Town Of
Acworth
New Hampshire

Earl F. Luther, Jr.

2000
Annual Report
Annual Report
of the
Selectmen
and other
Town Officers
of the
Town of Acworth
New Hampshire

For The Year Ending December 31, 2000
Please Bring this Town Report to Town Meeting
on Tuesday, March 13, 2001

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Dedicated

to

Earl Luther, Jr.

Born in Warren, Rhode Island
Graduated Brown University - Chemistry Major
US Navy Pilot WW II
Received the Navy Cross and Air Medal
Moved to Acworth to start a Jersey farm in 1946

Involvement:
Treasurer, United Church of Acworth
Treasurer, FMRSD
Agriculture Stabilization & Conservation Service
Instrumental in starting Acworth Turkey Shoots
Supervisor of the Checklist
Trustee of Trust Funds
Acworth Budget Committee
Acworth Selectman
Town Treasurer
Administrative Assistant to Selectmen
Acworth Softball Team
Claremont Bowling League
Tennis
Ping Pong

Earl has dedicated most of his adult life, since the late 40's, to serving the Town of Acworth and its people.
The pictures portray his life as a young boy, a distinguished serviceman, a Navy pilot and as an Acworth farmer. Even the animals in Acworth were lucky to see him coming. He often filled in as dog warden, rescuing Acworth strays. Rudy, pictured here, received a permanent home with Earl and his family.
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TOWN OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Moderator
Kenneth Grant – 2002

Board of Selectmen
Lyman Young – 2001
John Balla – 2002
Camelia Amell – 2003

Town Clerk
Brenda Longley – 2001

Tax Collector
Grant Tallman

Treasurer
Earl Luther, Jr

Supervisors of Checklist
Gladys Ring-Bogle – 2002 (Deceased)
Elizabeth Gowen – Appt. finish Term – 2002
Roselva A. Dearden – 2004
Gordon H. Gowen – 2006

Overseer of Public Welfare
Cheryl Fish

Health Officer
Donna Dutton

Auditor
Cheryl Fernald

Trustees of Trust Fund
Alston Barrett – 2001
Marguerite Hanson – 2002
Kathi Bradt – 2003

Library Trustee
Marguerite Hanson – Secretary – 2001
Ruth Balla – Co – Treasurer – 2002
Dennis Eaton – Chairman – 2002
Ella Brown – Co-Treasurer – 2003
David McWethy – 2003

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen
Earl F. Luther, Jr

Budget Committee
Ralph Balla – 2001
Hugh Gendron – 2001
Torrey Greene – 2002
Linda Christie – 2002
Craig Lawler – 2003
Howell Longley – 2003

Road Agent
Don Porter

Road Committee
Charles Bradt – 2001
Hugh Gendron – 2001
Howell Longley – 2002
James Phinizy – 2002
J. Matthew Balla – 2003
Timothy Butson – 2003
Planning Board
William Symonds – 2001
Bruce Bascom – 2001
Richard Bishop – 2002
Elizabeth Snider – 2002
Thomas Esslinger – 2003
Brenda Longley – 2003

Conservation Commission
Geraldine Rudenfeldt – 2001
Deborah Hinman – 2001
Samuel Stephens – 2002
Peter Wotowiec - 2002
Robert DeValk – 2003
John Balla – 2003

Tree Warden
G. Kristian Fenderson

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Patrick LeClair – 2001
Edward Metsack – 2001
Rob DeValk – 2002
Charles Ginter – 2002
James Phinizy – 2003
Gary Dutton – 2003

Recreation Committee
Tammy Gendron
Mark Edson
Cheryl Fernald
Lisa Brown
Deborah Bushway

Fall Mt. Regional School Board Member
James Elsesser

Town Forester
Peter Rhoades

Recycling Committee
Earl Luther, Jr
Sam Stephens
John Tuthill
REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TOWN HALL  835-6879

SELECTMEN: Alternate Mondays 7:30 p.m.
Lyman Young - Chairman

TOWN CLERK: Mon., Tues., Wed 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Brenda Longley - 835-6757 or 835-7878

PLANNING BOARD:
Last Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Richard Bishop, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:
Second Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Sam Stephens, Chairman

ZONING BOARD ADJUSTMENTS:
First Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Edward Metsack, Chairman

RECREATION COMMITTEE:
Second Mon. 7:00 p.m.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE:
First Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:
Second Tues. 9:30 a.m. - Library
Dennis Eaton, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS: Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DUMP HOURS: Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wed. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
FIRE - 352-1100
CLAREMONT DISPATCH - 542-7040
To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th day of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until nine of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen – Term of three years  
Tax Collector – Term of one year  
Treasurer – Term of one year  
Town Clerk – Term of three years  
Library Trustee – Term of three years  
Trustee of Trust Fund – Term of three years  
Budget Committee – Vote for Two – Terms of three years  
Planning Board – Vote for Two – Terms of three years  
Road Committee – Vote for Two – Terms of three years  
Auditor – Term of one year

