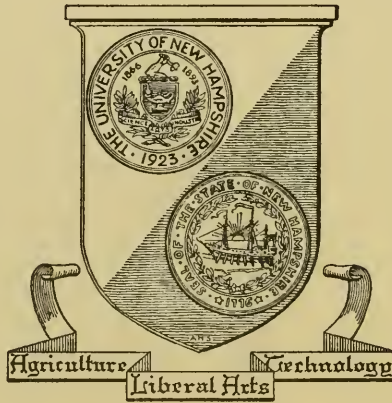


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CITY OF LACONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the

Year Ending June 30, 1956



UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF

HONORABLE BERNARD L. BOUTIN, Mayor
and Councilmen

HUGH H. BOWNES	. . . . .	Ward 1
MAURICE A. JACQUES	. . . . .	Ward 2
THOMAS W. O'CONNOR	. . . . .	Ward 3
ALBERT F. LAHAIE	. . . . .	Ward 4
JOHN G. RUEL	. . . . .	Ward 5
HAROLD E. TEFFT	. . . . .	Ward 6



Mayor Bernard L. Bountin, seated.
Councilmen Hugh H. Bownes, Maurice A. Jacques, Thomas W. O'Connor, Albert F. Lahaie, John G. Ruel, Harold E. Tefft.

Annual Report of the Hon. Bernard L. Boutin

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Having been in office as mayor of the City of Laconia for over a year, I wish to report what the accomplishments of the present administration have been to date and what problems we are faced with for the future.

One of the first major accomplishments of this administration was the purchase of all assets of the Laconia Water Company by the City of Laconia, the creation of a Board of Water Commissioners, and further, the addition of a new department to our city — the Water Department. This department is charged with the operation of both the former Laconia Water Company and the Winnepesaukee Water Company and the commissioners have the responsibility of supervising this department with powers much the same as those enjoyed by a board of directors of any corporation. They make all rules and regulations and determine the policy of the Water Department. The budget of this department actually amounts to the revenue the utilities bring in and from this revenue all interest and principal payments for the \$850,000 bond issue are met, as well as maintenance and operating expenses of the department. In other words, the operation of the Water Department and the paying off of the indebtedness incurred at the time of purchase are taken care of from water revenue rather than from tax revenue. The only money from tax revenue that is expected will have to be advanced to the Water Department, starting with the fiscal year July 1, 1956, is \$13,000 a year which represents the difference between the former hydrant rental fee paid by the city and the income from real estate taxes received by the city from the former water companies. It is anticipated that this department will pay its own way and will become completely paid for within the thirty-year period of the bond issue. It will, of course, be faced with many problems, including expansion and improvement requirements which will have to be taken care of gradually and on a businesslike basis if this department is to be an asset to the city.

A classification plan defining the duties of our city workers was enacted this past year including, in addition to definition of duties, sick leave privileges, vacations, work hours, and a new system of reimbursement for travelling expenses. This operates in effect as a merit plan, particularly with the creation of a personnel committee of the council. This classification plan has undoubtedly resulted in a great deal of

benefit to the city, and as it is further expanded and improved, will be of even more value to everyone concerned.

A new purchasing ordinance was also passed which gives the Accounts and Claims Committee the duties and power of a purchasing agent. This plan requires that on all purchases of \$75.00 or over, more than one price has to be submitted before the purchase can be made and on all purchases of \$100.00, or over, bids have to be submitted. It also requires that before a purchase can be made, the fiscal officer must certify that funds are available in the particular department budget.

There have been many necessary changes made at City Hall, including improvements in the exterior and interior appearance of the building and the construction of a new coffee room for the benefit of our City Hall employees. New equipment and furnishings have been added to many of the offices. All of these improvements which have resulted in so much good for the people of Laconia, as well as to the employees at City Hall, including painting of the exterior of the building, have cost under \$2500.

A part-time secretary is now available at City Hall to serve the Planning Director, the City Solicitor, the Chief of Police and the Welfare Director, resulting in a great deal more work being turned out by the Planning Director and the City Solicitor in particular. An office has also been made available for the use of the City Solicitor so that all city records pertaining to his department are accessible at all times. He further maintains definite office hours at City Hall for the convenience of department heads and the public in general.

When this administration took office, the Laconia Airport Authority (which actually is no more or no less than a department of the city) owed a mortgage of \$39,000 on the buildings at the airport. This mortgage was held by Mr William Champlin of Rochester. By borrowing money through a bond issue, the city was able to reduce the interest rate from 5% to $2\frac{1}{4}\%$, and in return for paying off the mortgage, Mr. Champlin made a gift to the city of \$9,000 toward the cost of construction of a new administration building. In the overall bond issue of one million, forty-five thousand dollars, \$3,500 was included toward the construction of such a new building, which together with the \$9,000 gift, makes available \$12,500. The federal government has agreed to match this amount, making available a total amount of \$25,000. It is hoped that before long there will be a new administration building at the Laconia Airport.

In connection with the large bond issue which the city issued last fall, a new brochure was prepared which without any question resulted in a substantially lower interest rate being secured by the city. This bro-

chure received a great deal of favorable comment from many sources. At the present time it is being revised so that it can be used equally well as an industrial brochure.

The City Clerk has made many revisions in the method of keeping city records and is in the process of cataloging many of them. The city's ordinances were last revised in 1942, at which time a substantial amount of money was spent to bring them up-to-date. At the present time, a new set of revised ordinances is being prepared with the help of the employees at City Hall, at very little expense. These new ordinances should be ready for publication within a short time.

Although many of the city's records have been micro-filmed, no film reader was available up until the last few months when such a reader was purchased and is now available for use. Without question, the city should in the future secure its own micro-film camera so that all city records can be micro-filmed, thus resulting in a great deal of saving in space.

A new ordinance was enacted this past year, requiring that on or after July 1, 1956, the cost of new sidewalk construction is to be borne equally by the city and the abutting land owners. This means that definite action can be taken promptly on all petitions for new sidewalks rather than having them lay idle.

The past year has seen two new parking lots constructed—one at the Weirs and another on Fair Street. These lots have made available nearly 200 additional parking spaces and cost approximately \$13,000. The land at the Weirs used for the construction of the new parking lot has been leased for a ten-year period at an annual rental of \$1250. The land used for the parking lot on Fair Street has been leased from the Board of Trustees of the New Hampshire State School at an annual rental of \$1.00 per year. Both of these lots have been entirely paid for and the money has been appropriated from current parking meter revenue. During 1955 eminent domain proceedings were instituted for the acquisition of the property now owned by Mr. Isaac Sakansky at 39, 43 and 45-47 Water Street. The purpose of these proceedings is to expand our greatly inadequate parking facilities. The acquisition of this property will mean that we will have available a minimum of 60 new parking spaces. This action has not been completely resolved, but it is hoped that these additional spaces will be made available during the next year.

This past year has also seen the completion of two projects which were authorized during the preceding administration—the new Lakeport Fire Station, and the many improvements at the Laconia Airport, including land acquisition for a Doolittle Zone runway, parking aprons and taxiways, and a substantial amount of land clearance. The cost of

the Lakeport Fire Station project was approximately \$81,000 which was financed through a bond issue. The airport project cost was approximately \$70,000, of which the city's share was approximately 25%, the state paid an approximate share of 25% and slightly less than 50% was paid by the federal government.

One of the first duties performed by the mayor after taking office was the appointment of a school committee to study the school needs of the City of Laconia. The members of this committee performed a great civic duty and did an exceptional job. Since that time a school building committee has been formed and it is hoped that within a few short months a definite plan of school improvement will be agreed upon and work started. In connection with new school construction, it has been pointed out, and correctly so, that there might be a very good opportunity for the city to utilize one of the present grade school buildings as a new City Hall. This would indeed be of great help, because everyone recognizes that we do seriously need new facilities for our city offices. This whole school problem will receive a great deal of attention and very serious thought so that when a decision is made, it will be for the best interests of all the people in our city.

For many years, a need has been felt for a new children's room as well as for facilities to expand the adult program and senior adult program at the Gale Memorial Library. The mayor and council have worked very closely with the library trustees in this regard and have now agreed upon a plan which will mean that work can be started this year on such an addition. A substantial amount of the cost of such construction has been made available through funds from the Martha A. Prescott Estate—the difference between the actual construction cost and the gift received will be taken care of over a period of years from the proceeds of the Gale fund. In other words, this very substantial addition to our library facilities which will fill such a desperate need, will not cost the taxpayers of Laconia anything whatsoever. Arrangements have also been completed for the acquisition of a fully-equipped Bookmobile—another project that will not cost the taxpayers anything as it is to be taken care of through funds supplied by the Trustees of the Perkins Estate.

The city is operating well within its budget, with all departments co-operating extremely well in keeping expenses to the lowest possible level, while providing the best possible service to the people. And while all of the expense budgets are in good condition, it is also pleasing to report that the revenue budgets have proven to be conservative and it is believed that in so single instance will the actual revenue received be less than the revenue which was anticipated in the budgets.

There have been major changes within the Fire Department—a Board of Fire Commissioners, consisting of three members, has been

created, the position of Deputy Fire Chief has been authorized, and a new training period has been instituted. With these changes it has been possible to have much closer supervision and cooperation within the department itself. They have met with the wholehearted approval of the Fire Department and have without question made our department one of the best in the state. The work week of the Fire Department has been changed from 84 hours to 72 hours — the Police Department from 48 hours to 40 hours. This means a substantial increase in the budgets of these two departments, but both requests were certainly justified.

We have also had a change within the Park Commission which should make the work of the commissioners easier and mean greater benefit to our park system. Under the new arrangement, the chairman appoints two members of the commission to be primarily concerned with maintenance and improvement of our parks and beaches, the remaining two members to be chiefly concerned with the development and promotion of recreation within the city. During this past year improvements have been made in park facilities, including changes at Opechee Park, at the Beach at the Weirs, improvements in the land and building at Leavitt Park, new tennis courts at Wyatt Park, and principally through the efforts of Councilman Lahaie, there are new building facilities at Memorial Park, the grounds have been improved and provision made for a new picnic area.

There have been many changes for the better in our Welfare Department, including improvement in the method of handling surplus commodities, closer investigation of welfare cases and welfare applicants. Through the efforts of our capable Welfare Director, welfare money has been utilized to far greater good, while at the same time actual welfare expenditures have been cut. Surplus commodities, for instance, are now stored at City Hall in a new space that has been remodelled for the use of the Welfare Department only. This in itself has saved the city a substantial amount of money, while at the same time has made it possible for the Director of Welfare to very closely supervise the handling of such commodities.

For several months the city was without the services of a Planning Director, but after a great deal of study and many interviews, a capable and highly qualified City Planner was found who will aid in solving some of the many complex planning problems. We have recently entered into an agreement with the state and federal government whereby an aerial survey will be made of the city. This will take up a good deal of our Planning Director's time, but will mean a great saving to Laconia in the projects of the Public Works Department and will aid in future sewer construction.

The industrial question in Laconia has received a great deal of attention. It is felt that Laconia would benefit greatly by additional

new industry, but we have a problem in that there are few areas within the city to offer as industrial sites. We have, therefore, hired a part-time industrial agent who is currently making a survey of all sites within the city proper and in the general area of the Laconia airport. Our industrial agent is not only concerned with attracting new industry, but maintains up-to-date information on the labor market, unemployment trends, available sites for new industrial construction, financial aid to new industries wishing to locate in our community, and to industry already located in Laconia.

Two problems that caused a good deal of concern this past year were the proposed discontinuance of local bus service and year-round air service. These were given immediate and undivided attention, with the result that Laconia's bus service has continued, and flight service is actually much better than ever before.

The practice of opening each council meeting with a salute to the flag was instituted by this administration. Another innovation that has proven helpful is the publishing of the city's monthly bills in the Laconia Evening Citizen. Facilities at the G.O.C. tower on Taylor Street have been improved with the installation of a modern heating system and rest room. Money was made available this year for new Christmas lights which did a great deal to beautify our city and were the source of highly favorable comment. Through the cooperation of the Public Service Company, new and modern street lights were installed last summer in the entire business district on Lakeside Avenue. Sometime ago the city was notified by the Water Resources Board of a dangerous flood condition that could arise because of the condition of a flume on Mill Street. This matter received immediate attention, because it presented a serious hazard to property owners and it is hoped that within a very short time this condition will be remedied.

Some of the projects authorized in the capital improvements budget which have been completed include storm sewers on Durkee Street, improvements on Fairmont Street, and the widening of Lakeside Avenue. This spring work was started on new sewers on Jackson Street, the correction of a very bad traffic bottleneck at the corner of Whipple Avenue and Pleasant Street, a new road leading from the Meredith Center Road to Eastman Shore, new sidewalks on Pine and Irving Streets, and work on the Main Street sewer project, including construction of a new pumping station on Lawrence Street. Work also has been started on the widening of Union Avenue in the vicinity of High Street and Arch Street. This will be financed entirely by state funds, because, through the efforts of the City Engineer, the state has made available approximately \$18,000 for this project at no expense whatsoever to the city.

Last summer Laconia had the great honor of being host to the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower. The mayor and council did everything possible to cooperate and to make the President's visit to our city as memorable as possible. Laconia has been host to many of the nation's leading senators and congressmen who in each case received every possible courtesy from city officials. We have worked closely with United States Senators Styles Bridges and Norris Cotton, and with the Representative from this area, Chester E. Mellow. It is my belief that this cooperation has been helpful to our community and has resulted in a much better understanding between those of opposite political affiliations.

Shortly after the disastrous floods of August, 1955, with the cooperation of Radio Station WLNH, the Laconia Evening Citizen, and the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Laconia adopted the City of Putnam, Connecticut, which had suffered grievously. A substantial amount of aid, both in money and in material goods, was sent to the relief of the people of Putnam — a project in which we all can take great pride.

Meetings with the officials of the State Highway Department have been held relative to the proposed widening of North Main Street and since all differences of opinion have been resolved, it is hoped that work on this project will be started during this year.

We are faced, however, with many additional and complex problems if our city is to continue to expand and grow. One of the greatest of these is the problem of additional parking space in the Main Street shopping district and which is being studied by a committee of the council. Then there is ever present the problem concerning sewer extensions in many sections of the city. These projects will without question be very expensive because in almost every instance, in addition to new mains, new pumping stations will be required. They will, therefore, have to be taken care of over a period of years.

It is still your mayor's opinion that the City of Laconia should have a purchasing agent working full time for the city, handling purchases for all departments. While the new purchasing ordinance is without question saving the taxpayers a great deal of money, it is my opinion that with a full-time purchasing agent, an additional \$10,000 could be saved if the purchases of all departments could be made through him.

A large part of our city area is made up of state and county owned land. In fact, between the Winnepesaukee River and the County Farm land there is less land area than there is in the county owned land used by the County Farm. Your mayor, therefore, some little time ago recommended that the county commissioners make available at least a portion of the county land which could be used for industrial develop-

ment as well as to open up an extensive territory in which families of moderate income could build homes, thus relieving the housing problem.

In closing, I would like to emphasize once again that we are indeed fortunate in having as department heads and city employees people of the highest caliber. Cooperation between all departments has been excellent, with the result that a great deal has been accomplished. As your mayor, I have maintained regular office hours faithfully since my inauguration and have devoted a great deal of time to public appearances and to travel to different parts of the state on behalf of the city.

I want to express at this time, too, my appreciation for the help I have received from the members of the council. Their attendance at the regular and the many special meetings has been practically one hundred percent, and I have found them to be understanding and cooperative, regardless of party affiliation.



Official greetings from the City of Laconia extended to President Eisenhower by Mayor Bernard L. Boutin, Congressman Chester E. Merrow, the President, Mayor Boutin, Charles F. Stafford, Governor Lane Dwinell.

CITY CLERK

KENNETH R. DUNLAP, *City Clerk*
MAUDE LEMERE, *Assistant to the City Clerk*
MADELEINE CARON, *Fiscal Officer*
ETHEL M. ALDRICH, *Typist-Clerk*
ELSA AVERY, *Secretary to the Mayor*

The City Council:

The City Council held twelve regular monthly meetings, ten special meetings, and nine hearings. The hearings were held relative to the Annual Budget, Acquisition of Isaac Sakansky property on Water Street, Acceptance of Stephen Street, the Eastman Road Plan, Parking Meters, an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Alteration of Mill Street Bridge, and Discontinuance of Mill Street Bridge.

There were twelve ordinances passed, two relative to the Amending of Traffic Rules and Regulations; one relating to the Compensation of the Board of Fire Commissioners; Purchasing; Salaries of Certain City Officials; Traffic Rules and Regulations; Sidewalk Construction; Laconia Water Works; use of Mill Street Bridge; Names of Streets in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Names of Streets in Wards 1, 2, and 6; Wharves Located at Weirs Beach.

There were twelve resolutions adopted, dealing with the Annual Budget, Authorizing Water Plant Bonds; Authorizing Public Improvement Bonds; Purchase of Equipped Bookmobile; Raising

Money in Anticipation of Taxes; Death of William Roy Barnhill; Ratifying the Execution and Delivery of a Contract to Acquire the Winnepesaukee Water Company; Amending a Resolution Authorizing Public Improvement Bonds; Confirming the Award of \$1,045,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Bonds of the City of Laconia; Ratifying the Execution and Delivery of a Contract to Acquire the Laconia Water Company and the Adoption of a Resolution to Raise the Money Necessary by Borrowing; Amending Public Improvement Bonds Passed October 31, 1955; and Authorizing \$135,000 Sewer Bonds.

VITAL STATISTICS

for the year ending June 30, 1956	
Number of births	565
Still births	8
Marriages	137
Deaths	292

Dog Licenses

The law requires owners or keepers of dogs to license them annually on or before the first of May. The license fee is two dollars (\$2.00) for each male or spayed female; and five dollars (\$5.00) for each female. Puppies must be licensed when they are three months old and the fee is in proportion to the remaining months until the first of May. An amendment to the law requires the owner to pay an additional fifty cents (50¢) if the dog license is paid on or after July 1st.

There are approximately 800 dogs in Laconia which are duly licensed. The sum of \$1,763.55 was collected this year.

Mr. Rene Huard is Laconia's dog officer. His duties are to investigate complaints, to pick up stray or lost dogs, and to bury dead animals. In case of lost dogs, he houses the dog at his home and has it announced over WLNH. If no reply is received, the dog is given to a new owner or is put away.

Motor Vehicles

The Revenue from motor vehicle fees continues to advance and the table below shows the increase over the past five years:

1955-1956	\$77,944.11
1954-1955	63,710.39
1953-1954	53,994.11
1952-1953	45,772.09
1951-1952	44,173.80

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Miscellaneous Budget Accounts
53-Week Fiscal Year

BELKNAP COUNTY TAX

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures \$76,261.12

CITY OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Budget Appropriation \$ 9,550.00

Receipts:

Supplies, Equipment, Etc.	\$ 92.78
Telephone	2.50

Total Receipts 95.28

Transferred In from Excess & Deficiency 717.27

TOTAL \$10,362.55

Expenditures:

City Report	\$ 1,459.75
Dog Officer	991.74
Flowers	15.00
Legal Services	460.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses	42.79
Supplies, Equipment, Etc.	6,214.91
Taxes — Gilford Sandbank	40.00
Telephone	474.54
Travel & Conventions	663.82

Total Expenditures \$10,362.55

ELECTIONS

Budget Appropriation \$ 2,075.00

Receipts:

Printing & Notices — Sale of checklists, etc.	\$ 3.50
Salaries	9.00

Total Receipts 12.50

TOTAL \$ 2,087.50

Expenditures:

Labor, Materials & Trucking	\$ 27.35
Lights & Water	45.50
Printing & Notices	107.25
Rent	25.00
Salaries — Ward Officers	1,697.00
Supplies	11.04
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Total Expenditures	\$ 1,913.14
To Excess & Deficiency Account	174.36
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TOTAL	\$ 2,087.50

HYDRANT SERVICE

Budget Appropriation	\$ 35,800.00
Expenditures	\$ 18,024.38
Transferred to Laconia Water Works	17,775.62
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	\$35,800.00

INSURANCE

Budget Appropriation	\$ 6,158.40
Receipts:	
Laconia Water Works — Fire Insurance Reimb.	\$ 487.50
Public Liability & Property Damage	31.15
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Total Receipts	518.65
Net Transfers from Excess & Deficiency	919.77
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TOTAL	\$ 7,596.82

Expenditures:

Fire Insurance	\$ 4,565.51
Fire, Theft, Collision & \$50 Deductible on two Police Cars	722.33
Floodlights	106.41
Public Liability & Property Damage	2,202.57
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Total Expenditures	\$ 7,596.82

LACONIA HOSPITAL

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures	\$ 12,000.00
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INTEREST DEBT

(See Auditor's Report for Bonded Debt Statement)

Budget Appropriation	\$ 24,777.00
Receipts:	
Laconia Water Works — Interest for 6 mos. on Water Co. Bonds	12,325.00
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TOTAL	\$ 37,102.00

Expenditures:

Practical Arts High School Bonds	\$ 56.25
Public Improvement Bonds — 1946	112.50
Public Improvement Bonds — 1947	375.00

Public Improvement Bonds — 1948	3,037.50
The Weirs Beach Bonds — 1950	168.75
Sewerage Disposal Plant	10,725.00
School Bonds — 1952	720.00
Public Improvement Bonds — 1952	450.00
Parking Lot Bonds — 1952	200.00
Serial Notes — 1953	693.00
Public Improvement Bonds — 4/1/54	840.00
Serial Bonds — 10/1/54	245.00
Public Works Equipment Bonds — 12/20/54	190.00
Laconia Airport Authority Bonds — 4/1/55	425.00
Lakeport Fire Station Bonds — 1955	1,822.50
Laconia Airport Authority Bonds — 7/1/55	450.00
Public Improvement Bonds — 12/1/55	870.00
Sewer Bonds — 12/1/55	1,957.50
Laconia Water Works Bonds — 12/1/55	12,325.00
Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	1,106.95

Total Expenditures	\$ 36,769.95
To Excess & Deficiency Account	332.05
TOTAL	\$ 37,102.00

LACONIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Budget Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Receipts:	
W. H. Champlin	9,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

Expenditures:	
Architect's Services and Drawings for Airport Ad- ministration Building	\$ 690.50
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency Acct.	1,000.00
	1,690.50
Balance, 6/30/56	\$ 8,309.50

MAINTENANCE OF CITY HALL

Budget Appropriation	\$ 10,184.00
Receipts:	
Labor & Materials for Repairs — sale of pipe	4.00
Net Transfers from Excess & Deficiency Account	112.33
TOTAL	\$ 10,300.33

Expenditures:	
Equipment	\$ 218.50
Fuel	1,424.15
Furnishings	271.25
Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,242.23
Lakeport Clock	213.67
Lights & Power	780.60
Longevity — Janitor	180.00
Salaries — Janitor & Helper	3,604.00
Supplies	313.65

Capital Outlays	1,402.28
Total Expenditures	9,650.33
Balance Carried to 1956-57 Budget	650.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,300.33

MISCELLANEOUS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 1,705.00
Medical Expenses — Refund	5.00
Transferred In from Welfare Dept. Budget for Medical Expenses	2,418.35
TOTAL	\$ 4,128.35

Expenditures:

Care of Cemeteries	\$ 238.44
Laconia Chamber of Commerce Dues	105.00
Medical Expenses	2,423.35
Public Wharves — Repairs & Rent	250.00
Spraying Poison Ivy	75.25
Spraying Ragweed	247.70
Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce Dues	500.00

Total Expenditures	\$ 3,839.74
To Excess & Deficiency Account	288.61
TOTAL	\$ 4,128.35

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Budget Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
Expenditures:	
4th of July	\$ 700.00
Memorial Day	263.75
Spanish War Veterans	250.00

Total Expenditures	1,213.75
To Excess & Deficiency Account	286.25
TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00

SALARIES

Budget Appropriation	\$ 28,215.92
Expenditures:	
City Auditor	\$ 1,500.00
City Clerk	4,341.92
Assistant City Clerk	2,809.00
Clerical Assistance	2,650.00
Councilmen	1,800.00
Fiscal Officer	3,180.00
Longevity	360.00
Mayor	1,200.00
Mayor's Secretary	2,792.50
City Physician	850.00
Board of Public Works	512.58
Sealer of Weights & Measures	900.00
Secretarial Assistance	1,325.00

Secretary-Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds	800.00
City Solicitor	1,500.00
City Treasurer	1,500.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 28,021.00
Net Transfer to Excess & Deficiency Account	194.92
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TOTAL	\$ 28,215.92

SCHOOL STUDY

Budget Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Expenditures	\$ 3,068.65
To Excess & Deficiency Account	1,931.35
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TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00

STATE EDUCATIONAL TAX

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures	\$ 3,984.00
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STATE N. H. RETIREMENT

Budget Appropriation	\$ 15,600.00
Expenditures	\$ 15,006.66
To Excess & Deficiency Account	593.34
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TOTAL	\$ 15,600.00

STREET LIGHTING

Budget Appropriation	\$ 37,208.60
Reimbursement — Town of Gilford	73.44
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TOTAL	\$ 37,282.04
Expenditures	\$ 36,629.03
To Excess & Deficiency Account	653.01
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TOTAL	\$ 37,282.04

WATER COMPANY STUDY

Budget Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
To Excess & Deficiency Account	\$ 2,500.00

RECEIPTS

Receipts are shown in City Auditor's statements and in departmental reports with exception of the following:

Interest Received on U. S. Treasury Notes	\$ 1,796.81
Laconia Public Library — Cash in Transit	1,179.00
Collections on Accounts Receivables purchased from Laconia Water Co.	4,008.33
Notes in Anticipation of Taxes:	
Receipts	\$200,000.00
Payments	\$200,000.00
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Balance	0
Outside Sources:	
Received from Laconia Industrial Development Corporation	\$ 300.00
Purchase of Land	300.00
Balance	0
Retroactive Social Security Collections	\$ 18.86

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Superintendent Eddy, in his report, discusses essential qualities of Laconia's fine school system and relates these qualities to the obvious truth that, "The primary purpose of the schools is to educate boys and girls." While he accepts the acknowledgements that Laconia *has* a fine system, he characteristically points out that major improvements are necessary to maintain and advance our system — that we cannot merely "rest upon our laurels". The report deals almost exclusively with the major responsibility of the superintendent, which is, to attempt to bring about the best possible education for Laconia's young people. It is a demanding and complicated job. The responsibilities of your School Board are also demanding; the quality of our school system is related directly to the policies of the Board under which the superintendent must carry on his work. This we know, good school systems don't "just happen" — the School Board and the superintendent and the entire school staff have their special share in achieving such a result. Beyond this the public also plays a part, particularly in the matter of support.

Superintendent Eddy does not deal with school finances nor with school facilities in this year's work. I wish to deal as briefly as possible with these matters for the Board. First our growing numbers of children to educate and our school facilities:

When you examine TABLE I in Superintendent Eddy's report you will discover that 325 more pupils attended school last year than attended four years ago; 193 of these are in the elementary grades, 57 in the junior high school grades, 75 in the senior high grades. These figures represent an overall growth of 16% in a brief four year period. What are we doing with all these additional pupils? We are using three Park Houses and loading up all the schools rooms we have (at the time this report is written we have had resort to the use of the old assembly hall on the third floor of the Academy Street School Building for a classroom). At the junior-senior high school? We're just packing them in! Of course our school facilities are inadequate. The inadequacies mean that the children and young people of Laconia cannot be given the educational opportunities they should have. Further, from the point-of-view of health and social conditions, a serious negative effect results from overcrowding. The current effort to secure expanded and adequate school facilities (new buildings) should have a successful conclusion — and soon.

