Annual Report

ELLSWORTH

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1975

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A Future to Mold
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of
Ellsworth, N. H.
YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1975

MOUNTAIN MEDIA, INC.
PLYMOUTH, N. H.
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of
Elmwood, N. H.
YEAR ENDED
December 31, 1922

Mount Washington School Inc.
TOWN OFFICERS

1975

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Moderator
Alfred B. Hunt

Town Clerk
Lois Minnon

Selectmen
Howard Minnon -- Charles J. Olivier
Allie E. Batchelder

Tax Collector
Stella F. Batchelder

Treasurer
Janet Zwicker

Road Agent
Selectmen

Supervisors of the Check List
Burton Phillips -- Janet Zwicker
Judith Russell

Auditors
Marilyn Clark -- William Clark

Chief of Police
Owen Zwicker
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Ellsworth on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March next, at 6:30 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same (Town officers’ salaries $2420 -- Expenses $600 -- Election & Registration $50 -- Total $3,070)

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5500 for the maintenance of highways and bridges.

4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $76.76 as their share of T.R.A. (State share $517.72)

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 for maintenance and repair of town house.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for use of Campton-Thornton Dump.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $225.00 to cover the cost of insurance.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 each for Campton and Rumney Fire Departments (Total $200.00)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to join the White Mt. Regional Assoc. ($90.06) and the North Country Council ($36.00) (Total $126.06)

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of agents and officers.
12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 7th day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1976.

Selectmen of Ellsworth
Charles J. Olivier
Howard Minnon
Allie E. Batchelder

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:
Selectmen of Ellsworth
Charles J. Olivier
Howard Minnon
Allie Batchelder

March 2nd, 1976

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Allie Batchelder residence being a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of February, 1976.

Selectmen of Ellsworth
Charles J. Olivier
Howard Minnon
Allie E. Batchelder
BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

ELLSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976
or for the Fiscal Year from
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town Officers' Salaries $2,370.00
Town Officers' Expenses 50.00
Election & Registration Expenses 300.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:

Fire Department
Insurance

HEALTH DEPT. [Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance]

Town Dump & Garbage Removal

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:

Town Maintenance -- Summer & Winter
Town Road Aid

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

--- | --- | ---
$2,370.00 | $2,420.00 | $2,420.00
600.00 | 599.18 | 600.00
50.00 | 11.02 | 50.00
300.00 | 3,637.66 | 1,000.00
200.00 | 200.00
150.00 | 225.00
50.00 | 50.00
5,000.00 | 5,865.02 | 5,500.00
77.66 | 77.66 | 76.76
$9,247.66 | $13,612.89 | $10,121.76
### SOURCES OF REVENUE

#### FROM STATE:

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<th>Source</th>
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<th>Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</th>
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<td>$ 21.37</td>
<td>$ 21.00</td>
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<td>175.00</td>
<td>223.23</td>
<td>200.00</td>
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<td>1,481.65</td>
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<td>1,103.23</td>
<td>1,100.00</td>
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#### FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dog Licenses</td>
<td>16.00</td>
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<td>Business Licenses, Permits &amp; Filing Fees</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Permit Fees</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<td>Income from Trust Funds</td>
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<td>Willey Bridge Fund</td>
<td>3,146.96</td>
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<td>Resident Taxes Retained</td>
<td>200.00</td>
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<td>Normal Yield Taxes Assessed</td>
<td>3,500.00</td>
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**SURPLUS**

$1,505.81

*TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES*

$7,196.81

*AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES*

$2,924.95

**TOTAL REVENUES**

$10,121.76

*Total estimated “Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes” deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives “Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes”.*
### SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

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<td>Buildings</td>
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<td>Trailers</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$610,750.00</strong></td>
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<td>Elderly Exemptions</td>
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<td><strong>20,310.00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$590,440.00</strong></td>
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### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$646.43</strong></td>
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<td>Remittances to Treasurer</td>
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**LOIS MINNON**  
Town Clerk

January 1976
# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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# TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT

January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975

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<td>Total expenditures 1975</td>
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<td>Balance December 31, 1975</td>
<td>$2,748.81</td>
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## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Town Officers Salaries:
- Charles J. Olivier: $350.00
- Howard Minnon: 300.00
- Allie Batchelder: 300.00
- Lois Minnon: 300.00
- Janet Zwicker: 340.00
- Stella Batchelder: 300.00
- Alfred Hunt: 50.00
- Marilyn Clark: 50.00
- Judith Russell: 40.00
- Marshall Clayton: 40.00
- Owen Zwicker Jr.: 300.00
- Clifford Hillier: 50.00

**Total** $2,420.00

### Town Officers Expenses:
- Mountain Media: $399.08
- Brown & Saltmarsh: 25.06
- N.H. Town Clerks Assoc.: 10.00
- N.H. Tax Collector Assoc.: 10.00
- Lois Minnon: 31.80
- Charles J. Olivier: 81.25
- Stella Batchelder: 14.00
- Noyes Ins. Agency: 20.00
- Barbara Fortier: .30
- Homestead Press: 18.24
- Burnham Publishing: 9.45

**Total** $619.18

### Election & Registration
- Brown & Saltmarsh: $11.02

### Town Hall:
- Norman McBurney: $5.00
- Campton Sand & Gravel: 43.60
- Peter Minnon: 20.00
- Rand Hdwe.: 11.09
- Prescott Lumber: 23.06
- Howard Rogers: 3,500.00
- N.H. Electric Co-op: 34.91

**Total** $3,637.66
### Fire Protection:
- Town of Campton: $100.00
- Town of Rumney: $100.00
- Town of Rumney: $503.00
- Owen Zwicker Jr.: $9.95
- Clifford Hillier: $45.00

**Total**: $757.95

### Police:
- Owen Zwicker Jr.: $36.00

### Insurance:
- Noyes Ins. Agency: $244.40

### Town Highway Maintenance:
- Robert Whitehouse: $5,682.70
- Peter Minnon: 25.00
- Merrimack Farmers: 23.72
- Campton Sand: 43.60
- Louis Noseworthy: 50.00
- Allie Batchelder: 40.00

**Total**: $5,865.02

### Taxes Bought by Town
- $282.87

### Discounts, Abatements, Refunds
- $146.66

### Payments to other Gov’t Divisions:
- N.H. State Treasurer: $461.32
- N.H. State Treasurer: 77.66
- Dept. of Revenue Administration: .77
- Willard Bromage-County Tax: 1,691.21

**Total**: $2,230.96
[For Current Year's Levy]
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1975

Taxes Committed to Collector:

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Yield Taxes

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Added Taxes:

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Overpayments During Year:

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Interest Collected on Delinqu. Property Taxes

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Abatements Made During Year:

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Uncollected Taxes-December 31, 1975:

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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1974

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DR.

Uncollected Taxes-As of January 1, 1975:

- Property Taxes $1,034.98
- Resident Taxes 40.00

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$1,074.98

Costs of Tax Sale 17.05
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes 40.98
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes 4.00

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Total Debits $1,137.01

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal year ended December 31, 1975:

- Property Taxes $1,034.98
- Resident Taxes 40.00
- Interest Collected During Year 40.98
- Penalties on Resident Taxes 4.00
- Costs of Tax Sale 17.05

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1,137.01

Total Credits $1,137.01
### SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
**PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES**  
**Levy of 1972**

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<td>Ended December 31, 1975:</td>
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

DR.

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of 1974:
Taxes Sold to Town During
Current Fiscal Year $272.12

Total Debts $272.12

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:
Redemptions $272.12

Total Credits $272.12
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<td>Llewellyn &amp; Eileen Barker</td>
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<td>Leonard P. Clayton</td>
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<td>Robert, Gerald, James Demmons &amp; T. Matte</td>
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<td>Calvin &amp; Anita Dunn</td>
<td>13.20</td>
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<td>1.76</td>
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<td>Russell Joscelyn</td>
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<td>Leo Linteau</td>
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<td>Theodore &amp; Elaine Matte</td>
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<td>Lee &amp; Ann McCoy</td>
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<td>Ernest &amp; Rose Neurath</td>
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<td>Philip Simonian</td>
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<td>Corrine Smith</td>
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Uncollected Property Taxes $925.36
UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES LEVY OF 1975
As of December 31, 1975

