
**For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1997**

REVENUES

From the Town of Franconia General Fund	\$15,226.00
From the Library Trust Funds	16,460.48
Fines, lost books, copies, etc.	1,294.20
Donations	601.90
Interest on checking account	<u>75.32</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>\$33,657.90</u>

EXPENDITURES

Wages-Librarian Assistants	13,317.02
Wages-Custodian	2,083.01
Bookkeeping fees	1,000.00
Utilities	3,680.10
Insurance	1,108.00
Repairs	782.65
Books, periodicals, etc.	6,654.82
Payroll taxes	1,367.88
Office supplies, postage, etc.	733.05
Library supplies	616.66
Equipment	130.73
Dues	229.50
Programs	93.37
Mileage	197.25
Custodial supplies	248.30
Garden supplies	11.44
Misc.	<u>98.56</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>\$32,352.34</u>
 Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	 <u>1,305.56</u>
 Fund Balance, January 1, 1997	 <u>3,754.08</u>
 Fund Balance, December 31, 1997	 <u><u>\$ 5,059.64</u></u>

**ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY**  
**Report of Funds, Checking Accounts & Income Earned Thereon**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

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
Greenleaf Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 1,971.24	\$ (1,971.24)	\$ -0-
Grimes Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,320.69	(1,320.69)	-0-
Harry W. & Mary H. Priest Fund	56,430.54	-0-	-0-	-0-	56,430.54	3,600.00	(3,600.00)	-0-
Trust Fund - Fleet Bank	30,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,000.00	2,123.71	(2,123.71)	-0-
Vanguard Bond	81,119.68	-0-	-0-	-0-	81,119.68	4,509.93	(4,509.93)	-0-
Scudder Bond								
Jarvis D. Blair Memorial Fund	34,265.17	8.92	-0-	-0-	34,274.09	2,385.46	(2,385.46)	-0-
Vanguard Bond								
Phillips Fund	1,487.53	37.14	-0-	-0-	1,524.67	37.14	(37.14)	-0-
Peoples Bank	3,282.74	175.89	-0-	-0-	3,458.63	175.89	(175.89)	-0-
Woodsville Bank								
J.C. Blair Technology Fund	6,005.56	5,126.95	-0-	4,506.45	6,626.06	126.95	(126.95)	-0-
Peoples Bank	2,816.44	150.90	-0-	-0-	2,967.34	150.90	(150.90)	-0-
Woodsville Bank								
Karl Schaffer Fund	10,057.90	-0-	-0-	-0-	10,057.90	558.37	(558.37)	-0-
Scudder Bond								
Building Fund - Peoples Savings	9,121.25	23,391.49	-0-	2,105.69	30,407.05	386.05	(1,030.75)	-0-
Peoples Cert. of Deposit	20,000.00	644.70	-0-	20,644.70	-0-	644.70	-0-	-0-
Petty Cash	111.27	-0-	-0-	51.42	59.85	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 254,698.08</b>	<b>\$ 29,535.99</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 27,308.26</b>	<b>\$ 256,925.81</b>	<b>\$ 17,991.03</b>	<b>\$ (17,991.03)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>

**ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY  
PETTY CASH**

Balance Carried Forward January 1, 1997 \$ 31.16

**RECEIPTS**

Fines	374.89
Copies	327.40
Book Sales	32.45
Lost Book payments	73.99
Non-Resident Fees	172.00
Meeting Room Rent	<u>48.51</u>

Sub-Total 1,029.24

**EXPENDITURES**

Transfers to General Fund	885.30
Supplies	20.58
Postage	78.42
Meeting refreshments	11.06
Garden supplies	7.45
Children's Program	<u>57.39</u>

Sub-Total 1,060.20

Balance Carried Forward December 31, 1997 \$ .20

**ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Services: Items Loaned	Accessions: Library Materials
Adult Fiction 5965	Total 1/1/97 20,715
Adult Non-fiction 3968	Purchased 1997:
Juvenile Fiction 3220	Books 523
Juvenile Non-fiction 916	Cassettes 26
Periodicals 1547	Videos 37
Cassettes (Books On Tape) 4372	CD's 6
Pamphlets 41	Gifts 1997:
Puzzles 93	Books 457
Films 157	Cassettes 133
Videos <u>1206</u>	Videos 15
Total 21,485	CD's 0
	Puzzles 12
	Withdrawn <u>798</u>
	Total on 12/31/97 21,126