The Financial Report of the superintendent for the school year ending June 30, 1956 gives the picture for the year, but I want to deal briefly with your school finances over the same four year period that is covered in the enrollment figures.

TABLE A

School District Expenditures

Four Year Period	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956
I Administration	\$15,514.31	\$17,454.74	\$17,770.34	\$18,106.42
II Instruction	349,128.40	372,631.90	404,114.34	444,718.08
(a) Teachers Sal.	324,654.91	345,152.65	374,238.25	412,543.86
(b) All other In- struction Costs....	24,473.49	27,479.25	29,876.09	32,174.22
III Oper'n of Sch. Plant	42,662.88	48,334.45	51,795.39	53,184.58
IV Maintenance	12,521.73	13,338.93	14,798.51	18,872.54
V Auxiliary Agencies	22,869.23	25,742.23	30,128.97	34,146.94
VI Fixed Charges	23,468.20	26,579.19	28,389.29	31,556.46
VII Building Alt. & New Equip.	10,165.79	36,374.42	21,839.67	18,162.28
Today Public Day Schools	476,330.54	540,455.86	568,836.41	618,747.30
VIII Adult Education	1,647.13	2,734.37	6,221.50	5,269.08
Grand Tot. Expend.	477,977.67	543,190.23	575,057.91	624,016.38
Unspent, Returned	2.90	61.31	23.97	6.53
*Note Receipts Total Funds Available	*\$477,980.57	\$543,251.54	\$575,081.88	\$624,022.91

TABLE B

Available Funds

Four Year Period	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956
City Appropriation	\$423,817.00	\$481,000.00	\$502,506.00	\$541,057.00
Other Income (Receipts)				
Tuition	37,498.55	48,200.19	56,246.58	66,937.91
Other	16,665.02	14,051.35	16,329.30	16,028.00
Total Other Income	54,163.57	62,251.54	72,575.88	82,965.91
Total Funds Available	\$477,980.57	\$543,251.54	\$575,081.88	\$624,022.91

Table A shows school expenditures over the last four years. Each of the eight principal categories to which school expenditures must be allocated, is given and the increases present themselves in this set of figures. The total increase, for the four years, amounts to \$146,042.34 or 30.55%.

Laconia's school costs have advanced a somewhat smaller amount than they have for New Hampshire as a whole, a fact we are happy to report. Everyone knows that all costs have steadily increased for many years, however, I will cite the reasons why your school costs have advanced:

1. The lower purchasing power of the dollar.
2. The higher prices of goods — in addition to 1. above.
3. The large increases in teachers salaries. In terms of money the four year increase in this item amounts to \$87,888.95 and a percentage increase of 27.4%.

Your School Board has maintained Laconia salaries as near the level of New Hampshire cities as possible. No matter how de-

sirable the Laconia School system may be as a place to teach, salaries are equally important. Laconia teachers are paid according to a salary schedule which pays an increment of \$100.00 or more, to every teacher annually, but beyond these increments for continued service there has also been a blanket increase of \$400.00 in the Bachelor's Degree classification of the salary schedule and a \$450.00 increase in the Master's Degree classification.

4. Increases in other salaries — non teaching personnel — have also taken place; although the increases these people have received does not begin to equal the individual increases the teachers have received, the total amount paid out has added to our school costs. (Note, for example III Operation of the school plant. Custodians salaries are charged here and are *partly* responsible for the \$10,500 increase along with fuel and electricity and maintenance supplies.)
5. Your School Board has sought to give better support to school activities, particularly to athletics. The Board has been concerned that dwindling gates receipts are not reflected in inadequate equipment and transportation, for example, and has under-written this activity to assure good conditions. Other services have received equal attention. Transportation of public and parochial school pupils alone has advanced some \$4,000 in the last four years.
The services of a school psychologist have been added during the past four years.
6. The reader recalls our pupil enrollment increase of some 325 pupils. This increase has meant more of everything — more teachers, more furniture, more books and supplies. A considerable amount of the increases in Table A are due to the presence of more pupils to educate.

Table B presents the sources of school income for the past four year period. Here a few simple comparisons will be of interest. The appropriations have increased \$117,240, or 27.66%. This increase is some \$28,802.34 less than the amount expended (\$146,042.34). The difference between expenditures and support from taxation (the annual appropriation) has been made up by income from other than tax sources.

Table B shows that the amount received from tuitions has increased \$29,439.36. This is a 77.6% increase in that income. The total of all other income (other than tax sources) is \$28,802.34, or a 53.1% increase in the four year period. Consequently a good portion of your increased school costs are being borne by income, tuition income, that does not draw on tax sources.

School business is public business. Your School Board extends again an invitation to the public to attend school board meetings. Usually these meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, at 7:30 P. M.

JEROME R. LEAVITT, *Chairman*
Laconia School Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPT. OF SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1956

*To the Members of the Laconia School Board
and the Citizens of Laconia:*

This is my twelfth annual Report. Each year the Report has been devoted to some phase of the city's school system, except in 1954, when the Report was entirely devoted to a School Survey — the 'Red Book' — which has been so useful to local school study groups and outside consultants. This 1954 Survey has saved the city several thousand dollars since it represented groundwork that did not have to be repeated by any consultant, but enabled each consultant to enter directly upon the building planning phase of his work at a greatly reduced cost to Laconia for that work.

Merits of the Laconia School System

The primary purpose of the schools is to educate boys and girls. Here, some of the implications of this statement are discussed briefly from Laconia's point-of-view.

The term 'education' has a variety of meanings for a variety of people. As used here, education means that young people shall be helped to acquire certain SKILLS; a certain body of organized KNOWLEDGE; certain desirable ATTITUDES; it means that children and young people shall be helped to GROW in mental power and in an enlargement of spirit that will persuade them to seek always to make the most of their God given abilities, not only for themselves, but also for their fellow men.

The schools are almost completely responsible for some of these objectives and have a partial responsibility for others. Specifically, teaching the skills (the fundamental processes), teaching a certain body of organized knowledge, preparing pupils for college, giving pupils the groundwork in ways to make a living, and so on, fall to the school. The school shares with the home, the church and the community the task of developing desirable attitudes and the growth of personality. Whatever the school's total job may prove to be, that job should be well done. The attempt to discharge the responsibilities imposed by this task constitute our continuous efforts.

It is conceded in many quarters that Laconia has a fine school system. Relatively, this is true. Many teachers want to come here to teach; the Laconia teaching staff is generally superior and has been maintained at this level for a long time; the teaching staff is alert at good practices and procedures; Laconia High School has a broad offering — its preparation of pupils for college is superior, pupils may secure a solid foundation for later entrance to many vocations, the special activities of the school are generally outstanding; Miss Helen Martin, Assistant in Supervision, is known throughout New Hampshire and New England for her exceptional abilities. All these reasons, and many more, have earned for Laconia the tribute of having a fine school system. The merit is deserved, but it is relative, and, gratifying though it is, it doesn't spell 'perfection' in our mind. It indicates, rather, that certain practices have brought worthwhile results, that unswerving interest and work have been remunerated by the educational benefits thus far brought to Laconia's sons and daughters — and the City of Laconia.

The merits of the Laconia School System — those qualities that have played a part in the reputation it has earned — are to be found in six major areas:

The first is the overall quality of the teaching staff.

The second is the professional attitude of the staff and the sterling personal qualities to be found among the staff members.

The third is the school 'climate' — the generally stimulating and happy atmosphere of the schools.

The fourth is the level of educational achievement.

The fifth is the offering — the curriculum.

The sixth is the school services — in health, in guidance, in attention to pupil welfare.

These six merits of the school system taken together not only work continuously in the best interests of the individual pupil from day to day, they also constitute the inherent strength of the system to attack new practices (or different practices), problems and requirements that will permit us to deal more effectively with every phase of our educational problem.

Areas for Improvement of the Laconia School System

There are specific areas in which we must seek improvement. These areas of improvement have been the subject of staff study for some time. Specific objectives have been identified and have found wide acceptance by the staff. Some specific procedures for approaching these objectives, to a degree at least, have been devised; some of these procedures are now in operation. It is all very well to talk about the important things we should do, but talk is mere pleasantries unless constructive action follows.

Specific Areas

The first area demanding attention concerns the better identification of pupil ability and interest. We have many pupils who work hard in school and who take deep interest in the opportunities offered by the school. We have other pupils whose abilities are not as well known, whose interests do not lead them to make much more than a minimum effort to avail themselves of their school opportunities. New approaches are indicated. The school and the parents are jointly concerned; avenues of communication between the school and the home are involved in this area.

The second area of improvement concerns school organization and procedures that will provide more specific attention to the development of pupil abilities and interest. More than intellectual ability is involved, though this attribute usually comes first to mind, but also social ability, artistic ability, mechanical ability, and so on.

This area too has received special attention. During the entire year 1955-1956 a Guidance Committee composed of Mr. Donald Piper, Mr. Victor Bowen, Mr. Herman Caswell, Mrs. Martha Schwab, Superintendent Rhoden Eddy and several staff members discussed procedures and school organization that would supply the pupil with closer school contacts with the teachers, supply the school with more complete knowledge of every pupil, deepen pupil-teacher understandings, and so on. The September 1956 Workshop was built on the work of the Guidance Committee.

The third area of improvement concerns the organization and scope of the whole school offering (the curriculum). Not only the content of the curriculum and the grade placement of its component parts, but also the correlation of combinations of subjects within the curriculum requires our most thoughtful attention and study. Of particular importance is the matter of time. The body of knowledge to be presented the pupils accumulates steadily with little diminution in the knowledge that can be, it is felt, discontinued from the offering. The fields of science, social studies, health and safety, alone have expanded tremendously over the years; these fields of knowledge and others continue to expand with social, political, scientific and economic advances, or changes. How can the curriculum encompass all of this knowledge? Beyond the solution of this problem, we still need to learn how to do better the job we are already doing. Staff study of the curriculum and its ramifications is a continuous process throughout the school system.

The School System and the Community

Thoughtful parents, citizens and many sincere political officials are taking an increasing interest in their schools. This interest is to be felt through organizations of people. In Laconia we have a Parent-

Teacher Association for every elementary grade school. In New Hampshire a newly formed organization — The New Hampshire Council for Public Schools — is beginning to get under way. There may be a local or regional chapter of this important organization. In any event, the administration and the staff are ready and eager to cooperate with these or other groups, or with individuals, in striving for better schools.

These cooperative efforts proceed in several directions — any one of which should prove to be beneficial to the schools. A few examples:

Administration and staff may discover through association with community new departures in the offering. They may discover exactly what the people want from their schools not now being provided.

The community as a whole may come to a clearer understanding of what the schools are attempting to achieve and the reasons why.

More effective techniques between home and school may be devised.

School needs, particularly as these needs involve financial support, may be made more meaningful to the community.

Attendance Statistics

The figures in TABLE I—TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY GRADES are self explanatory. Total Enrollment refers to the number of pupils who attended school during the year. The comparisons that show how the enrollment is growing are interesting; a comparison of the enrollment ten years ago, points up the growth that is taking place. Comparisons of actual enrollments with predicted enrollments (from the 1954 Survey) shows that the increasing enrollments predicted have taken place.

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP in TABLE II figures show the average number of pupils actually in school each day of each school year. In Laconia our attendance is exceedingly good.

**TABLE I
COMPARISON
TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY GRADES
Four Year Period**

Enrollment Ten Years Ago		' 52-'53	'53-'54	'54-'55	'55-'56
'45-'46	ELEMENTARY		School Year		
70	Kindergarten	203	194	218	199
146	Grade I	171	202	201	201
132	Grade II	135	162	202	194
122	Grade III	142	133	158	193
116	Grade IV	136	143	134	160
108	Grade V	125	140	138	134
122	Grade VI	122	127	137	146
30	Elem. Sp. Cl.	13	12	14	13
846	Total — K — VI	1047	1113	1202	1240

	JUNIOR H. S.				
128	Grade VII	151	146	159	198
144	Grade VIII	146	154	147	156
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272	Total J. H. S.	297	300	306	354
	SENIOR H. S.				
166	Grade IX	201	232	205	213
197	Grade X	162	174	192	184
143	Grade XI	161	146	167	176
139	Grade XII*	144*	162*	162*	170*
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645	Total S. H. S.	668	714	726	743
1763	Total City	2012	2127	2234	2337
'Red Book'	(1954 Report)	Enrollment	(2167)	(2226)	(2295)
		Predictions			

* Includes post graduates and special pupils in senior high school.

TABLE II
COMPARISON
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP
Four Year Period

Ten Years Ago

1945-1946		'52-'53	'53-'54	'54-'55	'55-'56
(K - 53.5*)	Elementary Kdg. — Gr. 6	1012.6	1061.2	1130.0	1204.7
(1072.2 **)	Junior High School (Grs. 7 & 8)	286.2	286.0	296.6	343.4
590.2	Senior High School (Grs. 9-12)	627.9	687.8	697.2	716.1
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1715.9	Total — All Grades	1926.7	2035.0	2123.8	2264.2

* Kindergarten only

** Gr. 1 through Gr. 8.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Each Annual Report carries reports that relate interesting facts and deal with special problems; the reports of Mrs. Miriam Thomas, High School Librarian, and Miss Marie Fosberg, dramatics and speech teacher follow:

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation of Books 1955-1956	14,856
Number of pupils who have borrowed books	919
Percentage of books borrowed per pupil	16.2
Books added this year	
Gifts	45
Jr. High	90
Office	138
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Total	273
Books discarded, worn out, or out of date	180
Total books in library	5,815
Money rec'd from fines and lost books	\$216.52

Mr. Rudolph Flesch notwithstanding, Johnny is reading. In fact, he read nearly two books a month during the school year supplemented in many cases by home or public library reading. During the month of March our Johnnies read 2,151 school library books; asked 281 reference questions during one sample week. Junior High pupils are the most avid readers and usually take pride in keeping their books in good condition. Contacts with other school librarians in New England lead us to believe that Laconia High School pupils of all grade levels have a better than average reader interest and that our school has just about the best in reading materials.

We are most grateful to the administration for providing \$500.00 for the pay of student help. This has seemed necessary because of the heavy pupil load and the long hours which our library remains open, until at least 4:30 p. m. and sometimes on Saturday for extra work. Our three paid assistants have been most efficient and one will enter Library School upon completion of her high school course.

A pupil-centered Book Week program was presented this year using New Hampshire historical novels, biographies, a New Hampshire square dance and songs.

Attention has been attracted to our bulletin board and display case exhibits this year and we are grateful to the Journalism class for publicity.

We have almost completely renewed our large pamphlet collection through EDUCATORS' GUIDE TO FREE MATERIALS.

Our most outstanding problems are housing and lost books. Three hundred and twenty-one books were lost by our boys and girls this year. This is a very appalling figure and drastic measures should be taken. Most of these books were taken from the library without permission. For the books legitimately lost, many pupils may be excused because they have neither locker space nor a desk.

Our other problem, of course, is housing and we know that the administration is doing everything it can to remedy it. At present it seems impossible to carry on another year in the present quarters. We serve more than a thousand (1000) pupils in a room twenty-five (25) feet by fifty (50) feet. There is not sufficient seating space, so that every day pupils are turned away. Books, pamphlets are piled in helpless confusion because there is no room to put them. The librarian must walk endless miles because of the inconvenient arrangement of furniture and lack of floor space. Some of these things will be remedied this summer and we are all looking forward to a new school in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM S. THOMAS
Librarian

**LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES**

July 1, 1955 — June 30, 1956

BUDGET A — OPERATION OF PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS

I ADMINISTRATION	Sr. Hi	Jr. Hi.	Elem.	Total
1. Salaries, District Officers	227.52	108.72	383.76	720.00
2. Supt's. Salary (Local Share)	1,817.00	868.25	3,064.75	5,750.00
3. Attend. Officer (Census)*....	495.17	236.62	835.21	1,567.00
4. Other Expenses of Admin....	307.63	147.00	518.89	973.52
5. Secretarial-Clerical Salaries..	2,586.63	1,236.01	4,362.89	8,185.53
6. Office, Tel., Mail., Supplies..	287.68	137.47	485.22	910.37
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	5,721.63	2,734.07	9,650.72	18,106.42
II INSTRUCTION				
7. Teachers' Salaries.....	178,886.34	74,105.77	159,551.75	412,543.86
8. Textbooks	2,562.36	1,499.87	2,309.91	6,372.14
9. Pupils' Supplies.....	8,290.14	3,420.38	6,575.11	18,285.63
10. Other Exp. of Instruction.....	4,765.61	1,457.11	1,293.73	7,516.45
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	194,504.45	80,483.12	169,730.50	444,718.08
III OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT				
11. Custodians' Salaries.....	10,953.05	5,477.05	10,680.77	27,110.87
12. Fuel	3,617.18	2,308.61	8,271.00	14,196.79
13. Water, Electricity, Gas.....	3,166.38	1,583.51	3,629.21	8,379.10
13a. Maintenance Supplies.....	1,040.38	521.12	1,378.66	2,940.16
13b. Other exp. of Maintenance	223.07	102.21	232.38	557.66
TOTAL OPERATION	19,000.06	9,992.50	24,192.02	53,184.58
IV MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT				
14. Painting and Decorating	5,340.62	2,670.37	659.48	8,670.47
14a. Repairs and Replacements	4,540.85	2,157.56	3,503.66	10,202.07
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	9,881.47	4,827.93	4,163.14	18,872.54
V AUXILIARY AGENCIES				
15. School Nurses' Salaries.....	2,200.00	1,100.00	4,494.00	7,794.00
16. School Physician's Salary....	280.00	140.00	280.00	700.00
16a Consultant Psychologist's Sal.	200.00	200.00	800.00	1,200.00
17. Dental Hygienist's Salary....		250.00	1,000.00	1,250.00
18. Health Supplies & Expenses	123.16	67.31	25.75	216.22
19. Transportation (pupil).....	1,576.35	660.05	14,186.50	16,422.90
20. Other Special Activities.....	6,003.51	34.17	526.14	6,563.82
TOT. AUX. AGENCIES	10,383.02	2,451.53	21,312.39	34,146.94
VI FIXED CHARGES				
21. Insurance	1,910.89	866.75	1,509.50	4,287.14
22. Retirement (Teachers and Superintendent	11,201.77	4,769.21	11,298.34	27,269.32
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	13,112.66	5,635.96	12,807.84	31,566.46
VII OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT				
23. Building Alterations.....	4,890.05	2,015.15	2,785.84	9,691.04
24. New Equipment.....	3,330.81	1,640.38	3,500.05	8,471.24
TOT. OUTLAY & NEW EQUIP.	8,220.86	3,655.53	6,285.89	18,162.28
TOTAL BUDGET A &	260,824.15	109,780.65	248,142.50	618,747.30

BUDGET B—ADULT EDUCATION

VIII. ADULT EDUCATION

1a. Director's Salary	2,200.00
1b Teachers' Salaries	1,961.00
1c. Janitors' Salaries	226.22
1d. Other Expenses	881.86
<u>TOT. ADULT EDUCATION</u>	<u>5,269.08</u>
<u>GRAND TOT. EXPEND.</u>	<u>624,016.38</u>
Returned to City	6.53
Receipts & Expenditures Bal.....	\$624,022.91

DRAMA

Miss Marie Forsberg

The aim of the course in Drama is to give students an acquaintance and appreciation for dramatic literature and its performance. This is not an acting course. Emphasis is placed upon the development of literature through the ages, noting the conditions and forces which influenced people's thinking and behavior in pre-Christian, early Christian, medieval, Renaissance and modern times. Plays which are representative of the periods are read and analyzed.

Dramatic structure is studied in order to better appreciate the elements of drama, and evaluate characters and their motives. Dramatic technique is briefly observed to increase the appreciation for actual performance.

The course is supplemented with a few recordings and film strips which have been added to the school library. These are very good. More such material would be useful.

An opportunity to observe actual dramatic performances would be extremely worth while. At present, the class makes visits whenever possible, this year two times, to Boston for drama appreciation. This year the class saw one opera and one stage performance. This is of course done at student's own expense entirely.

DRAMATIC CLUB

All dramatic practice occurs after school hours, usually from three until five each afternoon. This continues almost every day, from the end of September until the end of May.

Participation is open to any high school student who wishes to come. There are no membership requirements nor dues.

Two long plays were presented this year, and several short plays were practiced and presented for criticism before the dramatic club.

Several model theatres were built, stages designed, and a number of period costumes were restored.

All funds used by the club were also raised by the club through rummage sales and ticket sales.

The greatest obstacle to dramatic practice at Laconia High School is to secure rehearsal space either in the auditorium, or elsewhere. No space has as yet been allocated to dramatic practice. Most rehearsal this year has been held in the Drama office. Another obstacle to dramatic presentation at L. H. S. is to secure use of the auditorium at important times, such as directly before a public performance. This year, although I had signed in the school calendar long in advance, I was deprived of using the auditorium the entire week immediately preceding a public performance. Three of those days were not given to other practice on the stage, but bleachers set up there prevented any use of the stage.

Much fine work has been accomplished by students in dramatic presentations. Although local support is almost non-existent, students have received state and regional awards.. As a result of a regional participation, the Laconia group will demonstrate at the New England Theatre Council in Boston this fall. One Laconia student is attending the National Dramatic Arts Festival in Indiana University at present. He is the only New Hampshire delegate. His expenses were shared equally by his own family and the Dramatic Club.

On trips made by the Dramatic Club this year, all expenses were met by receipts from rummage sales, and felt Christmas stocking made by Miss Forsberg and sold at a gift shop.

The two greatest needs, *and they are urgent*, for this activity are (1) designation of space for rehearsal, and (2) financial aid for such matters as play books, royalty, paint, light bulbs, lumber for construction, hardware, etc.

SPEECH

The aim of Speech is to help students discover why they talk as they do, to realize that speech is a reflection of personality, and to realize how their speech can be improved.

Individual speech is analyzed by recording and listening. Speech and personality inventories are made, individual goals are determined, and suggestions given for achievement. In the limited time available, students practice speech in common situations such as introductions, invitations, meetings, reports, applications, requests, public discussion, retelling stories or relating events, using the telephone, etc. Some attempt at correction of minor speech deviations is made in the limited time available.

The great obstacle to achievement in this class is the large number of students in each class. Obviously, in a class of 32 students, meeting once a week, there is very little chance for any students to receive much attention. To achieve real results, there should not be more than 12 or 15 in a class. Classes should be reduced to make some opportunity for individual practice.

LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT
1955-1956

Cash on hand July 1, 1955	\$ 1,565.26
Receipts:	
Lunch Sales — Children	\$ 25,877.84
Lunch Sales — Adults	744.10
	26,621.94
Reimbursement — Food	3,791.71
Reimbursement — Milk	4,156.31
Misc. Cash	8,856.11
	43,426.07
Total Receipts	43,426.07
AVAILABLE TOTAL	\$ 44,991.33
Expenditures:	
Food	33,477.22
Labor	9,344.47
Equipment	707.07
Other	1,105.78
	44,634.54
Total Expenditures	44,634.54
Cash balance as of June 30, 1956	\$ 356.79
Unpaid bills	\$ 635.01
	996.75
Estimated value of food on hand	996.75
N. H. Commodities received — valued at \$7,161.98 at a cost to us of \$336.67 for delivery charges.	
96,739 meals served	
91,941 meals reimbursable	
2,455 free meals served	

MAE CAVERLY, *Clerk*

FINANCIAL REPORT
Receipts

The School Department operated on the following receipts for the school year 1955-1956:

APPROPRIATION	\$541,057.00
AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	
REIMBURSEMENTS, FEDERAL (1)	5,463.10
AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	
REIMBURSEMENTS, STATE (1)	4,047.82
TUITION PAYMENTS (2)	66,937.91
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS (3)	6,517.08
	624,022.91
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	624,022.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	624,016.38
	6.53
RETURNED TO CITY	\$ 6.53

(1) Laconia High School is designated as an Area Vocational School by the State Department of Education. Pupils may attend this school from other towns if they take agriculture, commerce, home economics, distributive education, even though the towns in which such pupils reside maintain their own high schools, but do not provide instruction in the subjects listed. Laconia receives both Federal and State aid for teachers' salaries, pupil tuition and travel, on account of the Area Vocational School. Relatively large numbers of Laconia pupils are, of course, also enrolled in these subjects.

(2) Approximately 157 senior high school tuition pupils
 66 junior high school tuition pupils
 5 elementary school pupils
 were enrolled during the school year.

(3) Miscellaneous Receipts are derived from Rentals, Sale of Supplies (largely shop pupils for their own projects), Rental of School Facilities, and so on. However, the figure given for this item (\$6,517.08) contains the amount of \$2,474.07 received for Adult Education tuition; these receipts went directly to defer the cost of the Adult Education program in part.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

June 1956

Richard Raymond Adams
 William Farnham Andrews
 Delores Armstrong
 Lois-Jean Avery
 Walter Stevens Ayre, Jr.
 James Francis Baer
 Charlotte Louise Bagley
 Theresa Baillargeon
 Cecily Spring Ballou
 Matthew Piper Baker
 Irene Elizabeth Bass
 Nancy Ann Bastraw
 Judith Ann Bean
 Marjorie Loretta Belleau
 William Joseph Bisson
 Edwin Ronald Blackey
 Roger Newell Blaisdell
 Anita Filixine Bolduc
 George Emile Bolduc
 Jon Cushing Boothroyd
 Louis Robin Brody
 Ernest Harry Brooks
 Patricia Jane Bushnell
 Annette Isabelle Carrier
 James Albert Casey
 Donald Richard Champagne
 Charles Lewis Clark
 Jean Louise Coffin
 James Raymond Clough, Jr.