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by non-partisan ballot for amendment to the town Floodplain Development Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, which makes minor, non-substantive Amendments to the Ordinance as required by the State Board of Planning.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 14, 2000.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $106,000.00 for an Addition to the Town hall with $75,000.00 (Seventy-five Thousand Dollars) to come from a Three (3) Year Note and the balance $31,000.00 to come from the Fund Balance (surplus). Passage of this article shall override the 10% limit imposed on this appropriation due to non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. The Selectmen recommend this article. 2/3 Vote required.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $40,000.00 for Town Hall Renovation said sum to come from the Fund Balance (Surplus). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of Highway Equipment. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.
ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund (Pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the future revaluation of the Town and to Raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 towards this purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required.)

ARTICLE NINE: "To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $20,000 as part of the matching grant funds Being pursued by the Conservation Commission to purchase the development rights on 200 more or less acres of the David Lyle property. If the Conservation Commission's Application regarding this property is not accepted by the grantors by October 1, 2001, the money will not be appropriated by the town."

By Petition. The Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE TEN: "To see if the town will vote to deposit 100% of the revenue collected pursuant To RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25III."

By Petition. The Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation Of taxes.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended In the Budget by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To instruct the Acworth Planning Board to proceed to develop a means of Regulating the establishment of Telecommunication Facilities within the Town of Acworth. The necessary bylaws, changes in the Comprehensive Master Plan, Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review to be submitted For action, where required.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this town Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Acworth this 3rd day of February 2001.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lyman A Young
John W. Balla
Camelia Amell

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:

Lyman A Young
John W. Balla
Camelia Amell
### 2001 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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SOURCE OF REVENUE

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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<td>516,930.</td>
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<td>Max. Increase to Budget Committee's Recommendations</td>
<td>Budget per RSA 32:18 is: 44,193</td>
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MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 14, 2000

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday the 14th day of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until nine of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ken Grant who read the Warrant and then asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen – Camelia Amell
Treasurer – Earl Luther, Jr
Tax Collector – Grant Tallman
Library Trustees – Ella Brown
   Dave McWethy
Trustee of Trust Funds – Kathi Bradt
Budget Committee – Craig Lawler
   Howell Longley
Planning Board – Brenda Longley
   Thomas Esslinger
Planning Board – 1 Year Term – Nathaniel “Bill” Symonds
Road Committee – J. Matthew Balla
   Timothy Butson
Auditor – Cheryl Fernald
Supervisor of Checklist – Gordon Gowen

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by non-partisan ballot for adoption of a Floodplain Development Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, which meets the minimum requirements for the National Flood Insurance Program and would allow the Town residents to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. 
Ballot Vote 183 YES 50 NO  Motion passed.

ARTICLE THREE: Motion was made by John Huber and seconded by Lucius Tallman to correct the minutes of last years minutes Article 6 to add Motion Passed.  Motion Passed as corrected.

ARTICLE FOUR: Motion was made by Ray Nabatoff and seconded by John Huber to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.  Motion Passed.

ARTICLE FIVE: Motion was made by Caroline Barth and seconded by George Collins to vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) to be placed in this fund.  The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.  Motion passed.

ARTICLE SIX: Motion was made by Robert DeValk and seconded by John Tuthill to vote to appropriate Fifteen Thousand ($15,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a 16+ acre parcel on the Gove Road, to be included in the Town Forest.  These monies will be reimbursed from town forest revenues, beginning with approximately $5,000.00 to be paid back by forest revenues this year.  The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.  Motion Passed.

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ARTICLE SEVEN: Motion was made by John Huber and seconded by Ray Nabatoff to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Motion Passed.

ARTICLE EIGHT: Motion was made by Lucius Tallman and seconded by Ray Nabatoff to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to help support the Work of The Community Kitchen, Inc in Keene, NH. By Petition. Ballot Vote YES 42 NO 38 Motion Passed.

ARTICLE NINE: Motion was made by John Huber and seconded by Lucius Tallman to vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the Budget by the Budget Committee. Motion Passed.

ARTICLE TEN: Motion was made by John Huber and seconded by Marcie Maynard to vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Witkiewicz Lot, so called Lot 257, Map 16. The Selectmen and Conservation commission will work together to limit this parcel to no more than one building lot. By Petition. Motion passed as amended adding from The Selectmen etc. on.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: Thomas Batchelder spoke about the Building Renovation. Need another committee to continue to work on the building renovations.

Thank you to John Tuthill for his job done as the Solid Wast District Representative. John spoke and thanked Debbie Hinman for being the Alternate.

