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# RUMNEY

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002



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# 2003 Town Meeting

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## TOWN OF RUMNEY 2003

### SELECTMEN'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday:  
8 am to 2 pm

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

#### WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR

Anne B. Dow: 786-9511

July & Aug. Office hours:

Mon. & Wed. 8:00-3:00

### SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

Monday Evenings 7 to 9 pm

Please call to get on agenda

786-9511

[rumneysel@earthlink.net](mailto:rumneysel@earthlink.net)

### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Monday Evenings: 4 to 8 pm

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday:

9 am to 2 pm

Linda Whitcomb

786-2237

### BYRON MERRILL LIBRARY

Tuesday/Thursday: 2 to 5 pm

Tuesday/Thursday: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

786-9520

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rolf Garcia, Chief

Janet Sherburne, Secretary

786-9712

EMERGENCY: 911

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Officer

Paul T. Anderson

786-2335

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday: 12 to 4 pm

Saturday: 9 to 4 pm

Sunday: 9 am to 1 pm

Call for Summer Hours

Chuck Bixby

786-9481

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent DPW

Frank Simpson

786-9486

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Director

Peggy Grass

786-2377

### RUSSELL SCHOOL

David Webb, Principal

Dottie LaLonde, Secretary

786-9591

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ken Ward, Chief

786-9924

EMERGENCY: 911

### FAST SQUAD

Alan Hunter, Director

EMERGENCY: 911

### AMBULANCE

EMERGENCY: 911

### PLANNING BOARD

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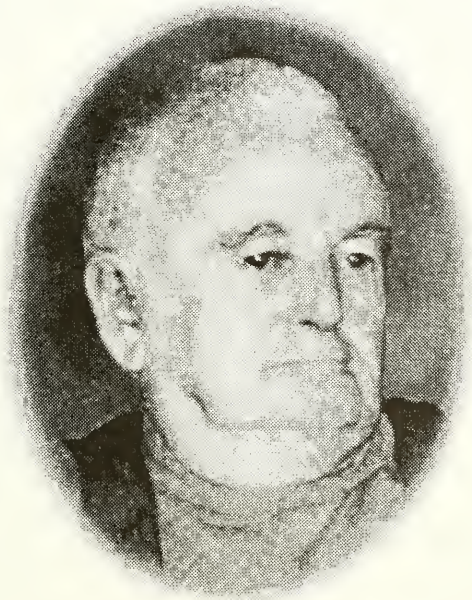
**2003 TOWN MEETING**



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OF THE  
TOWN OF RUMNEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The 2002 Annual Report is dedicated to  
George Wendell III



1928 - 2002

- Fire Fighter
- Fire Commissioner
- School Board Member
- Police Chief
- Devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather

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## TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION 2002 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF RUMNEY

Community Action is the front line of assistance for Tri-County Community Action clients. Through the provisions of direct, advocacy and referral services, we serve as a bridge for the lowincome, elderly and disabled citizens of Rumney. We link programs and services to specific individual client's needs and provide collaborative efforts with clients to find solutions for their essential concerns.

Last year the following direct assistance was provided by the CAP (Community Action Program):

	Households	Direct Assistance
Fuel Assistance 2001 - 2002	83	\$41,035
Weatherization	3	\$6,958
Homeless Vouchers	2	\$483
FEMA Vouchers	3	\$296
Client Service Fund	1	\$71
<b>Total Direct Assistance.</b>		<b>\$48,843</b>

With your help, we anticipate being able to provide at least the same level of services to Rumney this year.



## TOWN OF RUMNEY MARRIAGES \* 2002

<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Groom's Residence</b>	<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Bride's Residence</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Date of Marriage</b>
Morton, Sr. Eugene D.	Rumney, NH	Green, Elizabeth A.	Rumney, NH	Rumney, NH	Feb.16, 2002
Ledoux, Gary C.	Claremont, NH	Betourney, Geraldine A.	Claremont, NH	Warren, NH	May 19, 2002
Rugar, James A.	Rumney, NH	Campbell, Elizabeth L.	Rumney, NH	Rumney, NH	May 4, 2002
Nesbitt, Jason L.	Holderness, NH	Whitcomb, Leslie L.	Rumney, NH	Wentworth, NH	May 25, 2002
Brown, David D.	Rumney, NH	Crowell, Megan B.	Holderness, NH	Wentworth, NH	June 8, 2002
Hurley, Sean P.	Rumney, NH	Alexa, Lois A.	Rumney, NH	Rumney, NH	July 13, 2002
Bixby, Jonathan L.	Rumney, NH	Satterfield, Diane C.	Rumney, NH	Laconia, NH	September 29, 2002
Chorlian, Paul C.	West Newton, MA	Bergeron, Tomi S.	West Newton, MA	Rumney, NH	October 3, 2002
Bates, David E.	Rumney, NH	Black, Amy B.	Rumney, NH	Meredith, NH	October 12, 2002
Philbin, Brendan L.	Rumney, NH	Medaglia, Amelia T.	Rumney, NH	Rumney, NH	October 26, 2002
Foster, John B.	Rumney, NH	Emanovsky, Susan	Rumney, NH	Plymouth, NH	November 22, 2002
Cormica, Robert E.	Rumney, NH	Heath, Sarah A.	Plymouth, NH	Plymouth, NH	December 21, 2002
Tourangeau, Ronald P.	Rumney, NH	Page, Bonnie L.	Rumney, NH	Rumney, NH	December 31, 2002



**SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
FOR TAX YEAR 2002**

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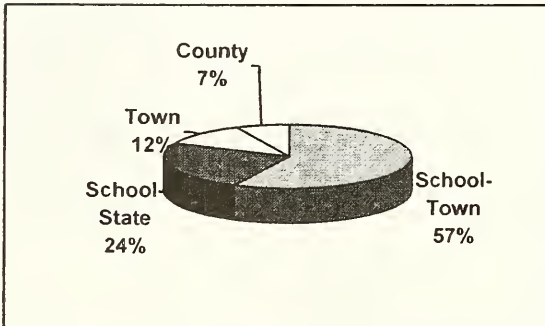
Land (all)		\$46,496,399.
Residential Buildings		57,191,428.
Manufactured Housing		1,038,350.
Utilities		7,251,176.
Commercial Buildings		<u>6,369,940.</u>
Valuation before Exemptions;		\$118,347,293.
Less: Blind Exemption	75,000.	
Elderly Exemption	418,000.	
Solar Exemption	5,000.	
Less: Total Exemptions		\$498,000.
NET VALUATION FOR TAX RATE		\$117,849,293.

**TAX RATE BREAKDOWN**

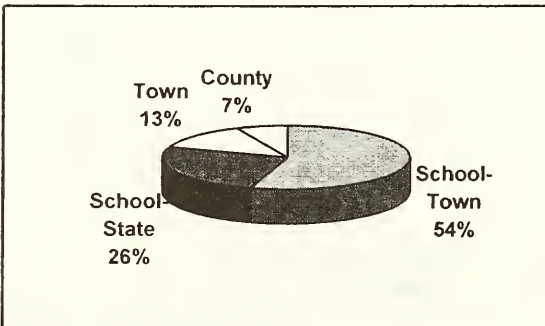
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	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
TOWN	2.31	2.98	2.87
SCHOOL-TOWN	11.42	12.55	10.35
SCHOOL-STATE	4.87	5.88	6.18
COUNTY	1.36	1.56	1.40
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>19.96</b>	<b>22.97</b>	<b>20.80</b>
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	
RATIO	95%	1.02%	

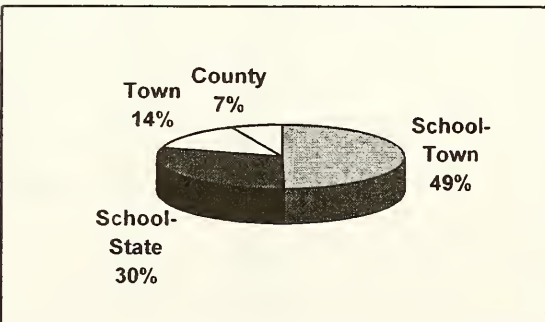
# WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



2002 Tax Rates	
School-Town	11.42
School-State	4.87
Town	2.31
County	1.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.96</b>



2001 Tax Rates	
School-Town	12.55
School-State	5.88
Town	2.98
County	1.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.97</b>



2000 Tax Rates	
School-Town	10.35
School-State	6.18
Town	2.87
County	1.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.80</b>

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN VEHICLES  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002**

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DEPARTMENT	VEHICLE	COLOR	REGISTRATION #
Fire	1970 International	Red	G13118
Fire	1992 Ford	Red	G11568
Fire	1986 Ford-Econoline	Red	G07888
Fire	2003 E-1	Red	G06387
Fire	1969 Farrar	Red	G05098
Police	1996 Ford	White/Brown	G08066
Police	2001 Ford	Black	G16078
Highway	1981 John Deere Grader	Yellow	G05276
Highway	1985 Intl Dump	Orange/Black	G12913
Highway	1997 Ford F-350	Blue	G08764
Highway	2000 International Truck	Blue	G01895
Highway	2001 Caterpillar Backhoe	Yellow	G13384
Highway	1978 International Loader	Yellow/White	G01702
Transfer	1999 Bobcat 751		
Transfer	1974 Fuehauf Trailer		G13574

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002**

PROPERTY	VALUATION	Tax Map #
<b>Town Office Building</b>		
Building	\$83,900.00	
Contents	10,000.00	
<b>Fire Department-Depot St.</b>		
Building	\$118,850.00	
Contents	165,000.00	
Land- Town Office/Depot Fire St.	82,000.00	12-10-13
<b>Town Hall</b>		
Building	\$84,150.00	
Contents	8,000.00	
<b>Library</b>		
Building	\$220,500.00	
Contents	155,000.00	
Land-Town Hall/Library	35,850.00	12-01-23
<b>Fire Department- West Rumney</b>		
Building	\$17,000.00	
Contents	25,000.00	
Land- West Rumney Fire Station	15,150.00	11-06-01
<b>Highway Department-(Town Shed)</b>		
Building	\$63,000.00	
Contents	30,000.00	
Land- Old No. Groton Road	20,000.00	12-15-18
<b>Russell School</b>		
Building	\$1,728,500.00	
Contents	60,000.00	
Land-School Street	95,350.00	13-05-02
<b>Transfer Station</b>		
Building	\$21,850.00	
Contents	26,500.00	
Land-Buffalo Road	71,850.00	12-06-28
<b>Town Common</b>		
Fountain	\$10,000.00	
Land-Stinson Lake/Quincy Rd.	31,000.00	12-04-16
<b>Baker Athletic Field</b>		
Land- Quincy Road	\$63,600.00	13-04-21
Waterhole (Buffalo Rd)	3,250.00	12-01-45
Town Pound (Quincy Rd)	5,250.00	13-02-32
<b>Properties Acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:</b>		
64 acre Cook & Sons woodlot	\$7,200.00	06-01-02
49.39 acre Arthur Newall woodlot	17,650.00	11-07-08
Mineral Rights WMNF(ParksWoodlot)	200.00	WMNF- 57L&57M

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR 2002 YEAR END REPORT**

In the year 2002, the Town Clerk's Office registered 2345 automobiles which comprised most of the Clerk's office revenue of \$202,863.75. The town had 13 marriages, 10 births, and 21 deaths/burials. We have also licensed 418 dogs. The November State Election had a good turnout with 64% of registered voters voting. The on-line portion of the State Registration system has been a great asset to the town. It has enabled our residents to get state services, such as vanity plates, certain transfers, agricultural plates, tractor plates, heavier weight vehicles registered, that they would ordinarily have to go to Concord M.V. to do. It also has the vehicles entered into the State system immediately so that if there is theft or accidents the information is available to the State Police.

The Tax Collector's Office had a good year also. The 2002 tax was 94% collected at the end of the year. Even though we billed \$56,000 more tax in 2002 than in 2001, there was \$47,000 less owed at year end than last year. This will result in less liens being filed in April for unpaid taxes.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

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**RECEIPTS**

2345	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	196,737.00
398	Titles	796.00
418	Dog Licenses Issued	2,762.00
8	Marriage Licenses Issued	360.00
6	Filing Fees/Cand/Wet/ Art/Other	49.00
29	Vital Records Requests	312.00
125	UCC Filings and Searches	1,847.75
		=====
	<b>TOTAL FEES RECEIVED:</b>	<b>202,863.75</b>

**REMITTANCES TO TREASURER**

2345	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	196,737.00
398	Titles	796.00
418	Dog Licenses	1,662.00
11	Dog License Penalties	261.00
323	Dog License Pet overpopulation fee	658.00
362	Dog License Fees to State of NH	181.00
8	Marriages-Town	56.00
8	Marriages-State of NH	304.00
6	Filing Fees-Cand/Wet/Art/Other	49.00
29	Vital Records Request-Town	107.00
29	Vital Records Request-State of NH	205.00
125	UCC Filings and Searches	1,847.75
		=====
	<b>TOTAL FEES REMITTED:</b>	<b>202,863.75</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Whitcomb, Town clerk



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2002**  
**SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

DEBITS:	2002	2001
Uncollected Taxes (as of Jan. 1)		
Property Taxes		226,392.78
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	2,314,009.00	
Land Use Change Tax	10,141.40	
Excavation Activity Tax	1,146.00	
Excavation Tax	131.00	
Yield Tax	29,606.00	4406.93
Overpayments	239.70	
Int. Collected on Del. Taxes	3,507.41	10,247.27
	2,358,780.51	241,046.98
 Total Debits:		
 CREDITS:		
Remitted to Treas. During FY:		
Property Taxes	2,125,791.47	130,897.48
Overpayments	107.70	
Land Use Change Tax	8,117.31	
Excavation Activity Tax		
Excavation Tax	131.00	
Yield Tax	29,165.74	4406.93
Interest on Taxes	3,496.19	10,247.27
Conversion to lien		95,455.30
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes	9,095.00	40.00
Yield Tax		
Excavation Activity Tax	1,146.00	
Excavation Act tax Interest	11.22	
Uncollected Taxes End of FY:		
Property Taxes	179,254.53	
Land Use Change Tax	2024.09	
Excavation Tax	0.00	
Yield Tax	440.26	
	2,358,780.51	241,046.98
 Total Credits		

