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Police Officer
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Roads
Recruitment Sing-Out

Lesky Park
Lakers Softball Team In Tournament
Carnival Opens
Improvement Noted In Town
Recyclables Accounting Planning Board

Local Jimmy Fund Tourney Praised
Advisory Comm Appointed By Selectmen
Scenic Park

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Cable Television Franchise
Toys For Lions Dona
Library Acquires Masterlens
Water Carnival Ends Parks S

Happy Birthday, Bill Emerson

Boosters Plan Annual Fall Dance Event
Fire Chief Submits Resignation
On Town Equipment
Fire Prevention Week Rides

Meredith Property Tax Rate Set At \$29.80 Per Thousand
Ken Rose Jr. Receives Fill Vacancy

Retiring Fire Chief Honored
Town Clerk
Meredith Center
Trustees Of Library Plan Addition
Chase Family Host Shrine Night

Highway Commissioner Urges Selectmen Request A Study Be Made Of Traffic Problems At The Lights

Local Memorial Day Parade To Be Led By Legion And VFW

Meredith Senior Citizen Fire Dept.
Swimming Lesson Enroll Town Beaches Totals
Civic Ass'n Spring Event
Spec Elec For

Special Town Meeting Ends In Favor Of Land Third Anniversary At Golden State Champions

Selectmen Articles At 1977 Town Meeting

Booster Skates At Prescott Park
Gala Parade Opens Youth League Season
Town Officials Alarmed By Delinquency

Early Spring Nor'easter Drops A Foot Of Snow Across Region
Pulaski Students Royally Welcomed
Meredith Fire Dept. Has Busy Weekend

Meredith Representative Sworn In
Dearborn Co. Encampment At Hesky Park
Meredith '77
Federal Funds To Assist In 1978 Programs
Mrs. Watson Presented Library Award

Meredith Residents And Businesses Invited To Participate In Town's Annual Holiday Competition
Nursing Ass'n Moves To New Quarters
Hallowe'en Parade

Civic Ass'n Again To Christmas Decorate
Home Health Agency W

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Annual Report of the Officers

of the

TOWN OF MEREDITH



For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31

1977

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Roy L. Atteberry 1978

Harold G. Wyatt 1979

Warner N. Plummer 1980

TOWN MANAGER

Donald R. Jutton

MODERATOR 1978

Joseph D. Parkman

TOWN CLERK 1978

Pauline Fournier

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Paula Jones

TREASURER

Leland E. Brown

DEPUTY TREASURER

Bruce U. Sanderson

DEPUTY TREASURER

Christine I. Hayes

HEALTH OFFICER & BUILDING INSP.

Earle D. Hardy

TAX COLLECTOR

Donald R. Jutton

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Mary Devine

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Richard N. Beach

WATER & SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Timothy D. Robertson

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

Marshall French

Robert Lawton

Kenneth Rose, Jr.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Justice: John H. Ramsay

Clerk: M. Jane Youngjohn

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Herbert R. Horne, Chief

Philip E. Pineau, Sergeant

Mark Gallagher, Patrolman

Donald E. Belyea, Patrolman

Paul Dillon, Patrolman

Alan J. Soucy, Patrolman

John Egan, Patrolman

FIRE DEPARTMENT

John W. Bryant, Jr., Chief

Fred E. Copp, 1st Asst. Chief

Ellsworth W. Cotton, 2nd Asst. Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Roy E. Howe

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Donald E. Crumb

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

Chairman William J. Lamper 1979

Lawrence E. Swain 1979

Dorothy Hartson 1980

Robert J. Dever 1980

Drew E. Tracy 1978

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Henry H. Stark 1980

Clyde C. Brown 1978

Normand E. Valliere 1979

CHECK LIST SUPERVISORS

Dorothy Forsbert 1978

Lydia M. Torr 1980

Evamarie Olsen 1982

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ruth McHugh, Chairman 1979

William C. Call, Treasurer 1978

Kathleen Taylor 1980

Eileen J. Harris, Secretary 1979

Karen Wingard 1978

Norman I. Baker 1980

PLANNING BOARD

Walter L. Mitchell 1980

Robert Johnson 1981

John H. Farrington 1980

Clifford Ulm 1978

Gary Fletcher 1979

Warner N. Plummer 1980

David J. Walsh 1982

Clerk: Marilyn Plummer

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Joseph A. Cerutti, Chairman 1979

Raymond Ruchamkin 1978

Edward J. McLearn 1980

Allan Hale 1981

Jonathan James 1982

Alternates: Normand E. Valliere, Charles Rouvalis, Nancy Moscardini

Clerk: Ernest Cummings

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Alzora Eldridge, Chairman 1978

John Thompson 1979

Edwin S. Moulton 1979

Jane Knowlton 1979

Harold L. Pierson 1980

Charles Woodman 1980

Harold Wyatt 1978

REPRESENTATIVES

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

George M. Hawkins 1981

Warner N. Plummer 1979

AUDITORS

Plodzick and Sanderson, Concord, N. H.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

In retrospect, 1977 was a year of change for the Town of Meredith, changes in people, operations and procedures. The resignation of John Blaisdell as Assessor, created a vacancy in a key organizational position. Charles Vogler was appointed to this position as of 1 July 1977 and has proven himself, even in such a short time, a capable competent professional. The resignation of Russell Brown resulted in the appointment of Mr. Donald R. Jutton to the position of Town Manager on 1 July. While Mr. Brown's tenure was relatively short, few would disagree that his impact on and contribution to the community was significant. After the appointment of Robert Ambrose to the position of Assistant Secretary of the State, a special election was held to replace him in the Legislature. Mr. Kenneth Rose was elected to fill this vacancy and has rapidly become involved in the affairs of government in the area.

The operation of local government also changed substantially in at least two key areas. The method of disposing of solid waste in our community has changed substantially in the past year, from a land fill/burning dump operation to incineration/recycling; a change which has directly effected all of the residents of our community and, we think, considerably improved the air quality. The refuse disposal operation, in spite of a number of shortcomings, has proven to be a progressive, ecologically sound method of disposing of our solid waste which will serve us well for years to come. After a year of operation, we have found that the amount of fuel required to operate the incinerators is considerably less than we had estimated, but that the amount of labor required, particularly in the summer, is significantly greater. An agreement was reached with the Selectmen of Center Harbor which permits the residents of that town to use the disposal facility on a cost sharing basis, with ownership and management remaining solely with Meredith. 1977 saw computerization of the entire Municipal Finance System, including water, sewer, and tax billing. As with any new system, several difficulties were encountered; however, most have been overcome. The increased efficiency and accuracy of this system should eventually result in direct dollar savings to the community.

Along with changes actually occurring in the past year came signs of future change. Notification by the State of New Hampshire that Meredith has 5 years in which to conform to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act has created much concern about cost as well as current water quality. Authorization granted us at a Special Town Meeting to make

certain land transactions to provide the State of New Hampshire with a necessary right of way will facilitate improving the Intersection of Rte. 3 and 25 and somewhat reduce the traffic problems there. Indications that the Winnipisaukee River Basin Project is proceeding as planned, leads us to believe that Meredith can reasonably plan to be served by that system within the next few years.

In the final months of 1977, we learned of both opportunities to be pursued and problems to be addressed. The beginnings of an application for Federal Assistance under the Community Development Block Grant has generated much enthusiasm from both committee members and residents alike; and if the energy and enthusiasm of the participants can be considered an indicator, there is little question that the programs will be successful. Of great concern was the recent announcement by our police of some alarming statistics regarding juvenile delinquency and related problems within our community. Seeking answers to these problems will be of foremost concern in the year ahead.

We, the Selectmen, in behalf of the town's work force wish to thank the citizens of Meredith for their cooperation and understanding. The town can operate without that support, but not nearly as well as it can with it. Have a nice year.

Roy L. Atteberry, Chairman
Harold G. Wyatt
Warner M. Plummer

Selectmen, Town of Meredith

RECORD OF
THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



MARCH 9, 1977

RECORD OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 9, 1977

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the First Congregational Church Vestry, Highland Street, in said Town for the casting of Ballots was opened at 9:00 A.M. by Joseph D. Parkman, Moderator. Rev. Patrick Finleon gave the invocation. The Moderator read Article 1 & Article 3.

Total number of names on the Checklist		2606
Total number of Ballots cast		717
(25 of these were absentee)		
Selectman for 3 Years	Douglas G. Beede	64
	Clyde D. Blake	22
	Gerald W. Brooks	18
	Gary S. Fletcher	123
	Warner M. Plummer	258
	Herbert L. Waldron	85
	Donald Gordon (write in)	123
Town Clerk for 1 Year	Pauline L. Fournier	679
Trustee of Trust Funds		
One for 3 Years	Henry H. Stark	664
Parks & Playgrounds	Robert J. Dever	556
Commissioners	Dorothy A. Hartson	346
Two for 3 Years	Paul R. Ouellette	177
Library Trustee	Norman I. Baker	407
Two for 3 Years	Kathleen M. Taylor	365
	Harry F. Wood III	274

The following candidates were declared by the Moderator to be elected.

Warner M. Plummer	Selectman for 3 years
Pauline L. Fournier	Town Clerk for 1 year
Henry H. Stark	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Robert J. Dever	Parks & Playground Commission for 3 yrs.
Dorothy A. Hartson	Parks & Playground Commission for 3 yrs.
Norman I. Baker	Library Trustee for 3 years
Kathleen M. Taylor	Library Trustee for 3 years

ARTICLE 3. Question I. Are you in favor of adding an additional Special Exception to the Commercial and Light Industrial Zone as Special Exception #10 to read as follows: "All uses listed as Permitted Uses or Special Exceptions in a Residential District;" as recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes: 395

No: 235

Question II. Are you in favor of deleting Permitted Uses #14 and #16 in the Commercial and Light Industrial Zone and re-numbering the Permitted uses so that "Public Facilities" will be #14 and "Accessory Uses" will be #15; as recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes: 315

No: 205

Question III. Are you in favor of extending the Commercial and Light Industrial Zone an additional 1200 feet along both sides of Route 104. (Article on Warrant by petition—Planning Board does not recommend.)

Yes: 208

No: 443

The adjourned meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. on March 9, 1977 at the Robert Pottle Memorial Auditorium in the Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith to act on remaining articles. The invocation was given by Rev. Clarence Buker.

The results of the balloting on the previous day on Article I and III were read by the Moderator, Joseph D. Parkman.

ARTICLE 2. No action necessary as previously acted on.

ARTICLE 4. By motion of General Atteberry, it was moved and duly seconded that the Town authorize the Selectmen in the performance of their official duties to:

- 1) Borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year and to issue notes therefor.
- 2) Apply for, receive and expend any Federal funds that may be available during the current year.
- 3) Sell tax-acquired property at public auction.

No Discussion

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 5. By motion of James Waldron, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,997.62 for the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project Capital Costs for FY 1977 and 1978 and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Chester Leone requested total cost information.

Mr. Russell Brown presented the following information. It is a bill that has to be paid and if the article is not passed to use Revenue Sharing Funds, the money will have to be included in the budget. Approximate cost will be \$21,000 over 20 years plus \$2,500 annual operational and administrative cost.

Affirmative vote

ARTICLE 6. By motion of Russell Brown, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the purchase and installation of a

new accounting machine in the Municipal Building and authorize the withdrawal for the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Presentation was made by Mr. Russell Brown. The existing machine was purchased in 1970 and has been out of production for 5 years. Operation of several functions required to do the bookkeeping no longer work. Maintenance and repairs have doubled. In answer to questions from Mr. Herbert Stahl and Mr. Charles Thorndike, Jr. it was stated that several companies have been investigated.

Affirmative vote

ARTICLE 7. By motion of General Atteberry, it was moved and duly seconded by James Waldron to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for capital improvements at the Refuse Disposal Facility and authorize the withdrawal of this sum for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Presentation was made by General Atteberry. \$211,000 of the \$220,000 original appropriation has been spent and has brought the Facility to its existing state. The remaining \$9,000 is to cover paving, etc. The \$15,000 is needed to improve the road from the incinerator to old dump for ash removal, to improve storage for the recycled articles, and the possibility of purchasing a baler for cardboard.

Questions from Everett Duren: 1) Why wasn't old road good enough, 2) cost of baler and how long before it would pay for itself. It was stated by General Atteberry that the most efficient way to dispose of the ashes was the back way to the base of the old dump thus the need for repairs.

Mr. Brown quoted \$7,000 cost for the baler with a return of \$10/\$15 per ton for dirty cardboard and up to \$30/\$35 for clean cardboard. It would not be necessary to hire additional help to operate, nor to build any structure to house the cardboard.

Questions from the floor concerning separating cardboard, etc. General Atteberry explained that everything that does not go into the incinerator will cut the cost of operation.

Wally Lowth questioned the duplication of this article with figure listed in the budget. Russell Brown gave a breakdown of the budget figure showing this was not included.

Mr. Richard Kempton moved the question.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 8. By motion of Russell Brown, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to hear the report of budget and act thereon.

Presentation was made by Russell Brown.

Mr. Brown cited some of the improvements in the town over the past year; building the Refuse Disposal Facility, updating the personnel plan for all employees, many internal improvements in all departments and controlling costs.

He gave the following breakdown of the budget. There is a total increase of 13% over last year; 5% is for articles in the warrant, the remaining 8% of which 4% is for the attendant at the disposal facility and the other 4% is the normal increase in every day cost and salary increases. He further broke down the budget into categories as follows:

General Government – increase 5% for postage, supplies and salaries.

Protection of Persons & Property – 16% which covers increases in gas, oil, insurance, salaries and equipment, \$300 increase to

Health Department – 21% mainly the refuse facility.

Winnisquam F.D.

Highways & Bridges – 9% for gas, oil, maintenance, salt and salaries.

Libraries – 10% for fuel, supplies and salaries.

Recreation – 58% drop because of no major improvements.

Public Service Enterprises – 8% due to hydrant rental, cemetery.
Public Welfare remained the same.
Patriotic Purposes – drop of 72%, no Bicentennial costs.
Debt Service – 11%.
Capital Outlay – down 29%.

Brad Sprague requested the town look into the payment to Winnisquam Fire Dept. as both towns are members of the Mutual Aid and we should not have to pay Winnisquam.

The motion was made by Brad Sprague and duly seconded to increase the budget by \$4,500 for an additional Cruiser for the Police Dept.

The amendment to Article 8 is to increase the budget by an amount of \$4,500 for an additional Police Cruiser.

Affirmative to the Amendment

Richard Kempton commended the Town Manager on the budget and Highway Department for street care.

Edith Sirles the addition of a new town employee. General Atteberry explained at this time Mark Haynes was employed by the town and paid by the Federal Government. His duties included several jobs that had been laid aside up to this time because of lack of time and personnel. Mr. Brown stated Mr. Haynes to be qualified and doing a fine job.

No further discussion.

Affirmative Vote to the Article as Amended

ARTICLE 9. By motion of Russell Brown, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be used under Section 308 to Article III, Private Sewage Disposal of Town of Meredith Sewer Ordinance as amended.

Mr. Brown explained that several years ago \$5,000 was appropriated and now this fund which was used to repair private systems is depleted. There are now systems that must be repaired. This is paid for by the Town and repaid by the private citizens to the Town.

Point of Order raised by Wally Lowth: If the total budget was approved in the previous article, is it necessary to vote again on these money articles.

Mr. Brown explained that certain articles have to be in by law per Department of Revenue Sharing. The budget was approved less articles requesting money.

No further discussion.

Affirmative Vote to the Article

ARTICLE 10. By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,424.04 for the Town Road Aid Program for construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of rural post roads and Class V Highways, provided the State contributes \$9,493.62.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 11. By motion of Scott Brackett, it was moved and duly seconded by James Waldron to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,580.34 for the benefit of the Lakes Region Association.

Scott Brackett made the presentation. He explained that this association was a promotional program for the tourist trade which is vital to Meredith.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 12. By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for improvements of Meredith Neck Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program, provided the State appropriates \$14,000.00 for this purpose.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 13. By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by Warner Plummer to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Highway Capital Equipment Fund as authorized by RSA 35:1-35:18.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 14. By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$12,007.92 for the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by RSA 35:1-38:18.

Mr. Wyatt explained this was to cover the balance on the new fire truck which will be delivered this spring.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 15. By motion of Frederick Trevor, it was moved and duly seconded by Warner Plummer to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to help defray the expenses of the Information Booth.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 16. By motion of Frederick Trevor, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,100.00 for fireworks for July 4, 1977.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 17. By motion of Warner Plummer, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$3,519.00 for use by the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Presentation by Warner Plummer. He explained the Commission is active in decisions that would affect Meredith and that we should take an active part.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 18. By motion of Martin Heffernan, it was moved and duly seconded by Herbert Stahl to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Lakes Region General Hospital.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 19. By motion of James Waldron, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to extend the sidewalk along Waukewan Street to Avery Street and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

No discussion.

