

A SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF THE
CITY MANAGER

Honorable Mayor, City Council and Citizens
City of Portsmouth
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

I am grateful for this opportunity to again submit the Annual Report of your City — the fifth under the Council-Manager form of government.

In this report you will see evidence to the fact that this community is experiencing a continuous population increase which in turn is leading to an ever increasing demand for municipal services and a resulting expansion of Municipal Government, physically and financially.

The most encouraging single aspect in local government in the past fifty years has been the increasing concern of the citizens in their government. This interest must be retained. The citizens have made a major investment in good local government; they are entitled to a fair return on that investment. It is our duty as trustees of the citizens' investment to assure the citizens, in the future as we have in the past, this fair return.

Sincerely yours,
Robert C. Violette
City Manager

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PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

Theodore R. Butler, *Mayor*
 John J. Leary, *Assistant Mayor*
 Mary C. Dandero
 Andrew Jarvis
 Donald H. Margeson
 Sherman Newton
 Edward C. Peterson
 Eugene P. Soles
 John J. Wholey
 Robert C. Violette, *City Manager*
 Thomas E. Flynn, *City Solicitor*
 Americo J. Bellucci, *City Clerk*

CITY COUNCIL Members: 9
 Expenditures: \$1,790.00

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT Employees:
 Expenditures: \$13,973.39 Full Time 2

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: 1954

- Held 12 regular meetings
- Met for 16 special meetings
- Conducted 15 public hearings
- Passed 17 resolutions
- Adopted 8 City Ordinances
- Approved annual budget of \$1,964,850
- Tax rate continued as one of the lowest in New Hampshire
 — \$37.20/\$1,000

City Clerk
 Superintendent of Public Works
 City Auditor
 City Treasurer,
 Building Inspector
 City Assessor
 Tax Collector
 City Marshal
 Fire Chief
 Superintendent of Schools
 Overseer, Welfare Department
 Director of Planning
 Sanitary Inspector

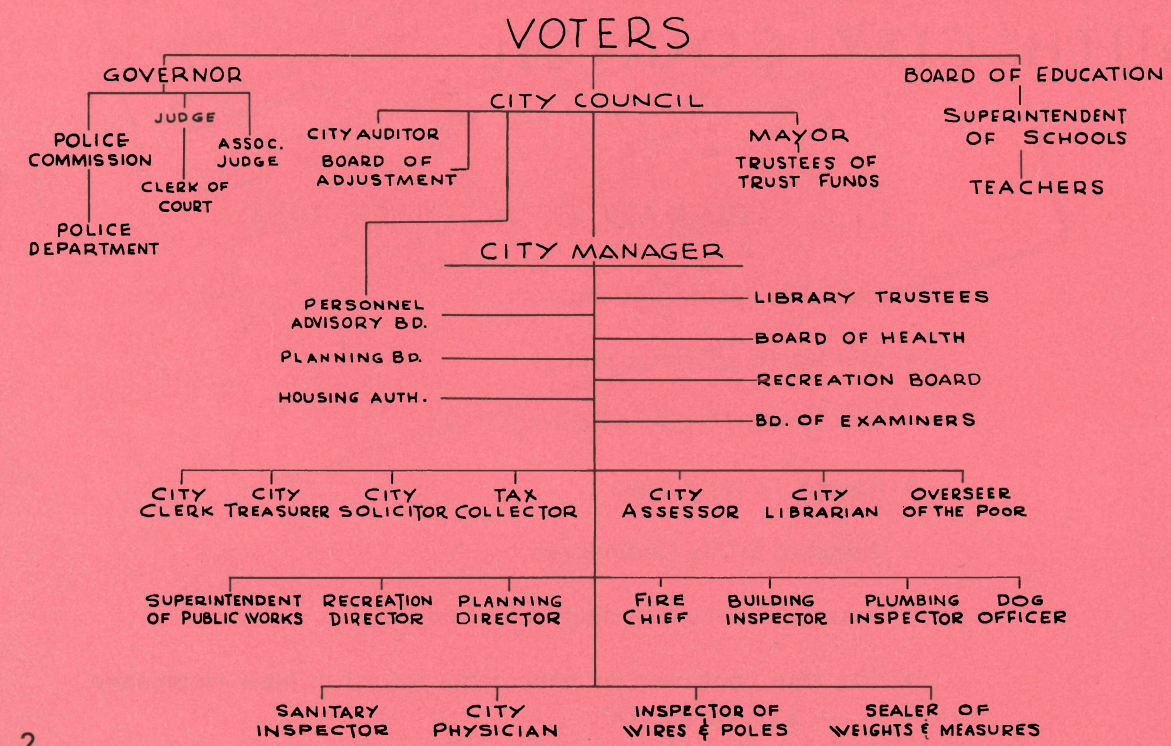
Americo J. Bellucci
 Nat S. Stevens
 Wilfred E. Young

 Joseph P. Marden
 Lucien O. Geoffrion
 J. Warren Somerby
 Martin O. Betz
 Frederick R. Crompton
 Raymond I. Beal
 Mrs. Mildred Riese
 Charles R. Dawson
 Ross J. Seymour
 (Resigned December 17, 1954)

City Solicitor
 Justice, Municipal Court
 Associate Justice
 Clerk of Court
 Director of Recreation
 Librarian, Public Library
 Meat Inspector
 Plumbing Inspector
 Sealer of Weights and Measures
 Dog Officer
 Fire Alarm Superintendent

Thomas E. Flynn, Jr.
 Oscar Neukom
 Samuel Levy
 Jack Fenwick
 Norman R. Landry
 Miss Dorothy M. Vaughan
 Lionel Trudel, V.M.D.
 Clement R. Moulton
 William A. Thomson
 Joseph I. Perrault
 Arthur M. Patterson
 (Appointed May 5, 1954)

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH N.H.
 ORGANIZATION CHART



ADMINISTRATIVE
 OFFICERS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD

Francis P. Tucker
 Michael A. Barrett, *Chairman*
 Hugo Liljehult

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Arthur F. Brown, Jr., *Chairman*
 Miss Dorothy F. Lear, *Clerk*
 Arthur Gorman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mrs. Irving E. Snow
 Ellen T. Moses
 Mrs. Edward T. Wendell, *Clerk*
 E. Curtis Matthews
 Katherine P. Flanagan
 E. Bliss Marriner

RECREATION COMMITTEE

John E. Kane, *Chairman*
 Edward Petro
 Joseph Posternack
 John R. Wiggan
 Jeremy R. Waldron, Jr.
 Mrs. Mary Warner
 Mrs. Robert H. Dunn
 Arthur C. Clough
 Ralph Atwell

BOARD OF HEALTH

Arthur Healey
 S. Gerard Griffin, M.D.
 William M. Farrington, D.M.D.