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Whitcomb, Tax Collector

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**As Of December 31, 2002**

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
<b>DEBITS</b>					
Balance of unredeemed Liens at Beginning of Fiscal Year:		65,098.68	37,266.49	1611.38	426.97
Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year:	103,836.37				
Interest & Costs Collected after Lien Execution:	2,610.10	8,491.58	13,267.02	932.17	329.35
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<u>106,446.47</u>	<u>73,590.26</u>	<u>50,533.51</u>	<u>2,543.55</u>	<u>756.32</u>
<b>CREDITS</b>					
Remittance to Treasurer Redemptions	45,393.61	37,254.61	36,299.51	1,611.38	426.97
Int/Costs after Lien	2,610.10	8,491.58	13,267.02	932.17	329.35
Abatements of Unredeemed Tax	995.57				
Unredeemed Lien Bal. End Yr.	57,447.19	27,844.07	966.98	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<u>106,446.47</u>	<u>73,590.26</u>	<u>50,533.51</u>	<u>2,543.55</u>	<u>756.32</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Whitcomb, Tax Collector

# TOWN OF RUMNEY TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2002

## Checking Account

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2002)	\$376,242.79
Total Deposits made	\$3,454,422.51
Total Orders Paid	\$3,133,671.18
Monies Transferred to Investment	\$600,000.00
Total Bank Charges	\$98.75
Ending Balance (December 31, 2002)	\$96,895.37

## Revenue Sources TOTAL

### Tax Collector

Taxes	\$2,352,251.95
Redemption	\$120,986.08
CUV Taxes	\$8,117.31
Yield (Timber Tax)	\$33,572.67
Excavation Tax	\$131.00
Interest	\$42,117.18

### Town Clerk

Auto	\$197,533.00
Filing Fees	\$2,568.75
Dogs	\$2,762.00

### Transfer Station

User Fees	\$7,992.00
Recycling	\$3,655.76
Town of Dorchester	\$18,750.17
Town of Ellsworth	\$600.00

### Fire Department

Town of Dorchester	\$6,595.70
Town of Groton	\$3,453.77
Town of Ellsworth	\$1,000.00
Reimbursements/Donations	\$703.34
FEMA Grant	\$28,368.00

### Fast Squad

Town of Groton	\$62.29
Town of Ellsworth	\$200.00

### Police Department

Fines	\$1,025.00
Witness Fees	\$181.96
Insurance Reports	\$180.00
Pistol Permits	\$220.00
Reimbursements/Donations	\$2,149.42
Special Detail	\$3,469.64

### Recreation Department

Program Fees	\$355.00
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### Planning Board

Application Fees	\$376.00
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### Federal Government

Forest Fire Reimbursement	\$103.44
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FEMA	\$345.69	
DRED	\$124.50	
DOI	\$13,748.00	
State of NH		
Highway Block Grant	\$41,572.75	
Revenue Sharing	\$13,634.04	
Rooms' & Meals Tax	\$43,040.79	
Warden Training	\$85.57	
Other Sources		
Copies/Regulations	\$221.35	
Returned Check Fees	\$75.00	
Insurance Rebates and Claims	\$538.86	
Old Home Day Contributions	\$1,635.21	
Miscellaneous	\$889.40	
Reimbursements/Donations	\$7.69	
CUV Fees	\$48.00	
Sale of Town Property	\$3,203.00	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$100.00	
Welfare Reimbursements	\$195.50	
Transfer of Funds		
Monies Invested (Short Term)	\$300,000.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$194,726.00	
Interest Income		
Checking Interest	\$749.73	
Total Revenues		\$3,454,422.51

#### Short Term Investment Fund

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2002)	\$407,283.28
Deposits	\$600,000.00
Withdrawals	\$(300,000.00)
Interest Earned	\$2,976.68
Ending Balance (December 31, 2002)	\$710,259.96

#### Town of Rumney Savings Account

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2002)	\$6,433.82
Deposits	\$100.00
Withdrawals	\$(200.00)
Interest Earned	\$130.21
Ending Balance (December 31, 2002)	\$6,464.03

#### Rumney Conservation Commission Conservation Fund

(Under RSA 79-A 25; RSA 36-A and RSA 4129)

Opening Deposit (August 20, 2002)	\$34,251.22
Bank Charges	\$(8.40)
Interest Earned	\$160.25
Ending Balance (December 31, 2002)	\$34,403.07

Respectfully Submitted  
Polly Bartlett, Treasurer

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS 2002**

The Trustees met several times in 2002 to educate the new trustees and consider the management of the trust funds.

The Trustees met with a representative of Charter Trust Company, the firm which manages the funds. We were pleased to learn of updating of their services which would assure that the State reports would be on time and accurate. We are pleased to inform the town that the MS-9 and MS-10 reports were ready in January 2003 and will be forwarded to the State of New Hampshire well in advance of the March 1 due date.

The Town requested money from the Capital Reserve Funds to purchase the new fire truck and the police cruiser.

In order to comply with State law, the Conservation Fund was closed and the money was turned over to the town treasurer. The final balance of \$10.79 shown in the year end report has since been turned over to the treasurer.

In addition, scholarships were awarded, \$1,000 from the Haven Little Fund and \$1,500 from the Dana Nelson Fund.

The Trustees want to thank all those who sent gifts in memory of Wallace Ackerman. This made a nice addition to the Haven Little Scholarship Fund. This is a nice way to remember a long time friend, trustee and citizen of Rumney and provides a long term benefit to the community.

Wise use of Capital Reserve Funds allows for prudent planning on the part of the Town. The trust funds are a means for citizens to make gifts to the community they care about.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Sherburne  
Mark Andrew  
James Turbyne  
Trustees of the Trust Funds

# TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2002 SUMMARY REPORT

## Balances as of December 31, 2002

### PRINCIPAL INCOME

TRUST NAME	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME DEC	
	BALANCE PRINCIPAL 01/01/02	NEW FUNDS	YTD TOTALS EXPEND	BALANCE PRINCIPAL YEAR END DEC	BALANCE INCOME 01/01/02	%/%%/DEC	YTD TOTALS INCOME	TRANS / EXPEND		BALANCE INCOME YEAR END DEC
Adelaide Bond Library Fund	1,468.40	0.00	0.00	1,472.39	677.12	0.0102	59.58	0.00	736.89	2,209.13
William Doe Library Book Fund	1,274.50	0.00	0.00	1,277.97	1,000.99	0.0099	51.80	0.00	1,052.79	2,330.75
Haven Little Fund	10,570.80	1,575.00	0.00	12,577.81	992.25	0.0879	485.57	(1,000.00)	467.83	13,145.64
Mary & Ruth Russell fund	128,473.17	0.00	0.00	128,822.67	26,617.75	0.8930	5,221.80	(12,187.00)	19,852.55	148,575.22
	142,186.87	1,675.00	0.00	144,250.83	29,478.12	1.0000	5,818.85	(13,187.00)	22,109.97	166,360.80

### Town of Rumney Cemetery Funds

### PRINCIPAL INCOME

TRUST NAME	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME DEC	
	BALANCE PRINCIPAL 01/01/02	NEW FUNDS	YTD TOTALS EXPEND	BALANCE PRINCIPAL YEAR END DEC	BALANCE INCOME 8/1/01/02	%/%%/DEC	YTD TOTALS INCOME	TRANS / EXPEND		BALANCE INCOME YEAR END DEC
	275,887.57	3,000.00	0.00	273,517.00	9,033.90	1.0000	11,502.06	(15,000.00)	5,535.96	279,052.96
<b>TOTAL</b>										

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2002 SUMMARY REPORT**  
**Balances as of December 31, 2002**

CAPITAL RESERVE NAME	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME DEC	
	BALANCE PRINCIPAL 01/01/02	NEW FUNDS	YTD TOTALS EXPEND	GAIN / LOSS	BALANCE PRINCIPAL END DEC	BALANCE INCOME 01/01/02	YTD TOTALS INCOME	TRANS / EXPEND		BALANCE INCOME END DEC
POLICE DEPARTMENT	24,275.29	3,500.00	(24,500.00)	0.00	3,275.29	2,564.98	181.71	0.00	2,846.69	6,121.98
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	12,948.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,948.65	4,583.03	294.93	0.00	4,877.96	17,826.61
TOWN FACILITIES IMPR FD	55,465.26	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	56,965.26	9,403.73	1,090.25	0.00	10,493.98	67,459.24
SCH FACILITIES IMP FD	15,198.79	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	16,198.79	1,762.30	289.17	0.00	2,051.47	18,250.26
FIRE DEPARTMENT	134,843.12	16,023.87	(170,226.00)	0.00	(19,359.01)	22,836.47	1,894.74	(1,023.87)	23,707.34	4,348.33
TOWN REVALUATION	24,936.67	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	29,936.67	6,638.19	550.45	0.00	7,188.64	37,125.31
MERRILL LIB CAP IM	4,039.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,039.25	660.05	79.25	0.00	739.30	4,778.55
SCHOOL DIST LAND & BLDG	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	4.89	42.34	0.00	47.23	2,547.23
DANA NELSON SCHOLAR	960.00	2,000.00	(1,500.00)	0.00	1,460.00	186.16	28.63	0.00	214.79	1,674.79
SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION	15,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	270.05	277.98	0.00	548.03	20,548.03
CONSERVATION FUND	32,807.95	0.00	(33,417.15)	0.00	(609.20)	1,447.18	406.88	(1,234.07)	619.99	10.79
	322,974.98	34,023.87	(229,643.15)	0.00	127,355.70	50,457.03	5,136.33	(2,257.94)	53,335.42	180,691.12

**RUMNEY CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
2002 YEAR END REPORT**

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**INCOME:**

Balance Forward 1-1-02	\$184.70
Lot Openings	1,250.00
Burials	5,250.00
Trust Funds	15,000.00
Town Appropriation	17,500.00
Refund	7.22
Interest	7.45
Less Checkbook Balance 12-31-02	1,324.54

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**\$37,874.83**

**EXPENSES:**

Wages	\$11,791.01
IRS/SS/Withholding	2,912.84
State of NH - Unemployment	114.18
Bank Charges	61.28
Primex (Workers Compensation)	243.00
Employee Equipment	1,355.00
NH Electric Cooperative	171.87
Burials	5,750.00
Payments to Trust Funds	1,100.00
Steenbeck & Sons	464.81
Vermont Wholesale Granite	5,941.00
Ryezak Oil Co.	107.65
Clements Nursery	1,546.34
Small Engine Technology	258.25
Tree Removal	1,078.00
Trustees	1,725.00
Postmaster	29.60
Fairlee Monument	3,225.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$37,874.833**



## BYRON G. MERRILL LIBRARY REPORT

Books in the Library January 1, 2003 .....	21,000
Books added by purchase and gifts .....	600
Adult Fiction Circulation .....	2,800
Adult Non-Fiction Circulation .....	388
Juvenile Fiction Circulation .....	1,150
Juvenile Non-Fiction Circulation .....	206
Magazines Borrowed.....	800
Videos and Audio Books Borrowed .....	1,689

We have welcomed several new families to the library this year. They are enjoying the services we have to offer.

This has been a year of sadness for us here at the library. In October our former Trustee and friend, Ruth Craddock passed away at her new home in Maine. Many fine things were implemented at the library during her term on the Board. In December Elsie Crosby, our library aid and Baker River AV Center Coordinator passed away. She had worked here for sixteen years. She was a fine lady and very dedicated to her work. As this report is being written, news comes of the passing of yet another former Trustee and friend, Anna Moses. She was a great supporter of the library and loved reading books. We always enjoyed her visits to the library.

April was Literacy Month and the librarian went to Russell School to read to the first three grades. We had a wonderful time reading and talking with the students.

In July and the first part of August, we held Summer Reading Programs every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Rose Muzzey conducted "Rumney Reads 2002". We thank her for the great job she did.

In May we had an art exhibit by Dorothy Kemp of Rumney and in August we hosted an exhibit by Caroline Grimes of Canada. She is a former Rumney resident. We thank both ladies for sharing their lovely paintings.

We participated in Rumney's Old Home Day activities on August 10. Many people came to the library to visit and look over the now famous "Scrap Books."

Last spring, the Trustees purchased a computer for the staff. Technology is great!

The Baker River AV Center continues to be a very active part of the library. Robin Bagley volunteered to be the AV Coordinator and has done an outstanding job in re-organizing the room. We thank her very much for her work.

Christmas candles lighted the library windows during the holidays. Thank you Susan and Jim Turbyne.

Louise Remington resigned from the Board of Trustees on December

1, 2002. She went to California to care for her grandson. Thanks go to her for her fine work on the board. Thomas Wallace was appointed to fill the position. He is the Treasurer, and we welcome Tom and look forward to working with him.

The Trustees and staff sincerely thank everyone who has contributed in any way to the support of the library during the past year. We appreciate your kindness and look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Muriel B. Kenneson, Library Director

## 2002 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BYRON G. MERRILL LIBRARY

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### RECEIPTS

Balance Forward - 2001		\$ 1,269.33
Town Appropriation		\$ 23,721.00
Donations		
	General	\$ 50.00
	For Books	\$ 25.00
Interest Income		\$ 677.72

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### Total Receipts

**25,743.05**

### EXPENDITURES

Salaries		\$ 12,920.58
Taxes: Federal		\$ 2,709.19
Books		\$ 2,627.73
Telephone & Electricity		\$793.54
Fuel Oil & Repairs		\$1,884.41
Maintenance		\$889.30
Subscriptions		\$514.68
Supplies		\$620.02
Computer Expense		\$391.21
Membership Fees		\$105.00
Workmen Compensation		\$28.00

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### Total Expenditures

**\$ 23,483.66**

Balance as of 12/31/02

**\$ 2,259.39**

### Byron G. Merrill Endowment Fund

Controlled by Byron G. Merrill

Trustees;

Balance as of 12/31/02

**\$ 7,612.87**

### Byron G. Merrill Trustee Report

Marion Leonard Inheritance Fund

Balance as of 12/31/02

**\$ 30,901.11**

## BAKER RIVER AUDIO VISUAL CENTER

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Number of people served at center (not including users from Wentworth)	2000
Videos	1599
Cassettes	77
Audio Books	90
Read-a-longs	14
Magazines read at center	3
Large print books	26

## BAKER RIVER AUDIO-VISUAL CENTER TREASURER'S REPORT

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Balance on hand January 1, 2002	\$615.21	
Received from:		
Town of Rumney	700.00	
Town of Wentworth	400.00	
Refunds	113.93	
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	\$1,213.93	\$1,213.93
Total available		<hr/>
		\$1,829.14
Expenses:		
AV Materials	\$1,059.35	
Insurance	142.00	
Repairs	98.80	
Equipment	41.38	
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	\$1,341.53	\$1,341.53
Balance on hand December 31, 2002		\$487.61

Respectfully submitted,  
Muriel B. Kenneson  
Treasurer

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rumney as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Rumney has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #18 requires that a liability be recognized in the General Long Term Debt Account Group for the estimated accrued closure and postclosure care costs associated with the Town's unlined municipal solid waste landfill. This liability has not been recorded, as the Town has not undertaken any study to have an estimate prepared. Therefore, the estimated amount of this liability is unknown.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraphs, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Rumney as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made, for, the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rumney taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules

in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rumney. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzick & Sanderson  
Professional Association

## **RUMNEY OLD HOME DAY**

### **Saturday, August 10, 2002**

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Thanks to a willing committee, the Salem School and Baptist Church, Old Home Day 2002 included two new events: a fun run and a church supper. For our first attempt at hosting a foot race, it went well. The success was due in large part to Jane Merrithew, the director of Salem, and to Tom and Kathy Wallace. Ideas on how to improve it are on record, and hopefully it will happen again.