ARTICLE 20. By motion of Sylvia Detscher, it was moved and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,625.00 to help support the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Brad Sprague posed the question: If they received the county funds that the Day Care Center had requested, would they also need the town funds.

Donna Hartson stated that if the county funds were received the Town appropriation would not be necessary.

No further discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 21. By motion of Kathleen Taylor, it was moved and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,100.61 to help support the Community Action Program (CAP) and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Kathleen Taylor explained that some of the services provided were Green Thumb Gardening, Meals on Wheels, Leisurely Luncheons, and the food coop.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 22. By motion of General Atteberry, it was moved and duly seconded by Warner Plummer to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to help support the Lakes Region Family Service and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Gail Rheinart explained that this was a non-profit, non-sectarian social service agency providing counselling in various fields to the residents of Meredith.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 23. By motion of Russell Brown, it was moved and duly seconded by Warner Plummer to see if the Town will vote to accept the Anti-recessional Fiscal Assistance Funds received during 1976 in the amount of \$1,834.00 and \$2,000.00 anticipated during 1977.

Mr. Brown explained that federal funds are used to provide emergency assistance to the unemployed in the town who are hired to perform basic services.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 24. By motion of Russell Brown, it was moved and duly seconded by General Atteberry to see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the use of Anti-recessional Fiscal Assistance Funds as an offset against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purpose and amount:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Municipal Expense	\$3,834.00

Mr. Brown explained that a girl had been hired under these funds to clean out and help reorganize the files in the Municipal Building.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 25. By motion of Mrs. Morey Eames, it was moved and duly seconded by Brad Sprague to see if the Town will vote to designate as Scenic Roads, under provisions of N. H. RDA 253:17 and 18, those roads or parts of roads as shown on Zoning Map of the Town of Meredith dated 1971 as follows:

1) The entire length of Tucker Hill Road also known as Tucker Mountain Road from the intersection of Chemung Road to the intersection of Upper New Hampton Road and Edgerly School Road.

2) Edgerly School Road from the intersection of Upper New Hampton Road and Tucker Hill Road in a northwesterly direction to the New Hampton town line.

Mrs. Eames stated that she would like to keep the road as it has been in the past for future generations to enjoy the scenic beauty.

General Atteberry read a letter of protest from Mr. Willis Ober, an abutter of the road.

Harold Wyatt explained that property owners are not affected but that the Town is restricted in removal of trees, etc.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 26. By motion of Bob Bennett, it was moved and duly seconded by Warner Plummer to see if the Town will declare that the "old hand tub" in the Meredith Fire Department will not be sold or traded in on other, but will be officially retained in the name of the Wamesit Hose Company as an item of historical significance.

Mr. Bennett stated that the Meredith Fire Department as individuals would pay for the refurbishing with no cost to the Town.

Mr. James Waldron made motion to amend the article to read "that the Wamesit Hose Company also should not be able to sell or

trade the 'old hand tub.' " Amendment was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Article as amended was Voted in the Affirmative

ARTICLE 27. By motion of General Atteberry, it was moved and duly seconded by Russell Brown to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to conclude an agreement with the Town of Center Harbor permitting that town to use the Meredith Disposal Facility in accordance with conditions acceptable to the Meredith Board of Selectmen.

In answer to a question from Marshall French, General Atteberry stated that either town could withdraw from the agreement with a one year written notice.

There was much discussion from the floor concerning the following questions:

- a) capacity
- b) summer use from summer residents
- c) waiting line
- d) traffic problems
- e) Center Harbor's share of cost

General Atteberry expressed the opinion of the Selectmen that the facility could handle the additional refuse. Mr. Brown explained the ratio that had been worked to share the costs, Center Harbor would pay about 15%.

The question was moved by Roberta Stark.

No further discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 28. By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by Warner Plummer to see if the Selectmen will be authorized to serve as the franchising authority for the Town of

Meredith pursuant to RSA 53:C:1 (1975 Supplement) for the construction and operation of a cable television system in the Town of Meredith.

No discussion.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 29. By motion of James Waldron, it was moved and duly seconded by Harold Wyatt to table Article 29 to authorize the Trustee of the Meredith Public Library to receive and expend any Federal funds that may be available through the Public Works Employment Act or similar programs to be used for the expansion of the existing Library building.

The reason for this action was explained by General Atteberry. The article was included by petition which is proper but later, according to the Department of Revenue, it is illegal for Library Trustees to receive and expend money.

Negative vote to table the article.

It was moved and duly seconded to move Article 29.

Affirmative Vote

ARTICLE 30. By motion of Edwin Moulton, it was moved and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the purchase of the John Goode parcel of land (U-6-71 of Town of Meredith Tax Map of April 1, 1976), at the corner of Main and Dover Streets, adjacent to the United States Post Office, and if necessary, seek and accept other sources of funds, both governmental and private, set up for the purpose of the preservation of scenic and historical areas. Said parcel of land would be maintained as a park and planted so as to permit the continued view of lake and mountains from the historic core of the Town, adjacent to the early Corporation Square, as originally planned.

Original motion was amended to read \$15,000.

There was much discussion from the floor as to the cost of the property. Mr. Page Sanderson gave a description of the lot size after complying with zoning regulations, etc. The lot would be small for a building. Mrs. Eldridge spoke in favor of the purchase stating that some funds were available from the purchase of Sweazy Park and the Bicentennial Fund.

Amendment defeated.

Negative Vote to main article.

ARTICLE 31. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

No action.

It was moved and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 PM.

Affirmative Vote

Pauline L. Fournier
Town Clerk

A true copy, attest:
Pauline L. Fournier

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Herewith the annual report of the Meredith Police Department for the year 1977. I include activities of the Department and some general comments.

This year was a very active one for the Police Department, with an increase in several areas to which I will address my remarks.

One problem was the increase in traffic which caused tie-ups at the traffic lights, the Meredith Neck Junction and the Shopping Plaza. Most of this traffic appears to be east-bound enroute to Maine or the north-east section of New Hampshire. It seems to be increasing each year, and I expect that 1978 will be no exception. Phase I of the anticipated change at the traffic lights will be completed in the spring of 1978, and it is unclear just what problems, if any, this will cause. I expect that many hours as in the past will be spent directing traffic in these areas.

During the first six months, we experienced an increase in burglaries and other serious related incidents. In order to address this problem, a part-time detective position was created. One officer spent four days each week doing follow-up investigation work. This was very worthwhile in that our crime solve rate, or clearance rate if you will, was much more successful.

Probably the most serious problem confronting the Police Department this year has been the escalating juvenile delinquency cases. As you will recall, I reported a large increase in 1976 over 1975. During the first eleven months of this year, we were up another 100%.

In an attempt to address the problem, steps are being taken to study the hows and whys and some possible solutions. A study committee has been formed and recommendations will be made. I feel that a full-time Juvenile Office would be a step in the right direction and may make it a budget request this year if funding is not available.

I again want to thank the citizens for their support this past year, and I look forward to serving you in 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert R. Horne
Chief of Police

MEREDITH POLICE DEPARTMENT – 1977

Calls for Service and Information	9,999
Cases Investigated	1,824
Complaints	1,244
Suicides (including attempts)	1
Drownings	1
Burglaries/Business	8
Burglaries/Residences	39
Malicious Damage	71
Thefts	106
Disturbances	140
Juvenile Disturbances	40
Lost Property	16
Found Property	24
Missing Persons	336
Found Persons	33
Stolen Property	\$38,164
Recovered Stolen Property	\$ 8,830
Criminal Adult Arrests	127
Criminal Juvenile Arrests	67
D.W.I. Arrests	46
Traffic	
Total Accidents	203
Accidents with Injury	25
Accidents—Damage Over \$300	131
Summons	527
Warnings	789
Parking Tickets	171
Motorist Assists	407
Other Police Agency Assists	152
School Crossings	110
Defective Equipment Tags	92
Traffic Control	237
Radar Checks	330

Security	
Alarms	69
Building Checks	22,789
Motorist Check-ups	573
Doors Open	99
Lights On	34
Windows Open	14
Services	
Medical Assists	35
Escorts to Bank	203
Messages Delivered	84
Fire Assists	36
Miscellaneous Services	433
Meetings Attended	94
Trips to Jail/Youth Development Center	130
Total Miles Driven	130,067
Total Gas Consumption	13,813

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1977, the Fire Department answered a total of 96 alarms, the same number as for the year 1976.

There were 13 building fires, 14 chimney fires, 14 truck and car accidents or fires, 7 electrical stove fires, 1 gas stove fire, 6 calls for malfunctions of school and private fire alarm systems, 1 smoke investigation, 5 gas wash-downs, 1 drowning call, 2 bomb scares, 5 false alarms, 19 mutual aid calls, and 8 miscellaneous calls.

Twelve Meredith firefighters attended the Lakes Region Mutual Aid Fire School on June 4 and 5, at the State Civil Defense Training Center at Lily Pond, Gilford. Four Meredith firefighters attended two Fire Protection Courses in February and April held at the New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College in Laconia.

Meredith firefighters also completed a fourteen week training course on Firefighting Practices which was State sponsored and held at the Fire Station during the winter and spring months of 1977.

On April 8th, the Department received delivery of a 1976 Howe Fire Engine which had been ordered in 1975, following approval at Town Meeting. The new engine has a pumping capacity of 1000 gallons per minute and carries a water tank of 800 gallons.

On June 1st, Sherman Carter resigned as Chief of the Fire Department, having served in that capacity since 1965. He joined the department in 1931 and has served long and faithfully in his firefighting duties.

During the summer of 1977, both the interior and exterior of the Fire Station were painted with funds available through the Belknap County Employment and Training Administration (BCETA) of the Federal government.

In closing, we wish to thank all employees and residents of the town for their cooperation given us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Bryant, Jr., Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forest and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	124	65½
Town	16	3¾

E. Sven Carlson
District Fire Chief

Roy E. Howe
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

As always the general maintenance and upkeep of the many miles of roads within the Town of Meredith demanded much of the attention of the Highway Department.

The winter's severe cold and the late spring snow storms in 1977 created many problems; flooding, frozen culverts, frost heaves; and severe surface deterioration.

The Road Repair Program, which included such major projects as the enlarging of the parking lot at Brown's Boat Basin, the extension of the sidewalk along Waukegan Avenue to Avery Street and the widening of a section of Jenness Hill Road from the Highway Garage to the Refuse Disposal Facility, was completed with few exceptions. A great deal of shimming and minor patching was performed to eliminate further deterioration, and, through the summer months approximately ten (10) miles of the Town's existing black top roads were sealed and repaired.

The T.R.A. Project was completed on Pleasant Street, greatly improving the intersection of Pleasant Street, Meredith Neck Road and Barnard Ridge Road.

In addition to Department activities, Highway employees lent assistance in the development of the recycling area behind the Refuse Disposal Facility, supervised the C.E.T.A. Public Works Title Six Project, which involved many miles of slash and brush cutting along Meredith's roadways and some much needed clearing around the Reservoir and fire safety clearing activity on Bear Island, and performed maintenance tasks on various Town properties.

Due to the alarming increase in the costs of maintenance supplies and equipment, it has become imperative to increase and upgrade our monitoring systems, as such an inventory control system was developed to better utilize materials and control purchasing costs. A road classification map indicating actual conditions of each street or road has become a valuable tool and will assist the Department in preparing road repair programs in the future.

In the year ahead we hope to remedy many drainage problems, implement a routine maintenance program and make several much needed sidewalk and road repairs, as time and the necessary funds allow.

Though our operation is largely dependent on rather unpredictable New England weather conditions we will continue to strive to provide the highest standards of service attainable.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard N. Beach
Highway Superintendent

REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITY

Solid waste is one of the most visible viable problems plaguing communities throughout the United States, a continual recurring problem which will undoubtedly be with us forever. As manager of the Meredith Refuse Disposal Facility, I am pleased to report a very successful first year of operation. As anticipated there have been many problems requiring flexibility and change, unquestionably the biggest problem faced was glass contamination which resulted in an ordinance requiring mandatory glass separation. The public response to this ordinance has been excellent and as a result there have been significant savings in operating, maintenance and labor expenses.

Handling and marketing recyclables is still a substantial problem. We have, however, generated more than 4,000 dollars in the past year through our recycling efforts. We will continue to strive to improve this area in an attempt to reduce costs and conserve energy.

Our approach to solid waste disposal has come a long way in the past twelve months, and while it has some distance yet to go, I am confident that with the continued cooperation and understanding of the residents of our community that we will continue to serve as a model in the field of incineration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Meredith for their support and cooperation in the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Jordan
Superintendent,
Refuse Disposal Facility

WATER DEPARTMENT

With the enactment of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act in July, 1977, the Meredith Water Department is faced with major system modifications in order to comply with federal quality standards for drinking water. The objective of the Safe Drinking Water Act is to provide for safe, pure public drinking water throughout the United States. To this end, it established specific minimum standards of quality which must be attained. It now appears that in order to comply with the standards as prescribed, Meredith must go to full and complete treatment, which consists of chemical coagulation, sediment filtration, disinfection and covered storage. Since Meredith has been placed in the first priority group for conformance it is imperative that we begin now to analyze our needs and requirements in this area.

1977 saw a number of significant changes and improvements in the existing water system. The department installed new water meters, replaced a number of old mains, faulty gates and service boxes and flushed and inspected all fire hydrants.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents of Meredith for their cooperation with our department, particularly for your patience and understanding during occasional temporary unavoidable interruptions of water service.

We look forward to better serving you in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Robertson
Water Superintendent

REPORT OF WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT

Many changes are in the near future for Meredith in the area of wastewater treatment. Included within the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project, Meredith wastewater will be treated at a large, modern treatment facility located in Franklin, New Hampshire. Upon completion, the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project actual treatment of wastewater will be discontinued at our treatment plant in Meredith. However, both our main pumping station located on Route 3 and our Lift Station on Meredith Neck Road will continue to operate, and it is likely that additional pump stations will be required to facilitate future expansion of this system.

During the past year the Sewer Department has initiated a wide range of improvements to the Town system. Manhole construction, line repairs, grease trap updating and extension of sewer mains have enhanced the existing system and will greatly aid us in providing better service and significantly lessen the possibility of polluting surface waters in the future.

In previous years general taxation has supported as much as 1/3 the Sewer Department operational cost. 1977 saw the department become essentially self-sufficient through the adoption of a federally mandated Sewer User Charge.

While we face many changes in the years to come, the employees of this department will attempt to stay abreast of these changes and endeavor to provide the best service possible to our customers.

We would like to thank the residents of Meredith for their understanding and cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Robertson
Wastewater Superintendent

MEREDITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – January 1, 1977-December 31, 1977

Former Assistant Librarian, Marilyn Rushton, who began as a Library Aide in 1965 and was appointed Assistant Librarian in 1970, preferred after a long illness to become a part-time employee. We are very pleased that she is still available to offer her expertise to the library staff. Lydia Torr was appointed by the Trustees as Assistant Librarian. Mrs. Torr has worked several years part time at night and during librarians' vacations. She has completed 4 of the required Public Library Techniques courses. We are very fortunate to have her replace Mrs. Rushton.

Our 1973 Personnel Policy has been replaced with adoption by the Trustees of the Meredith Town Employees' Policy.

Programs – Children:

Take a Reading Break; Day Care Center; Valentine's Day Story Hour; St. Patrick's Day Craft Program; Easter Spring Children's Hour; Annual National Library Week Puppet Show, with cast party; Pre-school story hours, 1st Wednesday of the month; Summer Reading Program concluding with a trip to Storybook Forest; welcoming of new classes to the library and tour of the facilities; Halloween Coloring Contest, K-8; Pre-school story hour in costume at the library and story hour at Lang Street School in costume; Annual National Book Week Play with cast party, end of November.

A special thank you to the Friends of the Library for all their donations to special Children's Week projects and refreshments for all the parties and story hours. It is greatly appreciated by all.

Programs – Adults:

Eileen Harris, Trustee and Co-Chairman of the Friends of the Library, and Marion Watson, Librarian, presented a program for the Women's Progress Club. Marion talked to the Senior Citizens at one

of the luncheon meetings on the many services offered by library and staff. Lydia Torr participated in a style show for the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church.

Other Activities:

Book lists for the public; cellar book sale conducted by William Call, Trustee, and the staff; bundling old magazines; updating Library Materials Policy; special book displays of current interest.

Displays:

"Life in Colonial America" traveling art prints; paintings by Peter Hall; Western States and Indians by Fran Howe and Ruth Cerutti; Last log drive; Button Collection by Doris Aiken; Clay art and sketchings by Shirley Slater; many seasonal and holiday materials.

