

ANNUAL REPORT



SWANZEY
New Hampshire

December 31, 1998

OFFICE HOURS AND REGULAR MEETINGS

TOWN HALL

Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Land Use Boards,
Assessing, Welfare, Administrative Assistant
Weekday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM except holidays
Town Hall Telephone Number 352-7411
NH Relay TDD 1-800-735-2964
FAX 603-352-6250

SELECTMEN

Wednesday evening 6:30 PM

Bernard J. Lambert	352-0691 (Home)
Robert A. Beauregard	352-5043 (Home)
Charles R. Beauregard, Jr.	357-1336 (Home)

PLANNING BOARD

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month , 7:00 PM

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM

RECREATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance
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ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS**

OF

**SWANZEY
NEW HAMPSHIRE
for year ending December 31, 1998**

The 1998 Town Report is dedicated to
Charles J. Hanrahan



Charlie and Peggy

Charlie Hanrahan is a Swanzey native who has “worked” for the town in many volunteer capacities since returning from WW II in 1946 with his most significant contributions focusing on preservation of the town’s history. Charlie’s volunteer roles include service as a volunteer firefighter, Trustee of the Trust Funds, Trustee of the Mount Caesar Union Library, Old Home Day Committee member, Recreation Committee member and President of the Historical Committee and President and member of the Board of Directors for the Swanzey Historical Museum. Charlie’s contributions toward the restoration of the Town’s 1901 Amoskeag Steamer in time for Swanzey’s 250th Celebration in 1983 led townspeople to the question of where to store it and the idea of a museum. Charlie took the idea, organized volunteers, and launched a campaign leading to the establishment of the Swanzey Historical Museum and Information Center. Charlie served as the driving force organizing the volunteer efforts of many others towards the goal of making Swanzey a better place to live. With this dedication, we recognize Charlie, Peggy and his family’s many and significant contributions to town government, our town and schools.

Photograph of Charlie and the Amoskeag Steamer provided by the Swanzey Historical Museum. Thanks to Curator Frank Worcester for his assistance. Photograph of Charlie and Peggy provided by their family.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICIALS OF
SWANZEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

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1998 TOWN OFFICIALS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR

Alfred C. Lerandeau Term expires 2000

SELECTMEN

Charles R. Beauregard, Jr. Term expires 2001
Bernard J. Lambert Term expires 1999
Robert Beauregard Term expires 2000

TOWN CLERK

Carol A. DeRocher Term expires 2000

TREASURER

Roger W. Conway Term expires 2001

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Judith LeFebvre Term expires 2004
Lynda J. Faulkner Term expires 2000
Eileen Thompson Term expires 2002

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Richard Talbot Term expires 2000
Charles Hanrahan Term expires 2001
Arthur Boufford Term expires 1999

TRUSTEES OF THE CARPENTER HOME

Patricia Bauries Term expires 2000
Ed Dunham Term expires 2001
Judith Lefebvre Term expires 1999

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Glenn W. Page, Chair Term expires 1999
William Snyder Term expires 2000
Larry Crowder Term expires 2001

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Eileen Longe Term expires 2000
Ed Dunham Term expires 2001
Ronald Fontaine Term expires 1999

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Charles Beauregard, Sr. Term expires 1999
Don A. Simeneau Term expires 2000
William Hutwelker, Chair Term expires 2001
Martin J. Geheran, Vice-Chair Term expires 1999
William J. Snyder Term expires 2000
Robert DeRocher, alternate Term expires 2000
William O'Meara, alternate Term expires 2001
Jonathan Wentworth, alternate Term expires 1999

PLANNING BOARD

Glenn W. Page, Chair	Term expires 1999
Scott Self, Vice-Chair	Term expires 2001
David Krisch	Term expires 2000
Charles Beauregard, Sr.	Term expires 2000
Richard L. Lane	Term expires 2001
June Fuerderer	Term expires 1999
Rob Hitchcock, alternate	Term expires 1999
Steve Russell, alternate	Term expires 1999
Andrew Perra, alternate	Term expires 1999
Al Longe, Selectmen's ex-officio	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Robert J. Kenney	Term expires 1999
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REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Margaret Lynott	Term expires 2000
Alfred C. Lerandeau	Term expires 2000

