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NEW HAMPSHIRE

## *Annual Report*

*Year Ending December 31, 2007*



**Annual Report  
of the  
Officers  
of the  
TOWN  
of  
ORFORD  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**for**

**Year Ending December 31, 2007**

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## TOWN DIRECTORY

Web Site: [www.orfordnh.us](http://www.orfordnh.us)

E-mail: [orfordselectmen@joimail.com](mailto:orfordselectmen@joimail.com)

### SELECTBOARD MEETING

2529 Gov. Meldrim Thomson Scenic Highway (Route 25A), Orford, NH  
Selectboard meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Office to conduct  
Town business; appointments with the public start at 6:00 p.m.

### SELECTBOARD OFFICE

Phone & Fax: 353-4889

Selectboard's office is in the Town Office.

Sheri Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 – 2:30 p.m.

### TOWN CLERK 353-4404

Town Clerk's office is in the Town Office.

Louise Mack, Town Clerk

Office Hours: Tuesday 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### TAX COLLECTOR 353-4831

Louise Mack, Tax Collector

Tax Collector's office is in her home at 59 Archertown Road, Orford, NH.

### PLANNING BOARD MEETING

The Planning Board meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Niles Room at the Town Office. If you need to schedule an appointment, please call  
Peter Dzewaltowski, Planning Assistant (448-1680).

### POLICE DEPARTMENT Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Police Department is in the Town Office.

Todd Gray, Police Chief 353-4252 (office)

### AMBULANCE

CALL 9-1-1

### ANIMAL CONTROL 353-4252 or 353-4889

Roy Daisey, Animal Control Officer

### FIRE DEPARTMENT Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Arthur Dennis, Fire Chief

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Timothy Suprenant, Director  
353-2183

### FIRE PERMITS

Gerald Pease, Fire Warden 353-9070  
Arthur Dennis, Deputy Forest Fire Warden (Fire Chief) 353-4502  
Timothy Hebb, Deputy Forest Fire Warden 353-4496

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 353-9366

Charles Waterbury, Road Agent and Tree Warden

### FREE LIBRARY – Laurel Fulford, Librarian 353-9166

Tuesday and Friday 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 – 11:30 a.m.; Sunday 2 – 5 p.m.

### SOCIAL LIBRARY – Sarah Putnam, Librarian 353-9756

Monday 3 – 7 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Thursday 3 – 7 p.m.;  
Friday 2 – 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS

### Elected by nonpartisan ballot on Town Meeting Day

#### MODERATOR

Peter Thomson	353-4111	2008	2-Year Term
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#### SELECTBOARD

Peter Dooley	353-4887	2010	3-Year Term
Paul Goundrey	353-9813	2009	3-Year Term
Paul Dalton	353-9844	2008	1-Year Term

#### TREASURER

Carl Cassel	353-4434	2010	3-Year Term
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#### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	2012	6-Year Term
Brenda Smith	353-8114	2010	6-Year Term
Jane Hebb	353-4496	2008	6-Year Term

#### TAX COLLECTOR

Louise Mack	353-4831	2008	3-Year Term
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#### TOWN CLERK

Louise Mack	353-4404	2008	3-Year Term
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#### PLANNING BOARD

Bruce Balch	353-9066	2010	3-Year Term
James McGoff	353-4835	2010	3-Year Term
David Green	353-4160	2009	3-Year Term
Alan Martin	353-9411	2009	3-Year Term
Sam Hanford	353-9678	2008	3-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler, Chairman	272-9202	2008	3-Year Term
Paul Dalton	353-9844		Ex Officio

### Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day

#### OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Selectmen	353-4889	2008	1-Year Term
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#### FENCE VIEWERS

Mark Marsh	353-9007	2008	1-Year Term
H. Horton Washburn	353-4570	2008	1-Year Term

#### HEALTH OFFICER

Board of Selectmen	353-4889	2008	1-Year Term
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#### SEXTON

Cemetery Commission		2008	1-Year Term
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## ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

### Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day

#### **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

James Hook	353-4834	2008	1-Year Term
Robert Palifka	353-9367	2008	1-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	2008	1-Year Term
Paul Carriero	353-9993	2008	1-Year Term
Herbert Verry	353-9450	2008	1-Year Term

#### **ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Christie Manning	353-9343	2010	3-Year Term
Carol Boynton	353-4874	2009	3-Year Term
Susan Kling	353-9166	2008	3-Year Term

#### **ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY**

Gail Keefer	353-4425	2010	3-Year Term
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#### **FIRE WARDS**

Arthur Dennis	353-4502	2008	1-Year Term
James Hook	353-4834	2008	1-Year Term
Larry Taylor	353-9865	2008	1-Year Term

#### **PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS**

Nathan Tullar	353-4263	2010	3-Year Term
Brad McCormack	353-4469	2009	3-Year Term
John O'Brien	353-9857	2009	3-Year Term
Tim Ruff	353-9722	2009	3-Year Term
Paul Goundrey, Chairman	353-4793	2008	3-Year Term

#### **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Seth Carter	353-9222	2010	3-Year Term
Joe Davis	353-9725	2009	3-Year Term
Mark Blanchard	353-9873	2008	3-Year Term

#### **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Joseph Arcolio	353-9504	2010	3-Year Term
Jane Hebb	353-4496	2009	3-Year Term
Paul Messer, Sr.	353-4883	2008	3-Year Term

### Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

#### **AUDITOR**

Plodzick & Sanderson	225-6996	2008	1-Year term
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#### **FIRE CHIEF**

Arthur Dennis	353-4502	2008	1-Year Term
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## ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

### Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

#### **POLICE CHIEF**

Todd Gray	353-4252	2008	1-Year Term
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#### **ROAD AGENT**

Charles Waterbury	353-9366	2008	1-Year Term
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#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Timothy Surprenant	353-2183	2008	1-Year Term
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#### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Roy Daisey	353-9534	2008	3-Year Term
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#### **NILES FUND COMMITTEE**

Elizabeth Bischoff	353-4526	2007	1-Year Term
David Coker	353-4104	2007	1-Year Term
David Green	353-4160	2007	1-Year Term
Tara Mitchell	353-9012	2007	1-Year Term
Paul Dalton	353-9844		Ex Officio

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Tom Bubolz	353-4303	2010	3-Year Term
Mark Marsh	353-9007	2010	3-Year Term
Thomas Thomson	353-4488	2009	3-Year Term
Sarah Schwaegler	272-4817	2009	3-Year Term
Bry Beeson, Chairman	353-4311	2008	3-Year Term
Emily Bryant	353-9033	2008	3-Year Term
Robb Day	353-4140	2008	3-Year Term
Molly McHugh	353-9612	2008	Alternate

#### **TREE WARDEN**

Charles Waterbury	353-9366	2008	1-Year Term
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#### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR FLOOD PLAINS**

Emily Bryant	353-9033	2008	3-Year Term
Paul Messer	353-4883	2008	3-Year Term
Taylor Soper	353-9972	2008	3-Year Term
Rendell Tullar	353-4860	2008	3-Year Term
Shawn Washburn	353-4207	2008	3-Year Term

#### **INSPECTORS OF ELECTION**

**Term from November 2006 to October 31, 2008**

Patricia Hammond	353-9846	2008	2-Year Term
Betty Messer	353-4883	2008	2-Year Term
Judith Parker	353-4882	2008	2-Year Term
Victoria Schwaegler	272-9202	2008	2-Year Term



**TOWN OF ORFORD  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**March 13, 2007**

**GRAFTON, ss.**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The polls were opened at 4:00 p.m. The ballots were counted (679 plus 17 absentees). The voting began for the Town Officers and Amendment on the Flood Plain Ordinance on the Australian Ballot.

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Orford was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Moderator Peter M Thomson, who led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

The following announcements were made —

Paul Goundrey recognized Ann Green and Stuart Corpieri for their service and help to the Town as Selectmen.

Ann Green recognized Paul Dalton who has served on the Planning Board for seventeen years. Ann also mentioned that the Friends of the Library were going to redo the Phone Book and asking people to please update their listing available at the table in the back.

Peter Thomson mentioned that copies of the update for the Flood Planning Ordinance were at the front table if anyone was interested.

Peter also recognized some of the people who were present, like Julia Fifield, at age 101 who holds our Boston Cane, Elizabeth Bischoff who served very years on Planning Board and Selectman, and his mother Gale Thomson who is 87 and will be helping him boiling sap tomorrow. "It is great to have people like these who are dedicated to getting out and being a part of what this country is all about."

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Offices.

**Officers elected from the floor:**

For one year:	<b>Overseers of Public Welfare</b>	Board of Selectmen
For one year:	<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Mark Marsh H. Horton Washburn
For one year:	<b>Health Officer</b>	Board of Selectmen
For one year:	<b>Sexton</b>	Cemetery Commission

For one year: <b>Budget Advisory Committee</b>	Paul Carreiro James Hook Robert Palifka Andrew Schwaegler Herbert Verry
For three years: <b>Orford Free Library Trustee</b>	Christie Manning
For three years: <b>Orford Social Library Trustee</b>	Gail Keefer
For one year: <b>Fire Wards</b>	Arthur Dennis James Hook Larry Taylor
For three years: <b>Parks and Playgrounds</b>	Nathan Tullar
For three years: <b>Trustees of Trust Funds</b>	Seth Carter
For three years: <b>Cemetery Commission</b>	Joseph Arcolio

A motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Paul Goundrey to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and it was passed with a voice vote in affirmative.

A motion was made by Carl Cassel and seconded by Bry Beeson that we consider Article 13 at this time. It was passed by a voice vote in the affirmative.

### **ARTICLE 13: (By Petition)**

Resolution to Impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney.

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush, in his oath of office, swore to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States;” and

WHEREAS, Vice President Richard B. Cheney, in his oath of office, swore to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic;” and

WHEREAS, It is a fundamental principle of U.S. jurisprudence that no one is above the law and no one may operate outside of our constitutional system of checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney conspired with others to defraud the United States of America by intentionally misleading Congress and the public regarding the threat from Iraq in order to justify attacking and invading that country in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush has admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance of U.S. citizens without seeking warrants from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Court, duly constituted by Congress in 1978 for the purpose of approving such warrants, thus violating Title 50 United States Code, Section 1805; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney conspired to commit the torture

of prisoners in violation of the "Federal Torture Act" Title 18 United States Code, Section 113C, the UN Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention, which under Article VI of the Constitution are part of the "supreme Law of the Land"; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney acted to strip American citizens of their constitutional rights by ordering indefinite detention without access to legal counsel, without charge and without the opportunity to appear before a civil judicial officer to challenge the detention, based solely on the discretionary designation by the President of a U.S. citizen as an "enemy combatant", all in subversion of law; and

WHEREAS, The President has demonstrated contempt for Congress and our constitutional system of checks and balances by issuing "signing statements" through which he has asserted the authority to disregard more than 750 laws enacted by Congress, and signed into law by him, if in his judgment those laws conflict with his interpretation of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, In all of this George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney have acted in a manner contrary to their trust as President and Vice President, subversive of constitutional government to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of Orford, New Hampshire and of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Petitions from the country at large may be presented by the Speaker of the House according to Clause 3 of House Rule XII;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney, by such conduct, warrant impeachment and trial, and, if found guilty, removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Town of Orford, that our senators and representatives in the United States Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to cause to be instituted in the Congress of the United States proper proceedings for the investigation of the activities of the President George W. Bush and the Vice President Richard B. Cheney, to the end that they may be impeached and removed from such office;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Clerk of the Town of Orford be, and is hereby, instructed to certify to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, under the seal of the Town of Orford a copy of this resolution and its adoption by the Town of Orford as a petition, and request that this petition be delivered to the Office of the Clerk and entered in the United States Congressional Journal.

After some discussion Carl Cassel called the question. It was seconded by Peter Dooley to vote on the article. A voice was made in the affirmative to vote, but a paper ballot was requested. There were 170 ballots cast: Yes – 67 and No – 103.

*The article was defeated.*

### **ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and twenty-four thousand eight hundred seventy-two dollars (\$924,872) for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required.)

**General Government**

Executive	\$ 66,816
Election	25,373
Financial Administration	62,127
Revaluation of Property	21,688
Legal Expenses	22,000
Personnel Administration	67,437
Planning Board	7,569
General Government Buildings	17,480
Cemeteries	19,371
Insurance	16,403
Regional Association	1,319
Contingency Fund	3,000

**Public Safety**

Police	130,613
Ambulance	16,365
Fire Department	26,702
Emergency Management	750

**Highways and Bridges**

Highways	270,168
Bridges	6,000
Street Lighting	5,760

**Sanitation**

Solid Waste Collection	2,550
Solid Waste Disposal	39,400

**Health**

Animal Control	6,118
Health Agency	6,484

**Welfare**

Direct Assistance	4,500
Intergovernmental Welfare	4,500

**Culture and Recreation**

Parks and Playgrounds	24,644
Libraries	29,516
Patriotic Purposes	780

**Conservation**

Other Conservation	1,650
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**Debt Service**

Principal - Long Term Bonds	6,310
Interest - Long Term Bonds	974

**Improvements Other Than Buildings**

Microfilming of Town Historical Records	300
Restoration of Town Historical Records	2,700
Maintenance of Community Field	7,500

A motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Ann Green. After a discussion a voice vote was taken in the affirmative

*The article passed.*

Then Moderator Thomson was questioned as to whether Article 13 was done correctly according to parliamentary procedure. It was believe that no one made a motion to vote on this Article so he suggested that we vote it again. He suggested that someone make a motion to support the article and someone second it to satisfy the people in the back. This was done by Peter Dooley and seconded by Tom Thomson. After a lot of discussion John Richardson made a point of order which was seconded by Peter Dooley. Then after some more discussion Ludlow Flower called the question and we had another paper ballot. There were 191 ballots cast the second time with Yes – 82 and No – 109.

*The article was again defeated.*

**ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$108,500) for payment into the following capital reserve funds as follows:

Road Improvement CRF (1989)	10,000
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	20,000
Grader CRF (1983)	8,000
Highway Dept Trucks CRF (1983)	46,000
Reappraisal CRF (1987)	1,000
Loader CRF (1983)	7,000
Police Cruiser CRF (1978)	8,000
Tractor/Mower – P & P CRF (1992)	5,000
Heavy Equipment Maintenance CRF (2003)	2,500
Wildfire Suppression Fund CRF (2004)	1,000

The motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Peter Dooley. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

*The article passed.*

**ARTICLE 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$135,900) for the purchase of a new 2008 #2 truck with plow and sander, including an extended 7-year warranty, to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000) from the Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the current truck for \$22,000 to be applied to the purchase price and raise the balance through taxation.

The motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Peter Dooley. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

*The article passed.*

**ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) construction of a new handicap ramp at the Town Offices. This article will be non-lapsing, per RSA 32:7, VI, until the project is completed or until 12/31/08.

The motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Peter Dooley.

Mark Blanchard amended the article to move \$200 from the Capital Reserve Fund to close this reserve and raise the balance of \$5800 from taxation. This was seconded by Mark Marsh.

Then we voted on the amended article to raise \$5800 from taxation and withdraw \$200 from the Capital Reserve fund which passed with a voice vote in the affirmative.

*The amended article passed*

**ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$27,300) to pave the parking area and walkway at the Town Offices. This article will be non-lapsing, per RSA 32:7, VI until the project is completed or until 12/31/08.

The motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Stuart Corpieri.

Then Thomas Thomson made a motion to amend the article to \$5,000 to pave only the handicap area and walkway to the Town Offices. This was seconded by George Beaumier. A voice vote was taken to accept the amended motion. Then the motion before us was to raise \$5,000 to pave only the handicap area and walkway to the Town Office. This article will be non-lapsing, per RSA 32:7, VI until the project is completed or until 12/31/08. A voice vote was taken on the amended article in the affirmative.

*The amended article passed.*

**ARTICLE 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase of a new cemetery mower and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Tractor/Mower Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of this article.

The Motion was made by Paul Goundrey and seconded by Ann Green. A voice vote was taken in the affirmative.

*The article passed*

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be deposited into the Tree Care and Replenishment Trust Fund, and designate the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend money from the fund for this purpose without further Town Meeting approval.

The motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Paul Goundrey. A voice vote was taken in the affirmative.

*The article passed*

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for maintenance of the Rivendell Trail.

The motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Paul Goundrey. Sally Tomlinson asked if the \$300 be included in the Municipal operations budget rather than voting in a special article very year. This was seconded by Carl Cassel. After a long discussion the amended article was withdrawn. The original article was put up for voice vote in the affirmative.

*The original article was passed*

**The Ballot Box was closed at 9:30 p.m. and the Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Clerks proceeded to count the ballots for the elected Town Officers and Flood Plain Ordinance.**

**ARTICLE 11:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from interest in the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of planting trees on town-owned property, improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations or individuals of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that other wise might be unattainable.

The motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Paul Goundrey. In the discussion it was brought up wondering if monies appropriate in Article 10 couldn't come out of this fund. It was explained that an application could be made, but they weren't sure how the committee would handle it. And if the expense for repairing the ball field which is in bad shape couldn't come out of this also. It was explained that the ball field was being taken care of in another matter. So a voice vote for the original article was taken in the affirmative.

*The original article was passed*

**ARTICLE 12: (By Petition)**

To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of Climate change which is increasingly harmful in the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Orford, New Hampshire. These actions include: 1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy, 2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment. In addition, The Town of Orford, New Hampshire encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

The motion was made by Sally Tomlinson and seconded by Gary Apfel.

