

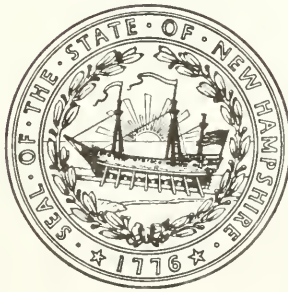
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TOWN OFFICERS

March Town Meeting

Town Clerk

Kathy Vestal*	1999
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Selectmen

Thomas Curren	1998
Maurice Jenness	1999
Terence Murphy	2000

Treasurer

Marilyn Raymond	2000
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Trustees of Trust Funds

George Carr	1998
Phyllis Clement	1999
Marvin Lewis	2000

Supervisors of Checklists

Alfred Nickerson	1998
Marjorie Nickerson	2000
Florence Hanaford	2002

Moderator

Andrew Denton	1999
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Library Trustees

Nancy Gray	1998
Catherine Drew	1999
Pauline Havens	2000

* Filling out the unexpired term of Patricia Mitchell

APPOINTMENTS***Deputy Town Clerk***

Cathy Lyford	1999
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Tax Collector

Nancy Denton	1999
Rachel Spencer, Deputy	1999

Forest Fire Warden

Lawrence Gilpatric

Deputy Fire Wardens

Creighton Gray	John Farro
Andrew Denton	Donald Atwood

Planning Board

Elaine MacAdams, Chair	Robert Williams
Ronald Olszak	Richard Brooks
Hank Woolner	William Delashmit
Terence Murphy, Ex. Off.	
Alternates: William McChesney	Maurice Jenness Alt. Ex. Off
James Jeffrey	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Benjamin Lambert	Ronald Towne
E. Wayne Thompson	Janet Woolner
Alternates: Charles Swanson	David Cheney

Conservation Committee

Joseph Allison, Chair	Nancy Gray
Elaine MacAdam	Robert Tucker
Emily Crane - Pemi River Council Rep.	
Alternates: Phyllis Clement	William Weir

<i>School Board Member</i>	Patricia Travers	1999
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<i>School Board Budget Committee</i>	Mary Ellen Godville	1998
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<i>Road Agent</i>	Donald Atwood
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<i>Chief of Police</i>	James Gickas
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<i>Fire Chief</i>	Andrew Denton
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<i>Building Inspector</i>	Fred Wilcox
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<i>Town Forester</i>	Creighton Gray
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT 1998

Town finances remain in excellent shape. Long term debt is low and declining. This year we will pay off two trucks and the town hall. We also ended this year with a modest surplus. We are recommending no capital items in the 1998 warrant. In the last 10 years much has been accomplished. The municipal tax rate has been slowly declining over the last 10 years and in the last 4 years it has remained constant. We feel a pause for one year is warranted considering cost increases in schools and county taxes that are on the horizon. Another factor for level funding was the recent ice storm. The cost of clean up will exceed \$50,000. We are applying for emergency funding from FEMA. The damage to the forests and road sides is approaching the experiences of the 1938 hurricane. It will be a challenge to maintain level taxes based on the above, but we feel it is possible.

Town Buildings - Over the last 5 years, maintenance programs to improve the condition of town buildings has been completed. All buildings have been upgraded and have received a coat of paint. The Town House on Bridgewater Hill has a new foundation. The town clerk's offices have been renovated. We are in good shape in this department.

Highway - We have replaced all of our fuel storage with newly designed above ground tanks. We also paved John Smith Hill Road and improved grading throughout the town. This year we plan to resurface Bridgewater Hill Road assuming the impact of the ice storm does not severely impact our costs. If so, it may have to be delayed until next year. We should recognize the hard work by all of the members of this department especially during the recent ice storm. They worked a large number of hours to bring roads back to normal within a two week period. We will spend the rest of the year cleaning up from this event.

Safety Services - The new full-time police position has met with overwhelming approval. Crime is down and speeding seems to be getting lower. Recently, we dug out the fire pond on Route 3A and a new dry hydrant was put back into service near Whittemore Shores. The cooperation between fire, police and highway is great! We are fortunate to have such able and helpful personnel.

H-B Refuse District - We finished repaving the entry road to this facility and this year will be putting an overhang near the drop off to improve safety from snow falling from the roof and more convenient in poor weather. Recycling has been improved and costs remain constant.

Bridgewater-Hebron Village District - The newly formed village district is well underway. After a large turn out and an impressive 93% affirmative vote, we are underway with permitting and engineering for a school in Bridgewater. We expect construction to start sometime before mid June.

Cemeteries - We would like to acknowledge the donation of a tract of land in front of the Whittemore Point Cemetery from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marchand.

The Selectmen will further address a number of these issues in greater depth in an early summer newsletter. We appreciate the volunteer efforts and cooperation of all towns people as we address the best interest of the town in this time of change. Overall, we have great reason to feel fortunate to live in a town like Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Curren
Maurice Jenness
Terence Murphy

TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitant of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said state,
qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the
tenth day of March 1998 next at Twelve of the clock in the noon to act on the following
subjects:

Polls to be opened from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Business meeting at 8:00 p.m.

1. To choose a Selectmen for three (3) years and all other necessary town officials.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Bridgewater-Hebron Village District for use for public school purposes, for no consideration, a certain parcel of land consisting of 13.64 acres, more or less, on Route 3A, being lot 12A on a plan entitled "Subdivision for Arthur T. King" and recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds as plan No. 8359. Said parcel was donated to the town by Arthur and Ruth King and under the terms of their deed to the town the land will revert to the town if it ever ceases to be used for school purposes. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign to the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District, for no consideration, all of the town's interest in a purchase and sale agreement dated August 21, 1997 with Audrey and George Hagerman, in respect of a certain parcel of land consisting of 6.93 acres, more or less, being Lot 11A on a plan entitled "Subdivision For Arthur T. King" and recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds as plan No. 8359. Said parcel is adjacent to the parcel described in Article 2 of this warrant as lot 12A. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
4. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seals, this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety eight.

Terence Murphy
Maurice Jenness
Thomas Curren

Selectmen
of
Bridgewater

A true copy of WarrantATTEST

Terence Murphy
Maurice Jenness
Thomas Curren

Selectmen
of
Bridgewater

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NH

Appropriations & Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1997 to Dec. 31, 1997