Borrowed from N.H. State Library . . . . . 177	Paperbacks Purchased . . . . . 169
Borrowed from other N.H. Libraries . . . . . 516	Paperbacks Gift . . . . . 179
Loaned to other N.H. Libraries . . . . . 232	Periodicals Purchased . . . . . 26
	Periodicals Gift . . . . . 35
New Borrower Cards . . . . . 75	Newspapers . . . . . 4
Total Active Borrowers . . . . . 950	

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy W. Bahr

## FRANCONIA & FRANCONIA/MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENTS

In the spring we assisted in a state mandated meter installation at Kelley's Foodtown. We then spent a good deal of time at Raynor's Motel with the new owners re-establishing their water service. We also removed the 2" hydrant at the old skating rink prior to the construction of the new Dow Field sidewalk.

In June, as our part of the Mittersill ski lift building removal project, we finally started installing the new underground wiring to the deep wells and transfer pumps. The job is nearly complete and should be finished when the warm weather returns.

In July we replaced the pump, motor and wiring in the primary deep well at Mittersill and installed additional drainage to control the spring runoff which had been altered during the excavation that installed the new electrical conduit. We finally installed a proper catch basin and a 12" culvert under Upper Alpen Hill Road at the water tower overflow.

In September we completed yet another round of EPA mandated Phase II & V testing on both systems with the usual excellent results. We hope to complete a waiver application process soon, which will reduce further required testing, saving considerable time and money. We tapped into the main and installed an additional 1" service line to Ford's apartment house on Rte. 116.

In early October the Town experienced a 50,000+ gallon per day leak. It was very difficult to locate, and as most of you know, required shutting down the entire town during the repair.

In late October we completed the 5th round of lead/copper testing in both systems. We believe that the EPA may now limit future required testing to only once every 6 years. We met with and gained approval from the Selectmen to annex the right hand bay at the Mittersill Fire Station and the partition will be built soon. At present it houses our newest acquisition, twin (military surplus) 5 kw diesel generators.

We are currently working with Provan & Lorber on acquiring the rights to drill and extend pipe to a new and very much needed additional well site located on state owned land adjacent to the Mittersill complex.

Our special thanks to:

Charlie Faulkner - Falcon Well  
Bob Peckett & Sons - Excavating  
Terry & Kathy Welch - Welch's Water & Wastewater Service  
Bruce Bunker - Backhoe Rental  
Jay Matuszewski ("Leak Detective") - Northeast Rural Water

Thank you,

Water Commissioners  
Franconia & Franconia/Mittersill

## FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to dedicate this report to our brother police officers who gave their lives while serving the public during 1997.

1997 brought a new look to the Police Department with the introduction of the bike patrol. Its primary use was patrolling the downtown area, Cannon Mountain and bike trails. It proved to be a big success. The positive response from the general public was overwhelming. We had only one reported car break in the Notch this year. Thanks to the cooperation of the Park Department and the new bike patrol, I feel the bike patrol has proven to be very useful. The officers are anxious to start up again next summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers for all the hard work they have done during 1997. I would also like to thank the citizens of the Town of Franconia for all of their support.

Thank you,

Mark Montminy  
Chief of Police

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Criminal Cases .....	114
Accidents .....	83
MV Warnings .....	213
MV Summonses .....	87
Disabled MV .....	80
Prowler .....	19
House Alarms .....	30
Business Alarms .....	9
Bank Alarms .....	0
Assist Public .....	185
Assist other Agencies .....	166
Open Doors .....	43
Domestics .....	12
MV Lockouts .....	47
Abandoned MV .....	8
Dog Complaints .....	28
Juvenile Cases .....	7



## FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1997 the Franconia Fire Department responded to 60 calls, down from 88 calls in 1996. The difference was largely due to less icy weather, fewer trees on wires and, consequently, fewer alarm activations triggered by power outages.

Automobile emergencies again dominated our runs, with 25 calls (versus 29 last year), four involving moose collisions - versus three last year.

As in 1996, there were no structure fires in Franconia in 1997, but, under our Twin State Mutual Aid system, Franconia firefighters responded to ten significant incidents in Twin Mountain (4); Littleton (3); Lincoln (2); and Woodstock (1).