A voice vote was taken in the affirmative.

*The article passed*

#### **ARTICLE 14: (By Petition)**

Whereas, current law fails to authorize Towns the use of the “official ballot” (allowing for absentee voting), during Special Town Meetings considering emergency temporary zoning (RSA 675:4-a); and

Whereas we the citizens recognize that this disenfranchises all voters, unable to physically be present at polling stations for such reasons as work, illness, disability, military service, age, etc.; and

Whereas modifying current laws to authorize Towns the use of the “official ballot” (allowing for absentee voting), would not unduly hinder an expeditious voting process regarding Special Town Meetings considering emergency temporary zoning, therefor be it resolved.

That we, the citizens of Orford, NH, upon passage of the warrant call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking future office to work toward:

Rewriting the appropriate statutes procedural requirements so that their specific intention indicates that Towns must use the “official ballot” (allowing for absentee voting), during Special Town Meetings considering emergency temporary zoning.

The motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Paul Carreiro. After a long discussion Paul Carreiro moved the question, which was seconded by Paul Goundrey.

A voice vote was so close that a show of hands was called. There were 54 Yes and 53 No.

*The article passed*

#### **ARTICLE 15: (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote that in order to maintain an accurate historical record of the communications utilized in the transaction of government business all town boards and departments upon passage of this warrant will:

Both implement and archive digital recordings of full meeting proceedings (in addition to the requirements set for by RSA regarding the documentation of minutes), and that the public sessions (digitally recorded) be available without unnecessary delay on an internet website and at the Town Office in a file format generally available to the public. No recordings of the actual events will be altered.

Be issued and only utilize a Town sponsored email address while conducting electronic communications in the transaction of governmental business

The motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Ann Green. After a long discussion Paul Carreiro made a motion to move the question which was seconded by Peter Dooley. A voice vote was taken which was defeated.

*The article was defeated*



**ARTICLE 16: (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to require that upon passage of the warrant both the Orford Planning Board and Selectboard implement and complete the process necessary to change the town’s regional planning membership from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to the North Country Council, Inc. regional planning commission.

The motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Ann Green. After some discussion Carl Cassel called the question which was seconded by Peter Dooley. A voice vote was taken and it was defeated.

*The article was defeated*

**ARTICLE 17:**

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Hearing no reports Peter Dooley made a motion to pass over this article. Seconded by Paul Goundrey. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

*The article was passed over.*

**ARTICLE 18:**

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Robert Palifka asked what the status was on the Internet. Peter Dooley and Mark Blanchard explained that Topsham Telephone appear on track to install Fiber Optics to homes along the major route in Fairlee and Orford in late Fall or early 2008. Ruth Cserr also said that Wildblue was already providing satellite service. Stuart Corpieri said that Dish Network will be available in April to all interested.

Judith Parker thanked people who have done work for the Town especially those who volunteered their time.

Gerald Pease commented that it only took us 10 minutes to spend \$58,000 where it took us a half an hour to spend \$300.

The results of the Ballots:

**SELECTMEN:** For Three Years

- Peter B. Dooley – 218
- Paul Dalton – 24
- John Bouzoun – 9
- Ann Green – 7
- Ruth Cserr – 4
- Jon Sands – 3
- Paul Messer, David Bischoff – 2 each
- Tom Steketee, Justin Adams, Allen Martin, Bonnie Reid Martin,
- Harold Taylor, Paul Carreiro, Charles Pierce, Ernie Daisey, Ted Cooley,
- Jim McGoff, Richard Hendrick – 1 each

**SELECTMEN:** For One Year

Paul Dalton – 157  
John R. Bouzoun – 148  
Stuart Corpieri, Jon Sands – 2 each  
Jude Parker, Dave Green, Ruth Cserr – 1 each

**TREASURER:** For Three Years

Carl J. Cassel – 278  
Gene Dyke – 2  
Bill Baker, John Bouzoun, Jon Sands, Nancy Cassel – 1 each

**PLANNING BOARD:** For Three Years

Bruce Rodger Balch – 247  
Dave Ricker, Larry Taylor, Sally Tomlinson, Carl Schmidt,  
Ruth Cserr – 2 each  
Paul Carreiro, Rite Pease, Jon Sands, Tim Ruff, Jude Parker,  
Paul Dalton, Paul Messer, Jeff Winagle, Theresa Taylor, David Coker,  
Mark Marsh, Joyce McKee – 1 each

**PLANNING BOARD:** For Three Years

James E. McGoff – 220  
Paul Dalton – 4  
John Bouzoun – 3  
Paul Messer, Andrew Locke, Sally Tomlinson, Tim Ruff,  
Ann Green – 2 each  
Porter Miller, Robert Palifka, Peter Tse, Dave Ricker, Justin Adams,  
Craig Putnam, Ruth Cserr, Carl Schmidt, Chase Kling, Helene Nagy,  
Emily Bryant, Stuart Corpieri – 1 each

**Amend Flood Plain Ordinance:** Yes – 222 No – 54

**The motion was made by Carl Cassel and seconded by Peter Dooley to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM. The ballots were sealed at 10:40 PM.**

The foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Louise M. Mack, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ORFORD  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
2008**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD, County of Grafton, in said state, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rivendell Gymnasium in said Orford on Tuesday the 11th of March next at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1.**

To choose all necessary Town Officers. The polls will be open from four o'clock in the afternoon and will close no earlier than nine o'clock in the evening for you to cast your ballot for the following officers:

Moderator	2-Year Term
Selectmen	3-Year Term
Supervisors of Checklist	6-Year Term
Tax Collector	3-Year Term
Town Clerk	3-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term

**ARTICLE 2.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred forty-eight thousand four hundred thirty-four (\$948,434) for general municipal operations.

(Majority vote required.)

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive	\$ 62,606
Election	25,720
Financial Administration	55,820
Revaluation of Property	13,388
Legal Expenses	22,000
Personnel Administration	78,659
Planning Board	7,655
General Government Buildings	14,965
Cemeteries	19,700
Insurance	16,431
Regional Association	1,400
Contingency Fund	3,000

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police	\$ 141,724
Ambulance	16,365
Fire Department	26,720
Emergency Management	6,750

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Highways	\$ 280,806
Bridges	4,549
Street Lighting	5,900

**SANITATION**

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 2,200
Solid Waste Disposal	42,360
Land Fill Closure	4,100

**HEALTH**

Animal Control	\$ 6,118
Health Agency	6,484

**WELFARE**

Direct Assistance	\$ 4,500
Intergovernmental Welfare	4,205

**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 23,481
Libraries	30,296
Patriotic Purposes	850

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** \$ 1,900**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal – Long Term Bonds	\$ 6,310
Interest – Long Term Bonds	972

**IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS**

Microfilming of Town Historical Records	\$ 300
Restoration of Town Historical Records	2,700
Maintenance of Community Field	7,500

*(NOTE: Under RSA 32:5V, the Selectmen are required to indicate whether or not they approve of an appropriation which appears as part of a special warrant article. The notation at the end of the following money articles gives the opinion of the majority of the Board.)*

**ARTICLE 3.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$118,400) for payments into the following Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Road Improvements CRF (1989)	\$ 10,000.
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	\$ 23,000.
Grader CRF (1983)	\$ 16,000.
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1983)	\$ 45,500.
Reappraisal CRF (1987)	\$ 1,000.
Loader CRF (1983)	\$ 6,800.
Police Cruiser CRF (1978)	\$ 6,600.

Tractor/Mower – (P&P) CRF (1992)	\$ 6,000.
Heavy Equipment Maintenance CRF (2003)	\$ 2,500.
Wildfire Suppression Fund CRF (2004)	\$ 1,000.

*(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this article.)*

**ARTICLE 4.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purchase of a used wheeled loader and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Loader Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase. This article will be non-lapsing.

*(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.)*

**ARTICLE 5.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500) for the purpose of establishing and equipping an Emergency Operations Center at the Town Hall, and further, to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and expend monies available from federal and state grant sources, administered by the NH Department of Safety to partially offset the above expenditures. This appropriation will be non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the EOC is completed or by December 31, 2009, which ever is sooner.

The total appropriation in this article has been calculated as follows:

1. \$10,000 for purchase and installation of an emergency generator;
2. \$1,000 for radios compatible with policy, fire and emergency dispatch centers;
3. \$1,000 for emergency overnight staffing (water/food/cots/supplies);
4. \$7,500 to update Orford's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

*(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.)*

**ARTICLE 6.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) to participate in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission collection of household hazardous waste in Lebanon, NH.

*(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.)*

**ARTICLE 7.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be deposited into the Tree Care and Replenishment Trust Fund.

*(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.)*

**ARTICLE 8.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) for maintenance of the Rivendell Trail.

*(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.)*

**ARTICLE 9.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from interest in the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of planting trees on town-owned property, improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations or individuals of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might be unattainable.

*(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.)*

**ARTICLE 10.**

To see if the Town would vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to the Upper Valley Land Trust a Conservation Easement agreement on the Richmond Conservation Land, located on Route 10 Tax Map 0008 - 0093, Lot 70D, at no cost to the Town, for the purpose of ensuring public access and protection of the flora and fauna in perpetuity.

**ARTICLE 11. (By Petition)**

**To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:**

Resolved: We the citizens of Orford, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

**ARTICLE 12.**

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 13.**

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal at Orford the 13th day of February in the year two thousand and eight.

Paul Goundrey  
Paul Dalton  
Peter Dooley  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF ORFORD

#### RETURN OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard for the Town of Orford, do hereby certify that on February 14, 2008 a copy of the warrant was posted at the Orford Post Office and at the Town Office, these being two public places within the Town of Orford, as prescribed in RSA 39 and RSA 669:2.

Paul Goundrey  
Paul Dalton  
Peter Dooley  
TOWN OF ORFORD, SELECTBOARD

## 2008 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuring Year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 or Fiscal Year from January 1, 2008 to December 2008.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)			Appropriations 2007	Actual Expenditures 2007	Recommended Appropriations 2008
Acct. #		Warrant Article #			
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$ 84,048	\$ 77,463	\$ 62,606
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	2	\$ 25,373	\$ 14,681	\$ 25,720
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$ 62,127	\$ 48,809	\$ 55,820
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	\$ 21,688	\$ 10,330	\$ 13,388
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$ 22,000	\$ 19,226	\$ 22,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	\$ 67,437	\$ 66,190	\$ 78,659
4191-4193	Planning Board	2	\$ 7,569	\$ 3,775	\$ 7,655
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$ 17,480	\$ 13,045	\$ 14,965
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$ 19,371	\$ 18,473	\$ 19,700
4196	Insurance	2	\$ 16,403	\$ 15,398	\$ 16,431
4197	Advertising & Regional Associations	2	\$ 1,319	\$ 1,318	\$ 1,400
4199	Contingency Fund	2	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,702	\$ 3,000
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>					
4210-4214	Police	2	\$130,613	\$114,606	\$141,724
4215-4219	Ambulance	2	\$ 16,365	\$ 12,274	\$ 16,365
4220-4229	Fire	2	\$ 26,702	\$ 30,404	\$ 26,720
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	\$ 750	\$	\$ 6,750
<u>HIGHWAY AND STREETS</u>					
4312	Highways & Streets	2	\$270,168	\$261,754	\$280,806
4313	Bridges	2	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,549	\$ 4,549
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$ 5,760	\$ 5,582	\$ 5,900
<u>SANITATION</u>					
4323	Solid Waste Collection	2	\$ 2,550	\$	\$ 2,200
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$ 39,400	\$ 33,424	\$ 42,360
	Land Fill Closure		\$ -0-	\$ 4,118	\$ 4,100
<u>HEALTH</u>					
4414	Pest Control	2	\$ 6,118	\$ 4,913	\$ 6,118
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	2	\$ 6,484	\$ 6,484	\$ 6,484
<u>WELFARE</u>					
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	2	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,171	\$ 4,500
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	2	\$ 4,505	\$ 4,505	\$ 4,205
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	\$ 24,644	\$ 24,250	\$ 23,481
4550-4559	Library	2	\$ 29,516	\$ 28,173	\$ 30,296
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$ 780	\$ 778	\$ 850
<u>CONSERVATION</u>					
4619	Other Conservation	2	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,900
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 974	\$ 972	\$ 972
4800	<u>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</u>				
	Improvements Other Than Buildings	2	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,505	\$ 10,500
<b><u>SUBTOTAL 1</u></b>			<b>\$924,872</b>	<b>\$860,775</b>	<b>\$948,434</b>



**2008 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 2**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)		Appropriations 2007	Expenditures 2007	Appropriations 2008
		Warrant Article		
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>SPECIAL*</u> <u>WARRANT ARTICLES</u>	<u>#</u>		
	Road Improvement	3	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	Fire Truck	3	20,000	23,000
	Grader	3	8,000	16,000
	Highway Trucks	3	46,000	45,500
	Heavy Equipment Maint.	3	2,500	2,500
	Loader	3	7,000	6,800
	Police Cruiser	3	8,000	6,600
	Reappraisal	3	1,000	1,000
	Tractor/Mower	3	5,000	6,000
	Wildfire Suppression	3	1,000	1,000
	Communication Infrastructure	-	500	-0-
<b><u>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</u></b>				<b>\$118,400</b>

\*Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)		Appropriations 2007	Expenditures 2007	Appropriations 2008
		Warrant Article		
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL**</u> <u>WARRANT ARTICLES</u>	<u>#</u>		
4901	Cemetery Fence Repair	\$ -0-	\$ 441	\$ -0-
4091	Town Offices Handicap Ramp	6	6,000	-0-
4901	Town Offices Paving	7	5,000	-0-
4902	Loader	5	-0-	50,000
4902	#2 Truck	5	135,900	60,538
4902	Mower (Cemetery)	8	5,000	4,670
4909	Rivendell Trail	10	300	300
4909	Tree Care Replenishment	9	3,000	5,380
4909	Niles Fund	11	5,000	2,000
4910	Emergency Operation Ctr.	6	-0-	-0-
<b><u>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</u></b>				<b>\$ 77,850</b>

\*\*"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles." Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

**2008 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 3**

SOURCE OF REVENUE		Estimated Revenue 2007	Actual Revenue 2007	Estimated Revenue 2008
	Warrant Article #			
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>TAXES</u>			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,856	\$ 15,000
3185	Timber Taxes	20,000	18,326	15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-0-	-0-	-0-
3189	Other Taxes	1,500	1,060	1,500
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	5,295	5,078	5,000
	Inventory Penalties	1,000	1,994	1,000
3187	Excavation Tax (2 cents per cu. Yd.)	16	-0-	-0-
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$223,000	\$227,250	\$225,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	10,000	10,571	10,000
3311-3319	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$ 5,000	\$ 26,553	\$ 5,000
	<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351	Shared Revenues	15,000	11,131	12,000
3352	Meals 7 Rooms Tax Distribution	42,000	49,510	42,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	40,000	24,808	25,000
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	10,000	-0-	10,000
3379	<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>	7,500	-0-	7,500
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,443	\$ 12,000
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -0-
3502	Interest on Investments	20,000	21,401	15,000
3503-35-9	Other	15,000	11,918	10,000
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			
	(Truck/Mower 2007) Loader 5,8	\$ 61,000	\$ 60,670	\$ 50,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds			
	Niles Fund 11	5,000	2,000	5,000
	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	<u>50,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>		<b>\$580,311</b>	<b>\$737,569</b>	<b>\$516,000</b>
<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>		<b>2007</b>		<b>2008</b>
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended		\$ 924,872		\$ 948,434
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended		108,500		118,400
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended		<u>182,500</u>		<u>77,850</u>
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended		\$1,215,872		\$1,144,684
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits		<u>580,311</u>		<u>516,000</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		<b>\$ 635,561</b>		<b>\$ 628,684</b>

## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee has worked with the Selectmen and Administrative Assistant again this year during departmental budget request presentations, additional meetings, and the public Budget hearing. Emphasis was placed on trying to keep increases in individual budgets under 3%.

Warrant Articles 2 through 9 to raise and appropriate money, if all passed will yield a total budget of \$1,144,684. This is 6% less than last year's projected \$1,215,872 and the "estimated amount of taxes to be raised" is also down by 1%. For the 2008 budget the estimated amount to be raised by taxes is \$628,684, down from last years \$635,561.

Municipal operations are now \$948,434, up \$23,562 (2.5%) from last year. Highway department costs are also up by 3% from an operating budget of \$281,928 to \$290,255. The operating budget for the Highway department went up only \$8k, with wages and benefits being \$7k of the increase. General Government declined from \$330,583 to 321,344 (-3%). Police department costs are up \$11.1k (8.5%) from \$130,613 to \$141,724. There have been increases of \$3.5k in wages, \$5.2k for prosecution, \$2k for fuel, \$1k for dispatch, but a \$.5k decline elsewhere. These three departments, along with Capital Reserves, make up most of the budget and the increases.