Meeting recessed at 8:53 PM to count ballots.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Longley
Town Clerk
## DEBITS

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**TOTAL DEBITS**

$1,084,436.81 $88,522.27

## CREDITS

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**TOTAL DEBITS** $36,734.86 $53,896.11 $38,718.91 $4,192.63

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### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the records of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk and the Trustees and have found them to be correctly recorded and properly vouched.

Cheryl A. Fernald
Auditor
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2000

FROM TAX COLLECTOR

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FROM TOWN CLERK

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FROM STATE

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**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

- 12/31/99 Balance: 285977.00
- **GRAND TOTAL**: 1436178.00
- Less payments and net bank charges: (1240446.00)
- 12/31/00 Balance in MMA: 195732.00
- Plus Chk Acc’t Balance: + 885.00
- LESS Gove Land Bonds: (2750.00)
- Ending Balance: 193867.00

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT – SBW**

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**BUTSON GRAVEL BANK ESCROW – CRB**

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## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION
### TOWN OF ACWORTH 2000

#### Value of Land Only -
- 18,287.26 acres

#### Residential
- 16,238,660

#### Total of Taxable Land
- 17,616,700

#### Value of Buildings Only

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<td>Tax Exempt &amp; Non-Taxable (1,008,350)</td>
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#### Public Utilities
- 1,356,928

#### Valuation Before Exemptions -
- 45,908,778

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#### Net Valuation on which Tax Rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is Computed
- 45,768,778

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#### Utility Summary - Electric

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#### Tax Credits - Disabled Veterans
- $700/$1,400 (1) $700

#### Other War Service Credits
- $50/$100 (49/1) $2,475

#### Total Number & Amount
- 3,175

#### In Lieu of Taxes

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### Current Use Report

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**Removed From Current Use**
- **During Current Year**: 3 acres

**Total # of Owners Granted Current Use**: 192

**Total # of Parcels In Current Use**: 411
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division

2000 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: Acworth

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Approved Town/City Tax Effort: 200,786 TOWN RATE 4.39

SCHOOL PORTION

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COUNTY PORTION

Due to County 180,937
Less: Shared Revenues (1,046)

Approved County Tax Effort 179,891

COUNTY R.A.T.E 3.93
TOTAL RATE 23.50

Total Property Taxes Assessed 1,067,411
Less: War Service Credits (3,175)
Add: Village District Commitment(s) -0-
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT 1,064,236

PROOF OF RATE

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TOWN/CITY: Acworth

Analysis of Values Assigned to Local and Cooperative School District(s)

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*Pay These Amounts to School(s)
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Registrations $ 75,454.00
Dog Licenses & Penalties 904.50

Total remitted to Treasurer $ 76,358.50

Brenda Longley
Town Clerk
ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY
2000 FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance Operation Funds 2,445.95
Beginning Balance Savings Funds 19,623.88
Beginning Balance CD #1 16,369.40
Beginning Balance CD #2 14,918.31

Town Appropriation
  Received From Treasurer 5,348.11
  Salaries Paid by Treasurer 7,541.00
  Soc. Sec. Paid by Treasurer 576.89

Income From Trust Funds 4,005.73
Interest on Savings & CD1 1,210.07
Book Sales & Misc. 351.05
Misc. Copy Fee & Services 111.30
Craft Fair 260.00

Donations Designated 250.00
Misc. Donations 150.00

Total Available 73,161.69
Total Put In Trust 16,838.67

Total Spent Operating 16,217.13
Total Spent Capital 3,830.37
Balance Available 36,275.52

Balance In Operating Funds 2,736.80
Balance In Temp Savings 16,433.76
Balance in CD #1 17,104.96

TOTAL 36,275.52
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Selectmen’s Report 2000

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank Earl Luther for his many years of service to them and their forefathers. Earl is retiring from his role as Administrative Assistant to the board and frankly we are wondering what we will do without him.

This has been a quiet yet productive year for the selectmen. We have drawn up a tentative plan to enlarge the town hall, because we find time and time again that there is not nearly enough space to accommodate all the activity that needs to go on in the hall. The tax collector moved into the selectmen’s office this year with computer equipment and files. We are now generating most all of the necessary documents for the town from our own computers and software and this takes more space than we have. The Board feels strongly that it is time to enlarge and restore or rebuild our town offices. The present town hall has seen its share of use over the years and is too small for many of our gatherings and records that will be historical need to be preserved for the future. Many of our town committees wish to have space in which to hold meetings and store their files, the old hall just cannot accommodate them. The proposed changes to the hall would not increase this year’s budget, as we are using surplus monies for the first year of the project. The remaining funds would be appropriated over a three-year period at $25,000.00 per year.

This has also been a year in which many changes in Current Use have taken place. Letters were sent out to all CU landowners encouraging them to submit information to the Board about their property. Approximately one third complied with the request. Changes have been made and will be seen on the spring tax bill.

We now have a third man on the road crew full time and the Board is pleased with the work that is being accomplished.