The theme had a new spin as well. John and Andy Alger recommended celebrating the town's five district communities: the Lake, the Village, Quincy, West Rumney and the Depot. Hence, the theme "Five Villages in One Town".

Louise Remington skillfully organized the booths and tables for the common, Doris Tunnell and William Guerette coordinated the spirited parade which included the Baker Valley Band. Lee Hunter graciously hosted the program which included Doris Tunnell again. Selectman Bob Berti presented her with the Boston Post Cane award. Entertainment followed due to the precise set-up of the stage by Roger Winsor and Joe Leverone, comedy by Charlie and Durwood, clogging by the Winsors, Chisholms and Irish dancing by Siobhan Butler. Jonathan Myles told of his luge experience at the Winter Olympics. Karaoke delighted many. Food throughout the day was provided by the Russell School eighth grade under the guidance of Janet Sherburne and the Fire Department Auxiliary.

The arts were celebrated as well. The library displayed paintings of Rumney scenes and two Rumney artists were featured at the Historical Society: poet Edith Patridge and print-maker Terry Downs.

Three to four hundred people enjoyed a church supper at the new vestry of the Baptist Church across from the common. Then on to Russell School for "make your own ice cream sundaes", the music of "3's a Crowd" and the Nahoogai fireworks display.

The town office staff, fire department, road crew, transfer station, police department, school board and custodian, as well as the children at Salem School are all to be thanked as well for their cooperation and help. It was a jam-packed fun-filled day for all.

Submitted by Ellen Anderson

## RUMNEY SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Your elected Board of Selectmen has prudently managed the business of the town in accord with the warrant of Town Meeting 2002, and in accord with the laws of the State.

**Budget:** The expense of running the town was \$ 897,827, which was \$21,579 under the appropriation of \$919,406.

**Revaluation:** The revaluation of Rumney's 1,377 parcels was completed in August of 2002, and the fall tax bills reflected the new assessments. The total town valuation increased by \$17,743,000 and the town valuation now is \$118,347,293. Mr. George Sansoucy was hired by the selectmen to assess the utilities. The Board reviewed each of the 473 current use records and assessed these parcels consistent with the Marlow decision. Current use accounts for 9,933 acres.

**Buildings/Property:** Improvements were made to the Town Office bathroom. No other major work was done to town buildings. For 2003, a better ventilation system for the Town Garage has been installed.

**Landfill:** The Department of Environmental Services has contacted the town regarding the history of the landfill closure in the 1970s and 80s. To investigate the issue, the Board has hired engineer Thomas Duffield.

**Class VI Roads:** After six months of deliberation, and in conjunction with the Planning Board, the selectmen have established an ordinance regarding building on Class VI roads. (These are public roads not maintained by the town). Copies are available from the town office and will be sent to the appropriate landowners.

**Personnel and Appointments:** Mid-year, the Administrative Assistant for eight years, Sue St Pierre, resigned to relocate and Anne Dow was hired to fill the position. There were changes in the Road Agent position as well, as George Wendell IV went on to new work and Frank Simpson stepped in to become Road Agent. Roger Winsor was appointed as Fire Commissioner to replace Howard Beadle. In a sad turn of events, another Fire Commissioner, the well-loved George Wendell III, passed away. Greg Hood agreed to take the post. Al Ports was appointed to the Conservation Commission. David Learned became the Animal Control Officer and Paul Anderson became the Health Officer. Robin Bagley agreed to serve on the Haven Little Scholarship committee. Louise Remington requested a replacement as Library Trustee due to family reasons, and Tom Wallace agreed to take the position.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rumney Board of Selectmen  
Arthur A. Morrill, Chairman  
Robert J. Berti  
Ellen C. Anderson

(The Selectmen's e-mail address is: [rumnesel@earthlink.net](mailto:rumnesel@earthlink.net))

## 10 YEARS PLUS SERVICE RECOGNITION

“JOB WELL DONE” for the following townspeople who are **servicing the town currently in elected, appointed or voluntary positions and have served for ten years or more.**

Since its beginning, Rumney has been built on the hard work, long hours and dedication of its townspeople. Their example inspires those who serve today, in the year 2002-2003.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Yrs. Served</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yrs. Served</u>
<b>Advisory Board</b>		<b>Fire Department</b>	
John Alger	10	Howard Beadle	42
Robert Gregoire	12	Robert Comeau	13
		John Patterson	43
<b>Ballot Clerks</b>		David Poitras	14
*Marietta Dow	14	Anthony Reed	23
		Kenneth Savage	27
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>		Frank Simpson	31
Robert Berti	20	Kenneth Ward	31
Arthur Morrill	21	*George Wendell III	36
		George Wendell IV	28
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b>		<b>Library Trustee</b>	
Ivan Kemp	18	Roger Daniels	16
<b>Conservation Commission</b>		<b>Moderator</b>	
John Alger	19	John Alger	13
David Coursey	14		
Lawrence Cushman	30	<b>Planning Board</b>	
<b>Emergency Management</b>		John Alger	10
Mark Andrew	13	Judith Hall	13
<b>F.A.S.T. Squad</b>		Donald Smith	13
Mark Andrew	13	John Sobetzer	12
<b>Fountain Committee</b>		<b>Police Department</b>	
John Alger	10	Kevin Maes	24
David Coursey	10	Janet Sherburne	10
Roger Daniels	10	<b>Selectmen's Secretary</b>	
		Anne Dow	



<u>Position</u>	<u>Yrs. Served</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yrs. Served</u>
<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b>		<b>Town Treasurer</b>	
Ann Kent	27	Polly Bartlett	19
**Faith Mattison	10		
Ruth Young	17	<b>Transfer Station</b>	
		Charles Bixby, Jr.	10
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>		<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	
Linda Whitcomb	16	Ivan Kemp	18

A special recognition to Pat and Peg Hannigan, Rumney Village Store, for providing meals for the election workers for 13 years running!! Thank you.

\*Deceased in 2002  
 \*\*Moved away in 2002

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

One of the major events in the highway department was the resignation of George Wendell IV in April of 2002. The Selectmen, speaking for residents, appreciate the excellent and diligent work George did for the town during his tenure. Frank Simpson was appointed Road Agent in May and has continued the traditions of his predecessor.

Steve Chagnon was hired to replace Frank and is proving to be a valuable asset to the department.

Improvement projects on Doetown Road and East Rumney Road were completed as planned and will be continued in fiscal year 2003. During the summer and fall months the highway crew removed branches and vegetation on sections of Depot Street and Buffalo Road. The town plans to continue this program over a period of years. Capital improvement projects include surfacing Old Route 25 and sealing Mountain View Drive, Cranberry Bog Road and a section of Buffalo Road.

During fiscal year 2003 the road committee, with the addition of some new members, will meet to update the capital reserve fund for equipment replacement and review capital improvement projects.

## **2002 RUMNEY TRANSFER STATION REPORT**

During the year of 2002 the Rumney Transfer Station continued to strive for improvement and updates on packaging and markets for recyclable products. In this low economy, we actually are recycling more than ever although financially it doesn't show. We are holding our own, however, with the extra recyclables from Wentworth and Warren and any other items that are recyclable. This gives the other towns an outlet, at no fee to them, and increases the revenue here.

We are constantly looking for new markets and options for recycling. However, the State of New Hampshire adopts new rules and regulations which small towns like ourselves have a hard time complying with. We are doing the best we can and hope our residents as well as the other towns involved are happy with our services.

The new port-o-let this year has been an asset and very much appreciated.

Our new glass machine offers a variety of uses after processing which solved the problem of a zero market of uncrushed glass.

Sincerely,  
Charles Bixby, Superintendent  
Transfer Station Crew

## 2002 RUMNEY TRANSFER STATION REPORT

The income and cost avoidance from recycling are as follow:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Recycling Income	4,317.39	3,655.76
User Fees Income	7,602.00	7,992.00
Dorchester/Ellsworth	22,339.25	19,284.52
NH The Beautiful Grant	0.	1,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,258.64</b>	<b>32,182.28</b>

### RECYCLABLES

<u>Category</u>	<u>2000 (tons)</u>	<u>2001 (tons)</u>	<u>2002 (tons)</u>
Cardboard	16.00	20.43	19.18
Newsprint	25.30	44.08	12.23
Magazines	17.50	37.35	19.05
Semi Precious Metals	.98	.24	.24
Glass	258.00	275.00	300.00
Scrap Metal/Tin	50.00	97.00	90.89
Aluminum Cans	2.49	1.66	4.28

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Fluorescent Bulbs	246	344
Waste Oil	850 gallons	900 gallons
Car Batteries	0	40
Tires	18 tons	20 tons
Nickel Cadmium Batteries	1-5 gallon bucket	0
Freon	7.0 lbs	7.8 lbs.
Shingles	45.78 tons	42.08 tons
Furniture	95 pieces	201 pieces
Appliances	120 pieces	125 pieces
Solid Waste Tonnage	487 tons	454 tons
C & D Tonnage	63 tons	73 tons
Planet Aid - Textiles	1.75 tons	2 tons
Compost and yard waste	160 yards	150 yards

## RUMNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

This past year, 2002, was an incredible year in many ways but it also was a year that included sadness with the passing of past and present firemen. As far as the fire activity and the calls for our services this past year was really not much different from other years. We experienced a variety of weather conditions which brought with them their own unique problems; drought brought brush and wood fires, wind and rain brought down trees and trees on wires, and ice and snow brought M V accidents. But of course these things happen in good weather as well, but it just seems this year we had more weather related activity than usual.

There were two major accomplishments that made 2002 stand out. First there was the approval at town meeting for the purchase of a new fire truck. The new truck was ordered following town meeting, and we took delivery of it in August.

Many hours were spent by the men in putting the new truck in service. We needed to transfer a lot of equipment and hose from the retired pumper to the new truck. The two-way radio also had to be changed over with an added speaker and microphone. Training on proper operating of the truck took some time as well. E-One provided that training. As many of you who were at old home day will remember, we did extensive fund raising for the add-on equipment which we did not include in the original purchase price. The response was overwhelming; the Rumney citizens and visitors at Old Home Day, the Rumney Firemen, the Rumney Fire Auxiliary, the Rumney Bible Conference, a number of Rumney businesses, and a number of businesses in the surrounding towns gave generously toward this equipment. The memorial gifts given in memory of George Wendell III were also used for purchasing the equipment. On behalf of the Rumney Fire Department, I want to thank everyone that helped and gave. The new truck is fully equipped and has been in service since midAugust.

The other major accomplishment for this past year was that we submitted an application for a fire grant under FEMA's FY02 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This is the second year for this new federal program. There are over 19,000 fire departments nation-wide competing for about 5,000 available grants. We submitted a grant requesting \$31,520.00 for new fire gear for outfitting approximately 20 firefighters. The town is responsible for 10%, and the Federal Government's share is 90% of the cost. On Sept. 16, 2002 I was notified that we had been awarded the grant! That turned out to be just the beginning of a lot more work and decision making. A committee was formed consisting of the Fire Commissioners, two firefighters, and the Chief. We met with a number of different vendors and did a lot of research on the best type of fire gear for our department. Following those decisions we requested bids from the different vendors and chose the lowest bid for the type and quality of fire gear we wanted. This actually allowed us to

purchase 28 sets of new fire gear rather than 20, as well as extra gloves, repair parts for helmets and extra boots. Thanks to all those who put in many hours and many meetings to make this all come together.

One final item I want to include in this report is, that as was promised at last year's town meeting we did put the retired fire truck out for bids and it was sold in November.

As I stated in the beginning of this report, it was indeed an incredible year in many ways for the Rumney Fire Department.

On behalf of the members of the Rumney Fire Department, and myself, I want to thank each one of you for your continued support.

Respectfully  
Kenneth A. Ward  
Fire Chief  
Town of Rumney

## RUMNEY FAST SQUAD REPORT

The Rumney FAST Squad is currently comprised of ten Class A members (members trained and licensed to respond). All but one of those are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT-B) and the remaining member is Nationally Registered Emergency Responders. Two new members have passed their Emergency Response and should become active members in the near future and two others are waiting for classes. In the coming year we anticipate three to five Emts retiring. Monthly in-house training and periodic weekend training sessions are supplemented by District training at Speare Memorial Hospital and courses offered independently such as the Northern New England Conference on Emergency Medicine. We continue to work and train in our quest to be the best prepared and trained we can be to meet the needs of the town of Rumney.

The new radio/pagers have been in use for almost a year and they have exceeded our expectations. Communication and the added efficiency and professionalism they have brought to our endeavors are noticeable. The radio/pagers have led to better patient care, more efficient utilization of EMS resources, and improved for responders.

The FAST Squad has spent the last year raising funds for a replacement defibrillator. The current model was purchased used and not only does the manufacturer no longer make the model but no one makes the nicad batteries needed for its continuing operation. The current battery pack has an end-Of-Use date of March 2003. The FAST Squad has applied for a defibrillator through the rural AED grant system.

In keeping with our philosophy as a FAST (First Aid Stabilization Team) Squad we have endeavored to place as many tools of the trade as possible at our members disposal. Each member of the FAST Squad carries a jump kit and a cervical collar. Each EMT who wishes to is issued an oxygen kit with tank, regulator, and appropriate airway adjuncts. We are doing our best to meet the needs of everyone in our service area while trying to keep the expenses down in an era of rising costs. We are able to do this in no small part due to the generosity and contributions from townspeople and our patients. We are thankful for the support we have received and consider it a sign of appreciation for our efforts.