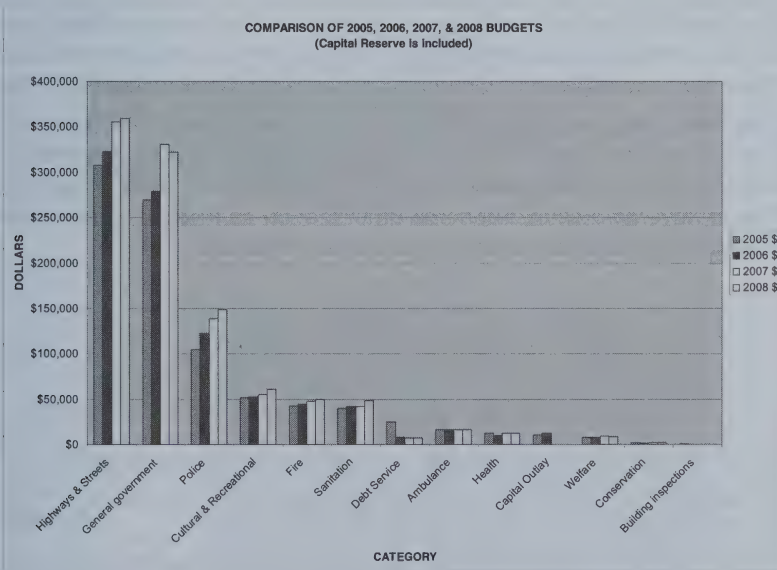


Fig. 1

A study initiated by the selectmen this past year compared the wages of Orford Town employees to those in like jobs and similar towns. Some wages were revealed to be under market value. Corrections made by the Selectmen brought the undervalued wages within the correct market ranges for the jobs involved, and these values are reflected in this years proposed budget. Wages, benefits, and taxes on wages all add up to \$423,563, or 37% of the total budget.

## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE — 2

Last year, it was anticipated that a payroll computer program would be purchased and would be used by a part time clerk dedicated to payroll. That program has been purchased, tested, and is now going to be used by the Administrative Assistant for payroll, so a part time clerk will not be needed.

During last years budgeting we found some areas of the Capital Reserve were not keeping up with costs for replacement items, so this year we reviewed some categories in the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Schedule. Changes in reserve funding were occurring only when a deficiency was recognized, sometimes so late in the replacement cycle that additional funds were needed for the purchases. The true cost of replacement seemed to be missing from the information going into calculating the reserve funding. Usually, the amount we were saving towards was “what we paid last time,” making no allowance for rising costs, leaving funding insufficient.

As we go forward, the Capital Reserve funding should be adjusted yearly. A review of New England inflation rates over the past ten years showed an overall rate just under 3% per year. Adjustments will be made to each fund at a rate of 3% per year in order to keep up with inflation. Adjusting yearly at the inflation rate does not ensure that enough money will be in each fund at replacement time, as fluctuations in steel and materials, as well as other influences on market prices don't always follow the inflation rate. That is why we will also periodically get cost estimates on replacement items so that we can adjust the fund targets and yearly contributions for future replacement purchases.

Capital Reserve funding is projected to increase this year from \$108,500 to \$118,400, a \$9,900 (9%) increase. Funding for a replacement grader was doubled to \$16k, as a severe shortfall would have been realized at replacement time. Fire Trucks and Tractor/Mower have also risen, but some others, such as Police Cruiser, Loader, and Highway Department Trucks are able to be slightly reduced.

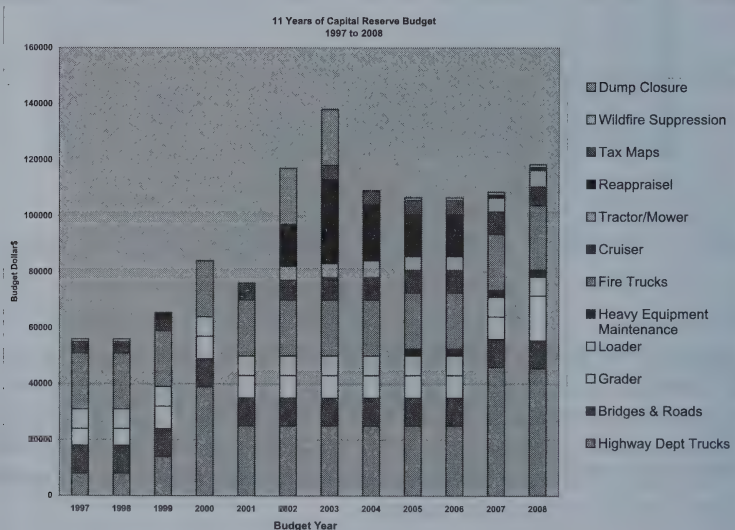


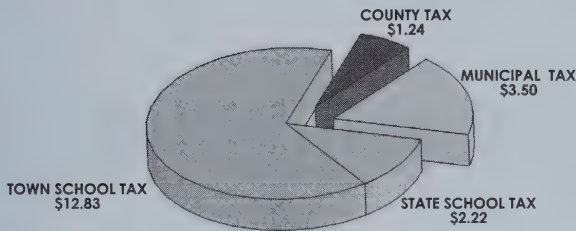
Fig. 2

### BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE — 3

The Highway Truck reserve had a mismatched cycle of truck replacement which caused large, cyclic shortfalls. An adjustment was made to spread out the truck purchases so two will not be purchased in the same year. Now, at least one year is skipped between truck purchases, allowing recovery time for the reserve fund. Timing for mower replacement was also adjusted slightly. With the changes now made to the Replacement Schedule and the improvements in determining reserve fund contributions, the Capital Reserve Fund should be able to stay solvent beyond 2026, and we should be able to fully fund our vehicle and equipment purchases from our Capital Reserves.

How are our taxes spent? The chart below shows that the School and State portions are both school taxes, and make up 76% of our 2007 tax bill, while Municipal costs make up only 17.7%. Note that in 2007 the Selectmen used \$200,000 of unallocated reserve funds to defray taxes, keeping them lower than they otherwise would have been.

TAX PAID FOR EACH OF THE 4 MAJOR CATEGORIES  
SHOWN ON YOUR 2007 TAX BILL FOR EACH  
\$1,000 OF PROPERTY VALUATION



NOTE: THE STATE PORTION OF TAX NEVER LEAVES TOWN.  
IT GOES DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL. TOWN AND STATE PORTIONS  
COMBINED COMPRISE 76% OF THE TAX BILL, WHILE THE MUNICIPAL PORTION IS 17.7%

Fig. 3

Only minor adjustments needed to be made to several of the budgets, and some are lower than last years. Sanitation costs have increased slightly, as has Fire, and Cultural & Recreational.

The budgeting process has once again gone smoothly. Much work was done by many people pulling this budget together, and their help keeping the budget low is appreciated.

The Budget Committee agrees with the budgets outlined in Articles 2 through 9, and recommends their passage.

The Budget Advisory Committee

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS**  
January 2007 to December 2007

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>				
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>				
01-4130.10-130	EX Salaries - Selectmen	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4130.10-220	EX Social Security	280.00	1.00	0.36
01-4130.10-225	EX Medicare	66.00	0.75	1.14
01-4130.10-341	EX Telephone	1,200.00	742.77	38.10
01-4130.10-350	EX Copier Lease(DeLange)	1,176.00	984.90	16.25
01-4130.10-390	EX Recording Fees	300.00	568.51	(89.50)
01-4130.10-440	EX Copier Contract	460.00	645.00	(40.22)
01-4130.10-445	EX Pay & Classification Study	1,250.00	787.50	37.00
01-4130.10-550	EX Printing	1,200.00	383.28	68.06
01-4130.10-560	EX Dues & Subscriptions	1,400.00	2,572.01	(83.72)
01-4130.10-570	EX Advertising	500.00	1,069.66	(569.66)
01-4130.10-620	EX Office Supplies	2,500.00	1,778.90	28.84
01-4130.10-625	EX Postage	1,500.00	789.56	47.36
01-4130.10-690	EX Selectmen's Expenses	300.00	40.00	86.67
01-4130.10-740	EX Office Equipment	600.00	19.99	96.67
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$17,232.00</b>	<b>\$15,226.33</b>	<b>\$2,005.67</b>
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATION</b>				
01-4130.20-110	AA Wages - Admin. Assistant	\$ 35,320.00	\$1,141.01	3.23
01-4130.20-120	AA P/T Payroll Clerk	1,700.00	1,106.20	34.93
01-4130.20-220	AA Social Security	2,295.00	2,187.52	4.68
01-4130.20-225	AA Medicare	537.00	511.67	4.72
01-4130.20-300	AA NH Retirement	2,747.00	2,755.60	(0.31)
01-4130.20-690	AA Miscellaneous	250.00	243.87	2.45

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 2**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
EXECUTIVE				
TOWN ADMINISTRATION (continued)				
01-4130.20-850	AA Training and Seminars	150.00	350.00	70.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$56,360.18	\$4,220.82	6.97
TOWN MEETING				
01-4130.30-550	MTG Town Report Printing	\$ 5,635.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4130.30-625	MTG Postage	600.00	357.71	59.62
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>TOWN MEETING</b>	6,235.00	357.71	5.74
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	\$ 6,235.00	\$ 357.71	5.74
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>				
TOWN CLERK				
01-4140.10-120	TC Wages - Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 172.50	\$1,827.50	91.38
01-4140.10-130	TC Salary - Town Clerk	2,023.00	(223.00)	(12.39)
01-4140.10-190	TC Town Clerk Fees	7,413.22	2,586.78	25.87
01-4140.10-220	TC Social Security	950.00	353.37	37.20
01-4140.10-225	TC Medicare	220.00	80.51	36.60
01-4140.10-341	TC Telephone	1,400.00	830.89	59.35

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 3**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>				
<b>TOWN CLERK (continued)</b>				
01-4140.10-560	TC Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	100.00	100.00
01-4140.10-570	TC Advertising	50.00	50.00	100.00
01-4140.10-610	TC Miscellaneous	150.00	142.50	95.00
01-4140.10-613	TC Dog Licenses	750.00	(74.57)	(9.94)
01-4140.10-615	TC Vital Statistics	500.00	344.00	68.80
01-4140.10-620	TC Office Supplies	1,000.00	942.13	94.21
01-4140.10-625	TC Postage	700.00	258.00	36.86
01-4140.10-850	TC Training and Seminars	1,200.00	1,056.00	88.00
01-4140.10-855	TC BMSI - Software & Training	1,500.00	68.00	4.53
<b>**TOTAL** TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>\$ 13,977.89</b>	<b>\$8,342.11</b>	<b>37.38</b>
<b>VOTER REGISTRATION</b>				
01-4140.20-130	EL Wages - Election Officials	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,511.23	75.56
01-4140.20-220	EL Social Security	124.00	95.01	76.62
01-4140.20-225	EL Medicare	29.00	22.24	76.69
01-4140.20-570	EL Advertising	250.00	221.50	88.60
01-4140.20-620	EL Printing & Supplies	250.00	250.00	100.00
01-4140.20-690	EL Meals	400.00	250.00	62.50
<b>**TOTAL** VOTER REGISTRATION</b>		<b>\$ 3,053.00</b>	<b>\$2,349.98</b>	<b>76.97</b>
<b>**TOTAL** ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>		<b>\$14,680.91</b>	<b>\$10,692.09</b>	<b>42.14</b>



**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 4**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**  
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>TAX COLLECTION</b>				
01-4150.40-190 TX Tax Collector's Fees	\$20,000.00	\$ 14,350.97	\$5,649.03	28.25
01-4150.40-195 TX Deputy Tax Collector	1,800.00	855.00	945.00	52.50
01-4150.40-220 TX Social Security	125.00	53.01	71.99	57.59
01-4150.40-225 TX Medicare	30.00	12.40	17.60	58.67
01-4150.40-390 TX Mortgage Research	800.00	450.00	350.00	43.75
01-4150.40-620 TX Office Supplies	1,000.00	762.39	237.61	23.76
01-4150.40-625 TX Postage	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	100.00
01-4150.40-630 TX BMSI - Software	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
01-4150.40-850 TX Training and Seminars	1,600.00	100.12	1,499.88	93.74
<b>**TOTAL** TAX COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$28,155.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,583.89</b>	<b>\$11,571.11</b>	<b>41.10</b>
<b>TREASURY</b>				
01-4150.50-130 T Salary - Treasurer	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4150.50-220 T Social Security	93.00	93.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.50-225 T Medicare	22.00	21.75	0.25	1.14
01-4150.50-340 T Bank Fees	200.00	15.00	185.00	92.50
01-4150.50-620 T Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,792.92	207.08	10.35
01-4150.50-625 T Postage	600.00	205.06	394.94	65.82
01-4150.50-630 T Training and Seminars	250.00	35.00	215.00	86.00
<b>**TOTAL** TREASURY</b>	<b>\$ 4,665.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,662.73</b>	<b>\$1,002.27</b>	<b>21.48</b>
<b>BAD CHECKS</b>				
01-4150.51-100 T Bad Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4150.51-120 T GWCM Access Fee	0.00	30.00	(30.00)	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** BAD CHECKS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ (30.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 5**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
IT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
01-4150.60-330	IT Support & Maintenance (E)	\$ 4,709.58	\$ 922.42	16.38
01-4150.60-340	IT Licenses & Fees	11,079.00	(1179.00)	(11.91)
01-4150.60-341	IT - Verizon (Internet)	828.49	(228.49)	(38.08)
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>IT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$ 1,6617.07</b>	<b>\$ (485.07)</b>	<b>(3.01)</b>
Auditor				
01-4150.70-135	AUD Annual Audit	\$ 9,500.00	\$1,500.00	13.64
01-4150.70-136	GASB - Municipal Resources	2,414.90	(239.90)	(11.03)
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>AUDITOR</b>	<b>\$ 1,1914.90</b>	<b>\$ 260.10</b>	<b>9.56</b>
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 48,808.59</b>	<b>\$13,318.41</b>	<b>21.44</b>
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY				
01-4152.10-390	AS Assessing/Pick-ups	\$ 8,830.00	\$11,170.00	55.85
01-4152.20-110	TM Wages - Tax Maps	500.00	0.00	0.00
01-4152.20-220	TM Social Security	0.00	31.00	100.00
01-4152.20-225	TM Medicare	0.00	7.00	100.00
01-4152.20-620	TM Supplies	150.00	150.00	100.00
01-4152.20-650	TM Tax Mapping - Dollard Assoc	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>REVALUATION OF PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 10,330.00</b>	<b>\$11,358.00</b>	<b>52.37</b>

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 6

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
LEGAL EXPENSE				
01-4153.10-320 LE Town Attorney	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,809.11	\$ 1,190.89	5.95
01-4153.10-690 LE Other Legal Expenses	2,000.00	416.90	1,583.10	79.16
<b>**TOTAL** LEGAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,226.01</b>	<b>\$ 2,773.99</b>	<b>12.61</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
01-4155.10-210 EMB Group Health Insurance	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 60,662.34	\$ 2,337.66	3.71
01-4155.10-215 EMB Group Life Insurance	637.00	689.28	(52.28)	(8.21)
01-4155.10-217 EMB Group Delta Dental	3,800.00	4,838.45	(1,038.45)	(27.33)
<b>**TOTAL** EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 67,437.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,190.07</b>	<b>\$ 1,246.93</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
01-4191.10-220 PB Social Security	\$ 31.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 31.00	100.00
01-4191.10-225 PB Medicare	8.00	0.00	8.00	100.00
01-4191.10-390 PB Recording Fees	100.00	146.38	(46.38)	(46.38)
01-4191.10-391 PB UVLSRPC-Planning Assistant	5,670.00	2,966.40	2,703.60	47.68
01-4191.10-400 PB Secretarial	500.00	140.00	360.00	72.00
01-4191.10-550 PB Legal Expenses	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.00
01-4191.10-560 PB Dues & Subscriptions	30.00	0.00	30.00	100.00
01-4191.10-570 PB Advertising	250.00	97.91	152.09	60.84
01-4191.10-620 PB Office Supplies	80.00	42.29	37.71	47.14
01-4191.10-625 PB Postage	450.00	361.13	88.87	19.75
01-4191.10-690 PB Miscellaneous	100.00	21.00	79.00	79.00
<b>**TOTAL** TOTAL PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>\$ 7,569.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,775.11</b>	<b>\$ 3,793.89</b>	<b>50.12</b>