Cynthia Colby
 Richard Robert Cote
 Jeananne Alene Curtis
 Bette Gail Davis
 Richard Barry Davis
 Gloria Theresa Dickner
 Robert Emmanuel Doucet
 Jane Ellen Dow
 Barbara Ann Dube
 Sylvia Arlene Dudley
 Patricia Ann Dunlap
 James Richard DuPont
 Jeannine Mary Dutile
 James Raymond Fairchild
 Beverly Jean Fay
 Gerard Richard Fecteau
 Paul Alfred Filaroski
 Elizabeth Ann Flack
 Patricia Ann Foley
 John Wilbur Folsom
 Beverly Ann Francoeur
 Joan Adele Frye
 Gloria Carman Gagne
 Donald Frank Geinty
 Donald Edmund Giguere
 Dallis Perley Gilson, Jr.
 Henry Joseph Girard
 Francis Romeo Gouin
 Doris Alma Guilmette

Donald Lyman Harper
Norma Casey Harper
Marshall Paul Harris, Jr.
Beverly Ann Hart
Raymond Ellsworth Hayes
Therese Alice Hebert
Burleigh Meinert Hicken, Jr.
John Marshall Hodsdon
Richard Kenneth Horne
Christian Leonard Hough
Ellen Laudia Isabelle
Sigurd Algren Jensen
Andrew Dolphus Johnson
Mary Elizabeth Jones
Helen Louise King
Jeannine Simone King
Robert Delphis King
Brian Ashton Knight
Patricia Lorraine Labrecque
Normand Henry Lacasse
Donald Gerard Lapierre
Dean Miles Leighton
Grace Belle Leighton
Claire Jeannine Lessard
Leo William Maheux
Raymond Lionel Maheux
Alan Charles Marshall
Marion Lorinda McAdams
Colleen Mary McLaughlin
John David Monahan
Paula Margaret Moore
Norma Coreen Morin
Raymond Donat Morin
Nelson Wilfred Morrissette
William Henry Moulton
Simond Rachel Nadeau
Jean Vesta Nelson
Sara Nelson
Murray Winston Noyes
Joyce Eleanor Olsen
Omer Alfred Ouellette, Jr.
Clarence Bruce Papps, Jr.
Richard Allen Paul
Aristides Perdikis
Richard Langdon Perley
Dianne Pitman
Clinton Richard Phelps
Penelope Theresa Pitou
Carole Anne Plaisted

Harry John Price
William James Provencal
Constance Charlotte Raabe
Myron Ronald Randlett
James Lee Reever
Eleanor Louise Rice
Rodney Stevens Richardson
Lulu Elizabeth Roberts
Barbara Ann Robinson
Beverly Carlene Robinson
Fredric Armand Roux
Leo George Roux, Jr.
Frances Elizabeth Sargent
Mary Elizabeth Sattan
Alice Frances Sawyer
Duane Allison Schreiber
Ralph Otis Scribner
Sara Alice Sears
William Elmer Sears, Jr.
Marjorie Elizabeth Shattuck
Judith Davis Simonds
Lawrence Kenneth Simoneau
Roland Alfred Simoneau, Jr.
Wilburn Lee Sims
Nance Oleson Smith
Robert Hanaford Smith
Charlotte Stephenson
Paul Emerson Stickney
Carol Ann Stiouphile
Barbara Elaine Sullivan
Judith Ann Talbot
Natalie Caroline Taylor
Francis Victor Theberge
Gloria Simone Tebbets
Mary Susan Thomas
Ann Lorraine Titus
Elaine Vardakis
Emmanuel Vardakis
Hazel Irene Vaughan
Frederick Hunt Wadsworth
Barbara Jean Wentworth
Saralee Wheeler
Carol Ann Walker
Margaret Ellen Whyte
John Richard Willard
Douglass Lee Williams
Louella Ann Wilson
Carole Ann Wright
David Walker Yardley

HEALTH and SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH

DR. LEONARD J. SLOVACK, *Chairman*
 DR. FREDERICK C. FILLMORE
 JOSEPH C. BOULANCER
 C. FRANK MOWERS, *Inspector*
 JULIA PERIARD, *City Nurse*
 BARBARA J. SISSON, *Lab. Technician*

CITY PHYSICIAN

The City Physician examines in Municipal Court those cases of intoxication brought in, being suspects or mandatory. The City Physician treats patients receiving welfare from the city, and attends all major fires to insure immediate care to those endangered.

SUMMARY

Police cases	141
Office calls	31
House calls	18
Hospital visits	31
Examinations for State	
Hospital	6
(At request of City)	

CITY NURSE

The City Nurse made 2005 calls on patients during the past year. The following is a summary of the visits:

Medical	1275
Surgical	382
Pre-School Children	87
Crippled Children	37
Infant Care	78
Home Visits, Instructive ..	146

The City Nurse is responsible to the Board of Health for carrying out her duties.

Following is a summary of the Nurse's care to patients:

1. Chronic and medical patients
 - a. Who require bedside nursing and treatment over a period of years.
 - b. Patients who require limited treatment, nursing care, and advice.
2. Surgical Patients
 - a. Visits in the home for surgical dressings following discharge from the hospital.
3. Visits for pre-natal and post-natal infant care and instruction.
4. Visits for instruction and care of crippled children.

HEALTH INSPECTOR

The Health Department performs the following duties:

1. MILK INSPECTION
 - a. Milk plant inspection.
 - b. Producer, farm inspection.
 - c. Producer-dealer inspection.
2. MILK ANALYSIS
 - a. Milk analysis of each and every farm producing milk to sell to Laconia area.
 - b. Milk analysis of producer-dealers or farms producing, bottling, and selling their own milk.
 - c. Analysis of the finished product, i.e. pasteurized and homogenized milk.
 - d. Milk being shipped from other localities, i.e. Manchester. (The analysis reports from other health departments are used to judge the quality of the milk.)
3. SLAUGHTER INSPECTION
 - a. Examination of animals before slaughter to determine their physical condition.
 - b. Inspection during slaughter.
 - c. Post-mortem inspection of the various glands to determine any pathological abnormalities.
 - d. Inspection of slaughter house.
 - (1) Refrigeration.

- (2) Cleanliness.
- (3) Care of offal.

4. MARKET INSPECTION

- a. Garbage disposal.
- b. General cleanliness.
- c. Care of refrigeration.
- d. Methods of food handling.
- e. Display articles.
- f. Utensils and machine apparatus cleanliness.

5. RESTAURANT INSPECTION

- a. Employee cleanliness.
- b. Garbage disposal
- c. Sterilization of dishes and other utensils.
- d. Storage of food.
- e. Toilet facilities.
- f. General cleanliness.
- g. Refrigeration.
- h. Hot water supply, et cetera.

6. CABIN COLONIES

Inspection of chlorinators this year revealed an improvement in their operation. Proper operation is of vital importance, not only to the guest but to the operator.

In general, cabin colonies were in excellent condition.

7. WATER ANALYSIS

Beach samples are taken weekly to determine the standards of the water for swimming purposes.

Water samples are taken weekly of the City Water Supply to determine its safety for drinking purposes.

Samples of water from private wells are submitted for analysis.

8. NUISANCES, COMPLAINTS

Many complaints are registered with this department, ranging from garbage, sewage overflow, to other factors contributing to a health menace. Sewage

overflow that flows into lakes is turned over to the Water Pollution Commission for action. Overflow not affecting the lakes is strictly a local problem.

9. BUILDING PERMITS

Permits are signed by this department, after an inspection of the sewage facilities, especially those located on the lake shores. In this way septic tanks and dry wells do not have to be relocated after being installed. It is also a safety factor with regard to lake pollution.

LABORATORY SUMMARY

Number of Tests:

Bacteria Analysis (Raw milk, pasteurized and homogenized milk)	
1. Raw plate	616
2. Laboratory pasteurized	616
3. Finished products	523
4. Coliform analysis	530
5. Sediment tests	243
6. Phosphatase tests	274
7. Butter fat tests	441

	Total	3243
Water Analysis	Total	200

Results of Tests:

Bacteria Count Averages	
Producer samples of Pasteurized and homogenized milk	15,680
Producer-Dealer samples of raw milk	56,545
Laboratory pasteurized samples	2,056
Butter Fat Averages	
Pasteurized and Homogenized milk	3.97
Raw milk	4.10

MILK LICENSES

Markets	33
Restaurants	47
Dealers	10
Producer-Dealers	6

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
53-Week Fiscal Year

Budget Appropriation	\$ 13,132.61
Transferred In from Excess & Deficiency Account	150.63
	\$ 13,283.24
TOTAL	\$ 13,283.24

Expenditures:

Equipment & Supplies	\$ 573.88
Longevity	150.00
Mileage	786.22
Milk & Cream	168.69
Printing & Postage	20.41
Salaries	11,380.11
Supplies — City Nurse	13.34
Telephone & Gas	190.59
	\$ 13,283.24
Total Expenditures	\$ 13,283.24

RECEIPTS

Milk Analysis	\$ 57.40
Public Nurse	540.50
Water Analysis	50.00
Slaughtering	30.00
	\$ 677.90
Total Receipts	\$ 677.90

PUBLIC LIBRARY

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RUTH E. JOHNSON

JANITORS

FRANCIS M. BOLDOC
HADLEY M. PATTEN, (service completed, March 1956)
ALBERT W. HEAD (resigned, April 1956)

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Current library patrons now total 4,826 including 2,382 juveniles.

Over 3,000 books were loaned to teachers during the school year for classroom use.

Income from trust funds is expended according to stipulations of the bequest. A recently published four volume history of New Hampshire, *The Granite State of the United States*, by Dr. James Duane Squires, was purchased with money available from the Julia A. Ladd and Helen A. Avery funds.

After many years of faithful service Mr. A. W. Head resigned as janitor at the Goss Reading Room. Francis M. Bolduc now supervises both library buildings and the park.

General activity in the recreation room indicates to what extent an auditorium in the proposed auditorium might be used. Various groups including the Council of Church Women, Winnepesaukee Power Squadron, Girl Scouts, and the Opechee Garden Club have held meetings there. A variety of weekly programs have been planned by the Senior Citizens whose membership is steadily increasing. The room becomes a miniature theatre when children's films are shown during the winter months. A high fidelity record player with loud speaker attachment was purchased for the use of both adult and juvenile groups.

GIFTS

Many books, including several memorial volumes, were received as gifts. The Laconia Committee on Alcoholism donated material for the use of all readers interested in this major health problem. Numerous books, pamphlets, and a subscription to the *Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol* were included in the gift. This collection has been extensively used both by local students and through inter-library loan, by students of a neighboring high school. Due to the generosity of the Old Dominion Foundation, the library received a 54 volume set of *Great Books of the Western*

World, published by Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. Several New Hampshire libraries, selected by the American Library Association, were recipients of this valuable set.

The record collection was augmented by albums from anonymous donors. An Albert Schweitzer recording of Bach organ music was given in memory of Dr. Theodore Steiger, a former library trustee.

Several local groups renewed subscriptions to their publications.

GALE PARK

Every effort has been made to safeguard the trees against Dutch Elm disease. Their healthy condition is largely due to the periodic spraying and fertilizing of past years. Heavy limbs have been braced and cabled, and dead wood removed.

In observance of the 10th anniversary of United Nations a rock maple was planted at the northwest corner by members of the Opechee Garden Club.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored individually lighted shadow boxes during the Christmas season.

BOOKMOBILE

For some time the trustees have considered the possibility of bookmobile service to the Weirs and other sections of the city not near the main library or the Goss Reading Room. Scheduled stops would bring library facilities within walking distance of all Laconia

citizens. Bookmobile hours could be arranged for schools and the various convalescent and aged homes, if desired. It had been discussed only as a future project until recently Atty. Teo S. Jewett donated \$4,000, from the income of Goss Reading Room trust funds, to be used for this purpose. He offered \$1,000 annually from the funds to pay the balance. Meetings of the trustees with Mayor Boutin, Atty. Jewett, and Mr. E. J. Cantin resulted in the decision to purchase a sixteen foot equipped bookmobile for a sum not to exceed \$10,000. In order to procure the best equipment for the allowed amount, Mr. Cantin offered to furnish the chassis below cost. Special thanks are due both Atty. Jewett and Mr. Cantin for their generous contributions and splendid cooperation.

BUILDING PLANS

After fifty years definite progress has been made toward a children's room. The firm of Prescott and Erickson was engaged to submit plans for an addition to match the present building. As the price of granite was prohibitive, their original plan was not accepted, and consequently, the architecture had to be changed. Subsequent sketches were rejected until the architects submitted drawings for an addition of gray brick in contemporary design to join the main library along the east wall of the reference room, the north wall of the stack room, and extend easterly with a front entrance facing Church Street. It provides for a chil-

dren's room, work room, auditorium and toilets, and is designed to operate for good library service. The recent decision to have a bookmobile will necessitate basement alterations to provide convenient book loading at that

level. The trustees appreciate the genuine interest and close cooperation of the Mayor and Council and are hopeful that within the next year the long discussed children's room will be a reality.

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1955-1956

Circulation	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Laconia Public Library			
Books	36,015	23,321	59,336
Recordings			1,493
Goss Reading Room	5,706	3,652	9,358
Total circulation			70,187
Collection			
Books added	1,060	708	1,768
Books withdrawn	322	70	392
Total book collection			45,548
Total record collection			638

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, July 1, 1955		\$ 63.00
City of Laconia	\$24,136.79	
Gale Estate	3,216.08	
Goss Reading Room Trust Funds	1,000.00	
Goss Reading Room Trust Funds for Bookmobile	4,000.00	
Gale Building Fund	3,057.30	
Interest	382.59	
Fines, Fees, etc.	1,644.95	
Total		\$ 37,500.71

Expenditures

Staff Salaries	14,033.50
Longevity Bonus	705.60
Extra Help	225.00
Books	3,094.80
Periodicals	525.28
Binding	59.83
Library Supplies	276.57
Postage	97.84
Printing	48.05
Janitor's Salaries	3,715.00
Building Supplies	214.66
Building Repairs	55.88
Water—Light	730.16

Fuel	1,227.00	
Travel—Training	59.28	
Telephone	337.03	
Records	197.85	
Children's work	214.40	
Adult Work	99.07	
Furniture	415.50	
Insurance	37.50	
Capital Outlay	193.15	
Total expenditures		26,562.94
Building expense for proposed children's room		3,057.30
Gale Building Fund transferred to Savings account		3,000.00
Bookmobile Fund transferred to Sav. acct.		4,000.00
Refund to City of Laconia		556.24
Balance on hand, June 30, 1956		324.23
TOTAL		\$ 37,500.71

GALE PARK
Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, July 1, 1955		\$303.79
Receipts		
City of Laconia	\$1,384.40	
Gale Estate	1,072.02	
		2,458.42
Total		\$2,760.21
Expenditures		
Fertilizer	117.00	
Flowers	226.00	
Fountain Maintenance	25.07	
Gas & Oil	19.58	
Lawn Maintenance	197.02	
Miscellaneous	77.00	
Trees	240.00	
Trucking	48.50	
Salaries	1,070.65	
Water	97.95	
Flags	19.65	
Total Expenditures		2,138.42
Refund to City of Laconia		519.37
Balance on hand, June 30, 1956		102.42
TOTAL		\$2,760.21

CIVIL DEFENSE

Honorable Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor, City of Laconia
Laconia, New Hampshire

Honorable Mayor Boutin

The Civil Defense Program in Laconia has been functioning very well the past year.

Improvements to the Ground Observer Corps Tower on Taylor Street, consisting of a new heating system and toilet facilities, have resulted in an increased enrollment of airplane spotters.

The Auxiliary Police Force of one hundred men is always ready for any emergency or any city affairs that it may be called upon to participate in.

The Auxiliary Fireman's Unit is in the process of reorganization into a fifty man force.

The Mayor and City Council have been very co-operative in the needs of Civil Defense and the citizens of Laconia should feel proud of its Civil Defense Organization.

Respectfully yours,

LOU ATHANAS
Director

CIVIL DEFENSE

Budget Appropriation		\$929.00
Transferred In from Excess & Deficiency Account		60.51
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TOTAL		\$989.51
Expenditures:		
Fuel	\$	94.48
Labor & Materials for Repairs		50.07
Light Bills		60.96
Supplies & Postage		534.00
Capital Outlays — Fence at G.O.C. Tower		250.00
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Total Expenditures		\$989.51

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE COMMISSION

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*
 GUY C. RICHARDS, *Clerk*
 ATTY. F. E. NORMANDIN
 CHARLES E. DUNLEAVY, *Chief*
 NORMAN P. DROUIN, *Deputy*

*Annual Report of the Chief of Police
 for the Year Ending January 31, 1956*

ARRESTS: MALES 596
 FEMALES 27

TOT. NUMBER OF ARRESTS..623

CAUSES OF ARREST

Allowing unlicensed person to operate	6
Arrested for out-of-town officers	7
Assaults	9
Assault on an officer	6
Breaking and entering and larceny	1
Contributing to juvenile delinquency	2
Carrying concealed weapon Careless and negligent operating	6
Deserters: Army-Navy	4
Disorderly persons	14
Drunkenness—residents	90
Drunkenness—non-residents..	54
Escaped convicts	3
Failing to stop for school bus Failing to keep to the right of road	8
Failing to have car registered	9
Failing to stop after accidents	8
Failing to stop for stop signs Following too close	3
Forgery	1
Insane persons	12
Interfering with officer	1
Kidnapping	1
Larceny	9

Lascivious behavior	6
Making a false report	1
Making false statement to get license	1
Misuse of plates	2
Neglecting to stop for officer's signal	6
Non-support of family	6
No flag on rear of load	4
Obstructing officer	1
Obscene books	1
Offensive language	3
Operating auto without a license	18
Operating auto recklessly ...	3
Operating auto under the influence of liquor	89
Operating auto without adequate brakes	11
Operating auto without proper lights	4
Operating auto without a muffler	1
Operating auto after license is revoked	13
Over speeding auto	122
Parked on sidewalk	1
Passing over center line	19
Passing worthless check	1
Procuring liquor for minors Parking violation	1
Selling liquor to minor	1
Selling beer on Sunday	1
Traffic lights violations	3
Truck overloaded	1
Throwing rubbish in street Uninspected auto	1
U-turn	1
Vagrant	3
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HOW DISPOSED OF

Appealed to Superior Court	1
Bail forfeited	5
Bound over to Superior Court	2
Committed to house of correction	27
Committed to State Hospital	12
Complaints dismissed	2
Complaints placed on file ...	36
Complaints nol-prossed	4
Continued for sentence	11
Delivered to out-of-town officers	12

Discharged by the Court	5
Paid fines	473
Suspended sentences	33
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INCIDENTAL SERVICES

Auto accidents reported	146
Assistance rendered	147
Assisted out-of-town police	57
Auto reported stolen	10
Auto reported stolen re- covered	10
Burglaries reported	13
Complaints received and investigated	1657
Fires attended	17
Fires discovered and alarm	

given	4
Larcenies reported	40
Lost children restored to pa- rents	17
Number of person furnished lodging	79
Police radio calls	2638
Store doors & windows found open and secured	1717
Street lights reported out	1315
Blood relay for Laconia Hospital	19
Telephone calls from watch- men in factories	41450
Telephone duty calls	33769
Parking violations	5594
Fees collected from viola- tions	\$4297.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Budget Appropriation \$ 4,325.00

Receipts:

Fines	\$ 20,663.50
Parking Violations	5,243.00
Refund— State N. H. Fish & Game Dept.	18.00
Refund— State N. H. Motor Vehicles Dept.	18.00
Small Claims Fees	615.90
Supplies	1.96

Total Receipts 26,560.36
 Net Transfers from Excess & Deficiency Account 1,072.91

TOTAL \$ 31,958.27

Expenditures:

City Physician — Examinations	\$ 490.00
Medical Expenses	10.00

Salaries:

Justice	\$ 1,800.00
Justice — Small Claims Fees	337.00
Special Justice	200.00
Substitute for Special Justice	110.00
Clerk	600.00
Clerk — Small Claims Fees	84.25
Probation Officer	300.00

Total Salaries 3,431.25

Small Claims 69.35

State N. H.:

Fish & Game Dept.	\$ 49.50
Motor Vehicles Dept.	14,622.90
Public Utilities Commission	36.00
Unemployment Compensation Bureau	18.00

Total Paid to State of N. H. 14,726.40

Supplies	135.63
Travel	78.48
Witness Fees	17.16
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Total Expenditures	\$ 18,958.27
To Estimated Revenue	13,000.00
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TOTAL	\$ 31,958.27

POLICE DEPARTMENT
(53-Week Fiscal Year)

Budget Appropriation	\$106,999.03
Balance C'd. from 1954-55 Budget	755.02

Receipts:

Equipment	\$ 4.25
Gasoline	3.00
Salaries	246.40
Uniform Allowance	29.40
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Total Receipts	283.05
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TOTAL	\$108,037.10
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Expenditures:

Auto Expense	\$ 3,221.17
City Lockup Supplies	133.62
Equipment	99.86
Labor & Materials for Repairs	10.00
Longevity	1,710.00
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	568.35
Medical Expenses	15.00
Miscellaneous & Contingencies	77.50
Printing	52.19
Radio & Professional Services	88.18
Salaries (54 weeks)	88,801.40
Sick Leave	459.70
State of N. H. Retirement	3,882.06
Supplies	624.71
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	2,084.28
Uniform Allowance	2,029.04
Capital Outlays	972.20
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Total Expenditures	\$104,829.26
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Balance C'd. to 1956-57 Budget	330.38
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Transferred to Excess & Deficiency Acct.	2,877.46
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TOTAL	\$108,037.10
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FIRE PROTECTION

MERLE B. SARGENT *Fire Chief*
 EDMUND MITCHELL *Deputy Chief*

FIRE COMMISSION

ARTHUR C. TROMBLY, *Chairman*
 ALLEN G. VEAZEY
 ARTHUR R. PLOURDE

ANNUAL REPORT OF LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Hon. Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor:

Dear Sir:

The following is a brief summary of the activities of the Fire Department for the year 1955.

	No. of Alarms	KIND OF FIRE						Ins. Paid
		Dwelling	Store	Factory	Garage	Brush	Misc.	
Jan.	21	14	1	1			5	\$136.25
Feb.	14	10	1				3	662.47
March	21	13		1		1	6	1,125.80
April	47	16	1	2	1	18	9	1,932.52
May	37	8	1	4	1	11	12	
June	22	5				4	13	
July	29	8	3	1		2	15	902.36
Aug.	18	1		2			15	9,407.48
Sept.	18	7	1			4	6	2,500.00
Oct.	20	8	2			1	9	9,463.40
Nov.	32	16		4		2	10	5,560.25
Dec.	42	29	1	2	3		7	13,904.45
Totals	321	135	11	17	5	43	110	\$45,594.98

Number of men in Department: Officers 12; Firemen 57	Total 69
Appropriation for year	\$90,344.68
Population	14,722
Cost of Fire Protection per Capita	\$6.12
Fire Loss per Capita	\$3.10

Respectfully submitted,

MERLE SARGENT, *Chief*

FIRE DEPARTMENT
53-Week Fiscal Year

Budget Appropriation	\$ 90,806.24
Balance Carried from 1954-55 Budget	122.86
Receipts:	
Gasoline	\$ 2,706.59
Supplies	200.25
Sale of Equipment & 1954-55 Budget Ref.	111.00
	3,017.84
Total Receipts	\$93,946.94
Expenditures:	
Administration of Fire Prevention Ordinance	\$ 28.69
Ambulance Calls	70.00
Equipment	352.50
Fire Alarm — Labor, Mat. & Maintenance	654.64
Fire Inspection	175.00
Fuel, Oil & Coal	2,322.50
Gasoline	3,264.23
Accident Insurance	318.20
Laundry	152.90
Lights & Water	1,390.89
Longevity	457.50
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	38.77
Office Expense	42.93
Radio Maintenance	158.05
State of N. H. Retirement	2,866.50
Salaries	73,787.94
Snow Removal	4.56
Station Maintenance — Labor & Materials	729.71
Supplies	844.17
Telephone	998.53
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	1,872.18
Uniform Allowance	1,070.92
Capital Outlays	2,048.90
	93,650.21
Total Expenditures	\$ 93,650.21
Net Transfer to Excess & Deficiency Acct.	294.79
Balance Carried to 1956-57 Budget	1.94
	93,946.94
TOTAL	\$ 93,946.94

PLANNING

Members of the Planning Board—

ROBERT J. CLAIRMONT, *Chairman*

HOWARD DECOSTER

CHARLES D. DOCKHAM

RICHARD VAREY

JOHN P. CHANDLER

Ex-Officio—

BERNARD L. BOUTIN, *Mayor*

HUGH H. BOWNES, *Councilman*

ARNOLD J. O'MARA, *City Engineer*

JASON C. SLOAN, *Planning Director and Secretary to the Board*

The Planning Board came into being in 1947 with Atty. William W. Keller as its first Chairman and the preparation of a Zoning Ordinance as the first major project. This ordinance was adopted in 1948.

During the intervening years the Planning Board has been most active in the study and recommendation to the city government of many projects for the improvement of Laconia, keeping always in mind a "master plan" of existing conditions and continually gathering data and information relative to the future growth of the city and its environs. This master plan is used with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a co-ordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the city which will, in accordance with existing and probable future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. This includes, among other things, adequate provisions for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other damages, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements.

In the past year, although the Board was without the services of a Planning Director for several months, among the major accomplishments were the preparation and recommendation of a Fire Prevention Code which was adopted, a complete revision of the traffic rules and regulations and the revision of the city map incorporating over 185 changes.

The Planning Board is continually studying, investigating and recommending in connection with problems and projects for the betterment of the City of Laconia and its citizens.

PLANNING BOARD

Budget Appropriation	\$ 7,375.70
Receipts:	
Printing & Copy	\$ 1.45
Telephone	7.45
Reimbursement for map work	9.50
	18.40
TOTAL	\$ 7,394.10
Expenditures:	
Car Allowance	\$ 28.20
Equipment	4.95
Printing & Copy	310.15
Salary — Director	3,605.05
Supplies	30.38
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	201.33
Travel	245.89
	4,425.95
Total Expenditures	4,425.95
Net Transfer to Excess & Deficiency Acct.	2,968.15
	2,968.15
TOTAL	\$ 7,394.10

ZONING

JOHN H. DOW, *Chairman*
J. ALFRED PAQUETTE
BERNARD P. EMERY
RENE J. GILBERT
WILLIAM R. VOSE
JASON C. SLOAN, *Clerk*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Nineteen petitions were presented to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for decisions during the past year. Of these petitions, after public hearings in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, thirteen were granted, four denied and two were withdrawn after consultation with the Board.

It should be noted that this Board has one of the most difficult and important assignments in the city organization and upon their good judgment depends to a large extent the strength of the entire Zoning Ordinance which was adopted by the city for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community. The regulations have been designed to lessen congestion in the streets, to secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers, to provide adequate light and air, to prevent overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration and to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements.

The Board of Adjustment is often confused with the Planning Board. The Board of Adjustment is the appeal board to which persons who feel that an exception to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance should be made, may apply. Hearings held by the Board are public and due notice is given in advance of the hearing date by newspaper announcement and all abutters of the property in question are individually notified.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Budget Appropriation	\$ 450.00
Receipts:	
Hearing Fees	\$ 220.00
Sale of maps	2.85
	222.85
Total Receipts	222.85
	222.85
TOTAL	\$ 672.85
Expenditures:	
Advertising	\$ 211.00
Appraisal Work & Court Appearances	50.00
Printing & Postage	53.79
Salary — Clerical	90.50
	405.29
Total Expenditures	405.29
To Estimated Revenue	100.00
Net Transfer to Excess & Deficiency Account	167.56
	167.56
TOTAL	\$ 672.85

Board of Public Works

June 30, 1956

To the City Council:

I submit herewith a report of the Public Works Department for the fiscal year of July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1956.

DRAINS

Several capital improvement projects were undertaken and completed during the fiscal year. Most important among them was that of remedying a poor drainage condition which had existed for years in the Wyatt Park area, where during spring thaws or heavy rains streets adjacent to the park were flooded, and on occasions were impassable to vehicular traffic. A concrete pipe culvert, with intercepting cross drains and catch basins, was constructed from Gilbert Brook on Cottage Street, thence along Cottage, Main, Province, Champlin, Webster and Center streets. Champlin and Center Streets were raised and regraded to provide a more rapid surface water runoff and a bituminous concrete pavement was constructed on the two streets.

SEWERS

With the view in mind of completing the Rowe Court to Mill Street sewer project this summer, it was decided to put it out to contract and to build the sewage pumping station, to be located on Lawrence Court, by force account. The sewer project was advertised for bids, which were to be received and opened on April 3rd. Samuel Aceto Co. of Westbrook, Maine was the sole bidder, with a bid price that exceeded the estimate cost of the project by approximately thirty-three percent. This bid was rejected and it was decided to readvertise the job at a later date after a revision of the specifications had been made to allow the contractor more time for completion of the project than was stipulated in the original contract, namely eighty working days. We believed that this would be an inducement for a greater number of contractors to be interested in submitting bids for the work, and therefore we readvertised the work with bids to be submitted and opened on May 11th. Two bids were received on this occasion, one of which was higher than the previous bid and the other somewhat lower. It seems unlikely that prices would be in range with the funds available for this project and so the sewer work will be undertaken by city force account labor with a probable starting time during the month of September. If good weather prevails, the major portion of this project should be completed in advance of cold weather.