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Judy Bohannon, Chair	Term expires 2000
John Thompson	Term expires 1999
Kathy Winsor	Term expires 1999

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Debbie Crowder, Chair	Term expires 2001
Barbara Skuly	Term expires 2000
Jean Blood	Term expires 2000
Barbara Sherman Glidden	Term expires 2000
Sandy Allen	Term expires 2001
Stephen Stepenuck	Term expires 1999
Alan Gross, alternate	Term expires 2000
Ruth Pratt	Term expires 2001

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Throughout 1998, Selectmen, departments, boards and committee's of the town have endeavored to provide effective and efficient service to taxpayers utilizing the 12.5% of tax collections retained for municipal services and other revenues sources available to the Town. This annual report contains narrative and financial reports summarizing 1998's activities for the entities funded by these revenues. The 1999 Town Budget and Warrant take up a number of long term town goals. The operating budget for the town proposes to increase 4.7% over that approved last year. Individual warrant articles and increased capital reserve funding proposals address preparation for the future for our town's 6,660 residents.

Public safety facility needs debated in 1998 will be discussed at the 1999 Town Meeting with the Public Safety Facility Committee and Selectmen supporting a bond issue for construction of a new Police Station/Emergency Operations Center at their existing location on Eaton Road. For several years officials and voters have recognized the need to upgrade public safety facilities. In response to voter concerns at the 1998 Town Meeting about renovation of Whitcomb Hall, Public Safety Facility Committee members analyzed the Eaton Road site resulting in the designing of a lower cost facility to meet the needs of the Police/Emergency Management operations.

Voters at this year's Annual Meeting will consider creation of an industrial development district, pursuant to NH RSA 162-K. Voters in 1998 established a committee charged to investigate the feasibility of a district. The committee reported favorably to Selectmen in November. Establishment of the district, the Swanzey Revenue Development District, presents an opportunity for our town to take action to encourage industrial and commercial development in the Industrial Park District diversifying and expanding our tax base. Establishment of a district and approval of the bond article related to it will provide town officials with the authority to take action if the necessary development is lined up to finance infrastructure improvements. This would be at no cost to the existing taxpayers within the town. This program provides a chance for town voters to put into action plans implemented in 1995 with the re-zoning of the North Swanzey area as an industrial park district.

Design work for the Old Richmond Road Bridge Project, a municipal bridge aid project receiving 80% of its funding from the State of New Hampshire, is nearing completion and the construction bid process is anticipated to begin shortly. Once construction costs for this project are known, attention will turn to addressing the Christian Hill Road Bridge

and West Street culverts. Fundraising efforts for reconstruction of the Slate Bridge continue with NHDOT re-affirming their commitment to the project and authorizing initiation of project design. Efforts to rehabilitate the town's bridges began in 1992 with the rehabilitation of the Thompson, Cresson and Carlton Covered Bridges. They continue with the financial support of voters through capital reserve contributions and participation in NHDOT's Municipal Bridge Aid Program which has provided a significant boost funding 80% of project costs.

Construction of a Headstart Center to be operated by Southwestern Community Services and funded through a Community Development Block Grant obtained by the Town, began late in 1998 and it is expected to be complete and open for students in the fall of 1999.

Several factors contributed to strengthening of the Town's financial condition during 1998. Non-tax revenues experienced strong growth due to the favorable economic climate and aggressive cash management by the town treasurer. Initiatives by Selectmen resulted in resolution of several problematic financial matters. Outstanding taxes for several properties involved in bankruptcy were satisfied. The former D.H. Management property at the airport was acquired by the Town and resold collecting the tax receipts due the town. These developments contributed to a stable town tax rate for 1998 and our strengthened financial position at the close of the year.

Recognition is extended to Barbara Skuly who received acknowledgment from the New Hampshire Municipal Association as a municipal volunteer. Thanks are also extended to Toyota of Keene for their support of our Police Department providing a vehicle for use as detective's car. With sadness we note the passing on February 14, 1999 of Matilda Dubruel, who at age 104 had been holder of the Town's Boston Post Cane.

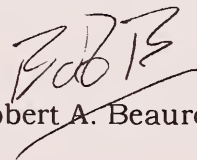
The continued service, support and quality of all our town employees is most appreciated by this board. We wish to recognize and thank the numerous municipal volunteers of our town who provide service every day as volunteer firefighters, rescue squad members, land use board members or other committees of the Town. These volunteer efforts combined with the input and participation of our citizens is why Swanzey is a good town to live in and a town, the largest in Cheshire County, which we are proud to call home.