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 7**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>GOVERNMENT BUILDING</b>				
01-4194.10-220	\$ 186.00	\$ 74.36	\$ 111.64	60.02
01-4194.10-225	44.00	17.39	26.61	60.48
01-4194.10-360	1,500.00	32.77	1,467.23	97.82
01-4194.10-365	1,500.00	1,847.71	(347.71)	(23.18)
01-4194.10-410	1,700.00	1,613.56	86.44	5.08
01-4194.10-411	4,000.00	5,545.62	(1,545.62)	(38.64)
01-4194.10-430	700.00	555.93	144.07	20.58
01-4194.10-610	500.00	508.92	(8.92)	(1.78)
01-4194.10-690	250.00	226.94	23.06	9.22
01-4194.10-710	500.00	653.61	(153.61)	(30.72)
01-4194.10-720	5,000.00	1,664.23	3,335.77	66.72
01-4194.10-750	600.00	102.76	497.24	82.87
01-4194.10-800	1,000.00	201.34	798.66	79.87
<b>**TOTAL** GOVERNMENT BUILDING</b>	<b>\$17,480.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,045.14</b>	<b>\$ 4,434.86</b>	<b>25.37</b>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>				
01-4195.10-110	\$14,000.00	\$ 13,208.00	\$ 792.00	5.66
01-4195.10-220	868.00	819.09	48.91	5.63
01-4195.10-225	203.00	191.60	11.40	5.62
01-4195.10-490	3,525.00	3,558.82	(33.82)	(0.96)
01-4195.10-635	775.00	695.34	79.66	10.28
<b>**TOTAL** CEMETERIES</b>	<b>\$19,371.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,472.85</b>	<b>\$ 898.15</b>	<b>4.64</b>
<b>CEMETERY - FENCING</b>				
01-4195.20-100	\$ 0.00	\$ 440.82	\$ (440.82)	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** CEMETERY - FENCING</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 440.82</b>	<b>\$ (440.82)</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 8**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED				
01-4196.10-520	\$ 7,002.00	\$ 7,002.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4196.10-521	6,901.00	8,396.00	(1,495.00)	(21.66)
01-4196.10-522	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
01-4196.10-525	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00
<b>**TOTAL** INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED</b>	<b>\$16,403.00</b>	<b>\$15,398.00</b>	<b>\$1,005.00</b>	<b>6.13</b>
ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION				
01-4197.10-560	\$ 1,319.00	\$ 1,318.24	\$ 0.76	0.06
<b>**TOTAL** ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>\$ 1,319.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,318.24</b>	<b>\$ 0.76</b>	<b>0.06</b>
CONTINGENCY FUND				
01-4199.10-000	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,702.34	\$ 1,297.66	43.26
<b>**TOTAL** CONTINGENCY FUND</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,702.34</b>	<b>\$ 1,297.66</b>	<b>43.26</b>
<b>**TOTAL** TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$330,583.00</b>	<b>\$27,5625.55</b>	<b>\$54,957.45</b>	<b>16.62</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
01-4210.10-110	\$ 81,351.00	\$ 71,644.37	\$9,706.63	11.93
01-4210.10-113	1,800.00	1,684.50	115.50	6.42
01-4210.10-116	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00
01-4210.10-120	2,500.00	358.44	2,141.56	85.66
01-4210.10-220	397.00	122.14	274.86	69.23
01-4210.10-225	1,271.00	1,078.70	192.30	15.13
01-4210.10-230	9,869.00	8,371.21	1,497.79	15.18

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 9**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
POLICE DEPARTMENT (continued)				
01-4210.10-341	2,900.00	2,872.89	27.11	0.93
01-4210.10-390	9,000.00	8,981.19	18.81	0.21
01-4210.10-430	2,500.00	2,650.26	(150.26)	(6.01)
01-4210.10-560	800.00	277.00	523.00	65.38
01-4210.10-620	1,200.00	951.99	248.01	20.67
01-4210.10-635	3,000.00	4,116.47	(1,116.47)	(37.22)
01-4210.10-690	2,675.00	2,675.00	0.00	0.00
01-4210.10-840	3,500.00	2,339.63	1,160.37	33.15
01-4210.10-845	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00	0.00
01-4210.10-850	1,000.00	154.05	845.95	84.60
01-4210.10-870	1,000.00	211.00	789.00	78.90
01-4210.20-100	0.00	2,244.18	(2,244.18)	0.00
01-4210.20-225	0.00	22.76	(22.76)	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$130,613.00</b>	<b>\$114,605.78</b>	<b>\$16,007.22</b>	<b>12.26</b>
AMBULANCE				
01-4215.10-351	\$ 16,365.00	\$ 12,273.75	\$ 4,091.25	25.00
<b>**TOTAL** AMBULANCE</b>	<b>\$ 16,365.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,273.75</b>	<b>\$ 4,091.25</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
01-4220.10-120	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,068.00	\$ 932.00	18.64
01-4220.10-130	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
01-4220.10-220	326.00	252.22	73.78	22.63
01-4220.10-225	76.00	58.99	17.01	22.38

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 10**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT (continued)</b>				
01-4220.10-390	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,114.44	\$ 85.56	3.89
01-4220.10-395	1,100.00	951.23	148.77	13.52
01-4220.10-430	1,000.00	1,612.83	(612.83)	(61.28)
01-4220.10-440	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00	0.00
01-4220.10-560	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
01-4220.10-635	500.00	614.55	(114.55)	(22.91)
01-4220.10-740	8,500.00	14,371.00	(5,871.00)	(69.07)
01-4220.10-741	200.00	450.00	(250.00)	(125.00)
01-4220.10-830	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
01-4220.10-840	1,500.00	1,350.58	149.42	9.96
01-4220.10-850	1,600.00	310.00	1,290.00	80.63
<b>**TOTAL** FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$26,702.00</b>	<b>\$30,403.84</b>	<b>\$(3,701.84)</b>	<b>(13.86)</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				
01-4290.10-690	\$ 750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 750.00	100.00
<b>**TOTAL** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>**TOTAL** PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$174,430.00</b>	<b>\$157,283.37</b>	<b>\$17,146.63</b>	<b>9.83</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>				
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>				
01-4312.20-110	\$111,735.00	\$ 98,188.55	\$ 13,546.45	12.12
01-4312.20-120	1,500.00	1,498.00	2.00	0.13
01-4312.20-220	7,021.00	6,151.57	869.43	12.38
01-4312.20-225	1,642.00	1,445.55	196.45	11.96
01-4312.20-230	9,770.00	7,379.82	2,390.18	24.46

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 11

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE (continued)</b>					
01-4312.20-341	HW Telephone	\$ 800.00	\$ 749.93	\$ 50.07	6.26
01-4312.20-410	HW Electricity	1,100.00	900.51	199.49	18.14
01-4312.20-411	HW Heating Oil	500.00	1,115.87	(615.87)	(123.17)
01-4312.20-430	HW Drug & Alcohol Testing	500.00	50.00	450.00	90.00
01-4312.20-440	HW Equipment Rental	3,500.00	4,185.00	(685.00)	(19.57)
01-4312.20-490	HW Sweeping & Brush Cutting	5,000.00	5925.00	(925.00)	(18.50)
01-4312.20-560	HW Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
01-4312.20-610	HW Miscellaneous	800.00	1,056.26	(256.26)	(32.03)
01-4312.20-630	HW Vehicle Maint & Repairs	16,000.00	14,855.40	1,144.60	7.15
01-4312.20-635	HW Gasoline	250.00	194.12	55.88	22.35
01-4312.20-636	HW Diesel	11,000.00	18,077.24	(7,077.24)	(64.34)
01-4312.20-637	HW Propane	900.00	716.83	183.17	20.35
01-4312.20-640	HW Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,109.10	(109.10)	(10.91)
01-4312.20-730	HW Road Reconstruction	5,000.00	4,037.50	962.50	19.25
01-4312.20-740	HW New Equipment	2,500.00	2,736.42	(236.42)	(9.46)
01-4312.20-840	HW Uniforms	3,500.00	4,260.66	(760.66)	(21.73)
01-4312.20-861	HW Culverts	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.00
01-4312.20-862	HW Gravel	17,400.00	21,020.95	(3,620.95)	(20.81)
01-4312.20-863	HW Paving/Cold Patch	55,000.00	58,691.32	(3,691.32)	(6.71)
01-4312.20-864	HW Road Salt	6,500.00	7,361.52	(861.52)	(13.25)
01-4312.20-865	HW Road Signs	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
01-4312.20-866	HW UNH Courses	300.00	0.00	300.00	100.00
01-4312.20-868	HW Private Road Signs	500.00	47.23	452.77	90.55
01-4312.20-890	HW Roadside Refuse Disposal	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-895	HW Tree Removal	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-896	HW Adopt-a-Road	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>**TOTAL ** ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>\$270,168.00</b>	<b>\$261,754.35</b>	<b>\$ 8,413.65</b>	<b>3.11</b>



SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 12

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>				
<b>BRIDGES</b>				
01-4313.10-440	BRG Equipment Rental	\$ 1,125.00	\$ (125.00)	(12.50)
01-4313.10-500	BRG Decking	8,424.49	(3,424.49)	(68.49)
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>BRIDGES</b>	<b>\$ 9,549.49</b>	<b>\$(3,549.49)</b>	<b>(59.16)</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>				
01-4316.10-410	SL Street Lighting	\$ 5,581.64	\$ 178.36	3.10
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	<b>\$ 5,581.64</b>	<b>\$ 178.36</b>	<b>3.10</b>
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>	<b>\$276,885.48</b>	<b>\$5,042.52</b>	<b>1.79</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>				
<b>SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>				
01-4323.10-610	WC Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	100.00
01-4323.10-615	WC Facility Maintenance	2,200.00	2,200.00	100.00
01-4323.10-620	WC Training/Seminars	250.00	250.00	100.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 2,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,550.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>				
01-4324.10-390	WD Disposal-N.C.E.S./Leb.Ldfl	\$36,000.00	\$6,862.52	19.06
01-4324.10-395	WD Dues - Northeast Resource	100.00	0.00	0.00
01-4324.20-610	WD Supplies (Bags)	1,000.00	860.10	86.01
01-4324.40-390	WD Recycling-Floyd Marsh	2,200.00	(1,747.03)	(79.41)
01-4324.40-395	WD Disposal-Septage-Plymouth	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>	<b>\$39,400.00</b>	<b>\$33,424.41</b>	<b>15.17</b>

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 13

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>LANDFILL CLOSURE</b>				
01-4324.50-100	WD Landfill Closure	\$ 4,117.83	\$ (4,117.83)	0.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>LAND CLOSURE</b>	<b>\$ 4,117.83</b>	<b>\$ (4,117.83)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>SANITATION</b>	<b>\$ 37,542.24</b>	<b>\$ 4,407.76</b>	<b>10.51</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>				
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>				
01-4414.10-120	AC Wages - P/T	\$ 1,805.35	\$ 1,694.65	48.42
01-4414.10-220	AC Social Security	111.93	105.07	48.42
01-4414.10-225	AC Medicare	26.18	24.82	48.67
01-4414.10-390	AC Veterinary/Boarding	650.00	350.00	35.00
01-4414.10-680	AC Supplies	1,709.89	(1,209.89)	(241.98)
01-4414.10-690	AC Mileage Reimbursement	532.69	(32.69)	(6.54)
01-4414.10-850	AC Training	76.54	273.46	78.13
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	<b>\$ 4,912.58</b>	<b>\$ 1,205.42</b>	<b>19.70</b>
<b>HEALTH AGENCIES</b>				
01-4415.20-352	HA VNAVNH/Hospice	\$ 6,484.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>HEALTH AGENCIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,484.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>\$ 11,396.58</b>	<b>\$ 1,205.42</b>	<b>9.57</b>
<b>WELFARE</b>				
<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>				
01-4442.10-410	DIR ASST Electricity	\$ 798.14	\$ (298.14)	(59.63)
01-4442.10-411	DIR ASST Heat	681.80	(181.80)	(36.36)
01-4442.10-440	DIR ASST Rent	675.00	2,325.00	77.50

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 14

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>WELFARE</b>				
<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE (continued)</b>				
01-4442.10-690	DIR ASST Food/Misc	\$ 16.00	\$ 484.00	96.80
<b>**TOTAL** DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>		<b>\$ 2,170.94</b>	<b>\$2,329.06</b>	<b>51.76</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE</b>				
01-4444.10-390	IW Tri-County CAP	\$ 950.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4444.20-380	IW West Central Behav. Health	1,155.00	0.00	0.00
01-4444.20-390	IW Gftn Cty Ssr Cit	2,400.00	0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE</b>		<b>\$ 4,505.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>**TOTAL** WELFARE</b>		<b>\$ 9,005.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,675.94</b>	<b>25.86</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>				
01-4520.10-120	P&P Wages - P/T	\$ 10,706.10	\$ (4,006.10)	(59.79)
01-4520.10-130	P&P Wages - Swim Instructor	1,616.00	(116.00)	(7.73)
01-4520.10-131	P&P Swim Aides	1,504.28	(4.28)	(0.29)
01-4520.10-133	P&P Swim Program - Misc.	68.00	432.00	86.40
01-4520.10-220	P&P Social Security	857.23	(256.23)	(42.63)
01-4520.10-225	P&P Medicare	200.49	(59.49)	(42.19)
01-4520.10-360	P&P Mowing	1,772.50	1,602.50	47.48
01-4520.10-410	P&P Electricity	332.84	67.16	16.79
01-4520.10-490	P&P Trash Collection	0.00	600.00	100.00
01-4520.10-600	P&P Contracted Services	0.00	600.00	100.00
01-4520.10-610	P&P Miscellaneous	185.45	314.55	62.91
01-4520.10-630	P&P Maint/Repairs	1,313.31	(613.31)	(87.62)
01-4520.10-635	P&P Gasoline	12.86	27.14	67.85
01-4520.10-636	P&P Diesel Fuel	733.48	(233.48)	(46.70)

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 15**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION (continued)</b>				
01-4520.10-691 P&P Portable Toilets	\$ 2,535.00	\$ 2,068.00	\$ 467.00	18.42
01-4520.10-695 P&P Improvements	1,960.00	595.00	1,365.00	69.64
01-4520.10-821 P&P CSO Recreation Council	1,692.00	1,692.00	0.00	0.00
01-4520.10-900 P&P Orford Garden Club	800.00	592.44	207.56	25.95
<b>**TOTAL** PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$ 24,644.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,249.98</b>	<b>\$ 394.02</b>	<b>1.60</b>
Reimbursement: Swim Program-Piermont	(\$ 1,400.00)			
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
01-4550.10-110 LIB Wages	\$ 6,760.00	\$ 5,460.00	\$ 1,300.00	19.23
01-4550.10-220 LIB Social Security	420.00	386.88	33.12	7.89
01-4550.10-225 LIB Medicare	100.00	90.48	9.52	9.52
01-4550.20-490 LIB Free Lib-Approp	6,323.00	6,323.00	0.00	0.00
01-4550.30-490 LIB Soc Lib-Approp	15,913.00	15,913.00	0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$29,516.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,173.36</b>	<b>\$ 1,342.64</b>	<b>4.55</b>
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>				
01-4583.10-610 PP Patriotic Purposes-Misc	\$ 180.00	\$ 182.66	\$ (2.66)	(1.48)
01-4583.10-611 PP Parades	600.00	595.00	5.00	0.83
<b>**TOTAL** PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>	<b>\$ 780.00</b>	<b>\$ 777.66</b>	<b>\$ 2.34</b>	<b>0.30</b>
<b>**TOTAL** CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$54,940.00</b>	<b>\$53,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,739.00</b>	<b>3.17</b>

**SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 16**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>				
01-4619.10-000	CONS Conservation Commission	\$ 1,708.00	\$ (58.00)	(3.52)
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	\$ 1,708.00	\$ (58.00)	(3.52)
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION SAVINGS ACCT.</b>				
01-4620.10-100	CONS Con. Comm.-Savings Acct.	\$22,670.00	\$(22,670.00)	0.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION SAVINGS ACCT.</b>	\$22,670.00	\$(22,670.00)	0.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
<b>LONG TERM PRINCIPAL</b>				
01-4711.20-985	DS Debt Service-WGSB Loan-FD	\$ 6,310.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>LONG TERM PRINCIPAL</b>	\$ 6,310.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>LONG TERM INTEREST</b>				
01-4721.20-985	INT Interest Due-WGSB Loan-FD	\$ 974.00	\$ 1.76	0.18
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>LONG TERM INTEREST</b>	\$ 974.00	\$ 1.76	0.18
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	\$ 7,284.00	\$ 1.76	0.02
<b>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
01-4800.10-100	HR Historical Restoration	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 272.00	10.07
01-4800.10-110	HR Microfilming	300.00	0.00	0.00
01-4800.10-112	ET Maintenance-Comm.Field	7,776.99	(276.99)	(3.69)
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</b>	\$10,504.99	\$ (4.99)	(0.05)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 17

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<b>**TOTAL** TOTAL OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS &amp; OTHER APPROP</b>	\$594,289.00	\$585,149.84	\$ 9,139.16	1.54
<b>**TOTAL** BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$924,872.00	\$860,775.39	\$64,096.61	6.93
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
01-4901.10-732 CO Ld&Imp-Riv. Trail Imp.	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4901.10-733 CO Land & Improvements - Trees	3,000.00	5,380.00	(2,380.00)	(79.33)
01-4902.10-740 CO Mach & Equip.-Truck	135,900.00	60,538.00	75,362.00	55.45
01-4902.10-741 CO Mach & Equip. - Mower	5,000.00	4,670.00	330.00	6.60
01-4902.10-742 Mach & Equip - Loader	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4903.10-730 Handicap Ramp	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	100.00
01-4903.10-731 Handicap paving	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.00
01-4909.10-732 CO Imp Other than Bldg-Niles	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	60.00
01-4909.10-734 CO Imp Other Than Bldgs-HazWas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4909.10-735 CO Imp.Other-Comm. Infrastruc.	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	\$160,200.00	\$ 73,388.00	\$ 86,812.00	54.19
<b>TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>				
01-4915.10-930 CRF Transfers to CRF	\$108,500.00	\$108,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	\$108,500.00	\$108,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
<b>**TOTAL** APPROPRIATED FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR</b>	\$1,193,572.00	\$1,042,663.39	\$150,908.61	12.64

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED**  
**Voted by the Town of ORFORD on March 13, 2007**

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>Account #</u>	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
4130-4139	Executive	3	\$ 66,816
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	3	25,373
4150-4151	Financial Administration	3	62,127
4152	Revaluation of Property	3	21,688
4153	Legal Expense	3	22,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	3	67,437
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	3	7,569
4194	General Government Buildings	3	17,480
4195	Cemeteries	3	19,371
4196	Insurance	3	16,403
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	3	1,319
4199	Other General Government/Contingency	3	3,000
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210-4214	Police	3	130,613
4215-4219	Ambulance	3	16,365
4220-4229	Fire	3	26,702
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	750
	<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
4312	Highways and Streets	3	270,168
4313	Bridges	3	6,000
4316	Street Lighting	3	5,760
	<u>SANITATION</u>		
4323	Solid Waste Collection	3	2,550
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3	39,400
	<u>HEALTH</u>		
4414	Pest Control	3	6,118
4415-4419	Health Agencies and Hospitals and Other	3	6,484
	<u>WELFARE</u>		
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	3	4,500
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	3	4,505
	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	3	24,644
4550-4559	Library	3	29,516
4583	Patriotic Purposes	3	780
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4619	Other Conservation	3	1,650