Respectfully,  
Alan J. Hunter  
Director, Rumney FAST Squad

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF RUMNEY  
WARRANT for  
2003 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium on School Street in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Article 1 and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium in said Rumney on Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 11<sup>th</sup>):

- Select person for 3 years
- Treasurer for 1 year
- Library Trustee for 3 years
- Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
- Fire Commissioners for 1, 2 and 3 year terms
- Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years
- Planning Board Members for 1 and 2 year unexpired portions of three-year terms
- Supervisor of the Checklist for 1 year unexpired portion of a six-year term

**ARTICLE 2:** To choose two members of the Budgetary Finance Advisory Board: one for three years to represent the Stinson Lake area of Rumney and one for three years to represent West Rumney.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$224,490.00** to defray **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

<b>Executive</b> .....	<b>\$ 30,400.00</b>
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b> .....	<b>\$ 31,475.00</b>
<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b> .....	<b>\$ 875.00</b>
<b>Financial Administration</b> .....	<b>\$ 23,950.00</b>

Revaluation of Property .....	\$ 5,000.00
Legal Expense.....	\$ 5,000.00
Personnel Administration/Benefits.....	\$ 73,375.00
Planning Board .....	\$ 2,480.00
General Government Buildings .....	\$ 16,000.00
Cemeteries .....	\$ 15,000.00
Insurance/Other .....	\$ 19,635.00
Regional Association Dues .....	\$ 1,300.00

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**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT** **\$224,490.00**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ **105,285.00** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ **25,563.00** to defray the cost of **Ambulance, F.A.S.T. Squad and Emergency Management** services for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

Safety Committee .....	\$ 500.00
Ambulance Service .....	\$ 18,068.00
E-911.....	\$ 500.00
F.A.S.T. Squad .....	\$ 3,745.00
(insurance not included/see INS/other)	
Emergency Management.....	\$ 2,750.00
(includes Forest Fires)	

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**TOTAL**  
**Ambulance, F.A.S.T. Squad/Emergency Mgt.** **\$ 25,563.00**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$**47,671.00** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$**96,828.00** for the maintenance of **Highways and Bridges** for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$**7,000.00** to defray the cost of **Street lights** for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)



**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,000.00** for paving and sealing on portions of Buffalo Road, Old Route 25, Cranberry Bog Road and Mountain View Drive. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for work on Doe Town Road and East Rumney Road. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,312.00** for the purpose of the third installment payment toward the purchase of a backhoe. This item, whose total purchase price was \$64,550.00, is being financed through a lease purchase agreement executed by the Selectmen under RSA 33:7-e, which contains an escape clause with respect to appropriations for future years' payments. This article is non-transferable. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$91,400.00** to defray the cost of maintaining the town **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,367.00** to defray the Town's share of the costs of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District**. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,000.00** to defray the estimated cost of Phase II of the **Landfill Closure** process as **may** be required by the State of New Hampshire. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,641.00** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare**. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

<b>NH Humane Society</b> .....	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>
<b>Animal Control</b> .....	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>
<b>Health Officer</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>Health Administration</b> .....	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>Mount Mooselauke Health Center</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>
<b>Pemi-Baker Home Health &amp; Hospice</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,876.00</b>
<b>Plymouth Regional Clinic</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Voices Against Violence</b> .....	<b>\$ 515.00</b>
<b>Welfare Administration</b> .....	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>

Direct Welfare Assistance .....	\$ 8,500.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens .....	\$ 2,400.00
Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP) .....	\$ 1,500.00

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**TOTAL Animal Control, Health & Welfare** **\$30,641.00**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,447.00** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

<b>Parks and Recreation</b> .....	<b>\$ 4,250.00</b>
<b>Library</b> .....	<b>\$ 25,297.00</b>
<b>Baker River Audio Visual</b> .....	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b> .....	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
<b>Conservation Trust Account</b> .....	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>Conservation Commission Administration</b> .....	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>Baker River Watershed</b> .....	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

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**TOTAL Culture, Recreation & Conservation** **\$ 33,447.00**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000.00** to defray the cost of interest expenses on loans in anticipation of taxes and other temporary loans. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums to be added to previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows: (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

<b>To the Fire Department Fund</b> -established 1963 .....	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
<b>To the Police Cruiser Fund</b> -established 1986 .....	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Town Revaluation Fund</b> -established 1992 .....	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>

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**TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS** **\$ 33,000.00**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** to help defray the cost of **Cemetery Repairs** at the Highland, Depot and Sand Hill Cemeteries. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,225.00** to purchase five Vertex VX-180 portable radios for the **Rumney F.A.S.T. Squad**. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to have the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee for the purpose of creating a **Town Seal for the Town of Rumney**. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the purpose of completing the update of the **Rumney Master Plan** by the Rumney Planning Board. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to make improvements to the existing well at the Depot Street Fire Station. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,024.00** to install emergency lighting for the Depot Street Fire Station. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will work closely through its Board of Selectmen and with other North Country communities to communicate our common interests in actively participating in the revision of the White Mountain National Forest Plan, focusing on continued management for the multiple uses of timber, recreation, wilderness and clean water. (This article was submitted by the North Country Council. The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,200. The \$1,200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218(c) (8)(B) of the Social Security Act. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

**ARTICLE 27:** Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12<sup>th</sup> highest cost of insurance in the country; and Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford

health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved That we, the citizens of RUMNEY, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un-and under-insured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

This resolution is non-binding and represents no fiscal impact.

(This article submitted by petition.)

**ARTICLE 28:** To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

Arthur A. Morrill, Chariman  
Robert J. Berti  
Ellen C. Anderson

A true copy attest:

Arthur A. Morrill, Chairman  
Robert J. Berti  
Ellen C. Anderson  
Town of Rumney Board of Selectmen

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**2003 W.A. #'s**

**EXECUTIVE**

Selectmen Salary	3,900.	2433.38	3,900.
Administrative Assistant	20,800.	20,800.00	20,800.
Moderator Salary	200.	200.00	100.
Other EX Pay (trustees)	2,170.	2,146.52	1,600.
Secretary/Bookkeeper	7,000.	5,431.75	3,000.
Special Projects Payroll	1,000.	491.43	1,000.
<b>EXECUTIVE TOTAL # 3</b>	<b>35,070.</b>	<b>31,503.08</b>	<b>30,400.</b>

**ELECT/REGI/VITALS**

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLEC**

Town Clerk/Collector Salary	21,840.	22,243.85	23,000.
Deputy Tax Collector	300.	0.00	300.
Telephone(2237)Clk/TxCollector	600.	632.77	600.
Newspaper Notices/clerk	100.	241.20	200.
Town Meeting Expense	200.	182.97	200.
Office Supplies/Clerk/Collector	500.	497.70	700.
Postage-Clerk/Collector	1,650.	1,650.00	1650.
Equipment/Rep & Mtn	0.	0	0.
Law Books	45.	30.29	45.
Convention Expense	300.	402.16	300.
Miscellaneous	0.	0	0.
State Treasurer (fees)	600.	541.00	600.
Microfilm Documents	500.	231.71	500.
Registry Deeds/Tax Collector	550.	536.48	500.
New Equipment	1800.	1,753.17	900.
Dog Licenses/Tags	700.	819.14	820.
Mortgage & Search Notices	1,300.	940.00	1,100.
Voter Registration/chklist	140.	0.00	60.
<b>TOTAL CLERK/COLLECT #3</b>	<b>31,125</b>	<b>30,702.44</b>	<b>31,475</b>

**SUPERV/ CHKLIST**

Supervisors of Checklist	750.	514.51	400.
Newspaper Notices	250.	235.20	150.
Miscellaneous Supplies	60.	14.95	25.
Ballot Clerks	840.	880.70	300.

<b>SUPERV/CHKLIST TOTAL #3</b>	<b>1900.</b>	<b>1,800.24</b>	<b>875.</b>
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**FINAN/ADM/SELECTMEN**

Training-mileage/workshop	1,000.	216.74	750.
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Other Reimburse mileage	1,000.	938.44	1,000.
Telephone(9511)/Selectmen	1,900.	1,909.87	2,000.
Computer Services	2,000.	1,180.35	1,750.
Town Report	2,400.	2,281.50	2,400.
Newspaper Notices/Selectman	500.	387.20	500.
Office Supplies/Selectmen	2,000.	1,989.93	1,500.
Postage/Selectmen	1,500.	1,500.00	1,900.
Equip/Rep/Main/Contracts	2,500.	1,485.20	1,750.
Law Books	500.	317.05	500.
Miscellaneous	1,000.	870.22	1,000.
Registry of Deeds/Selectman	200.	120.74	200.
New Equipment	1,500.	1,574.99	1,500.
Auditors	5,000.	5,275.00	5,700.
Treasurer Salary	1,500.	1,500.00	1,500.
<b>FINANCIAL ADM TOTAL #3</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>21,547.23</b>	<b>23,950.</b>
<b>REVAL OF PROPERTY</b>			
External Revaluation	2,000.	2,000.00	2,500.
Tax Map Updates	1,000.	1,250.00	1,000.
Internal Revaluation Exp	1,000.	780.00	1,500.
<b>REVAL PRPTY TOTAL #3</b>	<b>4,000.</b>	<b>4,030.00</b>	<b>5,000.</b>
<b>LEGAL EXPENSE</b>			
General Legal Expense	2,500.	3,222.80	2,500.
Defense Proceedings	2,500.	1,334.55	2,500.
<b>LEGAL EXP/TOTAL # 3</b>	<b>5,000.</b>	<b>4,995.20</b>	<b>5,000.</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>			
Health Insurance	36,000.	40,732.35	48,550.
Disability Insurance	600.	442.53	600.
NHRETIREMENT/PMT	5,225.	5,154.54	5,225.
TWN SHARE-WH/SS/MED/RET	19,000.	16,488.18	19,000.
<b>EMP/ BEN/TOTAL # 3</b>	<b>60,825.</b>	<b>62,817.60</b>	<b>73,375.</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>			
Clerical/Planning Bd.	1,700.	1,338.44	1,700.
Training/mileage-Pboard	50.	0.00	50.
Engineering/Planning BD	100.	0.00	100.
Office Supplies/Plan Bd	150.	0.00	150.
Postage/Planning Bd	230.	230.00	230.
Law Books/Planning Bd	25.	0.00	25.
Registry of Deeds/PlanBd	150.	179.08	150.

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New Equipment/Plan Bd	75.	0.00	75.
<b>PLANNING BD TOTAL # 3</b>	<b>2,480.</b>	<b>1,797.52</b>	<b>2,480.</b>
<b>MASTER PLAN #22</b>	0.	0.	<b>1,500.</b>
<b>GENERAL GOV BUILDINGS</b>			
<b>*Town Office Building</b>			
Custodial Services/office	2,000.	2,081.25	2,050.
Electricity/office	1,400.	1,511.01	1,600.
Heat/office bldg.	800.	649.50	750.
Bldg/Repair&Mtn/off ice	1,000.	2,363.39	1,500.
<b>*Town Hall</b>			
Bldg/Repair& Mtn/Twn Hall	300.	240.00	300.
<b>*Fire Dept Buildings</b>			
Electricity/Fire Stations	2,000.	1,731.27	2,000.
Heat/Fire Stations	3,000.	3,194.23	3,200.
Bldg/Repair-mtn/FireDepts	1,500.	1,374.19	1,500.
<b>*Town Shed</b>			
Electricity/Town Shed	2,000.	1,518.68	1,500.
Heat/Town Shed	0.	0.00	0.
Bldg/Repair& Mtn/Townshed	500.	0.00	500.
<b>*Transfer Station</b>			
Toilet Rental	1,100.	900.00	1,100.
<b>GEN/GOV BLDGS TOTAL # 3</b>	<b>15,600.</b>	<b>15,563.52</b>	<b>16,000.</b>
<b>CEMETERIES # 3</b>	<b>15,000.</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.</b>
<b>Cemetery Improvements # 19</b>	<b>2,500.</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>2,500.</b>
<b>INSURANCE (all other)</b>			
Liability Insurance	10,459.	13,854.06	13,500.
Workers Compensation	4,000.	3,897.11	6,135.
<b>INS/OTHER TOTALS #3</b>	<b>14,459</b>	<b>17,751.17</b>	<b>19,635.</b>
<b>ADVERTISE/REG/DUES</b>			
Dues & Subscriptions	1,300.	1,289.84	1,300.
<b>ADVERTISE/DUES TOTAL # 3</b>	<b>1,300.</b>	<b>1,289.84</b>	<b>1,300.</b>
<b>POLICE DEPART.</b>			
Police Chief Salary	38,500.	39,192.59	39,655.
Police Specials/Payroll	22,880.	21,963.22	22,880.
Police Secretary/Payroll	7,000.	5,246.23	7,000.

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Specials Details	500.	4,232.04	1,000.
Training-mileage/workshop	850.	763.35	850.
Telephone (9712)/Police	1,500.	1,850.42	1,700.
Grafton County Dispatch	8,203.	8,202.26	13,100.
Office Supplies/Police	1,500.	1,807.90	1,700.
Supplies/Ammo & Targets	600.	1,159.19	1,000.
Postage/Police	200.	200.00	250.
Equipment/repair & Mtn	500.	489.79	500.
Radio & Pager Rep/Mtn	500.	739.91	750.
Fuel/Police department	2,500.	2,303.00	3,000.
Vehicle/Repair & Mtn	2,000.	2,306.10	3,000.
New Equipment/Other	3,500.	4,587.75	2,500.
Computer Updates	500.	30.00	500.
Uniforms	2,500.	3,698.49	2,500.
Community Services	500.	520.83	600.
Witness Fees	300.	181.96	300.
Legal Assistance/Police	300.	0.00	2,500.
<b>POLICE DEPART/TOTALS # 4</b>	<b>94,833.</b>	<b>99,475.03</b>	<b>105,285.</b>
<b>PD CRUISER #20</b>	<b>24,500.</b>	<b>25,113.32</b>	
<b>SAFETY COMMITTEE # 5</b>	<b>500.</b>	<b>214.85</b>	<b>500.</b>
<b>AMBULANCE # 5</b>	<b>19,001.</b>	<b>19,000.94</b>	<b>18,068.</b>
<b>E-911 # 5</b>	<b>200.</b>	<b>474.88</b>	<b>500.</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Code Enforcement Expense	1,000.	0.00	1,000.
Reimburse Fire Expense	20,000.	14,965.74	20,000.
Training-mileage/workshop	2,000.	725.13	2,000.
Telephone(9922/9924)Fire	600.	712.49	600.
Lakes Region Dispatch	8,560.	8,559.61	9,121.
Equipment/Repair & Mtn	500.	1,073.94	800.
Radio/Repair & Mtn	1,500.	1,430.60	1,000.
Pager/Repair & Mtn	1,000.	296.10	1,000.
Fuel/Fire Department	1,200.	1,238.05	1,200.
Vehicle/Repair & Mtn	4,500.	7,035.46	4,000.
Miscellaneous	500.	243.02	500.
New Equipment	3,000.	2,447.66	3,000.
Water Supply	350.	0.00	400.
Hose	500.	0.00	500.
New Breathing Equipment	500.	667.00	500.
Breathing Equip/Mtn	500.	602.04	500.