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Gouse
 Keiven E. Gillis
 Robert E. Crowley
 John W. Durgin, Sr., *Chairman*
 Joseph J. Shanley
 A. Neil Schiot
 Edward T. Burnham
 (Appointed November 5, 1954)
 Robert C. Violette, *ex-officio*
 Nat S. Stevens, *ex-officio*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Morris D. Levy
 Ernest E. Stafford
 Frederick E. Pillsbury, *Chairman*
 (Term Expired April 1, 1954)
 Francis K. Leith, *Chairman*
 John Fisher
 Louis Schwartz
 Thurston Smart
 (Resigned June 28, 1954)
 Frank Butterworth, Jr.
 (Appointed July 26, 1954)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Frank J. Massey
 Harry I. Caswell
 Lawrence E. Mulloney, *Chairman*
 Orman R. Paul
 Frank Paterson
 (Appointed January 15, 1954)
 Edward J. Abbott, *Executive Director*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jean S. Butler
 Margaret Batchelder
 John J. Hassett
 E. Curtis Matthews
 William M. Farrington, D.M.D.
 Stowe Wilder, *Chairman*
 Cornelia B. Walker, M.D.
 John W. Durgin, Jr.
 Kennard E. Goldsmith
 Alice M. Lee
 Wyman Boynton
 Paul V. Brown

POLICE COMMISSION

Reginald E. Goldsmith
 J. Paul Griffin, *Chairman*
 Morris Silverman

CIVIL DEFENSE

William T. Evans, *Director*

PROGRESS REPORT 1954

● STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

Completed State Street widening and re-surfacing project in cooperation with the State and Federal Governments.
Placed permanent hot top surface on the following streets:
Cutts Street from Interstate Highway to Maplewood Avenue
Maplewood Avenue from Cutts Street to North Mill Bridge
Islington Street from A. & P. Super Market to Melbourne Street
Spinney Road from Islington Street to Middle Road
Newcastle Avenue from the bridge to Marcy Street
Roadway leading from Islington Street to the City Yard.
Purchased two new two-ton dump trucks.
Installed new Heating System at the City Yard — Three oil burning hot air furnaces.

● PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Constructed Breezeway connecting the Public Library with the Benedict Building.

● TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Off-Street Parking Lot for 160 cars constructed on Penhallow Street, one block from the heart of the business district.

Improved traffic flow through a series of No-Parking Ordinances.

● WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE

Constructed new and larger water mains on Green Street at a cost of \$6,027.

Extended water main from Atlantic Heights to the Schiller Plant on Gosling Road at a cost of \$10,484.

Began construction of Dennett Street storm and sanitary sewer at a cost of \$55,795.

Purchased new bucket type sewer cleaning machine at a cost of \$3,293.

Constructed new drainage system at Bartlett Street Underpass at a cost of \$2,685.

Constructed water main on Echo Avenue at a cost of \$3,500.

● PLANNING

Drafted and adopted Subdivision Ordinance and Rules and Regulations.

● PUBLIC SAFETY

Purchased a 750 gallon triple combination Pumping Engine for the Fire Department at a cost of \$17,833.

Purchased a new Fire Department Ambulance at a cost of \$6,500.

Purchased three new Police Department Cruisers.

● RECREATION

Renovated Community Center and installed a Teen Canteen, Auditorium, and a Motion Picture Screen.

Acquired Union Wharf building in Prescott Park for Recreational use.

● CITY FINANCE

Maintained integrated financial control over budgeted expenditures of all departments.

Maintained City's Credit Rating of AA with Moody's and Standard and Poors which results in considerable savings in interest during the years.

A LOOK INTO 1955

PROJECTS

- Construct Off-Street Parking Lot in Hanover Street area.
- Construction of Parking Lot adjacent to Fire Station.
- Commence construction of new Senior High School at a cost of over three million dollars.
- Complete renovation of Benedict Building as Public Library Annex.
- Construct bath house at Pierce Island Municipal Swimming Pool.
- Reconstruct portion of Sherburne Avenue.
- Construct sewer line along Middle Road.
- Adopt a Housing Code — the first in the State of New Hampshire.
- Adopt a Building Code.
- Adopt an Administrative Code.

● PORTSMOUTH - NEWINGTON AIR FORCE BASE

A reality in 1955

Under construction since the Spring of 1954.

Slated for completion in 1956.

Total complement of 7,000 — Military and Civilian Personnel

Influx of Population

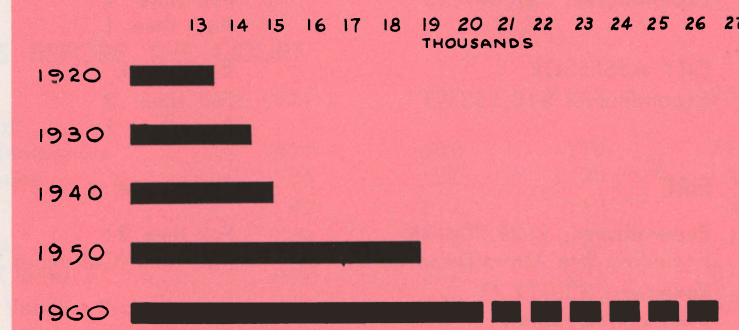
New Schools

New Housing

Demand for increased Municipal Services



POPULATION TREND



● **CITY CLERK**
 Expenditures: \$15,454.99
 (including elections)
 Election Expenditures: \$5,503.20

● **CIVIL DEFENSE**
 Expenditures: \$3,975.52

● **EDUCATION**
 Expenditures: \$811,157.57

● **LEGAL**
 LAW DEPARTMENT
 MUNICIPAL COURT
 Expenditures: \$6,790.53

Employees:
 Full time 2
 Part time 1

Employees:
 Full time 196

DEPARTMENTS

● **FINANCE**
 CITY AUDITOR
 Expenditures: \$14,026.69
 CITY TREASURER
 Expenditures: \$4,916.23
 TAX COLLECTOR
 Expenditures: \$8,087.33
 CITY ASSESSOR
 Expenditures: \$10,555.15

● **FIRE**
 Expenditures: \$129,704.96
 (including Fire Alarm Department)
 Revenues: \$3,022.75
 (Ambulance rental)

Employees:
 Full time 3
 Part time 1

Employees:
 Full time 2
 Part time 1

Employees:
 Full time 2
 Part time 1

Employees:
 Full time 21
 Part time (Call Men) 32

● **INSPECTION**
 BUILDING INSPECTOR
 Expenditures: \$535.40
 DOG OFFICER
 Expenditures: \$831.68
 HEALTH
 Expenditures: \$25,597.73
 (figure includes Comfort Station)
 PLUMBING INSPECTOR
 Expenditures \$1,050.00
 SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
 Expenditures: \$855.14

Employees:
 Part time 1

Employees:
 Part time 1

Employees:
 Full time 9
 Part time 1
 (including Comfort Station)

Employees:
 Part time 1

Employees:
 Part time 1

● **PLANNING**
 Expenditures: \$3,176.17

● **POLICE**
 Expenditures: \$151,617.34

● **PUBLIC LIBRARY**
 Expenditures: \$18,243.26

Employees:
 Full time 1

Employees:
 Full time 34

Employees:
 Full time 4
 Part time 2

● **PUBLIC WORKS**
 Expenditures: \$319,700.30
 Revenue: \$4,377.27
 WATER DEPARTMENT
 Revenues: \$196,645.02

Employees:
 Full time 52

Employees:
 Full time 31

● **RECREATION**
 Expenditures: \$40,339.87
 Revenue: \$1,340.86
 (Community Center)

Employees:
 Full time 3
 Part time 17
 Volunteers 62

● **WELFARE**
 Expenditures: \$80,058.70
 (including Old Age Assistance)

Employees:
 Full time 1

● CITY CLERK

● Information

● Records

● Clearing House

VITAL STATISTICS

	1951	1952	1953	1954
Births	546	565	561	617
Marriages	396	355	338	332
Deaths	276	253	245	266
Stillbirths	13	20	6	16

LICENSES AND PERMITS

	1951	1952	1953	1954
Dog Licenses	1075	1114	1337	*1342
Taxi Operators' Licenses ..	173	182	201	169
Taxicab Permits	32	39	37	35
Bicycle Licenses	965	838	629	736

*Does not include dogs licensed for 1954 which may be paid for during the period January-March, 1955.