The department's 20 members continue to exemplify selflessness in their service to the community. They attended more than 300 hours of training and scheduled meetings in 1997. In addition, they logged 610 hours responding to emergencies; taking in stride disruption of work (and earnings), family time, and late-night sleep. These are dedicated individuals. It is a privilege to serve with them.

In the old days, the horn on the Town Hall would alert the village that our firefighters were at work. Now, we have individual pagers. In bedrooms across town, the beepers sound and, while the rest of the town slumbers, the Fire Department works. We recognize that Franconia citizens do not take their Fire Department for granted, and we thank those who have personally supported our efforts. Your support makes it all worthwhile.

Our fire prevention activities in 1997 included an ambitious program at the elementary school conducted by FFD members who donated their time to acquaint school children with emergency procedures. As always, we appreciate the cooperation of property owners in bringing their properties up to code. We emphasize the supreme importance of keeping smoke alarms in working order. Finally, we invite any willing citizen to join the department. There is plenty of work.

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. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

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

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

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

### 1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

#### FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
<b>TOTAL FIRES</b>	<b>726</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>177.17</b>

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	03
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

Stephen M. Kessler  
Forest Ranger

George Whitcomb  
Forest Fire Warden



## FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce extends its sincere gratitude to the Town for its annual support of our chamber activities. With the help of the town, we have been able to foster and support a positive business and tourism climate that contributes greatly to the economic and social well-being of our community.

The Chamber's endeavors are heavily focused around tourism and hospitality-related activities. Measurable increases in regional economic conditions across the nation appear to have contributed to moderate growth in our local economy. This can be seen in increased tourist visits during the summer and fall seasons, the number of new home starts in our region, an active real estate market, and significantly lower rates of unemployment. Of particular note is the growing number of international visitors to our region. Marketing efforts from many fronts, including those from our local businesses, have created significant international awareness of our State and local area, particularly with visitors from Germany and the United Kingdom.

During 1997 the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce organized and conducted numerous successful events and festivals, including:

- The 27th Annual Frostbite Follies
- The 10th Annual Old Man of the Mountain Rugby Festival
- The 4th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival
- The Annual Craft Show and Sale

Particular emphasis this past year was placed on cooperative sales and marketing activities. For the winter of 1997 the Chamber organized a cooperative winter advertising campaign that spanned 13 weeks and 77 newspapers in the Greater-Boston area. Throughout the year, numerous press packages were distributed to travel writers and agents, resulting in many public relation articles and familiarization tours. The Lupine Festival, and its marketing campaign, kicked off our summer season with an extensive ad campaign that included newspaper advertising, TV ads, direct mail, and radio features.

During 1997 our information booth in Franconia experienced record activity. From the end of May until October we staffed the Franconia information booth from 10-5 PM. During these times, we assisted 4,947 visitors with information, directions, area reservations, and other services. In addition, we responded to 3,719 phone and mail inquiries from area information and services, and provided information services to thousands of visitors at Cannon's Aerial Tramway.

We look forward to another year of steady growth and improvement in our area's economic and social conditions.

Sincerely,

Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

## FRANCONIA/EASTON/SUGAR HILL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Our summer program was based out of the Lafayette Regional School. We added a few new ideas this year with a mountain biking club and a visit to a rock climbing wall. We hope to do these and more in 1998. The summer program is eight weeks, Monday thru Friday with swim lessons in the mornings, instructed by Jean Serino. 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be able to join us this summer in a new adventure program 2 days a week. Peter Stewart at the Gale River Motel was generous in letting our kids use his facility for swim lessons.

We offered instructional baseball, farm league, little league and softball teams. Our coaches were energetic and dedicated. In addition to baseball, basketball was a huge success. Jim and Mary Colongeli deserve a round of applause for their work with the basketball teams.

Our skating rink still can use lots of work. It did get up and running the week after vacation and weather permitting we'll be skating thru February. The rink is now maintained by a town employee under Ed Phillips' supervision. This will hopefully lead to great improvements.

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 1997

This year has been one of the most exciting for the members of the Life Squad. In late spring we received our new Rescue/Ambulance from Road Rescue Inc. This is the first new vehicle specifically designed to fit the needs of our three communities for years to come. This was made possible through some very gracious donations and from the continued support of each community. This vehicle will continue to be upgraded as funds become available. We encourage you to contact any Life Squad member and stop in and see the new Rescue Vehicle.