Construction of the pumping station has started, and at this date

the substructure has been completed. At present, we are waiting for delivery of pumps and electrical equipment. When this material is received and installed, the superstructure will be built and the station will be placed in operation.

GENERAL

With City and State of New Hampshire funds approximately one-half the Eastman Road has been reconstructed. This section of the road has been built over a new location. The original course of the Eastman Road, which was laid out in 1778, divided the property of the adjacent owner, and in order to allow him a more extensive use of his land a part of the original layout, 1130 feet in length by 33 feet in width, was discontinued as a highway, after a public hearing was held.

That section of the road then reverted back to Mr. Louis Heinis, the adjacent owner. In return, Mr. Heinis deeded the City of Laconia a piece of land 1368 feet in length by 50 feet in width for the relocated highway. It is planned to complete the reconstruction of the Eastman Road to its intersection with the Meredith Center road this year.

Two parking lots were constructed by the Public Works Department during the year. One is located off Tower Street at the Weirs. This lot provides parking facilities for about 100 cars. It being near the center of business activity at the Weirs has been used extensively during the summer season.

A second lot off Fair Street was built that also accommodates 100 cars. Both areas are constructed on leased land, the latter on property owned by the State of New Hampshire.

Asphalt sidewalks were constructed on Champagne Avenue, Avery, Pine and Irving Streets.

In connection with the construction of sidewalks, an ordinance has been passed by the Mayor and City Council, which in effect, requires adjacent owners of property to the street, for which an asphalt sidewalk is petitioned for, to pay one-half the cost for construction of the walk. Each owner will pay his share based on the number of front footage of his lot abutting the walk. The cost of maintaining or resurfacing the walk after its construction will be borne by the City. This practice has been in effect for many years in other cities throughout the country.

Fairmount Street, from Washington to Elm Street, was rebuilt this year. The street was widened so that there is a clear roadway of 38 feet between curbs. Surface drains were installed and granite curbs were laid on both sides of the street. A plant-mixed bituminous con-

crete surface was laid between curbs and asphalt sidewalks were built on both sides of the street.

Funds were made available for replacing the timber bridge which spans the Winnepesaukee River on Mill Street, which had been closed to vehicular traffic since 1949. Plans had been prepared for constructing a foot bridge at the side. This project was advertised for bids, which were received and opened on April 3rd. At this time, however, legal action was brought against the City of Laconia in behalf of an abutting owner to the bridge who requested a vehicular bridge be maintained at this location rather than a pedestrian crossing.

In view of this action, it was decided that a contract should not be awarded for erecting the bridge until such time as an agreement could be reached between the parties involved, or a decision on this matter be obtained from the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD J. O'MARA, *City Engineer*

FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 1955-1956
Showing in detail receipts and expenditures
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriations and Balances	\$227,939.60
Received from:	
Ralph H. Abbott, sewer connection	33.00
Aldrich Studio, sewer connection	528.28
American Oil Co., rebate	5.57
Oley A. Arnold, asphalt apron	24.75
Martin Avery, sewer connection	152.74
P. E. Baker, sewer connection	139.76
W. M. Bisson, street markers	4.80
Brooksies, pipe	31.40
Alfred Carrier, sewer connection	33.03
City of Laconia	
Bond Issue March 3, 1954	
Opechee Park Improvement	1,469.58
Union Ave., Curb Jct. Stark St.	3,840.58
Union Ave. Drain	125.20
Wyatt Park Area Drainage	17,879.09
Bond Issue Oct. 4, 1954	
Avery Street Walk	465.29
Champagne Ave. Walk	967.42
Fairmount St. Improvement	3,331.00
Irving Street Walk	688.95
Pine Street Walk	2,794.86
Improvement Bond Issue 1952	
Irving Street Walk	97.61
Bond Issue Dec. 1, 1955	
Durkee Street Drain	1,885.17
Fairmount Street Improvement	2,944.00
Lakeside Ave. Widening	13,641.11
Mill Street Bridge	792.77
Sewer Bond Issue Dec. 1, 1955	
Main Street Area Sewer Project	30,836.44
Sanitary Sewerage Fund	27,585.98
Miscellaneous Accounts	
Endicott Park Improvement	1,674.18
Fair Street Parking Lot	5,600.65
Miscellaneous	3.38
Parking Meter Fund	2,385.35
Weirs Parking Lot	3,468.01
Thomas Collard, profile paper .....	.75
Leander Constant, sewer connection	15.00
Lester Doane, drain connection	47.94
James Doherty, print .....	.70
Roland Dorval, labor	4.75
Omer Duguay, labor	3.72
Chas. E. Dunleavy, labor & material	14.76
Homer Dutile, sewer connection	75.58
Earle Emmons, spraying	5.00
Andrew Ferguson, signs	15.00
Francoeur-Gill, Inc., pipe	9.00

Henry Frazier, sewer connection	27.50
Alfred Gagne, labor	10.53
Gale Memorial Library, labor	2.50
Chester C. Gardner, sewer connection	35.83
Gas Service, Inc., labor and material	154.65
Chester Gigas, cement	2.50
Eugene Gilbert, sewer connections	138.07
Rene J. Gilbert, sewer & drain connections	396.60
Wilfred J. Gilbert, sewer connection	167.24
George F. Gillolly, pipe	10.12
John F. Goodwin, sewer connection	153.25
Daniel M. Gordon, sewer connection	123.41
Frances M. Gorrell, drain connection	321.50
Leonce Goupil, cement	37.50
Harry Gozonsky, junk	43.00
Clifford Greenwood, pipe	4.20
Karla Griffin, labor	7.57
Mrs. Ivan W. Grothey, spraying	3.00
Albert R. Guay, spraying	1.00
George Head, spraying	3.00
John E. Horne, harnesses	50.00
Hueber Lumber Co., material	26.70
Gaston Jordan, spraying	10.00
Mrs. Cecile Kauchinski, sewer connection	46.20
Stanley Kidder, spraying	4.00
Lucien King, sewer and drain connection	149.57
Leo A. Labranche, pipe	20.24
Laconia Fire Dept., labor and material	121.42
Laconia Health Dept., labor	26.29
Laconia School Dept., material	4.00
Laconia Park Dept., labor and material	646.55
Laconia Malleable Iron Co., Inc. labor and material	172.88
Laconia Needle Co., labor	9.11
Laconia Police Dept., labor and material	135.20
Laconia Water Co., labor and material	269.79
Laconia Water Works, labor and material	165.68
Raymond P. Landry, sewer connection	82.74
Noel Laurent, sewer connection	113.00
Arthur Lessard & Son, labor and material	80.22
Clement Levasseur, sewer connection	80.43
Arlene Long, spraying	2.00
Elmer Lucas, labor and material	22.50
Colby Lyford, drain connection	45.96
John McLaughlin, sewer connection	106.99
Martin Manzelli, sewer and drain connections	249.16
Methodist Church Assn., material	13.30
Gerard R. Morin, labor and material	29.25
Harry Morin, Pipe	8.80
C. F. Mowers, material	43.31
Ruth B. Munsey, sewer connection	30.26
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., labor and material	6.11
N. H. Dept. of Public Works & Highways, labor	293.52
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., labor and material	305.95
Gedeon R. Ouelette, labor and material	30.38
Roland Palm, hay	69.68

Eli Piche, sewer connection	35.74
L. M. Pike & Son, Material	37.60
Ernest J. Poire, sewer connection	232.08
George Poire, sewer connection	20.82
Ronald Poire, sewer connection	10.00
Wilfred Poire, sewer connection	15.00
Fred S. Polak, drain connection	34.90
George Pooler, sewer connection	52.65
Ralph V. Prescott, material	25.30
Public Service Co. of N. H., pipe	5.40
Bernice Raymond, spraying	2.00
Wendell Reisch, material	10.00
Ernest Ringer, spraying	4.00
Raymond Robinson, horse blanket	8.00
Calvin Rolfe, drain connection	3.03
Armand Roux, sewer and drain connections	90.79
Stephen Rudzinski, sewer connection	114.42
John G. Ruel, cement	17.50
John A. Ryan, labor and material	29.25
State of N. H. Highway Dept., refund	20.46
State of N. H. Reimbursable T. R. A.	3,504.31
State of N. H. Gas tax refund	1,374.40
William Saunders, drain connection	171.74
Scott & Williams, Inc., park benches	70.80
Mrs. Charlotte E. Sheehan, drain connections	168.52
Archelas Simoneau, Jr., sewer connections	117.29
Lionel Snow, cement	6.25
Harold E. Tefft, labor	92.50
Winston Titus, drain connection & labor	306.87
Town of Gilford, signs	7.50
Town of Meredith, signs & labor	33.45
Walter J. Turcote, labor	7.43
J. H. Valliere Co., sewer connections	549.75
Richard Varey, pipe & spraying	11.40
Gerald W. Wescott, sewer connection	65.10
Arthur Whitcomb Const. Co., pipe	61.00
D. D. Whittemore, labor	11.97
Woodward's Sales & Service, labor and material	17.74

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$364,022.87
T. R. A. Project (Reimbursable by State of N. H.)	2,745.05
Gillette St. Sewer Ext. (Reimbursable by City of Laconia)	618.38
Sidewalk Imp. (Union Ave. at Cantin's) (Reimbursable by City of Laconia)	616.98
Weirs Water Works (Reimbursable by City of Laconia)	536.52
Fieldgreen Road (Reimbursable by City of Laconia)	727.17

\$369,266.97

**SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND (OTHER REVENUE)
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Showing in detail cash receipts for year ending June 30, 1956

Cash received from	
Ralph H. Abbott, sewer permit	5.00
Robert Aldrich, sewer permit	5.00
P. E. Baker, sewer permit	5.00

Adolph P. Bisson, plumbing licenses	1.00
Leopold Bourgault, plumbing licenses	1.00
Howard E. Bowen, plumbing licenses	1.00
Leander Constant, sewer permit	5.00
Ronald J. Cormier, plumbing examination and license	2.00
Paul L. Dearborn, plumbing examination and license	2.00
George A. Decelles, plumbing license .....	.50
Homer Dutile, sewer permit	5.00
Walter W. Foster, plumbing license .....	.50
Henry Frazier, sewer permit	5.00
Chester C. Gardner, sewer permit	5.00
Henry Gaudette, sewer permit	5.00
Eugene Gilbert, sewer permits	10.00
Rene J. Gilbert, sewer permits	25.00
Wilfred J. Gilbert, sewer permit	5.00
Simon U. Gill, plumbing licenses	1.00
George F. Gillolly, plumbing license .....	.50
John F. Goodwin, sewer permit	5.00
Daniel M. Gordon, sewer permit	5.00
Romeo Gouin, plumbing licenses	1.00
Clarence E. Guenette, plumbing licenses	1.00
Loran D. Harvey, plumbing license .....	.50
Merton L. Hawkins, plumbing licenses	1.00
Robert G. Jacques, plumbing examination	1.00
Mrs. Cecile Kauchinski, sewer permit	5.00
Lucien Keroack, plumbing licenses	1.00
Leo A. Labranche, plumbing licenses	1.00
Leon Labranche, plumbing license .....	.50
Albert Labranche, plumbing license .....	.50
Alphonse J. Landry, plumbing licenses	1.00
Arthur Landry, plumbing license .....	.50
Raymond Landry, plumbing licenses	1.00
Lionel Lapointe, plumbing licenses	7.00
Lucien Lapointe, plumbing license .....	.50
Noel Laurent, sewer permit	5.00
Clement Levasseur, sewer permit	5.00
Stanley B. Monroe, plumbing licenses	1.00
Arthur Morin, plumbing license .....	.50
J. J. Morin, plumbing licenses	1.00
Sylvio B. Morin, plumbing license .....	.50
Stewart Noyes, plumbing licenses	1.00
Thomas N. O'Mara, plumbing licenses	2.00
Ernest J. Poire, sewer permit	5.00
George Poire, sewer permit	5.00
Wilfred Poire, sewer permit	5.00
Stephen Rudzinski, sewer permit	5.00
Elwell D. Sanborn, plumbing license .....	.50
Archelas Simoneau, Jr., sewer permits	10.00
Romulus Snow, plumbing license .....	.50
Edward Spadafora, sewer permit	5.00
Rex Swain, plumbing licenses	2.00
Conrad E. Tardiff, plumbing license .....	.50
Donna Turcotte, sewer permit	5.00
J. H. Valliere Co., sewer permits	10.00
George Valliere, plumbing license .....	.50

B. G. Walker, plumbing licenses	1.00
Earl Walker, plumbing examination and licenses	2.50
Gordon Walker, plumbing examination and licenses	2.50
Howard Walker, plumbing licenses	1.00
Victor Walker, plumbing licenses	1.00
John R. Wood, plumbing licenses	1.00
Total	\$ 201.00

PAID AS FOLLOWS:

Aldrich Photo Service & Supply, photos & film	74.08
Geo. E. Alexander & Son, rakes & rake teeth	57.92
American Abrasive Metals Co., stair treads	104.00
American Bitumuls & Asphalt Co., asphalt	7,158.38
American Oil Co., oil and grease	1,320.65
American Playground Device Co., park benches	30.90
American Public Works Assn., subscription	10.00
American Society for Testing Materials, book	3.75
Atkinson Oil Company, diesel and fuel oils	2,874.04
Atiantic Equipment Co., Inc., broom refills	84.88
Baker & Co., cloth	12.42
S. F. Baker, galv. metal	7.65
Balboni Express Co., express	18.60
Howard Ballou, Postmaster, envelopes	154.80
Bargar Bros., wiping cloths	73.63
Barrett Equipment, Inc., truck parts	122.88
F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co., tree work	1,242.00
Belknap Tire Co., tire and tube	19.49
The Flavius J. Berry Co., rental of cement bucket	45.00
H. Bickford & Co., labor and material	225.70
W. M. Bisson & Son, labor	2,458.24
W. O. Bogardus Co., Inc., Index guides, tray binders, ledgers	303.42
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	7.04
Boston Blue Print Co., Inc., engineering supplies	88.06
Boulia-Gorrell Lumber Co., lumber, cement, nails, wire	2,722.56
The Bracken Co. of N. H., truck parts	28.86
R. N. V. Brodie, engineering services	700.00
Brown Company, chlorine	1,972.52
Chas. Bruning Co., Inc., engineering supplies	12.96
Brad Bryant, motor rental	5.00
Bucklin Tractor Co., Fordson tractor and parts	3,180.18
Buffalo Forge Co., ventilating fan	72.00
Builders-Providence, Inc., labor and parts	1,994.25
Burroughs Corp., service charge, carbon paper and ribbons	36.87
Cantin Chevrolet Co., pickup truck and parts	1,306.09
Casellini-Venable Cop., of N. H., labor and tractor parts	2,745.63
Champoux Machine Co., labor and steel	32.70
The Chemical Corp., salt	2,583.69
Chicago Pump Co., Inc., comminutor seals	52.69
Citizen Publishing Co., printing and advertising	346.85
City Frieight Service Co., freight	9.54
Joseph Clairmont's Sawmill, lumber	385.71
The Cleveland Container Co., test molds	9.03
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Laconia, coca-cola	17.74
Concord Foundry & Machine Co., castings	2,285.00

Concord Woodworking Co., Inc., snow fence	352.80
Horace M. Conrad, keys	1.20
J. C. Corrigan Co., Inc., belt loader parts	3.52
J. C. Croucher, equipment parts	370.14
Cutter, Wood & Sanderson Co., masonry nails	5.61
Daley Office Supply Co., carbon paper	4.72
Depot Square Auto Supply, labor	28.15
The Diamond Match Co., pipe and lumber	24.69
J. A. Dickner, labor and material	78.16
Eugene Dietzgen Co., Inc., engineering supplies	15.50
F. W. Dodge Corp., advertising	56.70
C. A. Dorval Co., Inc., equipment parts	86.15
John J. Duane, steel beams	180.00
Duracrete Block Co., Inc., blocks	1,679.92
Peter Dufile, coal and #1 oil	248.74
Eastern Metal of Elmira, Inc., signs	81.11
Economy Tool Co., Inc., labor and material	197.27
Earle Emmons Motor Mart & Service Station, batteries	154.62
Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., steeltectic	54.45
J. E. Faltin Motor Trans., Inc., express	313.63
Fields Point Mfg. Corp., chlorine	810.75
Frank W. Foley & Son, diesel oil	13.28
Francoeur-Gill Co., Inc., pipe	7.87
The Garlock Packing Co., packing	37.08
Rene J. Gilbert, labor	3.00
Wilfred J. Gilbert, loam and gravel	862.60
Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry Co., pipe	1,617.21
Arthur A. Godbout, labor	9.60
Goodall Rubber Co., boots, overalls, packets and hats	285.57
W. S. Goodrich, Inc., bricks	1,124.56
Goodwin Paper Co., punch, scotch tape and binder	38.36
Granite State Asphalt Products Co., asphalt	110.27
Chas. A. Gove, Inc., labor and material	233.12
Grappone, Inc., truck parts	18.26
John M. Guay Hardware, hardware	24.05
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline and anti-freeze	1,485.75
William E. Harper, labor and material	133.09
Marshall P. Harris, stationer, pencils .....	.60
Haywards' Country Store, scythes, blades, shovels	44.51
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., equipment parts	3,526.56
Geo. A. Head, labor	5.00
Hedge & Mattheis Co.,moil points, vibrator	437.00
Heil Equipment Co., cable control	7.08
Herrick Co., wire	88.86
Hopkins & Barlow, Inc., hardware, paint	440.07
Hueber Lumber Co., lumber	3,273.62
Hume Pipe of N. E., Inc., concrete pipe	1,538.60
W. D. Huse & Co., Inc., hardware	28.74
Irwin Motors, Inc., truck parts	5.96
Industrial Weather Service Co., weather service	50.00
Inertol Co., Inc., inertol	23.95
International Salt Co., salt	9,035.85
Johns-Manville Sales Corp., transite pipe and flanges	305.67
Koppers Co., Inc., lumber	337.88
Jones Express, express	58.07

Otto G. Keller, abatement	10.50
Kelley's Army & Navy Store, rubber gloves	6.25
Kibby Equipment Co., equipment parts	44.87
J. H. Labbe, fuel oil	303.91
Clement Lachance, labor	550.88
Laconia Auto Wrecking Co., wheels	4.00
Laconia Awning & Glass Co., labor and material	50.90
Laconia Clinic, medical services	94.50
Laconia Electric Co., equipment parts	80.78
Laconia Fire Dept., expansion rings	4.00
Laconia Hardware Co., hardware	675.41
Laconia Malleable Iron Co., rollers	319.20
Laconia Milling Corp., lumber	115.10
Laconia Tire Corp., tires and tubes	1,778.44
Laconia Water Co., water, pipe	700.08
Laconia Water Works, water, pipe, labor and material	308.82
Laconia Welding Service, labor and material	109.26
Lefax, books	7.13
Sidney Lerman, Printers, printing	88.50
Leroi Division, mixer parts	16.54
Arthur Lessard & Sons, Inc., truck part .....	.65
Leo F. Lessard, equipment parts	118.65
Lockwood-Young Corp., concrete	186.00
Lougee-Robinson Co., paint	4.59
Luxor Lighting Products, Inc., bulbs	27.92
Mack Motor Truck Co., truck parts	160.57
MacKenzie Motors, Inc., truck part	8.03
Magnus Chemical Co., magnus metaffin	26.32
Maher's Bookstore, office supplies	57.27
B. L. Makepeace, Inc., engineering supplies	204.22
Meredith Bridge Cemetery Assn., land	200.00
Meredith Motor Co., Inc., truck part	1.75
Merrimack Farmers' Exch., calcium chloride, rakes, grass seed	380.56
Metcalf & Eddy, engineering services	6,601.65
Modern Blueprint Co., engineering supplies	15.42
Modern Magnesium Products, Inc., ladder	68.32
Moody Motor Sales, truck parts	107.82
J. J. Moreau & Son, Inc., crow bars, shovels, hammers, tamps	534.25
Moretrench Corp., equipment rental and parts	706.77
J. J. Morin, Inc., pipe	236.75
Roger J. Morin, labor and material	123.64
Mosley's Motor Express, express	8.10
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service	985.20
N. H. Explosives & Machinery Co., tamper, hose, grinding wheels	414.82
N. H. Fence Co., fence	48.00
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., labor and material	1,565.25
C. E. Noyes Co., retreat tires	448.76
Pacific Flush Tank Co., diaphragms	44.00
Palmer Plumbing Supply Co., pipe, pump	603.15
Palmer-Simpson Co., spic and span	9.00
Palmer Spring Co., truck parts	62.68
W. E. Palmer Co., Inc., canvas	134.64
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co., grease	87.85
Parker, Danner Co., equipment parts	170.71

B. Franklin Peck, truck part	10.42
E. Percival Co., brooms	131.67
Perrin, Seamans & Co., bar and snap ties	348.92
Arthur J. Perron, labor	36.00
L. M. Pike & Son, asphalt and labor	29,966.07
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., brooms	148.35
Premco Products, spark plugs	7.02
Prescotts' Flower Shop, labor and material	69.75
Prison Industries, pipe	1,344.40
Herman G. Protze, engineering services	20.00
Public Service Co. of N. H., light and power	3,627.89
Public Works & Highways, labor and material	815.41
Norman G. Pynn, truck parts	37.76
Norman P. Randlett, printing	47.63
Rapid Machine Works, labor	24.00
Richmond Screw Anchor Co., Inc., tyholders	180.23
Riesner Vent Brick Corp., vent brick	13.45
Geo. B. Robbins Disinfectant Co., disinfectant	56.19
The Robinson Clay Products Co., pipe	4,960.14
John A. Roebings' Sons Corp., steel	82.91
Chas. C. Rogers Co., Inc., office supplies	168.96
Rogers' Store, office supplies	9.55
Ross' Express, express	3.40
Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., steel	2,598.88
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., express	78.11
Saunborn Map Co., map revision	44.50
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., equipment parts	2,953.11
Scott Machinery, Inc., equipment parts	1,902.83
R. F. Shelley, Tax Collector, envelopes	17.93
Signal Auto Supply Co., equipment parts	370.40
Wm. S. Simpson, Inc., expansion material	266.08
Smith Lumber Co., repair links	4.35
R. H. Smith Co., acetylene, oxygen	179.76
Royal Smith, gravel	314.20
Snap-On Tools Corp., equipment parts	89.68
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., gasoline	5,176.54
South End Battery Service, labor .....	.50
Standard Overall Dry Cleaning Co., Inc., washing rags	12.00
State of New Hampshire, revised statutes	35.00
R. B. Stewart Transportation, express	2.40
Story Drug Store, Inc., eridol	4.75
Stultz Electric Works, hose	13.21
The John Swenson Granite Co., Inc., curbing	3,439.84
Ted's Printing Service, printing	59.88
The Texas Co., starfak	10.15
Howard F. Thompson, lumber	873.66
Thompson & Hoague Co., rakes, mattocks, angle iron	86.35
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Inc., cold patch, stone, gravel, sand	10,539.31
The Todd Co., Inc., protectograph	198.50
Treasurer, State of N.H., City's share T.R.A. & Class 4 Roads	7,354.71
The Tremco Mfg. Co., protective coating & jute membrane	144.39
Trimount Bituminous Products Co., asphalt	282.63
Truscon Laboratories, agatex crystals	3.38
Tuffibre Co., gutter broom wire, palmyra stalks	490.40
Tyler Advertising, Inc., signs	106.87

Union Leader Corp., advertising	59.85
Utility Supply Co., office supplies	25.12
J. H. Valliere Co., labor and material	28.55
Waldo Eros. Co., picks, handles, telegraph spoons	348.77
Wastes Engineering, subscription	3.00
Water & Sewage Works, subscription	3.00
C. W. Watson & Sons, Inc., equipment parts	534.94
F. M. Weeks & Sons, dynamite and exploders	45.50
H. P. Welch Co., express	12.71
Carroll A. Wells Foundry, casings	20.31
Wescott Concrete Corp., concrete	4,955.68
R. H. White Sales Co., sewage pump	798.00
Wiley's Express, express	212.39
Winnepesaukee Water Co., water	60.96
Payrolls	193,683.67
Unexpended balance (Bond Issue)	201.58
Unexpended balance transferred to excess & deficiency acct.	1,930.22

WALTER D. McLAUGHLIN, JR.

ALFRED W. SIMONEAU

HARRY L. SMITH

Board of Public Works

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year — 1955-56

	Balances & Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Total Credits	Total Expended	Unexpended Balance
GENERAL ACCOUNTS					
Highway & Bridge Maint.	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 12,491.07	\$ 79,491.07	\$ 78,943.45	\$ 547.62
Winter Maintenance	72,000.00		72,000.00	72,193.26	193.26+
Collection Ashes & Waste	27,075.00		27,075.00	26,826.32	248.68
City Engineering	14,350.00		14,350.00	14,315.63	34.37
Cleaning Streets	15,000.00		15,000.00	16,954.70	1,954.70+
Surface Drain Maintenance	7,500.00		7,500.00	7,271.69	228.31
Sidewalk Maintenance	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	.....
City's Share T. R. A.	954.71		954.71	954.71	.....
City's Share Class 4 Roads	6,400.00*		6,400.00	6,400.00	.....
Tree Work	3,200.00		3,200.00	2,983.38	216.62
Purchase of Equipment	6,513.23		6,513.23	3,750.00	2,763.23
Weir's Boardwalk	2,900.00		2,900.00	2,900.00	.....
Repair of Wharves	500.00		500.00	460.65	39.35
	\$227,392.94	\$ 12,491.07	\$239,884.01	\$237,953.79	\$ 1,930.22

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Weir's Parking Lot		3,468.01	3,468.01	3,468.01	.....
Reimbursable Expend. (TRA)		3,504.31	3,504.31	6,249.36	2,745.05++
Fair Street Parking Lot		5,600.65	5,600.65	5,600.65	.....
Gillette Street Sewer Ext.				618.38	618.38+++
Sidewalk Imp. (Union Ave. at Cantin's)				616.98	616.98+++
Weir's Water Works				536.52	536.52+++
Fieldgreen Road		1,674.18	1,674.18	727.17	727.17+++
Endicott Park Improvement		14,247.15	14,247.15	19,491.25	\$ 5,244.10++++

BOND ISSUE ACCOUNTS

Batchelder St. School Grounds Imp.	546.66		456.66	345.08	201.58
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	Balances & Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Total Credits	Total Expended	Unexpended Balance
(Sewer Bond Issue Dec. 1, 1955)					
Main St. Area Sewer Project		30,836.44	30,836.44	30,836.44	.....
(Bond Issue Dec. 1, 1955)					
Durkee Street Drain		1,885.17	1,885.17	1,885.17	.....
Lakeside Ave. Widening		13,641.11	13,641.11	13,641.11	.....
Mill Street Bridge		792.77	792.77	792.77	.....
Fairmount Street Improvement		2,944.00	2,944.00	2,944.00	.....
(Bond Issue March 3, 1954)					
Opeschee Park Improvement		1,469.58	1,469.58	1,469.58	.....
Wyatt Park Area Drainage		17,879.09	17,879.09	17,879.09	.....
Union Ave. Drain (Messer St. North)		125.20	125.20	125.20	.....
Union Ave. Curb Jet, Stark St.		3,840.58	3,840.58	3,840.58	.....
(Bond Issue Oct. 4, 1954)					
Champagne Ave. Walk (No. Side)		967.42	967.42	967.42	.....
Avery St. Walk (East Side)		465.29	465.29	465.29	.....
Pine St. Walk (So. Side)		421.10	421.10	421.10	.....
Pae St. Walk Ext. (So. Side)		2,373.76	2,373.76	2,373.76	.....
Fairmount Street Improvement		3,331.00	3,331.00	3,331.00	.....
Irving Street Walk (So. Side)		688.95	688.95	688.95	.....
(1952 Public Imp. Bond Issue)					
Irving Street Walk		97.61	97.61	97.61	.....
	\$ 546.66	\$ 81,759.07	\$ 82,305.73	\$ 82,104.15	\$ 201.58
SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND					
SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND					
(Other Revenue)		201.00		27,585.98	.....