RECORDING OF PERSONAL LIENS

	1951	1952	1953	1954
Conditional Sales	1159	1352	1451	1333
Mortgages	712	793	653	947
Miscellaneous	22	12	29	32

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

	1951	1952	1953	1954
	132	187	148	144

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

	1951	1952	1953	1954
Presidential Primary	2757	.....	.....	.....
State Primary	2965	.....	.....	.....
Biennial	9267	.....	6337	.....
Council Filings	13	.....	13	.....
Board of Education Filings ..	13	.....	15	.....
Eligible Voters	10500	12653	12700	11637
Ballots Cast	3782	9267	4076	6337

LAW DEPARTMENT

Legal Counsel to the City

Contracts

Leases

Legal Instruments

Opinions to Departments

Municipal Prosecutor

● LEGAL DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL COURT

The impartial and undelayed dispensing of Justice for the better enforcement of the laws.

CASES BEFORE THE COURT

	1951	1952	1953	1954
Criminal				
Misdemeanors	620	609	196	718
Felonies	35	27	30	14
Civil	97	114	113	43
Juvenile	26	13	25	48
Small Claims	249	282	292	213
Motor Vehicle Violations ..	453	403	489	473

● FINANCE

CITY ASSESSOR

Equality and Proportionality

CITY AUDITOR

- Purchase Orders
- Post Audit
- Pre Audit
- Accounting
- Payrolls
- Budget
- Checks

Assessments that are based on Sound, Statistical, Mathematical Procedures, applied to all properties without favoritism.

Addressed and mailed 4927 Inventory forms, 3621 of which were returned and processed, and in addition: 978 Veteran's Exemption forms, 906 Veteran's Exemptions granted.

Property transfers — 1055

New properties placed on Assessment Rolls — 57

Prepared Poll Tax Warrant and Bills for 6957 names — 2361 Veteran's exempted.

Prepared Head Tax Warrants and Bills for 9318 names.

Prepared Property Tax Warrant and Bills on 5921 units of property.

88 Abatements granted. Less than .2% of the total Warrant committed.

New Hampshire Railroad Stock list prepared and forwarded to State Tax Commission.

Prepared list of Bank Stocks and included in Real Estate Warrant.

Total of Tax Exempt Property

1952	1953	1954
\$7,001,380	\$7,794,560	\$7,825,000

CITY TREASURER

Balance (All accounts), January 1, 1954	\$216,534.62
Receipts, 1954 — Total	\$3,478,318.92
Disbursements, 1954 — Total	\$3,331,953.75
Balance, December 31, 1954	\$362,899.80
Total Wages and Salaries	\$1,235,041.92
Total Withholding Tax withheld and paid to the District Director of the Internal Revenue, (582 employees)	\$125,826.89
<i>Encumbrances:</i>	
Tax Anticipation Loans	\$1,000,000.00
Rate of Discount	.987%

TAX COLLECTOR

Amount of Real Estate Warrant	\$1,513,157.99
Amount collected by December 31, 1954	\$1,420,495.53
Percent of total	93.9%
Total State Head Taxes collected	\$44,070
Total Poll Taxes collected	\$13,174
<i>Automobile Registrations</i>	
	1952 1953 1954
Number	7,274 7,300 7,726
Income	\$62,299.65 \$68,317.86 \$77,518.25

● Custody and Disbursement of Funds including General, Water, Sanitary Sewer and Bond Funds.

● DEPARTMENT 9

● PUBLIC



- Maintenance and Construction of Streets
- Refuse Disposal
- Operation of Water Department
- Maintenance of Parks and Cemeteries

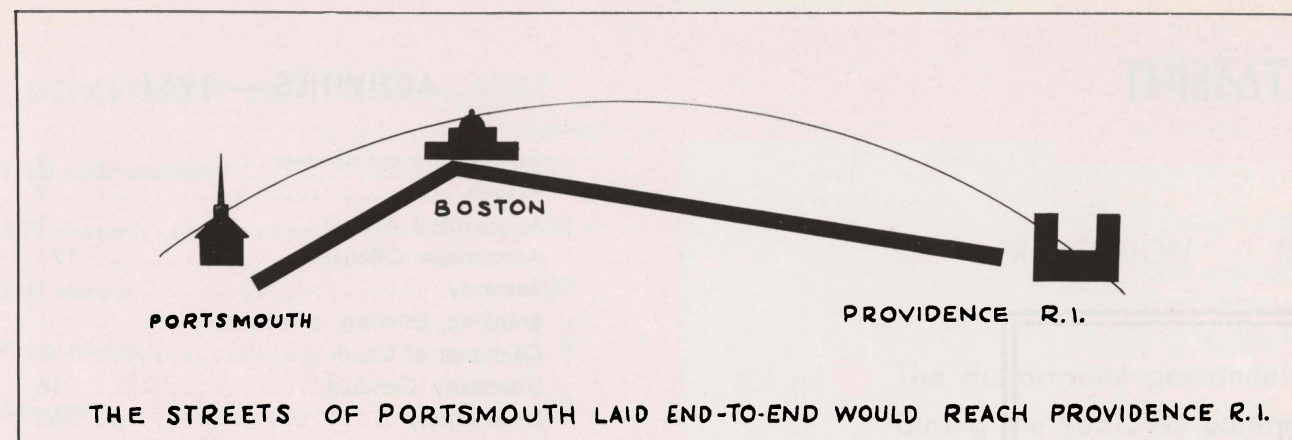
PENHALLOW STREET PARKING LOT



TOP: Off-street parking lot for 160 cars, one block from the heart of the business district.

BOTTOM: Penhallow Street site before buildings were razed.

WORKS ●



STREET RESURFACING AND REBUILDING

Used: 60,708 gallons of asphalt

2,048 tons of stone

4,659 tons of gravel

190 tons of sand

Patching: Used 2,195 tons of bituminous concrete
1,075 tons of Blue Rock Mix

3,808 square yards of new sidewalks constructed on a 50/50 basis with the property owner.

\$18,051.54 spent on snow removal including salt, sand and equipment rentals.

WATER DEPARTMENT

WATER CONSUMPTION

	Total Gallons	Average Daily Consumption
1951	723,717,780	2,113,974
1952	794,036,800	2,025,263
1953	794,373,950	2,176,366
1954	806,123,285	2,208,557

WATER REVENUES

1952 \$166,302.68

1953 \$196,199.53

1954 \$196,645.02

- 85 new meters installed.
- 459 meters renewed or replaced.
- 30 hydrants repaired and reset.
- 30 feet of sprinkler service mains installed.
- 12 new water mains completed.
- 5,750 feet of new mains laid.
- 1,182 feet extended on existing mains.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

IN MEMORIAM
PATROLMAN
JOSEPH P. KELLEY
Died Sept. 27, 1954

- Conducted a ten day F.B.I. Course at Junior High School.
- Four members of the Department, including the City Marshal, attended course in Criminology at the University of New Hampshire.
- Adopted new book of Rules and Regulations.
- In its first year, the Police Auxiliary spent a total of 6,755 hours in public service or improving their knowledge of Police work. 3,090 hours were spent directing City traffic; 123 hours directing traffic at the Portsmouth Air Force Base; 36 hours searching for a child that was lost in York; 30 hours for bicycle inspection; 2,450 hours in classroom work; 92 hours in target practice; 620 hours in parades and drills and devoted 290 hours to Air Raid tests. These men serve without pay in their spare time.