This past year we responded to 105 calls for assistance in our three towns, which was the most calls our Squad has had.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Franconia Life Squad for their unselfish dedication to the Squad and the towns it serves. Your Life Squad members are: Bill Mead; Gail Moody; Mike Valcourt; Dean Wright; Trevor Hamilton; Chris Fowler; Sean McGuigan; Dan Walker; and our treasurer Mary Ellen Gilbert.

I would also like to thank the members of the three Fire Departments and Police Departments who assist us on most calls.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Joel N. Peabody  
Franconia Life Squad

## 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 straight-forward 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 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Gaudette, Chairman

## PLANNING BOARD

New Developments in 1997:

Subdivisions - The following subdivisions were approved:

- Edmund Sears, 4-lot major subdivision on Wallace Hill Road
- Estate of Curtis H. Brockelman, 2-lot minor subdivision on Eaton Road
- Anton Brockelman and Averill Shepps, 2-lot minor subdivision on Eaton Road
- Kathleen Greene Estate, 2-lot minor subdivision on Wallace Hill Road and Fore Road

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

- Johnston/Alpine Apts., Mittersill Road

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Heath, Chairman

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The following projects were completed by the Franconia Conservation Commission during 1997:

Removal of Doolan house and clean up of property on Main Street.

Development of plans for improving planting and maintenance of the former Doolan property.

Planting and maintenance of nine areas in Franconia: Post Office Gardens, Triangle at intersection of Rtes. 18 and 116, Embankments at bridge - Rte. 116, Flowering crab trees at Kelley's, Stone at site of Original Church in Franconia, Lilac areas near Peabody and Smith property, Island at highway intersection, Island near Raynors, and Dogwood bushes along Church Street near Dow Academy Building.

Inspection and inventory of town properties and establishment of a list of areas to be improved, maintained or to be addressed in the future.

Pruned evergreens and cleaned out triangle at Route 18 and entrance to Lafayette School.

Pruned trees, shrubs, and brush at brook area behind former Doolan property.

In addition:

A donation was received from the White Mountain Garden Club for the beautification of the former Doolan property.

Respectively submitted,

Elizabeth Welch  
Franconia Conservation Committee

Robert Ball • Lucy Hall • Richard Bennink • Christie Shaw-Doran  
Linda Camelio • Elizabeth Welch • Ashton Crosby



## FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Franconia Area Heritage Council (FAHC) is pleased to make its first annual report on the Franconia Heritage Museum to the Town.

### HISTORY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUSEUM

Many groups and individuals have contributed to this effort, but chiefly Sarah Nelson Welch, a direct descendant of Luke Brooks, one of the earliest settlers of Franconia. She was Town Historian and author and is responsible for what is to be known as the Franconia Heritage Museum. Mrs. Welch in her will (1989) deeded her home and willed her personal effects to the Town. When these assets were liquidated in 1991 these monies were placed in a Trust Fund dedicated solely for the establishment of a museum.

The History-Museum Committee, initially appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 1980, has through the years sought a suitable and available site for a museum. Recently, the Franconia Area Heritage Council (FAHC), a non-profit organization established in 1983 to "preserve the heritage of the area" has joined with the History-Museum Committee to further the cause.

In the fall of 1996 the property at 553 Main St. was offered for sale by Melanie Heath, another descendant of Luke Brooks as well as the Nelson family. In fact Sarah's parents Elwyn and Elizabeth Nelson were owners from 1928 to the 1940's.

The property was ideal for a museum - centrally located, an historic 10-room village farm house with attached shed and barn on 1.5 acres.

The History-Museum Committee and the FAHC joined in a recommendation that the Town purchase the property using the Franconia Museum Fund. The Selectmen agreed, subject to Town Meeting approval. Mrs. Heath graciously agreed to a sales agreement contingent on Town Meeting approval which was granted on March 11, 1997 by a 2 - 1 margin.

Subsequent to closure the Selectmen and FAHC agreed on a 10-year lease at \$1 per year. The Council agrees to establish and operate the Museum for this period of time.

The Franconia Heritage Museum is scheduled to open July 4, 1998. It will contain artifacts relevant to life in Franconia from about 1880 to the late 1940's. Five rooms on the first floor of the house will contain exhibits relating to the life of early families. A summer kitchen in part of the shed will be equipped as it was originally. The shed will contain exhibits of industry, business and recreation. The barn will have exhibits of farm tools and equipment.