† Indicates an overdraft

†† Reimbursable by State of New Hampshire

††† Reimbursable by City of Laconia

†††† Total Reimbursable expenditure



New wading pool at Memorial Park.

Park Commission

DR. ROBINSON W. SMITH, *Chairman*
MRS. FRANCES F. FOSTER, *Secretary*
EDWARD J. DUPONT
ARTHUR CLAIRMONT
MRS. GENERIA MORIN

Few cities in New England or in the United States have more or better natural facilities for outdoor recreation than has Laconia. Situated on the shores of beautiful lakes which are located in the foothills of the White Mountains, all citizens who love the great outdoors have a variety of recreation and sports that cannot be found in many other parts of our country.

Laconia is the hub of the Lakes Region area — and because it is the hub, it leads the way in recreation and is recognized as the shopping center of the area for miles around. Regardless of the God-given lakes, mountains and streams which provide unlimited recreation of all kinds, a city the size of Laconia must and does maintain a well-planned, supervised program of recreation for its young people. During the fall, winter, and spring months, various activities at our high school keep our young people busy during the summer months, planned recreation is carried out under the direction of a Park Commission, supervised by a trained staff of attendants.

Opechee Park is our largest, and several hundred youngsters attend playground activities there daily, weather permitting. Our second largest park is Leavitt, located off Elm Street in Lakeport.

Both Opechee and Leavitt Parks have good, sandy beaches and naturally swimming is one of the leading activities during the summer months. Swimming lessons are given by qualified instructors to all children who enroll at the beginning of the playground season. Tardif, Memorial, and Wyatt Parks, all located in Laconia proper, carry on supervised play for all who attend. Endicott Park, located at the Weirs, is our only park that is revenue-producing. Endicott Park maintains a parking lot which will accommodate about 125 cars; also a well-kept picnic area, equipped with picnic tables and fireplaces which are located near the water. Suitable bath-houses and toilet facilities are available to the general public. There are two fine beaches which are patronized by thousands of people during the summer months. A fee of 25¢ per car, plus 10¢ per person, is charged for all who wish to use the park and its facilities. Lifeguards, of course, who have been specially trained are in constant attendance.

During the winter season our city maintains four skating rinks for the benefit of the public. These rinks are located at Leavitt Park, Normandin Square, Wyatt and Memorial Parks. The rinks are well-lighted and are used extensively by both young and old.

Much more could be written about the parks and playgrounds; however, the financial that follows, if studied, will give detailed information as to physical maintenance and development.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS
(53-Week Fiscal Year)

Budget Appropriation	\$ 22,223.00
Receipts:	
Rent of Clubhouses	\$ 860.00
Fuel—Reimbursement by School District	646.06
Labor & Materials for Repairs	21.89
Telephone Booth	29.68
Water, Lights & Power—Reimbursement by School District	67.49
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Total Receipts	1,625.12
Transferred In From Weirs Beach Budget	347.17
Net Transfer From Excess & Deficiency Acct.	456.99
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TOTAL	\$ 24,652.28
Expenditures:	
Band Concerts	\$ 400.00
Contribution to Memorial Park	100.00
Equipment	818.18
Fuel	1,736.79
Gas, Lights & Water	1,151.35
Labor & Materials for Repairs	2,413.99
Little League, Babe Ruth & Other City Baseball Teams	997.25
Mileage	45.00
Moving Bleachers	238.50
Salaries—Park Attendants	4,471.31
Skating Rinks	1,495.00
Supplies	1,072.06
Uniform Allowance	27.72
Wages—Laborers	3,411.34
Capital Outlays	5,234.79
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Total Expenditures	\$ 23,613.28
Balance C'd. to 1956-57 Budget	1,039.00
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TOTAL	\$ 24,652.28

ATHLETIC FLOODLIGHTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Receipts—Laconia Ball Club	18.00
Accounts Receivables—Laconia Ball Club	288.00
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TOTAL	\$ 606.00
Expenditures:	
Light Bills	\$ 317.75
Labor & Materials for changing bulbs	140.00
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Total Expenditures	457.75
Net Transfer to Excess & Deficiency Account	148.25
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TOTAL	\$ 606.00

THE WEIRS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 2,240.00
Receipts:	
Armstrong Co. Concession	\$ 2,399.00
Pay Toilets	1,144.80
Viewing Machines	152.19
	3,695.99
Total Receipts	3,695.99
TOTAL	\$ 5,935.99
Expenditures:	
Labor & Materials for Repairs	\$ 541.54
Lights & Water	484.77
Mileage	8.16
Pay Toilets	349.44
Salary — Janitor	945.00
Supplies	127.37
	2,456.28
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,456.28
to Estimated Revenue	2,800.00
to Excess & Deficiency Account	679.71
	5,935.99
TOTAL	\$ 5,935.99

THE WEIRS BEACH (53-Week Fiscal Year)

Budget Appropriation	\$ 9,965.00
Receipts:	
Cash Over	\$ 7.35
Checking	199.95
Coke	1,808.00
Pay Toilets	166.10
Reimbursement for use of electricity	3.00
Service Charges & Parking	7,809.75
Supplies	1.50
	9,995.65
Total Receipts	9,995.65
TOTAL	\$ 19,960.65
Expenditures:	
Coke Machine	\$ 1,150.60
Equipment	743.16
Labor & Materials for Repairs	946.40
Lights & Power	125.87
Mileage	45.00
Pay Toilets	53.21
Salaries	4,955.20
Skating Rinks	75.00
Supplies	202.53
Telephone	61.34
Uniform Allowance	41.04
Capital Outlays	960.85

Total Expenditures	\$ 9,360.20
Transferred to Parks & Playgrounds Budget	347.17
To Estimated Revenue	9,000.00
Net Amount Transferred to Excess & Deficiency Account	1,253.28
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TOTAL	\$ 19,960.65

Trustee of Trust Funds

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*

FRANK D. BRISSE

LAURETTE B. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Year Ending June 30, 1956

Principal

Balance	6/30/55		\$123,556.19	
New Trust Funds		\$ 4,850.00		
Profit received from liquidation of Laconia Water Co. Stock		250.00		
Capital Gains		1,695.75	6,795.75	\$130,351.94

Income

Unexpended Balance	6/30/55	\$ 7,325.75		
Interest from Savings Bank		2,757.77		
Dividends from investments		1,846.62		

\$ 11,930.14

Expended		3,559.05		\$ 8,371.09
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Total Principal and Income6/30/56 \$138,723.03

Inventory

Cash

City	{ Bal. of Principal6/30/55 Rec'd from Laconia Water Co. (liquidation of stock) New Trust Funds Unexpend. Inc. Bank Books " " Com. Tr. Fds.		\$ 28,328.41	
Savings		350.00		
Bank		3,650.00		
		2,420.17		
		878.27	7,298.44	\$ 35,626.85

Laconia	{ Bal. of Principal .....6/30/55 New Trust Funds Unexpend. Inc. Bank Books " " Com. Tr. Fds. Cash Bal. of Capital Gains....		39,446.10	
Savings		350.00		
Bank		3,605.80		
		906.92		
		774.57	5,637.29	45,083.39

Laconia	{ Bal. of Principal.....6/30/55 New Trust Funds Unexpended Income		13,966.28	
Fed. Sav.		850.00		
& Loan		526.17	1,376.17	15,342.45

Lakeport	{ Bal. of Principal.....6/30/55 Unexpended Income		300.00	
Nat. Bank		33.76	33.76	333.76

Inventory	Securities				
Eaton & Howard	{	Balance	6/30/55	587 shrs.	\$9,923.54
		Capital Gain	1955	12 "	256.68
Bal. Fd.	{	Balance	6/30/56	599 "	\$ 10,180.22
Fidelity Fund Inc.		{	Balance	6/30/55	1096 shrs.	$10,653.85
	Capital Gains		1955	28 "	400.40
	{	Balance	6/30/56	1124 "	11,054.25
Mass. Investors Trust		{	Balance	6/30/55	234 shrs.	5,075.02
	Capital Gains		1955	6 "	195.72
	3-for 1 split.....		6/30/56	480 "	
	{	Balance	6/30/56	720 "	5,270.74
George Putnam Fund		{	Balance	6/30/55	237 shrs.	4,981.74
	Capital Gains		1955	(cash)	4,981.74
Chemical Fund Inc.	{	Balance	6/30/55	820 shrs.	10,329.32
		Capital Gains	1955	33 "	520.31
		Balance	6/30/56	853 "	10,849.63
Total Cash and Securities					<u>\$138,723.03</u>

New Trust Funds Received Year Ending 6/30/56

Baillargeon, Delphis	\$ 150.00	Labranche, Joseph	\$ 75.00
Beaudoin, Annette & Armand	150.00	Labranche, Mary	75.00
Bedford, Eusebe	225.00	Lacasse, Henry J.	75.00
Benoit, William H.	150.00	Lacasse, Henry J.	75.00
Brassard, Roger (Dr.)	225.00	Lamothe, Lewis	75.00
		Ledoux, Louis A.	150.00
Castle, Dora T.	300.00	Lessard, Lora & E. T. Lebel	150.00
Cochran, Abbie C.	300.00		
Couture, Philomene M.	300.00	Mercier, John B.	150.00
		Morin, George C. & Helen M.	200.00
DeBlois, Anne M.	150.00	Morin, Philip	150.00
DeCormier, Frank	150.00		
Dionne, Ernest G.	150.00	Paquet, Ludovic	150.00
Durkee, Clinton S.	50.00		
		Sander-Tuttle	350.00
Hamilton, Eugene	150.00	Smith, Mrs. Mary C.	75.00
Houle, Arthur J. and Marion	150.00	Sorrell, Mrs. Laura	150.00
		Woodman, Harry	100.00
		Zagreski Felix and Agnes	250.00
			<u>\$4,850.00</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LEAVITT PARK TRUST FUND
Year Ending June 30, 1956

Principal					
Balance	6/30/55	\$ 13,016.88			
Profit received from liquidation of Laconia Water Co. stock		\$ 8,750.00			
Capital Gains from investments		317.90	9,067.90		
			\$ 22,084.78		
Income					
Balance	6/30/55	\$ 4,038.85			
Interest and Dividends		709.77			
		4,748.62			
Expended		458.24	\$ 4,290.38		
			\$ 26,375.16		
Total Principal and Income					
			\$ 26,375.16		
Inventory					
Cash					
Laconia Fed. Sav. & Loan	{	Bal. of Principal in cash ..	\$ 6,542.43		
		Unexpended Income 6/30/56	4,290.38		
		Balance	6/30/56	\$ 10,832.81	
Securities					
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fd.	{	Balance	6/30/55	214 shrs.	3,416.33
		Capital Gains	1955	5 "	106.95
		Balance	6/30/56	219 "	\$ 3,523.28
Fidelity Fund Inc.	{	Balance	6/30/55	570 shrs.	5,022.79
		Capital Gains	1955	14 "	200.20
		Balance	6/30/56	584 "	5,222.99
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	{	Balance	6/30/55	8 shrs.	800.00
		Capital Gains		— "	
		Balance	6/30/56	8 "	800.00
Broad St. Inv.	{	Purchase	3/26/56	241 shrs.	5,996.08
		Capital Gains		— "	
		Balance	6/30/56	241 "	5,996.08
Total Cash and Securities				\$26,375.16	

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF
CHARLES H. PERKINS TRUST FUND
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
Year Ending 6/30/56**

Principal

Balance	6/30/55	\$	5,471.00	
Capital Gains from investments			196.42	\$ 5,667.42

Income

Balance	6/30/55	\$	301.66	
Interest and Dividends			290.94	

			592.60	
Expended (2 scholarship)			250.00	342.60
Total Principal and Income			6,010.02	\$ 6,010.02

Inventory

Cash

Laconia Savings	{	Cash Bal. of Principal	\$	167.42	
		Unexpended Income		342.60	\$ 510.02

Securities

	{	Balance	6/30/55	159 shrs.	\$2,538.78
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fd.		Capital Gains	1955	3 "	64.17
		Balance	6/30/56	162 "	\$ 2,602.95
	{	Balance	6/30/55	316 "	2,782.65
Fidelity Fund Inc.		Capital Gains	1955	8 "	114.40
		Balance	6/30/56	324 "	\$ 2,897.05

Total Cash and Securities			\$ 6,010.02	
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

1. Fire Alarm System — Balance 6/30/55	\$	4,618.73		
Interest Received		139.61	\$	4,758.34
2. Truck Replacement — Balance 6/30/55	\$	218.04		
Interest Received		6.59	\$	224.63

Board of Assessors – 1955-1956

ASSESSORS

ROBERT HOUGH, *Chairman* (1957)
ALBERT LUCIER (1958)
CHARLES AYERS (1956)

OFFICE STAFF

HARRISON E. MORIN
Office Manager
CARL BLAISDELL
Map Supervisor
MRS. GLADYS RYAN
Clerk-Typist

There were several changes in the Board of Assessors during the period April 1, 1955 to April 1, 1956. The Board consisted of Mr. Donald Tabor, Chairman; Mr. Lionel Langlois and Mr. Albert Lucier. Mr. Langlois resigned and Mr. Robert Hough was appointed for the remainder of his term. Mr. Tabor resigned on August 29, 1955, owing to illness, and Mr. Charles Ayers was appointed November 1, 1955 to fill out this term. The year finished with Mr. Hough, Chairman; Mr. Lucier and Mr. Ayers.

The annual inspection and review of property started during the month of May. Most of this work fell on Mr. Hough and Mr. Lucier as Mr. Tabor became ill and resigned on August 29th.

Assessors Problems: It might be of interest to point out some of the problems that confront the Assessors today. They are faced with higher taxes required of real estate, and their first problem is the fact that real and personal property bears the heaviest burden of the tax load, providing revenue for operation of the city. Therefore, the property owner is by law carrying the cost of all items in the City Budget.

The Assessors must decide just what portion of these taxes must be shouldered by each individual tax payer. Your Assessors have based assessments on a fair, overall valuation and assessed each property owner as equitably as possible. Again, the City Assessors are prominent figures in their locality, and are apt to be subject at times to criticism and personal attacks which approach abuse.

If the taxpayer feels the Assessors have failed, he may appeal to them for review. Should his appeal fail within six months of the date of tax bill, he may petition the State Tax Commission or the Courts.

BOATS & LAUNCHES. A new method was adopted for the taxing of boats and launches. This system will be more equitable to the boat owners.

VETERAN EXEMPTION — POLL TAXES. During October 1955, the Assessors established a permanent file of registered names of Veterans and Widows. All persons who claim Poll Tax exemption must register once with the Assessors' Office in order to be eligible for this exemption.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. HOUGH,
Chairman

**SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS
1955 LEVY**

	1954-1955	1955-1956
Lands & Buildings	\$ 22,260,645.00	\$ 22,647,410.00
Mature Wood & Timber		
Electric Plants	726,940.00	732,568.00
Petroleum & Gas. Trans. Lines (Incl. Buildings)		60,000.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	1,975.00	2,050.00
Oxen		
Cows	27,050.00	21,800.00
Other Neat Stock	450.00	1,160.00
Sheep & Goats		
Hog's		200.00
Fowls	950.00	974.00
Fur-bearing Animals	2,150.00	1,150.00
Vehicles	3,600.00	4,100.00
Boats and Launches	289,185.00	330,410.00
Portable Mills		
Road Building & Repairing & Well Drilling Machinery	8,740.00	7,700.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	812.00	2,238.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	36,745.00	38,145.00
Stock in Trade	3,330,392.00	3,078,236.00
Machinery	1,205,910.00	1,164,686.00
Aqueducts, Locks & Canals	10,000.00	11,500.00
House Trailers	2,900.00	7,900.00
Wharves & Ferries	7,800.00	7,800.00
GROSS VALUATION	27,916,244.00	28,120,027.00
LESS VETERANS EXEMPTIONS	711,150.00	787,350.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	27,205,094.00	27,332,677.00
Property Tax to be Raised	1,218,788.21	1,393,966.53
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	11,826.00	11,290.00
National Bank Stock	2,206.65	2,189.65
TAX COMMITTED	1,232,820.8	1,407,446.18
TAX RATE	44.80	51.00
FISCAL YEAR	52 Weeks	53 Weeks

TREND OF STOCK IN TRADE

1951	\$ 4,108,626.00
1952	3,788,507.00
1953	4,387,414.00
1954	3,330,392.00
1955	3,343,975.00

TREND OF TAX RATES

Per \$1000.

1950	\$ 39.60
1951	44.20
1952	45.20
1953	44.00
1954	44.80
1955	51.00

TREND OF VALUATIONS & VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

Year	Valuation Gross	Exemptions Veteran	Valuation Net
1950	\$ 23,853,437.00	\$ 571,877.00	\$ 23,281,560.00
1951	27,428,906.00	614,525.00	26,814,381.00
1952	27,466,609.00	634,945.00	26,831,664.00
1953	29,026,869.00	660,025.00	28,366,844.00
1954	27,916,244.00	771,150.00	27,205,094.00
1955	28,120,027.00	787,350.00	27,332,677.00

1955—1956 LEVY ASSESSORS' BUDGET

	1954-1955	1955-1956
Receipts		
Budget Appropriation	\$ 14,729.00	\$ 15,197.80
Reimbursement for Supplies	13.65	13.65
Sales of Tax List	49.00	.50
Transferred In	85.00	
TOTAL	\$ 14,876.65	\$ 15,211.95
Expenditures		
Auto Expense	200.00	200.00
Equipment	139.99	90.86
Register of Deeds	321.50	347.90
Salaries	11,134.00	12,826.42
Supplies & Printing	122.13	555.80
Travel	44.28	43.85
Telephone	121.80	136.68
IBM Service (S&W)	750.00	750.00
Clerical Assistance	1,136.00	
Longevity	90.00	120.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency	216.95	140.44
TOTAL	\$ 14,876.65	\$ 15,211.95

1955—1956 LEVY OVERLAY FOR ABATEMENTS

	1954-1955	1955-1956
Receipts		
Receipts Appropriation	\$ 22,044.24	\$ 17,069.54
Added Taxes During Year	6,248.56	2,590.32
Poll Taxes Added	682.00	
Transferred In from Excess & Deficiency		2,429.31
TOTAL	\$ 28,974.80	\$ 22,089.17
Expenditures		
Abatement Refunds	2,254.25	
Abatement by Assessors	24,683.44	22,089.17
Poll Taxes Abated by Assessors	2,037.11	
TOTAL	\$ 28,974.80	\$ 22,089.17

Tax Collector

RICHARD F. SHELLEY, *Tax Collector*
SUSIE M. LAWRENCE, *Deputy Tax Collector*
DORIS C. CARPENTER, *Clerk*

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hereby submit my financial report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending June 30, 1956.

REPORT OF ACCOUNTING FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HEAD TAX IN CAPACITY AS AGENT FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

1956	
Total Amount of Head Taxes Not Committed	\$ 455.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 455.00
1955	
Warrant: April 1955	\$36,610.00
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors	2,320.00
Total	\$38,930.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1956	\$35,794.50
Total Amount Abated to June 30, 1956	2,695.00
Total Amount Uncollected June 30, 1956	440.50
Total	\$38,930.00
1954	
Total Amount Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$ 3,069.87
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors	85.00
	\$ 3,154.87
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 1,479.50
Total Amount Abated to June 30, 1956	465.00
Total Amount Uncollected June 30, 1956	1,210.37
	\$ 3,154.87
1953	
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors	\$ 421.16
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1956	421.16
1952	
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors	\$ 145.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 145.00
1951	
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors	\$ 5.00

Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 5.00
Total Amount of Head Tax Fines Collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 1,028.50
Total Amount Paid City Treasurer to June 30, 1956	\$ 1,028.50

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND

Warrant: January 1956	\$21,776.28
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$19,949.35
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	86.26
Balance Transferred to Laconia Water Works	
June 30, 1956	1,740.67
	\$21,776.28
Warrant: July 1955	\$16,169.39
Total Receipts \$15,913.67 Less Refunds \$4.45	
June 30, 1956	\$15,909.22
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	7.05
Balance Transferred to Laconia Water Works	
June 30, 1956	253.12
	\$16,169.39
Warrant: January 1955 — Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$ 1,374.49
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$ 1,197.83
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	3.30
Balance Transferred to Laconia Water Works	
June 30, 1956	173.36
	\$ 1,374.49
Warrant: July 1954	\$ 558.21
Total Receipts \$558.61 Less Refund to be made	
\$6.30 June 30, 1956	\$ 552.21
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	3.00
Balance Transferred to Laconia Water Works	
June 30, 1956	3.00
	\$ 558.21
Warrant: January 1954 — Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$ 242.76
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$ 236.61
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	3.15
Balance Transferred to Laconia Water Works	
June 30, 1956	3.00
	\$ 242.76
Warrant: July 1953 — Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$ 56.46
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$ 50.16
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	3.30
Balance Transferred to Laconia Water Works	
June 30, 1956	3.00
	\$ 56.46

Warrant: January 1953—Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$	36.80
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$	33.05
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		3.75
	\$	36.80
Warrant: July 1952—Uncollected June 30, 1955		47.75
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$	28.62
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		19.13
	\$	47.75
Warrant: January 1952—Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$	15.03
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$	10.98
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		4.05
	\$	15.03
Warrant: July 1951—Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$	4.95
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	\$	4.95
Warrant: January 1951—Uncollected June 30, 1955	\$	6.00
Less Cash Received June 30, 1956	\$	3.00
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		3.00
	\$	6.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

(53-week Fiscal Year)

Budget Appropriation		\$ 11,506.68
Balance C'd. from 1954-55 Budget		100.00
Receipts:		
Miscellaneous .....	\$	.44
Reimbursement by State N. H. for Supplies & Postage		214.88
Total Receipts		215.32
Net Transfers from Excess & Deficiency		660.85
TOTAL	\$	12,482.85
Expenditures:		
Bond Expense	\$	247.00
Equipment		1,057.15
I. B. M. Service		200.00
Longevity		210.00
Miscellaneous		57.40
Postage & Envelopes		492.25
Salaries		9,841.68
Supplies		161.63
Telephone		157.32
Travel		58.42
Total Expenditures	\$	12,482.85

REPORT OF PARKING METER RECEIPTS

July 1955	\$ 2,171.00
August 1955	3,472.00
September 1955	2,230.00
October 1955	2,050.00
November 1955	1,250.00
December 1955	3,070.00
January 1956	1,750.00
February 1956	2,400.00
March 1956	1,550.00
April 1956	2,200.00
May 1956	2,800.00
June 1956	3,415.00
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Total Receipts through June 30, 1956	\$28,358.00

TAXES 1956

Total amount of taxes not committed	\$ 2,881.29
Total amount of polls not committed	140.00
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	\$ 3,021.29
Total amount of taxes collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 2,881.29
Total amount of polls collected to June 30, 1956	140.00
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	\$ 3,021.29

1955

Total amount of taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	\$1,396,156.18
Total amount of polls committed by the Board of Assessors	11,270.00
Total amount of added taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	1,805.71
Total amount of polls added and committed by the Board of Assessors	620.00
Total amount of refunds	396.00
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	\$1,410,247.89

Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$1,376,507.75
Total amount of polls collected to June 30, 1956	10,872.00
Total amount of taxes abated to June 30, 1956	18,574.66
Total amount of taxes deeded to city to June 30, 1956	53.55
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1956	4,240.13
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	\$1,410,247.89

1954

Total amount uncollected June 30, 1955	\$ 2,139.79
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	42.00
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	\$ 2,181.79
Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	907.41
Total amount abated to June 30, 1956	238.72
Total amount deeded to June 30, 1956	246.40
Total amount uncollected to June 30, 1956—Polls \$334.00,	

Property \$453.26	787.26
Total amount refunds to June 30, 1956	22.00
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	\$ 2,181.79
1953	
Total amount uncollected to June 30, 1955 (04¢ overpaid W-2 p. 47 #2650)	\$ 906.87
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	8.00
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	\$ 914.91
Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 152.96
Total amount abated to June 30, 1956—Polls	124.00
Total amount deeded to city to June 30, 1956	289.30
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1956 (Polls \$130.33, Property \$218.32 — 04¢)	348.61
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	\$ 914.91
1952	
Total amount uncollected to June 30, 1955	\$ 866.19
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	40.00
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	\$ 906.19
Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 86.00
Total amount abated to June 30, 1956	250.00
Total amount deeded to city to June 30, 1956	542.40
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1956	27.79
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	\$ 905.19
1951	
Total amount uncollected to June 30, 1955	\$ 256.90
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	42.00
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	\$ 298.90
Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 42.00
Total amount abated to June 30, 1956	257.00
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1956	— .10
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	\$ 298.90
1950	
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	\$ 30.61
Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 30.61
1949	
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	\$ 2.00
Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 2.00
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SUMMARY OF REGULAR TAXES

	Costs & Fees	Prop. & Poll	Interest
Total amount collected for 1956 taxes	\$	3,071.29	
Total amount collected for 1955 taxes		1,387,379.75	
Total amount collected for 1954 taxes		907.41	
Total amount collected for 1953 taxes		152.96	
Total amount collected for 1952 taxes		86.00	
Total amount collected for 1951 taxes		42.00	
Total amount collected for 1950 taxes		30.61	
Total amount collected for 1949 taxes		2.00	
Total amount fees & interest collected.....	\$1,175.62		\$4,394.42
	\$1,175.62	\$1,391,672.02	\$4,394.42

SUMMARY OF TAXES REDEEMED

	Tax Sale 1951	Tax Sale 1952	Tax Sale 1953	Tax Sale 1954	Tax Sale 1955
Unredeemed June 30, '55	\$557.40	\$2,606.33	\$6,261.68	\$14,043.90	\$21,121.53
Redeemed to June 30, '56		2,513.26	5,739.68	7,590.02	2,127.30
	\$557.40	\$ 93.12	\$ 522.00	\$ 6,453.88	\$18,994.23
Deeded to City	\$587.40	\$ 84.62	\$ 51.04	\$ 79.30	
Less Refund to June 30, '56	30.00				
Abated by Vote of City Council		8.50	71.97	146.39	
Unredeemed June 30, '56	None	None	\$ 398.99	\$ 6,228.19	\$18,994.23
Uncollected	None	None			

TOTAL SUMMARY

Total taxes collected to June 30, 1956	\$1,391,672.02
Total interest collected to June 30, 1956	4,394.42
Total taxes redeemed to June 30, 1956	17,920.26
Total Costs & Fees collected to June 30, 1956	1,175.62
	\$1,415,162.32

TIMBER TAX

Total amount of tax committed by the Board of Assessors	\$ 390.60
Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 390.60

BICYCLE LICENSES

Total amount collected to June 30, 1956	\$ 247.25
Total amount submitted to City Treasurer June 30, 1956	\$ 247.25

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. SHELLEY,
Collector of Taxes.