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED — 2**  
**Voted by the Town of ORFORD on March 13, 2007**

<u>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Warr. Art. #</u>	<u>Appropriations as Voted</u>
<u>Account #</u>		
		<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>
4711	3	\$ 6,310
4721	3	974
		<u>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</u>
4800	3	3,000
		<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>
4901	9	3,300
4902	5, 8	140,900
4903	6, 7	11,000
		<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>
4915	4	108,500
4916	3	7,500
		(except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$1,188,572</u>



**SUMMARY OF REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES  
For the Town of ORFORD — 2007**

RSA 21-J:34

Account #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	For Use by Municipality
	<u>TAXES</u>		
3185	Timber Tax		20,000
3189	Other Taxes		1,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		18,000
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$215,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits and Fees		12,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (3 HWY Safety Grants Dept. of Interior)		1,880
	<u>FROM STATE</u>		
3351	Shared Revenues		\$ 8,761
3352	Meal and Rooms Tax Distribution		49,510
3353	Highway Block Grant		52,172
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)(COPS Grant)		4,471
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (Rivendell Com. Field)		7,500
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>		
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 10,000
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 22,000
3502	Interest on Investments		20,000
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 61,200
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds (Niles Fund)		5,000
<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>			<b>\$508,494</b>
		<u>For Municipal Use</u>	
General Fund Balance			
Unreserved Fund Balance	637,246		
Less Fund Balance – Reduce Taxes	200,000		
Fund Balance – Retained	387,246		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>			<b>\$707,851</b>
<b>REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)</b>			<b>\$ 33,000</b>

**2007 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County**

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Selectmen of the Town of Orford

2007

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation by City/Town</u>
<b>1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY</b>		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	25,101.504	\$ 2,119,186
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	0	0
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
E. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	2,818.249	51,374,600
F. Commercial/Industrial Land ( <b>DO NOT</b> include Utility Land)	218.530	3,616,000
G. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	28,138.319	<b>\$ 57,109,786</b>
H. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land (\$4,426,400)	1,700.544	
<b>2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY</b> (Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)		
A. Residential		\$ 84,827,098
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		2,230,600
C. Commercial/Industrial ( <b>DO NOT</b> include Public Buildings)		7,133,400
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Number of structures	3	39,502
E. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		<b>\$ 94,230,600</b>
<b>3. PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)		
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/ dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines, etc.)		<b>\$ 3,059,800</b>
<i>Utility Summary:</i>	Public Service of NH	\$1,457,900
	New Hampshire Electric Corp	1,439,800
	Transcanada Hydro Northeast	161,100
	Central Vermont	<u>1,000</u>
Grand Total Valuation of all Utility Companies		\$3,059,800
B. Other Public Utilities		0
<b>4. MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER</b> (RSA 79:5)		
		0
<b>5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b> (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) (This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		
		<b>\$154,400,186</b>
<b>6. Certain Disabled Veterans</b> RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)		
	Total # granted	0
<b>7. Improvements to Assist the Deaf</b> RSA 72:38-b		
	Total # granted	0
<b>8. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities</b> RSA 72:37-a		
	Total # granted	0
<b>9. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption</b> RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each)		
	Total # granted	0
<b>10. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions</b> RSA 72:12-a		
	Total # granted	0
<b>11. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES</b> (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		
		<b><u>\$154,400,186</u></b>
<b>12. Blind Exemption</b> RSA 72:37		
	Total # granted	0
Amount granted per exemption	15,000	\$ 0

**2007 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION — 2  
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	Number of <u>Acres</u>	2007 Assessed Valuation by City/Town
<b>13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a &amp; b</b> Total # granted	2	40,000

*Elderly Exemption Report:*

**TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE  
CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED**

AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
75 - 79	0	0	0
80+	<u>1</u>	\$25,000	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>\$40,000</b>

<b>14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b</b>	Total # granted	0	
	Amount granted per exemption	0	0
<b>15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b</b>	Total # granted	1	
	Amount granted per exemption	5,000	5,000
<b>16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70</b>	Total # granted	0	0
<b>17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62</b>	Total # granted	0	0
<b>18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66</b>	Total # granted	0	0
<b>19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)</b>	Total # granted	0	0
<b>20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS</b>	(Sum of Lines 12-19)		<b>\$ 45,000</b>
<b>21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED</b>	(Line 11 minus Line 20)		<b><u>\$154,355,186</u></b>
<b>22. LESS Utilities (Line 3A)</b>			
Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in line 3B			<b>\$ 3,059,800</b>
<b>23. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)</b>			<b><u>\$151,295,386</u></b>

<u>TAX CREDITS</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Tax Credits</u>
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, Their spouses or widows and the widows of Veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA 72:35	\$700minimum	0	0
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality...\$2,000	\$ 0	2	\$ 4,000
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$ 50minimum	0	\$ 0
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality...\$500	\$500	<u>60</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>\$ 34,000</b>

\*If both husband and wife qualify for the credit they count as 2.

\*If someone living at a residence as say brother and sister and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

**DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT**

	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Assess Limits</u>
Single	\$13,400	\$ 35,000
Married	20,400	35,000

**2007 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION — 3  
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County**

<u>CURRENT USE REPORT – RSA 79-A</u>	Total No. of Acres Receiving Current Use Assessment	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,688.750	\$ 631,898
Forest Land	7,938.870	833,547
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	14,333.740	639,034
Unproductive Land	1,121.450	14,443
Wetland	18.730	264
<b>TOTAL (See Item 1A)</b>	<b>25,101.540</b>	<b>\$ 2,119,186</b>

<u>OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS</u>	Total Number of Acres
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	12,717.940
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	0

	Total Number
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	197
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	388

**LAND USE CHANGE TAX**

Gross monies received for Calendar Year  
(January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006) or Fiscal Year \$ 18,258

Conservation  
Allocation:            Percentage: 100%            AND/OR            Dollar Amount

Monies to Conservation Fund \$ 18,258  
Monies to General Fund

**DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS -- RSA 70-D**

Historical Agriculture Structures

Total Number of Structures in Discretionary Easements	Description of Discretionary Preservation Easement Granted (i.e.: Barns, Silos, etc.) Map & Lot – Percentage Granted
0	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000029 000054 / 60% 79D Historic Barn / 000008 000093 000069 / 60%

Assessed Valuation	Number of Owners
\$ 0 L/O	2
\$ 39,532	

**Village District: VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	Number of Acres	2007 Assessed Valuation by City/Town
<b>1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY</b>		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	47.090	\$ 15,736
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	0	0
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
E. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	45.018	3,442,600
F. Commercial/Industrial Land ( <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> include Utility Land)	18.680	1,038,000

**2007 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION — 4**  
**Town of ORFORD in Grafton County**

CATEGORY	Number of Acres	2007 Assessed Valuation by City/Town
<b>1. Value of LAND ONLY (continued)</b>		
G. Total of Taxable Land		
(Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	110.788	\$ 4,496,336
H. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land (\$4,426,400)	15.030	
<b>2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY (Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)</b>		
A. Residential		\$ 5,145,200
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		67,400
C. Commercial/Industrial ( <b>DO NOT</b> include Public Buildings)		1,696,700
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		
Number of structures	0	0
E. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$ 6,908,800
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Building (\$1,252,000)		
<b>3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within district</b>		
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/ dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines, etc.)		\$ 0
B. Other Public Utilities		0
<b>4. MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)</b>		0
<b>5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4)</b> (This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		<b>\$ 11,336,358</b>
<b>6. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paralegic and Double Amputees     Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>7. Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>8. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>9. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV</b> (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each)		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>10. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>11. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES</b> (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		<b>\$ 11,405,136</b>
<b>12. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37</b>		
Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	15,000	\$ 0
<b>13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a &amp; b</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b</b>		
Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	0	0
<b>15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b</b>		
Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	5,000	0
<b>16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption     RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)</b>		
Total # granted	0	0
<b>20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum on Lines 12-19)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE     FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)</b>		<b>\$ 11,405,136</b>

## 2007 TAX RATE CALCULATION

### TOWN/CITY: ORFORD

Gross Appropriations	1,193,572
Less: Revenues	708,494
Less: Shared Revenues	3,514
Add: Overlay	24,637
War Service Credits	34,000

Net Town Appropriation	540,201
Special Adjustment	

**TOWN RATE 3.50**

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	540,201
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### SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.-Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,601,376
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(284,963)

**LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 12.83**

State Education Taxes	(336,453)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,979,960

### STATE EDUCATION TAXES

**STATE SCHOOL RATE 2.22**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	\$2.24
150,202,279	336,453
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
151,295,386	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

### COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	192,435
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,153)

**COUNTY RATE 1.24**

Approved County Tax Effort	191,282
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**TOTAL RATE 19.79**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,047,896
Less: War Service Credits	(34,000)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>3,013,896</b>

### PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	151,295,386	2.22	336,453
All Other Taxes	154,355,186	17.57	2,711,443
			3,047,896

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**  
**TOWN-OWNED LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT**

*2005 Revaluation Assessments*

<u>Departments</u>	<u>Land &amp; Buildings Assessed Value</u>	<u>Equipment Replacement Value</u>
<b><u>Cemeteries</u></b>		
Dame Hill Cemetery	\$ 600.	
Orford West Cemetery (Street Cemetery)	59,700.	
Orford East Cemetery (Davistown)	500.	
Equipment*		7,000.
<b><u>Fire Department</u></b>		
Mobile Equipment*		8,000.
Vehicles*		447,000.
Hose & Rack*		1,000.
<b><u>Highway Department</u></b>		
Land and Buildings, Recycling Center	267,400.	
Townshed Road Gravel Pit	79,000.	
Orfordville HWY Garage	1,900.	
Mobile Equipment*		94,570.
Vehicles*		650,000.
Contents*		39,000.
<b><u>Library - Free Library</u></b>		
Land and Building	175,000.	
Furniture and Equipment*		10,000.
<b><u>Parks and Playgrounds</u></b>		
Community Field	84,700.	
Connecticut River Boat Landing	142,400.	
East Common	69,000.	
West Common	48,600.	
Indian Pond Picnic Area	255,600.	
Lower Baker-Boat Access	160,400.	
Upper Baker Pond-Town Beach	179,000.	
Mobile Equipment*		18,050.
<b><u>Police Department</u></b>		
Vehicle*		35,256.
<b><u>Town Office</u></b> (Includes Police Department)		
Land and Buildings	332,500.	
Furniture and Equipment*		50,000.
<b><u>Conservation Commission</u></b>		
Former Watkins Land	7,900.	(Sunday Mountain Development)
Former Richmond Land	125,000.	
Former Theodore R. Eck Land	77,800.	
<b><u>Additional Town Property</u></b>		
Flat Rock	22,700.	
Hall Land	55,800.	
Huckins Hill Road	40,500.	
Former Brookside Store Land	3,000.	
Former Ducharme Property	128,500.	(Adjacent to Boat Launch)
	\$ 2,317,500.	<u>\$1,359,876.</u>

**TOTAL: \$3,472,376.**

\*Replacement Values for buildings, contents, vehicles and equipment are covered by PRIMEX .

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orford as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State 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 misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing 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 opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orford, as of December 31, 2006 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Orford's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association  
March 9, 2007



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**For the Year 2007**

Unrestricted General Fund

Cash on Hand January 1, 2007	<b>\$1,369,934.92</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>	<b>2,925,725.69</b>
Receipts: Tax Collector: Louise Mack	2,416,631.92
Receipts: Town Clerk: Louise Mack	234,860.22
<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>43,469.52</b>
Woodsville Guaranty Bank	350.82
Bank of America (MBIA)	43,118.70
<b>OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>230,764.03</b>
State of New Hampshire	139,205.07
Rivendell license fee for use of town fields	7,500.00
US payment in lieu of tax	1,880.00
Transfers from Trustee of Trust Funds	63,034.47
Miscellaneous	19,144.49
<b>Total cash</b>	<b>4,295,660.61</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>3,401,629.52</b>
<b>Rivendell School District</b>	<b>2,096,312.00</b>
Grafton County Tax	192,435.00
Bond & Long term Debt including interest	7,283.89
Transfers to Trustee of Trust Funds	119,000.00
Conservation Commission	22,670.00
Capital Expenses	60,538.00
Misc Town Expenses	903,390.63
<b>BALANCE: (Total cash –disbursements)</b>	<b>\$894,031.09</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT — 2**  
**For the Year 2007**

Cash on Hand 12/31/2007	<b>\$894,031.09</b>
Bank of America (MBIA)	433,601.83
Woodsville Guaranty Bank Register	233,451.07
Deposits in January 2008 for 2007	226,978.19

**2007 Funds Encumbered /Liabilities**

Rivendell Assessment for school year ending June 2008	<b>1,158,206.50</b>
<i>NOTE: 2007 taxes were not due until January 10, 2008.</i>	

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND**

Balance December 31, 2006	81,454.84
Additions	22,670.00
Income	5,066.44
Balance	102,083.19

C.J. Cassel  
Treasurer

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007**

	2007	2006
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue		50263.19
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue		127149.56
Yield Taxes		
Current Use		8110.00
Penalty Charges		1181.00
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	1349625.00	
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	1666912.00	
Penalty Charges	5302.00	
Yield Taxes	19042.30	
Current Use	29749.50	
Gravel Tax		
Refunded overpayment Property Taxes		
Insufficient Check Charge	25.00	
Interest Collected on		
Delinquent Taxes		
1st Issue	1832.16	4421.80
2nd Issue		4044.12
Yield	29.92	
Current Use	486.30	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3073004.18</b>	<b>195169.67</b>
Remitted to Treasurer During		
Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	1288971.40	50263.19
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	802121.49	127149.56
Yield Taxes	17582.16	
Gravel Taxes		
Penalty Charges	1994.00	1181.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2348.38	8465.92
Current Use	22260.00	8110.00
Insufficient Check Charge	25.00	
Refunds 2nd Issue		
Abatements Allowed		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	165.00	
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue		
Yield Tax	713.59	
Current Use	139.50	
Deeded to Town		
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	60488.60	
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	864790.51	
Penalty Charges	3308.00	
Yield Tax	746.55	
Current Use	7350.00	
Gravel Tax		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3073004.18</b>	<b>195169.67</b>

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — 2**

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS	2006	2005	12/31/2007 2004
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
Beginning of Fiscal Year 1/1/07		41702.05	11588.60
Mortgage Fees		739.00	350.00
Taxes Executed to Town	61125.73		
During Fiscal Year			
Mortgage Fees	961.50		
Interest Collected	1488.37	5310.07	4157.05
After Lien Execution			
Interest Deeded to Town			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>63575.60</b>	<b>47751.12</b>	<b>16095.65</b>
Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year			
Redemption	35515.50	25526.23	11588.60
Mortgage Fees	542.25	415.50	350.00
Interest and Cost after Lien	1488.37	5310.07	4157.05
Abatements			
Property Taxes	348.79	1652.76	
Mortgage Fees		35.25	
Deeded to Town			
Interest			
Mortgage Fees			
Unredeemed Taxes	25261.44	14523.06	
Mortgage Fees	419.25	288.25	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>63575.60</b>	<b>47751.12</b>	<b>16095.65</b>

**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT**  
**January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007**

<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE</u></b>			<b>\$296,867.72</b>
<b>Registration</b>			
1773 Auto Permits Issued			
1580 Municipal Agent Functions			
<b>Town Tax Collected</b>			<b>\$224,472.00</b>
<b>State Tax Collected</b>			<b>\$ 61,960.00</b>
<b>Town Clerk Fees</b>			
1773 Registrations	@ \$1.00	\$1,773.00	
325 Title Applications	@ \$2.00	\$ 650.00	
113 Transfers	@ \$5.00	\$ 565.00	
1580 Municipal Agent	@ \$2.50	\$3,950.00	<b>\$ 6,938.00</b>
<b>Boat Registration Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 321.72</b>
<b>Dog Licenses</b>			
359 Licenses Issued		\$1,735.00	
Late Penalties		\$ 109.00	
Town Clerk Fees		\$ 350.00	<b>\$ 2,179.00</b>
<b>Marriage Licenses</b>			
3 Marriage Licenses Issued			
State Revenue		\$ 114.00	
Town Clerk Fees		\$ 21.00	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
<b>Vital Records Copies</b>			
15 Certified Copies Issued			
State Revenue			
15 Copies	@ \$8.00	\$ 120.00	
0 Copies	@ \$5.00	\$ -0-	
Town Clerk Fees			
15 Copies	@ \$4.00	\$ 60.00	
0 Copies	@ \$3.00	\$ -0-	<b>\$ 180.00</b>
<b>U.C.C. Filings</b>			<b>\$ 675.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			<b>\$ 13.00</b>

**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT**  
**January 1 — December 31, 2007**

**Boat Registrations**

34 Registrations Issued		
State Fees Collected	\$ 856.00	
Town Tax Collected	\$ 321.72	
Boat Agent Fees	\$ 56.80	
<b>Total Boat Revenue</b>		<b>\$1,234.52</b>

**OHRV Registrations**

11 Registrations Issued		
State Fees Collected	\$ 517.00	
OHRV Agent Fees	\$ 22.00	
<b>Total OHRV Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 539.00</b>

**NH Fish & Game Revenue**

14 Hunting/Fishing Licenses Issued		
State Fees Collected	\$ 808.00	
Agent Fees Collected	\$ 25.00	
<b>Total NH Fish &amp; Game Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 833.00</b>

**Summary of Fees Paid to Town Clerk**

Auto Fees	\$6,938.00	
Boat Agent Fees	\$ 56.80	
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 60.00	
Dog Licenses Fees	\$ 350.00	
Fish and Game Fees	\$ 25.00	
Marriage License Fees	\$ 21.00	
OHRV Agent Fees	\$ 22.00	
UCC Filing Fees	\$ 675.00	
<b>Total Fees</b>		<b>\$8,147.80</b>

## DOG LICENSE FEES

Male or Female	\$ 9.00
Altered Animals	6.50
Senior Citizens: for one animal	2.00
Thereafter, the regular fee (owner over 65 years of age)	

License fee for a puppy (older than 4 months but younger than 7 months) is **\$6.50** for the first initial year.