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Year	Actual Expenses Prev. Yr.	Approp. Year 1998
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	23000	25,665.53	23,000.00
Election, Town Clerk	7500	11,642.14	9,000.00
Financial Administration	27000	26,300.10	26,000.00
Legal Expenses	10000	13,509.53	10,000.00
Employee Benefits	25000	31,303.00	38,000.00
Planning & Zoning	3000	10,148.00	6,500.00
Town Buildings	24000	24,858.00	24,000.00
Cemetaries	400	400.00	400.00
Insurance	21000	19,328.00	23,000.00
Advertising & Regional	2700	2,599.98	2,700.00
<i>Subtotal General Government</i>	143600	165,754.28	162,600.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Department of Public Safety	65000		79,500.00
Police Division (36500)*		38,085.83	
Fire Division (28500)*		25,898.52	
Ambulance	4520	4,520.00	4,520.00
Building Inspection	700	0.00	700.00
Emergency Management	500		500.00
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES			
General Expenses Highway	138000	168,012.80	180,000.00
Highway Block Grant	31677	31,677.00	32,337.50
<i>Subtotal Safety, High. & Bridges</i>	240397	268,194.15	297,557.50
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	40000	40,000.00	40,000.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	681	519.77	357.00
HEALTH			
NANA	6744	6,744.00	6,744.00
NH Humane Society	300	300.00	300.00
Sceva Speare Hospital	1500	1,500.00	1,500.00
Plymouth Health Clinic	1000	1,000.00	1,000.00
Plymouth Senior Center	500	500.00	500.00
Family Services	500	500.00	500.00
<i>Subtotal Sanitation & Health</i>	51225	51,063.77	50,901.00

WELFARE

General Assistance	5000	2,492.61	4,000.00
Outreach Program	400	3,331.00	400.00
Plymouth Crisis Service	600	500.00	500.00
Upper Valley Senior Citizens	1002	1,002.00	1,002.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

Library	635	635.00	635.00
Parks & Recreation	5010	5,010.00	5,010.00
Patriotic Purposes	250	300.00	2,300.00
Historical Society	300	300.00	300.00
Other Culture & Recreation	300	1,325.00	300.00

CONSERVATION

Administration			
Expenses	1600	3,937.36	1,600.00
Forests	1500	1,053.80	1,500.00

<i>Subtotal Welfare, Cul., Conserv.</i>	16597	19,886.77	17,547.00
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DEBT SERVICE

Principal long notes	42581	39,540.78	42,581.00
Interest Expense Notes	10869	9,466.15	8,275.00
Interest Tax Anticipation	3000	1,251.71	3,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Article 8 Capital Improvement	6000	8,209.19	
Article 9 Conservation Committee	5859	5,859.00	

<i>Subtotal, Debt, Capital</i>	68309	64,326.83	53,856.00
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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	520128	569,225.80	582,461.50
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Less Amount of Estimated Revenue	181136	231,430.38	243,037.50
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Amount of Taxes to Raise (exclusive of school & county)	338992	337,795.42	339,424.00
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIV.

Newfound School District	839,178.00	880,000.00
County Tax	208,385.00	220,000.00

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues For the year ending December 31, 1997
General Fund

	Estimated Previous Fiscal Yr.	Actual Previous Fiscal Yr.	Estimated Ensuing Fiscal Yr.
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Yield Taxes	5000	8,105.49	5,000.00
Road Betterment Assess	10000	11,396.80	10,000.00
Interest & Penalties	10000	13,692.30	10,000.00
LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES			
Business licenses, per.	1400	3,223.00	
Motor vehicle permits	95000	118,582.50	122,000.00
Building permits	700	1,230.00	1,200.00
Other		488.50	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE			
Shared Revenue	12000	13,544.87	14,000.00
Highway Block Grant	31677	31,677.00	32,337.50
Other			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - FEDERAL			
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	3500	5,423.54	3,500.00
Other		24,066.38	45,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Town Truck			
Town Buildings - Capital			
Improvement	6000		
Conservation Commission	5859		
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	181,136.00	231,430.38	243,037.50

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

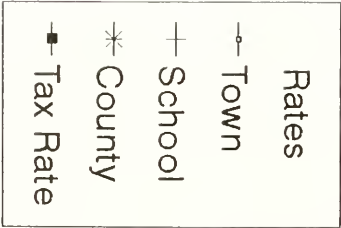
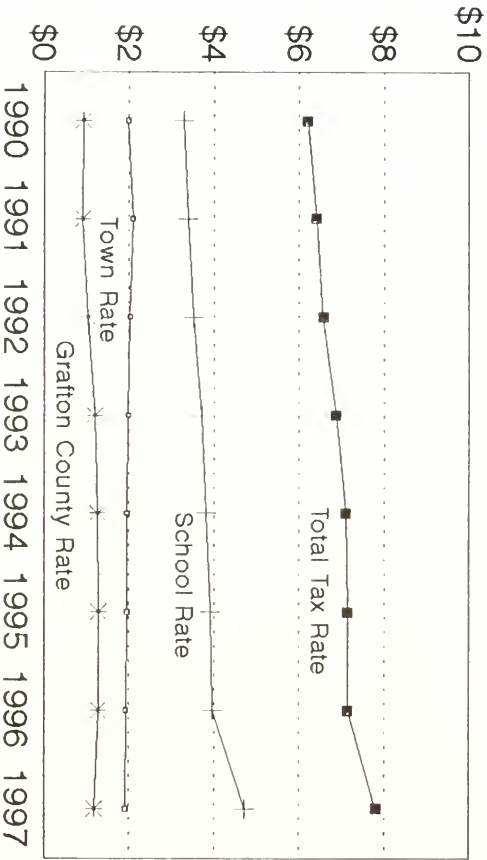
	Estimated 1997	Actual 1997	Estimated 1998	Estimated Tax Rate
Total Town Appropriation	520,128.00	569,225.80	582,461.50	
Total Revenues	181,136.00	231,430.38	243,037.50	
Net Town Appropriation	338,992.00	337,795.42	339,424.00	1.90
School Appropriation	750,200.00	839,178.00	880,000.00	4.94
County Assessment	250,650.00	208,385.00	220,000.00	1.23
Total Town, School, County	1,000,850.00	1,047,563.00	1,100,000.00	
Minus Shared Revenue	3000	12189	3000	
Add War Service Credit	6000	6750	6000	
Add Overlay	2000	4000	2000	
R E Taxes to be Raised	1,344,842.00	1,383,919.42	1,444,424.00	8.07
Estimated Village District Rate				0.80
		1998 Estimated Tax Rate		8.87

PROPERTY VALUATION COMPARISON LAST 17 YEARS

	net property valuation	Valuation change fr prev. year	tax rate/100
1980	10,767,700	306,600	2.900
1981	11,170,840	413,140	3.350
1982	11,272,540	101,700	3.650
1983	11,674,845	402,305	3.500
1984	12,163,845	488,700	3.400
1985	12,481,080	317,235	3.700
1986	13,439,150	958,070	3.900
1987	15,678,789	2,239,639	3.940
1988	18,724,540	3,045,751	4.170
1989	157,658,824		0.615
1990	162,463,253	4,804,429	0.620
1991	165,419,977	2,956,724	0.640
1992	167,415,800	1,995,823	0.656
1993	169,246,500	1,830,700	0.687
1994	172,885,450	3,638,950	0.710
1995	174,444,950	1,559,500	0.714
1996	176,172,968	1,728,018	0.714
1997	177,228,279	1,055,311	0.780
est.	178,300,000		

Tax Rates

1990 - 1997



Town	\$1.98	\$2.09	\$2.02	\$1.98	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.92	\$1.91
School	\$3.29	\$3.4	\$3.51	\$3.7	\$3.81	\$3.91	\$3.95	\$4.72
County	\$0.93	\$0.91	\$1.03	\$1.19	\$1.26	\$1.28	\$1.27	\$1.17
Tax Rate	\$6.2	\$6.4	\$6.56	\$6.87	\$7.1	\$7.14	\$7.14	\$7.8