WELFARE

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia, N. H.

Gentlemen:

The Welfare Department report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 is hereby respectfully submitted.

The Welfare Department received a total appropriation of \$90,061.53 of which \$41,061.53 was appropriated for Direct Relief and \$49,000 for Old Age Assistance.

The amount for Direct Relief was expended as follows:

Appropriation \$41,061.53

SUPPORT OF POOR

48 families (119 persons)	\$ 4,561.27
38 single persons	4,976.06
19 Veteran families (95 persons)	2,398.08
6 Veteran single persons	760.31
Board and care of adults	1,635.34
Board and care of children	657.31
Surplus Commodities	332.28

Total support of Poor \$15,320.65

SALARIES AND OTHER EXPENSES 4,388.50
..... \$19,709.15

Balance from appropriation \$21,352.38

Refunds and reimbursements 837.09

Amount available for transfer to Excess & Deficiency Fund \$22,189.47

The following is a breakdown of amount expended for Direct Relief:

Food	\$4,972.82
Gas and electricity	52.81
Clothing, shoes and overshoes	209.52
Fuel	1,042.79
Rent and lodging	2,520.47
Board and care — Adults	1,635.34
Board and care — Children	657.31
Medical care	1,008.82
Hospital	2,541.93
Ambulance — Funerals	235.00
Salaries	3,561.12
Equipment and office expenses	827.38
Car Expense	111.56
Surplus Food	332.28

\$19,709.15

Most of the single persons who received assistance are between the ages of 55 to 65. These persons, due to ill health, are unable to work

or cannot find the type of work which they can do. A total of 1,322 hours of labor was furnished to the various city departments by those who were able to work and who received financial assistance from the city during the past year. This work, of course, was done without pay and consisted of painting a fence at Tardif Park; preparing baseball diamond at Leavitt Park and painting playground equipment; chopping wood at Memorial Park; painting playground equipment and fence around the track at Opechee Park; and painting 198 water hydrants for the Laconia Water Works.

Surplus food was delivered to an average of 175 families per month during the year.

Due to seasonal weather, direct relief for the past few months has decreased; however, this cannot be expected to continue when colder weather sets in. We appreciate the cooperation of the State and County Welfare Agencies during the past year and we will strive through investigations and existing laws to keep the expense of Direct Relief at a minimum this coming year.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956 the Welfare Department expended \$38,591.80 for Old Age Assistance, Alien Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled from an appropriation of \$49,000 leaving a balance of \$10,408.20.

Reimbursements to the City of Laconia from the State amounted to \$4,626.59 making a total of \$15,034.79 to be transferred to the Excess and Deficiency Fund.

RECEIPTS

City Relief appropriation	\$41,061.53
Old Age Assistance	49,000.00
	90,061.53
Reimbursements	5,463.68
	\$95,525.21

EXPENDITURES

City Relief	\$ 19,709.15
Old Age Assistance	38,591.80
	\$ 58,300.95
Total EXPENDITURES	\$ 58,300.95
Excess over appropriation	31,760.58
Reimbursements	5,463.68
	\$95,525.21
Transfer to Excess & Deficiency Fund	37,224.26
	\$95,525.21

Respectfully submitted,

BERTRAND MORIN

WELFARE DEPARTMENT
(53-Week Fiscal Year)

Budget Appropriation	\$ 90,061.53
Receipts:	
City Relief	\$ 1,094.79
Old Age Assistance	1,455.04
	2,549.83
Total Receipts	2,549.83
TOTAL	\$ 92,611.36
Expenditures:	
City Relief	\$ 19,709.15
Old Age Assistance	38,908.33
	58,617.48
Total Expenditures	58,617.48
Transferred Out:	
Towards Purchase of Sakansky Property	\$ 7,701.24
Miscellaneous Budget "Medical Expenses"	2,418.35
	10,119.59
Total Transferred Out	10,119.59
To Excess & Deficiency Account	23,874.29
	23,874.29
TOTAL	\$ 92,611.36

Report of City Auditor

To The Honorable Mayor, Bernard Boutin, The Finance Committee of the Council, and the Council of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire:

Gentlemen :

I have examined the financial accounts of the City of Laconia as of June 30, 1956, and the results of budget operations for the fiscal year July 1, 1955, to June 30, 1956. Various audits, spot checks and investigations have been made throughout the past year as a check on the functioning of our internal control system. All individual disbursements from city funds are examined each month throughout the year by the City Auditor.

It is my opinion that the accompanying financial statements represent fairly the condition of the City of Laconia as of June 30, 1956, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year ended on such date.

Individual departmental budgets and expenditures are reported in detail in the Fiscal Officer's section of the City Clerk's report: consequently, such information is not duplicated in this report.

The City of Laconia ended its fiscal year, June 30, 1956, with \$61,095.57 in General Fund Surplus plus \$5,750.36 in surplus derived from parking receipts. The City ended its fiscal year June 30, 1955, with a cash balance in General Purpose Funds of \$15,943.64. At the end of the City's current fiscal period, the General Fund cash balance is \$53,728.46. The past fiscal year's \$51.00 tax rate has provided the funds to properly run the City of Laconia and, as the statements included in this report will show, there have been savings within departmental budgets and also extra revenue over the amount anticipated to be received, based on this \$51.00 tax rate. It is my opinion that the City of Laconia is in sound financial condition and that the results of the past year have demonstrated that the administration has exercised care in handling the working funds of the City.

The uncollected taxes on June 30, 1956, are approximately \$31,000 which compares with the same amount uncollected as of the fiscal year ending a year ago. The real and personal property and bank stock tax levy of the past fiscal year was \$1,396,156.18. Cash collections on this current levy, excluding polls, during the fiscal year amounted to \$1,376,507.75. Approximately \$18,000 of abatements were made against this tax levy. Once again the revenue, other than property and poll taxes, has exceeded the budget estimates which were used in set-

ting the \$51.00 tax rate. Notably, the revenue from motor vehicle taxes has substantially increased to an all time high of \$77,813.98. This represents an increase of \$14,813.98 over the \$63,000 which was estimated to be raised from this source. Please refer to the Statement of Revenues Other than Property or Poll Taxes of the General Fund for greater detail concerning the outcome of these other revenues. It will be noted from this statement that General Fund surplus was increased from these sources to the extent of \$23,442.34.

Reference to the statement showing changes in General Fund surplus will disclose that over \$10,000 of savings in budget needs were transferred to surplus during the fiscal year and over \$29,000 of savings in budgeted appropriations were transferred to surplus at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1956.

Although the City of Laconia has to borrow money in anticipation of taxes at the beginning of its new fiscal year and consequently incur interest payments thereon, it is interesting to note that during periods where surplus funds are in the City Treasury that such funds have been invested in short term U. S. Treasury notes and have earned, for the City, during the past fiscal year, \$1,769.81.

Parking meter receipts during the past fiscal year jumped to a new high of \$28,358. The amount estimated from this source was \$24,000; consequently, the increase is \$4,358 from this type of revenue. The administration of this city has established the policy of direct charges to the parking meter fund and an analysis of all of these charges to such fund is included as a separate statement in this report.

Although the payments of interest and principal on the original Sewer Construction Bonds are made from general tax sources, it is interest to note that the Sanitary Sewerage Fund Surplus was sufficient to permit, during the past fiscal year, the use of \$20,000 of such surplus to be applied against the principal payments of this bond fund. The Sanitary Sewerage fund, as shown on the statement included in this report, is still in very good financial condition; and its surplus stands at over \$26,000 now, as of June 30, 1956.

Under New Hampshire regulations, the City of Laconia must issue only bonds covered by the full credit of the City. The \$850,000 bond issue to acquire the Water Works does have the full faith and credit of the City of Laconia behind it. However, the Laconia Water Works is charged with the payment of the principal and interest to retire this bond issue. Please find statements included in this report showing the first six months operations of the Laconia Water Works under municipal management. It is intended that the Laconia Water Works be self-supporting, which includes the retirement of the \$850,000 bond issue, without using general tax funds of the City of Laconia.

The Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada urges municipalities to borrow money from bond issues only for very essential capital projects. Whenever borrowings are contemplated, the market for municipal bonds should be investigated very thoroughly to ascertain whether such time of issuance will coincide with a favorable market for bond issues.

The outstanding bond issues of the City of Laconia, on June 30, 1956, amount to \$2,184,000. This includes the \$850,000 bond issue for the water plants. As this issue will be retired by the Water Works, the balance remaining to be retired by the City amounts to \$1,334,000; this amounts to an increase in our outstanding indebtedness of \$103,750.

Appreciation is extended to the administration and department personnel for maintaining and furthering good fiscal operations within our city government. The following recommendations are believed to benefit and further our good operations and, I believe, should be seriously considered by the administration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accounting for payroll in the city government, with its multitude of withholdings, has now become a major problem and accounting task. I suggest that a machine payroll system be set up within our government framework and that payrolls of the various departments be accounted for in a central location. The Laconia School District has been contacted by me and they would desire to use the benefits of a modern machine payroll system.

2. I recommend again that fees from business licenses and resulting accounts receivable concerning such unpaid licenses, if any, shall be incorporated in the General Ledger accounts of the City.

3. I recommend that additional study should be given to the method of installment payment of property taxes. A plan suggested before involved a partial billing of the property taxes based upon one-half or one-quarter of the previous tax paid by the taxpayers. Such installment payments could be billed to the taxpayers the latter part of June of each year, based upon the previous levy; and such payment could provide sufficient funds for the City' operations, which would eliminate the necessity of borrowing temporary funds in anticipation of taxes coming in during the late Fall. It is also my opinion that the tax burden, if divided into such installments, would be easier upon the taxpayers throughout the fiscal year of the City.

Throughout the past fiscal year, the City Auditor has suggested methods and ways of improving the accounting system of the City, which have been adopted by the various department and city financial entities.

Respectfully submitted
DANA S. BEANE, JR.
City Auditor

CITY OF LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Financial Condition—The General Fund
as at June 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash:	
In Depositories	\$ 53,728.46
Petty Cash	650.00
	\$ 54,378.46
Escrowed Cash:	
On deposit—Belknap Superior Court	\$ 12,000.00
On deposit—Retirement, Bond Coupons	277.50
	12,277.50
Taxes Receivable	
Due City—Current Year	\$ 4,240.33
Due City—Delinquent	1,163.56
	5,403.89
Tax Liens—Delinquent	25,621.41
Taxes on Property Deeded to City	122.26
Uncollected Delinquent State of N. H. Head Taxes ...	1,650.87
Accounts Receivable—State of N. H.:	
1955 Head Tax Refund	\$ 5.00
For Collecting Head Taxes	78.25
Reimbursement—Public Works T.R.A.	2,745.05
	2,828.30
Miscellaneous Receivables:	
Reimbursement Due General Fund on Balance of Accounts Receivable Advance to Laconia Water Works	\$ 1,228.48)
Laconia Ball Club	288.00
	1,516.48
Total Current Working Assets	\$103,799.17

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Department Unexpended Balances Retained:	
Laconia Airport Administration Building (1)	\$ 8,309.50
Maintenance of City Hall—Painting	650.00
Uniform Allowances—Fire Department	1.94
" " — Police Department	330.38
Parks & Playgrounds—Capital Projects	1,039.00
Public Works Dept. — " "	201.58
	\$ 10,532.40
Advance Revenue Collections:	
Tax Collections—1956 Levy	\$ 3,021.29
Interest Received on Bond Issues (2)	2,384.56
Interest Received—Investment of Idle Funds (2)	1,796.81
Premium Received on Bond Issues (2)	4,355.73
	11,558.39
Accounts Payable:	
Due State of N. H.—Advance 1956 Head Tax Collections	\$ 455.00
Trust Deposits Due City Trustees of Trust Funds	200.00
Retroactive Social Security Payments	18.86
	673.86

Unexpended 1954 Serial Bond Proceeds		
Transferred to General Fund		688.75
Escrowed Funds:		
On Land Purchase Court Case	\$ 12,000.00	
On Bond Coupons Due But Not Cashd	277.50	
		<u>12,277.50</u>
Reserve for Growing Wood & Timber Tax		1,222.34
		<u>36,953.24</u>
Total Liabilities Against Current Working Funds		\$ 36,953.24
Surplus:		
General Fund Surplus Unappropriated	\$ 61,095.57	
Parking Meter Fund Surplus Unappropriated	5,750.36	
		<u>66,845.93</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus		<u>\$103,799.17</u>

Notes: (1) See additional Administration Building available funds in Statement of Bond Funds.

(2) To be used in 1956-1957 budget year to apply toward interest payments on applicable bond issues.

DELINQUENT TAXES BY YEAR OF LEVY

Levy of 1954:		
Property Taxes — Personal	\$ 453.26	
Poll Taxes	334.00	
		<u>\$ 787.26</u>
Levy of 1953:		
Property Taxes — Personal	\$ 218.28	
Poll Taxes	130.33	
		<u>348.61</u>
Levy of 1952.....		27.79
Levy of 1951		- .10
		<u>376.40</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,163.56</u>

Uncollected Current Tax Levy

Levy of 1955:		
Property Taxes — Personal	\$ 3,478.33	
Poll Taxes	762.00	
		<u>\$ 4,240.33</u>

Tax Liens Held by City by Year of Levy

Levy of 1955	\$ 18,994.23
1954	6,228.18
1953	398.99
	<u>25,621.40</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,621.41</u>

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND SURPLUS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE, 30, 1956

Balance, General Fund Surplus, July 1, 1955	\$ 40,778.67
Less — Amount applied to reduce 1955 tax rate	28,000.00
	<u>\$12,778.67</u>

Less — Direct appropriations made by City during fiscal year — not budgeted:	
1. Hawthorne Street sidewalk	\$ 150.00
2. Extra construction Lakeport Fire Station	459.67
3. Additional insurance coverage	1,224.72
4. Purchase of Huse land for taxes thereon	1,604.50
5. Additional amount, in excess of bond proceeds, to purchase Laconia Water Co.	1,000.00
6. Additional amount, in excess of bond proceeds, to purchase Winnepesaukee Water Co.	500.00
7. Paint City Hall — extra	650.00
8. Purchase receipts machine — Tax Collector's office	900.00
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	6,488.89
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	\$ 6,289.78
Less — Appropriations to cover insufficient budgets:	
1. Health Department	\$ 200.63
2. Revision on Fire Department	4,142.45
3. Tax Collection Department	57.15
4. Planning Board	133.18
5. Parks & Playgrounds	1,421.67
6. Weirs Beach	170.55
7. Floodlights	157.75
8. Maintenance City Hall	130.00
9. Assessors Department	237.50
10. Zoning Board of Adjust.	50.00
11. Municipal Court	404.91
12. Overlay for Abatements	2,242.53
13. City Officers' Budget	717.27
14. Salaries	55.00
15. Civilian Defense	100.00
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	10,220.59
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	- \$ 3,930.81
Plus — Budget balances transferred to Surplus during fiscal year:	
1. Welfare Department	\$ 5,000.00
2. School Study	1,500.00
3. Patriotic purposes	50.00
4. Laconia Airport budget	1,000.00
5. Weirs Beach	125.00
6. Salaries — Municipal Court	500.00
7. Salaries — Public Works	237.42
8. Water Company study	2,500.00
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	10,912.42
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	\$ 6,981.61
Less — State of N. H. Head Taxes abated after final accounting to State	
	465.00
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	\$ 6,516.61
Plus — State of N. H. Head Taxes added after final accounting date	
	\$ 821.16
State of N. H. Head Tax fines collected after	

final accounting date	447.50	1,268.66
Balance Before Closing Revenue & Budget Accounts		\$ 7,785.27
Plus — Net Excess of Actual General Fund Revenues Amount Estimated to set the 1955 Tax Rate (See Schedule)		23,442.34
Excess of Budgeted Appropriations over Actual Spent or Retained		29,861.56
		<u>\$ 61,089.17</u>
Miscellaneous Tax Adjustments		6.40
Balance, General Fund Surplus, June 30, 1956		<u>\$ 61,095.57</u>

**Statement of Revenues Other Than Property or Poll Taxes
of the General Fund — Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956**

	Net Receipts	Estimated in Budget	Excess	Deficiency
From Surplus Beg. of Year	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00		
Assessors Office	14.15	none	\$ 14.15	
Elections	3.50	none	3.50	
Winter Dog Races	50.00	none	50.00	
Fees — City Clerk	2,958.75	2,200.00	758.75	
Fire Department	111.00	none	111.00	
Health Department	677.90	500.00	177.90	
N. H. Interest & Div. Tax	23,982.65	23,982.65		
Interest on Taxes	4,394.38	4,000.00	394.38	
Dog Licenses	1,711.72	1,500.00	211.72	
Misc. Business Licenses	2,192.15	2,200.00		\$ 7.85
Maintenance of City Hall	4.00	none	4.00	
Miscellaneous	78.00	none	78.00	
Motor Vehicle Taxes	77,813.98	63,000.00	14,813.98	
Municipal Court-Retained by City	11,832.00	13,000.00		1,168.00
Parks & Playgrounds	889.68	none	889.68	
Planning Board	9.50	none	9.50	
Police Department	7.25	none	7.25	
Sale of Tax Title Property	1,915.81	none	1,915.81	
N. H. Railroad Stock Tax	1,167.50	1,000.00	167.50	
N. H. Fees for Collecting Head Tax	3,391.00	3,100.00	291.00	
Reimbursement Growing Wood and Timber Tax	390.60	287.90	102.70 (1)	
N. H. Savings Bank Tax	5,157.85	3,500.00	1,657.85	
Sealer of Wts. & Meas. Fees	251.70	250.00	1.70	
Tax Collector's Office	214.88	none	214.88	
Tax Collector's Fees	864.56	1,300.00		435.44
Weirs Beach	9,898.94	9,000.00	898.94	
Weirs Municipal Bldgs.	3,346.55	2,800.00	546.55	
Welfare Department	1,712.74	none	1,712.74	
Zoning Board of Adjust.	222.85	100.00	122.85	
Sanitary Sewerage Fund Surplus to Apply on Bonds	20,000.00	20,000.00		

Interest Rec'd on Bond Issues	2,571.77	187.21	2,384.56 (2)
Premium Rec'd on Bond Issues net of Bond-Float Expenses	4,459.41	103.68	4,355.73 (2)
	<u>\$210,296.77</u>	<u>\$180,011.44</u>	<u>\$31,896.62</u> <u>\$1,611.29</u>
(1) Less — Excess transferred to Reserve ...\$		102.70	
(2) Less — Retained to Apply Against Bond Interest Payments '56-'57		6,740.29	6,842.99
Increase to General Fund Surplus			<u>\$25,053.63</u>
Decrease to General Fund Surplus			<u>\$1,611.29</u>
Net Increase to General Fund Surplus			<u>\$23,442.34</u>

**Analysis of Parking Meter Surplus and Transactions
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956**

Balance of Parking Meter Surplus, July 1, 1955			\$ 3,453.72
Less — Direct Charges to Surplus:			
1. Installment purchases of meters	\$	900.00	
2. Costs of metering parking lots		960.56	
3. Floodlights — Fair Street parking lot		175.73	
4. Transfer to budget accounts — traffic costs ...		281.59	
			<u>2,317.88</u>
			\$1,135.84
Plus — Increase — Actual Parking Meter Receipts Over Estimate:			
Actual receipts	\$28,358.00		
Estimated receipts	24,000.00		
			<u>4,358.00</u>
			\$5,493.84
Plus — Increase — Budgeted Parking Costs Over Actual Parking Costs:			
1. Total budgeted and transferred	\$24,463.74		
2. Less — Actual budget disbursements:			
Collection, Maintenance & Super.	\$1,176.20		
Sorting and Counting Coins	271.17		
Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,874.96		
Electricity — Parking Lots	799.39		
Electricity — Traffic Lights	956.84		
Rent of Parking Lots	1,750.00		
Supplies	127.39		
Traffic	3,025.11		
Purchase — Parking Meters	1,493.79		
Weirs Municipal Parking Lot	6,834.74		
Fair Street Parking Lot	5,600.65		
Salaries — Parking Lot Attendants ..	246.00		
Miscellaneous	20.98		
Change Fund	30.00		
		24,207.22	256.52
			<u>\$5,750.36</u>
Balance of Parking Meter Surplus, June 30, 1956			<u>\$5,750.36</u>

Sanitary Sewerage Fund
Statement of Financial Condition, June 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:	
Peoples National Bank	\$12,318.65
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association	22,819.72
	<u>\$35,138.37</u>
Accounts Receivable:	
Sewer Rental Fees Due on Warrants: ...	
July 1953	\$ 3.00
January 1954	3.00
July 1954	3.00
January 1955	173.36
July 1955	253.12
January 1956	1,740.67
	<u>2,176.15</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$37,314.52</u>

Liabilities, Reserves, Surplus

Refund Due on July 1954 Warrant	\$ 6.30
Reserve for Depreciation—Plant & Equipment	10,973.96
Unappropriated or Available Surplus*	26,334.26
	<u>\$37,314.52</u>

* Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) of surplus from this fund was used during the past year to apply against the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) yearly payment on the bonds to construct the sewerage plant. The balance above is after deducting the twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for such payment.
 Expenditures for modification of chlorinator equipment at the plant were charged to the depreciation reserve account of \$2,120.34.
 See separate statement for analysis of Surplus account.

**Analysis of Budgeted and Actual Income and Expense
 of Sewerage Plant and Facilities
 For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956**

INCOME

Estimated Amount to be Raised	\$32,475.00
Less—Income Earned, Actual:	
1. From two (2) 6 mos. sewer rental levies	\$37,945.67
2. Interest on late bill payments	183.81
3. Interest on invested surplus & depreciation funds	669.50
4. Miscellaneous income—fees and licenses	201.00
	<u>38,999.98</u>
Excess of Income Earned over Estimate	<u>\$ 6,524.98</u>

EXPENSE

Estimated Amount of Expenses	\$32,475.00
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Less — Actual Expenses:	
Clerical Assistance	\$ 525.54
Printing, Envelopes and Supplies	657.16
Abatements	151.44
Plant Operation	16,294.63
Sewer Maintenance	7,483.42
Keasor Court Pumping Station	500.89
Depreciation Transferred to Reserve	3,200.00
	28,813.08
Excess of Estimated Expense over Actual	\$ 3,661.92

Summary of Sewerage Fund Surplus Changes

Balance, Surplus, July 1, 1955	\$36,147.36
Plus — Above excess of Income Earned over Estimate	6,524.98
Above excess of Estimated Expense over Actual	3,661.92
	\$46,334.26
Less — Amount of surplus applied toward the retirement of bonds issued to construct the sewerage treatment plant	20,000.00
Balance, Surplus, June 30, 1956	\$26,334.26

Bonded Indebtedness July 1, 1955 — June 30, 1956

	Balance 6-30-55	Bonds New	Paid Off	Balance 6-30-56
Practice Auto High				
School	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 3,750.00	none
Pub. Imp. Bonds 1946	12,000.00		6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
" " " 1947	30,000.00		10,000.00	20,000.00
" " " 1948	140,000.00		10,000.00	130,000.00
Weirs Municipal Beach				
Bonds	15,000.00		5,000.00	10,000.00
Sewer Bonds	730,000.00		30,000.00	700,000.00
1952 Park. Lot Issue	16,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00
Pub. Imp. Bonds 1952	36,000.00		12,000.00	24,000.00
1952 School Bonds	50,000.00		10,000.00	40,000.00
1954 Pub. Impr. & Equip.	56,000.00		14,000.00	42,000.00
1954 Serial Bonds	16,000.00		4,000.00	12,000.00
Pub. Works Equip. Bonds	11,000.00		3,000.00	8,000.00
1955 Laconia Airport Authority Bonds	17,000.00		5,000.00	12,000.00
Lakeport Fire Station	81,000.00		5,000.00	76,000.00
1953 Serial Notes	16,500.00		5,500.00	11,000.00
Airport Improv. Bonds		\$ 40,000.00		40,000.00
Pub. Imp. & Equip. Bonds		60,000.00		60,000.00
Sewer Bonds		135,000.00		135,000.00
*Water Plant Bonds		* 850,000.00		850,000.00
Totals	\$1,230,250.00	\$1,085,000.00	\$131,250.00	\$2,184,000.00

* *Water Plant Bonds*—Although these bonds are general obligations of the City, The Laconia Water Works is charged with the retirement of the principal and interest from its revenue. Please refer to statements in this report concerning its first six months operations.

CITY OF LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Financial Condition of All
Bond Funds Separate from General Fund as at June 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories	\$162,449.73
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LIABILITIES

Permanent Project Balances:	
Original Sewer Construction Bonds	\$ 2,964.92
1952 Public Improvements	169.20
1953 Serial Notes .....	.82
1954 Public Improvement & Equipment	9,860.97
1954 Serial Bonds	818.72
Airport Improvement	892.25
Lakeport Fire Station	2,041.86
1955 Public Improvement & Equipment	35,141.95
1955 Sewer Extensions	104,163.56
Total Liabilities	\$156,054.25
Reserves for Contingencies	6,395.48
Total Liabilities & Reserves	\$162,449.73

Note: Please refer to following statements of financial condition of each individual bond fund.
Refer to report of Fiscal Officer for detailed audited disbursements from the bond funds during past year.

Bond Funds Statements of Financial Condition as at June 30, 1956
SEWER CONSTRUCTION BONDS

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 8,249.61
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable:	
Laconia Public Works — Sewer Construction	\$ 2,964.92
Reserve for Contingencies.....	5,284.69
Total Liabilities and Reserve	\$ 8,249.61

1952 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Assets

Cash	\$ 395.64
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable:	
Leavitt Park Clubhouse	\$ 169.20
Reserve for Contingencies	226.44
Total Liabilities and Reserve	\$ 395.64

1953 SERIAL NOTES

Assets

Cash	\$	3.71
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable:		
Weirs Beach Improvement	\$.82
Reserve for Contingencies		2.89
		3.71
Total Liabilities and Reserve	\$	3.71

1954 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT & EQUIPMENT BONDS

Assets

Cash	\$	9,860.97
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable:		
Opechee Park & Playground		\$1,835.58
Wyatt Park Area—Surface Drain		1,320.91
Rowell Street Improvement		2,468.93
Public Works (1) Sidewalk tractor		1,148.09
" " (1) Load packer & truck		727.85
" " Exchange of trucks		2,359.61
		9,860.97
Total Liabilities	\$	9,860.97

1954 SERIAL BONDS

Assets

Cash	\$	818.72
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Accounts Payable:		
Public Works Sidewalks	\$	818.72

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Assets

Cash	\$	892.25
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable:		
Toward construction administration building	\$	892.25

LAKEPORT FIRE STATION BOND ISSUE

Assets

Cash	\$	2,923.32
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable:		
Contract—W. Titus	\$	1,661.17

Architect's Fee	380.69
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,041.86
Reserve for Contingencies	881.46
Total Liabilities and Reserve	\$ 2,923.32

1955 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT & EQUIPMENT BONDS

Assets

Cash	\$ 35,141.95
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable:

Public Works — Drain, Durkee Street	\$1,514.83
Public Works — Drain, Jackson Street	6,050.00
Public Works — Widen Lakeside Avenue	5,294.89
Public Works — Construction Pleasant Street, Whipple	870.00
Construction Mill Street bridge	16,407.23
Airport — Land Doolittle Zone	1,500.00
Airport — Construction Administration Building	3,500.00
Civil Defense Balance on Building	5.00

Total Liabilities	\$ 35,141.95
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1955 SEWER IMPROVEMENT BONDS ISSUE

Assets

Cash	\$104,163.56
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable:

Sewers — South end — Pumping Station	\$104,163.56
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Statement of Condition as of June 30, 1956

Assets

Cash:

Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$ 4,982.97
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Reserves

Fire Alarm Central System	\$ 4,758.34
Truck Replacement — Public Works Department	224.63

\$4,982.97

Note — No additions or disbursements have been made concerning this fund during the fiscal year except for earned interest of \$146.20.