Services:

Books sent to Golden View Nursing Home via the Friends of the Library and changed monthly; films borrowed from the State Library and loaned to Golden View and the Day Care Center, also from our 8-Super 8mm film collection; 8mm and Super 8 films are loaned to the public; 4 kindergartens and 6 first grades use the library; reference questions handled personally and via the telephone; fines suspended for the Christmas holiday.

Continuing Education:

Nancy Sherman completed two Public Library Techniques courses, PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR CHILDREN in the Spring and THE LIBRARY AS AN INFORMATION CENTER in the Fall. Lydia Torr attended an all day meeting at the Nashua Public Library for Advanced Programs & Services for Children. Mrs. Torr also attended a meeting to learn about R.I.F. (Reading Is Fundamental). The library would cooperate in this program with Jean Chute, the Interlakes Elementary Reading Supervisor. Marion Watson attended: the District Advisory Council Meetings 3 times a year and is Chairman of the Committee on Inter-Library Communications; New Hampshire Library Council in

Spring accompanied by Assistant Librarian, Lydia Torr; New Hampshire Library Association in the Fall; and New Hampshire Trustees Association with Trustees William Call, Kathleen Taylor and Norman Baker; conferred with Kay Herrick, District Library Consultant on purchase of materials for the handicapped; attended hearings on H.B. #129 concerning censorship and H.B. #76, "Funding for Grants-in-Aid" for librarians in the Statewide Development Program; accepted Gold Seal to add to our Certificate given to us by the library service; final meeting of the New Hampshire Cooperative Library Project, sponsored by the N. H. State Library and the N. H. State Department of Education.

Gifts:

Memorial Gifts; for Mrs. Elizabeth Thorpe, Large Print Books and a MASTERLENS, Kenneth Bonney, Books on Interior Decoration, Myrna Weeks, wildlife and embroidery, all these from family and friends. Organizations giving Memorial Books, 50-Plus Club and Woman's Progress Club. Wicwas Lake Grange donated a songbook in the language of signs for the deaf. The Friends of the Library and other patrons gave gifts of money for books. The Christian Science Monitor, the Meredith News and many other periodicals are donated. The First Bank supplies a listing of Library Rules; the Meredith Banks, book bags and the Horne Insurance Agency, Inc., bookmarks. All these gifts are sincerely appreciated by the patrons, trustees and staff.

Building Improvements:

1977. The attic has been insulated and storm windows added to the cellar making the work areas much warmer. New lighting in the front rooms, and replacing the old fixtures in the stacks has brightened the book areas.

1978. Needed, more room; more working hours by library assistants. The increase in library patrons and circulation emphasizes the fact that the present staff is hard pressed to give good library service. We need at least one other full time assistant or the equivalent. We need more room, especially an area where off-duty staff may have facilities for rest periods and lunch when unable to go out. The basement is not

adaptable for use by the public, but could be improved for use by the staff. The office for the librarian (which is a large closet!) should be separated from the circulation desk and traffic areas. At present the only way the librarian's office can be improved is to sacrifice stack area. A work area is needed for preparing new books for circulation and storing them until ready for use. Our puppet shows, annual Book Week play, story hours, and other programs must be shown in the Reference Room making that room unavailable to the public during programs. There is not adequate shelving in the front rooms. We need a few additional shelves there for children and adult materials. A few more electrical outlets are needed upstairs and down. The Friends of the Library are in the process of supplying shelves in the front entry for shelving "Books For Sale."

The increased demand for library services reflects the increase in population which is being felt in all town departments. We hope, indeed we feel we must, attempt to improve library services as part of the educational branch of the town, even though the changes are not accomplished all at once.

Marion R. Watson, Librarian
Lydia M. Torr, Assistant Librarian

Annual Circulation and Use:

Books 45,175; audio-visuals 3,755; projectors 89; Grand Total, 1977—49,019; 1976—43,531; 1963—23,618

New Acquisitions:

Purchases, books 1,105; audio-visuals 72; paperbacks 44; gifts (books) 163. Lost or discarded, books 232. Net totals: books 873; audio-visuals 72. Net Total, 1977—19,011; 1976—17,859.

Registered Borrowers:

Adult—1,514; Juvenile—496; Total, 1977—2,010; Total, 1976—1,953.

Periodicals & Newspapers:

Purchases, 56; gifts, including Meredith News, Christian Science Monitor and other miscellaneous printed materials, 75.

Bookmobile Books & Interlibrary Loans:

Bookmobile—2,166; Loans—195.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library continued its support and interest in the needs of the Meredith Public Library.

Friends distributed books and other materials to Meredith Bay and Golden View nursing homes each month throughout the year.

The following programs were presented throughout the year for the enjoyment of members and guests: a slide program concerning the logging industries, a dissertation on "Historical Women of New England," a discussion about the facilities and programs at Squam Lakes Science Center, slides of France, a program on different methods of drying flowers, a slide program concerning the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, a movie about bread making, and a program about the Extension Service.

For fund raising projects this year, we had a raffle of a painting by Peter Hall and a booth at the annual Community Fair. Both events were very successful. These activities enabled the Friends to provide the library with materials for various programs.

The Friends meet at the Meredith Public Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., and are always glad to welcome guests and new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Harris, Co-chairman
Sarah T. Vogler, Co-chairman
Grace Baker, Treasurer
Meta Ohman, Secretary

MEREDITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Meredith has continued to meet during 1977 on the first Tuesday of the month as needed, with the third Tuesday as an alternate when necessary. Meetings are usually held in the Municipal Building and the public is welcome to attend.

The Commission has continued to review applications for dredge and fill within the town, as forwarded by the Town Clerk. An application relative to a request for major dredge and fill on Forest Pond, has activated collaboration with the New Hampton Conservation Commission, representation of which has been requested and available because the predominant part of that pond is in New Hampton. Representation at a meeting of the Special Board in Concord on this application was made and a solution is being sought. The Commission visited Chapman Island in Lake Waukewan to review its potential for the protection of wildlife and especially loon nesting areas on Weeks Island, now owned by the Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

The gathering of information on the town wetlands and other natural resources for the Resource Inventory has continued. The Commission wishes to meet the new responsibility placed on it by RSA 36 A to the extent possible.

The Executive Secretary of the N. H. Association of Conservation Commissions, Malcolm Taylor, was invited to meet with the Commission which was greatly benefited by his extensive knowledge of environmental topics and how local N. H. communities are dealing with them. Mr. J. Willcox Brown of Forest Associates explored with the Commission possible public and recreational use of Kelly Island in Lake Pemigewasset. A review of the Meredith Reservoir property has also been made.

The Commission was represented at the Municipal Law Series in October organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Meredith Community Development Block Grant proposals were reviewed by the Commission, discussion of projects occurred and were reflected in proposals of individuals made at the hearing on Community development.

The Commission welcomes interests expressed by residents and organizations and suggestions for the future betterment of Meredith consistent with protection of individual and municipal welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

Alzora H. Eldridge, Chairman
Jane Knowlton
Edwin Moulton
Harold L. Pierson
John Thompson
Charles Woodman

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Representatives of the LRPC undertook business at eleven regular monthly meetings in towns throughout the region. In addition, there are numerous Executive, Ad Hoc and Standing Committee meetings, held at the Commission's office in the Humiston Building in Meredith. Mr. Warner Plummer, Vice-Chairman of the Commission, and Mr. George Hawkins are Meredith's representatives to the LRPC.

Last year the LRPC completed an extensive environmental inventory and prepared a land capability analysis for the Town. This year the LRPC has utilized that work in completing and adopting a broad Regional Plan. This Plan analyzes such policies as growth patterns, economic development, transportation, public facilities, open space and recreation; and defines objectives which the policies are designed to achieve.

Programs which the LRPC has initiated include: draft recommendations resulting from continued work on the 208 Water Quality Management Plan, including special testing procedures to identify water pollution resulting from failing septic systems; development of an economic base analysis and overall economic plan which will lead to continued EDA funding for municipalities in the Region; finalizing a Mass Transit Plan for the Region, identifying such issues as fixed-route, fixed-schedule service and the necessity of subsidized funding to achieve such a plan; conducting meetings with the N. H. Department of Public Works and Highways to provide information to the towns regarding highway projects under construction or consideration, including bikeway programs, for inclusion in the Federal Aid Construction Programs; and an extended program of citizen participation and education, such as the Law Lecture Series which was well attended and highly praised by those attending.

The LRPC has also provided direct assistance to Meredith in providing information regarding potential Federal funding for the Town Library expansion; developing projected school enrollments for the

Inter-Lakes School System; meeting with the Selectmen to discuss a Mass Transit Program and providing the Selectmen and Planning Board with various types of literature, i.e. "Growth Management, Volumes I & II," relative to the Town Planning Process.

Submitted by,

James H. Rollins
Acting Executive Director

LAKES REGION ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to report a growth of 32% in our Budget over the previous year. This was necessary with skyrocketing costs and greater demands on our services.

We have not only continued to do the regular projects of publishing our Where To Book, our advertising program, our distribution service, printing navigational charts, participation as a staff member at Travel, Sports and Mall Shows with the State exhibit. We have filled all of the speaking and meeting assignments our schedule would permit. The Lakes Region Attractions within our organization have now grown to six members and truly dedicate themselves to an active portion of our program. We have also been active in several special projects and in this condensed report would like to dwell on those.

We were co-sponsors in two Workshop/Seminars for small businesses. These were attended by 85 people and evaluated to have been most helpful to the participants.

We were instrumental in holding a Job Fair at one of the Regional High Schools. This brought together the student and the employer for season jobs. It also gave our local young people an edge on communicating with these people. We hope to continue this with other Job Fairs.

No doubt one of our most successful projects was the bringing together of seven Chamber of Commerce, or like groups, for a combined advertising/distribution program. This makes their dollars go farther, and truly will make our promotional kit one of the best in the Northeast. We also are offering a "packet mailing" to improve distribution of Chamber brochures to our selective mailing list.

We are pleased with the growth in our budget and this must continue as the costs to perform these services also increase. We feel ours is a lean budget with every dollar getting the very most for our efforts.

The revenue that is returned to our towns and cities from the New Hampshire Room and Meals Tax is evidence of the value of our programs. This is only a very small portion of the dollars that turn over via the Vacation Travel Business.

We are proud of our Association and its place in the communities of the Region. We are dedicated to a continued service to aid in the economy of the Region, while protecting our natural resources and preserving the beauty of the Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred A. Beach, Executive Secretary
THE LAKES REGION ASSOCIATION

LAKES REGION ASSOCIATION Financial Report

Each of the 39 towns in the Lakes Region has an interest in the activities of the Lakes Region Association. We make all of our funds work for the interest of the entire Region. The following tables show a breakdown of Where Our Dollars Come From and How They Were Spent during the fiscal year of July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

INCOME: Where The 1976-77 Dollar Came From —

	Amount	% of Total
State of New Hampshire	\$ 6,625.	.08%
Town and Cities	7,661.	.09
Where To Book	26,716.	32
Memberships, Accommodations & Attractions	17,743.	.21
Maps	9,247.	.11
Postage	<u>2,630.</u>	<u>.03</u>
	79,314.	.94
Bal. on hand beginning of year	<u>13,775.</u>	<u>.16</u>
	84,397.	100%

EXPENDITURES: Where The 1976-77 Dollar Went —

Salary & Wages	14,434.	.20
Travel	1,786.	.03
Office: Rent, Tel., Supplies	4,292.	.06
Postage	3,184.	.05
Advertising, pictures, distribution publicity & shows	11,655.	.17
Memberships & Meetings	158.	.01
Maps	7,787.	.11
Administration: FICA, Unemployment Comp., Insurance	2,059.	.03
Where To Book	15,507.	.22
Printing, Accommodations Directory	<u>8,359.</u>	<u>.12</u>
	69,221.	100%

Bal. on hand end of year	15,176.	.17% of Total Income
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Our money from the State is received in two payments and the major portion of our Town funds come in May, this is why the end of the year does not show a complete utilization of all funds in the Treasury, although the expenditure of those funds in the Treasury will be made in the following months.

MEREDITH PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has been aware of a turnaround in the business cycle as indicated by the increase in both sub-division activity and the worthwhile changes being anticipated by many of our local businesses.

We have not had many applications for large commercial subdivisions but there has been considerable activity in the division of small parcels of land which should reflect in the increased home building starts.

The Planning Board would be interested in hearing from local citizens who care to offer constructive suggestions for consideration of the Board for improved control of future development.

With the addition of commercial site plan reviews the work of the Board has increased but it is our feeling that our responsibilities and the way we are responding to them are in the best interests of the whole community.

The term of Charles George expired in 1977 and we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to him for his support and service during his term on the Board.

Robert A. Johnson

Summary of Activity:

Subdivisions approved:	40
Site plans approved:	11
Plans approved for recording:	6
Subdivisions denied:	1
Other matters reviewed:	11

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment has been quite busy during 1977. The new mobile home regulations adopted by the town were the primary reason for the increased activity. Mobile home cases usually involve a request for a special exception to the prohibition of a mobile home in a specific zoning district. As in past years, the most frequent request by applicants, other than mobile home cases, is for permission to construct a dwelling nearer to a property line than the Zoning Ordinance allows.

Applications for Special Exceptions	13
Applications for Variances	12
	Total 25

Number of cases approved	17
Number of cases denied	8

Two cases, one involving an applicant and the other an abutter, were appealed to Superior Court after the Board denied motions for rehearings.

Mr. Page Sanderson retired his chairmanship in 1977 as his term had expired. The Board expresses their thanks to Mr. Sanderson for his capable leadership during his tenure as chairman.

Appreciation is also extended to Dorothy Forsberg who resigned as clerk after several years of faithful service to the Board. Our new clerk is Mr. Ernest Cummings.

Mr. Jonathan James was appointed by the Selectmen to fill a vacancy as regular member of the Board, Mrs. Nancy Moscardini was appointed as an alternate member. Mr. Normand Valliere and Mr. Charles Rouvalis are the other alternate members. The Board wishes to express their gratitude to these alternates for their effort spent substituting at meetings and hearings for members unable to attend.

Joseph A. Cerutti, Chairman
Edward J. McLearn
Alan C. Hale
Jonathan D. James
Raymond S. Ruchamkin
Ernest F. Cummings, Clerk

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

At our first meeting in March, newly elected commissioners Robert Dever and Dorothy Hartson, were welcomed by the returning members: William Lamper, Michael Lewis and Lawrence Swain. The new Board elected Michael Lewis as Chairman and Lawrence Swain, Vice Chairman.

The Summer Program was again supervised by Nathan Torr, Recreation Director, and assisted by James Durkee. The additional staff consisting of life guards, recreation aids and maintenance workers was larger than ever because of additional programs and increased enrollment in all programs.

Michael Lewis resigned his commission in the Fall and Drew Tracy was appointed to fill Lewis' unexpired term. Larry Swain was then appointed Chairman and William Lamper as Vice Chairman.

The Commission is responsible for maintenance and recreation activities at Prescott Park, Leavitt Park, Waukewan Beach, Meredith Center Park, Hesky Park, Scenic Park, and Clough Park. With the expansion of programs and demands for additional recreational facilities and events, the maintenance and recreation activities performed through this commission are nearly year-round.

Major projects facing the Commission in 1978 are a new parking area at Prescott Park; new playground equipment at Meredith Center Park; repairs to retaining wall at Scenic and Clough Parks; soil erosion problems at Leavitt Park, and lighting and electrical problems at Prescott Park.

Looking towards the future, the Commission would like to see the Town employ a full-time Recreation Director. The Commission feels a full-time Director would be a great asset to the Town as he would be able to offer a full program on a year-round basis to all age groups.

The members of the Parks and Playground Commission would like to extend their appreciation to all townspeople for their continued support in making the programs in 1977 a complete success.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Swain, Chairman
William Lamper, Vice Chairman
Robert Dever
Dorothy Hartson
Drew Tracy
Nathan Torr, Director

MEREDITH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors held nine regular meetings during the past year. The Directors who served were: Ted Trevor, Ch., Bill Harris, V. Ch., Roland Isabelle, Virginia Philp, Bo Wingard, Art Clough and Norm Baker. The Committee Ch. were as follows: Brochure, Bill Harris; Merchants, Roland Isabelle; Membership, Bo Wingard; Information Booth, Norm Baker; Publicity, Art Clough; Summer & Winter Activities, Virginia Philp; and Industrial Development, Norm Baker.