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Protective Clothing	1,500.	3,453.26	1,500.
Fire Prevention	25.	49.70	50.
Hazardous Material	0.	0.00	0.
<b>FIRE DEPAR/TOTAL # 6</b>	<b>47,735</b>	<b>43,499.80</b>	<b>47,671</b>
<b>FIRE TRUCK</b>	<b>170,226.</b>	<b>170,226.00</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>FIRE DEPT. WELL #23</b>	<b>1,000.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>1,500.</b>
<b>FIRE DEPT/EMG LIGHTS #24</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>2,024.</b>
<b>FAST SQUAD</b>			
Training-mileage/workshop	1,200.	1,615.00	1,200.
Supplies	1,000.	1,346.82	1,000.
Pager/Radio-Repair & Mtn	0.	0.00	0.
Equipment	450.	41.21	450.
Infectious Control	1,095.	75.00	1,095.
<b>FAST SQUAD TOTAL # 5</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>3,078.03</b>	<b>3,745.</b>
<b>FAST SQUAD PAGERS #20</b>	<b>2,100.</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>	<b>2,225.</b>
<b>EMERGY/ MANAGEMENT</b>			
*CIVIL DEFENSE	100.	22.33	750.
Forest Warden Permit Fee	200.	497.00	200.
Forest Fire Compensation	1,500.	1,335.92	1,500.
Fuel-Gas/Diese1-	100.	0.00	100.
Vehicle/Rep&Mtn-Emergency	200.	0.00	200.
<b>EMER/MGMT TOTALS # 5</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,855.25</b>	<b>2,750.</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>			
Superintendent/Payroll	33,500.	30,040.40	28,428.
Hourly Employees/Payroll	37,000.	32,978.37	35,000.
Training-mileage/workshop	200.	0.00	200.
Telephone (9486)/Highway	600.	612.11	600.
Outside labor/Equip Rent	7,900.	7,660.80	7,900.
Tools/misc supplies	2,000.	2,279.94	2,000.
Fuel/Highway Department	5,500.	5,108.25	5,500.
General/Rep & Mtn-oils	1,500.	1,459.12	1,500.
John Deere Grader	2,000.	2,072.30	2,000.
Cat Loader/Backhoe	1,000.	674.83	1,000.
1997 Ford 1 Ton Truck	1,500.	2,962.81	2,000.
1985 International Dump	3,750.	4,365.00	2,500.
Sander for 1985 Int Trk	250.	230.00	250.
Sander for 1 Ton Truck	400.	640.29	400.

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2000 International Dump Truck	1,500.	1,811.12	1,500.
1978 International Loader	500.	225.20	500.
Road Signs	250.	5.40	250.
New Equipment	1,500.	1,288.91	1,500.
Material/sand,gravel,salt	4,000.	2,041.47	5,000.
Plow Transfer Station	-1,200.	-1,200.00	-1,200.
<b>HIGHWAY DEPT/TOTAL # 7</b>	<b>103,650.</b>	<b>95,256.32</b>	<b>96,828.</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTS #8</b>	<b>7,000.</b>	<b>6,638.00</b>	<b>7,000.</b>
<b>ROAD IMPROVEMENTS #9</b>	<b>24,600.</b>	<b>24,085.76</b>	<b>28,000.</b>
<b>LEDGE REMOVAL</b>	<b>6,000.</b>	<b>2,105.00</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>DOETWN/E.RUMNEY RD #10</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>2,000.</b>
<b>BACKHOE #11</b>	<b>15,312.</b>	<b>15,312.12</b>	<b>15,312.</b>
<b>SANIT/TRANS/STAT</b>			
Superintendent/Payroll	21,600.	22,248.89	25,000.
Hourly Employee/Payroll	12,500.	14,599.00	15,000.
Training-mileage/workshop	100.	50.00	100.
Other Reimbursed mileage	25.	69.60	50.
Telephone(9481)/Transfer	550.	493.55	550.
Outside Labor/Transfer	500.	1,607.50	1,000.
Electricity/Transfer	1,000.	1,144.64	1,000.
Supplies/misc expense	1,500.	1,597.47	1,500.
Equipment/Repair & Mtn	5,000.	4,768.96	2,500.
Loader	250.	190.60	250.
New Equipment	250.	85.57	250.
Highway Plowing/Equipment	1,200.	0.00	1,200.
Tire & Shingle Removal	4,000.	4,418.33	4,000.
Transportation/Compactor	13,000.	13,140.12	13,000.
Tipping Fees	25,500.	29,638.15	26,000.
<b>TRANS/STAT/ TOTAL # 12</b>	<b>86,975</b>	<b>94,052.38</b>	<b>91,400.</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE DISTRICT #13</b>	<b>1,719.</b>	<b>1,825.14</b>	<b>1,367.</b>
<b>WASTE OIL BURNER</b>	<b>2,500.</b>	<b>1,612.62</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>LANDFILL CLOSUR/PH 2 #14</b>			<b>21,000.</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>			
NH Humane Society	1,950.	1,950.00	2,200.
Animal Control Officer	2,400.	1,707.57	2,400.
<b>ANIMAL CONT/TOTAL # 15</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>3,657.57</b>	<b>4,600.</b>

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<b>HEALTH</b>			
Mount Mooselaukee Health	1,250.	1,250.00	1,250.
Pemi-Baker Home Health	6,430.	6,430.00	6,876.
Health Officer	1,200.	355.93	1,200.
Health Administration	400.	139.75	400.
Plymouth Regional Clinic	600.	600.00	1,000.
Youth & Family Services	200.	0.	0.
Task Force	500.	500.00	515.
<b>HEALTH/AGY/TOTAL # 15</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>9,275.68</b>	<b>11,241.</b>
<b>WELFARE ADMIN. # 15</b>	<b>2,400.</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>2,400.</b>
<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE #15</b>	<b>8,500.</b>	<b>2,513.38</b>	<b>8,500.</b>
<b>GRAFTON CTY SR CIT #15</b>	<b>1,650.</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>	<b>2,400.</b>
<b>COMMUNITY ACTION # 15</b>	<b>1,400.</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>1,500.</b>
<b>CULTURE/RECREATION</b>			
<b>PARKS &amp; REC</b>			
Town Common (mowing & rails)	1,000.	1,122.75	2,500.
Quincy Ballfield	1,100.	252.00	750.
Old Home Day	1,500.	3,173.89	1,000.
<b>PARKS &amp; REC TOTAL # 16</b>	<b>3,600.</b>	<b>4,548.64</b>	<b>4,250.</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>			
Library Appropriation	23,721.	23,721.00	25,297.
Baker River Audio/Visual	700.	700.00	700.
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL # 16</b>	<b>24,421</b>	<b>24,421.00</b>	<b>25,997.</b>
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES # 16</b>	<b>450.</b>	<b>355.00</b>	<b>350.</b>
<b>CONS/TRUST ACCT #16</b>	<b>2,000.</b>	<b>4,052.16</b>	<b>2,000.</b>
<b>CONSERV/COMM #16</b>	<b>500.</b>	<b>300.40</b>	<b>750.</b>
<b>Baker River Watershed #16</b>	<b>100.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.</b>
<b>INT/TAX ANT NOTES # 17</b>	<b>7,000.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,000.</b>
<b>CAP/RESERV/FUNDS # 18</b>	<b>25,000.</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>33,000.</b>
<b>TOTAL WARRANT</b>	<b>919,406</b>	<b>896,897.11</b>	<b>779,753.</b>

**TOWN OF RUMNEY  
COMPARISON FINANCIAL REPORT**

Account Name 2002 W.A. #	2002 Budget	2002 YTD	2003 Budget
TOWN REVALUATION		41,906.03	
TAXES PAID TO COUNTY	0.00	161,993.00	0.00
RUMNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	0.00	1,294,206.00	0.00
PEMI-BAKER SCHOOL DIST	0.00	636,073.00	0.00
TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN	0.00	103,836.37	0.00
PRINCIPAL ON LOANS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00
REFUNDS,OVERLAY	0.00	3,789.55	0.00
RECREATION COMMITTEE	0.00	906.08	0.00
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TOTAL/OTHER PAYMENTS	0.00	2,242,710.03	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCTS	919,406.00	3,140,537.14	

**MS-6 - REVENUES**  
**2002 ACTUAL**  
**2003 ESTIMATED**

SOURCE OF REVENUE	2002 Estimated Revenues	2002 Actual Revenues	2003 Estimates Revenues
<b>TAXES</b>			
Land Use Change Tax	2,000.	8,117.31	2,000.
Yield Taxes	20,000.	33,572.67	15,000.
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	33,000.	42,117.18	38,000.
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	12,500.	13,169.00	0.
Inventory Penalties	0.	0.	0.
Excavation Tax	0.	131.00	150.
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	185,000.	197,533.00	185,000.
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000.	5,330.75	4,500.
<b>FROM STATE</b>			
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	45,000.	43,040.79	43,000.
Highway Block Grant	41,000.	41,572.75	43,944.
State Permits	75.	85.57	0.
Revenue Sharing		13,634.04	10,000.
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Income from Other Departments	50,000.	54,316.09	50,000.
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
Sale of Town Property	0.	3,203.00	0.
Interest on Investments	2,000.	0.	0.
Interest on checking account	12,000.	749.73	1,000.
NH The Beautiful Grant	2,500.	0.	0.
<b>INTERFUND – OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>			
Capital Reserve - Fund	199,726.	194,726.00	0.
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>	<b>608,801</b>	<b>651,298.88</b>	<b>392,594.</b>



# RUMNEY WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

During the 2002 year, the Rumney Welfare Department worked with 8 families helping them with a variety of emergencies.

The following is a breakdown of services provided:

Rent	\$ 70.00
Electric	789.94
Fuel	580.86
Food	49.43
Prescriptions	1,023.15
<b>Total Assistance</b>	<b>\$2,513.38</b>

Sue St. Pierre was Welfare Administrator until her departure from the town in June. Since then I have taken over with the position. I thank Sue for her thorough training with this very important department in our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne B. Dow  
Welfare Administrator

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR 2002

The Boards volunteer members and officers following the Town Meeting Elections in 2002 were: Don Smith - Board Chair and Excavation Chair, Judi Hall - Vice-Chair and Driveway Chair, Diana Kindell - Secretary, John Alger, Tom Grabiek, John Allen and as Selectmen's representative Arthur Morrill or Ellen Anderson. John Allen later resigned to avoid a conflict of interest. The following were alternates: Al Ports, Marilyn Ashley and William Guerrette.

In 2002 the Board handled the following subdivision related matters:

- Approved five subdivision applications (which includes lot line adjustments):
- Worked on one still active subdivision application:
- Reviewed nine requests asking if a subdivision was required and/or what would be needed:

In addition the Board approved three applications to merge lots:

In 2002 the Rumney Driveway Unit, operating under the Board's regulations, handled the following:

- Approved two new Construction Permit applications:
- Denied one new Construction Permit application:
- Enforced violations involving two driveway accesses
- Monitored four season performance and authorized the return of bonds on newly constructed accesses

In 2002 the following excavation issues were addressed:

- Town Transfer Station, Buffalo Rd. permit renewal
- Annual inspections of all existing or permitted excavations completed
- Biannual updates of owners continuing "Existing" excavations status completed

The following planning issues were reviewed and discussed by the Board in 2002:

- Master Plan Update (ongoing work)
- Class VI road policy worked with Selectmen and Town Attorney, and contacted other Boards re: draft policy and regulations for a Selectmen RSA 674:41 program for building on class VI roads possible subdivision regulations changes and Master Plan provisions relating to class VI roads existing RSA 674:41 structures on and subdivision application for lot off Wil Colburn Rd. RSA 674:41 enforcement for lot off Doetown Rd.
- Notices of Violations (with Selectmen, looked into potential as additional enforcement tool)
- Historic/Village District Committee (ongoing updates)
- Building Notification Warrant article (no official position taken)
- Natural resource inventory (Conservation Commission), digitizing town tax maps, & GIS potential



- Miscellaneous issues including recreation, community water supply, beach debris from road culvert

Once again the Board reminds landowners to contact the Board/Town whenever the following are planned:

- the addition of a dwelling unit to a lot that already has a dwelling unit on it; including the addition of a mobile home, the creation of a new apartment or the renting out of an apartment formerly allowed for family members only . These are by definition a subdivision and they must be reviewed by the Board. Except where waived each dwelling unit must have its own lot.
- the division of a lot into separate building sites or properties for future rental or conveyance, i.e. subdivision.
- the construction of a new driveway of any sort or the change of a temporary driveway to residential use on a town or subdivision road.
- the removal of earth materials from a site for commercial purposes, i.e. an excavation.
- the locating of multiple mobile homes on a single lot, i.e. the creation of a mobile home park.
- activities involving septic systems, wetlands, and other state programs-, these are administered by the state but the Board or Town Administrative Assistant can provide information on who to contact

# RUMNEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT, 2002

The Rumney Conservation Commission (RCC) members are appointed by the Selectmen of the Town. Current members, all Rumney residents are: John Alger; Maggie Brox (Secretary/Treasurer), David Coursey (Vice-Chair); Northam Parr (Chair), Al Ports, and Joan Turley. The RCC is seeking a 7th and final member. Long-time Chairman Larry Cushman has stepped down from the RCC, following 30 years of dedicated and excellent service to the town, we all owe him our thanks.

As the natural resources base of our community faces increasing pressures in the coming years, the RCC plans to serve the town on several important fronts in 2003.

1) The RCC will continue to work on a comprehensive Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) this year with GIS maps and analysis to identify significant resources - water and wetlands, soils, forest and farmland, habitat, infrastructure and land use - to aid the town in planning for the future. An NRI does not dictate or impose restrictions on land use; it does provide an overview of what the town has to work with. Citizen involvement, including landowners, Planning Board, Selectmen and RCC, will have up-to-date information through NRI to guide informal decisions. The Baker River Watershed Association (BRWA) management plan, to be completed in 2003, will complement the Rumney NRI. (Larry Cushman continues as Chair of this 4-Town coalition project.)

2) The RCC will undertake a comprehensive review of town-owned lands, focusing on our 2 town forests, with an analysis of utility to the citizens. We will pursue a measured course to find suitable and accessible land(s) for community recreation, to include swimming and perhaps skating.

3) The RCC will seek to raise public awareness of conservation issues and initiatives in Rumney and the surrounding area, to encourage citizen input and participation in resource planning, management and protection. Media, workshops and public forums will be utilized, too. RCC meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Town Office, are open to the public - we welcome concerned citizens. In addition, the RCC will seek volunteers to help us with projects - NRI for one - and outreach activities in the community.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions for RCC please contact any member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Northam D. Parr  
Chair

## LAWRENCE K. CUSHMAN: THE MANY FACES OF A VOLUNTEER

In December 2002, Larry Cushman stepped down as Chairman of the Conservation Commission after having served in that position since the Commission's inception in 1972. Larry might best be described as a volunteer's volunteer" who, like so many others, spent countless hours at his avocations, often without thanks, and frequently without recognition.