LACONIA CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Statement of Condition June 30, 1956

Assets

Cash in Banks:

City Savings Bank	\$35,626.85
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Laconia Savings Bank		45,083.39
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association		15,342.45
Lakeport National Bank		333.76
		<hr/> \$ 96,386.45
Investments — Common Trust Funds (at cost):		
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund 599 shares		\$10,180.22
Fidelity Fund, Inc. 1124 "		11,054.25
Mass. Investors Trust 720 "		5,270.74
George Putnam Fund 474 "		4,981.74
Chemical Fund, Inc. 853 "		10,849.63
		<hr/> 42,336.58
Total Assets		<u>\$138,723.03</u>

Liabilities

Principal Trust Funds		\$130,351.94
Available Dividends & Accrued Interest		8,371.09
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Total Liabilities		<u>\$138,723.03</u>

Increases in Principal During Year:

New trust funds deposited in savings accounts ...		\$ 4,850.00
Liquidation value of 2 shares Laconia Water Company over cost basis of \$100.00 — deposited in savings		250.00
Value of capital gain distributions of common trust fund holdings		1,695.75
		<hr/> \$ 6,795.75
Unexpended Income, July 1, 1955		\$ 7,325.75
Plus — Interest on Savings Accounts		2,757.77
Dividends on Investments		1,846.62
		<hr/> \$ 11,930.14
Less — Income Expended		3,559.05
		<hr/> \$ 8,371.09

LEAVITT PARK TRUST FUNDS Statement of Condition, June 30, 1956

Assets

Cash in Banks:		
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association		\$ 10,832.81
Investments — Stocks: (at cost)		
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund 219 shares		\$ 3,523.28
Fidelity Fund, Inc. 584 "		5,222.99
New England Tel. & Tel. 8 "		800.00
Broad Street Investing Corp. 241 " @ 24.88		5,996.08
		<hr/> 15,542.35
Total Assets		<u>\$ 26,375.16</u>

Liabilities

Principal Trust Funds	\$ 22,084.78
Available Dividends & Accrued Interest	4,290.38
	<u>26,375.16</u>
Balance, Principal Funds, July 1, 1955	\$ 13,016.88
Plus — Liquidation value of 70 shares Laconia Water Company stock over original cost basis of \$3,500.00	8,750.00
\$5,996.08 of this excess was invested in Broad Street Investing Corp., and balance in savings.	
Capital gains from investments	317.90
	<u>22,084.78</u>
Balance, Principal Funds, June 30, 1956	\$ 22,084.78
Unexpended Income, July 1, 1955	\$ 4,038.85
Plus — Dividends and interest received	709.77
	<u>\$4,748.62</u>
Less — Expended	458.24
	<u>4,290.38</u>
Unexpended Income, June 30, 1956	\$ 4,290.38

Note: \$200.00 in U. S. Bonds were cashed and proceeds placed in savings.

CHARLES H. PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL TRUST FUND Statement of Condition, June 30, 1956 Assets

Cash in Bank:	
Laconia Savings Bank	\$ 510.02
Investments — Stocks: (at cost)	
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund 162 shares	\$2,602.95
Fidelity Fund, Inc. 324 " 	2,897.05
	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total Assets	\$ 6,010.02

Liabilities

Principal Trust Funds	\$ 5,667.42
Available Accrued Interest and Dividends	342.60
	<u>6,010.02</u>
Balance, Principal Fund, July 1, 1955	\$ 5,471.00
Plus — Capital gains from investments	196.42
	<u>5,667.42</u>
Balance, Principal Fund, June 30, 1956	\$ 5,667.42
Unexpended Income, July 1, 1955	\$ 301.66
Plus — Interest and Dividends	290.94
	<u>\$ 592.60</u>

Less — Expended (2 scholarships)	250.00
Unexpended Income, June 30, 1956	\$ 342.60

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS
Statement of Condition, June 30, 1956

Assets	
Cash in Banks — Savings	\$ 19,554.31
Investments:	
U. S Government Bonds	\$6,525.00
Stocks	2,500.00
Coupons Due and Receivable	98.75
	9,123.75
Total Assets	\$ 28,678.06
Liabilities	
Regular Principal Trust Funds	\$ 19,726.97
Principal and Interest — Gale Building Fund	4,770.79
Principal and Interest — For Bookmobile	4,020.00
Available Accrued Interest and Coupons — General	160.30
	28,678.06
Total Liabilities	\$ 28,678.06

- Notes: (1) The trustees of the Gale Memorial Library received an additional three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from the City for its building fund during the past year and expended, on behalf of the new addition, the sum of three thousand fifty-seven dollars and thirty cents (\$3,057.30).
- (2) The Bookmobile Fund was created by a deposit in a savings account of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) on April 19, 1956.
- (3) A detailed inventory of the individual assets of the various funds is maintained by the City Auditor.

CITY OF LACONIA BOND FUNDS
SEWER BONDS FUND — 11/1 50

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 8,249.61
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
	8,249.61
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 8,249.61

THE WEIRS MUNICIPAL BEACH BONDS — 10 1/50

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 26.18
Total Receipts	0.00
	26.18
TOTAL	\$ 26.18
Total Expenditures	0.00
Transferred to "Acquisition of Sakansky Property"	26.18
	0.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 0.00

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS — 11/1/52

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 4,517.97
Receipts	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,517.97
Expenditures:	
Leavitt Park Clubhouse	\$ 605.80
Payment of balance due on land purchased at Weirs Beach from B & M Railroad	1,500.00
Applies towards cost of Irving St. Sidewalk	97.61
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,203.41
Transferred to "Acquisition of Sakansky Property"	1,918.92
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	4,122.33
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 395.64

SERIAL NOTES — 12/1/53

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 1,677.89
Receipts	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,677.89
Expenditures — Weirs Beach Improvements	1,674.18
Cash Balance June 30, 1956	3.71

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT BONDS — 4/1/54

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 35,312.58
Receipts	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 35,312.58
Expenditures:	
Opechee Park Playground	\$ 1,469.58
Wyatt Park Area — Surface Drain	17,879.09
Union Ave. (From Messer St. North Drain)	125.20
Union Ave. Curbing (Near Stark St.)	3,840.58
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,314.45
Transferred to "Acquisition of Sakansky Property"	2,137.16
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	\$ 25,451.61
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 9,860.97

SERIAL BONDS — 10/1/54

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 10,540.32
Receipts	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,540.32
Expenditures:	
Sidewalks:	
Avery St. — from Baldwin St. to Dixon St.	\$ 465.29

Champagne Ave., North Side	967.42
Irving St.	688.95
Pine St. — South Side, No. 171 - No. 181	421.10
Pine St. Extension	2,373.76
Street Improvements:	
Fairmont & Washington Streets	3,331.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,247.52
Transferred to Public Works Department	1,257.58
Transferred to "Acquisition of Sakansky Property"	216.50
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	9,721.60
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 818.72
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LAKEPORT FIRE STATION — 5/1/55

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 57,479.95
Receipts	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 57,479.95
Expenditures:	
Contract Payable — Winston Titus	\$ 53,081.63
Architect's Fee — Norman P. Randlett	1,300.00
Reserve for Contingencies:	
Base for sidewalk in front of station	50.00
Cast bronze tablet for station	125.00
Total Expenditures	54,556.63
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 2,923.32
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LACONIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BONDS — 4/1/55

Cash Balance, July 1, 1955	\$ 12,000.00
Transferred to Laconia Airport Authority	12,000.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	0.00
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LACONIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BONDS — 7/1/55

Cash Receipts — Bonds	\$ 40,000.00
Expenditures:	
Writing description, checking title, and preparing plan of Laconia Municipal Airport property for deed from the Laconia Airport Authority to the City of Laconia	\$ 107.75
To W. H. Champlin, Jr. for purchase of land, hangar and other buildings at Laconia Airport	39,000.00
Total Expenditures	39,107.75
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 892.25
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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT BONDS — 12/1/55

Cash Receipts — Bonds	\$ 60,000.00
Expenditures:	
Holiday Displays Apparatus; Electrical Cables and Sockets	\$ 3,200.00
Construction of Drain — Durkee St.	1,885.17
Construction of building on Civilian Defense Ground Observer Tower, including heating equipment and toilets	2,395.00
Construction of Mill St. Bridge	792.77
Reconstruction — Fairmont St. & Washington St. to Elm St.	2,944.00
Lakeside Ave. — Widening	13,641.11
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Total Expenditures	\$ 24,858.05
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$ 35,141.95
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SEWER BONDS — 12/1/55

Cash Receipts — Bonds	\$135,000.00
Expenditures:	
Construction of sewers on Court St., Lawrence St., Mill St., Rowe Court and California Court, with a Pumping Station at Lawrence St.	30,836.44
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Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	\$104,163.56
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WATER WORKS BONDS — 12/1/55

Cash Receipts — Bonds	\$850,000.00
Expenditures:	
*Purchase of Laconia Water Company	\$825,000.00
Purchase of Winnepesaukee Water Co., Inc.	25,000.00
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Total Expenditures	*850,000.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1956	0.00
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*In addition, \$1,500.00 was paid from the Excess & Deficiency Account towards purchase of Water Works.

July 11, 1956

Chairman F. A. Normandin
Board of Commissioners
Laconia Water Works
489 Main Street
Laconia, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Normandin:

Please find attached the following statements pertaining to the Laconia Water Works:

Statement of Income and Expense for the Six Months Ended June 30, 1956

Statement of Financial Condition as of June 30, 1956

These statements were prepared from the records available and are not the result of an audit. An audit of the financial accounts will be made as of December 31, 1956, after twelve months of operation of the utility.

Footnotes accompanying the statements are especially important in projecting future earnings based upon the past six months. Hydrant revenue from the City of Laconia is expected to vary materially in subsequent periods of operation of this utility.

If I may be of further assistance regarding these statements, please call upon me.

Yours very truly,
DANA S. BEANE, JR.
City Auditor

CITY OF LACONIA WATER WORKS
Statement of Income and Expense for the
Six Months Ended June 30, 1956

(Prepared from the books of account without audit)

Operating Revenues — Water:		
Residential Sales — Metered	\$19,967.85	
Residential Sales — Unmetered	391.00	
		\$20,358.85
Commercial Sales — Metered	17,585.12	
Commercial Sales — Unmetered	1,861.25	
		19,446.37
Municipal Public Fire Protection	17,901.82*	
Other Municipal Sales	2,297.04	
		20,198.85
Forfeited Discounts	136.00	
Mdse. Sales & Job Work	417.40	
		553.40
Total Operating Revenues — Water		\$60,557.48

Less — Operation & Maintenance — Water:

<i>Water Supply</i>	
Pumping Labor	\$ 2,005.42
Purification Expense	107.13
Power	2,392.00
Maintenance — Pumps & Bldgs.	192.76
" — Purification Equip. ....	.80
	\$ 4,698.11
<i>Distribution</i>	
Superintendence	\$ 3,000.00
Maintenance — Gen'l Structures	77.10
" — Mains	1,048.06
" — Reservoir	1.34
" — Services	434.86
" — Hydrant	419.43
" — Meters	3,191.23
" — Tools	820.44
Meter Reading	1,067.27
	10,059.73
<i>Other Expenses</i>	
Commission Salaries	\$ 1,050.00
Office Salaries	3,304.59
Customer Billing	1,823.84
Sewerage Billing	165.36
Office Expense	370.97
Maintenance — Office Equipment	246.22
General Expense	926.40
Heat	702.60
Insurance	679.75
Truck Expense	299.43
	9,569.16
Depreciation — Water (6 mos. estimated)	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ 28,327.00
Total Operating Expenses — Water	\$ 28,327.00
Water Operating Income	\$ 32,230.48
Plus — Other Income:	
Discounts Taken	\$ 35.63
Non-operating Property Income (net) ...	887.66
	923.29
Gross Income	\$ 33,153.77
Less — Six Months Bond Interest	12,325.00
Net Income Per Books	\$ 20,828.77

1. Bond principal payment for this six months period, which should be set aside out of above net earnings, is approximately \$13,775. Bond interest for this past six months period has been paid already as indicated in above statement.
2. *"Municipal Public Fire Protection", water revenue from hydrants, for this six months period includes six months of hydrant revenue from the City of Laconia, at the old basis previously paid to the Laconia Water Company, in the amount of \$17,338.32. The anticipated amount in subsequent six months periods to be paid to the Laconia Water Works by the City of Laconia will be \$6,500. Consequently, the above "Net Income Per Books" figure of \$20,828.77 (from which bond principal must be paid) includes a greater

hydrant revenue from the City by \$10,838.32 than amount expected to be received in future six months operations by the Water Works.

3. \$2,805.12 of expenses attributable to the Weirs water system have been set up an account receivable due from Weirs system. This does not materially affect the above net earnings, as approximately \$5,600 of water revenue chargeable July 1 to Weirs users is *not* included in above revenue accounts for the six months ended June 30, 1956.

CITY OF LACONIA WATER WORKS

Statement of Financial Condition

as of June 30, 1956

(Prepared from the books of account without audit)

Assets

Fixed Assets—Total Investment:	
Water and Other Property	\$794,695.66
Current Assets:	
Cash (in banks & on hand)	\$ 13,478.79
Materials and Supplies	37,798.96
Current Accounts Receivable—Water	15,476.26
Current Accounts Receivable—Mdse. Sales	808.54
Offset Accounts Receivable—Weirs System *	2,805.12
	70,367.67
Miscellaneous Assets:	
Prepaid Insurance	679.64
	70,367.67
Total Assets	\$865,742.97

Liabilities

Capital Liabilities:	
Acquisition Bond Issue—30 yrs.	\$826,500.00
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,610.36
Customer Deposits (services)	200.00
Customer Deposits (water bills)	100.00
Advance Revenue—Fire Protection Charges	437.30
Balance on Accounts Receivable Due City	609.88
Income Taxes Withheld	984.70
Social Security Taxes Withheld	405.38
Prior Receivables of Weirs—Held in Escrow	66.58
	5,414.20
Reserves:	
Depreciation Reserve (6 mos. estimated)	4,000.00
Contributions in Aid of Construction	9,000.00
Earnings Retained for Bond Principal Retirement and Other Outlays	20,828.77
Total Liabilities & Retained Earnings	\$865,742.97

*Refer to Statement of Income and Expense in regard to creation of this account.

ORDINANCES

Passed during the Year

Ending June 30, 1956

CITY OF LACONIA

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO WHARVES LOCATED AT WEIRS BEACH.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. The use of the wharves located on the westerly shore of Lake Winnepesaukee in that part of Laconia known as Weirs Beach by boat owners engaged in commercial enterprise is expressly prohibited.

SECTION 2. Commercial, within the scope of this ordinance, shall mean enterprise for gain and/or benefit by reason of regularly or irregularly scheduled operation.

SECTION 3. Any person or persons violating any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 25th day of June, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO NAMES OF STREETS IN WARDS 1, 2, and 6.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend the ordinance relative to Names of Streets passed and approved April 30, 1956 as follows:

SECTION 9. The names of streets in Wards 1, 2, and 6 shall be changed as follows:

(c) Pierce Avenue, Weirs Beach, to Clark Avenue.

(k) Merrill Street, off Walker Street, to Cottonwood Avenue.

(l) Harding Street, off Highland Street, to Fairview Street.

(o) Taft Road, off Summit Avenue, to Wentworth Cove Road.

Amend the ordinance relative to Names of Streets passed and approved

April 30, 1956, by adding the following:

SECTION 9.—(q.) Clark Avenue, off Union Avenue, to Merrill Avenue.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 28th day of May, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE AMENDING OF TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend Section K. Bus Stops of Article V. Parking Time Limits as amended by adding the following new paragraph:

8. *Lakeside Avenue—Weirs.* One (1) space directly opposite Tower Street on the easterly side beginning on the northerly line marking the "Cross-Walk" and running 30 feet in length in a northerly direction and 8 feet in width.

2. Amend Section A. 15 Minute Parking of Article VI. Parking Time Limits as amended, by adding the following new paragraph:

12. *Lakeside Avenue—Weirs.* One (1) space directly in front of the door of the Weirs Post Office.

3. Amend Paragraph 1. Parking Meter Zone of Article VI. Parking Time Limits; Section G. Parking Meters as amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

1. (t) *Lakeside Avenue—Weirs.* On the easterly side: beginning at the southerly line of Lot No. 1-A as shown on Plat No. 94, Street No. 127 on file in the office of the assessors, City Hall, and running southerly to a point 960 feet southerly from the southerly side of the entrance leading to the Boston and Maine Railroad station; and on the westerly side: beginning at a point 130 feet from the intersection of Endicott Street, so-called, and running northerly to the southerly line of Foster Avenue, with the following exceptions: one space di-

rectly in front of the door of the Weirs Post Office which shall be designated as a fifteen (15) minute parking space; one space directly opposite Tower Street which shall be designated as a Bus Stop space; two spaces directly in front of the door of the Weirs Hotel, so-called; and one space directly in front of the overhead foot bridge leading from Lakeside Avenue to Lakeside Hotel, so-called.

4. Amend Paragraph 5. Parking Time Limits of Article VI. Parking Time Limits; Section G. Parking Meters as amended, by adding to sub-paragraph (b) the following:
 5. (b) . . . Excepting parking meters located on Lakeside Avenue—Weirs, shall be operated in said parking meter zone on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and ten-thirty o'clock P. M., holidays included, beginning on the 15th day of June, and ending on the 15th day of September of each year.
5. Amend Paraph 6. Violation of Article VI. Parking Time Limits; Section G. Parking Meters as amended, by adding to sub-paragraph (a) the following:
 6. (a) . . . Excepting parking meters located alongside Lakeside Avenue—Weirs, and it shall be lawful for anyone to deposit any money in said parking meters for as many parking time limits as prescribed on said parking meters, if the operator, owner, possessor or manager of a vehicle shall so desire as long as said parking meters are not displaying a signal indicating a violation. If said vehicle remain in parking in such parking space at a time when a visible signal on said parking meter indicates that the time limit has expired, then and in that event, such vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.
6. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 24th day of May, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO NAMES OF STREETS IN WARDS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

"Amend the ordinance relative to Names of Streets by adding the following:

SECTION 9. The names of streets in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be changed as follows:

- a. Maple Street (off Cook Court) to Monroe Street.
- b. Paugus Road (off North Street Extension) to Van Buren Road.
- c. Clark Avenue (Weirs Beach) to Pierce Avenue.
- d. Sleeper Street (off Pine Street) to Tyler Street.
- e. Folsom Avenue (off White Oaks Road) to Fillmore Avenue.
- f. Perkins Avenue (off Daniel Webster Highway, Weirs) to Hayes Street.
- g. Crescent Place and/or Crescent Court (off Academy Street) to Cleveland Place.
- h. Canal Court (off Main Street) to Pemaco Court.
- i. Clinton Road (off Pendleton Beach Road) to McKinley Road.
- j. Cole Court (off Strafford Street) to Wilson Court.
- k. Cottonwood Avenue (off Walker Street) to Merrill Street.
- l. Fairview Street (off Highland Street) to Harding Street.
- m. Lake Shore Avenue (Camp Grounds, Weirs) to Coolidge Avenue.
- n. Lakeview Avenue (off Academy Street) to Arthur Avenue.
- o. Wentworth Cove Road (off Summit Avenue) to Taft Road.
- p. Park Road (off Endicott Street) to Hoover Road.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 30th day of April, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF MILL STREET BRIDGE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows: Amend the ordinance limiting the use of Mill Street Bridge passed and approved December 28, 1942 and as amended by an ordinance passed and approved September 26, 1949, by striking out the same in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

1. No traffic, foot, vehicular or otherwise shall be permitted upon or over the bridge located on Mill Street.
2. Any use of said bridge for whatever purposes by any person or persons, except under permit issued by the city engineer and approved by the city solicitor is expressly prohibited.
3. Anyone violating the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$20.00 for each offense.
4. The city engineer shall cause a sign to be placed and maintained at each end of said bridge which shall read as follows "Vehicles excluded—foot traffic excluded; maximum fine for each offense \$20.00".
5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 26th day of March, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
LACONIA WATER WORKS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1 . . . *Management.* The construction, replacement, management, maintenance, control and direction of the Laconia Water Works shall be vested in a Board of Water Commissioners to consist of three citizens of said Laconia, no more than two of which shall be of the same political party; the Mayor and the City Engineer as members ex-officio.

SECTION 2 . . . *Term.* The term of office for said Board of Water Commissioners shall be for six (6) years and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. The first commissioner shall be appointed until the last Monday in June 1961, the second until the last Monday in June 1959, the third until the last Monday in June

1957 and thereafter one commissioner shall be appointed bi-annually on the last Monday in June or as soon as practicable subsequent thereto.

SECTION 3 . . . *Vacancy.* Whenever a vacancy shall occur by death, resignation, extended illness or removal, the vacancy shall be filled by the Mayor and the City Council for the unexpired term. No member of the City Council shall be appointed a member of the Board of Water Commissioners.

SECTION 4 . . . *Organization.* The Board of Water Commissioners shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. They shall bi-annually organize by choosing one of their members as chairman of the Board. They shall appoint a clerk and a superintendent of the Water Works and such other personnel as they may deem necessary, and shall thereupon furnish a certificate of such organization to the City Clerk who shall record the same in his records.

SECTION 5 . . . *Powers.* The Board of Water Commissioners shall have and exercise for and in behalf of the City of Laconia, all the power and right delegated to them by the provisions of the ordinance. They shall fix the compensation of all personnel and employees appointed by them. They shall have full charge and control of all work pertaining to the maintenance, replacement, management, operation, necessary construction, the purchase of materials, and the purchase of necessities for the Water Works. They may, by formal vote, sell such of the personal property connected with the Water Works as they may deem expedient, and necessary papers relative thereto shall be executed by the chairman for and in behalf of said Board.

SECTION 6 . . . *Contracts.* The Board of Water Commissioners shall make and execute all contracts and agreements necessary to fulfill the purposes of this ordinance; provided that no contract or agreement shall be made for the purchase, and/or sale of any real estate or source of water until such contract or agreement shall have been formally ratified by vote of the City Council. All contracts and agreements made by said Board of Water Commissioners shall be in writing and executed in duplicate, one copy to be kept by the Commissioners and one

copy shall be delivered to each party and/or parties of the second part. No contract or agreement shall be assigned or transferred without the written consent of the Commissioners.

SECTION 7. . . . *Reports.* The Board of Water Commissioners shall keep a record of their official proceedings, and report to the City Council not less than four times each year at intervals of three months and at the close of each municipal year, as by law required, and at such other times as said Council may require.

SECTION 8. . . . *Records.* The Board of Water Commissioners shall keep regular books of accounts, shall regulate the distribution and use of water throughout the city and shall establish a scale of prices, terms, or rates, upon which the water will be furnished to consumers, shall regulate the time of payment, make such abatements or discounts, or charge such additional rates as in their judgment seems for the best interest of the department and the city. The Board of Water Commissioners shall keep a register of all persons contracting for the use of water, or by the location where the same is used, and the price payable therefor; they shall faithfully account annually to the City Council for all receipts and expenditures of the department.

SECTION 9. . . . *Bonds & Notes.* The Board of Water Commissioners shall have no power or authority to issue any bond or note, or renewal of the same, for any outstanding obligation or any debt created in the construction and management of the water works. The issue of all bonds or notes, or renewals of the same, for any obligation of the water department, shall be authorized by the concurrent vote of the City Council.

SECTION 10. . . . *Fire Hydrants.* The control and maintenance of all fire hydrants in the City of Laconia shall hereafter be vested in the Board of Water Commissioners.

SECTION 11. . . . *Liens.* All charges for water furnished to patrons in the City of Laconia shall become a lien upon any real estate where such water is furnished, and said lien shall continue for one year from the last item charged at said water rate, and said lien may be enforced by a suit in behalf of the City of Laconia ordered by the Board of Water Commissioners

against the owner and/or owners of record of such real estate. The records in the office of the Water Works Department and the charges for water furnished as aforesaid, shall be sufficient notice to maintain suit upon such lien against subsequent purchasers or attaching creditors of said real estate.

SECTION 12. . . . *Outside Limits.* The provisions of this ordinance shall apply wherever water is supplied beyond the confines of the limits of the City of Laconia, in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Utilities Commission.

SECTION 13. . . . *Salary.* The salary of the appointed members of the Board of Water Commissioners and the City Engineer as an ex-officio member shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year, payable quarterly; the chairman shall be paid an additional one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year, payable quarterly.

This ordinance to take effect as of January 1, 1956.

Passed and approved this 7th day of December, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. *State Laws—Adoption.* The provisions of Part 22, Chapter 188 of the 1945 Session Laws are hereby adopted and declared to be enforced in the city so far as they relate to sidewalks, meaning thereby to adopt Chapter 188, Part 22, Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3.

SECTION 2. *Petitions:* All petitions for new sidewalks shall be presented to the Mayor and Council and shall be made on suitable forms prepared and furnished by them, which blanks shall contain the provisions of said Part 22, Chapter 188 so far as they relate to sidewalks and to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. *Forms:* All petition forms shall be filed by the owner of the property and shall contain identification of the premises, the street number, the Assessors' plat number and a statement of the kind of sidewalk desired.

SECTION 4. *Construction:* All sidewalks

in the City shall be constructed by the Department of Public Works according to the specifications of that Department.

SECTION 5. *Payment*: As soon as a petition for sidewalk construction shall be filed with the City Engineer, said Engineer shall estimate the cost of construction of the sidewalk and shall then notify the petitioner of this estimate in writing. Before any action is taken on said petition, the petitioner shall pay to the Public Works Department one-half of the estimated construction cost. If the actual cost of the work exceeds the estimate, then the petitioner shall pay one-half of such excess; if the actual cost of the work is less than the estimated cost, then one-half of such difference shall be refunded to the petitioner.

SECTION 6. *Meaning of Construction Cost*: Construction estimated by the City Engineer shall be deemed to include engineering, labor, and material for providing grading and a suitable hard-top surface.

SECTION 7. *Refund*: If for any reason, the petition for construction of a sidewalk is not approved, then the petitioner's payment accompanying his application and petition form shall be returned to him within 60 days of the action taken upon said petition, and a new petition shall not be accepted from the same petitioner for construction of an identical sidewalk at the same location until a period of one year shall have passed.

This ordinance to take effect as of July 1, 1956.

Passed and approved this 31st day of October, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend the compiled ordinances relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952 as amended as follows:

1. By striking out paragraph 27 of Section C Two-Hour Parking, Article VI, and inserting in place thereof the following:

The even numbered side of

Winter Street from Union Avenue to the centerline of Autumn Street extended.

2. Article VI Parking Time Limits, Section G, Parking Meters, Paragraph 5-c, by striking out the words "designated as such only during the period of May 1st to September 30th of each year" and inserting in place thereof the following:

Shall be in effect for a full year.