The Board, as directed by the 1999 town meeting, sold one piece of property.

The Selectmen have set up a town web site to help the public stay better informed about issues of concern. The address is: http://www.acworthtown-nh.com/ There you will find local information, important notices from the Board of Selectmen, and direct links to these representatives: Senator Disnard, Reps. Bob Odell and James Phinizy and Selectmen, Penny Amell and John Balla.

The total tax impact for the proposed 2001 budget as it stands is zero. Please note that for a $100,000 assessed home the Town of Acworth only receives $400. in actual revenue. We are proud of the members of town committees who work hard to bring you responsible budgets and to remain within their spending limits.

From this year’s budget we also purchased a computer for the Town clerk’s office, and will plan to purchase software for the state licensing of vehicles in the future.

Respectfully,
Lyman A Young
John Balla
Camelia Amell
The planning board met 12 times during the year 2000 and acted on various items of town business including a number of minor subdivisions. Effective September 7, the National Flood Insurance Program was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) making flood insurance available to Acworth property owners. The flood hazard boundary map does not accurately locate the houses in the flood plan, but FEMA will at some point help us with a clearer definition.

The planning board paid its dues to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) and continues to receive assistance on a number of important issues, help with updating of the subdivision regulations so that they are consistent with state RSA's is underway. Of particular concern is future construction on class VI roads. Rich Bishop was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be a second commissioner to UVLSRPC along with Debby Hinman who has been a commissioner.

It is hoped that the planning board can publish an updated Acworth Comprehensive Master Plan this year. This plan is the basis for decision making on many issues that come before the town. We will seek assistance from UVLSRPC in accomplishing this publication.

Discussion has begun on the establishment of a Telecommunication Tower Ordinance for the town of Acworth. Evidence of the need for such an ordinance has been accumulating. These towers constitute a commercial use of Acworth property by developers and thereby need specific regulations to control construction, inspections, bonding, removal of abandoned towers, site impacts and other related issues.

There have been suggestions of a need to develop an Acworth Capital Improvements Program, a recommended planning board activity by the NH Office of State Planning. 60% of NH towns have such a program. It could assist in planning for improved town offices, environmental easements, elderly assistance, and other matters.

It has also been suggested that Historic District Regulations be developed and that a formalizing of development impact fees be considered.

The citizens of Acworth are invited to attend planning board meetings and participate in consideration of any of the above or other planning board matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Bishop, Chairman
John Balla, Selectmen
Betsey Snider, Secretary
Thomas Esslinger
Bill Symonds
Bruce Bascom
Brenda Longley
ACWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT
2000 TOWN REPORT

2000 has seen a slight increase in calls over the previous year. 1999 saw 1928 calls. In 2000 the department handled 2,103 calls, this is an increase of 175 calls over last year. Again I show the trend in community usage of the Police Department. 1996 = 148 calls, 1997 = 581 calls, 1998 = 926 calls, 1999 = 1928 calls, 2000 = 2103 calls. Motor vehicle accidents have increased slightly over last year. 1999 = 18, 2000 = 23. Domestic problems and suicide calls are on a rise over the previous year. 1999 = 11, 2000 = 15. Numerous road signs have been taken or vandilized this year. The police department is continuing to recover monies owed the town from dogs and illegal dumping activities. Vandalism is still a problem with mailboxes. No one has come forward with any information on the damage done to the Post Office located on Hill Road, despite offering a reward. Break-ins are on the rise and the department is requesting that you notify them if you see anything out of the ordinary. Four subjects are now in custody and further arrests are coming. Building and property checks are being used more to control break-ins.

The following is a breakdown of the calls received by the department.

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I would like to thank the citizens of Acworth for their continued support of the Department, and all the other agencies as well. Another year with a great job done. Again I remind you to call the department with your complaints. It may not seem very important to you at the time, but your call may be one of the missing pieces I need to solve a case. The telephone numbers to contact the Police Departmen are as follows:

**911 - Emergency • 542-7040 - Police Dispatch**

I am in touch with Dispatch 24 hours a day.

David A. Webber, Chief
The library continues to grow. In the past year we had 1,128 patron visits and 72 class visits from Acworth School students. 3,504 books, videos, audios, and magazines were circulated. The collection continues to grow as well, with approximately 7,675 books in the collection as of December 2000.

The library is an active participant in the New Hampshire Automated Information Service offered by the New Hampshire State Library. This allows us to borrow books for our patrons through the interlibrary loan system. It also allows us to loan books held in our collection to other libraries. In 2000 we loaned 23 books to other libraries and borrowed for our patron use 70 books, and already in January of 2001 I am seeing an increase in ILL activity.

Participation in NHAIS also provides us with the help and expertise of the various technicians and librarians at the state library as well as no cost workshops in all areas of library techniques. In December, David Harris of Newwork Services came to Acworth for a three hour training session. It is wonderful to have such support at the state level.