PLODZIK & SANDERSON*Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors*193 North Main Street • Concord • New Hampshire • 03301-5063 • 603-225-6996 • FAX-224-1380*INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Bridgewater
Bridgewater, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bridgewater as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Bridgewater, as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Town of Bridgewater taken as a whole. The individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bridgewater. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

January 12, 1998

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1997

C. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997:

	General Obligation <u>Debt Payable</u>	Capital Leases <u>Payable</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</i>			
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 115,000	\$ 23,275	\$ 138,275
Retired	<u>(31,250)</u>	<u>(13,502)</u>	<u>(44,752)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 83,750</u>	<u>\$ 9,773</u>	<u>\$ 93,523</u>
<i>Special Assessment Debt</i>			
Balance, Beginning of Year			\$ 70,618
Bonds/Notes Retired			<u>(11,331)</u>
Balance, End of Year			<u>\$ 59,287</u>

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1997, is comprised of the following individual issues:

<u>Description of Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Outstanding at 12/31/97</u>
<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
Town Building Bonds	\$180,000	1988	1998	Variable	\$ 15,000
Fire Truck Note	\$90,000	1993	2003	Variable	50,000
Highway Truck	\$25,000	1996	2000	5.75	<u>18,750</u>
					<u>\$ 83,750</u>
<u>Capital Leases Payable</u>					
Front End Loader	\$32,500	1994	1998		\$ 6,639
Ford Truck	\$19,159	1994	1998		<u>3,134</u>
					<u>\$ 9,773</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					<u>\$ 93,523</u>
<u>Special Assessment Debt</u>					
Pine Street Renovation	\$60,814	1992	2000	5.00	\$ 17,287
Lavigne Road Renovations	\$52,500	1995	2005	Variable	<u>42,000</u>
<u>Total Special Assessment Debt</u>					<u>\$ 59,287</u>

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1997

Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund Debt

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 1997, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Debt</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1998	\$ 31,250	\$ 4,731	\$ 35,981
1999	16,250	2,784	19,034
2000	16,250	1,894	18,144
2001	10,000	1,005	11,005
2002	<u>10,000</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>10,875</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 83,750</u>	<u>\$ 11,289</u>	<u>\$ 95,039</u>

Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Leases

Fiscal Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Capital Leases</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1998	<u>\$ 9,773</u>	<u>\$ 246</u>	<u>\$ 10,019</u>

Annual Requirements to Amortize Special Assessment Debt

Fiscal Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Special Assessment Debt</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1998	\$ 11,331	\$ 3,544	\$ 14,875
1999	11,331	2,876	14,207
2000	10,375	2,217	12,592
2001	5,250	1,682	6,932
2002	5,250	968	6,218
2003-2005	<u>15,750</u>	<u>2,218</u>	<u>17,968</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 59,287</u>	<u>\$ 13,505</u>	<u>\$ 72,792</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. Account for Special Assessment debt will be funded through user fees. All other debt will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1997

All lease-purchase agreements contain non-appropriation funding clauses whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the lease shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

Bonds or Notes Authorized - Unissued

Bonds and notes authorized and unissued as of December 31, 1997 were as follows:

<u>Per Town Meeting Vote of 1991</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Unissued Amount</u>
Article 3	Lavigne Road	<u>\$ 7,500</u>

NOTE 5 - FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Special Purposes

In the Trust Funds, the reserve for special purposes represents the unspent balance of the Town's Trust Funds which may be spent for the purposes specified as follows:

<u>Nonexpendable Trust Fund</u> (Income Balance)		
Cemetery Funds		\$ 11,916
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>		
Highway Equipment	\$ 2,378	
Tricentennial	<u>431</u>	
<u>Total Capital Reserve Funds</u>		<u>2,809</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 14,725</u>

Reserve for Endowments

The amount reserved for endowments at December 31, 1997 represents the principal amount of all Nonexpendable Trust Funds which is restricted either by law or by terms of individual bequests, in that only income earned may be expended. The principal balances of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds at December 31, 1997 are detailed as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Cemetery Funds	<u>\$ 9,260</u>

General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

	Year to Date
Executive Office Expense	
Board of Selectmen Salary	9,900.00
Selectmen - Office Expense	1,991.00
Selectmen - Postage	2,219.46
Secretarial Expenses	3,276.00
Selectmen - Copy & Print	2,534.37
Selectmen - Maint/Office	1,987.24
Selectmen - Phone	793.52
Selectmen - Other	2,963.94
Moderator & Town Meeting Expense	0.00
Other Executive Office	0.00
Total Executive Expense	25,665.53
Town Clerk, Election Exp.	
Town Clerk Salary	3,504.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,676.89
Deputy Town Clerk Salary	2,200.00
Town Clerk - Phone	477.69
Town Clerk - Postage	186.00
Town Clerk - Copying	0.00
Town Clerk - Supplies	1,762.90
Town Clerk Fees to State	729.32
Election Expenses	1,105.34
Voter Registration	0.00
Other Elec., Reg. & Stats	0.00
Town Clerk & Election	11,642.14

General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

Year to Date

Financial Administration	
Auditing Expenses	1,426.85
General Appraisal Expense	2,390.00
Tax Collector Salary	11,638.00
Deputy Tax Collector Salary	0.00
Tax Collector - Postage	1,488.46
Tax Collector - Office Expenses	2,434.67
Tax Collector - Telephone	499.53
Other Tax Collector Expenses	1,897.49
Treasurer Salary	2,100.00
Treasurer - Postage	384.00
Other Treasurer Expenses	125.00
Refund of Taxes	1,916.10
Tax/Planning/Safety Maps	0.00
Other Financial Adm. Expenses	0.00
External Revaluation Svcs	0.00
Internal Revaluation Svcs	0.00
Other Revaluation Expense	0.00
Total Financial Administration	26,300.10
General Legal Expense	
General Legal Expense	13,613.86
Claims, Judgements, Settlements	(104.33)
Other Legal Expenses	0.00
Total General Legal	13,509.53
Employee Benefit Expenses	
Group Insurance - BC/BS	14,579.05
Group Insurance - Life	0.00
Group Insurance - Other	41.20
Social Security - FICA	8,475.32
Social Security - Medicare	1,984.56
Unemployment Compensation	326.88
Payroll Taxes	70.39
Retirement Expenses	5,825.60
Other Employee Benefits	0.00
Total Employee Benefits	31,303.00

