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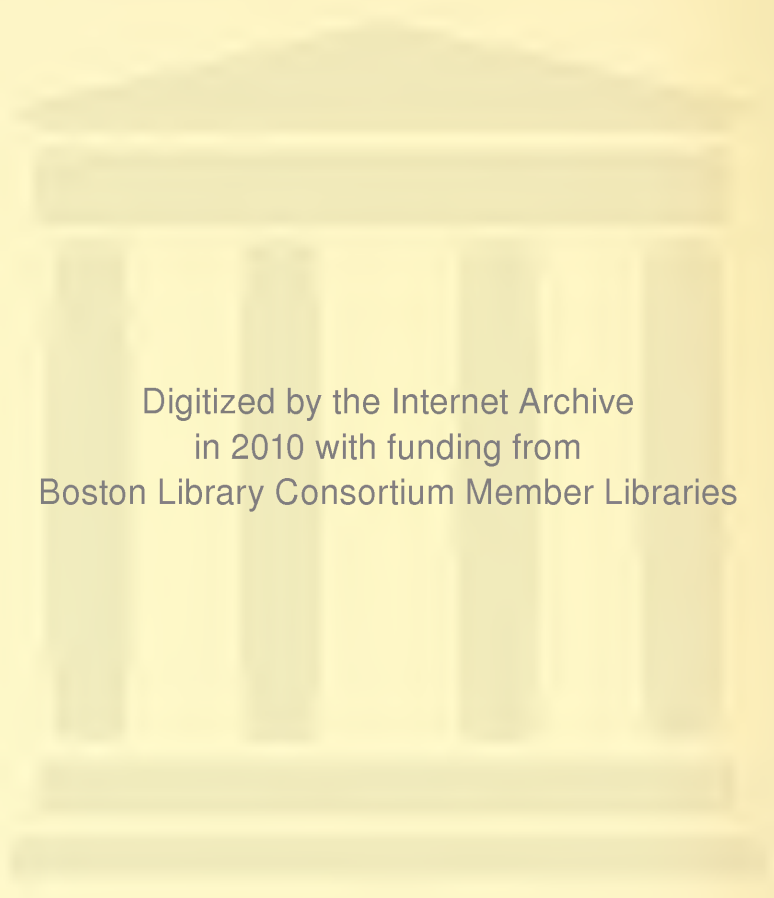
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For the Year Ending

December 31, 1987

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TOWN OFFICERS

	MODERATOR	
John Milton Street		Term expires 1988
	SELECTMEN	
Henry J. Huber		Term expires 1988
John W. Derby		Term expires 1989
George W. Walsh		Term expires 1990
	TOWN CLERK	
Karen Shea-Dufresne		Term expires 1988
	TREASURER	
Pearl Y. Stevens		Term expires 1988
	COLLECTOR OF TAXES	
Leslie Jones		Term expires 1988
	HIGHWAY AGENT	
Walter B. Somero	Appointed	Term expires 1988
	TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS	
Hampton Howard		Term expires 1988
	SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	
Barbara Wilson		Term expires 1988
Sheron S. Derby		Term expires 1990
Diane Callahan		Term expires 1992
	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	
Kevin Pipher		Term expires 1988
Marc Menard		Term expires 1989
Barry Rhodes		Term expires 1990
Richard Dufresne		Term expires 1991
Diane Callahan		Term expires 1992
	SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE	
Hampton Howard		Term expires 1990
	PLANNING BOARD	
Michael Young		Term expires 1988
Gerald DeBonis MD		Term expires 1989
Barton Goodeve		Term expires 1990
Sheron S. Derby		Term expires 1991
John W. Derby		Ex Officio
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Erazim Kohak		Term expires 1988
Lesley Goodeve		Term expires 1988
Vacancy		Term expires 1989
Vacancy		Term expires 1990
Karen DeBonis		Term expires 1990
	BUILDING INSPECTOR	
Timothy Groesbeck		Appointed