ACTIVITIES — 1954

Arrested for out of town	2
Assault	9
Aggravated Assault	1
Automobile Offenses	171
Bastardy	1
Breaking, Entering, and Larceny	1
Contempt of Court	1
Disorderly Conduct	16
Drunkenness	265
Exposing Person	3
False statement to receive Unemployment Compensation	1
Falsifying age to obtain Alcoholic beverage	3
Fish and Game Law Violations	7
Forgery	1
Forgery, accessory before the fact	1
Impersonating an Officer	1
Investigation	1
Larceny	14
Larceny, attempted	1
Lewdness	3
Malicious behavior	1
Mental	2
Neglect of minor children	2
Non-Support	14
Possession of Obscene Literature	2
Driving while under Influence of Liquor	37
Passing worthless checks	2
Safekeeping	5
Selling beer to minors	4
Violating City Ordinances	14
Suicides	2
Suicides, attempted	2
Lodgers	606
Street Lights reported out	179
Value of lost and stolen property recovered	\$5,634
Patrol and escort trips made	7,857

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES — 1954

Total calls answered	431
Still alarms	332
Bell alarms	30
False alarms	3
Emergency	13
Miscellaneous (Including helping people in- to their homes, using the resuscitator and washing spilled gasoline from the streets) ..	53
Ambulance calls	604
 Calls made under the Mutual Aid System	23
Newington	3
Greenland	3
New Castle	4
Rye	9
North Hampton	2
Stratham	1
Dover	1
 Aided in recovering one drowning victim's body and aided in search for another.	
 Total value of buildings and con- tents endangered by fire	\$1,594,750.00
 Insurance on buildings and con- tents	1,303,214.75
 Damage by fire	27,984.34
 Amount covered by insurance ..	22,927.95
 Net Loss	5,056.39

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PREVENTION - INSPECTION - PROTECTION

- The department personnel continued to conduct fire inspections during the year. All commercial property in the business district was checked regularly for possible fire hazards. Routine inspections were also carried out at all hospitals, convalescent homes, schools, and places of assembly.
- The department availed itself of every opportunity to promote its continuing fire prevention program.



RIGHT: New Ambulance in front of Fire Station

● WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Humanitarianism Mercy Justice Consultation Old Age Assistance

Average Number of Cases and Expenditures — Direct Relief

Average number of cases (monthly)	37.7
Average number of persons (monthly)	84.4
Average monthly expenditures	\$1,959.97

Average Number of Cases and Expenditures — Board and Care

Children		Adults	
Average number of cases (monthly)	8.5	Average number of cases (monthly)	6.9
Average number of children (monthly)	24.1	Average number of persons (monthly)	6.9
Average monthly expenditures	\$875.24	Average monthly expenditures	\$486.66

- Browsing
- Study
- Reference
- Book Fair
- Paintings
- Great Books Sessions
- Inter Library Loan

Number of Volumes
December 31, 1954 68,982

2,014 Volumes added during
1954. (543 for young readers)

Total magazines subscribed
to or presented 1954 120

Newspapers received daily 6

Inter-Library Loan	1954	1953
Books borrowed	42	95
Books loaned	78	74

Volumes Issued for home use	1954	1953
Juvenile	27,451	22,239
Fiction	44,018	43,051
Non-Fiction	27,987	27,380
Total	99,456	99,675

DIRECT RELIEF

- Food
- Shelter
- Clothing
- Fuel
- Medical
- Hospital

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and dinner lists
Participant "Toys for Tots" Program

● PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Ground Observer Corps

2 plane-spotting posts
Pulpit Rock - Rye Beach
Portsmouth Plains
Manned 12 hours per day
for a total of 4380 hours in
1954

- First Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Plan in New Hampshire

Approved by Federal Communications Commission
and Federal Civil Defense Administration

- Civil Defense Auxiliary Police

- Industrial and Institutional Plant Protection System

- Civil Defense Literature

- Hurricane Service

- Active Enrollment 700

- CIVIL DEFENSE

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE TO SAVE NEEDLESS EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Public Improvements must be justified on the basis of anticipated needs, not just the requirements of today.

THE MAIN GOAL: THE MASTER PLAN

- to estimate future traffic volume
 - to determine industrial, commercial and residential needs
 - to outline a program of development to fulfill these and allied needs.
- The Master Plan predetermines future street locations and widths, school locations and water and sewer line capacities well in advance of development.

COMPONENTS OF A MASTER PLAN

Land Use Plan	In preparation
Master Thoroughfare Plan	1955
Public Utilities Plan	1955-1956
Community Facilities Plan	1955-1956
Zoning Plan	Adopted
Master Redevelopment Plan	1956

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 1954

In the first eight months, Portsmouth's Planning Department:

- Adopted modern Subdivision regulations.
- Submitted draft of a Building Code to the City Manager.
- Prepared and submitted draft of a Housing Code to the City Manager.
- Prepared Existing Land Use Maps at 40 scale covering each piece of property in the City.
- Completed Vacant Land Survey.

- DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

TO PLAN AHEAD IS GOOD BUSINESS FOR A GROWING CITY

● PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Men's Basketball Leagues | Girls' Basketball League |
| Grammar School Basketball League | Bowling League |
| Men's and Women's Cribbage Groups | Children's Boxing |
| After Game Record Hops | Judo Program |
| Photography Classes | Teen Age Dances |
| Adult Badminton | Ping Pong League |
| Big League | |



Lobby of Community Center

● Used By 54,000 People in 1954

● RECREATION

Teen Canteen in Community Center



- Gathering Place For
- Veterans' Organizations and their Auxiliaries
 - Community Chorus
 - Tropical Fish Club
 - Piscataqua Pen Club

- Scene of
- Policemen's Ball
 - Firemen's Ball
 - Elks' Ball
 - Kiwanis Auction



Boxing Lessons in the basement of the Community Center.

● SUMMER PROGRAM

Softball League
Music Program
Tennis Instruction Program
Municipal Swimming Pool — Supervision of seven Red Cross qualified instructors and attendants
Adult Swimming Classes conducted
7 Supervised Playgrounds — 3 Unsupervised Playgrounds
Attendance 1954 (Including Swimming Pool) — 86,017

Outdoor Basketball League
Arts and Crafts Program



Archery Class being held in Union Wharf Building.

● UNION WHARF BUILDING

Junior Archery Program
200 Participants
12 Volunteer Instructors
Home of Portsmouth Art Association

Basketball game being played in Community Center Gymnasium.



● 3 OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS

Average School Membership June 30, 1954

Senior High School	699
Junior High School	759
Elementary	1,717
Kindergarten	378

Average School Membership 3,553

Average Daily Attendance 3,283.7

Average Daily Absence 269.3

Non-Resident Students

Senior High School	162
Junior High School	83
Elementary	1
Total	246

School Census Report

Total Number 0-18 years old	6,400
Boys	3,257
Girls	3,143

Cost per Pupil

1950	\$183.53
1951	207.08
1952	212.66
1953	213.49
1954	228.66

Enrollments:

Senior High School	787
Seniors	223
Juniors	252
Sophomores	310
Post Graduates	2
Junior High School	843
Seventh Grade	271
Eighth Grade	266
Ninth Grade	295
Opportunity Class	11

School Health Program

2 School Nurses and a Dental Hygienist	
Physical Examinations	
Public Schools	981
St. Patrick's School	159
Pre-School Examinations	272
Vision Tests	3,080
Found defective	205
Hearing Tests	2,023
Found defective	35
Chest X-Rays	269
First Aid	4,300
Heights and Weights Recorded	2,886
Immunizations Given	4,210

SAFE, DECENT AND SANITARY CONDITIONS

● HEALTH

CONTROL BY EDUCATION

Mosquito control
Swimming Pool inspection
Rodent and Predator control
Housing inspection
Sanitation of Milk

DISEASE PREVENTION

Immunization Clinic — 119 children
(Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Tetanus)
Small Pox Vaccinations — 14