Thank you to all the patrons, friends of the library, and Trustees who have been so warm and welcoming. Acworth has a wonderful library and wonderful people who support it. I look forward to a long and happy relationship with you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Shaw
Library Administrator
This year began with the installation of a roadside sign for the library. The sign has made it easier for the casual passerby to notice the library and the hours it serves the community. We hope it has helped the community in this way.

Chairmanship of the Library was committed to Dennis Eaton after Carolyn Jerard notified us that she would not run again as a library trustee. Thank you very much for all your hard work!

New members to the Acworth library trustees were Ella Brown and David McWethy. Ella has proven a tremendous asset as co-treasurer with Ruth Balla and for her artistic flair for window decorations. David has proved invaluable with his contacts in the community and his technology expertise.

The Board of Trustees thanks our longest standing members, Maggie Hanson and Ruth Balla. They are a never-ending source of history as well as information and instruction in Acworth politics and protocol. You two are invaluable to the effective running of the library!

With so much change and turnover in board members it was decided that all new locks and keys should be installed. A new carpet was donated by the Friends of the Library for the children's room. Thank you very much for a beautiful carpet! The floors were refinished and a new vacuum cleaner purchased to ensure the library stays clean. The handicapped entrance to the library was finally completed with a stylish copper-clad roof built by Site Specific.

In October, Devik Hemming submitted her resignation. We will miss her much. The Acworth library was fortunate to hire a qualified librarian, Holly Shaw, from Charlestown in November. She has been very busy settling in and has added a very professional touch to the library. We are most thankful for our library assistant, Barbara Clark, who filled in for the weeks when we were without an administrator! She did a superb job and made the transition smooth.

Internet access at the library has been changed and we are now experiencing faster connections. Please visit the Acworth library's web page at: http://arakis.sugar-river.net/~acworthlibrary/ Please send your questions and comments into the wishing well there.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis W. Eaton
Chair, Library Trustees
January 22, 2001
It's been a busy year for the Highway Department with changes in personnel and equipment. We have kept a steady effort to keep our roads in the best condition and there were no major storms or disasters to distract from our regular maintenance program. 

In personnel, Gary Carle went back to trucking over the road and we hired John Lyman in his place. He is doing a fine job for us. We were sorry to see Wayne Ring resign and will miss him. He worked with us for 12 years. Robert Phinney of Gilsum was hired to drive the Mack truck and he is also working out very well. We also had part time, temporary help this past summer to assist with the cutting of brush along the roadways.

This past year, we graded roads twice and ditches were cleaned out on Grout Hill, Tucker, Derry Hill, Turkey Shoot, Quinns, Pfhols, Cold Pond, Smiths, Lynn Hill, Black North, Putnams, Bascom and Ryans roads. Brush was cut on Grout Hill, Derry Hill, Heino, Bud's, Ryan, Tucker, Five Points, Moody, Black North (on Quaker City side), Forest, Gates Mt. and Beryl Mt. roads. Gravel was hauled and spread on Cold Pond, Black North, Putnam, Gates Mt., Grout Hill, Tucker, Livermore, Heino, Inbare, Black North (Quaker City side) Lynn Hill, Keyes Hollow, Parsons, Ryan roads. Under drains were done on Ryan and Black North roads. Hot top was put on Derry Hill road. Next year the department hopes to hot top on Cold Pond road (before dirt section) as well as East Acworth and Beryl Mt. roads and hopefully, Forest Road. Mowing was also done along Lynn Hill Road.

Equipment changes include the FWD truck being traded in on a newer Mack 4WD. The Department now has two trucks that can perform the same type of work giving us more flexibility and more efficient service. 

Storm runoff has presented us with a problem where Lynn Hill road meets the State road intersection and we hope to tar this section to alleviate the washout and drop off where tar and dirt meet. This will also take care of the issue of cars digging in as they accelerate going up hill.

Under discussion is the hot topping of Cold Pond Road, (dirt section). I recommend this project as there has been increased traffic on that road and to maintain it properly will require adding more gravel to keep it in shape. This will require the addition of some 6 to 8 inches of gravel (about 7,800 yards) to protect the carpet previously laid. We estimate that this additional material will cost approximately $46,800 and will not permanently solve the problem. Hot topping may be a better investment in the long run.

We would also like to thank residents for their cooperation and patience during the year while we work to keep Acworth's roads in top condition.

Don Porter,
Road Agent
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Marguerite Hamson
Alison W. Barrett
Kathy Bradt

Trustees

$224,929.16
The Conservation Easements
The Conservation Commission continued its monitoring of the four conservation easements in town including a morning spent with Laura Pfister of the Office of State Planning as several members met with Paul and Verna Thibault, owners of the Raymond and Evelyn Roy property.