Bernard J. Lambert



Charles R. Beauregard, Jr.
SELECTMEN OF SWANZEY



Robert A. Beauregard

TOWN HALL

This year in "Our Town" several town offices were relocated to make more efficient use of the available space and improve our operations. The meetings of the Selectmen are now held in the former Land Use Office which has been converted to a conference/work area containing the various equipment used by employees, i.e., duplication facilities, fax, postage meter, etc. The former work area is now Land Use. General Assistance, Bookkeeping and the Treasurer are located in former space of Selectmen.

The beautiful old wooden floors in the Town Hall were refinished during the Christmas Holiday and are now in excellent condition.

All of the Town Hall computers and critical programs have been reviewed and updated as necessary in anticipation of the year 2000. This effort was conducted to ensure that Y2K bugs do not impact our administrative operations.

Two new employees are now working in Town Hall - Sara Carbonneau has replaced Rosemary Kingsbury who now works part time in the General Assistance Office. Heather Thomas has replaced Beth Impellizzeri as Deputy Town Clerk.

Due to a requirement by the State Motor Vehicle Department and the new plate issue being conducted this year, it is imperative that previous vehicle registrations are presented at the time of renewal to insure proper registration. Remember, the month of April is the time for licensing your dog(s). To avoid receiving a \$25.00 Civil Forfeiture and being charged additional penalties prescribed by State RSA's, be sure to license your dog(s) no later than May 31st.

The Land Use Office provides clerical and technical assistance to the Planning and Zoning Boards as well as to the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector. The Office would like to recognize and thank Rosemary Kingsbury, who kept the Office running efficiently during the past six and one-half years. While the Land Use Office has been busy processing applications before both Boards, it is also looking ahead to the Town's future. Projects such as updating the Town's Master Plan, working with Southwest Region Planning Commission on mapping and GIS data, as well as reviewing and revising existing zoning and planning regulations are in the works.

During 1998 the Tax Office upgraded to the V7 Tax Collection Package which has added many enhancements to the way data can be accessed. It is faster and easier once we learned our way around the new program.

Virginia Malone, long time employee of Town Hall, passed away recently. Virginia was greatly missed when she retired several years ago due to illness, her knowledge of the properties in Swanzy was remarkable. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

The Swanzy Town Hall is regularly open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have questions regarding your Town, it's government, zoning or other matters, please call 352-7411 or NH RELAY TDD 1-800-735-2964. We look forward to seeing you and addressing your inquiries during the upcoming year.

Beth Fox, Administrative Assistant; Ruth Snyder, Tax Collector; Cynthia Rose, Deputy to Tax Collector; Carol DeRocher, Town Clerk; Heather Thomas, Deputy Town Clerk; Sara Carbonneau, Land Use Assistant; Rosemary Kingsbury, General Assistance; and Jeanne Rogers, Bookkeeper.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF SWANZEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998**

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1998	\$ 2,359,893.99
Plus Receipts	12,322,759.22
Plus Interest Received	23,950.47
Plus Interest Received MBIA Investment	<u>81,850.22</u>
	14,788,453.90
Less Payments	<u>11,294,231.43</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1998	\$ 3,494,222.47

Distribution of Cash on Hand General Fund Accounts

Citizens Bank Checking	216,604.75
MBIA Investment Account	<u>3,277,617.72</u>
	\$ 3,494,222.47

SEWER COMMISSIONERS ACCOUNTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1998	\$ 59,670.57
Plus Receipts	107,411.20
Plus Interest Received	280.93
Plus Interest Received MBIA Investment	<u>1,908.69</u>
	169,271.39
Less Payments	<u>100,673.11</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1998	\$ 68,598.28

Distribution of Cash on Hand Sewer Commissioners Accounts

Citizens Bank Checking	5,438.96
MBIA Investment Account	<u>63,159.32</u>
	68,598.28

SOD FARM ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand January 1, 1998	\$ 2,542.98
Plus Interest Received	<u>71.89</u>
Cash on Hand Sod Farm Account December 31, 1998	2,614.87