General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

Year to Date

General Expenses - Building	
Town Offices - Oil	158.51
Town Offices - Electric	3,664.95
Town Offices - Water	0.00
Town Offices - Repairs	237.00
Town Offices - Maintenance	3,052.95
Town Offices - Insurance	0.00
Town Offices - Other	1,000.00
Fire Department - Propane	2,198.12
Fire Department - Electric	1,299.54
Fire Department - Water	0.00
Fire Department - Repairs	1,390.94
Fire Department - Maintenance	217.67
Fire Department - Insurance	321.00
Fire Department - Other	75.00
Highway - Oil	1,229.56
Highway - Electric	1,634.25
Highway - Water	0.00
Highway - Repairs	779.31
Highway - Maintenance	369.50
Highway - Insurance	1,379.00
Highway - Other	0.00
Town Hall - Electric	124.38
Town Hall - Repairs	0.00
Town Hall - Maintenance	0.00
Town Hall - Insurance	100.00
Town Hall - Other	(400.00)
River Rd. School - Oil	1,168.52
River Rd. School - Electric	1,017.48
River Rd. School - Water	0.00
River Rd. School - Repairs	3,085.43
River Rd. School - Maintenance	237.30
River Rd. School - Insurance	100.00
River Rd. School - Other	417.59
Other Building Expense	0.00
Total Maintenance Expense	24,858.00

General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

Year to Date

Safety Services	
Police Division	
Police Salaries	21,977.45
Secretarial Expense	15.00
Office Expense	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00
Police - Telephone	998.89
Police - Book & Periodicals	130.82
Dues	0.00
Travel & Personal Reimbursement	106.37
Liability Insurance	2,200.00
Vehicle Insurance	1,753.00
Other Insurance	0.00
Training Expense	49.72
Vehicle Expense & Repair	2,960.66
Lease Purchase - Auto	0.00
Gasoline	1,712.35
Police Uniforms	422.83
Communication Expense	32.42
Radar Repairs	40.00
Snowmobile Expense & Rep.	333.00
Dispatch Services	4,389.77
Prosecutor Expense	192.00
Equipment Purchases	771.55
Other Police Expenses	0.00
Total Police Division Expense	38,085.83

General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

Year to Date

Safety Services

Fire Department

Fire Dept. - Call Salaries	4,905.97
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Personel Reimbursement	0.00
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Training	0.00
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Fire Fighting	142.23
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Truck Maintenance	1,358.55
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Airpack Maintenance	100.00
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Pump Maintenance	440.66
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Radio Maintenance	1,004.92
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Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	0.00
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Accessory Repairs	116.65
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Small Engine - Repairs	0.00
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Maintenance - Auto	0.00
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Protective Equipment	565.04
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Haz/Mat Materials & Exp.	0.00
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New Equipment	0.00
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Gasoline	1,551.52
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Fluids & Oils	0.00
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Fluids & Foams	0.00
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General Administrative	159.13
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Office Supplies	0.00
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Telephone	1,076.23
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Vehicle Insurance & Registration	4,790.00
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Other Insurance	0.00
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Association Dues	35.00
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Dispatch Services	8,882.57
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State of NH	0.00
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Other Fire Dept. Expenses	770.05
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Total Fire Department	25,898.52
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General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

	Year to Date
Planning & Zoning Expense	
Planning and Develop Ctl.	0.00
Postage - Planning	0.00
Supplies - Planning	543.64
Clerical Expense - Planning	19.50
Legal Expense - Planning	7,115.78
Engineering Exp. - Planning	0.00
Printing/Copying- Planning	2,282.38
Advertising - Planning	39.20
Consulting Expense - Planning	0.00
Dues, Conference & Seminars	0.00
Other Planning Expense	0.00
Zoning Enforcement	147.50
Postage - Zoning	0.00
Supplies - Zoning	0.00
Copying - Zoning	0.00
Legal Expense - Zoning	0.00
Dues, Conference & Seminars	0.00
Other Zoning Expense	0.00
Total Planning & Zoning	<hr/> 10,148.00

General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

	Year to Date
Total Highway Expense	168,012.80
General Expense - Insurance	
Insurance - General Liability	14,781.00
Insurance - Public Bond	2,971.00
Insurance - Accident & Indemnity	0.00
Insurance - Floaters	0.00
Insurance - Workers Comp	1,576.00
Insurance - Other	0.00
Town Offices - Insurance	0.00
Fire Department - Insurance	321.00
Highway - Insurance	1,379.00
Town Hall - Insurance	100.00
River Road School - Insurance	100.00
Vehicle Insurance - PD	1,753.00
Other Insurance - PD	0.00
Vehicle Ins. & Reg. - FD	4,790.00
Other Insurance - FD	0.00
Vehicle Ins. & Reg. - HD	5,351.00
Other Insurance - HD	0.00
Total Insurance Expense	33,122.00
Conservation Commission	
Supplies - General	0.00
Supplies - Office	0.00
Postage	0.00
Books & Periodicals	0.00
Telephone	0.00
Legal Exp	0.00
Consulting Services	2,900.36
Other Professional Exp.	0.00
Printing & Copying	0.00
Maps	0.00
Manuals	0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	17.00
Advertising	0.00
Seminars	0.00
Personal Reimbursement	0.00
Other Administrative Exp.	(1,600.00)
Purchase of Natural Resources	2,620.00
Other Acquisitions	0.00
Exp. for Promotion	0.00
Other Conservation Exp.	0.00
Total Conservation Expense	3,937.36

General Government Expense - Town Report Summary 12/31/97

	Year to Date
Highway Department Exp.	
Highway Administrative Costs	0.00
Engineering Costs	3,025.00
State of NJ - Fees	0.00
Telephone Expenses	1,500.06
Vehicle Ins. & Reg.	5,351.00
Other Insurance	0.00
Freight Expense	0.00
Dues	305.00
Travel	0.00
Lease Purchase Expense	15,456.61
Other Adm. Costs	0.00
Salaries	82,468.20
Snow and Ice Control	0.00
Sander Expense	0.00
Salt Expense	5,782.23
Winter Sand	5,900.00
Snow Plow Repairs	1,736.99
General Truck Repairs	2,027.89
Accessory Expense	3,374.80
Heavy Equipment Repairs	650.31
Tire Expense	1,521.59
Garage Inventory	4,226.02
Oil & Transmission Fluids	668.26
Gasoline	2,716.71
Dielsel Fuel	3,394.26
Anti-Freeze & Additives	0.00
Tool Expense	13.00
Equipment Purchases	959.75
Bridge Repairs	0.00
Guard Rails	0.00
Bridge Inspections	0.00
Road Materials - Gravel	7,990.84
Road Materials - Culverts	0.00
Road Materials - Tar	554.30
Road Materials - Guard Rails	0.00
Road Signs & Markers	526.38
Road Materials - Other	22.00
Subcontractors	5,904.00
Rental Equipment	95.00
Hwy Reconstruction - Gravel	476.00
Hwy Reconstruction - Tar	16,695.10
Hwy Reconst./Subs & Rent.	10,215.50
Other Reconstruction Exp.	0.00
Other Highway Expenses	(15,544.00)