The Pierce Brook property was sold earlier this year to Frederick and Else Ernst with whom members have examined much of the property. The Ernst's are preparing a management plan for the 500 acre parcel. He has been constructively engaged with others in the preparation of such a plan.

We learned of a new statewide program, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) which assists municipalities with funds to help landowners place permanent easements on their property. As this goes to print, the commission is filing a warrant article seeking funds from the town and advice from voters on how to proceed in this matter. The landowner of a large property is interested in placing an easement on his lands with financial help of the LCHIP process. The commission is ready to move forward on this pending the vote at town meeting.

Logging
Each month, the commission examines the Intents to Cut filed by property owners or their loggers. This year we had 23 Intents cross our desk. Stumpage prices were good all year and a lot of logs left town. Landowners are always encouraged to seek the services of a licensed forester prior to selling timber rights. The commission encourages forest management practices that will allow the owner to realize revenues while increasing the conservation value of the land. Sullivan County Forester, Steve Wood (863-9200), is available to make a visit to your property at no expense. Our part time town forester, Peter Rhoades, (835-2346) is able to point you in helpful directions as well. The Commission has many materials available on this topic, including sample contracts. Call us and ask! (863-3735 Stephens or 835-2309 Hinman)

Town Forest
Established by town vote in 1997, the Gove Forest is a +/- 287 acre parcel located in the northeast corner of the town of Acworth, in the headwaters of the Cold River watershed. Timber management, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, outdoor education and recreation are the management goals established and followed by the Town Forest Advisory Committee and the Town Forester, partners with the commission. Specific information about these goals and about the forest may be found in the Gove Forest Management Plan by Peter Rhoades as well as the 1998 graduate report on wildlife habitat by G. Cohen and R. Wood of the Antioch Graduate School. Both are on file at the library and at the town hall.

Following the positive vote at the 2000 town meeting, a critical, privately-owned 16 acre parcel within the forest was purchased and formally added to the town forest in August. A loan for $15,000 was approved by the town for this purchase, to be repaid out of future revenues from the forest.

The first selective timber harvest from the Gove Forest was begun in December following the guidelines of the Management Plan. Thanks to the diligent efforts of our Town Forester, Peter Rhoades, and of the logger involved, Northwoodlands Inc., the impact of this exemplary cut was carefully controlled. Slash was cut to within four feet of the ground. All harvesting took place during frozen ground conditions to prevent rutting. Main skid roads were left free of debris to facilitate recreational access. Damage to remaining trees was minimized. No cutting took place within 100 feet of waterways.

The +/- 12 acre harvest tract yielded a net return of $8,000 paid to the Acworth Town Forest Maintenance Fund. As promised, the Conservation Commission will reimburse a portion of these proceeds to the town for partial payment of the aforementioned loan, retaining the rest for forest management and expenses.

In addition to planning for a second timber harvest next winter, we are planning a work day and forest hike in the early spring. We will grade and seed the log landing on Gove Road, maximizing it as a forest opening for wildlife. Trails throughout the forest continue to be maintained and used by the Crescent Lake Riders Snowmobile Club. We appreciate their continued careful use of the property.
Water and wetlands
Water and wetlands concerns continue in several ways. Efforts on Crescent Lake included our regular water quality testing in partnership with the Unity Conservation Commission. Water turbidity is aggravated by heavy powerboat use and high water levels. Sand replenishment on beaches is restricted by the Shoreland Protection Act. Some building permit applications often fall within our town conservation zone as well. We have continued to examine building permit applications near the lake and other waters when the selectboard brings them to our attention.

We assisted in getting a septic violation at the lake resolved and examined dock permit applications to the State. We have been involved on Crescent Lake with a State review of and recommendations for the dam which is maintained by the Crescent Lake Association.

The Commission has continued to work toward a clearer definition of Acworth’s Conservation Zone (100 feet from water), including a search for useful language in State regulations but this needs further work.

The Witcowiez property, adjacent to the Town Wetlands, was sold with the single dwelling deed restriction as passed at town meeting last year. We want to examine all town owned lands this year to characterize their conservation attributes to be better prepared for future sale considerations by the town. New law restricts town proceeds from such sales to only the taxes in arrears and expenses.

Greenup Day
While we participated in Greenup Day this year, the Commission is very grateful to Barbara Davis and her 4H Club for the primary organizing of, and work on, the roadside pickup of trash in May. As an example of the litter on our roads, the workers who cleaned from Raymond Roy’s house to the Charlestown line, which was done last year as well, filled enough trash bags to completely fill two Subaru station wagons, front and back, and enough tires and larger trash to fill half a truck. It is a discouraging task that many people in town undertake each year and we thank them!