Distribution Cash on Hand Sod Farm Account

Citizens Bank	2,614.87
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TURN AROUND BOND ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand January 1, 1998	\$ 1,168.05
Plus Interest Received	<u>33.03</u>
Cash on Hand Turn Around Bond Account December 31, 1998	\$ 1,201.08

Distribution Cash on Hand turn Around Bond Account

Citizens Bank	1,201.08
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand January 1, 1998	\$	8,876.30
Plus Interest Received		29.61
Plus Interest Received MBIA Investments		<u>404.81</u>
		9,310.72
Less Payments		<u>618.12</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1998	\$	8,692.60

Distribution of Accounts Conservation Commission

Citizens Bank Account	\$	1,227.49
MBIA Investment Account		<u>7,465.11</u>
	\$	8,692.60

CONSERVATION COMMISSION CRESSON FOREST

Balance Hand January 1, 1998	\$	11,319.35
Plus Interest Received		29.31
Plus Interest Received MBIA Investment		<u>540.41</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1998	\$	11,889.07

Distribution of Special Fund Accounts

Citizens Bank	\$	1,228.13
MBIA Investment Account		<u>10,660.94</u>
	\$	11,889.07

Respectfully submitted,
Roger W. Conway, Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
1998**

Motor Vehicle Registrations/Decals	\$713,573.00
Vital Statistic Fees	482.00
Vital Statistic Fees Remitted to State	558.00
Marriage License Fees	238.00
Marriage License Fees Remitted to State	1,292.00
Dog Licenses	8,032.50
Dog Licenses Fees Remitted to State	3,164.00
Fish & Game Fees	85.50
Fish & Game Fees Remitted to State	1,715.00
Boat Registration Fees	1,955.06
Miscellaneous Fees	<u>4,059.41</u>
Remitted to Treasurer	\$735,154.47

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Frazier, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1998

***** ON LEVIES OF *****

	1998	1997
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/98		
Property Taxes		1,036,025.96
Yield Taxes		12,329.88
COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR		
Property Taxes	8,762,841.00	
Gravel Excavation Site Tax	53,070.00	
Land Use Change Tax	4,999.00	
Yield Tax	40,251.84	
OVERPAYMENTS		
Property Taxes	17,014.47	69.00
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	6,998.23	55,729.47
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$8,885,174.54	\$1,104,154.31
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER		
Property Taxes	7,891,303.96	1,025,409.96
Gravel Excavation Site Tax	51,536.00	
Land Use Change Tax	3,097.00	
Yield Taxes	37,711.00	12,329.88
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	6,998.23	55,729.47
ABATEMENTS MADE:		
Property Taxes	5,837.00	315.00
Yield Taxes	631.27	
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	10,370.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR 12/31/98:		
Property Taxes	882,714.51	
Gravel Excavation Site Tax	1,534.00	
Land Use Change Tax	1,902.00	
Yield Taxes	1,909.57	
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$8,885,174.54	\$1,104,154.31

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

***** ON LEVIES OF *****

	1997	1996	PRIOR YEARS
UNREDEEMED LIENS 01/01/98			
Liens Executed	592,279.90	433,404.05	317,994.30
Int/Cost Collected	14,370.44	34,011.15	36,509.63
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$606,650.34	\$467,415.20	\$354,503.93
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER			
Redemptions	242,796.37	233,579.95	214,397.19
Interest & Costs	14,370.44	34,011.15	36,509.63
Abatements	1,540.63	1,505.29	5,976.54
Deeded to Town	685.42	10,892.00	20,118.12
UNREDEEMED END OF YEAR 12/31/98	347,257.48	197,426.81	77,502.45
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$606,650.34	\$477,415.20	\$354,503.93

SUMMARY OF SEWER RENT ACCOUNTS

*****LEVIES OF*****

	1998	1997
UNCOLLECTED SEWER RENTS 01/01/98		
West Swanzey		3,212.35
SEWER RENTS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR		
North Swanzey	5,811.04	5,248.40
West Swanzey	95,216.66	
OVERPAYMENTS		
West Swanzey	0.54	
INTEREST COLLECTED		
West Swanzey	132.26	618.82
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$101,160.50	\$9,079.57
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER		
North Swanzey	5,811.04	5,248.40
West Swanzey	90,391.61	2,877.26
INTEREST COLLECTED	132.26	618.82
ABATEMENTS		
West Swanzey		335.09
UNCOLLECTED SEWER RENTS 12/31/98		
West Swanzey	4,825.59	
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$101,160.50	\$9,079.57