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Barton D. Goodeve

Appointed

DEPUTY WARDENS

John W. Derby
Michael Young

Appointed
Appointed

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Brick Schoolhouse on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in the evening to act on the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year specifically: Moderator, 1 year; Town Clerk, 1 year; Selectman, 3 years; Treasurer, 1 year; Collector of Taxes, 1 year; Highway Agent, 1 year; Trustee of Trust Funds, 1 year; School Board, 2 years.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

Compensation Schedule

Selectmen		\$500.00 per year
Town Clerk	400.00 per year plus 1.00/car reg.	
Collector of Taxes		400.00 per year
Treasurer		400.00 per year
Trustee of Trust Funds		50.00 per year
Moderator		40.00 per session
Supervisors of the Checklist		4.50 per hour
Fire Warden		100.00 per year
Building Inspector	25.00 per building permit used	

Article 3: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified or take any action relative thereto:

Election and Registration	\$400.00
Legal Expense	500.00
Animal Control	50.00
Ambulance	577.00
Fire Protection	7,988.00
Town Hall	75.00
Street Lights	185.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	900.00
Appraisal — Pick-Ups	800.00
Insurance	3,781.00
Planning and Zoning	4,000.00
Town Officers Expenses	2,200.00
Audit	1,900.00
Solid Waste Disposal	12,187.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Town Officers Salaries	4,000.00
S.W.R.P.C. dues	195.00
Welfare	200.00
Conservation Commission	300.00

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,430.00 as the Town's share of the operating expenses of the Peterborough Library, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$518.00 for the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$207.00 for the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Services, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the oiling of Town roads as needed, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept from the State of New Hampshire, a block grant in the amount of \$9,958.00, use of which will be restricted to the construction and reconstruction of highways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for maintenance of Town roads, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of future reappraisal of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept from the State of New Hampshire, the sum of \$4,000.00, for reimbursement of damages to highways during the heavy rains in the Spring of 1987, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Highway Agent.

Article 13: To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 80:58-86 for a real estate tax lien procedure? These statutes provide that tax sales to private individuals for non-payment of property taxes on real estate are replaced with a real estate tax lien procedure under which only a municipality or county where the property is located or the state may acquire a tax lien against land and buildings for unpaid taxes.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes, to the legal amount allowed by law.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the non-partisan official ballot system for the election of Town Officers, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town any gifts, grants or legacies to the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Sharon this 20th day of February, 1988.

Henry J. Huber, Chairman
John W. Derby
George W. Walsh
Selectmen of Sharon, N.H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, N.H.

Purposes of Appropriation	Appropriations	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations
	1987 (1987-88)	1987 (1987-88)	Ensuing Fiscal Year 1988 (1988-89)
General Government			
Town Officers Salary	3,500	3,958	4,000
Town Officers Expenses	1,700	2,256	2,200
Election and Registration Expenses	250	163	400
Cemeteries	500	576	500
General Government Buildings	200	70	75
Reappraisal of Property	750	780	800
Planning and Zoning	7,500	658	4,000
Legal Expenses	300	524	500
Advertising and Regional Association	201	120	195
Audit	1,800	1,866	1,900
Public Safety			
Fire Department	4,066	4,066	7,988
Highways, Streets & Bridges			
Town Maintenance	12,000	19,326	15,000
Street Lighting	185	173	185
Highway Block Grant	9,246	4,777	9,958
Oiling	4,500	4,812	4,500
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	6,024	6,024	12,187
Health			
Health Department—Visiting Nurse	518	518	518
Hospitals and Ambulances	1,201	1,201	577
Animal Control	50	0	50
MFMS	149	149	207
Welfare			
General Assistance	500	249	200
Culture and Recreation			
Library	1,430	1,430	1,430
Conservation Commission	500	40	300
Debt. Service			
Interest Expense—Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000	788	900
Capital Outlay			
Article #14, Land Purchase	20,000	20,000	—0—
Operating Transfers Out			
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	200	200	200
Miscellaneous			
Insurance	1,600	1,651	3,781
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	79,870	76,375	72,551
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes (Line 133)			47,214
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			25,337