Marilyn Clark 10.00
William S. Clark, Jr. 10.00
Leonard Clayton 10.00
Peter Hughes 10.00
Judith Russell 10.00
Peter Robson 10.00
Jean Robson 10.00
Joyce MacMajor 10.00

Total Uncollected Resident Taxes $80.00

I hereby certify that the above list showing names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of December 31, 1975, on account of the levy of 1975 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Stella F. Batchelder
Tax Collector—Ellsworth, N.H.
FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

Cash:
In hands of Treasurer $2,748.81

Uncollected Taxes:
  Levy of 1975 1,005.36

Grand Total $3,754.17

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:
Unexp. Law Enforcement Asst. Funds $1,243.00

Total Accounts Owed by the Town $1,243.00

Total Liabilities $1,243.00
Current Surplus 2,511.17

Grand Total $3,754.17
RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:
- Property Taxes—Current Year—1975 $ 3,692.48
- Resident Taxes—Current Year—1975 190.00
- Overpay—Current Year—1975 146.69
- Yield Taxes—Current Year—1975 2,265.56

Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted $ 6,294.73
- Property Taxes and Yield Taxes—Previous Years 1,281.46
- Resident Taxes—Previous Years 44.00
- Interest received on Delinquent Taxes 58.03
- Tax sales redeemed 272.12

From State:
- For Highways and Bridges:
  - For Town Road Aid 593.00
  - For Class V Highway Maintenance 1,481.65
- Savings Bank Tax 21.37
- Reimbursement a-c State Fire Wardens 9.18
- National Forest Reserve 1,103.23
- Meals and Rooms Tax 223.23
- All Other Receipts from State 1,001.20

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:
- Dog Licenses 23.00
- Business licenses, permits and filing fees 10.00
- Income from Trust Funds
  - Willey Bridge Fund (closed out) 3,146.96
- Motor vehicle permits 623.43

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:
- Grants from U.S.A.
  - Final Disaster Fund 22.90
- Law Enforcement Asst. Act
  - Governor's Comm. on
    - Crime & Delinquency 1,243.00
- All Other Receipts 80.92

Total Receipts from All Sources 17,533.41
Cash on hand January 1, 1975—(July 1, 1975) 1,517.12

Grand Total $19,050.53
PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:
Town Officers' Salaries $2,420.00
Town Officers' Expenses 619.18
Election and Registration Expenses 11.02
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings 3,637.66

Protection of Persons and Property:
Police Department 36.00
Fire Department, including Forest Fires 757.95
Insurance 244.00

Health:
Town Dumps and Garbage Removal 50.00

Highways and Bridges:
Town Maintenance
Summer $3,799.74
Winter 2,065.28

Total Town Maintenance 5,865.02

Unclassified:
Taxes Bought by Town 282.87
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds 146.66

Total Outlay Payments $14,070.76

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions
Boat Tax .77
Payments to State a-c 2%
Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes 461.32
Taxes paid to County 1,691.21
Payments to TRA 77.66

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions 2,230.96

Total Payments for all Purposes 16,301.72
Cash on hand December 31, 1975—(June 30, 1976) 2,748.81

Grand Total $19,050.53
AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the reports and records of Ellsworth. Our Examination included various checks of accounting records we deemed appropriate.

To the best of our knowledge these reports and records fairly and accurately report the financial activities of the town.

Respectfully Yours,
William S. Clark
February 1, 1976
SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1975 was quite uneventful as far as Town affairs were concerned-no disasters of any kind to complicate things.

A number of improvements were made to the Pond Road, also a little more work done on the Willey Road.

For this year 1976 we hope to be in a position to make improvements on Batchelder Road by replacing the plank bridges in two locations with culverts. This would obviate the necessity of continually replacing planking and rebuilding the bridges.

We also hope the people will go along with the appropriation requested for a new roof on the Town House, which is badly needed.

Selectmen of Ellsworth
REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

REPORT TO TOWNS

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

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District Fire Chief
John Q. Ricard

Forest Fire Warden
Owen R. Zwicker Jr.
Notes