The highlights of the past year's activities include the Annual Meeting at Hart's on October 30th with 94 members and guests in attendance. In December a very successful children's Christmas Party and also the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest. To assist with the Winter Carnival in February, the Association purchased and presented the trophy for the Carnival Queen. In June the Spring Social was held at Waukegan Golf Club, catered by the Country Towne House. The activities for July included the Community Fair and the aerial fireworks display.

Many long hours were spent during 1977 planning our new four color brochure and our directories. 25,000 four color brochures were printed and 10,000 directories. All of the four color brochures have been distributed. We are hoping for an even greater distribution in 1978.

The Secretary answered 123 letters pertaining to accommodations and 45 letters seeking information concerning real estate, job opportunities, dining, recreational facilities, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Sanderson, Secretary

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Report of Treasurer

For Period November 1, 1976 thru October 30, 1977

Cash in Bank – November 1, 1976 \$ 43.86

RECEIPTS:

Town of Meredith (Fireworks)	\$1,100.00
Town of Meredith (Booth Expense)	1,500.00
Membership Dues	3,570.00
Brochure Advertising	3,032.50
Association Social Events	1,584.00
Sale of Maps & Charts	244.75
Community Fair	57.45
N. E. Telephone Commissions	8.87

TOTAL RECEIPTS

11,097.57
\$11,141.43

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries & Wages		
Secretary	\$1,200.00	
Treasurer	200.00	
Booth Attendants	<u>1,868.95</u>	\$3,268.95
F.I.C.A. Expense		184.14
State Unemployment Taxes		47.31
Federal Unemployment Taxes		17.25
Assoc. Social Event Expenses		1,552.10
Maps & Charts for Resale		112.75
Brochure Expense		2,823.63
Fireworks		1,100.00

DISBURSEMENTS (continued):

Utilities	\$ 229.45
Postage	104.86
Christmas Party	28.20
Supplies	83.00
Lakes Region Assn. Brochure Dist.	320.00
Interlakes Recreation Council	25.00
Repairs to Sign	39.00
Insurance	224.00
Community Fair	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$10,184.64

Cash in Bank October 30, 1977 \$ 956.79

Building Fund Balance A/C #29239, Meredith Village
Savings Bank on October 30, 1977 \$ 238.22

Christmas Party Fund Balance A/C #43450, Meredith
Village Savings Bank on October 30, 1977 \$ 193.24

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce U. Sanderson
Treasurer

LAKES REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL

December 30, 1977

Mr. Donald R. Jutton
Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire 03253

Dear Mr. Jutton:

On behalf of the Hospital, I would like to express our appreciation for the continued financial support given us over the years by the Town of Meredith.

During 1977, 644 residents of Meredith were admitted to the Hospital and stayed a total of 4,436 days. Of these patients, 58 were provided service in the amount of \$39,579.78 for which the Hospital did not receive payment.

Each year all funds received from the area cities and towns are used to replace worn out medical equipment and to purchase new medical equipment. Because of the increased cost of equipment, the funds we receive play a vital role in allowing us to maintain modern, up to date equipment and facilities for treating the sick and injured citizens of the Lakes Region area.

We respectfully request that an item in the name of the Hospital be entered into your budget for the coming year. Your committee's favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cecil R. Holland
Treasurer

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ASSOCIATION

We are now located at 74 Main Street, between the Needlework Corner and Village Fabrics.

Staff: June A. Plummer, Nurse Director Supervisor
Jane H. Kiah, R. N.
Gail O'Brien, Physical Therapist
Irene Brody, Occupational Therapist
Marylin Kimball, Homemaker Home Health Aide
Florence Nutter, Office Manager
Carol Richards, Secretary Bookkeeper

The patient case load for 1977 is as follows:

Meredith: 1838 home visits made by nurses
311 office visits other than blood pressure
248 office visits for blood pressure readings
164 blood pressure readings at monthly clinics
237 physical therapy visits
24 occupational therapy visits
1373 homemaker home health aide visits
115 children checked at day care center
2 clinics held at local businesses

Center Harbor: 32 home visits made by nurses
4 homemaker home health aide visits
116 blood pressure readings at monthly clinics

We are presently furnishing the Town of Center Harbor with our services.

Our free Blood Pressure Clinics are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Center Harbor at the Cary Mead Room from 12 Noon to 3 P.M.

We have had several donations of equipment this year which have been most helpful in meeting the needs in the community.

June A. Plummer, R. N.
Nurse Director Supervisor

MEREDITH PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

	1977 Appropriation	1977 Expenditures	1978 Budget
Balance on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 6,901.30	\$ 7,215.77	\$ 9,790.87
Receipts			
Medicare	\$ 9,000.00	\$10,479.55	\$10,000.00
N. H. Div. of Welfare	5,000.00	6,813.58	6,500.00
Fees Collected	3,200.00	2,728.02	2,600.00
Veterans Administration	2,200.00	2,515.45	2,500.00
State of N. H.	300.00	365.00	200.00
Dues & Donations	750.00	989.68	750.00
Blue Cross	200.00	315.00	300.00
Miscellaneous		76.10	
Interest Checking Acct.		45.76	100.00
General Fund			2,874.39
Town of Center Harbor		350.00	400.00
Town of Meredith	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
	34,650.00	38,678.14	38,224.39
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$41,551.30</u>	<u>\$45,893.91</u>	<u>\$48,015.26</u>
Expenditures			
Salaries	29,968.00	27,143.51	31,616.00
Mileage	1,800.00	2,028.50	2,000.00
Telephone	350.00	498.63	400.00
Electricity		60.43	125.00

Expenditures (continued)

Rent	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,706.00	\$ 2,100.00
Nurse Supplies	300.00	300.50	400.00
N. H. Unempl. Comp. Fund	700.00	420.38	500.00
F.I.C.A.	1,300.00	1,557.83	2,060.00
Insurance	300.00	413.00	450.00
Dues & Subscriptions	50.00	276.20	700.00
Medical Exams	175.00	75.00	175.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	314.47	300.00
Office Supplies	230.00	428.45	350.00
Accounting Fees	50.00	45.00	75.00
Continuing Education	100.00	182.00	300.00
Postage	150.00	71.00	150.00
Maintenance Equipment	25.00	124.19	150.00
Equipment	275.00	251.33	2,250.00
Petty Cash	100.00	78.33	
Advertising		128.29	50.00
Reserve for operating expenses to cover January, February and March, 1979			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>38,173.00</u>	<u>36,103.04</u>	<u>3,864.26</u>
	\$ <u>3,378.30</u>	\$ <u>9,790.87</u>	\$ <u>48,015.26</u>
			\$ -----

Contingency Fund \$ 3,244.13
Uncollectable Accounts \$ 9,168.75

Ernest F. Cummings
Treasurer

INTER-LAKES DAY CARE CENTER

During the calendar year 1977 the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center served one hundred forty eight children from Lakes Region families. Operating on a year-round basis from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Center has made it possible for the parents of one hundred twenty four children to maintain employment. As a private, non-profit agency under the guidance of a capable Board of Directors, the Center operates a pre-school program for comprehensive child behavior and development. This encompasses a full range of services including education, health care, vision and hearing screening, immunizations, dental care, nutrition, and information/referral. As a participant in the New Hampshire Special Food Service Program, hot lunch, breakfast, and nutritious snacks are served daily.

The primary concern of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is to provide a home-like, educational environment for children of working parents. We also offer a nursery school program, a special needs program, and an after school program for elementary school children.

The total budget of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is \$78,626.45. Of this we will be receiving \$26,483.15 in tuition paid by parents, \$11,577.50 from Aid to Families with Dependent Children, \$9,642.00 from N. H. Special Food Service Program, \$6,063.20 from CETA, \$18,105.00 in federal funds, and \$6,755.60 which must be obtained in local funding in order to receive the federal amount. The money we receive from the towns that we serve is matched three times.

Area residents are always invited to visit the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center at 11 Lang Street in Meredith.

Enrollment by Town—1977

Alton Bay — 1	Center Harbor — 26	Meredith — 93
Ashland — 3	Holderness — 5	Moultonboro — 7
Bristol — 1	Laconia — 7	New Hampton — 4
		Sandwich — 1

1976-77 Requests to Towns by Enrollment by Inter-Lakes Day Care Center

	Number of Children Enrolled		Percentage of Children by Town		Number of Children Enrolled		Percentage of Children by Town		Amount Requested by Percentage of Children Enrolled	
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
Meredith	87	93	66%	62.8%	\$1625.00*	\$3614.52*				
Center Harbor	18	26	14%	17.5%	682.50	1007.23				
Moultonboro	7	7	5%	4.7%	284.38	270.51				
Ashland	4	3	3%	2.0%	113.75	115.11				
Holderness	5	5	4%	3.4%	113.75	195.69				
Sandwich	2	1	2%	.7%	113.75	40.29				
Bristol	1	1	1%	.7%	56.88	40.29				
New Hampton	2	4	2%	2.7%	56.88	155.40				
Laconia	4	7	3%	4.7%	0.00	0.00				
Sanbornton	1	-	1%	-	0.00	-				
Alton Bay	-	1	-	.7%	-	40.29				
	131	148	100%	100.0%	\$3046.89	\$5479.33				

* 1976-77 Meredith amount based on cost for one child for a year

* 1977-78 request based on full percentage by Meredith enrollment

NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY

Mr. Donald Jutton
Town Manager and Selectman
Town of Meredith
Meredith, N. H. 03253

Gentlemen:

The N. H. Humane Society Shelter on Meredith Center Road received from the Meredith Dog Officer and Meredith residents 510 stray or unwanted animals during the year 1977. This was an increase of 58 animals over 1976. Town residents brought 202 dogs or puppies, and 168 cats or kittens, while the Dog Officer brought 105 stray dogs or puppies and 35 cats or kittens.

The Society received and investigated fourteen possible cruelty complaints, one of which required court action. The case resulted in a conviction.

John Connolly, Manager of the N. H. Humane Society is also the part-time animal control officer for the Town. Arrangements have been made with the Society and the Town for the use of the Society's van for better animal control. For the coming year, 1978, the Society offers the Town of Meredith an Animal Control Agreement which will provide your Animal Control Officer and Town residents with a complete community service. The budget appropriation request is the same as last year, \$1,000.00.

For this consideration, the Society will provide a suitable shelter, making it available 24 hours a day for your animal control officer to leave strays or restrain animals. This satisfies your Town's requirement under Chapter 442-A, Rabies Control Act. The Society will assist your animal control officer in any unusual animal problems, cremate dead animals and investigate possible cruelty complaints.

For your residents, the Shelter is available seven days a week from 10-5 p.m. to receive unwanted animals or assist them with animals that

must be put to sleep. A small donation is requested for these services. We will also assist in the return of lost pets and offer healthy animals for adoption. A limited spaying and neutering program for dogs and cats is available to all residents. Free booklets to assist in the care of and training of pets are available, as well as educational programs for your schools and adult groups.

We feel the 1978 Animal Control Agreement is fair and complete, offering good animal control. We invite everyone to visit our Shelter and become familiar with its many services.

Sincerely,

Fritz T. Sabbow
Executive Director

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

1977

Dog Complaints	216
Hit by Cars	11
Killed by Cars	9
Taken to N. H. Humane Society	105
Taken to Vets	2
Restrained	14
Persons Bitten	9
Chasing Deer	3
Reported Lost	29
Reported Found	12
Returned to Owner	7
Cruelty Complaints	14
Taken to Court for Cruelty	1
Taken to Court Unlicensed, etc.	4
Cat Complaints	57
Taken to N. H. Humane Society	35
Killed by Cars	14
Reported Lost	6
Reported Found	2
Ducks & Geese	1
Raccoons	11
Skunks	2
Horses	1
Cows	9
Bats	1

MEREDITH C.A.P. OUTREACH OFFICE REPORT

The Meredith CAP Outreach Office has continued to provide Comprehensive services to the Meredith Community during 1977. Besides improving the quality of present programs, we have added new ones which we believe are especially well suited to the needs of our low income and elderly families.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

A service which is available to all, "I & R" provides information on social services, employment, child care, consumer education, health, nutrition, and housing. When appropriate, referrals are made to other agencies who can provide direct help in meeting specific needs. We have serviced 105 individual people this year. Not recorded are many more who have taken advantage of this area of our service.

HOUSING

CAP has provided assistance to many Meredith residents in various housing-related areas, including the Weatherization Program (distribution of plastic, weatherstripping, and insulation to eligible families), the Heat for Elderly and Low income Persons (HELP) Fuel Loan Program, and fuel/utility assistance. Energy conservation information is also available. A close working relationship has been established with the New Hampshire Housing Commission, allowing that agency to use our office for client interviews, and providing Meredith residents with convenient access to the benefits of Section 8 Housing Assistance. At present, 1 home out of 10 to be extensively winterized is completed.

FOOD COOP

Tally, bag, cashier, label meat, cut cheese, mop floors or remove trash, Meredith Volunteers have made our coop one of the most successful in two counties. Membership has doubled and the variety of foods has been greatly expanded. The Food Coop realizes a weekly average gross of \$700.00.

FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM

New evening clinics, outreach work, and improved community education efforts have finally increased the number of Meredith women enrolled in the Family Planning Program. In addition to medical care, patients may request VD tests, pregnancy tests, counseling, and educational services, all free of charge. The new CAP center in Laconia has greatly improved this area of service to a large number of our families.

RURAL TRANSPORTATION

The Belknap County Rural Transportation Service is designed to help senior citizens and low income persons in need of transportation to medical and dental appointments, shopping, senior citizen activities, and various other errands. One day each week, the RTS bus provides round-trip service from Meredith to Laconia with stops wherever riders request.

OPERATION GREEN THUMB

Vegetable seed, tomato plants, seed potatoes and fertilizer were distributed to eligible Meredith families during May and June of this year. Most grew enough food for summer consumption, and even for freezing and canning.

ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Besides Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals, the Elderly Nutrition Program also provides Meredith's Senior Citizens with Information and Referral, Counseling, Escort Service, Shopping Assistance, Nutrition Education, and Recreation. Our Outreach worker and assistant are available for field trips and for transportation of Congregate Meals clients from their homes to the meal site.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Twenty Meredith youngsters participated in a Learn to Play Tennis program. The unique part about this program was that it provided eligible boys and girls with tennis racquets and balls in addition to top quality instruction. We thank the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department for their support in allowing us to share the tennis courts.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Through a grant from ACTION, Belknap-Merrimack CAP Office will be sponsoring a new senior volunteer program which will provide the volunteer with a weekly stipend and will be serving adults with special needs.

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE SERVICE

Volunteers at the Meredith CAP Office will continue a Telephone Reassurance Service. Anyone who wishes to participate may call 279-4096 during regular business hours. This program is a 24 hour service to help and assure anyone in the community.

Activity-Program	Participants 1976	Participants 1977	Unit of Service	Resource Allocated Staff Space Equipment, etc.
Elderly				
Nutrition—Congregate	34 people	1143 (65 people)	2.41	2,754.63
Nutrition—Home Del.	22 people	2494 (22 people)	2.67	7,260.78
RTS	14 people	4.5 x 52 weeks	2.32	542.88
Shopping Assistance				
Recreation -----				
Medical (Handicapped)	0	19	1.50	28.50
General				
Family Planning	27	34	96.87	3,293.58
Info. & Referral	77	100		
Land Assistance				
Head Start	0	1	1077.00	1,077.00
Fuel Util. Assist.	0	3	25.00	75.00
Fuel Loan	4	6	250.00 (Maximum)	550.00
Winterization	9	6 + 1 house	1500.00 for house	
			500.00 for plastic	2,000.00
Welfare Assistance				
Food Stamps		6 food stamps		
Legal Assistance		3 legal aids		
Food Coop	48 families	48 families	ordered 40 times	6,720.00 yearly savings
Oper. Green Thumb	22 families	41 families	8.12	332.92
Summer Youth		20 kids	40.41	808.20
				<u>25,443.49</u> Total

REPORT BY MARSHALL FRENCH

The 1977 Regular Session of the General Court was an historic session which revolved around the adoption of the biennial operating budget. Never has this state had such difficulty in adopting the budget. Fortunately for local communities, the position of the House was that no matter what else happened, the House would not support cuts in revenue to cities and towns. This was in direct opposition to proposals from the executive branch and some members of the Senate, who supported cuts in the return to cities and towns in the business profits and rooms and meals taxes. Along the same lines, the Governor vetoed H.B. 782, which was a bill that I introduced. If it had passed, it would have required that bills passed by the legislature which would affect municipal budgets (i.e. expending money not appropriated by the state, decreasing taxable valuation, increasing tax exemptions) must have an effective date which is after all the affected communities go through the next budget process. This would have allowed municipalities an opportunity to look over new laws and analyze the impact they would have in their community.