3. By adding to Article VII No Parking, Section A, the following new paragraph:

42. The odd numbered side of Winter Street from Union Avenue to Autumn Street.

4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 31st day of October, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend Section 2 of Chapter 8 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended by striking out the words, "three thousand nine hundred," and substituting therefor the words, "four thousand two hundred sixty," so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 2. The salary of the City Clerk shall be four thousand two hundred sixty dollars per annum, payable weekly, plus longevity pay as determined by the Finance Committee."

2. Amend Section 3 of Chapter 5 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words, "one thousand four hundred," and substituting therefor the words, "one thousand five hundred," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 3. The Auditor shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars per year, payable in equal quarterly payments."

3. Amend Section 3 of Chapter 10

of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words, "fourteen hundred" and substituting therefor the words, "fifteen hundred," so that said section shall read as follows:

"Section 3. The City Solicitor shall receive in full for his services the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly payments. He shall also receive his reasonable traveling expenses when his attendance is required out of the City."

4. Amend Section 2 of Chapter 13 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words, "three thousand," and substituting therefor the words, "three thousand three hundred eighty," and striking out the word, "monthly," and substituting therefor the word, "weekly," so that the section as amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 2. The Director of Welfare shall perform the same duties and be subject to the same liabilities as are now incumbent on overseers of poor of towns, and shall perform such other duties as the City Council may prescribe. The Director of Welfare shall receive as compensation or salary for services the sum of three thousand three hundred eighty dollars per year, payable in equal weekly payments."

5. This ordinance shall take effect as of July 1, 1955.

Passed and approved this 6th day of October, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO PURCHASING.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend Section 3 of the ordinance relative to purchasing passed and approved December 27, 1954, by striking out the whole of Section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 3. Any purchase or contract for services over \$25.00 shall be made by requisition, in dupli-

cate, which shall be in such form to indicate the vendor, the purchasing department, a description and cost of the purchase, and the appropriation item from which it is to be paid. The original and copy of such requisitions shall be submitted to the Accounts & Claims Committee prior to the 10th day of the month in which the proposed purchase or contract for services is to be incurred. The Fiscal Officer, under the department of the City Clerk, shall initial all such requisitions indicating availability of funds in the appropriate budget item. The majority of the Accounts & Claims Committee shall indicate their approval of such requisitions by placing their initials upon the face of the original and copy of each requisition before the department head shall incur any liability against the city for purchases and contracts for services of over \$25.00. The approved copy of the requisition shall be delivered to the appropriate department head as authority to proceed with the terms of the approved requisition. The approved original of the requisition shall be delivered to the Fiscal Officer for signing under the appropriate department. Such approved original shall be attached to the invoice of the vendor involved when it is received for payment. For requisitions for purchases or contracts for services exceeding the sum of \$75.00, the department head shall attach to the requisition quotations on prices from at least two different vendors. The Accounts & Claims Committee shall have the right to require competitive bidding for any purchase of \$100.00 or more. The Accounts & Claims Committee shall also have the right to fulfill the requirements of any requisition by providing to a department the services of city personnel or goods.

2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 26th day of September, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
THE COMPENSATION OF THE BOARD
OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

1. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall receive as compensation for their services the sum of \$50.00 payable annually.
2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 29th day
of August, 1955.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
THE AMENDING OF TRAFFIC RULES
AND REGULATIONS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

1. Amend the Compiled Ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article IV, One Way Streets, Section A, by striking out No. 3 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:
3. Motor vehicles shall move in a southwesterly direction only on Water Street except for a distance of 800 feet beginning at the Laconia Fire Station to

house numbered 93 on said street motor vehicles shall be permitted to move both ways.

2. Amend the Compiled Ordinances relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article IV, One Way Streets, Section A as amended, by adding the following new paragraph:

12. Motor vehicles shall move in a southwesterly direction only on Harvard Street, proceeding from the direction of North Main Street towards Pleasant Street.

3. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article VI, Section C, two-hour parking, as amended by adding the following:

37. The four parking spaces beginning at the corner of Beacon Street and Somes Court, proceeding along the odd-numbered side of Somes Court.

4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 29th day
of August, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the Year

Ending June 30, 1956

CITY OF LACONIA

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZATION OF \$6,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EQUIPPED BOOKMOBILE AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY THE COST THEREOF. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That the sum of \$6,000 be and it is hereby appropriated for the purchase of an equipped bookmobile.
2. For the purpose of meeting the appropriation contained in the preceding resolution, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance and sale of serial bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating \$6,000 in principal amount, which shall bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 3¼% payable semi-annually) as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance. Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be dated July 1, 1956, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and the City Clerk, shall bear the city seal, and shall be payable to both principal and interest at the Peoples National Bank of Laconia, New Hampshire. One of said bonds shall mature on the first day of July in each of the years 1957 to 1962 inclusive.
3. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, to the successful bidder provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.
4. That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in the preceding

resolution as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first day of said bonds to mature.

5. That it is hereby determined that said bookmobile will have an expected useful life in excess of six years.

Passed and approved this 25th day of June, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LOANS TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1956.

That pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to issue notes from time to time not exceeding the sum of \$300,000 in anticipation of the taxes of the financial year beginning July 1, 1956, which amount will not exceed the tax levy of the city for said year.

Passed and approved this 25th day of June, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

A RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM ROY BARNHILL.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia have learned with deep regret of the untimely death of William Roy Barnhill, and

WHEREAS, William Roy Barnhill as Executive Secretary of the Lakes Region Association performed an outstanding service in aiding in the progress and advancement of this region, and

WHEREAS, William Roy Barnhill was held in the highest esteem by all those who were associated with him because of his integrity and his conscientious service to this community, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council extend to the family

of William Roy Barnhill their deepest sympathy and express their sincere appreciation for what he through his untiring efforts accomplished for this region, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be engrossed upon the permanent records of the City of Laconia and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of William Roy Barnhill.

Passed and approved this 21st day of February, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CONTRACT TO ACQUIRE THE WINNIPESAUKEE WATER COMPANY.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the adoption of a resolution at the special meeting of this council held October 6, 1955 under which the Mayor was authorized to sign an agreement for the acquisition of the Winnepesaukee Water Company and to allocate \$500 as a good faith deposit therefor, the execution by the Mayor of an agreement providing for such acquisition and the taking of any other action by the officials and agents of the city in accordance with and in reliance upon said resolution—be and hereby are in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved.

Passed and approved this 28th day of November, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the adoption at the special meeting of this council held November 14, 1955 of a resolution entitled "A Resolution Amending a Resolution Authorizing \$60,000 Public Improvement Bonds" is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Passed and approved this 28th day of November, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE AWARD OF \$1,045,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF LACONIA.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

There is hereby confirmed and approved the award of the following described general obligation, coupon bonds of the City of Laconia to Smith, Barney & Co.; Union Securities Corp.; and Goldman, Sachs & Co. at the price of their bid therefor, namely at a price of 100.731 plus accrued interest to date of delivery for bonds bearing interest at 2.90 (two and nine-tenths) per cent. per annum, said purchaser being the highest bidder naming the lowest rate of interest at a public offering of said bonds made today, namely,

\$60,000 Public Improvement and Equipment Bonds payable \$10,000 December 1, 1956 and 1957, and \$5,000 December 1, 1958 to 1965, inclusive, authorized by resolution of the City Council adopted October 31, 1955 as amended by resolution adopted November 14, 1955;
\$135,000 Sewer Bonds payable \$5,000 December 1, 1956 to 1982, authorized by resolution of the City Council adopted October 31, 1955; and
\$850,000 Water Plant Bonds payable \$30,000 December 1, 1956 to 1975, inclusive, and \$25,000 December 1, 1976 to 1895, inclusive, authorized by resolution of the City Council adopted October 31, 1955.

Further resolved: That the forms of bonds exhibited to this meeting be and they hereby are approved as and for the respective forms to be used for the before-mentioned Public Improvement and Equipment Bonds and Sewer Bonds.

Passed and approved this 28th day of November, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CONTRACT TO ACQUIRE THE LACONIA WATER COMPANY AND THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE MONEY NECESSARY

THEREFOR BY BORROWING.
*Resolved by the City Council of the
 City of Laconia, as follows:*

That the execution and delivery on behalf of the City of Laconia pursuant to resolution of the City Council adopted July 25, 1955 of a certain contract dated July 26, 1955 providing for the acquisition of all of the tangible assets of the Laconia Water Company and the adoption by the City Council on October 31, 1955, of a resolution providing for raising by borrowing of the sums of money necessary to pay for such acquisition—be and hereby are in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved.

Passed and approved this 28th day of November, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
 NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$60,000
 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
 City of Laconia, as follows:*

1. That the resolution authorizing Public Improvement Bonds passed October 31, 1955 be and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

"1. That there be and hereby are authorized the following public works and improvements of a permanent nature, and for the purchase of departmental equipment of a lasting character, namely:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Construction of drains:	
Durkee Street	\$3,400
Jackson Street	6,050
Street Improvements:	
Lakeside Avenue —	
widening	18,936
Fairmont Street	
and Washington—	
Elm — reconstruc-	2,944
tion	
Pleasant Street at	
junction of Whipple	
Avenue — construc-	870
tion	
Construction of Mill	
Street bridge	17,200
Airport Improvements:	
Acquisition of land	
for Doolittle Zone	
(city's share)	1,500
Construction of Ad-	
ministration Build-	

ing (city's share)	3,500
City Clerk's Depart-	
ment Equipment:	
Holiday display ap-	
paratus; electrical	
cables and sockets	3,200
Construction of Civil	
Defense Ground Ob-	
server Corps facility	
Construction of build-	
ing on ground ob-	
server tower, in-	
cluding heating equip-	
ment and toilets	2,400
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	\$60,000

2. That the cost of the equipment and public works and improvements shall be financed by the issuance and sale of general obligation serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating \$60,000 in principal amount, hereby authorized, to bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 3% per annum) payable semi-annually as shall be determined by the Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance.
3. That said bonds shall be issued under and pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, shall be payable to bearer, shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer and City Clerk with coupons attached signed with the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer, shall bear the city seal, shall be payable at the Second Bank—State Street Trust Company in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall bear such date and mature at such times, not exceeding a total term of ten years, as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance.
4. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

5. That the proceeds from the sale of said bonds are hereby appropriated to the payment of the public works and improvements and equipment hereinbefore authorized.
6. That it is hereby determined that the said public works and improvements consisting of street improvements, airport improvements, and the improvements to the Ground Observation Tower will each have a useful life in excess of twelve years, and those consisting of drains and the bridge in excess of twenty years, and equipment in excess of ten years."
2. That except to the extent that the same has been clarified by the foregoing amendment the said resolution is in all respects ratified and confirmed.

Passed and approved this 14th day of November, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$135,000 SEWER BONDS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That there be and hereby is authorized the following public work and improvement of a permanent nature, namely: construction of sewers on Court, Lawrence and Mill Streets, Rowe and California Court with a pumping station at Lawrence Street at an estimated cost of \$135,000.
2. That the cost of said public work and improvement shall be financed by the issuance and sale of general obligation serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating \$135,000 in principal amount, hereby authorized, to bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 3% per annum), payable semi-annually as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance.
3. That said bonds shall be issued under and pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, shall be payable to bearer, shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer and City Clerk with coupons attached signed with

the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer, shall bear the city seal, shall be payable at the Second Bank—State Street Trust Company in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall bear such date and maturity at such times, not exceeding a total term of 30 years, as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance.

4. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.
5. That the proceeds from the sale of said bonds are hereby appropriated to the payment of the public work and improvement hereinbefore authorized.
6. That it is hereby determined that said public work and improvement will have an expected useful life in excess of thirty years.

Passed and approved this 31st day of October, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$850,000 WATER PLANT BONDS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

WHEREAS under the provisions of Chapter 56 of the Revised Laws of 1942 and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, as now set forth in Chapter 38 of the 1955 compilation of the laws of this State known as Revised Statutes Annotated, there has been duly authorized the acquisition of certain plants, property and facilities owned by the Laconia Water Company and Winnepesaukee Water Company, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$850,000, which properties constitute public works and improvements of a permanent nature and departmental equipment of lasting character.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of Laconia as follows:

1. That for the purpose of defraying

the cost of purchasing said plants, property and facilities so to be acquired, it is hereby deemed necessary and expedient that, pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 38, this City borrow on its credit, as provided by the Municipal Finance Act, so-called, (C. 72 of said Revised Laws of 1942 and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, now set forth in Chapter 33 of said Revised Statutes Annotated) the sum of \$850,000 by the issuance and sale of general obligation serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating \$850,000 in principal amount, hereby authorized, to bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 3½% per annum), payable semi-annually, as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance.

2. That said bonds shall be issued under and pursuant to said Municipal Finance Act, shall be in the denomination of \$1000 each, shall be payable to bearer, shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer and City Clerk with coupons attached signed with the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer, shall bear the city seal, shall be payable in respect of interest and principal at and shall bear the authenticating certificate of the Second Bank State Street Trust Company in Boston, Massachusetts, shall be dated as of December 1, 1955, shall be payable \$30,000 on December 1 in each of the years 1956 to 1975, both inclusive, and \$25,000 on December 1 in each of the years 1976 to 1985, both inclusive, and shall be substantially in the form of the bond presented to this meeting, a copy of which will be filed with the records of the meeting.
3. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and with the approval of the Committee on Finance to award them to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.
4. That the proceeds from the sale

of said bonds are hereby appropriated to the payment of the public works, improvements and equipment hereinbefore described.

5. That it is hereby determined that said public works, improvements and equipment will have an expected useful life in excess of thirty years.

Passed and approved this 31st day of October, 1955.

/s/Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$60,000 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That there be and hereby are authorized the following public works and improvements of a permanent nature, and for equipment, namely:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Construction of drains:	
Durkee Street	\$3,400
Jackson Street	6,050
Street Improvements:	
Lakeside Avenue—widening	18,936
Fairmont Street & Washington — Elm — reconstruction	2,944
Pleasant Street at junction of Whippe Avenue — construction	870
Construction of Mill Street bridge	17,200
Public Improvements to	
Municipal Airport	5,000
Christmas Lights	3,200
Public Improvements to	
Ground Observer Tower	2,400
	\$60,000

2. That the cost of the equipment and public works and improvements shall be financed by the issuance and sale of general obligation serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating \$60,000 in principal amount, hereby authorized, to bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 3% per annum) payable semi-annually as shall be determined by the Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance.
3. That said bonds shall be issued under and pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, shall be payable

to bearer, shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer and City Clerk with coupons attached signed with the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer, shall bear the city seal, shall be payable at the Second Bank—State Street Trust Com- in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall bear such date and mature at such times, not exceeding a total term of ten years, as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance.

4. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.
5. That the proceeds from the sale of said bonds are hereby appropriated to the payment of the public works and improvements and equipment hereinbefore authorized.
6. That it is hereby determined that the said public works and improvements consisting of street improvements and the improvements to the Ground Observation Tower will each have a useful life in excess of twelve years, and those consisting of drains and the bridge in excess of twenty years, and equipment in excess of ten years.

Passed and approved this 31st day of October, 1955.

/s/Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION MAKING ITEM- IZED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FIS- CAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1955 AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 1956.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

General Fund:

1. Assessors' Office.
 - a. Auto Expense \$200.00
 - b. Equipment 80.00
 - c. Longevity 120.00
 - d. Reg. of Deeds 300.00
 - e. Salaries 12,728.00
 - f. Supplies and
 - Printing 744.80
 - g. Telephone 125.00
 - h. Travel 100.00

i. I.B.M. Service 800.00

	\$15,197.80
2. Athletic Floodlights	300.00
3. Belknap County Tax	76,261.12
4. Bonded Debt	
a. Practical Arts & School Bonds	3,750.00
b. Public Improve- ment Bonds—	
1946	6,000.00
c. Public Improve- ment Bonds—	
1947	10,000.00
d. Public Improve- ment Bonds—	
1948	10,000.00
e. The Weirs Beach Bonds—1950	5,000.00
f. Sewerage Dis- posal Plant	30,000.00
g. Parking Lot Bonds—1952	8,000.00
h. School Bonds—	
1952	10,000.00
i. Public Improve- ment Bonds—	
1952	12,000.00
j. Serial Notes—	
1953	5,500.00
k. Public Improve- ment Bonds—	
1954	14,000.00
l. Serial Bonds—	
1954	4,000.00
m. Public Works Equip. bonds —1954	3,000.00
n. Laconia Airport Authority Bonds —4/1/55	5,000.00
o. Lakeport Fire Station Bonds —1955	5,000.00
	131,250.00
5. Interest Debt	
a. Practical Arts & School Bonds	56.25
b. Public Improve- ment Bonds —1946	150.00
c. Public Improve- ment Bonds —1947	375.00
d. Public Improve- ment Bonds 1948	3,037.50
e. The Weirs Beach Bonds —1948	168.75

f. Sewerage Disposal Plant	10,725.00	d. Sealer of Weights & Measures Exp.	75.00
g. Parking Lot Bonds—1952	200.00	e. Supplies, Equipments, etc.	6,350.00
h. School Bonds—1952	720.00	f. Taxes—Gilford Sandbank	50.00
i. Public Improvement Bonds—1952	450.00	g. Telephone	500.00
j. Serial Notes—1953	422.00	h. Travel & Conventions	500.00
k. Public Improvement Bonds—1954	840.00		
l. Serial Bonds—1954	245.00	8. Civilian Defense	9,550.00
m. Public Works Equip. Bonds—1954	190.00	a. Fuel	\$ 50.00
n. Laconia Airport Authority Bonds 4/1/55	425.00	b. Labor & Materials for Repairs	70.00
o. Lakeport Fire Station Bonds—1955	1,822.50	c. Light Bills	25.00
p. Laconia Airport Authority Bonds 7/1/55	450.00	d. Supplies & Postage	534.00
q. Int. on Bonds to be Issued in current fiscal year	2,500.00	e. Capital Outlays	250.00
r. Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	2,000.00		
	<u>\$24,777.00</u>	9. Elections	\$ 929.00
6. Maintenance of City Hall		a. Labor, Materials & Trucking	25.00
a. Fuel	1,500.00	b. Lights & Water	25.00
b. Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,500.00	c. Printing & Notices	400.00
c. Lakeport Clock	250.00	d. Rent	100.00
d. Lights and Power	800.00	e. Sal.—Ward Officers	1,500.00
e. Salary—Janitor	2,650.00	f. Supplies	25.00
f. Salary—Janitor's Help'r	954.00		
g. Supplies	750.00	10. Fire Department	2,075.00
h. Equipment	200.00	a. Equipment	300.00
i. Longevity—Janitor	180.00	b. Fire Alarm—Labor, Materials, & Maintenance	500.00
j. Furnishings	400.00	c. Fire Inspection	175.00
k. Capital Outlays	1,000.00	d. Forest Fires	50.00
	<u>10,184.00</u>	e. Fuel, Oil & Coal	1,500.00
7. City Officers' Expenses		f. Gasoline	600.00
a. City Report	1,000.00	g. Insurance—Accident	318.20
b. Dog Officer	1,000.00	h. Laundry	170.00
c. Flowers	75.00	i. Lights & Water	1,150.00
		j. Longevity	480.00
		k. Lunches, Travel & Conventions	50.00
		l. Office Expense	25.00
		m. Red'o Maintenance	130.00
		n. Salaries	72,449.42
		o. Snow Removal	50.00
		p. State of N. H.	

	Retirement	2,966.94							
q.	Station Maintenance—Labor & Materials	1,200.00							
r.	Supplies	700.00							
s.	Telephone	900.00							
t.	Truck Repairs and Maintenance	1,428.00							
u.	Uniform Allowance	900.00							
v.	Administration of Fire Prevention Ordinance	100.00							
w.	Capital Outlays	800.00							
			86,942.56						
11.	Health Department								
	a. Equipment & Supplies	\$ 500.00							
	b. Longevity	150.00							
	c. Mileage	700.00							
	d. Milk & Cream	150.00							
	e. Printing & Postage	50.00							
	f. Salaries	11,382.61							
	g. Supplies—City Nurse	50.00							
	h. Tel. & Gas	150.00							
			\$13,132.61						
12.	Hydrant Service		35,800.00						
13.	Insurance								
	a. Fire Ins.	2,853.29							
	b. Public Liability & Property Damage	1,900.00							
	c. Fire, Theft, Collision and \$50 Deductible on 2 Police Cars	1,300.00							
	d. Floodlights	105.11							
			6,158.40						
14.	Laconia Airport Authority		1,000.00						
15.	Laconia Hospital		12,000.00						
16.	Miscellaneous								
	a. Public Wharves—Repairs & Rent	250.00							
	b. Spraying Ragweed	250.00							
	c. Spraying Poison Ivy	300.00							
	d. Laconia Chamber of Commerce Dues	105.00							
	e. Weirs Chamber of Commerce Dues	500.00							
	f. Care of Cemeteries	— 300.00							
									1,705.00
17.	Municipal Court								
	a. City Physician Exam.	225.00							
	b. Equipment	100.00							
	c. Salaries	3,400.00							
	d. Small Claims	350.00							
	e. Supplies	200.00							
	f. Travel	50.00							
									4,325.00
18.	Parks & Playgrounds								
	a. Band Concerts	500.00							
	b. Contribution to Mem'l Park	100.00							
	c. Equipment	650.00							
	d. Fuel	1,300.00							
	e. Gas, Lights & Water	900.00							
	f. Labor & Materials for Repairs	3,500.00							
	g. Moving Bleachers	250.00							
	h. Sal.—Park Attendants	4,150.00							
	i. Skat'g Rinks	1,300.00							
	j. Supplies	800.00							
	k. Wages—Laborers	2,800.00							
	l. Little League, Babe Ruth League & Other City Baseball Teams	1,000.00							
	m. Cap. Outlays	4,973.00							
									22,223.00
19.	Patriotic Purposes								
	a. 4th of July	750.00							
	b. Mem'l Day	500.00							
	c. Spanish War Veterans	250.00							
									1,500.00
20.	Planning Board								
	a. Equipment	20.00							
	b. Printing & Copy	150.00							
	c. Salary—Director	5,605.70							
	d. Supplies	150.00							
	e. Tel., Postage & Contingencies	200.00							
	f. Travel	100.00							
	g. Car Allowance	400.00							
	h. Official Map Engineering	750.00							
									7,375.70

21. Police Department			
a. Auto Exp.	2,160.00		
b. City Lockup Supplies	150.00		
c. Equipment	100.00		
d. Labor & Ma- terials for Re- pairs	35.00		
e. Longevity	1,710.00		
f. Lunches, Travel & Conventions	588.00		
g. Medical Exp.	50.00		
h. Misc. & Con- tingencies	100.00		
i. Printing	150.00		
j. Radio & Prof'l Services	150.00		
k. Salaries	88,772.94		
l. Sick Leave	3,500.00		
m. State of N. H. Retirement	4,285.89		
n. Supplies	700.00		
o. Tel., Postage & Contingencies	2,000.00		
p. Uniform Al- lowance	1,575.00		
q. Cap. Outlays	972.20		
			106,999.03
22. Public Library & Gale Park			
a. Oper'n, Main. & Supplies	8,731.50		
b. Salaries & Longevity	20,068.10		
c. Reserve Fund for Children's Room	3,000.00		
d. Cap. Outlays	300.00		
			25,521.19*
23. Public Works Department			
a. Hghy. & Bridge Mainten.	67,000.00		
b. Winter Main- tenance	72,000.00		
c. Col. of Ashes & Waste	27,075.00		
d. City En- gineering	14,350.00		
e. Cleaning Streets	15,000.00		
f. Surface Drain Maintenance	7,500.00		
g. Sidewalk Main- tenance	4,000.00		
h. City's Share —T.R.A.	954.71		
i. City's Share Class IV Rds.	6,400.00		
j. Tree Work	3,200.00		
k. Purchase of Equipment	6,513.23		
l. Weirs Board- walk	2,900.00		
m. Repair of Wharves	500.00		
			227,392.94
24. Salaries			
a. Mayor	1,200.00		
b. Councilmen	1,800.00		
c. City Clerk	4,341.92		
d. Fiscal Officer	3,180.00		
e. Clerical As- sistance	6,784.00		
f. Mayor's Sec'y	2,750.00		
g. City Auditor	1,500.00		
h. City Physician	850.00		
i. City Sealer of Weights & Measures	900.00		
j. City Solicitor	1,500.00		
k. City Treas'r	1,500.00		
l. Sec.-Treas., Trustees of Trust Funds	800.00		
m. Board of Pub- lic Works	750.00		
n. Longevity	360.00		
			28,215.92
25. Schools			
a. Adminis'n	19,956.00		
b. Instruction	445,865.00		
c. Exten. of Educ. Services	3,000.00		
d. Oper'n of School Plant	} 137,736.00		
e. Main. of School Plant			
f. Auxiliary Agencies			
g. Fixed Charges			
h. Outlays & New Equip.			
			541,057.00**
			*Total after deducting estimated revenue of \$6,578.41
			**Total after deducting estimated receipts of \$65,500.00
26. School Study		5,000.00	
27. State Educational Tax		3,984.00	
28. State of N. H. Retirement		15,600.00	
29. Street Lighting		37,208.60	
30. Tax Collector's Office			
a. Advertising	\$ 50.00		
b. Bond Expense	225.00		
c. Longevity	210.00		
d. Miscellaneous	50.00		
e. Postage & Env.	500.00		

	f. Salaries	9,841.68	
	g. Supplies	200.00	
	h. Telephone	135.00	
	i. Travel	75.00	
	j. I.B.M. Service	220.00	
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		11,506.68	
31.	Water Company Study	2,500.00	
32.	The Weirs Beach		
	a. Band Concert	125.00	
	b. Coke Mach.	1,000.00	
	c. Equipment	750.00	
	d. Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,264.00	
	e. Lights & Power	100.00	
	f. Salaries—Life-guards & Collectors	5,150.00	
	g. Supplies	400.00	
	h. Telephone	50.00	
	i. Cap. Outlays	1,126.00	
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		9,965.00	
33.	The Weirs Municipal Buildings		
	a. Labor & Materials for Repairs	550.00	
	b. Sal.—Janitor	990.00	
	c. Supplies	190.00	
	d. Mileage	10.00	
	e. Lights & Water	500.00	
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		2,240.00	
34.	Welfare Department		
	a. City Relief	41,061.53	
	b. O. A. Assist.	49,000.00	
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		90,061.53	
35.	Zoning Board of Adjustment		
	a. Advertising	200.00	
	b. Printing & Postage	80.00	
	c. Sal.—Clerical	120.00	
	d. Education	50.00	
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		450.00	
	TOTAL	<hr/>	
		\$1,570,388.08	

PARKING METER FUND
BUDGET

Estimated Receipts	\$24,000.00
Estimated Expenditures:	
Collecton, Maintenance & Supervision	\$1,300.00
Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,400.00
Light Bills—Parking Lots	900.00
Light Bills—Traffic Lights	900.00
Rent of Parking Lots	1,751.00
Sorting Coins	240.00
Supplies	250.00
Traffic	2,500.00
Capital Outlays	14,118.79
Reserve for Contingencies	640.21
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TOTAL	\$24,000.00

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND
BUDGET

Estimated Receipts	\$32,475.00
Estimated Expenditures:	
Keasor Court Pumping Station	500.00
Abatements	200.00
Clerical Assistance	1,000.00
Plant Operation	16,475.00
Printing, Envelopes & Supplies	500.00
Reserve for Contingencies & Depreciation	3,200.00
Sewer Maintenance	10,600.00
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TOTAL	\$32,475.00

Passed and approved this 25th day of July, 1955.

/s/Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

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