In 1993 the FAHC established the Iron Furnace Interpretive Center at Splude's Place on Main Street opposite the Stone Stack. The Council has and will continue to fund and operate the Interpretive Center, but considers this activity to complement the museum.

The Council welcomes donations of artifacts for the museum and is in need of contributions toward the \$75,000 goal for continued maintenance and operation for the next decade.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Franconia Museum Fund	March 1997	\$ 102,068.64
Purchase of Property		<u>70,997.72</u>
		31,070.92
Income		<u>613.43</u>
Total		31,684.35
Expenditures		<u>15,766.74</u>
Balance, December 31, 1997		\$ 15,917.61

Respectfully submitted,

Warren J. Taylor, President

## FROST PLACE 1997

The 1997 season went very well. On May 6, 1997, the Frost Place held its first large-scale fundraising event: a \$250/per plate dinner in New York, with a reading of Robert Frost's poems by four prominent poets, all of whom have been associated with the Frost Place. The dinner raised nearly \$45,000. The now 3-year old Advisory Board hosted and funded the event, under the able leadership of Mr. Bruno Quinson of New York (a director of the Henry Holt Company, Frost's Publisher) and Ms. Joan Cusack Handler of New Jersey, poet and psychotherapist. The Advisory Board is made up of poets, publishers, attorneys, business and university people (including several from Dartmouth, such as the Associate Provost). It serves under the direction of the local Board of Trustees of the Frost Place.

The historic preservation work has a goal of \$150,000. In 1995, the Holt Company gave \$30,000; thus, last May's dinner brought the campaign to the halfway point. Almost all the money expended to date - some \$35,000 - has been spent locally, both for labor and materials.

The Frost Place thus has continued to thrive. The program receives national media attention each season, and certain Chamber estimates confirm the fact that many now travel to Franconia to visit the Frost Place and its programs.

Both the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board express their gratitude to the people of Franconia and its officers for the support and belief all have shown and continue to show.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sheehan  
Executive Director



**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 1997**

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER & MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
August 2, 1997 Littleton, NH	Lily Patricia Hamblin	James B. Hamblin Carolyn A. Carter
November 3, 1997 Littleton, NH	Griffin Chad Romprey	Chad A. Romprey Lisa M. Randall

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 1997**

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 11, 1997 Franconia, NH	Terence David Donnelly III Maria Ann Richards	Chelmsford, MA Chelmsford, MA
March 16, 1997 Franconia, NH	Michael Paul Prendergast Laurie Ann Natarelli	Boston, MA Boston, MA
March 22, 1997 Sugar Hill, NH	Robert Rutherford Wagner Gretchen Wood Roorbach	Cambridge, MA Franconia, NH
March 29, 1997 Franconia, NH	Kyle Robert Rose Virginia McLaughlin	Seekonk, MA North Providence, RI
May 17, 1997 Littleton, NH	Steven Robert Newell Doreen Louise Baker	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
June 6, 1997 Franconia, NH	David Paul Lemarie Jessica Morvan	Springfield, VA Springfield, VA
July 4, 1997 Franconia, NH	Philip Alan Hames Stephanie Suzanne Shepard	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
July 5, 1997 Franconia, NH	Arthur Thomas Muldowney Sharon Catherine Bilker	Killingworth, CT Killingworth, CT
August 23, 1997 Franconia, NH	Seth William Kirby Joia Maria Scully	Jamaica Plain, MA Belmont, MA
August 29, 1997 Franconia, NH	Michael D. Agranoff Patricia A. Grassey	Fort Lauderdale, FL Fort Lauderdale, FL