DEATH RATE

1953 12.2 per 1,000 population
1954 13.3 per 1,000 population

AVERAGE AGE AT DEATH

1953 62.4 years
1954 63.03 years

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN PORTSMOUTH

	1952	1953	1954
Diseases of the Circulatory System (Heart disease, Hypertension, Coronary Thrombosis, Arteriosclerosis, Cerebral Hemorrhage, etc.)	156	146	149
Cancer and other Malignant Tumors	27	37	39
Nephritis	4	2	2
Pneumonia	10	11	13
Accidental	6	4	7
Diabetes Mellitus	1	2	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	0
Uremia	7	4	7
Stillbirths	20	6	16
Suicides	6	3	2
Polio	0	0	0
Leukemia	0	3	3
Appendicitis	0	2	0
Ulcers	0	2	2
Prematurity	0	0	10

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INSPECTIONS

Bakeries
Convalescent Homes
Dairies
Eating Establishments
Foster Homes
Frozen Meat Plants
Gasoline Stations
Grocery Stores
Slaughter Houses
Trailer Camps
Investigated Complaints
Issued Meat, Milk and Victualers' Licenses

THE GOALS

INSPECTING

● BUILDING INSPECTION

Total Permits Issued

1953	1954
309	400

Estimated Cost

1953	1954
\$2,221,535	\$1,046,010

New Homes Constructed

1953	1954
43	71

11 New Businesses

25 New Motel Units

30 New Garages

41 Building Additions

OF YOUR
AGENCIES

● DOG OFFICER

Complaints investigated	172
Dogs picked up	154
Dogs returned to owners	72
Dogs placed in good homes	47
Dogs killed by automobiles	24
Number of dogs registered on December 31, 1954	1307
Number of owners of unlicensed dogs brought to court	0

● SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Scales tested and sealed	263
Scales condemned for repair	9
Gas pumps corrected and sealed	148
Condemned for repairs	7
Tank truck meters tested and sealed	38
Condemned for repairs	5
Packages reweighed	603
Correct	501
Over	60
Under	42
Heavy duty scales	10
Sealed	6
Condemned for repairs	4

In addition the City Sealer tested Kerosene pumps, Oil bottles, grease dispensers, and Cart bodies for fuel wood.

● PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Number of plumbers granted licenses	156
Number of persons receiving licenses for the first time	7
Plumbing permits issued	149

FINANCIAL SECTION

Statement 1

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Balance Sheet — December 31, 1954

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	
<i>Cash</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
General fund	\$95,620.41	Accounts payable	\$50,564.68
Petty cash	205.00	Matured bonds and coupons	5,375.00
Fiscal agent — unredeemed bond and coupons	5,375.00	Due State of New Hampshire — 1954 Head Tax collected	5,318.00
Bond issues (Statement 6)	234,696.96		
	<u>335,897.37</u>		\$61,257.68
<i>Receivables and Prepaid Expenditures</i>		<i>Unexpended appropriation balances</i>	
Accounts receivable	\$1,982.43	School Architect's fee (Statement 2) ..	\$800.00
Due from Trustees of Trust Funds	8,457.31	Special Fund — Board of Education ..	1,000.00
Interest Prepaid re Bonded Debt	125.00		<u>1,800.00</u>
	<u>10,564.74</u>		
Taxes Receivable (Statement 5)	\$98,508.38	Deferred Revenue — City's Share of 1954 Head Tax Collection	2,709.50
Less — Reserve for uncollectible taxes	\$1,143.72		
Less — Reserve for Head Taxes prior years	735.00	<i>Reserves</i>	
	<u>1,878.72</u>	Future loss re growing timber (Statement 2)	\$494.85
	<u>96,629.66</u>	Authorized expenditures — bond issues	234,696.96
<i>Other Assets</i>		Overlay for 1953 and 1954	4,585.04
Deeded property	\$2,150.41	1954 Head Tax uncollected	13,640.00
Unredeemed tax sale property	1,562.26		<u>253,416.85</u>
1954 Head Tax	13,640.00		
	<u>17,352.67</u>	Unappropriated Surplus (Statement 2)	141,260.41
Total assets	<u>\$460,444.44</u>	Total liabilities and surplus	<u>\$460,444.44</u>

Statement 2
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Unappropriated Surplus
For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Unappropriated Surplus — December 31, 1953	\$107,670.21
Additions:	
Unexpended balances of appropriations (Statement 4)	\$55,363.01
Excess of actual over estimated revenue (Statement 3)	41,063.31
Additional tax warrants (Statement 5) ..	2,187.52
Adjustments to reserve accounts	486.99
Reserve for loss on growing timber — State Tax Commission	41.66
Refunds on Health Department tele- phone — State of New Hampshire ..	26.15
Miscellaneous credits	64.00
	99,232.64
	\$206,902.85
Deductions	
Surplus credit — State Tax Commission	\$40,600.00
Supplementary Appropriation Bill	24,854.04
Storm Damage — Plains School Bldg.	100.00
Miscellaneous charges	88.40
	65,642.44
Unappropriated Surplus — December 31, 1954	\$141,260.41

Statement 3
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Other Revenue — Estimated and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Excess or (Deficiency)
Fines and costs	\$3,500.00	\$3,900.00	\$400.00
Interest on taxes and sales	2,500.00	2,384.91	(115.09)
Licenses	6,000.00	6,206.64	206.64
Auto registration permits	70,000.00	77,381.50	7,381.50
Fees	4,000.00	4,485.81	485.81
Revenue surplus credit (State- ment 2)	65,454.04	65,454.04	.....
State credits:			
Interest and dividends	25,783.10	25,783.10	.....
Railroads	8,000.00	7,576.88	(423.12)
Savings Banks	10,585.19	10,585.19	.....
Building and Loan Assn. ..	350.00	378.93	28.93
Reimbursement on growing wood and timber	41.66	.....	(41.66)
School credit:			
Federal aid	175,000.00	195,073.55	20,073.55
Tuition	50,000.00	56,883.05	6,883.05
Rental of school bldg., etc. ..	1,300.00	1,045.92	(254.08)
Dog tax revenue	2,500.00	2,845.74	345.74
City Ambulance rental	4,000.00	3,022.75	(977.25)
Payment in lieu of taxes (N. H. A.)	1,000.00	845.25	(154.75)
Parking fines	2,500.00	3,700.00	1,200.00
Community Center	2,000.00	1,340.86	(659.14)
Miscellaneous (including recrea- tion and welfare)	8,000.00	16,805.91	8,805.91
Highway Department	6,500.00	4,377.27	(2,122.73)
1953 Head Tax Revenue	3,400.00	3,400.00	.....
Total (Statement 2)	\$452,413.99	\$493,477.30	\$41,063.31