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, N.H.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue 1987 (1987-88)	Actual Revenue 1987 (1987-88)	Estimated Revenue 1988 (1988-89)
Taxes			
Resident Taxes	—0—	100	—0—
Yield Taxes	3,000	7,503	5,000
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	500	1,216	1,000
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Shared Revenue — Block Grant	5,504	5,504	5,500
Highway Block Grant	9,246	9,246	9,958
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	120	156	156
Flood Reimbursement	—0—	—0—	4,000
Licenses and Permits			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10,000	19,952	20,000
Dog Licenses	100	153	150
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	500	576	500
Charges For Services			
Income from Departments	50	168	100
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on Deposits	600	603	600
Other Financing Sources			
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	20,000	20,000	—0—
Withdrawals from General Fund Trusts			
Perry Gen. Cem.	250	250	250
Revenue Sharing Fund	1,230	1,602	—0—
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	51,100	67,029	47,214

Carey, Vachon
& Clukay, P C

Certified Public Accountants

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1987 included in the accompanying Form MS-5, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form MS-5, is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Carey, Vachon & Clukay, PC

February 5, 1988

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We are pleased to announce that the 80 acre addition to the Robert P. Bass Memorial Town Forest has been accomplished. The boundaries should be marked when convenient.

It is with some degree of sadness that we have seen the last payment of Revenue Sharing Funds. The program was in effect for some 15 years and was easily administered.

The Selectmen have information regarding the benefits of joining the Municipal Association and probably will join 1988. Some of the benefits are legislative advisories, a magazine, many handbooks and manuals, legal advisory service, training programs, low prices on property and liability insurance just to mention a few. The Town used to belong and now should rejoin for the cost of \$400.00 per year.

The Town, along with all the other County towns but not the two cities, is in an odd situation with the latest County tax payment. The Department of Revenue Administration figured the County portion wrong. It was not until after the towns had paid their share that it was determined that a mistake had been made. Oddly enough there is no law which says that the County has to refund this overpayment or to give interest on it. The County says that it will give Sharon a credit on next year's payment. We will probably deduct the interest and let them try to collect it.

We, along with the Tax Collector, are in favor of the Real Estate Tax Lien Procedure as mentioned in the warrant. The property owner is better protected, the Town has more control, and the Tax Collector's work is greatly reduced. In short, the whole procedure is between the Selectmen and the Tax Collector which eliminates outside buyers. In fact, The Town has been the buyer of most taxes lately anyway.

We would like to clarify the methods by which the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment hold office.

A search of the Town records indicate that the 1958 Town Meeting the Planning Board was voted into existence with the 4 members "appointed by the Selectmen" while the 5th is a Selectman. This practice is still correct under State law. Vacancies are filled for the unexpired term by the same method.

The Board of Adjustment was created by vote of the 1959 Town Meeting. Article 13 of that year's warrant proposed that the Town adopt a Zoning and Building Ordinance. The members were elected then.

We have asked Attorney Fernald to research the correct way to put members on the Board.

He states that current law specifies that the local legislative body will prescribe how the members will be appointed. This body is the Town Meeting. He advises that there are 2 appointing authorities, the Selectmen and the Moderator. The chosen appointer would fill unexpired terms in case of a vacancy.

We realize that there is not enough time to correct this oversight but feel that it should be included the next time changes are proposed.

In June of 1987 Larry Bishop, Chief of the Peterborough Fire Department, retired. Larry has been very helpful in providing continuing fire

coverage to Sharon for several years and the Selectmen wished to recognize his service at his retirement party.

It was decided to make him an Honorary Resident of the Town. A certificate with appropriate calligraphy and framing was presented at the banquet. We can say that no other town duplicated this award. Copies of this certificate will be shown at Town Meeting.