Town of Bridgewater

Town Salaries
Town Report Summary
12/31/97

Maurice Jenness, Selectmen	\$	3300.00
Terence Murphy, Selectmen		3300.00
Thomas Curren, Selectmen		3300.00
Donald Atwood, Road Agent		31251.00
Charles Moore, Highway Dept.		25724.00
E. Wayne Thompson		25491.00
James Gickas, Police		17278.00
Derek Hunt, Police		851.00
William Harding, Police		1715.00
Robert Gilmore, Police		612.00
George Hill, Police		1521.00
Nancy Denton, Tax Collector		11400.00
Marilyn Raymond, Treasurer		2100.00
Kathleen Vestal, Town Clerk		3504.00
Cathy Lyford, Assistant Town Clerk		2050.00
Rachel Spencer, Staff		3514.00
Fred Wilcox, Building Inspector		1800.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year ending 1997

Levy of 1997

Revenues committed

This year:

Property taxes	1,376,715.25
Yield taxes	8,105.49
Added property tax	0.00
Land use change	0.00
Road betterment	12,673.50

Overpayment

Property taxes	1,916.10
Interest on Yield taxes	0.00
Interest collected on delinquent tax	1,125.65
Interest on RBA	0.00

TOTAL DEBITS	1,400,535.99
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Remitted to Treasurer

During Fiscal Year:

Property taxes	1,305,411.50
Yield taxes	7,623.29
Land use change	0.00
Interest	1,125.65
Road betterment	8,488.91
Interest on RBA	0.00
Overpayment collected	0.00

Abatements made:

Property taxes	599.29
Yield taxes	0.00

Uncollected revenue

End of Year:

Property taxes	72,620.56
Yield taxes	482.20
Road betterment	4,184.59

TOTAL CREDITS:	1,400,535.99
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year ending 1997

Levy of 1996

Liens sold or executed during fiscal year	23,926.70
Interest & cost collected after lien execution	976.54
TOTAL DEBITS:	24,903.24
Remittance to Treasurer:	
Redemptions	16,186.90
Interest & Costs	
Costs after lien execution:	976.54
Abatements of unredeemed taxes	0.00
Unredeemed liens balance end of year	7,739.80
TOTAL CREDITS:	24,903.24

Vendor Information

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
A103	Ashland Lumber Co.	229.68	0.00
A104	Atlantic Highway Signs	526.38	260.45
A105	AT&T	549.62	426.84
A106	Atlantic Plow Blade Co	162.26	0.00
A107	Atwood Donald	0.00	667.74
A108	Adams Construction	601.75	990.31
A114	All State Asphalt	20,427.50	15,510.00
A116	Abrose Brothers	0.00	348.00
A98	Donald Atwood	559.15	510.00
B101	Bartlett David	258.06	200.00
B102	B-B Chain Co.	637.10	798.28
B105	Pitney Bowes	878.71	658.99
B106	Bomor Construction	21,031.92	17,671.00
B108	Bristol Community Center	5,010.00	4,772.00
B110	Bristol Auto Parts	4,594.82	2,106.94
B111	Benefit Strategies	0.00	125.00
B112	Bowie Electric	0.00	199.60
B118	Business Manage. Systems	1,560.28	908.60
B119	Town of Bristol	4,620.00	0.00
B126	Bristol House of Pizza	134.70	216.70
B129	Barnard Survey Assoc.	2,975.00	0.00
C101	Capital Business Forms	51.50	0.00
C102	Carrco	2,595.52	2,485.87
C103	Cartographic Associates	1,871.00	2,572.00
C104	Cellular One	1,286.26	850.74
C105	Caterpillar Financial Services	9,867.00	10,893.90
C106	Ms. Diane Calder	0.00	3,390.00
C107	Citizen Publishing	953.70	995.53
C109	Conway Associates	0.00	144.00
C110	CPI Printing	0.00	52.57
C114	Plodzick-Sanderson	4,400.00	5,250.00
C117	Diane G. Calder	2,370.00	310.00
C120	Officestuff, Inc.	615.92	1,165.20
C121	Clifford-Nicol	203.76	182.80
C122	Cohen Steel	0.00	21.62
C123	Clay's Copy Solutions	60.80	51.10
C130	Carroll Concrete	0.00	780.00
C133	State Street Bank & Trust	30,240.00	31,827.50
C135	Phyllis Clement	0.00	240.00
C136	Clifford Nicol	45.76	0.00

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
C137	Country Flowers	325.00	677.00
C138	Chem-Dry	1,019.50	503.75
D100	Donovan Spring & Equip.	0.00	(339.57)
D101	Nancy Denton	7.94	0.00
D102	Andrew Denton	649.07	640.00
D103	Celia Demsey	75.00	135.00
D104	Donbeck Sales	0.00	35.00
D113	Dingee Machine Co.	24.66	0.00
D114	Dana Davis	1,265.83	1,039.66
D115	DynaWatch, Inc.	1,012.80	712.80
D116	D & N Family Security	1,380.00	2,095.00
E100	White Mt. Publishers	243.40	465.58
E106	Michie Co.	697.06	649.70
F101	Fuller Ford Inc.	4,400.77	717.39
F102	Fullwell Motor Products	(131.95)	0.00
F106	Ford Motor Credit	6,003.86	5,127.49
F107	The Fire Barn	0.00	457.75
F108	Fred Fuller Oil	7,266.89	3,421.63
F110	John Farro	162.51	253.70
F112	Fitts Saw & Supply	45.00	0.00
F95	Howard Fairfield, Inc.	838.40	18,269.84
G101	Gilbert Inc.	0.00	444.41
G102	Grainger W.W., Inc.	0.00	34.74
G104	NorthEast AirGas	846.01	633.52
G105	Grafton County Sheriff	4,331.00	3,248.25
G107	Grappone Truck Center	0.00	68.98
G108	Gall's Inc.	336.37	0.00
G109	GEMFORMS	1,571.99	718.45
G110	Irving Oil	1,311.75	4,328.50
G112	Lawrence Gilpatric	755.48	1,255.66
G113	Gickas, Jim	261.45	153.94
G90	Creighton Gray	1,686.70	1,381.80
H103	H-B Incinerator District	40,000.00	40,000.00
H106	Highway Steel	0.00	1,018.75
H107	James Hand	438.45	191.00
H108	Hoby Harmon	17.00	18.00
H111	HEWS	396.45	0.00
I100	Internal Revenue Service	0.00	537.46
I102	AKZO Nobel Salt Inc.	2,346.67	3,634.33
I104	Irwin Motors	306.69	421.70
I105	Lakes Region Two Way	631.35	821.50
I95	IBM PC-Direct	(119.00)	(222.00)
J100	Jordon Milton	734.27	2,412.06