Larry's professional career included 25 years as Professor of Biology at Plymouth State College, and his commitment to a safe and healthy environment and his love of the sciences carried over to his private pursuits. He retains his chairmanship of the Baker River Watershed Association, now in the process of fine-tuning a management plan for the four member-towns. Over the years Larry worked very closely with New Hampshire state agencies, particularly the Department of Environmental Services, as he processed issues for the Conservation Commission and other endeavors. Many of the professionals at those agencies had once been his students at Plymouth State.



For 30 years (1970-2000) Larry was a member of the North Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Council (RC&D), and its chairman from November 1986 to December 1988. During his tenure on the RC&D, Larry's biggest and longest project was the Ashland Water Quality Monitoring Project that began in 1972 and ran, on and off, through the early 1990's. This project

involving the Ashland landfill was considered important enough to be funded by federal, regional and state funds, in addition to local monies.

Volunteers never seem to be one-dimensional, and Larry is a case-in-point. If he wasn't found checking the water quality of the Baker River or looking at flood damage throughout the area, he could be seen involved with science projects at the Russell School (where he continues to strengthen curricula), scuba diving, raising Christmas trees, serving on the Governor's Council for the Blind, supporting the Senior Olympics, or on stage in any number of theater productions.

The Cushman family has lived in Rumney since 1969. Larry, we thank you for making Rumney your home; we are a better community for it!



## **BOILER PLATE ARTICLES- PASSED IN PREVIOUS YEARS**

To see if the town will vote under RSA 31:19 and 19-a to authorize the selectmen to accept all gifts, demises, bequests and trust funds in the public interest, providing minimal additional expense, during the ensuing year. This authorization shall remain in effect indefinitely, until rescinded by vote of the town. (This article was passed at 1996 Town Meeting) (This Article was passed as written at the 1996 Town Meeting)

Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific recession of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. (This article was passed at 1996 Town Meeting) (This Article was passed as written at the 1996 Town Meeting)

To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-a-4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. This Authority shall continue indefinitely until rescinded by future action of the Town Meeting. ( The Selectmen recommend this Article) (This article was passed as written at the 1999 Town Meeting)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 80:80, to authorize the Selectmen to convey real estate tax liens or property acquired in default of redemption of tax liens, by sealed bid, public auction or in such manner as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely until rescinded by future action of the Town Meeting.

(This article was passed at 1999 Town Meeting) (This Article was passed as written at the 1999 Town Meeting)

# RUMNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

My second year serving as Police Chief for the Town of Rumney has again been exciting as well as challenging. I would like to thank the citizens that have supported me in my efforts to provide professional services.

In 2002, we answered 2608 calls for service. The following is a breakdown of those calls:

Criminal Complaints:.....	187	Mutual Aid Calls:.....	13
Arrests:.....	43	Motor Vehicle Accidents:.....	75
Non-Criminal Complaints:.....	486	Motor Vehicle Complaints:.....	39
Police Service Calls:.....	867	Missing Persons:.....	10
Animal Complaints:.....	125	Towed Vehicles:.....	6
Civil Complaints:.....	8	Pistol Permits:.....	22
911 Calls:.....	36	Traffic Stops:.....	568
Alarm Calls:.....	42	Summons Issued:.....	141
Domestic Violence Calls:.....	13	Warnings Issued:.....	279
Service of Paperwork:.....	28	DE Tags Issued:.....	15
Juvenile Cases:.....	6	Fire/Fast Squad Assist:.....	120

The New Hampshire State Police answered 65 calls for service in the Town of Rumney. These calls include: 25 motor vehicle accidents, 29 criminal complaints, 10 miscellaneous calls and 1 arrest.

During the year, the Rumney Police Department generated \$7,224.96 in revenue to offset budget costs. This revenue is not reflected in the year end totals.

Again, I would like to thank the citizens of Rumney, the dedicated men and women of the Rumney Police Department, Rumney Fire Department and the Rumney Fast Squad.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rolf Garcia  
Chief of Police

## 2002 RUMNEY RECORDS PRESERVATION & PRESENTATION

After approval of \$500 at the 2002 Rumney Town meeting, an additional microfilm was produced (#26) adding coverage of Rumney inventory records for 1954 thorough 1956. This completed filming of all inventory records produced before computerization. Work was again guided by recommendations in the "New Hampshire Municipal Records Board Rules" and performed by New England Micrographics of Manchester (NEM). All Rumney records microfilmed are listed below. The originals are preserved in the Merrill Library basement vault. Copies of all the films, when the microfilming project is complete, will also be available in the State Archives at Concord and in the Special Collections section of Lamson Library at Plymouth State College:

- 1952 Mormon-Produced Films: #15304 (1767-1822) & #16335 (1767-1848)
- NEM #1: Vital Statistics in Rumney Town Record Books A through G, 1774-1901
- NEM #2: Rumney Births in Rumney Books F & G, 1902-1938, FAMILY-ONLY ACCESS BY STATE LAW
- NEM #3: Vital Statistics in Rumney Town Records of Book B & C for 1769-1863
- NEM #4: Rumney Births & Marriages Books #1-7, 1938-1993, FAMILY-ONLY ACCESS BY STATE LAW
- NEM #5: Rumney Deaths in Books #1-7. 1938-1993 FAMILY-ONLY ACCESS BY STATE LAW
- NEM #6: Town Records Book #3, 1841-1869 and #4, 1870-1875
- NEM #7: Town Records Book A. 1876-1892 and Book #5, 1893-1899
- NEM #8: Town Records Book #5 1900-1916
- NEM #9: Town Records Books #6 and 7, 1917-1957
- NEM #10: Loose Leaf Town Meeting Records of 1958-1994
- NEM #11: Town Records Books for 1824-1866
- NEM #12: Trustee Record Books, March 25, 1896 through April 1, 1956 (35 MM)
- NEM #13: Rumney Inventory Book, 1867 through 1879 (35 MM)
- NEM #14: Rumney Inventory Book, 1880 through 1895 (35 MM)
- NEM #15: Rumney Inventory Book, 1896 through 1907 (35 MM)
- NEM #16: Rumney Inventory Book, 1828 through 1853 (35 MM)
- NEM #17: Rumney Inventory Book, 1908 through 1919 (35 MM)
- NEM #18: Rumney Inventory Book, 1920 through 1928 (35 MM)
- NEM #19: Rumney Inventory Book, 1936 through 1945 (35 MM)
- NEM #20: Rumney Inventory Records, 1967 through 1973 (16 MM)
- NEM #21: Rumney Inventory Records, 1974 (16 MM)
- NEM #22: Rumney Inventory Records, 1975 through 1979 book 1 (16 MM)
- NEM #23: Rumney Inventory Records, 1982 book 2 through 1982 (16 MM)

NEM #24: Rumney Inventory Records, 1957 through 1963 (16 MM)

NEM #25: Rumney Inventory Records, 1964 and 1966 (16 MM)

NEM #26: Rumney Inventory Records, 1954 through 1956 (16 MM)

Copies of film #26 were sent to the State Archives and separately to Lamson Library.

The town approved money for this work starting in 1994. \$5,000 has been approved over nine years and almost all that amount spent. Results include microfilm records listed above, vital statistic record books of Rumney births, marriages and deaths (available at the Town Clerk, Rumney Historical Society, and at the Merrill Library in Rumney), a 16mm microfilm reading machine located in the library (donated by the County), and reopening to use of the walk-in town vault in the library basement.

Next year, if the money is again authorized, copies for the State and Lamson Library will be completed and filming of appraisal cards and other historic data considered as directed by the Municipal Records Guide of the State. In addition to preserving important town records for legal reasons in case of disaster, these organized records provide a real assist to research and genealogical inquiries both in Rumney and throughout the State via the copies at the State Archives and at Plymouth State College.

John Alger, Town Moderator

## RUMNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rumney Historical Society continues its interest in being a cohesive member of the community as well as maintaining efforts to reflect our historical past. The Museum was opened to the public at its dedication in August 1994.

Programs for the past year to which the community was invited were:

- June 20th: "Covered Bridges of New Hampshire" with Kenneth Olson
- July 18th: Ice Cream Social and Open House: Music by Charlie and Durward
- August 10th: Old Home Day and special exhibit, "Rumney in Print and Poetry" - Prints by Terry Downs and Poetry by Edith Patridge
- August 15th: A Musical Evening with Roger Daniels
- September 19th: "Lumbering Tales from Rumney and Beyond" : Ellen Anderson
- Oct. 17th: Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board
- December 8th: Christmas Tea for the Rumney Community

Officers elected for the 2003 season: President; Roger Daniels: Vice President; Robert Gregoire: Secretary; Judy Alger: Treasurer; Jim Turbyne. Board members are: Program; Susan Turbyne: Membership; Nancy McCool: Displays; Nancy MacDonald: Historian; John Alger: Genealogy; Robin Bagley and member-at -large, David Learned.

The society voted to award honorary membership to the Rumney and District Historical Society, South Wales, United Kingdom. Stella Donovan created the document which was sent abroad.

Nancy McCool is in charge of the membership letter which is sent out in Jan./Feb. of each year. A single membership is \$5, family \$7.50 and a life membership is \$100.

The Museum is open on Saturdays from 10 am. to 2 pm. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

The Rumney group is a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society, the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire and the Pemi-Baker Valley Historical Society Council.

The purpose of the society: The Commission set forth by the members of the Rumney Historical Society is to preserve, maintain and display all materials which accurately reflect upon the history of Rumney-past, present and future- and to make such artifacts readily available to all interested persons.



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - TOWN OF RUMNEY**  
**WARRANT FOR 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**\*\*AS VOTED\***

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium on School Street in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Article 1&2 and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium in said Rumney on Thursday, the 14th day of March, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year;  
(By official ballot on March 12th.)

    Polls opened at 8:00 am and closed at 7:00pm. 410 votes were cast being 46% of the checklist.  
    Votes were cast as follows:

Selectman 3 year term	Ellen Anderson	198
	Kevin Maes	39
	Robert Schneiderhan, Jr.	162
Moderator 1 year term	John R. M. Alger	369
Treasurer 1 year term	Polly Bartlett	354
Library Trustee 3 year term	Susan Turbyne	371
Trustee of Trust Funds 3 year	John Turbyne	360
Trustee of Trust Funds 2 year	Mark Andrew	369
Cemetery Trustee 3 year term	Janet Sherburne	371
Fire commissioner 3 year term	George Wendell III	364
2 Planning Board Members 3 year terms	Thomas Grabiek	277
	Donald Smith	307
Planning Board Member 1 year term	Diana Kindell	338
Supervisor of Check List 6 year term	Ruth Young	388

**ARTICLE 2:** To choose two members of the Budgetary Finance Advisory Board; one for three years to represent the Village area of Rumney, and one for two years to represent the Depot.

Roger Winsor was nominated and chosen to represent the village area and John Allen was nominated and chosen to represent the Depot area.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 211,259.00 to defray **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year.

Executive	\$35,070.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$31,125.00
Supervisor's Check List	\$1,900.00
Financial Administration	\$24,500.00
Revaluation of Property	\$4,000.00
Legal Expense	\$5,000.00
Personnel Administration/Benefits	\$60,825.00
Planning Board	\$2,480.00
General Government Buildings	\$15,600.00
Cemeteries	\$15,000.00
Insurance/Other	\$14,459.00
Regional Association Dues	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$211,259.00</b>

Article 3 was passed as read.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 94,833.00 to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year.

Article 4 was discussed for almost 1 hour and an amendment was made to reduce the budget to \$85,000. It failed with a secret ballot of No 108 and Yes 28. The article as written passed by secret ballot of Yes 117 and No 15.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 25,546.00 to defray the cost of **Ambulance and Fast Squad, and Emergency services** for the Town of Rumney for the ensuing year. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Safety Committee	\$ 500.00
Ambulance Service	\$19,001.00
E-911	\$ 200.00
FAST Squad (insurance not included-see INS/other)	\$ 3,745.00
Emergency Mgmt (includes Forest Fires)	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>
	<b>\$25,546.00</b>

Article 5 passed as written. No discussion or questions.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 47,735.00 to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year.

Article 6 passed as written. No discussion or questions.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 103,650.00 for the **Maintenance of Highways and Bridges** during the ensuing year.

Article 7 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000.00** to defray the cost of **Streetlights** in the ensuing year.

Article 8 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 24,600.00** to pave a portion of Old Rte 25, to seal one mile of Buffalo Road/Sand Hill Road, and to do brush & limb removal on Buffalo Road & East Rumney Road.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Article 9 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of **\$ 6,000.00** to do ledge Removal on East Rumney Road & Groton Hollow Road.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Article 10 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 86,975.00** to defray the cost of **Maintaining the Town Transfer Station**. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Article 11 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 1,719.00** to defray the Town's share of the costs of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District**.

Article 12 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for a **Waste Oil Burner at the West Rumney Fire Station**; \$2,500.00 of this amount to be accepted as a grant from the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services, and the remaining \$2,500.00 to be raised by general taxation.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article 13 was amended to read : To see of the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for pollution abatement equipment: \$1,250.00 of this amount to be accepted as a grant from the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services, and the remaining \$1,250.00 to be raised by general taxation. The amendment passed and the amended article passed.

It was explained that there was not enough waster oil to do the furnace set up at the West Rumney Fire Station and that the Selectmen were advised by the State to apply for this grant to purchase this equipment.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 28,880.00 for the purposes of **Animal/Health/Welfare**.

NH Humane Society	\$1,950.00
Animal Control	\$2,400.00
Health Administration	\$400.00
Health Officer	\$1,200.00
Mount Mooselauke Health	\$1,250.00
Pemi-Baker Home Health	\$6,430.00
Plymouth Regional Clinic	\$600.00
Youth & Family Services	\$200.00
Plymouth Task Force Against Domestic Violence	\$500.00
Welfare Administration	\$2,400.00
Direct Welfare Assistance	\$8,500.00
Upper Valley Senior Citizens	\$1,650.00
Community Action (CAP)	\$1,400.00
<b>TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>	<b>\$28,880.00</b>

Article 14 passed with no discussion.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,971.00 for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation**.

Parks and Recreation	\$3,600.00
Library	\$23,721.00
Baker River Audio Visual	\$700.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$450.00
Conservation Trust Account	\$2,000.00
Conservation Commission Administration	\$400.00
Baker River Water Shed	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE, REC &amp; CONSERVATION</b>	<b>\$30,971.00</b>

Article 15 was amended to read \$500.00 instead of \$400.00 for the line of Conservation Commission Administration. The amendment passed. The Article as amended passed.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to defray the cost of interest expenses on loans in anticipation of taxes and other temporary loans.

Article 16 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums to be added to previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows: (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

\$15,000.00	To the Fire Department Fund
\$3,500.00	To the Police Cruiser Fund,
\$1,500.00	Town Facilities
\$5,000.00	Town Revaluation Fund
\$25,000.00	<b>TOTAL</b>

Article 17 was passed as written.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of; **\$170,226.00** for the purpose of purchasing a new Pumper Fire Truck, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that entire amount from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, with no portion to be raised by taxation. This purchase is in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.