### Group Licenses

The minimum number of dogs required to qualify for a group license is five (5) dogs, and a standard fee of **\$20.00**.

### Proof of rabies and altering is required.

All dogs should be licensed by **April 30, 2008** to avoid any penalty.

If your dog is not licensed with the Town of Orford by May 31, 2008, we will be obligated to inform the Orford Animal Control Officer of a violation of RSA 466:1. A civil forfeiture will be issued which carries with it a **\$25.00** fine plus late fees.

## RABIES CLINIC

An Orford/Fairlee joint "Rabies Clinic" has been scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **March 19, 2008**, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Fairlee Fire Station. This has been arranged with the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic of Bradford, VT, and the Orford Town Clerk will be present. Attendance at this program is not only convenient, but offers these shots at a reduced rate.

Dog and Cat Rabies Vaccine	\$ 7.00
Other vaccines will be available.	

If people see an animal they suspect of being rabid, contact Roy Daisey, Orford Animal Control Officer, Orford Police Department or the NH Fish and Game Department.

RSA 436:99, II-VI requires that **all dogs and cats** have a rabies vaccine once they reach the age of **3 months**. The first rabies vaccine will be good for only one year, on a young dog or cat, but a two- or three-year vaccine will be given thereafter.

Rabies is a viral disease which attacks the central nervous system in mammals including wild animals, pets and **humans**. If untreated, it is almost always **fatal**.

**Rabies is spread from a bite or contact with the saliva of an infected animal.** An indication that an animal has rabies is a noted change in behavior, such as loss of normal fear of humans or a display of hostile actions. Rabies is impossible to diagnose without a medical test that can be done only after the infected mammal is dead.

Rabies is preventable. Dogs, cats, horses and other domestic animals can be vaccinated against the disease. If the vaccinated pet comes into contact with an infected animal, the disease will not spread. **However, humans that come into contact with the saliva from a rabid animal on their pet can get the disease.** If exposed to saliva from any animal which may be suspected of carrying rabies, the wound or infected area should be soaked for 10 minutes in soap and water prior to going to the emergency room of a hospital.

## SELECTBOARD

The past year can be characterized as one of transition. Last March, at Town Meeting, two new Selectmen were elected. The Board of Selectmen now consists of these two new members, Peter Dooley and Paul Dalton, as well as Chairman, Paul Goundrey who has prior experience, but was only recently re-elected to the Board. Add to that the hiring of Orford resident Sheri Clifford as the new Administrative Assistant upon the retirement of Mary Greene, and it made for a year of learning. The Highway Department also has another new employee this year, Orford resident Dennis Streeter.

This has also been a good year to take a fresh and critical look at the workings of the Town, including our new payroll system, assessing needs, accounting and auditing of the budgets and funds. This will continue into the future.

This year we finalized the 2005 revaluation. There were two appeals to the Grafton County Superior Court. Both were resolved in the Town's favor.

As for assessing we now have a 3-year contract with Brett Purvis Associates to perform our assessing work. During our search for an assessing firm it became apparent that we could meet our assessing obligation without starting a full cyclical review as was thought a year ago. Our contract will enable us to meet the state requirements, fulfill our needs and control costs.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee have worked hard again this year to prepare a budget that will provide the necessary town services, fairly compensate employees while being mindful of the tax implications to the taxpayers. This seems to become a greater challenge every year, especially in regards to health insurance premiums. This year the long range Capital Reserves were studied in detail to provide the necessary funds to purchase town vehicles and equipment with minimal tax impact. There were some adjustments made last year and again this year.

In regards to the town tax rate, we were able to maintain a stable rate for 2007 because \$200,000 of the healthy 2006 accumulated fund balance of \$637,246 was used as revenue. This translated into a reduction of the municipal tax rate from a proposed \$4.85 to \$3.50.

A very strong cautionary note must be made that these funds may not be available every year. Next year could be a year where sufficient fund balance may not be available to offset tax increases.

A review of the Articles in the 2007 Warrant shows some were accomplished and others are still pending. In January of 2008 the Highway Department took possession of the new dump truck. It took approximately 2 months to have the new highway department truck set up with plow, sander and body. This put a strain on the highway crew as it took more time to maintain the roads during the many storms of last December. A new mower was purchased for the upkeep of the Orford West Cemetery. The Selectmen got a late start on planning the new handicap ramp at the Town Office. We plan to relocate the ramp to the door on the south wall with construction starting in late spring. Advantages to this are, it will be closer to the parking lot, less problem



## SELECTBOARD — 2

with snow and ice from the roof, it will not need to be so large and will maintain the historical integrity of the front of the building.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered their time and energy that contributes to making Orford the town it is. Special thanks to Tom Thomson for this donation of materials for the rebuilding of the bridge in Quinttown. David Bischoff and Bill McKee for hoeing out the old town records in order to organize the storage space on the second floor of the town office and Ann Green and Carol Chivers for organizing the historical records.

We wish Mary Greene, our former Administrative Assistant, comfort and relaxation in her retirement. She was instrumental in establishing Orford as a Tree City USA. Mary always treated people with courtesy and respect in what are sometimes trying circumstances and we thank her for her nine years of service.

Paul Goundrey  
Paul Dalton  
Peter Dooley  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF ORFORD

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2007, the Orford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 78 calls.

Mutual Aid	9	Power Lines	4
Fire Alarms	8	Structure Fires	5
Car Accidents	14	Medical Calls	33
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	3	Wildfires	2

Arthur Dennis  
Fire Chief

## NILES FUND COMMITTEE

The Niles Fund Committee was formed in 1988 to disperse, by request, the interest on a gift of \$50,000 to the Town of Orford by Mrs. Lenore Niles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Niles, who moved to Orford in 1950, had a deep affection for our town and its people. Mrs. Niles passed away in 1988 and left this generous and unrestricted gift to be used for the betterment of Orford and its residents.

In 2007 the Niles Fund Committee approved the following applications for funding: \$1,000 to help with expenses for 3 Rivendell Odyssey of the Mind teams (including 10 Orford students) to compete at the World Competition in Michigan on May 23rd and \$1,000 to the Rivendell Trails Association toward the repair to the Mt. Cube section of the trail damaged in the late winter storm.

Applications for financial assistance for projects which would benefit the Town of Orford are available at the Selectmen's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

The Niles Fund Committee

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The people of Orford at Town Meeting (2000), by Warrant Article 19, directed the Conservation Commission to administer a special fund known as the Conservation Fund. This money is generated by the land use change tax (RSA 79-A). Typically, when a property listed in Current Use, a tax category, changes by development to one or more house lots, the Grantor pays a penalty tax to the Town. It is important to remember the wording of this mandate which in part, is as follows;... 'to be administered by the Conservation Committee (Commission) to help preserve the rural character of Orford by encouraging the conservation of open land in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 111". This was approved by voice vote at Orford Town Meeting, March 14, 2000. Now, eight years later, we pledge again to follow and act upon this mandate.

Some of Orford's many lovely natural resources are the ponds and brooks that are enjoyed by many residents. Boating, fishing, and swimming are all dependent on the water quality. A Commission member has been collecting water samples for several years from Jacobs Brook and Archertown Brook and one of the ponds each year. Because of a late-season spike in e-coli counts in 2006, the Commission took samples in seven sites each month from May through October in an attempt to isolate the source of the indicated pollution. A large amount of contamination was found in Jacobs Brook. The Selectman and the State were notified and they took appropriate action. We will be watching this very closely this year. In August, the Commission took water samples from Lower Baker Pond and is pleased to report that of six sampling sites covering the pond, three had e-coli colony counts of one, the remainder were zero. Temperature, dissolved oxygen, and pH are indicators of the ability of the waterway to sustain fish and other aquatic species. The test results indicate a healthy environment for all native species.

The Richmond Conservation Land on Route 10 will soon have a pamphlet that will have a map of the area and provide other information of interest. This property offers outstanding views, prime agricultural land, and frontage on both the marsh and on the Connecticut River. This is one of the most important birding sites in town and should be protected forever. Through a conservation easement with the Upper Valley Land Trust, this property would remain in its rural state, forever.

### Orford Conservation Commission Members

Bry Beeson, Chair	Emily Bryant	Tom Bubolz	Robb Day
Mark Marsh	Molly McHugh	Tom Thomson	

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In the past year our emergency management plan was tested during mock drills and actual events. Regional pandemic planning and exercises continued and the Town of Orford took an active part. These exercises allowed us to assess our ability to communicate effectively with other regional communities and organizations. The storms last April tested the town's readiness and ability to communicate with state and federal agencies.

It is clear from these activities that, while our written plan is a good starting point, there is much work still to do this year to get to an acceptable level of readiness.

First, the Town is in desperate need of procuring basic equipment for the Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.). The town office has been designated as the E.O.C.. The town does not have an emergency generator, radios, or redundant phone lines, which are all necessary to manage the emergencies we are likely to be faced with. We also need detailed maps of the electrical services in the town.

Secondly, the town's emergency management plan is out of compliance with the State of New Hampshire format and needs to be rewritten. Furthermore, all responding parties need to complete the National Incident Management training (N.I.M.S.).

Pandemic planning (all regions health hazards) must continue with other communities and organizations. We need to develop memorandums of understanding with local businesses to ensure that resources will be available when needed.

It is our intention to develop an emergency management committee to complete these tasks. Furthermore, we will be seeking volunteers to help in emergencies. These individuals will receive basic training and assist responding parties if ever necessary. If you are interested in participating please let me know.

If there are questions related to emergency management, please feel free to contact me through the Town Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Surprenant  
Emergency Management Director

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

We started the year relatively easy, not much snow at any one time. Then we had the nor'easter in April resulting in downed trees, power lines and blocked roads. Thanks to our very skilled employees, both full and part-time, as well as volunteers we were able to open the roads late in the day. A couple of weeks later we had things pretty much back to normal. A very special thank you to all who helped after the storm.

This year roads were ditched, gravel added, culverts replaced, brush cut and the remainder of Archertown Road and part of Townshed Road were paved. The bridge at the end of Quinttown Road was replaced with steel beams and decking donated by Thomson Family Tree Farm. New ribbon rail was added and the approach straightened out.

Welcome aboard Dennis Streeter, who joined the Highway Department in April, just before the storm.

Again, thanks to everyone who makes my job easier. Without you we wouldn't be where we are today.

Charles Waterbury  
Road Agent

### PAVING SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN OF ORFORD

YEARS		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>ARCHERTOWN</b>	<b>19,120 feet</b>								
Rt. 10 to Bridge	4,880 feet								
Top of Hill to Tillotson Falls	4,500 feet								
Hadlock's to Indian Pond	6,240 feet								
<b>BROOK ROAD</b>	<b>1,890 feet</b>								
<b>DUBLIN ROAD</b>	<b>1,380 feet</b>								
<b>GRIMES HILL</b>	<b>2,600 feet</b>								
<b>INDIAN POND</b>	<b>4,100 feet</b>								
<b>RIVER ROAD</b>	<b>4,260 feet</b>								
<b>TOWNSHED</b>	<b>6,190 feet</b>								
<b>UPPER BAKER</b>	<b>5,680 feet</b>								
25A to Sunset Camp	3,000 feet								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65,340 FEET</b>								



## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-888-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2214, or on-line at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe.

Gerald Pease, Fire Warden  
Eleanor Mardin, Forest Ranger

### 2007 Fire Statistics

(All Fires Reported as of November 8, 2007)

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Arson	5	<b>2007</b> 437	212
Debris	197	<b>2006</b> 500	473
Campfire	38	<b>2005</b> 546	174
Children	22	<b>2004</b> 482	147
Smoking	41	<b>2003</b> 374	100
Railroad	5		
Equipment	3		
Lightning	7		
Misc.*	119		

(\*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

## FREE LIBRARY

The Free Library enjoyed a successful and productive year in 2007. There were 2164 patrons who used the library. We saw an increase in the materials circulated, with a total of 4522 items being loaned. We thank your librarian, Laurel Fulford, for being receptive to the requests and needs of the patrons. Through her efforts, the library's collection has grown and it is a vital resource for the community.

The library held many events throughout the year. Programs for children and families included: Bedtime Story Hours, Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, an evening of Valentine-making and a mud season game night, the summer reading program, story telling with Simon Brooks, pumpkin carving and the Holiday Open House. Adults' events included the Saturday morning meetings of the 'Ville Quilters and the book discussion series "Journeys to the Edge" by Suzanne Brown.

Through the generosity of The Friends of the Orford Libraries, the library underwent a face-lift in the fall. New lighting was installed both inside and out and electrical outlets were added. The bathroom was weatherized and painted, the main room and historical room were painted and the furnishings in the historical room were rearranged. These improvements have made the library a bright and welcoming space. We are indebted to The Friends for their continued support of the library.

As always, we appreciate the efforts of the many volunteers who gave their time, energy and talents to the library in a variety of tasks including book repair, maintaining the building and grounds, helping with story hours, preparing for and cleaning up after the book sale and making refreshments. We would also like to thank the Garden Club for the Christmas decorations on the library entrance. In addition, many individuals have made contributions of money, books, video tapes, DVD's and CD's. These are accepted with gratitude.

Board of Trustees:

Susan Kling, Carol Boynton, Christie Manning

Librarian:

Laurel Fulford



## FREE LIBRARY — 2

2007

### Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 2007	\$ 8,376.48
Town of Orford	13,083.00
Book/Bake Sale	298.65
Friends of the Orford Libraries' Gift	2,000.00
Gift/Donations	200.00
Interest	14.71
Computer/Copier Services	39.00
Grant	740.80
Misc.	64.08
	<u>\$24,816.72</u>

### Expenditures

Books	\$ 1,619.85
Multimedia	323.07
Magazines	161.85
Librarian	6,760.00
Fuel/Heat	3,134.07
Maintenance/Repair	60.00
Programs	880.80
Postal	52.00
Telephone	684.32
Electric	272.49
Copier/Library Supplies	115.44
Meetings/Mileage	102.60
Computer/Internet Services	224.38
Dues/Memberships	290.00
Programs Materials	116.37
Capital Improvements/Electrical Upgrade	2,739.37
Education	130.00
Misc.	425.43
Balance in checking account December 31, 2007	<u>\$ 6,724.68</u>

\$24,816.72

## SOCIAL LIBRARY

The Orford Social Library has had a great year in 2007. As an important center in the community we serve as a place for people to connect with each other, as well as to gain access to a wealth of information and services. Our welcoming atmosphere and expanding collection of quality materials is reflected in well over 6,000 patron visits and the circulation of more than 8,000 items. In addition, our public computer provided important access to library users.

As we continued our regular programs of preschool story hours and book discussions for adults and youth, we have also been pleased to provide several special events to the community. Orford storyteller Simon Brooks kicked off our Summer Reading Program and Hannah Putnam from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) brought an exciting "Raptors Encounter" program to the library. In addition there were other opportunities for building connections within the community, including a "Handmade in Orford" exhibit, our annual Ice Cream Social and our holiday tree trimming event using natural materials.

We welcomed increased connections with the Rivendell Schools this year. We were particularly pleased to have been able to host the Academy's Community Elder Portrait Project as well as welcome classes who walked over from the Samuel Morey Elementary School. Classes participated in our annual "Poem on a Postcard" event and voted on their favorite Ladybug Picture Book.

The library maintains its strength largely through the generous support from you, the members of our community. We so appreciate the efforts of all the volunteers who have contributed 610 hours towards accomplishing a wide array of tasks. A special thanks to the strong presence and support of the Friends of the Orford Libraries. Their contribution this past year enabled us to replace our carpet. And in our efforts to keep energy expenditures under control, new storm windows were installed and we are now enjoying a new and more efficient furnace.

We believe that a library is an essential part of a vital community, and that it provides important services and resources to all. We sincerely thank you for your support as we continue to renew and strengthen the library's ability to serve patrons of all ages and interests.