The matter of police protection is still evident. There has been a request from the Peterborough Police Department for the Selectmen to authorize Peterborough to respond to Sharon on an emergency basis only. We have discussed this idea with various people and have been advised that we should have police liability insurance and that we have no control or jurisdiction of this type of officer. We may appoint a resident who is a qualified deputy sheriff to fill in occasionally.

While we are talking of police matters we would like to mention that Sharon is becoming known for its lack of police. In 1987 4 stolen cars were burned in Town. Two parties were held which were of concern to the State Police. Much trash and litter deposited in Town. We do not think that these sort of problems will disappear and that some sort of action will have to be taken.

We have been informed that the property inventories which are sent out in the Spring may be voted out. We will study this idea and make an appropriate suggestion in 1989.

We would like to say that 1987 has been a year of many changes and new developments. The character of the Town changed and will continue to change.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry J. Huber, Chairman
John W. Derby
George W. Walsh
Selectmen of Sharon

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

The first snowstorm of the 86-87 winter season came on November 11, 1986. To date we have had 17 storms which required plowing and or sanding. We have been fortunate in having John Kerulainen, who lives on Spring Mill Rd., caring for the plowing and sanding.

Last Spring the big rainstorm on April 6 caused considerable expense to the Town and also delayed Summer work. Culverts had to be replaced on Mountain Road and Nashua Road. Work planned for the south end of Cross Road was not done. This project will require a new culvert, gravel and the removal of a few trees and over-hanging branches.

Dead trees were cut on both Nashua and McCoy Roads. More will be done this year. Roads on the west end of Town were sealed. McCoy Road and Temple Road will be sealed this year. Cemeteries will also need removal of dead limbs and pruning of trees.

The cooperation of the Town's residents is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter B. Somero
Highway Agent

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES — 1987
(As of January 1, 1988)

Account #	Names	Amount	
9	Beck, William & Marcia	\$1,721.90	+ int. to date
14	Blanchette, Michael & Holly	7.96	(int.)
15	Bonsal, David W.	739.55	+ int. to date
64	Firth, Robert	1,632.93	+ int. to date
68	Gerrard, Robert & Bonnie	3,579.59	+ int. to date
88	Hawkins, Leslie & Fields, Bruce	13.74	(int.)
93	Hobbs, Paul E. & Marjorie	1,271.50	+ int. to date
101	Keurilainen, John & Karen	746.96	+ int. to date
104	Kormendi, Edward & Nancy	715.45	+ int. to date
106	Laaksonen, Eric & LaPointe, Monette	1,410.51	+ int. to date
109	LaPlante, Marc	3.35	(int.)
120	Miner, John & Nancy	1,325.30	+ int. to date
121-125	Monadnock Construction		
	3-1A	745.11	+ int. to date
	3-1B	1,529.14	+ int. to date
	3-35E	272.46	+ int. to date
	3-35F	335.48	+ int. to date
	6-6B	426.31	+ int. to date
128	Morton, Douglas	1,273.40	+ int. from Jan. 1
147	Pearne, J.C. & Snape, K.E.	854.46	+ int. to date
160	Rehling, Floyd	415.04	+ int. from Jan.
171	Sawyer, Clifton W.	561.61	+ int. to date
178	Sharon Family Trust c/o Sullivan	1,075.03	+ int. to date
181	Sliptown Road Assoc. (Monad. Cons.)	66.73	+ int. to date
189	Somero, Robin C.	711.74	+ int. to date
203	VanDyke, Robert	194.62	+ int. to date

**REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND
STATE FOREST RANGER**

Between July 1986 and June 1987, we experienced fewer fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest tax law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden, or Concord Forest Protection Headquarters at (603) 271-2217.

If you own forest land, you became responsible for the timber tax payment starting April 1, 1986. This is a change in the Timber Tax Law that will impact all forest landowners. Contact your Board of Selectmen for timber tax forms.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS — 1987

Number Fires Statewide	403
Acres Burned Statewide	189
Cost of Suppression	\$44,682
District	
Number of Fires	128
Cost of Suppression	\$8,175.27
Town	

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