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS FOR SEWER RENTS

******LEVIES OF******

	1997	1996	1995
UNREDEEMED SEWER RENTS 01/01/98			
West Swanzey		808.39	459.14
SEWER RENTS LIENED BY COMMISSION			
West Swanzey	1,850.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Cost After Lien	250.22	77.77	307.29
TOTAL DEBITS:	2,100.22	886.16	766.43
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER			
Redemptions: West Swanzey	1,132.71	104.68	459.14
Interest & Costs after Lien West Swanzey	250.22	77.77	307.29
UNREDEEMED SEWER RENTS 12/31/98			
West Swanzey	717.29	703.71	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$2,100.22	\$886.16	\$766.43

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth C. Snyder
 Tax Collector

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board saw steady growth, both in residential and commercial development, during 1998. Smaller subdivisions, usually two or three lots, were the norm. Commercial development centered around multi-tenant applications and site plan review for expanding businesses.

The Master Plan subcommittee has been meeting regularly. One of the recommendations from the subcommittee, namely the elimination of residential uses from the Commercial/Industrial zoning district, has been endorsed by the Planning Board as a zoning amendment for the Town Warrant in March. It is hoped that the revised Land Use and Transportation sections will be finalized and adopted by the Planning Board during 1999.

The Land Use Office has recently upgraded its computer system and will be working with the Southwest Region Planning Commission to convert existing data bases, zoning and property line information into a Geographic Information System (GIS) usable format. The acquisition of the GIS system will provide the Planning Board with additional tools to make better informed and responsible decisions with regard to proposals before it, as well as assisting in the Master Planning process.

The Planning Board meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, with the Master Plan Subcommittee meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays. All meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Any person interested in the planning process is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Page, Chair

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the third Monday of each month, with meetings commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The ZBA has the power to hear the following: Requests for a variance, requests for a special exception, appeals from an administrative decision, and requests for an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements. The Board consists of five regular members (elected at Town Meeting) and three alternates (appointed by the Board). Should anyone be interested in serving on the Board, they should contact Sara Carbonneau, Land Use Assistant, at the Town Hall for additional information.

The Board has been active during 1998, primarily reviewing requests for special exceptions. Certain uses, such as a bed and breakfast facility in the residential district, are permitted only after a special exception has been granted (and subsequent site plan approval has been received from the Planning Board). It is one of the ZBA's responsibilities to review requests for special exceptions and to grant approval in appropriate cases, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Copies of the Zoning Ordinance are available for review and/or purchase at the Town Hall. Any questions regarding land use issues may be directed to the Land Use Assistant. In addition, the Board welcomes the public to attend its meetings and to feel free to present any questions or concerns they might have.

Respectfully submitted,
William Hutwelker, Chair

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

	Permits Issued	Cost of Construction
New Buildings		
Single Family Residences	11	\$1,207,000
Garages	12	182,000
Sheds, Barns, Storage Buildings	08	17,000
Non-Residential Buildings	12	1,019,387
Manufactured Homes	09	563,000
Additions & Alterations		
Residential Additions	16	207,045
Residential Renov. & Alt.	11	82,000
Pools		
In-Ground	03	43,500
Above Ground	02	3,000
Misc.		
Demolition	05	N/A
Non-Buildings	<u>08</u>	<u>39,180</u>
	97	<u>\$3,363,112</u>

A total of 97 permits were issued in 1998, 13 more than in 1997. The total value of new construction decreased by 26%. The average cost of residential construction increased from \$79,595 to \$88,500.

Building Permit applications, in addition to complying with all requirements of the Town of Swanzey Zoning Ordinance, must also be in compliance with the BOCA Building Code.

The Swanzey Zoning Ordinance now in effect requires that a Building Permit be obtained from the Building Inspector prior to the start of construction, alteration of any structure or the start of construction of any permanently installed swimming pool.

Plans for any construction involving a non-residential use, or multi-family dwelling unit must be submitted to the Planning Board for review and approval prior to application for a Building Permit in accordance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

Development of any land in the Flood Plain District is prohibited except by Special Exception from the Swanzey Board of Adjustment and approval by the Building Inspector in accordance with the requirements of Section IX of the Zoning Ordinance.