Outreach and Training
Education and coordination with our neighbors included the following:
- Members attended the day long annual NH Association of Conservation Commissions meeting in Concord which included workshops on many pertinent topics.
- We hosted an informational evening with the Unity and Lempster Commissions, inviting Barbara Fales of NH DES to address wetland permitting procedures.
- Our commission, planning board members, and two selectboard members attended a Cold River Watershed meeting for municipal officials held at the Alstead Firestation. This meeting examined water quality issues and responsibilities of the different town boards.
- We continue to work with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and the Cold River Local Advisory Committee to make information available to municipal officials and landowners.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections
While we did not host a household hazardous waste collection in 2000, we have worked with the Recycling Committee to arrange 8-12 dates for 2001 which we will publicize when they are known. This program is partly supported by grant money available through the City of Keene’s Recycling Center and is available to homeowners at no charge. We strongly encourage you to learn of these opportunities to keep your households free of potential pollutants by discarding them properly at the Keene facility.

Finally, we are grateful for the obvious affection that Acworth citizens hold for the fields, woods and waters around us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Stephens, Chair and Debby Hinman, Vice Chair
Water Quality Protection Regulations

Wetlands

*State of New Hampshire* permits are required for all excavation, removal, dredging, filling or construction *in or on the bank* of any fresh surface water or wetlands. Surface waters include lakes, rivers, brooks and perennial and seasonal streams. Wetlands are areas saturated with ground or surface water enough to support certain vegetation which grows in saturated soil conditions. **Questions:** Call the NH Wetlands Bureau, 271-2147. **Applications:** Acworth Town Clerk.

Shoreland Protection Act

All property within 250 feet of the banks of Crescent Lake is subject to the *State of New Hampshire’s* Shoreland Protection Act. Among other things, this Act requires certain setbacks for all buildings and leachfields, maintenance of a natural woodland buffer, minimum lot frontage, and restrictions on the use of fertilizers. *NH Wetland permits* are needed for construction/repair of docks/piers. Prepare early in case your permit takes awhile to be issued. **Questions:** Call Jody Connor at DES, 271-3514. **Applications:** See Acworth Town Clerk.

Acworth’s Conservation Zone

In addition to the above, and per Acworth’s *Conservation Zone regulations* established in 1973, no buildings may be constructed within 100 feet of “all streambanks and shores of all natural ponds and lakes”. Only specific other uses are permitted within this range. Building Permit denial by the Select Board may be taken to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for special enumerated exceptions after review by the Acworth Conservation Commission.

For More Information

Please check with the Planning Board (Rich Bishop, Chair), Conservation Commission (Sam Stephens, Chair), or Selectmen (Lyman Young, Chair) if you are unsure whether or not you need a permit for activities such as logging, building or expanding a driveway, installing culverts, replacing or creating a dock or pier, or construction/renovations of any sort. **Landowners are responsible for knowing the proper procedures** required on any and all work done on their property. In addition, **contractors and loggers are held responsible** for following all state and town permitting procedures and best management practices. Be sure: ask!

The Acworth Newsletter has all town committee meetings posted on the back sheet of each issue. Con Com (2nd Wed) Planning Bd (4th Wed) BOS (alt Mondays) ZBA (as needed)

Updated or printed on 02/06/2001 by the Acworth Conservation Commission
ACWORTH HEALTH OFFICER
2000 REPORT

As Town Health Officer I did the following duties during the year 2000; two inspections for foster care, walked property to inspect a sewer that was seeping above ground and corresponded with the owner and his realtor. I did an inspection for water and sewer for the reason of a home sale. I also met with Louise Hannan who is the Health Officer Liason, concerning ways she could be helpful to me in performing my job as Health Officer.

Sincerely,

Donna H. Dutton
In 2000, HCS Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Acworth. The following information represents a projection of HCS’s activities in your community in 2000. The projection is based on actual services provided from January to September 2000 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

**SERVICE REPORT**

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* Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 42

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The actual cost of all services provided in 2000 with all funding sources is projected to be $101,128.00.

The total cost of services provided for a partial fee, or at no charge to residents in 2000 is projected to be $969.00 for home care.

For 2001, we request a total appropriation of $5,000.00 to continue to be available if needed for home care services for Acworth residents.

Thank you for your consideration.
LeFevre Ambulance Service, Inc. had another successful year in 2000 and we are proud of the accomplishments of our staff and those with whom we work.

Once again, a member or our organization was honored at the annual Vermont Emergency Medical Service Conference held in Burlington, VT. Carl Matteson, EMT-P was honored as the Paramedic of the year. Carl has dedicated himself to the continuous improvement of our EMS system and serves as an example of LeFevre Ambulance Service’s dedication to provide the highest quality of Emergency Medical Services to this region. We are proud to have some of the finest EMS providers in the region among our staff.

Of course, we would not be able to provide such quality care if it were not for the efforts of the Acworth Fire and Rescue. Their efforts are essential in the provision of the best EMS system that can care for a rural environment. They continue to provide excellent basic care for all the citizens of Acworth and are an important part of our EMS team. We look forward to another year of working closely with the Acworth Fire and Rescue.