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
J101	Maurice Jenness	20.61	0.00
J102	Albert Jacques	184.00	198.88
L100	Laconia Electric	622.34	755.35
L102	Tri State Fire Protection	0.00	86.40
L105	Lakes Region Mutual Aid	8,932.57	8,791.15
L106	Lakes Region Planning	2,276.50	1,948.00
L114	Ron Linde	479.85	365.00
L115	Eileen Linde	0.00	205.84
L116	Tom Lynch	172.38	222.00
L126	Lily Pond Communications	32.42	4.25
L127	Steve Loisel	0.00	78.00
M102	J P Morrison & Sons	1,176.00	0.00
M105	Lawrence Morrill	829.48	0.00
M107	Terence Murphy	405.66	308.81
M108	David Monell Oil Services	335.50	312.65
M111	MobileComm	78.36	98.24
M113	Moore, Charles	466.34	1,035.32
M114	Donna Monell	675.00	88.00
M117	Paul MacVitie	0.00	25.00
M118	Victor MacAdams	319.06	405.00
M119	Maclean Hunter Reports	0.00	107.00
M120	Mac-Durgan Associates	0.00	349.00
M122	Mason Enterprises	0.00	48.00
M123	Elaine MacAdam	250.00	250.00
M124	Eugene Morgan	1,524.00	2,183.00
N100	Newfound Area Nursing	6,744.00	6,744.00
N102	New England Telephone	3,675.99	3,606.61
N103	Newfound Country Store	955.81	1,725.72
N104	Newfound School District	686,599.00	589,134.00
N105	Newfound Chamber of Comm.	125.00	125.00
N106	NH Assoc. of Assessing	20.00	20.00
N107	NH Town Clerks Assoc.	20.00	117.60
N108	NH Bituminum Co.	0.00	6,494.72
N110	NH Electric Cooperative	1,882.37	1,510.51
N112	NH Humane Association	300.00	300.00
N113	NHMA Health Trust	18,409.14	15,905.04
N114	NH Municipal Association	831.98	635.32
N115	NH Municipal Unemployment	225.88	363.29
N117	Neptune	0.00	195.00
N118	Mitchell & Bates	23,597.79	20,390.47
N121	National Market Reports	616.88	0.00
N122	NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	15.00	15.00
N124	Noyes Insurance	36,622.00	35,127.00

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
N125	NH Assoc. of Conserv. Comm	17.00	0.00
N126	NH Treasurer	650.00	838.50
N127	NH Treasurer	46.00	0.00
N128	Northeast Tire Services	1,240.00	961.60
N132	Newfound Plumbing	626.00	383.70
N135	North County Equipment	224.77	0.00
N136	Marjory Nickerson	145.00	306.00
N137	Nh Assoc. of Conserv. Comm	0.00	150.00
N139	Nat. Assoc. of EVT	35.00	0.00
N140	Al Nickerson	145.00	155.00
N94	Newfound Ambulance	0.00	5,500.00
P100	Pemigewasset Nat'l Bank	44,707.28	189,701.99
P105	Pemi Plumbing & Heating	0.00	38.00
P108	Public Service of NH	7,413.50	7,337.78
P110	Proforma Unlimited	0.00	288.54
P111	Ileene Pollard	0.00	6.00
P112	David W. Preston	0.00	670.00
P114	PC Connection	373.70	136.90
P119	Patsy's GMC	1,662.03	60,696.00
P120	Parts Associates	3,078.20	2,142.82
P122	F. M. Piper	1,041.60	1,738.45
P123	Pike Industries	2,105.17	302.33
R101	A.M. Rand Company, Inc.	103.57	55.10
R105	Real Data	20.00	20.00
R109	Registrar of Deeds	337.81	330.35
R112	RUUD Lighting	0.00	159.60
R95	Marilyn Raymond	125.00	330.00
S100	Sanel Auto Parts, Co.	258.45	570.50
S102	Speare Hospital	1,500.00	2,000.00
S104	Surplus Distribution Sect.	427.50	525.50
S108	Stark & sons Machine	32.70	93.91
S110	Kathleen W. Ward	208,385.00	223,797.00
S113	Rachel Spencer	2.90	0.00
T100	Thompson E. Wayne	2,406.00	2,212.09
T101	Tri-County Community Act	404.00	0.00
T104	Tucker, Robert	1,166.00	209.50
T106	Tri County Community Act	0.00	389.00
T107	Two Way Communication	159.95	2,452.20
T109	Town of Bridgewater	0.00	31,147.73
U100	US Postal Service - Bristol	2,974.75	2,264.00
U101	US Postal Service - Plymouth	570.00	320.00
U102	Grafton Cnty Senior Citiz.	1,002.00	1,002.00
U104	UNH - Technology Transfer	260.00	250.00

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
V101	Kathy Vestal	1,676.98	1,867.40
V102	Barbara Veator	60.00	640.00
W102	Williams, R.P.	526.48	997.54
W103	Wilson Tire	626.80	797.36
W104	Lara Joan Saffo, Esquire	192.00	45.00
W105	Fred Wilcox	0.00	1,848.50
W111	Scott Wilcox	204.76	1,422.00
W112	Arthur Whitcomb, Inc.	0.00	572.44
X100	Xerox Corp.	1,262.75	983.45
Y100	Yeaton Oil	53.69	0.00
Y102	Yeaton Agway	22.00	245.16

Additional Vendor Information

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aardvark Firearms	679.22
Amerigas	229.58
Andy & Sons	13.00
Ashley Lemieux Print	1,070.68
AW Direct	143.28
Robert Baker	250.00
Barnard Survey Assoc.	2,777.00
Angie Bernie	50.00
Auto Body Works	1,563.48
Irving Bonham	32.00
Brackley Shaw, Architect	1,000.00
Bredberg and Associates	2,620.00
Bristol Electric	384.25
Janet Callmeyer	106.00
Raymond Casey	8.00
Peter Cass	408.00
CDW Computer Centers	96.70
Code Books	147.50
Compensation Funds of NH	101.00
Gail Cook	100.00
Dead River	100.00
Denny's	75.00
Department of Agriculture	64.00
Carol A. Elliott	380.00
Gail Emmons-Shaw	22.00
Family Tree	153.00
Fidelity Trust Co.	3,750.06
Ken Forbes	171.50
Franklin Savings Bank	1,161.00
Frencd Land Services	1,277.00
Barbara Gickas	15.00
Steen Gilpatric	2,800.00
David Glass	600.00
Maren Godville	15.00
Granite State Materials	3,435.56
Jeremy Haney	108.00
Florence Hannaford	60.00
Will Harding	10.00
Harry Heath, Locksmith	79.00
Donald Hebert	416.00
Willis Holland	4.50

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IBM Antivirus Center	119.00
IBM Corporation	139.00
Irving Oil	4,628.31
Kline Civil Engineering	725.00
Shaun Lagueux	31.00
Lakes Region General Hospital	41.20
Lotus	119.00
Cathy Lyford	400.00
Ralph Lyford	125.00
David MacAllister	45.00
MacKenzie Auto Parts	9.98
Marion Office Products	35.00
NASAS	25.00
NE Resource Recovery	137.54
New England Barricade	175.50
Newfound Economic Development Co.	250.00
NH Business Review	24.00
NH Hydraulics	660.00
NH Housing Finance Authority	300.00
NH Truck Equipment	48.00
NH Municipal Truck Supply	209.00
Nighswander, Lord & Martin	378.57
Tammy Niles	80.00
Northcountry Title	744.00
Oliver Photo	42.42
Outdoor Performance Plus	333.00
Parkwood Painting Co.	2,000.00
PC Magazine	26.97
Pemigewasset National Bank	143,228.39
Pin Point	421.97
Plymouth Regional Clinic	500.00
Plymouth Senior Center	500.00
Powerquest Corp.	40.95
Milton Reed	234.00
Road Agents Association	20.00
Ryder Truck	400.00
Sensor Instrument	400.00
Skips Gun Shop	49.72
Rachel Spencer	13.43
Steven Sment	57.00
Staples	619.22
Stockbridge Door	341.90