September 20, 1997 Franconia, NH	David Michael Johnson Laura Lee Bridges	Riverton, CT Riverton, CT
September 20, 1997 Franconia, NH	Timothy A. Butler Paula K. Murray	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 20, 1997 Franconia, NH	Carl David Rosenthal Jadwiga Brockett	Waterford, CT Durham, CT
September 27, 1997 Franconia, NH	Peter Norman Bennett Victoria Elizabeth Wilkins	Salem, MA Salem, MA
October 4, 1997 Franconia, NH	James David Fish Carrie Ann Volak	Redding Ridge, CT Redding Ridge, CT
October 15, 1997 Carroll, NH	Gregory Antone Lucianno Gayle Teresa Leopardi	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 1, 1997 Franconia, NH	Frank Clulow Pamela Catherine Rotas	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 15, 1997 Franconia, NH	Kenneth Lee Wright Heidi Anne Casey	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 29, 1997 Franconia, NH	Clinton Roy Brown Leslie Anne Walker	Thetford Center, VT Thetford Center, VT
December 26, 1997 Franconia, NH	Marc Blum Andrea Sabrowsky	Sprockhoevel, Germany Sprockhoevel, Germany

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 1997**

<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	<b>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF DECEASED</b>	<b>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF FATHER</b>	<b>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER</b>
Jan. 1, 1997 Franconia, NH	Betty Lucas	Walter Smith	Beulah Styles
Jan. 4, 1997 Franconia, NH	Lillian G. Thurston	George F. Thurston	Hattie Thomas
Jan. 14, 1997 Franconia, NH	Helena Rita Theriault	James Walsh	Jessie Smith
Jan. 24, 1997 Franconia, NH	Anna Carson	Thomas Fischer	Margaret Kaltenbacher
Feb. 1, 1997 Franconia, NH	Margaret W. Thibeault	Patrick Wheeler	Catherine Hickey
Feb. 11, 1997 Franconia, NH	William H. Johnson	William Johnson	Unknown
Feb. 11, 1997 Franconia, NH	Justin Robinson	Benjamin Robinson	Lillian Lesser
March 31, 1997 Lebanon, NH	Edna M. Bruce	George French	Florence Smith
April 1, 1997 Franconia, NH	Donald Bryer Drew	Dana F. Drew	Ottile Bryer
April 4, 1997 Franconia, NH	Jay Harding Sargent	Percy Sargent	Hattie Chamberlin
April 6, 1997 Littleton, NH	Kathleen A. Gorgone	John G. Francis	Barbara T. Whelton
April 8, 1997 Franconia, NH	Edmund Burke Sorg	Gregory Sorg	Janine Catalano
April 12, 1997 Franconia, NH	William Kretsinger III	William Kretsinger, Jr.	Catherine Brockhaus
April 12, 1997 Franconia, NH	Edward M. Osmond	Alfred Osmond	Angie Ferren
April 30, 1997 Franconia, NH	Bessie L. Stevens	George Rolfe	Hattie E. Smith

May 7, 1997 Littleton, NH	Sylvia Jane Casey	Homer Baker	Mabel Domino
May 10, 1997 Franconia, NH	Emma Birt Thorp	David W. Murphy	Hannah Myers
June 4, 1997 Littleton, NH	William T. Perry	William Perry	Marion Place
July 21, 1997 Franconia, NH	Lawrence N. Sanchez	Joseph Sanchez	Louise Hirschfeld
Aug. 20, 1997 Franconia, NH	Jacob J. Cram	Richard S. Cram	Elizabeth Paine
Aug. 23, 1997 Franconia, NH	Nora Drummond	Matthew Wallace	Hanora Doheny
Aug. 26, 1997 Franconia, NH	Sarah D. Lavigne	Warren Dexter	Belle Corey
Aug. 28, 1997 Franconia, NH	Louise Mason Norton	William A. Norton	Nellie L. Terry
Sept. 19, 1997 Franconia, NH	Leon Louis Pilotte	Edmond Pilotte	Rose Paquette
Oct. 11, 1997 Franconia, NH	William K. Magown	C. Edward Magoon	Gertrude T. Richardson
Nov. 1, 1997 Franconia, NH	Julia Carlson	Martin O. Tofley	Jennie Holsti
Nov. 4, 1997 Franconia, NH	Germaine D. Morris	Alfred St. Pierre	Marie Roderick
Nov. 4, 1997 Franconia, NH	Chloa M. Terrell	Frank E. Hobart	Josephine Miller
Nov. 12, 1997 Franconia, NH	Pauline Dodge	Herbert Foster	Zora Langway
Dec. 23, 1997 Franconia, NH	George Stanley Bartlett	William Bartlett	Eva Bemis
Dec. 25, 1997 Franconia, NH	Dorothy B. Aldrich	Oscar C. Berry	Elizabeth Tobyne