A copy of the Zoning Ordinance may be obtained at the Town Hall..

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis T. Batt Jr., Building Inspector

SWANZEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 1998

The Swanzey Conservation Commission (SCC) consists of nine volunteers who are committed to the purpose of the Commission, which is "for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources" of the Town. The SCC meets regularly on the second Tuesday of every month and members also frequently attend Planning Board, ZBA, and sometimes Selectmen's meetings as well. The SCC is attentive to site plan applications, particularly those which involve wetlands, and conducted numerous site visits to properties targeted for development this year.

An important function of the SCC is to review applications for permits to perform work in or near wetlands and to comment to the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH Wetlands Bureau). The environmental impacts of proposed projects that involve surface water, ground water, forests and other natural assets are usually reviewed by the SCC as well.

The Swanzey Aquifer Protection Task Force, with several SCC members involved, is proceeding with an educational promotion to inform the residents about the town's vast groundwater resources. The intent is to describe the characteristics of stratified drift aquifers as well as offer recommendations to protect and preserve these valuable reserves for the present and future. The Task Force has applied for a Local Water Resources Protection Grant from NHDES to assist with this project, and hope to eventually have an ordinance enacted that will assure the protection and sustainable use of Swanzey's aquifers and recharge zones. The Task Force sponsored a presentation about aquifers in September by Keene State College professor Dr. Tim Allen for Town officials and the public.

The SCC is a member of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and works with the NH Office of State Planning to monitor properties in town that are protected by conservation easements and the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP). These properties include the Town Forest on Mt. Cresson, the Muster Field in West Swanzey and the Tracy parcel on Causeway Rd. The conservation easement on Honey Hill is also monitored by the SCC and the public is encouraged to hike its lovely trail system, and use the map and trail guide that is available at Town Hall. The SCC also provided information to several residents this

year who were interested in allocating some of their property for conservation easements.

The SCC has met this year with several members of the Swanze Lake Association and other residents to discuss concerns about water quality and use of Swanze Lake. Several SCC members donated time to provide activities for the children at the Swanze Lake Recreation Camp, which included a hike up Honey Hill, and presentations about local Indian artifacts and rocks and minerals. The SCC sponsored a Monadnock Regional High School student from Swanze to attend the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH for a week in July and the SCC also sponsored its annual Ashuelot River canoe trip in May which the public was invited to enjoy.

The SCC again requests that the voters of Swanze appropriate \$3,000 to the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund for future acquisitions of conservation easements or land. The pressures of commercial and residential development in several areas of Swanze emphasize the importance of preserving further areas of open space so that future residents may enjoy our natural habitats as well. The SCC encourages the people of Swanze to take advantage of our fine Recycling Center facility and to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste collections.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Crowder, Chairman

Swanze Conservation Commission

Deb Crowder, Chairman
Barbara Skuly, Vice-Chairman
Steve Stepenuck
Jean Blood
Sandy Allen
Polly Glidden
Ruth Pratt
Walt Calkins
Art Whipple

**Swanze Aquifer
Protection Task Force**

Richard Scarmelli
Barbara Skuly
Sandy Allen
Deb Crowder
David Krisch
Roberta Visser

REPORT OF THE SWANZEY POLICE DEPARTMENT 1998

The Annual Report to the residents of Swanzey reflects the activities of the past year and an overview of this year's budget and warrant requests. It is not comprehensive and anyone with specific questions is encouraged to call or stop by the PD and ask someone. We spend a great deal of time trying to correct misinformation about what we can and cannot do as a police agency. There will always be a certain amount of controversy surrounding any police department and we are doing the best we can, given our limitations, to serve a town of approximately 7000 people.

We handled in excess of 4,400 individual calls for service in 1998. This compares to 3,934 in 1997 and 4,232 in 1996. These do not include walk-ins to the department, phone requests or any motor vehicle contacts other than those resulting in an arrest or an accident. These numbers rank among the highest in Cheshire county with the obvious exception of Keene. What makes comparisons with other agencies difficult is the different way agencies keep their statistics. Many agencies count categories differently than we do. For example, some agencies, if they respond to an incident where five people are arrested, count five incidents, we would count that as one incident with five arrests.