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Amanda Stone	7,160.00
Task Force Against Domestic Violence	500.00
TLC Tree Services	600.00
Ronald Towne	12.00
Treasurer, State of NH	251.50
Sandra Tuttle	250.00
Town Hall Press	57.00
True Colors	570.81
Tylergraphics	848.00
Uniformly Yours	245.88
Vermont Federal	125.00
Christy Vestal	30.00
David Vestal	7,609.19
Sherry Vestal	30.00
Vision Appraisal	625.50
Volpes	370.00
Robert Webber	84.00
Lynn White	50.00

BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books on Hand December 31, 1997

Adult Fiction	1264	
Adult non-fiction	880	
Large Print	56	
Westerns	119	
Mysteries	318	
Science Fiction	22	
Juvenile Fiction	383	
Juvenile non-fiction	234	
Easy Readers	<u>263</u>	3539

Books Loaned

Adult	203	
Juvenile	<u>25</u>	228
Magazines	20	
Paperbacks	39	
Jigsaws	<u>10</u>	69

We wish to thank all who donated to the library in the past year. We received two excellent non-fiction books in memorian of Barbara Veator.

For the Library Trustees,

Marilyn Raymond, Librarian

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance December 31, 1996	\$ 145.99
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Receipts

Interest earned (NOW account)	6.42
Monies in excess of \$1,000.00 transfer of CD to Money Market account	54.11
Veator Memorial Donation	50.00
Sale of books	24.00
Check from town	<u>635.00</u>

	\$ 970.52
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Payments

Salaries - Librarian	90.00
B. Veator	75.00
J. Kaiser	24.00

Books, ad, etc. (\$169.85 less \$50.00, 1997 petty cash)	119.85
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Memorial - B. Veator	45.53
Heartfelt Memories (Floral memoriam)	25.00
Petty cash 1998	<u>50.00</u>

	<u>\$ 429.38</u>
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Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 541.14
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Emergency Fund: 1 CD + 1 Money Market at current value	\$2,126.72
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Respectfully submitted,

Pauline E. Havens, Treasurer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As all of you are aware the Chief of Police is now a full time position and has been since the first of July. This has allowed the Bridgewater Police Department to offer increased efficiency and professionalism in its performance to the town.

The Bridgewater Police Department criminal complaints are down for 1997. However, domestic violence complaints have risen, and the Bridgewater Police Department is vigorously pursuing prosecution of these violations.

Reported motor vehicles accidents are also down for 1997. This is what many cities and towns strive for. The Bridgewater Police Department is working with the State of New Hampshire to reduce the speed limit on Mayhew Turnpike, which will be especially important with the construction of the new school. The increased patrols on all town roads have reduced the amount of excessive speeding, particularly on River Road, Whittimore Point Road, Mayhew Turnpike, and Dick Brown Road. The decrease in accidents seems to be indicative of this increased enforcement. It is the hope of the Bridgewater Police Department that these patrols will continue to ensure a safe driving environment for all.

I personally would like to thank the officers of the Bridgewater Police Department for their efforts and the support of the taxpayers of Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Gickas
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our department responded to over forty calls last year of various types. As most of you may know, often times our responses are combined with Mutual Aid response from other communities. We certainly do appreciate their willingness to assist us and we are often called into their communities when needed. We truly are part of a regional emergency service system that is controlled through Lakes Region Mutual Fire Dispatch. This mutual cooperation is vital to everyone's protection and allows all of us to keep our service delivery costs down in each town.

Within our town we still have two important needs that I have referenced in years past. First, we always will have need for additional personnel. Currently, we are operating with an adequate number, however, we will always need to have new applicants to sustain our numbers and to replace the effect of normal attrition. We believe that any individual can contribute to our efforts and ask that you contact us if you are interested in helping your town. Secondly, we are always looking for additional water sources that we can use in emergencies. As our town grows we find that there are areas that now have experienced building growth but may not have nearby water sources. We will always be looking for new sources of water to add to our existing inventory of sites. If you would like to have us look at a site on your property, please contact us.

In closing, I would like to remind all of our townspeople to think of fire safety. Please be sure that your smoke detectors are in working order at all times and have an escape plan from your home in the event of fire. Lastly, please be careful with outside fires, particularly this year since we will have so much damaged tree brush on the ground and in the forest. We always recommend that you contact a forest fire warden whenever you intend to burn outside and to obtain a permit when required by law. Attention to these details can help avoid needless fire related problems. Thank you.

Andrew S. Denton, Chief
Bridgewater Fire Department

1997 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The most significant project undertaken by the Planning Board in 1997 was the initiation of an update to the Master Plan. Assisted by an advisory council, the board prepared a survey questionnaire which was mailed in November to all land owners. The response was overwhelming with almost 50% of the surveys returned. The information is being compiled into a database and after analysis by the board and advisory council amendments to the master plan will be drafted. Public hearing will be held later in 1998 on these Master Plan amendments. Thank you to everyone who helped with the project and responded to the survey.

A new sign ordinance was adopted in 1997 as part of our zoning ordinance, and amendments to subdivision regulations in the area of Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Roads were also adopted.

At its regular meetings in 1997 the board reviewed two (2) site plans for commercial lots, held four (4) preliminary consultations on projects being planned, approved one (1) subdivision application.

Meetings are held on third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Town Hall. For information contact Elaine MacAdam at 744-9986.

Planning Board Members are as follows:

Elaine MacAdam, Chairman
Henry Woolner, Vice Chairman
Richard Brook, Sr.
William DeLashmit
James Jeffrey
William McChesney
Terence Murphy - Ex Officio

Alternates:
Col. Finkle
Brackley Shaw
Robert Williams
Skip Jenness - Alternate Ex Officio

BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The principal focus of the Conservation Commission this year has been on the Evaluation of the Wetlands of Bridgewater. Although soil based maps, and National Wetlands Inventory maps have been available, this on site evaluation was able to confirm the existence of 40 wetland acres ranging in size from 2 to 38 acres, with the existence of 40 wetland areas ranging in size from 2 to 38 acres, with the exception of the largest which was 132 acres. This process of determining the potential and/or actual characteristics, functions and relative values of these areas, gives Bridgewater important information for future planning. For those wishing to know more, the completed report is available at the Town Hall, and a sixty page summary is available for purchase.

Not all attention has been focused on land, Bridgewater is now represented on the Pemi River Local Advisory Committee. The "PRLAC" is a group of volunteers from the communities through which this river passes from Campton and Thornton to Franklin and Hill. Open meetings are held monthly. The charge to this committee is to study this section of the river and to decide whether the current laws and directives are sufficient to maintain or improve its status. It is up to the committee to determine the concerns and goals of the public and draft a River Corridor Management Plan to address these. Each town can be represented by three people. Two more official representatives from Bridgewater could be included. Anyone interested in this project is welcome at these meetings. Please contact Emily Crane at 968-4429.