Statement 4

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Summary Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Department	Appropriation	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Total Available	Expenditures	Reverting to Revenue Surplus
Assessor	\$11,138.00			\$11,138.00	\$10,555.15	\$582.85
Auditor	14,094.00			14,094.00	14,026.69	67.31
City Clerk	16,043.00			16,043.00	15,454.99	588.01
City Manager	14,065.00			14,065.00	13,973.39	91.61
Tax Collector	8,960.40			8,960.40	8,087.33	873.07
City Treasurer	4,993.00			4,993.00	4,916.23	76.77
Fire	129,286.64			129,286.64	124,497.63	4,789.01
Fire Alarm	5,220.00			5,220.00	5,207.33	12.67
Health	9,603.00	\$82.09		9,685.09	9,685.09	
Comfort Station	18,465.16			18,465.16	16,962.64	1,502.52
Highway Division	336,030.13			336,030.13	319,700.30	16,329.83
Building Inspector	615.00			615.00	535.40	79.60
Inspector of Wires and Poles	655.00	26.28		681.28	681.28	
Legal and Municipal Court	6,805.00			6,805.00	6,790.53	14.47
Police	154,757.14			154,757.14	151,617.34	3,139.80
Welfare	93,103.00			93,103.00	80,058.70	13,044.30
Planning Board	5,375.00			5,375.00	3,176.17	2,198.83
Public Buildings and Places	14,533.57			14,533.57	14,312.99	220.58
Public Library	18,348.81			18,348.81	18,243.26	105.55
Recreation	40,626.16			40,626.16	40,339.87	286.29
School	812,825.66			812,825.66	811,157.57	1,668.09
Sealer of Weights and Measures	840.00	15.14		855.14	855.14	
Dog Officer	804.00	27.68		831.68	831.68	
Contingent Fund	14,000.00		\$155.79	13,844.21	6,081.63	7,762.58
City Council Salaries	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,790.00	10.00
County Tax	120,448.89			120,448.89	120,448.89	
Unclassified Account:						
Memorial Day	400.00			400.00	400.00	
City Pensions Fund	625.00			625.00	625.00	
Seacoast Regional Development Association	1,250.00			1,250.00	1,250.00	
Veteran's Temporary Memorial	50.00			50.00	13.91	36.09
City Report	750.00			750.00	567.34	182.66
Retirement — City Contributions	13,500.00	4.60		13,504.60	13,504.60	
Salary — Trustees of Trust Funds	200.00			200.00	200.00	
Insurance — Trustees of Trust Funds	1,911.04			1,911.04	1,870.03	41.01
Civil Defense	4,000.00			4,000.00	3,975.52	24.48
Payment on Bonded Debt	70,500.00			70,500.00	70,500.00	
Interest on Bonded Debt	9,727.25			9,727.25	9,727.25	
Discount on Revenue Notes	8,500.00			8,500.00	6,954.23	1,545.77
Expense re Revenue Notes	450.00			450.00	360.74	89.26
Total (Statement 2)	\$1,965,298.85	\$155.79	\$155.79	\$1,965,298.85	\$1,909,935.84	\$55,363.01

Statement 5

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 General Fund
 Taxes Receivable
 December 31, 1954

	Balance 12-1-53	1954 Levy	Additional Warrants	Total to Collect	Net Collections	Abatements	Adjustments add ()	Balance 12-31-54
1951 Property	\$497.94			\$497.94	\$8.10		\$489.84	
1951 Polls	2,582.00			2,582.00	18.00		2,564.00	
1952 Property	1,026.25		\$7.50	1,033.75	465.75			\$568.00
1952 Polls	388.00		94.00	482.00	104.00	\$2.00	(4.00)	380.00
1953 Property	81,699.79			81,699.79	80,482.40	1,077.96	(20.29)	159.72
1953 Polls	2,818.00		810.00	3,628.00	2,982.00	610.00		36.00
1954 Property		\$1,516,494.24	414.47	1,516,908.71	1,420,371.91	3,815.14		92,721.66
1954 Polls		13,914.00	366.00	14,280.00	10,048.00	324.00		3,908.00
Total (Statement 1) ..	\$89,011.98	\$1,530,408.24	\$1,691.97	\$1,621,112.19	\$1,514,480.16	\$5,829.10	\$3,029.55	\$97,773.38

Statement 6

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Bond Proceeds — General Fund
 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

	12-31-53 Balance	Receipts	Disburse- ments	Balance 12-31-54
Permanent improvements — 1941	\$1,689.65			\$1,689.65
Improvements and equipment — 1947	1,572.69		\$1,572.69	
Permanent improvements and equipment — 1950	18,439.50			18,439.50
Permanent improvements — 1951	3,329.47		3,329.47	
Parking Area — 1953	59,480.20		59,480.20	
Parking Area — 1954		\$125,261.84	261.84	125,000.00
Permanent improvements — 1954		101,812.83	12,245.02	89,567.81
Total (Statement 1)	\$84,511.51	\$227,074.67	\$76,889.22	\$234,696.96

Statement 7

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Bonded Indebtedness

General Fund Bonds	(%) Rate	Date of Issue	Bonds Outstanding 1-1-54	Issued 1954	Retired 1954	Bonds Outstanding 12-31-54
Sewer, highway and equipment	2 1/2	8-1-35	\$4,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Sewer, street and equipment	2 1/2	3-1-36	7,500.00		2,500.00	5,000.00
Permanent improvements	1 1/4	8-1-46	260,000.00		20,000.00	24,000.00
Improvements and equipment	1 1/4	10-1-47	32,000.00		8,000.00	24,000.00
Permanent improvements and equipment	1 1/4	7-1-50	30,000.00		10,000.00	20,000.00
Permanent improvements	1.7	12-1-51	158,000.00		10,000.00	148,000.00
Parking area	1.9	4-1-53	150,000.00		15,000.00	135,000.00
Parking area	1 3/4	1954		\$125,000.00		125,000.00
Permanent improvements	1 3/4	1954		101,000.00		101,000.00
			<u>\$641,500.00</u>	<u>\$226,000.00</u>	<u>\$67,500.00</u>	<u>\$800,600.00</u>
Water Department Bonds						
Water (Statement 11)	1.6	11-1-51	\$180,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$170,000.00
Water (Statement 11)	1 3/4	1954		\$20,000.00		20,000.00
			<u>\$180,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$190,000.00</u>

Statement 8

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Parking Meter Fund — Balance Sheet
December 31, 1954

ASSETS	
Cash	\$22,659.83
LIABILITIES AND UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	
Accounts payable	\$854.37
Unappropriated surplus (Statement 9)	21,805.46
Total liabilities and unappropriated surplus	<u>\$22,659.83</u>

Statement 9

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Parking Meter Fund

Statement of Income and Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Unappropriated surplus — December 31, 1953	\$20,349.07
Revenue — Meter receipts	28,786.18
Expenditures:	
Salaries of Patrolmen	\$10,749.39
Salary of Clerk	1,575.00
Uniforms allowance	293.11
Retirement	730.02
Meter repairs	537.72
Parking area expense	2,633.22
Public safety signs	5,992.14
Insurance	352.81
	<u>22,863.41</u>
	\$26,271.84
New Hampshire Electric Company	
Traffic light installation, prior years	\$2,347.81
City's share of cost of underground lines for	
Penhallow Street Parking Lot	1,757.65
	<u>4,105.46</u>
	\$22,166.38
Payments to Parkit-Lockit Company on receipts at new park-	
ing area as per agreement	360.92
	<u>21,805.46</u>
Unappropriated surplus — December 31, 1954	\$21,805.46

Statement 10

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Trust Funds — December 31, 1954