Once again I introduced the bill that would have permitted Meredith to have its own district court. This bill passed the House by a good, healthy margin, but has been held in committee in the Senate since its transfer. This is just another case where the will of a few can thwart the will of a majority. I am opposed to any rule which allows a legislative body or any subdivision thereof to prevent measures introduced by duly elected representatives of the people, acting in behalf of their constituents, from ever seeing the light of day by pigeon-holing them in committee. I will continue to pursue this matter. Hopefully, someday, Meredith will have its own district court.

I also introduced a bill that would have permitted towns to appropriate money to day care centers. The House Municipal and County Government Committee amended the bill in committee to the point where it was just unpalatable to everyone, including me. Therefore the bill was killed. There were similar bills during the session, but the important thing was that opinions from the Department of

Revenue Administration and the Attorney General's office ruled that towns could fund day care centers. A bill subsequently did pass permitting towns to fund day care centers, provided that the town approved such funding.

Along with my duties as Chairman of both the Interstate Cooperation Committee and the Rules Committee, I have spent some time actively involved in local matters. As of the time of this writing, I am involved in a request by the town of Lincoln to increase the daily limit of secondary treated wastewater that the town dumps into the Pemigewasset River. I have opposed this move because I feel it is contrary to all the work we have done to clean up this river. I have testified twice before the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission against granting such a modification to the permit. This would have a direct effect on the town of New Hampton. On behalf of the town of Meredith, I have been working with the Department of Public Works and Highways to try and resolve the traffic tieup in the center of the town. I have scheduled a preliminary meeting for November 30th. Hopefully these meetings will result in some solution that will be advantageous to everyone and not a burden to the local community. I will continue to work diligently in these matters and others that come to my attention. I feel that this is a prime responsibility of any State Representative.

I truly believe that man's service to his fellow man is one of his highest callings in life. I consider it an honor to serve my district, and will continue, with an open mind, as long as I am able, supported by good health, an understanding family and the trust of my constituents.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall French
House Majority Leader

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR FOR DISTRICT ONE

As Executive Councilor for District One which covers 62% of the State of New Hampshire (102 towns and 3 cities), I am pleased to submit this short report to the citizens of your town.

The Executive Council of New Hampshire is elected from five districts portioned by population. The work of the Council has been described as similar to that of a board of directors for State business. The New Hampshire Constitution provides that the Council shall from time to time advise the Governor in the affairs of State. State law as passed by our General Court mandates much of State government to be acted upon "with the advice and consent of the Council."

Our meetings in the State House Council Chambers are open to the public, and I would welcome having any citizens from our District attend any of the meetings.

The responsibilities of the Governor and Council are so diversified as to defy any attempt at exact classification. Their activities extend to the appointment of certain public officials, to a general supervision over State departments, to State expenditures, to pardon matters and to a variety of other duties. . . State officials and employees, State fiscal matters, pardons, commutations and reprieves, eminent domain and related responsibilities, State contracts and leases, public waters, State industrial and recreational interests and miscellaneous responsibilities.

From time to time, as Councilor if I can be of help to cities, towns, counties, agencies and individuals, I stand ready to do so especially if the problem or concern has to do with State government. However, as many of you know, much of our government, at the local level, is funded by not only local dollars but State and federal monies are many times involved which means that several levels of government are involved. In such cases we must turn to our local town administrative assistants, regional planning commissions, county officials and others for help and guidance.

I can generally be reached by writing or calling my home office (R.F.D. #1, Woodsville, N. H., 03785, telephone, 603-747-3662) or in care of the Executive Council Chambers (State House, Concord, N. H., 03301, telephone 603-271-3632).

Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor
District One

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The first year of the staggered registration for private passenger vehicle registration has evened out the number of permits issued per month and as such reduced the lines and waiting times for auto registration. This has proved more convenient to the registrant both at the local and state levels. 1978 will bring this staggered system to all vehicles registrations, including motorcycles, business vehicles and trailers.

The 1977 Legislature passed numerous laws concerning the operation of the Town Clerk's Office. These laws involved changes in the election laws, dog laws and auto registration. The impact of these changes will become more visible as time goes on.

There has been a steady increase in the number of registrations due to the continued growth of the Town.

I hope to be able to continue to serve the residents of Meredith.

Pauline L. Fournier
Town Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 1977

Automobiles	\$94,123.77
Dogs	1,213.40
Filing Fees	7.00
Miscellaneous	2,951.48
Bicycles	<u>40.80</u>
Total	\$98,336.45

VITAL STATISTICS 1977

Marriages	50
Births	41
Deaths	53
Deaths, non-residents buried in Meredith	10

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1977			
Jan.			
22	Michelle Emma Lang	Kennard S. Lang	Marlene D. Nitz
25	Adam M. Gianunzio	Paris Gianunzio	Susan S. Pettengill
26	Michael P. Kuzdeba	Raymond J. Kuzdeba	Judith E. Andrews
31	Travis J. Ambrose	Kenneth E. Ambrose	Sandra L. Taylor
Feb.			
6	Jeremiah L. Huard	Bernard O. Huard	Cynthia J. Sirls
Mar.			
14	William C. Pelon	Paul C. Pelon	Joan B. Whitney
15	Kevin P. Fluet	Paul R. Fluet	Eileen M. Bioren
22	Jeremy Aaron Shosa	Jay W. Shosa	Susan C. Pratt
24	Courtney Thayer Wogan	Timothy Wogan	Anstis H. Marting
Apr.			
18	James R. Caverly, Jr.	James R. Caverly	Mary E. Richardson
20	Beth F. Stiles	Gregg R. Stiles	Catherine P. Ingalls
May			
1	David D. Rand	Donald H. Rand	Carol A. Riley
9	Shelly L. McCutcheon	Michael R. McCutcheon	Linda Ray
16	Abigail E. Potter	Robert S. Potter	Elizabeth B. Ely
17	Ryan R. Huston	Randall L. Huston	Denise K. Roux
18	Michael E. Brown	Ernest E. Brown, Jr.	Donna A. Milliken
24	Leah V. Very	Ned W. Very	Joan V. Stephens
27	Kenneth E. Parris	Christopher E. Parris	Mary Anna Herbert
27	Jennifer L. Hickey	Richard A. Hickey	Linda M. Baker
30	Joshua M. Dickey	Leslie M. Dickey	Barbara J. Bushnell
30	Scott D. Kimball	Donald A. Kimball	Bonnie J. Connally
June			
2	Geoffrey R. Cunningham	Geoffrey R. Cunningham	Nancy E. Gray
4	Laura L. Vollmerding	John A. Vollmerding	Linda L. Baker
4	Jeremiah S. Heilig	Roger P. Heilig, Jr.	Linda A. Dath
8	Kelly M. Bennett	Steven R. Bennett	Monica A. Hill
28	Shallan R. Beede	Timothy E. Beede	Lorraine F. Brodeur
Aug.			
1	Craig R. Dunn	Russell A. Dunn	Julie M. Allen
4	Brandi L. Avery	Ernest R. Avery	Doris A. Pike
8	Benjamin C. Hallgren	Joseph R. Hallgren	Margaret M. Crockett
Sept.			
1	Jennifer S. Dorais	Charles E. Dorais	Martha J. Werdin
1	Christine M. Ewell	Stanley M. Ewell	Shirley A. Toland
15	Michael R. McGovern	Thomas J. McGovern	Mary Hunter
16	Elizabeth L. Raymond	William E. Raymond	Candace A. Jensen
Oct.			
4	Peter C. Thorndike	Charles E. Thorndike	Karen A. Edson
8	Robert S. Nedeau	Stephen H. Nedeau	Diane R. Lanouette
Nov.			
2	Lee P. Hayes	David C. Hayes	Christine I. Bolduc
6	David C. Smith	David C. Smith	Nancy S. Olsen
7	Samantha M. Brann	Avard F. Brann	Barbara N. McFarland
27	Michelle A. Nash	Roger M. Nash	Ellen M. Thibault
Dec.			
24	Joseph R. Sirls	Joseph R. Sirls	Patricia M. Shute
30	Melissa J. Royea	Richard I. Royea	Candy L. Sidney

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Name and Residence of Person Performing Ceremony
1977				
Jan.				
19	Terry L. Copp Sheila M. Vachon	Laconia, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	26 20	Charlotte Straw, J. P. Meredith, N. H.
Feb.				
12	Michael R. Perry Laurette C. Fagnant	Laconia, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	19 18	Rev. Robert Kernnery, R.C. Priest Laconia, N. H.
Apr.				
2	John E. Hoey Barbara J. Tilton	Meredith, N. H. Center Harbor, N.H.	28 21	Wallace W. Anderson, Minister Center Sandwich, N. H.
2	Clinton W. Downs Linda Nason	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	19 28	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
9	Raymond D. Adams Beverly A. Carder	Laconia, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	23 24	Roy C. Blake, Jr., Pastor Laconia, N. H.
23	David P. Gates, Jr. Nadine J. Sonsky	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	21 19	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
30	Ernest E. MacDonald III Penny J. Hughes	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	22 18	Charlotte Straw, J. P. Meredith, N. H.
30	Fred Shaw Eileen M. Jones	Meredith, N. H. Moultonboro, N. H.	28 24	Rev. Thomas Casey Hartford, Vt.
May				
7	Winship B. Moody, Sr. Marion H. Beall	Meredith, N. H. Worcester, Mass.	44 42	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
7	Clifton G. Kelley Linda M. Thompson	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, SN. H.	33 28	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
14	Michael A. Carpenter Candace Ellen McCabe	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	30 22	Raymond C. Wixon, Minister Gilford, N. H.
June				
4	Michael T. Boudreau Patricia R. Dawson	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	26 26	Peter B. Hance, J. P. Laconia, N. H.
12	Wilfred Robertson Irene F. Crist	Maryland Maryland	28 26	J. Bradbury Mitchell, Minister Laconia, N. H.
18	Herbert G. Sirls MaryLee DeConnick	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	38 26	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
18	Dann P. Williamson Audrey Mæe Haddock	Dunbarton, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	27 23	W. Irving Brown, J. P. Center Harbor, N. H.
24	Robert E. Moulton Nancy M. Meskys	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	53 27	Frank F. Thomas, Minister West Ossipee, N. H.
25	Richard E. Smith Marion McCormack	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	30 22	Charlotte Straw, J. P. Meredith, N. H.
July				
16	Richard W. Detscher Sally M. Minickiello	Meredith, N. H. Holderness, N. H.	53 37	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
16	Peter J. Ruel Jayne M. Wright	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	19 20	Keith R. Hutchins, Minister Meredith, N. H.
16	Tony R. Truell Carolyn B. Pickering	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	32 22	Jonathan W. Pike, J. P. Northfield, N. H.

Date	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Name and Residence of Person Performing Ceremony
July				
30	Anthony P. Signorelli Priscilla R. Hicks	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	33 29	Rev. Robert E. Sanders Bristol, N. H.
30	Gary M. Johnson Sally A. Stark	Salem, Mass. Meredith, N. H.	25 27	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
Aug.				
6	Earl F. Cross Ethel E. Cormier	Meredith, N. H. Tilton, N. H.	30 43	Rev. E. Frank Clay Franklin, N. H.
12	Roger P. Heilig, Jr. Linda A. Heilig	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	32 24	Philip T. McLaughlin, J. P. Laconia, N. H.
13	David H. Waldron Kathryn M. Oswalt	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	22 21	Rev. George Chicoine Meredith, N. H.
20	Michael J. Gallagher Kimberly Swan	Meredith, N. H. Sandwich, N. H.	19 18	M. Dean Roth, Minister Center Sandwich, N. H.
20	Joseph W. Grande Meredith J. Bird	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	23 20	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
Sept.				
10	Robert L. Bowen Carol Ann Beland	Lowell, Mass. Dracut, Mass.	27 24	Rev. Randolph K. Dales Plymouth, N. H.
12	Thomas W. Kelley Rose V. Sanborn	Plymouth, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	35 28	Charlotte Straw, J. P. Meredith, N. H.
17	Roger A. Beinisch Noelle B. Martin	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	27 24	Rev. Randolph K. Dales Plymouth, N. H.
17	Donald R. Noyes Dorothy L. Durand	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	44 39	Lyndol Pocock, J. P. Meredith, N. H.
24	John F. Stansfield Patricia Hobbs	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	30 24	Rev. Sreta M. Dow Ossipee, N. H.
Oct.				
6	Warren A. Haigh Janice K. Hill	Ashland, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	24 20	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
7	Rodney A. Cail Karen L. Claffin	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	31 35	Stanley R. Hooper, Minister DeWitt, N. Y.
8	Ricky C. Goss Katherine M. Smith	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	19 19	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
15	F. Michael Ordway Linda J. LeGrice	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	38 28	Constance M. Pratt, J. P. Nashua, N. H.
22	Bernard C. Guyotte Sheryl E. Deas	Meredith, N. H. Tilton, N. H.	25 30	Shirley M. Rivard Laconia, N. H.
22	Howard G. Williams Carol R. Atteberry	Washington, D. C. Meredith, N. H.	27 24	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
25	Gary S. Brown Catherine M. I. Abrecque	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	20 20	Joseph P. Parkman, Minister Meredith, N. H.
29	Edward W. Donle Sharon E. Keene	Watertown, R. I. Meredith, N. H.	30 27	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
Nov.				
25	Timothy J. Quinney Patricia A. Rizzo	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	29 24	Rev. Leo Lefebvre Laconia, N. H.
26	Dana W. Jewett Vicky L. Crosby	Kittery, Maine Meredith, N. H.	19 19	Frank R. Jewett, Minister Sunshine Deer Isle, Maine
26	Paul A. Stohl Susan M. Lockwood	Meredith, N. H. Laconia, N. H.	23 19	David W. Bell, Minister Laconia, N. H.

Date	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Name and Residence of Person Performing Ceremony
Dec.				
3	Russell E. Weeks Pamela R. Davock	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	18 18	Rev. M. Dean Roth Center Sandwich, N. H.
9	Daniel W. Clark Linda D. LaBraney	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	25 22	Patrick C. Finleon, Minister Meredith, N. H.
10	Robert P. Herlihy Enid B. Werren	Gilmanton, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	30 23	Alfred W. Foisy, J. P. Center Sandwich, N. H.
17	Norman E. Tetreault Susan J. Forsberg	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	29 23	Daniel W. Fleetham, J. P. Center Harbor, N. H.
23	Donald E. Cahoon Susan L. Walker	Moultonboro, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	23 20	John S. Allen, R. C. Priest Laconia, N. H.
28	Frederick J. Dolloff Donna E. Phelps	Meredith, N. H. Tuftonboro, N. H.	20 19	Rev. Leo St. Pierre Wolfboro, N. H.
31	Eugene A. Fielders Gail M. Buskey	Meredith, N. H. Meredith, N. H.	38 26	Eugene L. Blake, J. P. Laconia, N. H.