The Conservation Commission is always happy to have new members or to know of ideas which may be of interest to the community. Finally residents are reminded that they must have permits from the Wetlands Bureau when adding sand to a beach or installing a dock.

F.J. Allison
Chairperson

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Date and place of birth, name and sex of child; name of father, maiden name of mother

January 10, 1997	Lakes Region General Hospital	Sophia Joy Rosa, female Anthony Ernest Rosa, Wendy Louise Fuller
January 18, 1997	Concord Hospital	Elizabeth Marie Mutina, female Paul William Mutina, Lisa Marie Giunta
February 27, 1997	Speare Memorial Hospital	Thomas Graham Giffen, male Thomas Harris Giffen, Catherine Casey Moffitt
July 29, 1997	Franklin Regional Hospital	Nicholas Michael Dyer, male David Martin Dyer, Tammy Lynn Hines
August 1, 1997	Franklin Regional Hospital	Andreia Kristin Jordan, female Andrew Ward Jordan, Jessica Adele Merchant
August 16, 1997	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	Anne Ballard Davis, female John Andrew Davis, Harriet Louise Ballard
September 20, 1997	Speare Memorial Hospital	Jacob Allen Hughes, male Lee Allen Hughes, Laurie Ann Hughes
October 2, 1997	Lakes Region General Hospital	Mary Annette Patten, female Mark Allen Patten, Joanne Leslie Gibb

MARRIAGES

Date of marriage, name and surname of bridegroom and bride; residence at time of marriage

April 19, 1997	Thomas Wayne Butcher Diane Mary Demars	Bridgewater, NH Manchester, NH
September 26, 1997	Robert W. Tyler Linda A. Umlah	Bridgewater, NH Bridgewater, NH

DEATHS

Date and place of death; name and surname of deceased; name of father; name of mother.

January 9, 1997	Laconia, NH	Betty Jean Wood Harold Pocock, Dorothy Rye
March 3, 1997	Bridgewater, NH	Wilbur Raymond Avery Jr. Wilbur Raymond Avery Sr., Clara Rodgers
May 2, 1997	Plymouth, NH	Frederick Manchester Johnson Jr. Frederick Manchester Johnson Sr., Bessie Bemis
May 7, 1997	Plymouth, NH	Robert H. Baker Roy Baker, Pansy Delil
August 11, 1997	Bridgewater, NH	James Taylor Harriman Sr. Asa Harriman, Laura Hardy
September 3, 1997	Manchester, NH	Barbara S. Veator Joseph N. Sleeper, Isabelle Robert
November 11, 1997	Laconia, NH	Adelaide Berry Dinardi Waldo E. Berry, Laura Mabel Rice

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lighting	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

Larry Gilpatric
Forest Fire Warden

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

1997 Community Contact Report to the Town of Bridgewater

Community Contact is the field services arm of Tri-County Community Action. Our purpose is to assist low-income, elderly and handicapped persons to solve problems and to meet their physical and financial needs. Community Contact staff accomplish this purpose by providing information, counseling, referrals, guidance, organizational assistance, and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and utilizing community resources.

Last year the following direct financial assistance was provided by the CAP Community Contact Program in Bridgewater:

	<u># households</u>	<u>amount of direct assistance</u>
Fuel Assistance 1996-1997	2	\$720.00

We also provided these services to the community.

- * Served as a conduit for government surplus food to pantries and soup kitchens serving the area.
- * Provided budget counseling that includes money management, debt management and financial planning to area households.
- * Assisted individuals and families who were homeless or in imminent danger of homelessness.
- * Provided information and referral services regarding matters such as legal problems, landlord-tenant disputes, emergency home repairs, health-medical resources, transportation and electric utility assistance and conservation programs.

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

NEWFOUND AREA NURSING ASSOCIATION

During 1997 Newfound Area Nursing Association provided the following services in the Home Care Program.

- * 4,921 nursing visits
- * 991 physical therapy visits
- * 12,150 home health aide visits
- * 2,321 homemaker units

Approximately 231 individuals and their families benefited from this program.

Many more were served by other Newfound Area Nursing Association programs as follows:

- * 72 attended our Well Child Clinic
- * 870 immunizations were administered in our Outreach Program
- * 624 were screened for Hypertension
- * 57 adults received the Flu Vaccine
- * 47 contacts were made through the Foot Care Clinic
- * 143 volunteer hours were provided by our trained Hospice Volunteers to 9 patients

Newfound Area Nursing Association's newest program NAPS (Newfound Area Parent Support) began meeting this fall twice a month and is available at no charge to all area parents.

In 1997 the federal government put in place a new law that radically changes how Medicare pays for home health services. Unfortunately, this law will have dire consequences for Newfound Area Nursing Association and our ability to serve people in the Newfound area. Under this new system New Hampshire agencies, such as Newfound Area Nursing Association which have been some of the lowest cost providers in the country, are severely penalized. The formula uses payment rates from 1993. It also treats all patients alike, with no increase in reimbursement for those with complex needs.

Despite these payment changes, Newfound Area Nursing Association wants to reassure you that our goal remains the same it has always been - to provide the support and teaching as well as clinical care that will enable patients to manage at home while gaining the ability to become independent. While we will do all we can within our mission and our means to ensure our ability to care for patients, we know this new payment system will not pay us enough to cover the care the government has promised to provide to the elders. This inadequate funding will undoubtedly force us to change the level of care we provide. The hardest hit will be the frailest elders. With Medicare no longer providing adequate reimbursement to cover those long-term cases we'll be forced to limit care unless we can attract additional funds from other sources.

We need your help to avoid putting people at risk. We encourage the public to contact our U.S. Senators and Representatives. Let them know your concerns about possible cuts in home health services to the elderly and urge them to provide adequate reimbursement for home health care to avoid a crisis.

Newfound Area Nursing Association is indeed grateful for the strong support of the towns served.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine M. Martin
Executive Director

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TO REPORT A FIRE	911
MEDICAL AMBULANCE DISPATCH	911
POLICE DEPARTMENT	911
Police - Business & Non Emergencies	744-6745
Fire Department - Business	744-6047
Highway Department	744-6039
New Hampshire State Police	1-800-525-5555
Poison Information Center	1-800-562-8236
Town Hall Rte 3A	744-5055
Business hours:	
Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	
Thursday: 9 a.m. - 12 noon	
Except holidays & vacations	
Selectmen's Office	744-5055
Selectmen's Meeting Town Hall Rte 3A	
Every Thursday evening except holidays	
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	
Town Clerk's Office	968-7911
River Road School House	
Every Wednesday evening	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
3rd Saturday of month	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Except holidays & vacation	
Tax Collector; Call Nancy Denton	744-5944
Reasonable hours excepting holidays & vacation	
Planning Board; Call Elaine MacAdam	744-9986
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month	7:30 p.m.
Board of Adjustment; Call Selectmen	744-5055
Meets on request	
BUILDING ?	ADDING ON ?
Fire an application with building inspector Fred Wilcox	744-3728