LeFevre Ambulance Service has again been active in the area of education. Our staff has been instructing and coordinating EMS courses of all levels for the local EMS district, benefiting all towns and services within the area. We have also been providing CPR and First Aid classes for lay persons, industrial agencies, and EMS providers. Anyone wishing information on these classes is encouraged to call our non-emergency number for information.

LeFevre Ambulance Service holds monthly training sessions at its office in Bellows Falls. Any parties, especially Acworth EMS providers, are encouraged to attend. Please call our non-emergency number for a schedule of training. (802) 463-3636 or 463-9299.

In the year 2000, LeFevre Ambulance Service responded to a total of 35 calls for service in the Town of Acworth. The calls for service break down as follows:

- Emergency Calls (resulting in patient transport) 31
- Emergency Transfers 1
- Paramedic Intercept 1
- No Transport / Canceled Enroute 2

Once again, LeFevre Ambulance Service wishes to thank the people of the Town of Acworth for your continuing support and allowing us to service your EMS needs. We look forward to another successful year in the year 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

LEFEVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

William H. Hoyt, President

Our numbers for your convenience:

- Emergency: (802) 463-4223
- Non-Emergency: (802) 463-3636 / 463-9299
- Fax: (802) 463-0023

"WE CARE ABOUT PEOPLE"
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

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

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS
(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

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* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHV, unknown)

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Acworth shipped 300 tons of solid waste to the NH/VT Solid Waste Project for incineration last year at a cost of $20,650. The town paid Gobin Disposal Service $7560 for compactor rental and trucking to Claremont. A smaller amount of construction and demolition material was shipped for disposal by WM Cheshire Sanitation for $6253. Payroll was $6916. An annual payment of $4000 was made to the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District as part of a court settlement. With utilities, supplies and other incidental costs transfer station expenses in 2000 totaled $46,417.

The Wheelabrator Claremont Company reported a fifty ton increase in the town's delivery to the waste incinerator, up from the historical average of 250 tons per year. The 20% jump largely offsets the town's recycling effort. A committee is considering means to reverse this trend and to improve operations at the transfer station.

Recycling and waste reduction save money and conserve resources. Currently the transfer station accepts aluminum cans, tin cans, newspapers, magazines and some clean cardboard for recycling. Glass is collected, crushed and stored onsite. Scrap metal is collected for reprocessing. The town accepts used motor oil and is working to make regular Household Hazardous Waste collection available through the city of Keene's transfer station.

In 2007 the twenty-year contract between Wheelabrator and the Sullivan County waste district will end. The NH/VT Solid Waste Project has closed the ash landfill in Newport and is shipping incinerator ash out-of-state for disposal. It is important that planning begin now for Acworth's future waste management needs.

A large percentage of the trash the town currently sends to landfills and incinerators can be reused. Efficient collection, separation and shipping of waste material can dramatically cut the towns dependence on outside disposal services.

With appreciation to Hank Carr, Bud Smith, Earl Luther and to everyone else who helped during the year at the transfer station.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tuthill
Representative to the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District.

Deborah Hinman
Alternate representative

February 2001
The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit voluntary association of 27 communities in New Hampshire and 3 in Vermont, and has been serving the region since 1963. The principal focus of the Commission's efforts is with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic development, environmental protection, and social growth in the region. We function as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, we work to obtain Federal, State, and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies and projects are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community. Examples of these include the Regional Transportation Plan, the household hazardous waste collections, and ongoing water resource protection planning activities in the Mascoma River, Sugar River, Lake Sunapee, and Cold River watersheds. All NH communities were offered guidance with a program for lowering flood insurance premiums for property owners, and assistance compiling information on proposed conservation projects in preparation for application to the new Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and nonprofit organizations. As a foundation for the region's community and economic development activities, we began work this year on building a computerized database containing locations and other key information on major employers, childcare providers, and assisted housing, as well as general demographic information for each community.

In 2000, a few examples of our work specifically for the Town of Acworth included:

* Provide technical and administrative assistance to support the work of the Cold River Local Advisory Committee.
* Assisted with flood insurance program and required regulations.
* Provided guidance relative to the sale of town land.
* Digitized zoning districts and produced zoning map for distribution with zoning ordinance.

As state agencies and legislatures have recognized the ongoing importance of regional planning, we have received support from New Hampshire and Vermont, both to conduct specific tasks and, more importantly, to be available as a resource for our member communities. We have also enjoyed a close working relationship with the Grafton County Economic Development Council, the Sullivan County Economic Development Council, and the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and we anticipate a continued productive partnership.

Our Commission appreciates Acworth's participation and support, and we look forward to serving your community in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Benjamin D. Frost
Executive Director
### BIRTHS IN TOWN OF ACWORTH

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Special Delivery