Board of Trustees:

Bill Culp, chair

Bry Beeson

Eva Daniels

Valerie Griswold

Gail Keefer

Bonnie Reid Martin

Judy Silvia

Sheila Thomson

Ella Tobelman

Sarah Putnam, Librarian

Nancy Cassel, Asst. Librarian

**SOCIAL LIBRARY — 2  
FINANCIAL REPORT 2007**

**Cash on Hand as of 12/01/2007:** **\$ 4,398.49**

**INCOME**

Town of Orford	\$ 15,913.00
Fund-raising – General	7,660.00
Book Funds – New Gifts	442.95
Other Funds – New Gifts	657.90
State of NH Grants	0.00
Friends of the Orford Libraries Gift	2,000.00
Interest Income	46.54
Book Sale	1,515.75
Copier	259.00
Redemption from Investments	8,000.00
Capital Donations	2,500.00

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**\$43,373.63**

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**EXPENSE**

Books and Magazines	\$ 3,992.07
Librarian – Net	\$ 11,329.68
Librarian’s Assistant – Net	\$ 2,306.48
Librarian Continuing Education	\$ 56.28
Payroll tax	\$ 2,993.13
Fund-raising Expenses	\$ 0.00
NH Grant Books Discussion/Arts Programs	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 1,737.00
Electricity	\$ 808.75
Heat & Water	\$ 2,967.67
Telephone	\$ 1,410.71
Cleaning	\$ 860.10
Library Supplies/Furniture	\$ 1,861.07
Computer Supplies/Equipment	\$ 269.98
Maintenance	\$ 404.36
Copier	\$ 0.00
Accountant Fee	\$ 420.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 187.00
Capital Improvements	7,462.80

**Cash on Hand as of 12/31/2007:** **\$ 4,306.55**

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**\$43,373.63**

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## PLANNING BOARD

Subdivision activity:

- 4 subdivisions and 2 lot line adjustments
- Approved 10 lots (2 of which are non-buildable due to their proximity to wetlands) which added 5 new lots to the town's total

2007 saw reduced subdivision activity with only 4 subdivisions approved. A subcommittee of the Board started the process of creating a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP will be used by the town to anticipate large capital expenditures and help minimize spikes in the timing of those expenditures, which should help reduce major fluctuations in the Town's portion of property taxes. The Board expects to submit the CIP for approval at the 2009 Town Meeting.

Bruce Balch and Jim McGoff were both elected at Town Meeting for 3-year terms. Paul Dalton stepped down after serving many years as the Planning Board Chairman but continues to serve on the Board as the Selectmen's representative. We urge more citizens to become involved with the Board. There are currently several openings for alternate Board members. Alternate members are appointed by the Board for one-year terms, are expected to attend all meetings and are very often seated in place of those members who are not in attendance. If you are interested in serving as an alternate, please contact one of the Board members listed below.

The Board continues to contract with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) in Lebanon for the services of a Planning Assistant. An UVLSRPC representative is available to answer applicant's questions and assist in preparing applications. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the UVLSRPC (603-448-1680) early in the planning process in order to make their subdivision go more smoothly. Board meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Offices and are open to the public. Copies of the regulations are available on the town's website ([orfordnh.us/community/resources.html](http://orfordnh.us/community/resources.html)).

2007 Planning Board Committee

Andrew Schwaegler, Chairman

Sam Hanford, Vice Chairman

David Green, Secretary

Alan Martin

Bruce Balch

Jim McGoff

Paul Dalton, Selectmen Representative

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

In preparing my third annual report to the Town for the Orford Police Department, I find it hard to believe that we have passed, so quickly, through another year. Not that it has not been an active one for us in law enforcement, as the statistics set out at the end of this report attest. However, I would like to focus for a moment, on something else.

Here in Orford we live in idealistic surroundings — beautiful mountain views, fields running down to the river, interspersed with lovely ponds that provide each of us so much pleasure, all changing as the seasons change. All of us, I am one, have our own special seasons, places and views — and our lives can and do revolve in part around those things.

But thinking about this leads me to this point: There are people and things in today's world that threaten those things and those values which we hold dear. We have to work more to pay for things, from gas to food, and accordingly spend less time with our families and friends and enjoying our wonderful environment. And of course the problem of terrorists and terrorism always intrudes. So there's a lot to concern us.

However, I would like to assure you that the areas we, the Orford Police Department, are concerned with should not be one of your concerns. As you read this Annual Report, you should understand that we cherish the same values you do, and are always working to preserve them. In doing this, we have been very busy handling calls for service throughout the community. In doing so, we seek to uphold New Hampshire laws and our Town ordinances, in a consistent and fair manner, and to protect and serve all of you who live here -- to keep the things that would disturb or impact adversely on you and on all the things we enjoy here to a minimum.

The changes in our world today do necessitate a proactive police force to handle the unusual situations as well as the everyday. We try to provide that and I hope, looking at our record for the year, you will agree that we have been reasonably successful in doing so.

Turning to specific matters, we have again obtained Highway Safety grants to pay for 100% of approximately \$7,000 dollars worth of time that Officer Cashin and I can spend in addition to our 40 hours per week on, among other things, DWI and Highway Safety patrols. We have obtained 12 indictments on felony charges out of Superior Court and more than 50 convictions out of the District Court on violation and misdemeanor charges. These cases do not, however, reflect the time involved from start to finish on each one. Before we bring these cases before a court, there is nothing that can insure a just result except careful and persistent preparation. In addition to pure police work, we also provide support to students and faculty at Rivendell Academy and try to promote a positive presence there.

In closing, I would stress our ability to perform our duties depends on your support. So we thank you for that support. We will do our best to insure in the coming year that everyone in the community remains safe and able to enjoy our wonderful home.

Todd Gray  
Chief of Police

## POLICE DEPARTMENT — 2

### STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR OF 2007

Accidents . . . . .	35	Juvenile Offenses . . . . .	18
Alarms . . . . .	31	Lost/Found Property . . . . .	14
Ambulance Calls . . . . .	30	Miscellaneous . . . . .	85
Assist Other Agencies . . . . .	25	Missing Persons . . . . .	03
Assaults . . . . .	05	M/V Complaints . . . . .	35
Arrests . . . . .	63	M/V Citations . . . . .	135
Auto Theft . . . . .	02	M/V Warnings . . . . .	595
. . . . .		OHRV . . . . .	05
Bad Checks . . . . .	08	Vacant Residences/Businesses . . . . .	41
Burglary . . . . .	04	Restraining Orders . . . . .	05
Civil Issues . . . . .	46	Sexual Assaults . . . . .	00
Criminal Mischief . . . . .	24	Stranded Motorists . . . . .	16
Criminal Threatening . . . . .	10	Suicide . . . . .	01
Cyber Crime/Fraud . . . . .	06	Subpoenas . . . . .	10
. . . . .		Suspicious Person/Activity . . . . .	62
Disorderly Conduct . . . . .	10	Theft . . . . .	07
Domestic Violence . . . . .	16	Unattended Deaths . . . . .	00
Drug-related Offenses . . . . .	15	911 Calls . . . . .	27
Felony Offenses . . . . .	12		
Harassment . . . . .	07		
Illegal Dumping . . . . .	03		
<b>Total Calls for Service . . . . .</b>	<b>1,411</b>		

\*\*NH State Police also responded to a number of calls (motor vehicle accidents, under-age drinking party, burglary, and some domestic incidents are some examples). They also made some motor vehicle stops.

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

The 2007 cemetery season started early with the Nor' Easter Storm in April. Numerous trees were lost along the fence lines, which also resulted in much damage to fencing. With the assistance of the Orford Highway Department, cleanup was accomplished quite quickly. We thank them.

A new mower and bagger were purchased which we find very time saving as we have just one employee maintaining three cemeteries.

Due to other commitments, our volunteers did not find time to make our fence repairs, but hope to get this done during the 2008 season.

Again the cemetery commission thanks Kurt Gendron for the fine job he does in our cemeteries.

Thank you to Louise Mack for her voluntary contribution in keeping our financial records.

Cemetery Commission:  
Joe Arcolio  
Jane Hebb  
Paul Messer, Sr.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The Animal Control Officer responded to 214 calls for service in 2007 — 67 being domestic animals and 147 being wild animals.

Even though there were cases of rabid animals in New Hampshire, there have been no confirmed cases in Orford.

It is important that all domestic animals be vaccinated and that all dogs and cats not be allowed to roam freely.

There are pamphlets available at the Orford Post Office and the Orford Town Offices about West Nile disease.

Roy Daisey  
Animal Control Officer

## **PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The Committee had a relatively normal year of activities. Preventive measures are on-going in some areas, while the trial and error method is necessary in others.

At the Community Field the grub problem/solution from last year seems to be working and it is being monitored periodically. The dugouts have been repaired and extra stabilizing has been added to keep them upright. A “curb stop” was installed when the new water line went thru and we hope to have water lines put in place for field irrigation perhaps as soon as this next year.

The new dock and floats at Indian Pond continue to be appreciated by beach goers and Swim Program participants. The floats have been a struggle to keep anchored, but we are working out the “bugs” and hope to have a final solution this summer. Many thanks to the Swim Program volunteers when installing and removing the floats.

Some of the mowing of town property has been “subbed out” and Brian Ricker is now mowing these areas. Thanks go out to Brian as well as Keith Brooks, Floyd Marsh Rubbish Removal and K & R Portable Toilets for their continued services to the town.

Parks & Playgrounds Committee:  
Paul Goundrey  
John O'Brien  
Brad McCormack  
Nate Tullar



## ORFORD-PIERMONT SWIM PROGRAM

The 2007 Swim Program offered at the Orford Town Beach at Indian Pond ran for three weeks this summer from July 30th to August 17th. Jonathan Cook of Piermont, a graduate of the program, was our Red Cross certified instructor for a second year. Samantha and Christina Fulford of Orford returned as swim aids as did Tori Rogan of Piermont. At this time we anticipate that the 2008 program will run weekdays from July 21st to August 8th with Jonathan Cook returning as the instructor. Testing for new students or those with questions about their level will be held at the pond Saturday July 19th from 1:00-3:00 pm. So mark your calendars and check the Library News and Town boxholders for updates.

There were about 100 children enrolled in the Red Cross Program beginning at age 3 and continuing upward. As always the program strives to teach basic water safety and over the years returning students eventually can become qualified to serve as Water Safety Aids themselves. Since the goal of the program is to teach the participants not just how to swim, but all aspects of water safety, there are several safety issues about which we like to remind all parents. For everyone's safety please remember that the instructors and aids are watching only those children in their lessons and are not watching or responsible for children outside of their allotted lesson times. There is no life guard on duty to watch swimmers. Also, the beach can become very crowded during lessons, so the dock is off limits to students except during their class. There is access to the water from the boat launch during lessons. There is also no running or diving allowed on or from the dock at any time and lessons have first priority on the floats.

Our thanks always are owed to the Parks and Playgrounds Committee members, especially Brad McCormack and Paul Goundrey, who among many other things helped to install and remove the dock and floats from the pond. Our thanks are owed to the road crew as well. Also, thanks to the many parents who helped daily at the beach. Thanks so much to Jane Bryant and Kathy Landgraf for the beautiful and delicious end of the program luncheon. Anyone with questions or concerns about the program or who would like to help out in any way, please call any of the swim committee members.

Swim Committee Members:  
Kate Cook – Piermont  
Ruth Cserr – Orford  
Rebecca Ladd – Piermont  
Maritza Stimson – Orford

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF ORFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

2/18/08

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND (COMMON TRUSTS SHOWN FIRST)	HOW INV	PRINCIPAL		
			BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS CREATED	GAINS OF LOSSES
* MS10	* <b>TOTAL COMMON CEMETERY TRUSTS</b>	MF/Bank	\$144,629.17	\$2,500.00	\$12,492.90
	<b>CEMETERY COMON TRUST TOTALS</b>		\$144,629.17	\$2,500.00	\$12,492.90
	<b>CAPITAL RESERVES AND OTHER TOWN FUNDS:</b>				
1989	TOWN OF ORFORD/ BRIDGES & ROADS	CD/MM	\$39,695.65	\$10,000.00	
1984	TOWN OF ORFORD/ COMM. FIELD (GIFT OF HAZEN MOREY)	MM	200.00		
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ COMM. FIELD	CD/MM	731.58		
1985	TOWN OF ORFORD/ COMM. FIELD TRUST (GIFT OF HAZEN MOREY)	CD/MM	6,905.54		
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ DUMP CLOSURE	CD/MM	35,653.37		
1989	TOWN OF ORFORD/ FIRE TRUCKS	CD/MM	181,502.26	20,000.00	
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ GRADER	CD/MM	14,783.82	8,000.00	
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ HWY DEPT TRUCKS	CD/MM	56,869.18	46,000.00	
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ IMPR H/CAP	MM	87.69		
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ LOADER	MM	37,578.63	7,000.00	
1978	TOWN OF ORFORD/ POLICE CRUISER	CD/MM	13,583.38	8,000.00	
1987	TOWN OF ORFORD/ REAPPRAISAL	CD/MM	59,778.66	1,000.00	
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TOWN BUILDINGS	CD/MM	2,811.28		
2002	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TAX MAP	MM	3,632.76		
1992	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TRACTOR/MOWER	MM	19,785.95	5,000.00	
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TREES CARE & REPL.	MM	878.51	3,300.50	
2000	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TOWN PROP. EXP. TR.	MM	4,879.79	7,500.00	
2003	TOWN OF ORFORD/ HVY EQUIP MAINT. EXP. TR.	MM	10,000.00	2,500.00	
2004	TOWN OF ORFORD/ WW II MON. MAINT. FUND	MM	2,685.63		
2004	TOWN OF ORFORD/ WILDFIRE SUPPR. FUND	MM	3,000.00	1,000.00	
1985	TOWN OF ORFORD/ BENEFIT H.S. STUDENTS (GIFT OF HAZEN MOREY)	CD/MM	3,383.58		
1987	TOWN OF ORFORD/ SCHOLARSHIP FUND (GIFT OF MENTA SAWYER)	CD	5,000.00		
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ LENORE NILES FUND	MF/MM	60,181.42		5,411.09
1989	TOWN OF ORFORD/ SCHOOL FUND FOR EXCEL. (GIFTS TO FUND BY INDIVIDUALS)	CD	17,030.57		
1949	ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (ALICE MANN)	MF/MM	3,260.77		187.41
			\$728,529.19	\$121,800.50	\$18,091.40

NOTES: Mutual Fund Assets valued at cost. Not shown are 2006 Unrecognized Capital Losses of \$11,962.26, bringing net Urecog. Gains to \$56,799.91. More than offsetting the Unrecog CL were Mutual Fund Recog. Capital Gains and dividends received of \$21,907.77. Interest rates began falling dramatically at end of year. Niles Fund expenditures were Odessey of the Mind \$1000, Orford Rivendell Trails \$1000. Review of Bank allocation among funds of prior year deposits found correct totals but that Police Cruiser income was overstated versus Reappraisal and Tractor Mower. Correcting adjustments, netting zero, are made in this year's income received allocations.

Total Expenditures from income and principal for all funds in 2006: >>>>> \$63,334.97 of which the New Town Truck was \$56,000.

Respectfully submitted: M. Blanchard, for M. Blanchard, S. Carter, J. Davis ::: Trustees.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF ORFORD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

WITH-DRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	INCOME				TOTAL
		BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME AMOUNT	EXPENDED IN YEAR	END OF YR BALANCE	YEAR-END BALANCE
	\$159,622.07	\$22,881.89	\$4,133.66		\$27,015.55	\$186,637.62
\$0.00	\$159,622.07	\$22,881.89	\$4,133.66	\$0.00	\$27,015.55	\$186,637.62
	\$49,695.65	\$0.00	\$1,342.69		\$1,342.69	\$51,038.34
	200.00	239.61	8.32		247.93	447.93
	731.58	1,456.77	109.22		1,565.99	2,297.57
	6,905.54	7,770.54	426.12		8,196.66	15,102.20
1,795.67	33,857.70	0.00	1,042.31	1,042.31	0.00	33,857.70
	201,502.26	23,557.06	6,757.65		30,314.71	231,816.97
	22,783.82	0.00	544.29		544.29	23,328.11
52,410.17	50,459.01	1,589.74	2,000.09	3,589.83	0.00	50,459.01
	87.69	83.33	3.23		86.56	174.25
	44,578.63	1,944.21	819.82		2,764.03	47,342.66
	21,583.38	23.02	(384.27)		(361.25)	21,222.13
	60,778.66	1,168.54	2,251.55		3,420.09	64,198.75
	2,811.28	1,345.11	55.90		1,401.01	4,212.29
	3,632.76	0.00	119.64		119.64	3,752.40
	24,785.95	584.02	676.87		1,260.89	26,046.84
2,333.76	1,845.25	0.00	46.24	46.24	0.00	1,845.25
	12,379.79	0.00	185.41	116.99	68.42	12,448.21
	12,500.00	438.02	222.96		660.98	13,160.98
	2,685.63	148.37	53.83		202.20	2,887.83
	4,000.00	123.00	69.18		192.18	4,192.18
	3,383.58	3,691.28	138.76		3,830.04	7,213.62
	5,000.00	7,282.37	409.13		7,691.50	12,691.50
	65,592.51	8,331.89	1,673.13	2,000.00	8,005.02	73,597.53
	17,030.57	13,969.48	888.39		14,857.87	31,888.44
	3,448.18	1,140.80	140.60		1,281.40	4,729.58
\$56,539.60	\$811,881.49	\$97,769.05	\$23,734.72	\$6,795.37	\$114,708.40	\$926,589.89

## **UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS**

This year the Upper Valley Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the Connecticut River Management Plan, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our Plan and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the third Monday evening of every other month at the Thetford Bicentennial Building. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the Connecticut River Management Plan and much more are on the web at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org).

Carl Schmidt and Marc White, Orford representatives to the Upper Valley Subcommittee

## **CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS**

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the river, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Wells River, Woodsville, and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for new signs in 2008. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivetravel.net](http://www.ctrivetravel.net).