City Funds	Principle	Unexpended Income	Total Fund
Mary Clark	\$100.00	\$20.25	\$120.25
Horace A. Haven	1,200.00	31.71	1,231.71
Christopher S. Toppan	300.00	60.85	360.85
Frank Jones	500.00	27.58	527.58
Daniel Austin	500.00	13.98	513.98
Martha A. Demeritt	500.00	27.47	527.47
Haven Park	6,071.16	1,538.12	7,609.28
Lewis A. Drake	500.00	25.80	525.80
South Playground	15.00	41.06	56.06
Annie Fields	5,000.00	362.40	5,362.40
Pickering Fund	5,113.23	401.13	5,514.36
T. A. Harris	10,000.00	2,829.23	12,829.23
Louise F. Hovey	500.00	223.83	723.83
Eclectic Benevolent Society	8,990.00	38.07	9,028.07
Thaedora Lyman	3,000.00	295.76	3,295.76
Josie F. Prescott	1,122,264.11	16,637.48	1,138,901.59
	<u>\$1,164,553.50</u>	<u>\$22,574.72</u>	<u>\$1,187,128.22</u>
Library Funds	Principle	Unexpended Income	Total Fund
Harriet L. Penhallow	\$1,000.00	\$16.37	\$1,016.37
Ellen T. Picket	76.00	1.14	77.14
Eliza Brooks	528.00	6.97	534.97
Mary A. S. Gooding	150.00	2.00	152.00
Louise Simes	100.00	1.25	101.25
Haven Fund	6,000.00	75.00	6,075.00
Mary D. Parker	500.00	6.28	506.28
Mercy E. Ladd	1,821.00	22.82	1,843.82
Eldredge Legacy	5,028.58	62.92	5,091.50
Frank Jones Bequest	5,028.58	62.92	5,091.50
John J. Pickering	2,045.34	25.68	2,071.02
Alfred Gooding	500.00	6.25	506.25
Thomas P. Salter	5,000.00	62.50	5,062.50
Joseph B. Upham Bequest	580.58	7.45	588.03
George T. Vaughan	10,000.00	130.24	10,130.24
	<u>\$38,358.08</u>	<u>\$489.79</u>	<u>\$38,847.87</u>
Total	\$1,202,911.58	\$23,064.51	\$1,225,976.09

Statement 11

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Water Department — Balance Sheet

December 31, 1954

ASSETS		
<i>Current:</i>		
Cash — (Incl. Petty Cash \$100.00) ..	\$815.80	
Accounts Receivable	31,191.11	
		\$32,006.91
Inventory — Materials and Supplies		16,989.84
Special Funds — Bond Issue of 1951 ..	\$8,074.13	
Bond Issue of 1954 ..	1,132.67	
		9,206.80
<i>Fixed:</i>		
Structures	\$139,045.56	
Less — Res. for Depreciation ..	44,222.62	
		\$94,822.94
Equipment	\$1,509,639.77	
Less — Res. for Depreciation ..	328,777.67	
		1,180,862.10
		1,275,685.04
Land		21,520.00
Total Assets		\$1,355,408.59
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
<i>Current:</i>		
Accounts Payable		\$7,026.38
Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts		3,000.00
Bonded Debt		190,000.00
<i>Capital:</i>		
Municipal Investment	\$656,559.09	
Federal Contribution re Plant Expansion	302,178.10	
		958,737.19
Surplus		196,645.02
Total Liabilities and Capital		\$1,355,408.59

Statement 12

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Water Department — Summary of Fixed Assets

December 31, 1954

Structures	Cost	Reserve for Depreciation	Net Book Value
Water supply	\$83,224.37	\$25,183.93	\$58,040.44
Pumping station	46,986.75	15,975.23	31,011.52
Stores department	3,834.44	1,163.46	2,670.98
Stable and garage	2,500.00	950.00	1,550.00
Other structures	2,500.00	950.00	1,550.00
	\$139,045.56	\$44,222.62	\$94,822.94
<i>Distribution System</i>			
Transmission mains	\$39,295.23	\$8,377.95	\$30,917.28
Water storage	91,905.04	27,128.92	64,776.12
Distribution mains	1,114,794.12	198,996.52	915,797.60
Services	7,560.71	1,510.22	6,050.49
Hydrants	32,016.50	8,850.85	23,165.65
Meters	62,772.72	23,407.48	39,365.24
	\$1,348,344.32	\$268,271.94	\$1,080,072.38
<i>Equipment</i>			
Water supply	\$42,534.23	\$14,182.47	\$28,351.76
Pumping station	112,516.22	41,619.37	70,896.85
Purification	3,997.75	2,945.88	1,051.87
Stores department	134.55	94.22	40.33
Other	2,112.70	1,663.79	448.91
	\$161,295.45	\$60,505.73	\$100,789.72
Land	\$21,520.00		\$21,520.00
Total (Statement 11)	\$1,670,205.33	\$373,000.29	\$1,297,205.04

Statement 13
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Water Department — Statement of Surplus
For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Balance — December 31, 1953		\$189,706.17
<i>Add:</i>		
Balance of accounts payable — De-		
cember 31, 1952	\$17.16	
Net income (Statement 14)	6,921.69	
		<u>6,938.85</u>
Balance December 31, 1954 (Statement 11)		\$196,645.02

Statement 14
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Water Department — Condensed Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

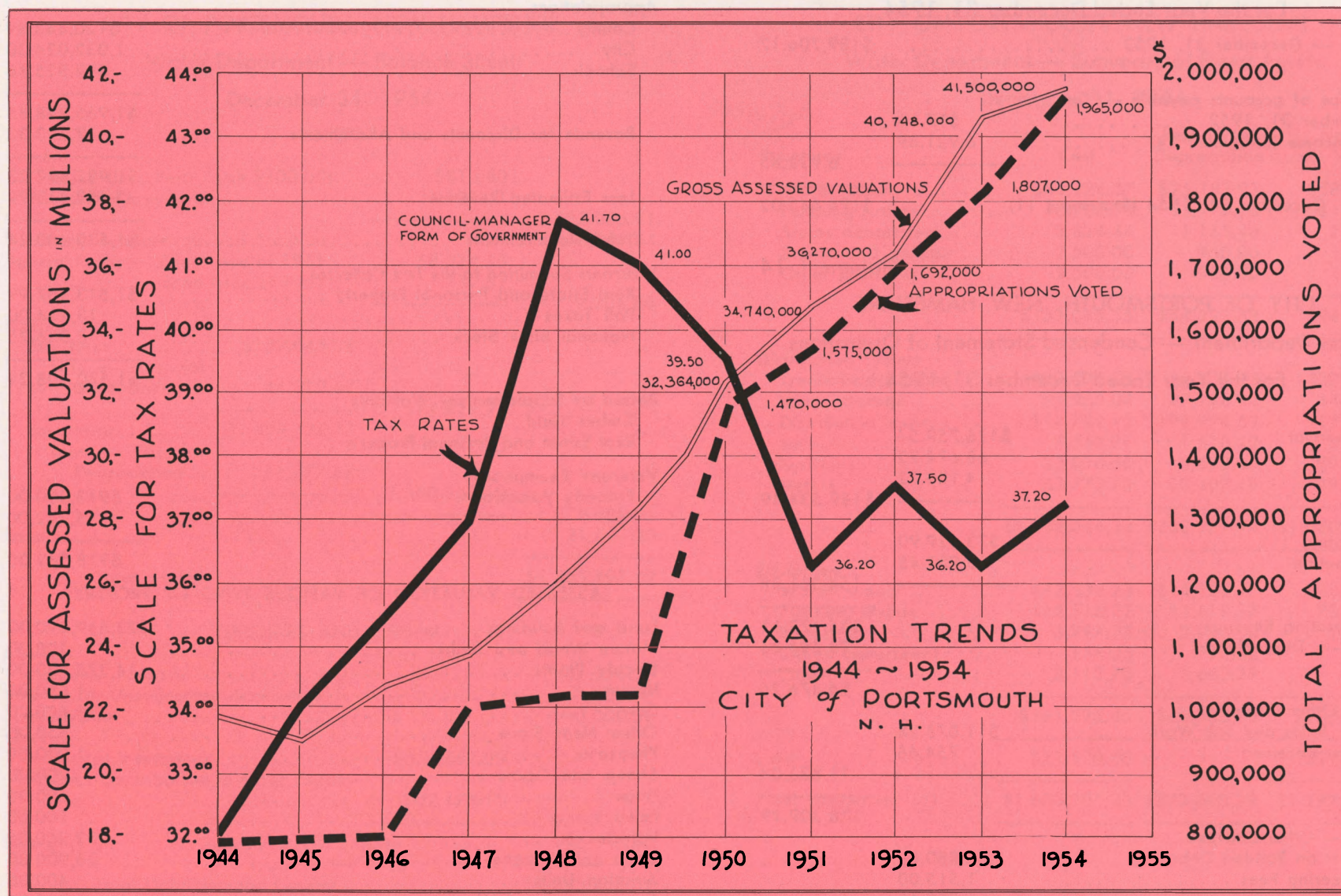
<i>Sales:</i>			
Commercial	\$116,759.54		
Industrial	68,674.23		
Other	4,100.72		
			<u>\$189,534.49</u>
<i>Expense:</i>			
Operating	\$73,429.90		
Distribution	80,931.48		
			<u>154,361.38</u>
Net Operating Revenue		\$35,173.11	
Deduct — Depreciation		28,696.86	
			<u>\$6,476.25</u>
<i>Add — Other Income</i>			
Mdse. Sales and Job Work	\$11,078.38		
Interest Received	754.66		
			<u>11,833.04</u>
			<u>\$18,309.29</u>
<i>Deduct — Other Charges:</i>			
Interest on Bonded Debt	\$2,880.00		
Engineering Fees	1,515.00		
Employee's Retirement	6,992.60		
			<u>11,387.60</u>
Net Profit — January 1 to December 31, 1954 Inclusive ..			<u>\$6,921.69</u>