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Occupation
1977				
Jan.				
1	Earl B. Gilman	64	New Hampshire	Tannery, Retired
10	Charles E. Rafuse	69	Massachusetts	Retired
15	Stanton P. Hunt	74	New Hampshire	Construction Worker, Retired
16	N. Morey Eames	68	New York	Artist-Photographer
16	Carl Gault	78	New Hampshire	Laborer
23	Ruth Florence Chase	73	New Hampshire	Teacher, Retired
28	Herman A. Reichert	87	Germany	Mason, Retired
Feb.				
3	Alice P. Holmes	90	New Hampshire	Housewife
6	Mary Allen	80	Vermont	Housewife
7	William F. Walker	76	Maine	Laborer, Retired
10	Eleanor B. Rock	69	New Hampshire	Teacher, Retired
14	Rudolph L. Dunn	59	Vermont	Machinist, Retired
23	Clara J. Chandler	89	New Hampshire	Housewife
Mar.				
1	Edmund D. Oswalt	62	Alabama	Retired
13	Clyde H. Dolly	50	Virginia	Retired
28	Percy Hoyt	83	New Hampshire	Lumberjack
Apr.				
3	Mollie B. Armstrong	90	New York	Housewife
6	Eugene V. Frenette	63	New Hampshire	Office Manager, Retired
16	Charlotte Lavoie	33	New Hampshire	Stitcher
29	James H. Cleaves	86	Massachusetts	Stock Broker, Retired
May				
4	Leona Ring	81	Massachusetts	Housewife
5	Oliver E. Howe	84	New Hampshire	Carpenter, Retired
13	Charles P. Raymond	85	New Hampshire	Register of Deeds, Retired
15	Elisa Moscardine	86	Italy	Housewife
17	Alvah B. Quimby	68	New Hampshire	Taxi Operator
June				
10	Frank T. Raymond	83	New York	Food Brokerage, Retired
14	Myrna A. Weeks	78	New Hampshire	Librarian, Retired
July				
7	Walter E. Kimball, Sr.	79	Maine	Woodsman, Retired
15	Winifred Bagley	75	Massachusetts	Teacher, Retired
20	Mark Hart	20	New Hampshire	Restaurant
Aug.				
6	Josephine P. Prescott	86	New Hampshire	Nurse, Retired
12	Edward J. Garrity	16	Massachusetts	Student
12	Winthrop Parker, Jr.	70	Vermont	Sales Engineer, Retired
22	Lulu M. Arling	93	New Hampshire	Housewife
25	Mary Anne VanDine	35	New Hampshire	Housewife

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Occupation
Sept.				
2	Warner S. Sheldon	89	Vermont	Carpenter
10	Baby Girl Dorais	Inf.	New Hampshire	
17	Kenneth F. Bonney	70	Massachusetts	Interior Design, Retired
25	Laura G. Miller	95	Ohio	Housewife
30	Maybelle E. Bean	102	New Hampshire	Housewife
Oct.				
1	Lindsey Miner	58	Massachusetts	American Asbestos, Retired
4	Ellsworth E. Cotton	77	Maine	N.H. Elct. Coop., Retired
10	Christie G. Burbeck	85	New Hampshire	Teacher, Retired
23	Bertram W. Allen	85	Vermont	Lincoln Paper Mills
Nov.				
8	Benjamin J. Fields	63	Maine	Road Construction
9	John A. Deringer	88	Pennsylvania	Retired
28	Christian Nolte	76	West Germany	Tool & Dyemaker, Retired
Dec.				
2	Pauline E. Pike	67	New Hampshire	Housewife
9	Maria Wise	83	Nova Scotia	Housewife
10	Alzena R. Maloney	77	New Hampshire	Domestic, Retired
13	Florence M. Downing	90	Quebec	Housewife
25	Margaret E. Spenser	69	Canada	Nurse, Retired
27	C. Hope Lincoln	90	New Hampshire	Teacher, Retired

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR — SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

DR.	1977	1976	1975	Previous Years
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1-1-1977				
Property Taxes		\$313,514.43	\$6,800.82	\$ 7,486.63
Resident Taxes		6,580.00	2,150.00	3,410.00
Yield Taxes		268.02	631.09	984.56
TAXES COMMITTED				
Property Taxes	\$1,834,481.05			
National Bank Stock Tax	121.60			
Yield Taxes	235.30			
Resident Taxes	25,580.00			
ADDED TAXES				
Property Taxes	3,758.68	2,607.76	168.50	
Resident Taxes	3,990.00	900.00	10.00	
Yield Taxes		2,495.84		
INTEREST	.39	11,289.42	40.24	
PENALTIES	63.00	394.00	1.00	
OVERPAYMENTS				
Property Taxes	1,064.34	1,408.34		
Resident Taxes	133.00	40.00		
Excess Debit	.25	.01		
	<u>\$1,869,427.61</u>	<u>\$339,497.82</u>	<u>\$9,801.65</u>	<u>\$11,881.19</u>

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

CR.	1977	1976	1975	Previous Years
REMITTED TO TREASURER				
Property Taxes	\$1,518,914.39	\$304,683.29	\$ 420.66	
National Bank Stock Taxes	121.60			
Yield Taxes		588.80		
Resident Taxes	23,263.00	3,980.00	10.00	
Interest	.39	11,289.42	40.24	
Penalties	63.00	394.00	1.00	
ABATEMENTS				
Property Taxes	9,351.01	4,906.81		
Resident Taxes	2,520.00	360.00		3,410.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				
Property Taxes	311,038.92	7,940.44	6,548.66	7,486.63
Resident Taxes	3,920.00	3,180.00	2,150.00	00,000.00
Yield Taxes	235.30	2,175.06	631.09	984.56
	<u>\$1,869,427.61</u>	<u>\$339,497.82</u>	<u>\$9,801.65</u>	<u>\$11,881.19</u>

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

DEBIT	1976	1975	1974	Previous Years
Tax Sale June 7, 1977	\$88,530.29			
Unredeemed Jan. 1, 1977		\$53,332.54	\$15,167.54	\$5,850.24
Added Taxes				39.48
Interest Collected after Sale	1,327.60	4,046.07	3,251.01	1,842.65
Overpayments	2.41			
TOTAL	\$89,860.30	\$57,378.61	\$18,418.55	\$7,732.37
CREDIT				
Remitted to Treasurer	\$40,481.89	\$32,751.57	\$12,980.59	\$4,666.79
Interest Collected after Sale	1,327.60	4,046.07	3,251.01	1,842.65
Abated				306.89
Deeded	1,808.96	1,648.59	1,592.22	916.04
Unredeemed Dec. 31, 1977	46,241.85	18,932.38	594.43	0,000.00
Excess Credit			.30	
TOTAL	\$89,860.30	\$57,378.61	\$18,418.55	\$7,732.37

SUMMARY OF WATER RENTALS

DR.	1977	1976	1975
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1977		\$7,991.67	\$103.40
Committed to Tax Collector	\$40,434.05		
Overpayments	400.60	117.30	
	<u>\$40,834.65</u>	<u>\$8,108.97</u>	<u>\$103.40</u>
CR.	1977	1976	1975
Remitted to Treasurer	\$31,748.78	\$8,039.52	\$ 54.20
Abated	28.00	9.15	16.20
Advanced Payments	1,486.06		
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1977	<u>7,571.81</u>	<u>60.30</u>	<u>33.00</u>
	<u>\$40,834.65</u>	<u>\$8,108.97</u>	<u>\$103.40</u>

SUMMARY OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS

DR.	1977	1976
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1977		\$4,290.00
Committed to Collector		
Principal	\$ 8,402.23	
Interest	5,237.17	
Deferred Assess. Collected	8,896.83	
Overpayments	122.48	
	<u>\$22,658.71</u>	<u>\$4,290.00</u>
CR.	1977	1976
Remittances to Treasurer		
Assessments	\$15,552.55	\$2,285.00
Interest & Costs	3,745.14	1,333.00
Tax Liens Purchased by Town		672.00
Abated	291.62	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1977	3,069.40	00,000.00
	<u>\$22,658.71</u>	<u>\$4,290.00</u>

SUMMARY OF SEWER RENTALS

DR.	1977	1976	Prior Years
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1977		\$4,818.43	\$840.00
Committed	\$36,976.10		
Addeds	8.26	675.41	
Overpayments	163.09	82.43	
	\$37,147.45	\$5,576.27	\$840.00
CR.	1977	1976	Prior Years
Remitted to Treasurer	\$27,620.89	\$3,839.27	\$840.00
Abated	64.31	12.50	
Advanced Payments	1,563.70		
Credit from Overpayment of 1976	19.93		
Tax Sale		1,452.62	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1977	7,878.62	271.88	000.00
	\$37,147.45	\$5,576.27	\$840.00

SUMMARY OF SEWER CONNECTIONS

	1977	1976
DR.		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1977		\$ 62.00
Committed to Tax Collector	\$ 201.69	
	\$ 201.69	\$ 62.00
CR.	1977	1976
Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 201.69	\$ 62.00
	\$ 201.69	\$ 62.00

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

1977 has again seen many changes in the Office of the Assessor. The former Assessor resigned during April 1977 and Mr. Charles Vogler was hired effective 1 July 1977. In addition, there has been a change in Clerical Assistants with Mrs. Anne Riehs being hired in October.

To cover the gap between Assessors, a commercial appraisal firm was hired to do the "pickup" assessments on new construction and subdivisions for 1977. Over 400 assessments were accomplished which resulted in nearly a two million dollar increase in the assessed valuation of taxable property. This increase in property values, coupled with economies in Town operations, has enabled our tax rate to remain almost level in spite of significant increases in County and School District rates.

A major change in operations of the Office of the Assessor has taken place with the phaseout of the antiquated Addressograph system of inventory and billing and the introduction of computer operations. All assessing functions continue to be accomplished manually, but the computer provides a fast, efficient and accurate way to handle and sort information, prepare summaries and tax warrants, and finally to actually print out the tax bills. The switchover to the new system has gone extremely well and we hope the increase in efficiency will enable assessing personnel to concentrate more on actual assessing and spend less time in tedious clerical activities.

The past session of the New Hampshire legislature passed several new laws affecting taxation for the forthcoming tax year:

- 1) A new permanent application form has been developed by the State for Elderly, Blind, Disabled and Service Related Exemptions. From now on it will be necessary to fill out a permanent application of tax exemption only once. In subsequent years, the tax exemption may be continued merely by checking the appropriate blocks on the new annual property inventory form. Application forms were mailed to those who received

tax exemptions in 1977 and others may pick up the new forms at the Municipal Building.

- 2) The second major change concerns the annual property inventory form. A law has been passed prescribing a one percent penalty (not less than \$10 or more than \$50) for failure to submit a properly completed annual property inventory form. Each property owner should therefore be sure to submit his inventory on or before 15 April 1977 to avoid a penalty.

Since coming to the Office of the Assessor, I have initially concentrated on bringing our property assessment records up-to-date and ensuring all recent construction has been added to the tax roles. During the forthcoming year, I hope to initiate special efforts to be sure we are properly assessing all taxable boats, mobile homes and other taxable personal property. In addition, I will be surveying the town comparing our tax records with actual property and rectifying any differences.

My goal is to promote equity for all in property taxation. I therefore welcome suggestions/comments at any time. Our office is located at the rear of the Municipal Building and our normal hours are from 8-12 and 1-5 daily, or by appointment on weekends, evenings and holidays. Please do not hesitate to call or drop by.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Vogler
Assessor

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Land—Improved and Unimproved		\$28,565,750
Buildings		30,441,800
Factory Buildings		275,800
Public Utilities		897,800
House Trailers and Mobile Homes		1,210,800
Boats and Launches		<u>1,125,250</u>
Total Valuations Before Exemptions Allowed		62,517,200
Blind Exemptions	\$ 15,000	
Elderly Exemptions	277,750	
Total Exemptions Allowed		292,750
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$62,224,450

1977 Tax Rate

Town		\$ 8.60
County		4.40
School		16.80

Total \$29.80 per Thousand

PLODZIK AND SANDERSON
Accountants and Auditors
Kearsarge Building
5 South State Street
Concord, N. H. 03301

March 1, 1977

TOWN OF MEREDITH
AUDITOR'S OPINION

We have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In accordance with the practices followed by the Town of Meredith, there is no record of fixed assets or capital contributions in the Water and Sewer Departments (Enterprise Funds). Likewise, no inventory records are maintained. Because of the material effect of the omission of fixed assets and related depreciation on the financial position, we do not express an opinion on the financial statements of the Enterprise Funds as of December 31, 1976.

In our opinion, subject to the qualifications in the preceding paragraph covering the Enterprise Funds, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenue and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire at December 31, 1976 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities applied on a consistent basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Plodzic and Sanderson

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March 1, 1977

TOWN OF MEREDITH
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Board of Selectmen
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire 03253

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and records of the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976 and have prepared the attached exhibits and schedules in conformity with the recommended format prescribed by the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerks, Public Library, Municipal Court, and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A-1)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the financial condition of the general fund as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the current surplus of the Town increased by \$24,739 in 1976, from \$246,429 at December 31, 1975 to \$271,168 at December 31, 1976. An analysis of the change in current financial condition is contained in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures –
Estimated and Actual Revenue: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenue for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget

summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$67,107, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$57,434, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$124,541 for 1976.

Capital Projects Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A-5)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the fund balance of the capital projects fund as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976, is presented in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, the fund balance amounted to \$42,041 at December 31, 1976; of which \$40,091 was appropriated and \$1,950 was unappropriated. In accordance with our previous recommendation, authorized long-term borrowing for the Pleasant Street Sewer Extension, totaling \$340,100, was rescinded by vote of the 1976 Town meeting.

Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Fund Balance: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement of capital projects fund appropriations, expenditures and fund balance is contained in Exhibit A-6.

Enterprise Funds:

Water and Sewer Departments:

Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibits A-7 and A-8)

Comparative balance sheets of the water and sewer departments as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 are presented in Exhibits A-7 and A-8. As noted in our auditor's opinion, there are no fixed assets or contributions in aid of construction accounts maintained for these funds. Likewise, there is no record of inventory maintained. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the financial statements of the Enterprise Funds as of December 31, 1976.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A-9)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976, is included in Exhibit A-9. As stated therein, the long-term debt decreased by \$41,000 in 1976; from \$246,500 at December 31, 1975 to \$205,500 at December 31, 1976.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-10)

A statement showing annual debt service requirements of principal and interest is included in Exhibit A-10.

OTHER FUNDS AND OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS

The accompanying supplemental exhibits covering segregated funds and the accounts of those officials entrusted with the custody, receipt or expenditure of Town funds, are presented in accordance with the current requirements of the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements and results of operations, our examination of these accounts included the same tests and auditing procedures applied in the examination of the aforementioned financial statements. In our opinion, these exhibits are stated fairly in all material respects when considered in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.

GENERAL COMMENTS

In addition to our certified examination and audit procedures, we have over the past recommended certain bookkeeping and internal control procedures to be followed by the Town Officials and employees and assisted in the installation of our recommendations.

Our review of the records for 1976 revealed that substantial improvement has been made in the accounting system to comply with generally accepted business practices, as well as local, state, and federal statutes.

To maintain this continued improvement, we recommend that the tax collector's office be provided with proper cash register equipment, not only to provide suitable proofs, but also to expedite work, especially during peak periods.

We extend our thanks to the officials and the office staff of the Town of Meredith for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Plodzick and Sanderson

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

GENERAL FUND
Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 496,437.10	
Receipts During Year	<u>6,284,520.44</u>	
Expenditures During Year		<u>\$6,780,957.54</u>
Balance, December 31, 1977		\$475,372.06

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Co. Per Statement, December 31, 1977	\$ 366,099.03	
Add: Deposits in Transit		<u>585,351.93</u>
Less: Outstanding Checks		\$ 951,450.96
Checks credited 1-78		909,509.99
		<u>\$ 41,940.97</u>
		268.38
		42,209.35

Add:
Investment Savings Account
First Bank & Trust Co.
Meredith, N. H.
Book No. 100-51-031-9

\$ 308,655.69

Revenue Sharing
First Bank & Trust Co.
Meredith, N. H.
Book No. 100-51-051-3
CD#

2,953.48
60,000.00

Meredith Village Savings Bank
Meredith, N. H.
Book #41701
CD#3946

5,174.79
56,378.75

433,162.71

Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1977

\$475,372.06

WATER DEPARTMENT
Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
And Proof of Balance as of December 31, 1977

Balance as of December 31, 1976		\$13,855.63
<u>Receipts During Year</u>		
Water Rents	\$40,778.25	
Hydrant Rental	12,160.00	
Entrance Fees	1,307.85	
Repairs	444.72	
Voided Check	3.00	
Departmental Transfers	791.89	
Materials Reimbursed	2,216.83	
Miscellaneous	<u>48.95</u>	
		+57,751.49
<u>Expenditures During Year</u>		
Fixed Capital	\$ 1,336.40	\$ 1,336.40
<u>Maintenance</u>		
Materials & Supplies	14,109.43	
Utilities	6,255.26	
Truck Maintenance	820.65	
Repairs	<u>111.97</u>	
		21,297.31
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Office Supplies	\$ 1,322.72	
Longevity	60.00	
FICA & Retirement	2,022.95	
Health & Life Insurance	1,189.47	
Bookkeeping Service	<u>1,200.00</u>	
		5,795.14
<u>Labor</u>		
Wages	\$19,447.89	
Other Labor	<u>714.72</u>	
		20,162.61
<u>Indebtedness</u>		
Principal	\$ 5,000.00	
Interest	<u>920.00</u>	
		5,920.00
<u>Other Expenditures</u>		
Survey	\$ 600.00	
Meetings & Training	110.46	
Dues	25.00	
Refunds	97.50	

Other Expenditures (continued)

Departmental Trans. 702.93
Repairs 286.00

1,821.89

-56,333.35
\$15,273.77

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Meredith Trust
Company—Per Statement
December 31, 1977

\$17,790.31

Less: Outstanding Checks
Add: Deposits in Transit

9,927.73

7,862.58
+7,411.19

Balance—December 31, 1977

\$15,273.77

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures And Proof of Balance as of December 31, 1977