Article 18 passed as written with a secret ballot. Yes 103 ; No 23. An amendment was made to reduce the amount to \$140,226.00 to purchase the smaller truck. The amendment failed by secret ballot Yes 38 No 90.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,312.00** for the purpose of the second installment payment toward the purchase of a new back hoe. This item whose total purchase price was \$64,550.00, is being financed through a lease purchase agreement executed by the Selectmen under RSA 33:7-e, which contains an escape clause with respect to appropriations for future years' payments. This article is nontransferable.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Article 19 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of, **\$24,500.00** from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund, established by vote of the annual Town Meeting, and to appropriate the sum for the purpose of purchasing a 2001 Crown Victoria Police Cruiser.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article 20 passed as written. It was explained that the new cruiser has already been leased with option of return of article was to fail. The reason for this early purchase was to save money on a late 2001 year purchase.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** to help defray the cost of Cemetery repairs at the Highland, Depot and Sand Hill Cemeteries.

Article 21 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,100.00** to purchase five new Vertex VX210A Pager/Radios for the Fast Squad.)

Article 22 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring an option for the purchase of recreation land which may become available within the Town of Rumney, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that entire amount from the Conservation Fund, no portion to be raised by taxation, and further, to authorize the Selectmen to sign such an option, provided, however, that prior to exercising any option and purchasing any land, they must either obtain the approval of voters at an annual or special town meeting, or alternatively they must receive the approval of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Advisory Board, and must hold two public hearings as required by RSA 41:14-a,1. This appropriation shall be non-lapsing for up to five years.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

After much discussion a motion was made to table Article 23. Tabled motion failed with hand count of Yes 14 and a majority of No hands raised. Article 23 as written failed by a hand count of Yes 23 and majority of No hands raised. It was felt that the Conservation Commission already has authority to do what is proposed in this article.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a new well to service both the Depot Street Fire Station and the Town Office Building. This appropriation shall be non-lapsing for up to two years.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Article 24 was amended to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for reworking the existing well at the Depot Fire Station.

The amended article passed as amended. It is felt that the existing well can be dug deeper and made to supply more water to the Fire House.

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the town will vote to adopt an information building permit ordinance under RSA 31:39,1(l) to provide the Selectmen with information about the construction or alteration of property improvements for tax assessment purposes, and to replace the annual inventory form under RSA 74, thereby eliminating a substantial postage and time expense. Copies of the complete ordinance are available at the office of Selectmen, and will be available the day of the meeting

Article 25 failed by a hand count of Yes 9 and a large show of hands against. An amendment was made to change the wording to. The voters hereby authorize the Selectmen to adopt a building notification ordinance. This would allow for changes during the year if necessary. The amendment failed Yes 32 and No a large number of hands. It was felt that the existing inventory of taxable property that is now in place has worked well and should be continued. It is cost effective because the revenue from penalties more than covers the expense and the system makes each tax payer accountable for reporting improvements or deletions to their own properties.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to require the Rumney Planning Board to review and update the Town's Master Plan through study and public hearings and bring the proposed plan to the Rumney annual meeting for the year 2003 for discussion and decision by vote, concerning its adoption.

Article 26 passed as written.

**ARTICLE 27:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The meeting was at 10:30 pm.

A True Copy Attest:

*Linda Whitcomb*

Linda Whitcomb, Rumney Town Clerk

# FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. 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 up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression costs.

A new law effective January 1, 2002 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org) or 272-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

## ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES 2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported through November 10, 2002)

### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	# of Fires	Acres
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos 3	2.5	Smoking
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Cause	# of Fires
Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc*	356

(\*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<b>2002</b>	540	187
<b>2001</b>	942	428
<b>2000</b>	516	149

## **MOUNT MOOSELAUKEE HEALTH CENTER REPORT**

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In July of 2002, MMHC took a large step towards improving the availability of comprehensive primary care in the Warren, Wentworth and Rumney area. Employed full time at the Center is David Nelson, DO, a family practice physician. Dr. Nelson is on Active Staff at the Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, If a patient desires to be admitted to either Speare Memorial or Dartmouth Hitchcock, Dr. Nelson is able to make the appropriate referrals to meet the patients' request. Other providers at the Center include Jessica Thibodeau, ARNP, who provides adult and adolescent health care including prenatal and women's health services. Dr. Charmaine Yap who practices internal medicine and endocrinology. Stephen Noyes is the mental health clinician and drug addiction counselor.

In addition to medical services, the Center continues to offer a variety of supplemental services for free or minimal cost including WIC, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, family support services, lab services and special preventative clinics for hypertension, podiatry, and immunizations.

The Center is fortunate to have a dedicated clinical and clerical support staff. The Center was able to offer three flu immunization clinics (2 for patients and 1 open to the community) in the fall of 2002, restart a monthly Community Blood Pressure Clinic which is held the third Tuesday (1 -3 pm) of each month, participate in the Warren Village School Annual Health Fair and the Rumney and Warren Old Home Days celebration.

Available to patients is the Indigent Drug Program (IDP). The goal of this program is to help eligible patients of all ages to receive needed prescription medications from pharmaceutical companies. Although there is extensive paperwork involved in getting prescription assistance for patients in need, the health benefits received from providing someone with the medication they need may often be life sustaining and far outweigh the paperwork burden. During the last quarter of 2002 the Center started to track usage of the program. In those three months 56 patients received 83 prescriptions which would have cost \$21,543 but were free to the patient because of the Center's involvement with this program.

In 2002 the Center had 805 patients. Seventy-two percent of the patients at the Health Center were from Warren (39%), Wentworth (19%) and Rumney (13%). Five percent of the Warren, Wentworth and Rumney patients took advantage of the sliding fee scale offered to families with limited income. This amounted to a savings of \$24,342 for those families. Although we receive grants that enable us to do this, they only account for 34% of our revenue. We accept assignment on many insurances including Medicaid and Medicare. We also waive the annual deductible for Medicare beneficiaries. Our operating budget for 2002 was \$372,332 of which grants



covered \$127,200 (34%) and support from the towns of Warren (\$4500), Wentworth (\$2500) and Rumney (\$1250) The remaining revenue is from responsible patients paying their balances in a timely fashion insuring that the Center can continue to provide care to our communities.

The Advisory Board consists of community members from the three supporting towns. They had a very successful fundraising drive this year and was able to supply the Center with a new 12 lead EKG machine. For the first time they will be providing an annual scholarship worth \$250 to any high school graduate who resides in either Warren, Wentworth or Rumney and are enrolled in an educational program in the medical field. If you have a family member or are aware of a community member that this scholarship would assist, please have them call me at the Center.

I hope you, the residents of Rumney, find this report informative and will continue to support us in our endeavors.

Respectfully,  
Ilse Scheller, Site Manager  
Mount Mooselaukee Health Center

## **PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY RUMNEY TOWN REPORT - 2002**

**Representative: Anita French**

**Alternate: Adrina Cassel**

Many exciting events have taken place over the past year. Perhaps the most significant one is that our agency, after nearly thirty-four years in business, has changed its name and logo. . . a fresh new look to reflect our continued commitment to excellence in healthcare in the new millennium.

Pemi-Baker Home Health is a non-profit New Hampshire licensed Medicare Homecare and Hospice certified agency. Services include skilled nursing care, geriatric nursing, IV nursing, Hospice nursing, Obstetric/Pediatric nursing, Psychiatric nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Workers, Home Health Aides, Homemakers, home safety assessments, Alzheimer's Respite (by arrangement), blood pressure clinics, diabetic education & support, annual flu clinic, DNR program, Hospice program, Long Term Care program, ostomy education & support, Private Duty and Respiratory Therapy (by arrangement), Immunization clinics and community education programs.

Agency staff made 1548 visits in 2002 to the town of Rumney. Town appropriations, even though a small portion of our budget, help defray the cost of services either not covered at all or partially covered. Our charity care to those who cannot afford to pay for services along with inadequate funding from the state is lost revenue that continues to grow each year. Support from our towns as well as contributions to our annual fund campaign enable us to continue providing much needed services.

Some other significant programs have been initiated by the agency. We now use Telemonitoring devices in homes and can monitor high risk cardiac patients by daily monitoring of their vital signs and weight. Another endeavor is collaboration with Speare Memorial Hospital that provides education and assessment of pregnant Medicaid recipients from one month into their pregnancy to one year of age for their child. Still another endeavor is our monthly health series that runs on Channel 3 public access station. Current health topics are discussed with guest speakers and the programs to date have elicited very positive feedback and requests for more. Pemi-Baker continues to collaborate with Plymouth Regional Senior Center in the Adult Day Program that has been running since the summer.

The workforce shortage in nursing and other clinical direct care staff along with a burdensome regulatory system are but two factors that continue to challenge the home care industry as a whole. The road ahead continues to be paved with uncertainties as our population ages and health-care costs increase because of greater utilization. Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice will continue its commitment to quality programs and services that benefit our local communities.

Anita French & Adrina Cassel  
for Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice

# GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2002, 123 older residents of Rumney were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Rumney enjoyed 1,254 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 2,481 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Rumney residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 523 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 225 visits by a trained social worker.
- Rumney's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,602 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Rumney residents in 2002 was \$28,893.00.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Rumney's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin  
Executive Director

## **PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 2002 ANNUAL REPORT**

2002 was an exciting and busy year for the District. First, the District added seven new communities. They were the towns of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman and Sugar Hill giving the District a total of twenty members. The District also expanded its household hazardous waste (HHW) program, continued to collect oil-based paint and fluorescent light bulbs, while holding its first ever electronics recycling collection program.

The District continued its support of proper household hazardous waste management by coordinating five (5) oneday collection events. In the spring, the District held one collection in Plymouth and in the fall, held collections in Littleton, Plymouth, Rumney, and Campton/Thornton. Through these collections the District was able to recycle or properly dispose of over 7,000 gallons of material. Over 500 households participated in this program. The District also recycled over 20,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs that were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. The District received \$8,206.45 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program to help offset some of the program's costs.

2002 also saw the District coordinate and sponsor its first ever electronics recycling program, with emphasis being placed on the collection of televisions and computer monitors. These two items contain a cathode ray tube (CRT), which is commonly referred to as the "picture tube". CRT's become waste management issues because they contain lead. A typical 27" TV contains 8 pounds of lead. If CRT's are disposed of in landfills and incinerators, it increases the likelihood of contaminating groundwater, surface water and air resources.

Realizing the need to offer its citizens a means to recycle televisions, computer monitors and other electronics, the District held two one-day electronics recycling collections in July, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. Residents were asked to pay a fee for each electronics item they brought for recycling. The total amount collected for the two days was over 15,000 pounds. It was a very successful program when compared to the results of similar programs held this past year in New Hampshire and Vermont.

In 2003, the District plans to hold HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Campton/Thornton) and in the fall (Plymouth). It will continue to coordinate the year-round collection of oil-base paint and fluorescent light bulbs and plans to hold electronics recycling collections again as well. The District takes very seriously the need to decrease the toxicity of our solid waste stream. Through these programs we feel we are serving the needs of our citizens while at the same time doing so in a cost effective manner. The

District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste and recycling as well. Without a doubt, District communities can minimize the costs of these programs when they work together.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. Marsh Morgan, Jr.  
PBSWD Chairman

# GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

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The Grafton County Commissioners present the following reports and financial statements. We hope that they will increase your understanding of Grafton County finances and operations and assure our citizens that their tax dollars are being spent wisely.

Financially, Fiscal Year 2002 was a strong year, Revenue received for the fiscal year was \$19,935,261.20 and the total expended was \$18,724,017.07 with \$10,606,508 being raised in County taxes. The budget process for FY 2003 which was done in the Spring of 2002 was challenging, as the Commissioners strove to keep the budget as level as possible in anticipation of the Bond vote to be held for the Capital Project. Through hard work on the part of the department heads, this goal was achieved. The FY 2003 budget saw an increase of \$275,829, or 1.41%, with a tax increase of \$341,689 or 3.22%,

By far, the largest ongoing project for Grafton County during this Fiscal Year was the planning for the Capital Improvement Project that will soon take place, During FY 2002, the County established a construction team which included the Executive Director, Nursing Home Administrator, the Maintenance Superintendent, our Construction Manager H. P. Cummings and the architects Sumner/Davis. This team spent countless hours designing and perfecting the plans for a three-phase construction project that will see an addition to the Nursing Home which will replace the 60 beds in the 1930 Building, asbestos abatement and code work in the 1969 Building, as well as renovation to the 1930 Building for office space. The project totals \$14,500,000 and was approved by the Grafton County Delegation on July 15, 2002. This is a project that has an estimated completion date of early 2005. We are eagerly awaiting the beginning of the actual construction project.

Grafton County has, along with the rest of the country, felt the effects of September 11. With the assistance of the Sheriff's Department, the County Complex heightened security measures and established a policy on terrorism, which was distributed to all departments. The Littleton VFW/Twin State Mutual Aid gave the County a flag to be flown at half mast at the Courthouse,

Grafton County started a recycling program in conjunction with the Littleton Recycling Center.

The Grafton County Economic Development Council was again approved for funding this year.

The Barbara B. Hill Fun(d) continues to help less fortunate children in Grafton County with FUN activities, Donations are always welcome.

Grafton County underwent a Wage A Classification Study during the last Fiscal Year which established new wage charts for unclassified and

non-bargaining unit employees.

The Commissioners are proud to announce that Commissioner Ray Burton was named “Commissioner of the Year”, Carol Elliott was named “Register of Deeds of the Year”, and Glenn Libby was named “Superintendent of the Year” at the New Hampshire Association of Counties’ Annual Conference.

Commissioner Steve Panagoulis completed his two-year term as President of the New Hampshire Association of Counties.

Grafton County continues to be active with Community Development Block Grants, participating in projects such as the Micro -enterprise project and the Ammonoosuc Green project in Littleton through AHEAD.

The Commissioners also continue to be active in the support of educational assistance for our employees.

The Grafton County Department of Corrections received an Acts of Caring Award which was presented by the National Association of Counties in Washington, DC. The Award was the only one presented to a county in the Northeast.

The Registry of Deeds enjoyed a superb year, achieving record revenue levels. The Commissioners commended Register Carol Elliott and her staff for a job well done.

In June, 2002, long-time employee Executive Director Ernie Towne submitted his letter of retirement. We wish him well in his retirement. The Board appointed Julie Clough as Interim Executive Director and on July 27, she was appointed to fill the position. Julie has worked for the County for 11 years; during the last nine she has been the Financial Supervisor.