Statement 15
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Assessors' Statement for 1954

<i>Appropriations</i>		
County	\$120,448.89	
City	1,032,024.30	
Schools	812,825.66	
		<u>\$1,965,298.85</u>
Revenue for Discounts and Abatements	17,523.38	
		<u>\$1,982,822.23</u>
Less Estimated Revenue	452,413.99	
Total Requirements		<u>\$1,530,408.24</u>
<i>Warrants Submitted to the Tax Collector</i>		
Real Estate and Personal Property	\$1,513,157.99	
Poll Taxes	13,914.00	
National Bank Stock	3,336.25	
		<u>\$1,530,408.24</u>
<i>Raised by Supplementary Warrants</i>		
Timber Yield		
Real Estate and Personal Property		
<i>Veterans' Exemptions</i>		
Property Valuation	\$913,300.00	
Polls	5,262.00	
		<u>\$918,562.00</u>

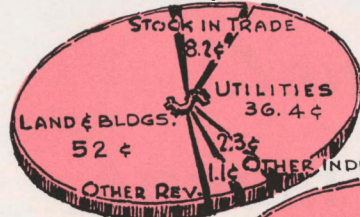
ASSESSED VALUATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF PROPERTY

Land and Buildings	\$23,659,290.00
Mature Wood and Timber	500.00
Electric Plants	14,375,500.00
Horses	1,050.00
Cows	13,600.00
Other Neat Stock	550.00
Pheasants	1,000.00
Sheep and Goats	200.00
Hogs	600.00
Fowls	100.00
Vehicles	32,250.00
Boats and Launches	36,900.00
Aviation Units	400.00
Compressors and Lifts	6,785.00
Road Building and Well Drilling Machinery	285,475.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	18,880.00
Stock in Trade	2,636,110.00
Machinery	520,400.00
	<u>\$41,589,590.00</u>

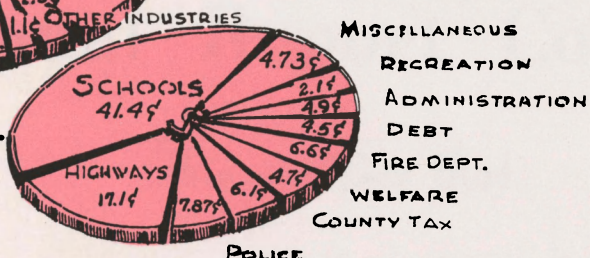


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Where it comes from...



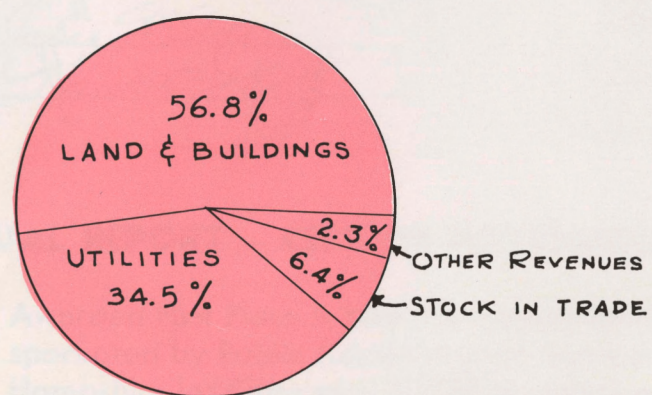
Where it will go...



PORTSMOUTH, N.H. YOUR SHARE OF CITY EXPENSES 1954

	LIBRARY	RECREATION	DEBT	ADMINISTRATION	FIRE DEPT.	COUNTY TAX	WELFARE	POLICE DEPT.	HIGHWAY DEPT.	SCHOOLS
COST OF ALL CITY SERVICES PER ASSESSED UNIT # 340.00										
TAX BILL	37.20	74.40	111.60	148.80	186.00	223.20	260.40	297.60	334.80	
ASSESSMENT	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	9000	

SOURCES OF YOUR CITY'S TAX INCOME 1954



EXPLANATION

This chart attempts to show what City expenses are shared by you, the Taxpayer. For example, if your building and land were assessed for \$4,000 (bottom figures) your tax bill, based on the 1954 Tax Rate of \$37.20 per \$1,000 of valuation, would be \$148.80. Thus you would be paying for all services except Highway Department services and schools. All the services offered by these two departments you would be receiving free of charge.

YOUR CITY'S DOLLAR
1932

BOSTON, MASS.
YOUR SHARE OF CITY EXPENSES
1932

CITY OF BOSTON
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New Hampshire Annual Report Contest

This certifies that

THE CITY OF **PORTSMOUTH**

has been awarded **FIRST PLACE**
in **Class V** for the year **1954** in recognition of
the excellence of its **1953 Annual Report**.

Judges:

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DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICES

FIRE 525	POLICE 626
Concerning:	
Administration, General	2620
Ambulance	526
Assessments	477
Auto Permits	515
Bicycle Licenses	10
Bills and Accounts	2386
Birth Certificates	10
Building Permits	2374
Cemetery	128
City Council	2620
Dance Lessons	10
Death Certificates	10
Dog Licenses	10
Elections	10
Engineering, City	128
Garbage Collection	128
Health, Public	580
Housing Authority	4500
Library	4260
Marriage Certificates	10
Milk Licenses and Inspections	580
Mortgages and Conditional Sales	10
Nursing, Public Health	580
Oil Burner Inspection	526
Ordinances and Resolutions	10
Parks	128
Payments by the City	2386
Personnel, City	2620
Planning, City	4500
Recreation	2990
Plumbing Permits and Licenses	127
Purchasing	2620
Refuse Collection	128
Red Cross	833
Sanitation	580
Sewers	128
Snow Plowing and Sanding	128
Street Lights Burned Out	626 or 1500
Street Maintenance	128
Tax Collection	515
Treasury Information	2374
Water	128
Water Bills	772
Weights and Measures	2852
Zoning	2374
Schools	770
School Nurse	838
Taxicab Permits — Taxi Operator's License	10
Selective Service Registration	10
General Information	2620
Beano Licenses	626



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BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF PORTSMOUTH

	1953	1954
Population	19,600	20,000
Area	15.6 sq. mi.	15.6 sq. mi.
Assessed Valuation	\$39,890,296	\$40,676,290
Tax Rate	\$36.20	\$37.20