Balance as of December 31, 1975		\$15,730.99
Receipts During Year		
Sewer Rents	\$34,844.49	
Hookups	29.00	
Tax Sale Costs	45.05	
Refunds & Reimbursements	178.96	
Void Check	3.00	
Repairs	196.86	
Insurance Reimbursements	566.66	
Water Receipts for refunding	<u>18.40</u>	
		+35,882.42
Expenditures During Year		
Maintenance	8,673.56	
Utilities	5,964.75	
Vehicle Maintenance	<u>487.48</u>	
		\$15,125.79
Administration		
Office Supplies	1,212.18	
FICA & Retirement	350.44	
Life & Health Insurance	162.87	
Bookkeeping Service	<u>1,200.00</u>	
		2,925.49
Labor		
Wages	4,607.46	
Other Labor	<u>3,336.98</u>	
		7,944.44
Other Expenditures		
Water Supply & Pollution Control	2,674.95	
Sewer Cleaning	475.00	
Overpayments	145.38	
Dues	5.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>5.60</u>	
		<u>3,305.93</u>
		-29,301.65
		\$22,311.76

SEWER DEPARTMENT
Summary of Receipts and Expenditures (continued)

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Meredith Trust Company—Per Statement December 31, 1977	\$29,689.31	
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>7,893.47</u>	
		\$21,795.84
Add: Deposits in Transit		<u>+515.92</u>
Balance—December 31, 1977		\$22,311.76

REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITY
Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
And Proof of Balance as of December 31, 1977

Balance as of December 31, 1976		\$ 41,422.27
Receipts During Year		
Interest on Deposits	\$ 1,192.47	
Reimbursements	30.00	
Interest Reimbursements	3,738.78	
Inter-Department Transfers	1,004.34	
Bond Issue	<u>200,000.00</u>	
		205,965.59
Expenditures		
Repay Temporary Note	\$203,738.78	
Capital Expenditures	<u>43,649.08</u>	
		\$247,387.86
Total Expenditures		<u>-247,387.86</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1977		0

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in First Bank & Trust Company		0
As Per Statement December 31, 1977		

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Statement of Account and Fund Balance Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977

Unappropriated Fund Balance		\$111,617.55
December 31, 1976		
Additions:		
Entitlement Payments	\$81,661.00	
Interest on Invested Funds	6,364.02	
Total Additions		88,025.02
Total Amount Available		199,642.57
Expenditures During Year		
Capital Expenditures	70,909.94	
Social Services	6,725.61	
Encumbrances:		
Capital Expenditures	9,630.50	
Due General Fund	457.18	
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances		87,723.23
Unappropriated Fund Balance		\$111,919.34
December 31, 1977		

PROOF OF BALANCE

Fund Balance as of December 31, 1976		\$114,117.55
Deposits		<u>88,025.02</u>
Total		\$202,142.57
Expenditures 1977	\$77,635.55	
Account Balance as of December 31, 1977		124,507.02
Encumbrances 1976	2,500.00	
Encumbrances 1977	9,630.50	
Due General Fund	<u>457.18</u>	
	\$12,587.68	
Fund Balance as of December 31, 1977		\$111,919.34

ANTI-RECESSIONAL FISCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 1976		\$1,834.00
Additions	\$ 8,455.00	
Total Amount Available	10,289.00	
Total Expenditures		3,834.00
Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 1977		6,455.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 11,291
Town Officers' Expenses	100,028
Election & Registration	1,700
Municipal & District Court	4,600
Municipal Buildings	19,386
Police Department	121,403
Fire Department	27,325
Care of Trees	1,000
Planning & Zoning	4,919
Insurance	47,634
Civil Defense	400
Conservation Commission	200
Health Department	34,000
Refuse Disposal Facility	46,724
Day Care Center (R.S.)	1,625
Lakes Region Family Services (R.S.)	1,000
Community Action Program (R.S.)	4,101
Town Road Aid	1,424
Town Maintenance	223,064
Street Lighting	17,250
Highway Department	40,650
Highway Subsidy	24,111
Meredith Neck Improvement	7,000
Sidewalks (R.S.)	4,000
Library	30,250
Town Poor	7,500
Old Age Assistance	20,000
Patriotic Purposes	3,100
Recreation	23,900
Water Department (hydrant rent)	12,160
Cemeteries	11,500
Damages & Legal Expenses	5,000
Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	1,580
Retirement & Social Security	33,080
Principal—Long term notes and bonds	29,500
Interest—Long term notes and bonds	7,374
Interest—Temporary loans	22,000
New Equipment	41,000
Repairs—Private septic systems	5,000
Accounting Machine (R.S.)	21,000
Refuse Disposal Capital Improvements (R.S.)	15,000
Winnepesaukee River Basin Project (R.S.)	40,998
Fire Department Capital Reserve	13,008
Highway Department Capital Reserve	10,000
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$1,097,785

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

Resident Tax	\$ 25,580
National Bank Stock Tax	100
Yield Taxes	5,650
Interest on Taxes	11,150
Resident Tax Penalties	400
Sewer Assessments and Connections	13,841
Meals and Rooms Tax	25,140
Interest and Dividends Tax	64,854
Savings Bank Tax	10,562
Highway Subsidy	24,111
State Aid Water Pollution Project	44,627
Reimburse a/c State-Federal Forestland	241
Reimburse a/c Road Toll Refund	2,630
Reimburse a/c Old Age Assistance	416
Dog Licenses	1,150
Business Licenses	2,200
Fines Municipal Court	9,000
Rent of Town Property	5,000
Interest received on deposits	2,850
Income from Departments	2,300
Income from Sewer Department	1,200
Income from Water Department	1,200
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	75,000
Surplus	170,000
Revenue Sharing Funds	87,723
Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Funds	8,835

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 595,760

Net Town Appropriation	\$ 506,024.42
Net School Appropriation	1,072,242.39
County Tax	277,046.59
Total Town, County, School	1,855,313.40
Less Business Profits Tax	-48,106.00
Add: War Service	+22,100.00
Add: Overlay	+24,981.21
Property Taxes to be raised	\$1,854,288.61

62,224,450 x 2.98 = \$1,854,288.61

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 236,600
Furniture and Equipment	40,236
Libraries, Land and Buildings	116,200
Furniture and Equipment	70,000
Police Department, Land and Buildings	
Equipment	41,600
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	120,000
Equipment	157,868
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	110,000
Equipment	196,472
Materials and Supplies	10,000
Parks, Commons, and Playgrounds	425,000
Water Supply Facilities, if owned by Town	650,000
Sewer Plant & Facilities, if owned by Town	636,000
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	65,100
Refuse Disposal Facility	196,000
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	\$3,071,076

GENERAL FUND
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Appro. forwarded from 1976	Appro. 1977	Refunds and Reimb.	Total Amount Available	Expend. 1977	Unex- pended	Over- draft	Encum- bered
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Town Officers Salaries		11291.00		11291.00	11318.09		27.09	
Town Office Admin., Exp.		99128.00	259.44	99387.44	107775.77		8388.33	
Election & Regis. Exp.		1700.00		1700.00	1644.20	55.80		
Municipal Court Expenses		4600.00		4600.00	4500.00	100.00		
Town Hall Bldgs. Maint.		19386.00	123.59	19509.59	16796.72	2712.87		
Space Needs Study	2500.00			2500.00	0			2500.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY								
Police Department		121403.00	2148.55	123551.55	120753.80	2797.75		
Fire Department	2513.80	27325.00	632.32	30471.12	32308.79		1837.67	
Care of Trees		1000.00		1000.00	200.00	800.00		
Insurance		46916.88	805.39	47722.27	46515.29	1206.98		
Planning & Zoning		1400.00		1400.00	1821.39		421.39	
Civil Defense		400.00		400.00	408.00		8.00	
Conservation Commission	246.96	200.00		446.96	256.65	190.31		
HEALTH & SANITATION								
Health Services		34000.00		34000.00	34000.00			2069.00
Rubbish Disposal		5200.00		5200.00	3131.00			4200.00
Refuse Disposal Facility		42241.12	1456.71	43697.83	37745.10	1752.73		
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES								
Town Road Aid	783.35	1424.04		1424.04	1424.04			
Town Maintenance		223064.00	160.00	224007.35	189062.05	34945.30		
Street Lighting		17250.00		17250.00	18229.70		979.70	
General Expenses of Hgwy.		40650.00	3758.84	44408.84	56648.52		12239.68	
Sidewalk Improvement		4000.00		4000.00	4000.00			
Highway Subsidy		24110.88		24110.88	24110.88			

	Appro. forwarded from 1976	Appro. 1977	Refunds and Reimb.	Total Amount Available	Expend. 1977	Unex- pended	Over- draft	Encum- bered
LIBRARIES	6875.00	30250.00		37125.00	37125.00			
PUBLIC WELFARE								
Old Age Assistance	100.00	20000.00		20000.00	14022.02	5977.98		
Town Poor & Soldiers Aid		7500.00		7600.00	601.44	6998.56		
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		3100.00		3100.00	3100.00			
RECREATION								
Parks & Playgrounds		23900.00	312.50	24212.50	24795.72		583.22	
PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES								
Cemeteries	1500.00	11500.00		13000.00	13000.00			
Hydrant Rental		12160.00		12160.00	12160.00			
UNCLASSIFIED								
Legal & Prof. Services		5000.00		5000.00	7074.42		2074.42	
Advert. & Regional Assoc.		6099.34		6099.34	6099.34			
Retire. & S.S. Taxes		33080.00	157.86	33237.86	31539.63	1698.23		
Community Action Program		4100.61		4100.61	4100.61			
Longevity	120.00	900.00		1020.00	480.00	540.00		
I-L Day Care Center		1625.00		1625.00	1625.00			
DEBT. SERVICE								
Interest on Notes & Bonds		7374.31		7374.31	7374.31			
Interest on Temp. Loans		22000.00		22000.00	15473.16	6526.84		
Principal of Debt.		29500.00		29500.00	29500.00			
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
Winni. River Basin	6687.00	40997.62		40997.62	41256.68		259.06	6091.00
New Equipment		41000.00	27116.00	74803.00	72161.90		3449.90	3810.00
Repairs to Priv. Septic Syst.		5000.00		5000.00	1190.00			
Capital Reserve Funds		23007.92		23007.92	23007.92			

	Appro. forwarded from 1976	Appro. 1977	Refunds and Reimb.	Total Amount Available	Expend. 1977	Unex- pended	Over- draft	Encum- bered
Ref. Disp. Fac. Capital		15000.00		15000.00	5369.50			9630.50
Accounting Machine		21000.00		21000.00	21000.00			8500.00
State Aid Construction	5000.00	7000.00		12000.00	3500.00			
Pleasant St. Sewer Ext.		0		0	3150.00		3150.00	
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	26326.11	1097784.72	36931.20	1161042.03	1091356.64	66303.35	33418.46	36800.50
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS								
County Tax		277046.59		277046.59	227046.59	50000.00		
School District	486074.54	1072242.39		1558316.93	1034784.52			523532.41
Overlay (Tax Abatements Refunds)		24981.21		24981.21	24690.65	290.56		
	512400.65	2472054.91	36931.20	3021386.76	2377878.40	116593.91	33418.46	560332.91

LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1976 and December 31, 1977

	December 31, 1976	December 31, 1977
ASSETS		
Amount to be Provided For Retirement of Long-Term Debt:		
General Fund	\$180,500	\$351,000
Water Fund	25,000	20,000
Total Assets	\$205,500	\$371,000
LIABILITIES		
Long-Term Notes:		
Water Notes 1967-1977	\$ 1,000	
Sewer Conn. Notes 71-81	40,000	\$ 32,000
Water Notes 1972-1982	24,000	20,000
Sewer Ext. Notes 73-83	10,500	9,000
	\$ 75,500	\$ 61,000
Bonds Outstanding:		
Sewer Const. Bonds 1952	\$ 10,000	
Water Bonds 1968	120,000	\$110,000
Ref. Dis. Bonds 1978	0	200,000
Total Liabilities	130,000	311,000
	\$205,500	\$371,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND BUDGET SUMMARY
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

SOURCE	REVENUES	Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual	
TAXES:			
Current Year:			
Property	\$1,834,481.05	\$1,838,239.73	\$ 3,758.68
Resident	25,580.00	29,570.00	3,990.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Tax	100.00	121.60	21.60
Yield Taxes	5,650.00	235.30	5,414.70
Prior Years (Added Taxes)			
Property		2,776.26	2,776.26
Resident		910.00	910.00
Yield Taxes		2,495.84	2,495.84
Interest on Delinquent taxes	11,550.00	22,268.98	10,718.98
FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:			
Revenue Sharing Funds	87,723.23	87,723.23	
Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance	3,834.00	8,455.00	4,621.00
FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	64,854.38	64,854.38	
Savings Bank Tax	10,562.08	10,562.08	
Meals & Rooms Tax	25,140.00	25,140.54	.54
Water Pollution Projects	44,627.00	44,627.00	
Business Profits Tax	48,106.00	48,106.00	
Reimb. State & Fed. Lands	241.24	241.24	
Road Toll Refunds	2,630.00	3,037.00	407.00
Reimb. Old Age Assistance	416.49	416.49	

FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

Motor Vehicle Permits	75,000.00	90,294.27	15,294.27
Municipal Court Fines	9,000.00	9,677.71	677.71
Dog Licenses	1,150.00	1,195.25	45.25
Business Licenses, Permits, Fees	2,200.00	3,330.27	1,130.27
Sale of Property		300.00	300.00
Rent of Property & Equipment	5,000.00	5,195.00	195.00
Sewer Assessment & Connections	13,841.00	13,841.00	
Interest on Deposits	2,850.00	4,755.55	1,905.55
Income from Departments	4,700.00	5,154.00	454.00
Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	170,000.00	170,000.00	
TOTALS	\$2,449,236.47	\$2,493,523.72	\$49,701.95
			<u>\$5,414.70</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

Actual Revenue	\$2,493,523.72
Estimated Revenue	<u>2,449,236.47</u>
Revenue Surplus	\$44,287.25
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations	\$ 116,593.91
Overdrafts of Appropriations	<u>33,418.46</u>
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations	83,175.45
Net Budget Surplus	\$127,462.70

TOWN OF MEREDITH
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	PRINCIPAL			
	Balance December 31, 1975	New Funds or Additions	Withdrawals	Balance December 31, 1976
<u>Cemetery Funds</u>	\$19,817	\$ 1,000	\$	\$20,817
<u>Library Funds</u>	19,709			19,709
<u>School Funds</u>	1,028			1,028
<u>World War II Memorial Fund</u>	200			200
<u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u>				
Highway Department	9,975	10,000		19,975
Fire Department	30,000	10,000	19,348	20,652
<u>Totals</u>	\$80,729	\$21,000	\$19,348	\$82,381

-----INCOME-----

Balance December 31, 1975	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance December 31, 1976	Balance Of Principal and Income December 31, 1976
\$ 4,475	\$1,352	\$1,092	\$ 4,735	\$25,552
626	1,903	1,836	693	20,402
217	68	217	68	1,096
188	21		209	409
5,873	866		6,739	26,714
2,497	959		3,456	24,108
<u>\$13,876</u>	<u>\$5,169</u>	<u>\$3,145</u>	<u>\$15,900</u>	<u>\$98,281</u>

Investments

Meredith Village Savings Bank	\$83,008
1250 Shares - Puritan Fund, Inc.	8,332
1015 Shares - Chemical Fund, Inc.	2,949
778 Shares - Eaton and Howard Balanced Fund	<u>3,992</u>
<u>Total Investments</u>	<u>\$98,281</u>

TOWN OF MEREDITH
 General Fund
 Comparative Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976

ASSETS	December 31, 1975	December 31, 1976
Cash:		
General Fund	\$391,277	\$496,437
Payroll Fund	2,000	2,000
With Fiscal Agents	660	220
Change Funds	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
	\$394,087	\$ 498,807
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Department	\$ 15,848	\$ 26,714
Fire Department	<u>32,497</u>	<u>24,108</u>
	48,345	50,822
Accounts Receivable:		
From Federal Government:		
Disaster Relief Act Fund	\$ 9,605	
Highway Safety Program	2,416	
From State of New Hampshire:		
Miscellaneous	719	

From Others:
Sewer Connections and Assessments:

Current \$ 3,624
Deferred 118,949

\$ 4,352
109,726

Municipal Court
Capital Projects Fund
Sewer Department
Miscellaneous

2,294
11,654
2,062
711

11,954

152,034

126,032

Taxes Receivable:

Property \$294,592
Resident 10,600
Yield 1,655
Tax Liens 61,586

\$327,802
12,140
1,884
74,348

368,433

416,174

TOTAL ASSETS

\$962,899

\$1,091,835

LIABILITIES, RESERVES
AND FUND BALANCE

December 31, 1976

Liabilities and Reserves:
Accounts Payable
Yield Tax Security Deposits
Matured Interest Payable