Our calls tend to be more criminal than motor vehicle related but, with the addition of an Intoxilyzer machine from the State of New Hampshire, (*which measures the alcohol content in an individual*), we made 42 D.W.I. arrests. Domestic disputes, assaults, burglaries, criminal mischief, thefts, citizen requested assistance, and drug cases make up the bulk of our calls. Responses to the high school remain fairly constant but, given the 1,300 student population and 100 +/- in support staff that are in the school daily, this is not unexpected. We were able to get our radio repeater installed which allows officers to talk across town on portables. Two laptop computers were purchased with the assistance of a grant from the N.H. Highway Safety Agency and we are working towards placing them in the cruisers.

For 1999, the biggest item on the menu is obviously the new police/OEM facility being proposed to replace the current facility on Eaton Road. Last year we proposed renovating Whitcomb Hall in West Swanzey. The proposal failed in part to cost (\$495,000) and location. The Public Safety Facility Committee has met several times and felt that a new facility, located on the present site can be built for less money (\$395,000) and that the central location will better suit the needs of the police department and the town. I ask for your support in this matter as the current facility is dysfunctional in both construction and design as a police facility.

Other areas of concern that we hope to address is the addition of an eighth full time position to be one-half funded this year. A comparative study of similar size towns in New Hampshire shows that the average number of full time officers is 12. A number of factors were looked at when we were discussing this issue such as, scheduling difficulties, lack of available, qualified part-time officers, and case backlogs. The caseload has seen a steady increase in numbers and complexity over the years but we have not added staff since 1995. It is my opinion that this new position is necessary in order to continue adequate police services to the town and provide safety to the officers.

In closing, I would again like to thank the other Town departments for their assistance and support. I would also like to thank all of you who have supported us in the past. We live in an outstanding community that offers residents and visitors a unique range of experiences. Our goal is to make this the safest community we can and that wouldn't be possible without your help. Please feel free to call us with reports of suspicious activity or comments. We can be reached at 352-2869 or, if it's an emergency, dial 9-1-1. Below is a partial list of activity statistics recorded in 1998 and a roster of our people.

ROSTER

FULLTIME

Chief Eric S. Sargent
 Lt. Thomas DeAngelis
 Sgt. Thomas Carpenter
 Sgt. Robert Blodgett
 Officer Mark Chamberlain
 Officer Jon Schmitter
 Officer Mark Labelle
 Secretary Martha Waters

PART-TIME

Cpl. Michael Davis
 Cpl. Joel Huntley
 Officer Alfred Morse
 Officer W. Garrett Chamberlain
 Officer Rafael Rivera
 Officer Kevin Wilson
 Officer Joseph Murray
 ACO Richard Wood, Sr.

ACTIVITY

Accidents (Reportable)	137	Drug Invest.	31
Assaults	40	Domestic Responses	110
Sexual Assaults	10	Traffic complaints	212
Burglary	36	Harassing Calls	66
Thefts	130	Animal Complaints	365
Vandalism	50	Other	4363

Respectfully submitted,
Eric S. Sargent, Chief

SWANZEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

1998 saw an increase in calls for the Swanzey Fire Department. Once again, Mother Nature proved her great power in Swanzey. On May 31st we weathered a tremendous storm. You will note the huge increase in downed wires. The Swanzey Fire Department answered some twenty calls in just four hours! We had a cabin fire, a barn collapse, accident, and of course plenty of electrical wires down. There were so many calls during this storm that Southwestern New Hampshire Fire Mutual Aid could not keep up with the paperwork.

Once again members went to the Meadowood Fire School and to the National Fire Academy for various training courses.

This year we have upgraded the chief's vehicle with a new Yukon. This vehicle will be of great use to the department. When completed it will have all the resource information needed at a scene, along with communication capabilities to the police and highway departments.