The Grafton County Commissioners hold regular weekly meetings at the County Administrative Building on Dartmouth College Highway in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm, and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public. Please call the Commissioners’ Office to confirm date, time, and schedule.

In closing, Fiscal Year 2002 was a busy one for each department. We saw many accomplishments due to the hard work and dedication of the employees of Grafton County. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Panagoulis, Chair (District 3)  
Michael J. Cryans, Vice-Chair (District 1)  
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)

## EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR REPORT - 2002

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A new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State Government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized New Hampshire State Government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State Government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium more that 300 citizens are appointed to these public Boards. The address is: State House, 107 North Main St. Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is: 603 271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make very sure our region is a part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the Governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State Web site at: <http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/> or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know.

As Councilor, I will be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten Year Highway Plan. All Town, Counties and Cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your regional Planning Commission as a starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan visit the Department of Transportation web site: <http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/>

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal budget. For every dollar of taxation we send to Washington we get back ONLY 71 CENTS! Let's send many lists to Senators Gregg, and Sununu, and Congressmen Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better!

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.

Sincerely Yours,  
Raymond S. Burton  
Executive Councilor



## UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants, UNH Cooperative Extension educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council. Each of the state's ten counties supports an Extension office.

**Extension Advisory Council:** Members include: W. Michael Danehy, Woodsville; Jim Kinder, Haverhill; Alyssa Lucas, Woodsville; Tosona Melanson, Dorchester; Cindy Putnam, Piermont; Debby Robie, Bath; Ilse Scheller, Wentworth; Dave Thompson, Lincoln; Susan Tomasetti, Littleton; and Michael Townsend, Lebanon. The Advisory Council meets every other month.

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on site visits, conferences and web sites. Media outlets help us reach one of every three county residents. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keep up-to-date on the latest research and information, and work collaboratively with many agencies and organizations.

**Extension Staff:** Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy Specialist; Deborah Maes, Family & Community Development; Northam Parr, Forest & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections; and Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP program. Educators are supported by Donna Mitton, Kristina Vaughan and Sharon Youngman.

**New or enhanced efforts during FY01 (October 2001 through September 2002) include:**

- 'Nutrition Connections' programs enrolled 164 low-income family members in programs to modify diet and food preparation, skills and behavior and improve nutritional health. 'Nutrition Connections' collaborated with and marketed programs through over 60 agencies, health clinics, schools, welfare offices and shelters.
- 4-H Leader Training for volunteers were held in gardening, public speaking, and water resources education. There are 102 active leaders in 4-H, including 16 new volunteers. 470 County youth participated in 4-H activities. There are currently 32 active clubs. Three Grafton Co. 4-H'ers received college

scholarships/awards from local funds established for that purpose.

- Food safety certification programs were held in 8 communities, for food handling staff of nursing homes, schools, hospitals, senior centers and restaurants. About 70 participants passed the National SERVSAFE exam as a result. A Community Profile was held in Canaan. Land Conservation and Protection Workshops were held in Sugar Hill and Rumney.
- The LEAP program (Lifeskills for Employment, Achievement and Purpose) successfully 'graduated' eleven participants; seven have obtained full-time employment, three have earned GEDs, two have completed CNA training, and six have enrolled their children in State Licensed Child Care.
- Thirty-eight Farm-Family participants completed Ag-Business courses in North Haverhill, a cooperative program with UVM that improves financial planning, accounting and management. More than 100 producers attended a West Lebanon conference on Dairy Management Practices with a focus on financial management and profitability. Also in West Lebanon, the New England Dairy Feed Conference focused on forage production and management.
- Current Use tax program information and assistance-including revised Forestland Stewardship criteria D was provided to communities, assessing officials and landowners through public meetings and direct consultation, to help keep this open-space incentive strong. Extension referrals to private sector licensed foresters resulted in new management plans on 15,000 acres, erosion control on 10 miles of roads and trails, and improved timber harvesting practices. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grafton County Conservation Field Days at the County Farm taught 150 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers about soils, water, wildlife, farm animals, forestry and gardening, just before black fly season!
- Grant-funded research projects included phosphorous and nitrogen application guidelines and vegetative buffer utility to protect water quality and farm profitability.

**UNH Grafton County Cooperative Extension Office Hours are  
Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Northam D Parr  
County Office Administrator

## YEAR 2002 COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORT TO THE TOWN OF RUMNEY

Community Contact is the field services arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income, elderly, and handicapped persons to solve individual problems and to meet their needs through individual and/or group self-help efforts. C.A.P. staff accomplished this purpose by providing information, counseling and by effectively linking and utilizing community resources. If possible, we also may assist with Emergency Fund dollars in the form of vouchers.

Last year, the follow assistance (client service units) was provided by the C.A.P. Office in Plymouth:

CATEGORY:	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:	SERVICE UNITS:
Food/Housing	Emergency food pantry referrals, Food Stamps, Government surplus foods. Emergency placements, furnishings, loans, home improvements, tenant/landlord relations	25
Energy*	Electric Disconnects, out-of fuel, weatherization, woodstove, fuel wood, home repairs, furnaces	20
Homeless	Homeless or imminent danger of being homeless	12
Income/Budget Counseling	Job Corps, employment referrals, job training, welfare referrals. Money management, debt management, financial planning	8
Health	Medicare, Medicaid, Mental Health, Dental, Home Health, Emergency Response Units, Substance Abuse, Breast Cancer Awareness Program	58
Transportation	Emergency rides, car pools	7
Other	Clothing, education, domestic violence, children serves, legal assistance	29
SERVICE UNITS:		<b>TOTAL 159</b>

\*Does not include Fuel Assistance



# TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

## As Of December 31, 2002

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### Selectmen

Arthur A. Morrill, Chairman (2003)  
Ellen C. Anderson (2005)  
Robert J. Berti (2004)

### Administrative Assistant

\*Anne Dow

### Secretary/Bookkeeper

\*Anne Dow

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Linda Whitcomb (2004)  
\*Joan Morabito, Deputy Clerk  
\*Lou Whitcomb, Deputy Tax Collector

### Treasurer

Polly Bartlett (2003)  
\*Margaret Grass, Deputy Treasurer

### Superintendent of Public Works

\*Frank Simpson

### Welfare Administrator

\*Anne Dow

### Health Officer

\*Paul Anderson

### Police Department

\*Rolf Garcia, Chief  
\*Janet Sherburne, Secretary  
\*Kevin G. Maes, Special Officer  
\*David Learned, Special Officer  
\*Brian Michael, Special Officer  
\*Jonathan Ciavola, Special Officer  
\*David Gotthardt, Special Officer  
\*Thomas Dalton, Special Officer  
\*Stacie Fiske, Special Officer  
\*Beth Farrell, Special Officer  
\*Jesse Reed, Special Officer  
\*Jeff Musheno, Special Officer  
\*Norman Willey, Special Officer

### Fire Department

\*\*Ken Ward, Chief

### Fire Commissioners

Greg Hood (2003)  
Roger Winsor (2003)  
David Coursey (2003)

### FAST Squad

\*Alan Hunter, Director

### Emergency Management

\*Mark Andrew, Director

### Forest Fire Warden

Ken Ward

### Library Trustees

Roger Daniels (2004)  
Susan Turbyne (2005)  
Thomas Wallace (2003)

### Cemetery Trustees

Frank Simpson (2004)  
Janet Sherburne (2005)  
Ivan Kemp (2003)

### Trustee of Trust Funds

Mark Andrew (2004)  
Jim Turbyne (2005)  
Janet Sherburne (2003)

### Planning Board

Donald Smith, Chairman (2005)  
John Alger (2004)  
Thomas Grabiek (2005)  
Diana Kindell (2003)

### Judith Hall (2003)

\*Arthur Morrill, Ex-Officio  
\*Ellen Anderson, Ex-Officio  
\*Al Ports, alternate  
\*William Guerrette, alternate  
\*John Sobetzer, Clerk

### Advisory Board

John Allen (2004)  
John Alger (2004)  
Roger Winsor (2005)  
John Foster (2003)  
Robert Gregiore (2003)

### Conservation Commission

\*Northam Parr, Chairman (2003)  
\*David Coursey (2004)  
\*Margaret Brox (2004)  
\*Joan Turley (2005)  
\*Al Ports (2005)  
\*John Alger (2003)  
\*Larry Cushman

### Moderator

John Alger (2004)

### Supervisors of the Checklist

Ruth Young (2008)  
Anita French (2003)  
Ann Kent (2006)

### Auditors

Plodzik & Sanderson

(20—) Indicated end of officials term of office

\*appointed officials, not elected \*\*appointed officials from within department

## TOWN OF RUMNEY DEATHS 2002

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Place of Burial</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>
Blodgett, Isobel M.	1/14/2002	Rumney, NH	Hebron village Cemetery	Robie, William	Shattuck, Lottie
Wessel, Robert T.	2/14/2002	Rumney, NH	Highland Cemetery	Wessel, John	Hoiby, Hilda
Kelly, Jr. Mahlon G.	2/18/2002		Highland Cemetery	Kelly, Mahlon	Mehren, Emma
Bixby, Mildred V.	2/23/2002	Plymouth, NH	Highland Cemetery	Goodwin, Fred	Hutchins, Lydia
Glover, Marie P.	4/1/2002	Rumney, NH	Pleasant View Cemetery	Fortier, John	Herbert, Flora
Fennell, Mildred H.	4/22/2002	Rumney, NH	Anneytown, NJ	Hahn, Max	Bleier, Selma
Jones, Eugene T.	5/6/2002	Plymouth, NH		Jones, Wilmot	Rollins, Catherine
Adams, Jr. Kenneth A.	5/11/2002	Plymouth, NH	Highland Cemetery	Adams, Kenneth	Bagley, Diane
Wendell, III George A.	6/14/2002	Plymouth, NH		Wendell, George	Drury, Christine
Thun, Sandra S.	6/25/2002	Plymouth, NH		Glassinre, Robert	Strohl, Virginia
Norris, William W.	6/28/2002	Plymouth, NH		Norris, Joseph	Stack, Beatrice
Thorne, Phoebe L.	7/5/2002	Manchester, NH	Highland Cemetery		
Kraus, Kenneth J.	8/12/2002	Rumney, NH	St. Louis, MO	Kraus, John	Stapp, Elizabeth
Wilkins, Evelyn M.	8/23/2002	Meredith, NH	Highland Cemetery	Ashley, Gordon	French, Lillian
Hanson, Violet M.	9/2/2002	Meredith, NH	Highland Cemetery		
Simpson, Henry E.	9/8/2002	Plymouth, NH	Pleasant View Cemetery	Simpson, Henry	Matava, Ida
Bixby, Bobby J.	10/4/2002	Plymouth, NH	Highland Cemetery	Bixby, Charles	Kemp, Gladys
Brown, Lorena D.	10/6/2002	Lebanon, NH	Pleasant View Cemetery	Waldron, Fred	Brale, Georgia
Jaquith, Winifred E.	11/20/2002	Meredith, NH	Highland Cemetery	Brown, Henry	Downing, Viola
McKinley, Mary S.	12/9/2002	Manchester, NH		Aylsworth, Willet	Dawe, Marcella
Dow, Marietta F.	12/12/2002	Rumney, NH	Pleasant View Cemetery	McKee, Gordon	Livermore, Almira

## TOWN OF RUMNEY \* BIRTHS 2002

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
Buskey, Brandon A.	2/19/2002	Plymouth, NH	Buskey, Christopher	Buskey, Jennifer
David Tyler C.	2/23/2002	Franklin, NH	David, Peter	David, Sheryl
McNally, Madison F.	4/18/2002	Plymouth, NH	McNally, Patrick	McNally, Gina
Coursey, Ryan N.	5/8/2002	Plymouth, NH	Coursey, Nicholas	Tallman, Naomi
Harris, Hailey K.	9/14/2002	Plymouth, NH	Harris Russell	Harris, Tina
Anderson, Katherine J.	9/17/2002	Plymouth, NH	Anderson, Eric	Anderson, Rachel
Tyrrell, Melinda F.	11/3/2002	Laconia, NH	Tyrrell, Shelby	Tyrrell, Angela
Brown, Jacob D.	11/18/2002	Plymouth, NH	Brown, David	Brown, Megan
McDonald, Clara M.	12/10/2002	Lebanon, NH	McDonald, John	McDonald, Tracy
Harris, Rhys D.	12/14/2002	Lebanon, NH	Harris, Troy	Harris, Jessica

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# PLANNING BOARD 2003

Planning Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Business Meeting - last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.(except Dec.)

John Sobetzer, Clerk 786-9511 (home 786-9766)

## NOTICE:

Please see the Board for assistance whenever the following is planned:

- the addition of a dwelling unit to a lot that already has a dwelling unit on it, including the addition of a mobile home, the creation of a new apartment or the renting out of an apartment formerly allowed for family members only . These are by definition a subdivision and they must be reviewed by the Board. Except where wavered each dwelling unit must have its own lot.
- the divisions of a lot into separate building sites or properties for future rental or conveyance, i.e. subdivision.
- the construction of a new driveway of any sort or the change of a temporary driveway to residential use on a town road.
- the removal of earth materials from a site for commercial purposes, i.e. an excavation.
- the locating of multiple mobile homes on a single lot, i.e. the creation of a mobile home park.
- activities involving septic systems, wetlands, and other state programs; these are administered by the state but the Board can provide information on who to contact.

**Plats and other materials relative to applications must be submitted to the Planning Board Clerk at the Town Office at least 15 days before the business meeting.**

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**DOG OWNERS** shall register all dogs over three months of age by April 30.

- . Rabies certificates required for registration.
- . Penalty for not obtaining a dog license is a fine of \$25.00 (RSA 466:13).
- . Owners are liable for dogs running at large.
- . Fees: \$6.50 if altered - \$9.00 not altered.

**VEHICLE OWNERS** must register their vehicles with Town Clerk.

- . Renewals can be done by mail, please call Town first-786-2237
- . Proof of residency is required for new registrations.
- . Renewals, stickers, transfers and plates now available.
- . Verification of vehicle identification – on vehicles 1988 or older.

**THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLAND OR WATERWAYS,**

shall file a Dredge and Fill-Application with the Town Clerk before beginning work. Under RSA 483-A fines can be assessed for non-compliance.

**PROPERTY OWNERS** seeking tax abatement shall apply to the Selectmen's Office in writing by March 1, following the final tax bill in the fall. Abatement forms are available at the Selectmen's Office.

## RUMNEY'S OLDEST CITIZEN

### *Doris Tunnell*



*Doris Tunnell was born June 24, 1908,  
on Stinson Lake Road near Loveland Bridge.  
She is Rumney's oldest resident at age 94.  
Doris was awarded the "Boston Post Cane" by  
Selectman Robert Berti  
at the Old Home Day in August of 2002.*