\$ 4,026
857
660

\$ 3,559
4,338
220

Liabilities and Reserves (continued):			
Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes Payable	\$ 693		\$ 389
Prepaid Property Taxes	400		
Special Appropriations Encumbered	41,879		22,809
Due Water Department			2,085
Due Sewer Department			145
Restricted Assets:			
Sewer Assessments and Connections	\$118,949	\$109,726	
Capital Reserve Funds	48,345	50,822	
Deferred Highway Subsidy Funds		<u>6,042</u>	166,590
Unappropriated Federal Funds:			
Revenue Sharing	\$ 36,979	\$132,609	
Title II		<u>1,834</u>	134,443
School District Tax Payable	<u>463,682</u>		<u>486,089</u>
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$716,470		\$ 820,667
Current Surplus	<u>246,429</u>		<u>271,168</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$962,899</u>		<u>\$1,091,835</u>

EXHIBIT G
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Municipal Court
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash Balance - December 31, 1975 \$ 57

Receipts During Year:

Fines and Forfeits	\$31,557
Small Claims	1,745
Bail	2,333
Restitution	195
Executions and Writs	49
Refunds	<u>174</u>

Total Receipts 36,053

Total Amount Available \$36,110

Expenditures During Year:

Town of Meredith	\$12,705
Department of Safety	15,715
Bail Returns	2,333
Small Claims	2,027
Fish and Game Department	116
Special Justice	350
Witness Fees	818
Breathalyzer	145
Printing	476
Postage and Supplies	344
Dues	90
Miscellaneous	<u>420</u>

Total Expenditures 35,539

Cash Balance - December 31, 1976 \$571

NOTES

TOWN OF MEREDITH

1978 BUDGET

**(Including 1977-78 Comparative Statement
of Appropriations and Revenues)**

	Appro.	Exp.	Oper.	Sp. Art.	Rev. Shar.
Town Offices Salaries	10,791	10,819	11,400		
Town Offices Expenses	96,292	107,380	119,255	28,500	
Election & Registration	1,700	1,644	3,125		
Municipal & Dist. Court	4,600	4,500	2,700		
Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	15,236	14,147	18,100		35,000
Employee Ret. & S.S.	51,570	48,037	56,438		
Police Department	115,551	112,531	120,425		
Fire Department	27,325	31,823	36,670		
Care of Trees	1,000	00,000	100		
Insurance	30,327	32,140	40,000		
Planning & Zoning	5,119	5,351	6,577	8,000	
Damages & Legal Expenses	4,852	4,332	6,050		
Civil Defense	400	408	400		
Health Department	35,000	35,000	20,000	13,000	
Town Dump & Garbage Disp.	62,441	62,145	68,380		
Town Maint.-Summer & Winter	227,814	196,973	232,300		
Street Lighting	17,250	18,229	19,200		
General Expenses of Hgwy.	47,950	59,296	66,430		
Town Road Aid	32,535	32,534	40,267	95,000	
Libraries	30,250	30,250	35,750		
Public Welfare	33,225	20,248	18,000	8,240	
Patriotic Purposes	1,600	1,600	2,000		
Recreation	23,900	24,795	38,300	500	
Municipal Water Dept.	12,160	12,160	84,454		
Cemeteries	11,500	11,500	11,500		
Sewer Department	00,000	00,000	48,902		
Advertising Assoc.	3,080	3,080	2,000	1,580	
Principal—Bond & Note	29,500	29,500	29,500		
Interest—Bond & Note	11,114	11,114	16,471		
Interest—Temp. Loans	18,264	11,734	2,000		
Capital Outlay	107,997	111,777	52,002	23,200	87,000
Capital Reserve Funds	23,008	23,008		23,000	
Federal & State Funds	4,434	5,421	13,000	827,500	
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TOTAL	1,097,785	1,073,476	1,221,696	1,028,520	122,000
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SOURCES OF REVENUE

	1977 Estimated	1977 Actual	1978 Estimated
FROM STATE:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	64854.38	64854.38	64000.00
Savings Bank Tax	10562.08	10562.08	10000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	25140.00	25140.54	25000.00
State Aid—Water Pollution Projects	44627.00	44627.00	14486.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	24110.88	24110.88	38766.00
Reim. Forest Conservation Aid	241.24	241.24	241.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	17772.00	17772.00	18608.00
Reim. GAA	416.49	416.49	
Reim. Toll Road Refund	2630.00	3037.23	3500.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:			
Dog Licenses	1150.00	1195.25	1100.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	2200.00	3318.27	3000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	75000.00	90294.27	90000.00
Interest on Taxes & Dep.	14400.00	27024.53	22000.00
Fines & Forfeits—Municipal Court	9000.00	9677.71	4500.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Taxes	100.00	121.60	100.00
Resident Taxes Retained	25580.00	25580.00	24000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	5650.00	5650.00	5500.00
Rent of Town Property	5000.00	5195.00	5000.00
Sale of Town Property		300.00	0
Income from Departments	2300.00	5154.00	5000.00
Sewer Assessments and Connections	13841.00	13841.00	13000.00
Reim. Center Harbor			8700.00
Income from Municipal Utilities	2400.00	2400.00	119876.00
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)			88000.00
SURPLUS	170000.00	170000.00	
FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			
Revenue Sharing	87723.23	87723.23	825500.00
Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance Funds	<u>3834.00</u>	<u>8455.00</u>	<u>122000.00</u>
			<u>15000.00</u>
*TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	608532.30	646691.70	1526877.00
*AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	489252.42		
TOTAL REVENUES	1097785.00		

MEREDITH

TOWN

WARRANT

MEREDITH TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of Meredith, Qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the First Congregational Church Vestry, Highland Street in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 14, 1978 from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. for the casting of ballots; and at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 15, 1978 at the Robert Pottle Memorial Auditorium in the InterLakes High School in said Town, to act on the following Articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for one Selectman for three years; one Town Clerk for three years; one Town Treasurer for three years; one Moderator for two years; one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years; two Library Trustees for three years; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.

ARTICLE 2. To choose other necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To act on the following questions:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance clarifying that portion having to do with signs as follows: No signs shall be permitted in any Zone except:

A. Each Commercial and Light Industrial Zone property owner may have "on premise" signs with total sign surfaces not to exceed 3 sq. ft. per linear foot of road frontage but not to exceed 120 sq. ft. per side.

1) "On premise" signs shall mean any signs located on the property whether attached to buildings or erected on the ground or on poles.

2) Tenants of a Commercial and Light Industrial property owner shall be treated together as one property owner, but in any case each business located on such a property shall be entitled to a sign of at least 32 sq. ft.

B. "Off Premise" signs are allowed only as defined below:

1) Signs directing traffic to a local business or a group of residences.

2) Such local business may establish two signs, the aggregate surface of which shall not exceed 100 sq. ft.

C. By variance from the Board of Adjustment.

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as requested by the Selectmen and recommended by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Any existing non-conforming use may continue as provided for in the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 31, Section 62, and any such use may be changed to a different non-conforming use provided such different non-conforming use would not be more objectionable or detrimental to the area and where no structural alterations to the building are made and no additional parking is required. (Add to Definitions: "Existing Non-Conforming Use": Any use existing in a Zone where it is not allowed and which existed prior to the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance.)

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

In cases where a lot fronts on two streets, the front set-back requirement prescribed for that Zone shall apply to both sides facing on a street and the remaining sides shall conform to the prescribed side yard set-back requirement. In these cases there shall be no rear set-back established.

Shore Front Lots – In Forestry & Rural and Residential Districts the minimum set-back from the shore shall be 20 ft. and the minimum set-back from the highway shall be 65 ft. from the center line of the traveled way.

ARTICLE 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 pertaining to fences as requested by the Selectmen and recommended by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. All fences shall be a maximum allowable height of 6 feet.

2. The face of the fence may set at the lot line, however, in cases where the builder wishes to set the fence off to his side of the property line, he must allow for the required side yard set-back distance in that Zone. In cases where pre-existing buildings do not have the minimum

side or rear yard set-backs as required in the Zone, the fence must be constructed at the lot line.

3. All fences must be constructed with the finished or good side away from the lot.

4. Permits for construction of fences must be obtained prior to construction regardless of cost of fence (agricultural stock fences and protective fences such as for tennis courts, swimming pools, and power stations will not be subject to these regulations.) The definition of an "Agricultural Stock Fence" – A fence erected for the sole purpose of containing stock.

ARTICLE 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as recommended by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance pertaining to building permits as follows:

All building permits shall expire one year from the date of issuance and must be renewed in writing regardless of the status of the project (unless completed or abandoned). Renewal of a building permit with no additional fee is automatic for incomplete projects provided 25% of construction is completed per year.

ARTICLE 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as requested by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Article VI Paragraph D. Violations. Correct Paragraph "D" to read Paragraph "E."

ARTICLE 9. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:66 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a wind-powered energy system which exemption shall be in an amount equal to the increase in assessed valuation resulting from the installation of said system?

ARTICLE 10. Shall we adopt the provisions of Revised Statutes Annotated 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a solar energy heating system which exemption shall be in an amount equal to the increase in assessed valuation resulting from the installation of said system?

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$88,000.00) for the purpose of making improvements to Powers Road, a Class V Road within the Town by participating in an accelerated T.R.A. Program with the State of New Hampshire, such sum to be raised through the issuance of Bonds or Notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 241, N. H. Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such Bonds or Notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Meredith. (Passage requires affirmative vote by two-thirds of all voters present and voting.)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sums as are necessary for the operation of the Town and to set the rates; effect the issuance of Notes and to otherwise negotiate for the sale of Notes to be paid within the present fiscal year.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Manager to apply for, negotiate, and do all things necessary to obtain such State and/or Federal Funds that may become available throughout the year and to expend same. This authority shall include, but is not limited to programs such as the Economic Development Act, Local Public Works Construction Funds, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, or other such programs in which no local matching funds are required, or when previously appropriated local funds, if used as match, can be enhanced without modifying the purpose for which said funds were appropriated originally.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the forthcoming year.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Manager to apply for, receive, and expend an amount not to exceed seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$775,000.00) from the Community Development Block Grant Program (Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development).

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, until directed to the contrary at a subsequent Town Meeting, to apply for, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State, or other assistance as may be available for the

report for, design of, and construction of, a sewage disposal system, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of said assistance as outlined in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 33:7-B et seq., as amended, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) and appropriate an additional sum not to exceed thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00) for the purpose of preparing a facilities plan on sewerage which is a requirement contained in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C., Sec. 1251 et. seq.) and will qualify the Town for Federal Funds; such sums to be generated as follows:

- Twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) to be raised by general taxation, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) of which will be reimbursed to the Town of Meredith by the State of New Hampshire upon completion of the Facilities Plan.
- Thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00) to be provided by the Federal Government under the Financial Assistance Program of the Construction Grants Section of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33, U.S.C., Sec. 1251 et. seq.).
- And further to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the Federal Government under the Financial Assistance Program of the Construction Grants Section of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33, U.S.S., Sec. 1251 et seq.) and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive water system analysis to determine what action will be required to conform to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, Public Law No. 93-523, and to develop plans for the necessary improvements, said funds to be utilized only in the event that the Community Development Block Grant Project Application which includes a similar analysis is rejected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land located on Route #3,

adjacent to Prescott Park, identified as Tax Map Reference Number U-10-34, being approximately five (5) acres.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by Revised Statutes Annotated 35:1:35:18.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by Revised Statutes Annotated 35:1:35:18.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for a Refuse Disposal Capital Reserve Fund as authorized by Revised Statutes Annotated 35:1:35:18 and to authorize the Selectmen to expend such amounts as might be necessary on major repairs as required.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) of Federal Anti-Recessional Funds should said funds become available in 1978, and authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to expend said funds for allowable projects.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for improvements to Meredith Neck Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program provided the State of New Hampshire appropriates fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) for this purpose.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to hire a Town Engineer and to raise and appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for this purpose.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$122,000.00) from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the following and necessary capital expenditures:

1. Municipal Office Building modifications and related equipment. — \$35,000.00
2. Acquisition of 3 parcels of land to expend and enhance town parking facilities at Cattle Landing. — \$20,000.00

3. Front-end Loader for use by the Highway Department.
– \$42,000.00
4. Dump Truck and Plowing Equipment for use by the Highway Department. – \$25,000.00

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to hire a full-time Recreation Director on or about January 1, 1979, and to raise and appropriate the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of interviewing candidates for this position. (By Citizens' Petition)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to create a "Conservation Fund" as provided for in Revised Statutes Annotated 36:A:5 and to place all unexpended funds appropriated for the operation of the Conservation Commission into said fund at the close of the 1978 Budget Year.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and transfer title to all real estate taken by the Town in default of redemption from any Tax Sale to such persons and upon such conditions as they shall see fit.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,625.00) to help support the Community Action Program (C.A.P.). (By request of Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program)

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand six hundred fifteen dollars (\$3,615.00) to help support the InterLakes Day Care Center. (By request of InterLakes Day Care Center, Inc.)

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred and eighty dollars (\$1,580.00) for the benefit of the Lakes Region Association. (By request of the Lakes Region Association)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to help defray the expenses of the Lakes Region General Hospital. (By request of the Lakes Region General Hospital for an unspecified amount of assistance)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to help support the Lakes Region Family Service. (By request of Lakes Region Family Service)

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$5,700.00) and to pay the same to Mr. Terry Berry as a refund on property sold to him by the Town at a public auction held in 1976; to which property the Town had no rightful claim.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen of the Town of Meredith to sell to Mr. Chester F. Sirls, of Crystal Spring Trailer Park, Box #36, Somersworth, New Hampshire, the property listed as Number R-10-83 on the Meredith Tax Map. That the selling price of said property shall be all of the unpaid taxes plus interest and penalties.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a highway and abandon the use of Railroad Avenue and to transfer ownership of same to Prescott Lumber Company subject to successful negotiation of terms and conditions beneficial to the Town as determined by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept Carol Lane and Woodvale Drive; said Carol Lane beginning at the junction of Pease Road and running between Lots 4 and 5 and proceeding between Lots 10 and 11 to the junction of Woodvale Drive, thence turning left and following Woodvale Drive until it rejoins Pease Road, excluding those uncompleted portions of Woodvale Drive which run between Lots 10 and 37 and Lots 15 and 39. These roads being the same as laid out on a sub-division plan of Lamprey Enterprises, Inc. dated October 24, 1972, December 1975, and April 1976 as approved by the Meredith Planning Board on April 22, 1976 and on file in the Selectmen's Office.

Roy L. Atteberry, Chairman
Harold G. Wyatt
Warner M. Plummer

Selectmen, Town of Meredith

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this day of February 1978

Mary C. Devine, Notary Public

Received and Recorded 2-78

Pauline L. Fournier, Town Clerk

NOTES

MEETINGS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- MONDAY:** **Library Trustees**—7:30 pm, First Monday, Library
Lakes Region Planning Commission—7:00 pm, Last Monday,
Location varies
- TUESDAY:** **Planning Board**—7:30 pm, Second, Fourth Tuesday, Municipal Bldg.
Conservation Commission—7:30 pm, First Tuesday, Municipal Bldg.
Public Health Nursing Association—10:00 am, Third Tuesday,
Congregational Church
- THURSDAY:** **Board of Selectmen**—7:00 pm, Every Thursday, Municipal Bldg.
Parks & Playgrounds Commission—7:30 pm, Second Thursday,
Municipal Building

Two weeks following published Notice of Hearing:
Board of Adjustment
Municipal Building

OFFICE HOURS

Meredith Public Library	Tues., Wed., Thur. — 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Friday — 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday — 9:00 am - 12:00 noon CLOSED MONDAY
Assessors Office	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Health Office	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Town Manager	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tax Collector	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Town Clerk	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am - 11:00 am; 12:00 am - 4:00 pm
Public Health Nurse (Office)	Monday thru Friday — 9:00 am - 12:00 noon 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Registered Nurse	Monday thru Friday — 9:00 am - 9:30 am; 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Refuse Disposal Facility	WINTER HOURS Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday — 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday — 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Sunday — 8:00 am - 12:00 noon SUMMER HOURS Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday — 10:00 am - 5:00 pm CLOSED WEDNESDAYS & HOLIDAYS

TOWN OF MEREDITH

Emergency Calls

TO REPORT FIRES

524-1545

Other Emergency Numbers

DOCTORS

Inter-Lakes Medical Center
(Dr. Thomas Nadeau)

Dr. Jay Vazifdar

Lakes Region General Hospital

Kemp-Symonds Ambulance

HOSPITALS

AMBULANCES

279-4587

279-8696

524-3211

279-4431

POISON INFORMATION CENTER

Hanover

1-643-4000

Boston

1-617-232-2120

POLICE — FIRE OFFICIALS

Meredith Police Department

279-4530

State Police (Moultonboro)

476-5582

State Police (Concord)

1-271-3636

Forest Fire Warden
(Burning Permits)

Day 279-8507
Night 279-7960

Civil Defense Director

279-6031