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, River Valley News and River Byway News.

For an electronic copy of this report, please contact Adair Mulligan at 603-795-2104 or [adair.mulligan@crjc.org](mailto:adair.mulligan@crjc.org)

## UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

We are pleased to present our annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our nine communities since July 1, 1990. Since then, Upper Valley has responded to over 24,000 ambulance calls.

These last few years have proven to be very challenging from a business perspective. Soaring fuel costs as well as the “expected” double-digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance has made it more difficult for us to purchase new equipment to maintain our high level of patient care services.

Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payers continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Many of our patients are covered by Vermont Medicaid which has not given the ambulance industry a rate increase since 1997. Despite this, we strive to continue providing a high level of service.

We expect 2008 to be no different. UVA continues to practice conservative fiscal management. Despite the escalating cost of providing service, after countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors has approved the 2008 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00 per capita. We have been able to remain at this funding level since 2000, however escalating costs and decreasing reimbursements may leave us little choice but to raise our funding request in the coming years. Meanwhile, we will search for grants, donations, and other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

The cornerstone of Upper Valley Ambulance continues to be our personnel. We are proud to have paramedic level EMT's staffing our ambulances. Further training will allow Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with complex equipment between hospitals.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$40 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee. We plan to further emphasize the Subscription Service in a newsletter you will be receiving this coming year.

We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors who stop by to visit, or have their blood pressure checked at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator or your Town Representative, if you have any questions concerning our service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Larry A. Lancaster, Chair  
Board of Directors

## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the Region does not lower our quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Here is a summary of our work during the past year:

- Continued to collaborate with economic development partners in Grafton County through the North Country CEDS Committee.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association and Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition to help communities collaborate on watershed management planning.
- Promoted our Region's priorities for federal and state transportation funding including Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grants. Served on NH Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Advisory Committee (CMAQ).
- Participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart growth policies with NH Association of Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Policy Committee, NH GIS Advisory Committee, and Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee.
- Began updating the Land Use Chapter of the Regional Plan.
- Participated in the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning's fall conference.
- Assisted Connecticut River Joint Commissions with update of corridor management plan.
- Performed over 100 traffic counts in 13 communities throughout the Region to provide data for state and regional transportation plans.
- Continued to participate with Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Connecticut River
- Byway Council, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Upper Valley Housing Coalition, North Country Resource Conservation & Development, and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.
- Responded to numerous day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance, data and GIS maps.
- Continued to update our website – [www.uvlsrpc.org](http://www.uvlsrpc.org) – with information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations. Provided information to businesses, residents, libraries, school districts and other area organizations.
- Participated in professional development activities to ensure planning staff stays up-to-date on best practices, emerging topics, GIS, and changes in NH land use law and federal funding programs of benefit to communities.
- Each year we try to address the highest priority needs of the Region, while balancing the varied concerns of both the larger and smaller communities within our area.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the Region in addressing the issues above and others that arise in the future. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program continues to focus on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you.

Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at [cwalker@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:cwalker@uvlsrpc.org) to share your thoughts.

Christine Walker  
Executive Director

## TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, nonprofit agency that is requesting, at your 2008 Town Meeting, \$550 in funding from the Town of Orford to help support its Community Contact Division.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2006 – 2007:

Services Provided:	# of HH	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	19	\$10,965
State-wide Electrical Assistance Program	11	\$ 7,218
Homeless Prevention Funds		\$ 2,892
Food Pantry (5 people receiving 3 days worth of food)	14	\$ 100
Referrals (i.e., Health, Budgeting, Legal Aid, Clothing . . .)	41	

**THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION,  
THE CITIZENS OF ORFORD HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$21,175  
IN ASSISTANCE BETWEEN JULY 1, 2006 AND JUNE 30, 2007.**

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. We are depending upon funding from your town and others countywide.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Orford's past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Dan McGregor  
Woodsville Community Contact Manager

**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
***Homecare, Hospice and Family Health Services in the Town of Orford***

The VNA & Hospice traces its roots to district nursing services that began in 1907. Nursing services evolved from community concern for the well-being of neighbors. Recognizing the importance of caring for people in the comfort and warmth of home, services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay.

Your special appropriation dollars ensure a safety net of health services for Orford's citizens. The VNA & Hospice provides short-term care for those who need skilled services after hospital discharge in addition to long term care for people who have chronic medical problems. VNA & Hospice nurses provide health education so patients and their caregivers will understand how to prevent health crises in the future.

By keeping Orford residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses. Sustaining home healthcare as part of the community safety net is one proven way to control healthcare spending.

Our goals is to provide compassionate care to every member of your community who needs our services. Many of our Maternal Child Health clients have serious social and medical challenges. We give these families the support they need to identify and resolve problems early on before their children enter the school system. Our staff help these families become self-sufficient, improving their chances of success in school and civic life.

The Town of Orford's continued collaboration with the VNA & Hospice is vital to community health and well-being and we than you for your support.

Mark Hamilton  
Interim CEO



## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

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 sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink 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, adult in-home care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2007, 71 older residents of Orford were served by the Council's programs offered through the Orford, Horse Meadow and Upper Valley Senior Centers:

- Older adults from Orford enjoyed 828 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 1,574 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Frail residents of Orford benefited from our adult in-home care program, providing 1,584 hours of companionship and assistance.
- Orford residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 4 occasions by volunteers.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 10 visits with a social worker.
- Orford's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,485 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orford residents in 2007 was \$49,297.94.

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 that 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 Orford'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.

Roberta Berner  
Executive Director

**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. — 2**

Statistics for the Town of Orford  
October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 71 Orford residents (out of 202 residents over 60 – 2000 Census).

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service	x	Unit (1) Cost	=	Total Cost of Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	2,402	x	\$6.20		\$14,892.40
Transportation	Trips	4	x	\$9.91		\$ 39.64
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	\$18.04		\$ 0
Adult In-Home Care	Hours	1,584	x	\$21.50		\$34,056.00
Social Services	Half-hours	10	x	\$30.99		\$ 309.90
Activities		82		N/A		
Chore Assistance		1		N/A		

Number of Orford volunteers: 12. Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,485.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Orford residents only	<u>\$49,297.94</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2007	\$ 2,400.00
Received from Town of Orford for 2007	\$ 2,400.00
Request for Senior Services for 2008	\$ 2,500.00

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Contributions 8%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

It is a pleasure to serve this large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive Council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive Council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired than new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators – House and Senate. Find them by going to **[www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov)**.

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, 603-271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at **[222.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm](http://222.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm)**.

It is an honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

Raymond S. Burton  
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Bath, NH 03740  
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[ray.burton4@get.net](mailto:ray.burton4@get.net)  
*Executive Councilor  
District One*

## **RIVENDELL CONSERVATION EASEMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

In 1999, as part of a larger purchase of land by the Rivendell School District, an agreement was reached to conserve the 8-acre open field and hedgerow to the north of the existing school property in Orford, together with its adjacent 5-acre wooded hillside, by granting a conservation easement to the Upper Valley Land Trust. This land will remain permanently undeveloped, thereby helping to ensure the area's rural appearance by protecting scenic views and maintaining a buffer between the conserved land and buildings on the school campus. At the same time, Rivendell, as the property owner, retained valuable rights for certain underground, out-of-sight uses for part of the open field, as well as for educational use of the wooded hillside.

In 2007, the Management Committee for the Rivendell conservation easement consisted of three members appointed by the Rivendell School Board (Ruth Cserr, Mel Emerson, and Bruce Schwaegler) and two members appointed by the Orford Board of Selectmen (Ann Green, serving as Committee Chair, and Carl Schmidt). Noelle Vitt, Rivendell's Head of Schools, and Gary Collins, Rivendell's Director of Operations, both served as ex officio members of the Committee.

During 2007, the Committee, acting on behalf of the Rivendell School District, continued to monitor implementation of the property's Management Plan, including provisions for farming of the open field. In accordance with this plan and a lease for agricultural use of the conserved land that was renewed in 2006 for a three-year period, River Valley Farm of Orford again grew corn on the upper and lower areas of the field.

The specific goals and objectives for maintaining the 13 acres of conserved land are set forth in a Five Year Management Plan, which was developed by the Committee and approved by the Upper Valley Land Trust in 2003. It addresses the forested area at the east end of the easement, the wooded hedgerows along the edges of the open field, and the eight acres of open fields. The Plan provides that the fields are to be maintained for traditional agricultural uses and sets out as a long-term goal the use of organic farming methods. It is intended that Rivendell students and faculty will become further involved in the management of this community resource to foster learning and promote understanding and appreciation of land conservation for the public benefit. The Management Plan is due for review and extension in 2008; the Committee welcomes comments and suggestions concerning future maintenance and use of the conserved land.

Ann Green, Committee Chair  
Ruth Cserr  
Mel Emerson  
Carl Schmidt  
Bruce Schwaegler  
Noelle Vitt, Ex Officio  
Gary Collins, Ex Officio

**RECREATION COUNCIL OF RIVENDELL  
A COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION (CSO)**

The Recreation Council of Rivendell offers sports programs for the students in our District. We offer soccer, basketball, skiing/snowboarding, skating, baseball, softball and Tee-ball. An Athletic Director with assistance from Program Coordinators work together to make sure the programs continue to run with great success. Some of our sports programs are divided into two offerings (Recreation program and Travel Teams). The Recreation Program participants meet for 6 Saturdays. Teams are arranged by age and the focus is skill development with some games amongst each other. Travel team students are arranged as Grade 3–4 teams, and Grade 5–6 teams.

Below is the break down for last fiscal year’s sports programs:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Travel</u>	<u>Rec</u>
Soccer	50	65
Basketball	58	36
Skiing	75	
Snowboarding	23	
Skating	41	
Baseball	53	
Softball	19	
Tee-ball		33

We offer financial assistance to help cover the cost of the programs.

Each sport would not be able to run as smoothly as they do without all the Volunteers. We want to thank all volunteers/coaches for the time and effort they put into our sports programs for the children. If you want to know more about our programs, please look for our annual report we produce at the end of every school year, check our website [www.cso-rivendell.org](http://www.cso-rivendell.org) or read one of our quarterly newsletters mailed to each postal patron within the Rivendell district.

Appropriation Request for 2008: This year we are asking Orford to appropriate \$1645.00, 35% of the total Budget request of \$4700.00 from all Rivendell member towns and based on ADM (average daily membership) for grades K–6.

Orford has 87 of the district’s current ADM total of 246.

Thank you for your continued support.

Theresa Woodward  
Athletic Director

## WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In FY 2007, West Central Behavioral Health received an appropriation of \$1,155 from the Town of Orford. We are grateful for this appropriation that enabled us to provide \$12,682 of free or reduced cost mental and behavioral health services to residents of Orford who are uninsured or underinsured. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay to all communities in our service area, and are asking the cities and towns we serve to help us sustain that commitment to many of our most vulnerable neighbors. In order to achieve this goal we are requesting a FY 2008 appropriation of \$1,155.

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Orford, as well as Southern Grafton and Sullivan Counties. Our mission is: "to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services." Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction; as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress and other impairing , but highly treatable, conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, schools and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management and emergency consultations.

Some of the services provided to residents of Orford this year include:

- 7 Children and their families received 176 therapy sessions at our outpatient clinics in Newport, Lebanon and Claremont
- 8 Adult residents received 82 sessions of outpatient counseling for depression, anxiety, addictions, family issues and other critical issues
- 3 Residents contacted our Emergency services, available 24 hours, 7 days a week
- 3 Residents received 40 sessions of other services such as case management, medication management, child respite and vocational supports.

We hope you will help us provide quality mental health care to all who need it.

Ronald J. Michaud  
Community Relations & Development Officer

**VITAL RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2007**

**MARRIAGES**

<b>Date</b>	<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>
02/10/2007	Brown II, Kevin Scott	Piermont, NH	Parker, Malinda Ann	Piermont, NH	Orford, NH
05/05/2007	McKeever, Michael	Lisbon, NH	Pucillo, Lynne	Orford	Lisbon, NH
06/09/2007	Buckwold, William C	Lebanon, NH	Vetsiarets, Alena M	Orford	Warner NH
07/19/2007	Price, Jacob H	Orford	Witherell, Natalie	Haverhill NH	N Haverhill NH
08/11/2007	Page Sr., Norman Frank	Orford	Clogston, Althea B	Orford	Haverhill NH
08/25/2007	Coutermarsh, Jeffrey I	Orford	Stone, Shana L	Bethel, VT	Enfield NH
09/15/2007	Robie, Mark A	Piermont, NH	Miller, Elaine K	Orford	Piermont NH
09/15/2007	Pike, James	Fairlee, VT	Gilman, Jennifer	Fairlee, VT	Fairlee, VT
10/13/2007	Fontenault, Jeremy M	Orford	Ramsier, Jill E	Lebanon, NH	Plainfield NH
10/20/2007	Sevigny, Timothy Lee	Post Mills, VT	Parshley, Patricia Irene	Post Mills, VT	Orford

**BIRTHS**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>
01/22/2007	<i>Ricker, Erin Christen</i>	Ricker, David Crouch, Melinda C	Orford, NH
02/17/2007	<i>Stearns, Cody Reginald</i>	Stearns, Brian Kopf, Margaret Ann	Lebanon, NH
02/20/2007	<i>Fahey, Boone Shepard</i>	Fahey, Clifford Shepard, Amy	Lebanon, NH
03/22/2007	<i>Tulliar, Ella Grace</i>	Tulliar, Nathan Cahill, Carole Ann	Lebanon, NH
03/27/2007	<i>Waterman, Elizabeth Mae</i>	Waterman, Keith Waterman, Emily	Lebanon, NH

**BIRTHS** *(continued)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Father and Mother</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>
5/07/2007	<i>Pushee, Austin Dean</i>	Pushee, Chico Pushee, Lea	Lebanon, NH
5/23/2007	<i>Baughman, Soeren Charles</i>	Baughman, Charles Peterson, Carrie	Lebanon, NH
5/23/2007	<i>Baughman, Elizabeth Norah</i>	Baughman, Charles Peterson, Carrie	Lebanon, NH
5/29/2007	<i>Nolan, Myles Thomas</i>	Nolan, Lorcan Palmer, Chelsea	Woodsville, NH
6/21/2007	<i>Carter, Shaylee Michelle</i>	Carter, Seth Carter, Kelly	Lebanon, NH
6/27/2007	<i>Ray, Mackenzie Elizabeth</i>	Ray, Ryan Ray, Kelly	Lebanon, NH
8/15/2007	<i>Gould, Alice Jessica</i>	Gould, Nathan Hugg, Jessica	Lebanon, NH
8/27/2007	<i>Daisey, Alexander Rowan</i>	Daisey, Daniel Sargent, Tonya	Lebanon, NH
9/11/2007	<i>King, Toren Veillette</i>	King, Kenneth King, Stacey	Lebanon, NH
9/12/2007	<i>Nutter, Savannah Gail</i>	Nutter, Daniel Perry, Jessie	Lebanon, NH
9/15/2007	<i>Carter, Zoey Anne</i>	Carter, Michael Carter, Jessica	Plymouth, NH
10/01/2007	<i>Schweagler, Paul Andrew</i>	Schwaegler, Andrew Bruce Odelescalchi, Victoria Diane	Lebanon, NH
10/21/2007	<i>Parker, Olivia Keniston</i>	Parker, Mathew Carter, Joanne	Lebanon, NH
11/04/2007	<i>Tomlinson, Kokeb</i>	Mattson, Jeffrey Tomlinson, Senayit	Woodsville, NH
12/29/2007	<i>Stanhope, Lawrence Augustus</i>	Stanhope, Ivan Pease, Jennifer	Lebanon, NH



## DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Father	Mother	Place of Death
01/07/2007	Schmidt, Rika	Kohler, Paul	Reid Dorothy	Orford, NH
01/13/2007	Pushee, Doris Ethel	Johnson, Edwin	Silloway, Mildred	Newbury, VT
03/30/2007	Swan, Phylliss	Marsh, Frank	Strew Ina	Cannonbury, PA
04/03/2007	Brooks, Lucilla	Washburn, Harvey Lovejoy	Horton, Bernice Marion	Lebanon, NH
04/18/2007	Campbell, Dorothy			Welloughy, OH
04/22/2007	Gunther, Adele	Carlson, Albert	Graumann, Adele	N Haverhill, NH
05/03/2007	Russell, Roger	Russell, Kenneth	Unknown	Orford, NH
05/04/2007	Dyke, Michael	Dyke, Dan	Dyke, Cara	Keene, NH
05/15/2007	Lackey, Jr., LeRoy H	Lackey, LeRoy H	Lackery, Norma	Conway, SC
06/15/2007	Desmond, Robert Marc	Desmond, Robert	Dansereau, Juliette	Orford, NH
06/20/2007	Nckerson, Bruce H	Nickerson, Clarence	Kennedy, Bertha	Orford, NH
07/11/2007	Marsh, Erma May			Franklin, NH
09/04/2007	Marshall, Stuart A			Wakefield, Ma
10/01/2007	Plante, Albert J			Middlebury, VT
10/11/2007	Trask, Allen S	Trask, Frank	Trask, Natalie	Canaan, NH
10/16/2007	Sanborn, Douglas Verne			Hartford, VT
10/23/2007	French, Carl F			Boscawen NH
11/25/2007	May, Martin J	May, George	Scholning, Eleanor	Lebanon, NH