The following is a summary of the 1998 calls that were answered by the Swanzey Fire Department:

CO alarm	8	Public assist	9
MV accident	59	Downed wires	19
Fire Alarm	31	False Alarm	2
Structure fire	13	Chimney fire	4
Brush fire	12	Oil burner problem	5
Mutual aid	24	Car fire	10
LP leak	3	Investigations	5
Rescue calls	190	Assist Police	4
Airplane crash	1	Oil spill	4
Electrical odor/Transformer Fire	5	Miscellaneous	8
		TOTAL	416

Respectfully submitted:
Lee D. Dunham, Chief

Board of Engineers

East

Capt. Bruce Tatro
Lt. Dave Packard
Lt. Dave Page
Lt. Ron Fontaine

Center

Capt. Gerry Bell
LT Keith Bell
Lt. Brad Waters
Lt. John Rowan

West

Capt. Robert Symonds
Lt. Jeff Brown
Lt Robert Wing
Lt. Don Doucette

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 before doing **ANY** outside burning. 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 suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. The damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

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.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carrroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lighting	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Stafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
		Arson/Suspicious	16
		Illegal	231
TOTAL FIRES	798	Rekindle	43
TOTAL ACRES	442.86	Disposal of Ashes	19

"REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES"

Burning permits may be obtained by calling any one of the following:

Lee Dunham	352-4184	Morgan Wright	352-1225
Gerry Bell, Deputy	352-1989	Henry Johnson, Deputy	352-2870
David Osgood, Deputy	352-7948	Robert LaBelle, Deputy	352-4380
Ernie Kiroouac, Deputy	352-2649	Warren Denico, Sr. Deputy	352-6657
Bruce Tatro, Deputy	352-3904		

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In the past year the Emergency Management Office has gone through a period of transition. Larry Waters retired from the office in June of 1998 and the town replaced him with Randy Phillips as Director and Bob Symonds as Deputy Director. We have been working with the State of New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management to prepare for an upcoming drill for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, as well as training for additional personnel that are needed to staff our facility during such a drill. We have also had training that will assist the Fire and Police Departments, should they be dispatched to any type of incident that may involve radio-active material.

We have made some significant upgrades to our capabilities at the Emergency Operations Center. Our major purchase this year was a Gateway computer that gives us access to a great deal of information as well as direct access to the NH Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Administration. We have also purchased a video camera that will be available to other town agencies to document any major incidents such as large fires or crime scenes. This equipment will also be used to document the damage that may result from any major weather event, such as tornadoes, hurricanes and heavy winter storms. These purchases were made with federal grant money.

It has been an eye opening experience to see exactly what the Emergency Management position is responsible for. We would like to thank Larry Waters for bringing this office to the position that it is in now and the assistance that he gave us in getting started in our new positions.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randy Phillips, Director
Bob Symonds, Deputy Director

NORTH SWANZEY WATER & FIRE PRECINCT OFFICIALS

32 North Pine Street
North Swanzey, New Hampshire 03431
352-2338

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Commissioners:	Andrew Perra Park Street, North Swanzey	352-2772	1999
	Alfred C. Lerandeau Swanzey Factory Road, North Swanzey	352-7991	2000
	Alfred Longe	352-3442	2001
Clerk/Treasurer	Sally A. Stowell 5 Grove Street, North Swanzey	352-6162	2000
Moderator	Mark Lawrence	352-3789	1999
Auditor	Louella Wyman	358-3045	1999
Superintendent	William Snyder	352-2338	

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the North Swanzey Water and Fire Precinct was duly called and held at the Town Hall on March 17, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Lawrence, Moderator. Mr. Lawrence read the warrant for the meeting and the return of the posting thereon.

Article 1 - The following officers were elected:

Water Commissioner, three years:	Alfred Longe
Auditor, one year	Louella Wyman
Moderator, one year	Mark Lawrence

Article 2 - The Precinct voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191,500.00 to defray expenses incidental to the business of the Precinct.

Article 3 - The Precinct voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for equipment.

Article 4 - The Precinct voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for pipe detection and thawing equipment.

Article 5 - The Precinct voted to raise and appropriate the sum of -0- to be placed in the Capital Improvements Fund for the construction of lines.

After a general discussion of topics, on a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally A. Stowell
Secretary/Treasurer

NORTH SWANZEY WATER FIRE PRECINCT

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
General Fund	50,196
Due from Customers	34,006
Inventory	6,655
Capital Reserve	50,490
TOTAL ASSETS	\$126,567
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	20,870
TOTAL LIABILITIES	20,870
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	50,490
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	69,987

SCHEDULE OF PRECINCT PROPERTY

Land, improvements & buildings	1,000
Machinery, vehicles & equipment	18,575
TOTAL PROPERTY	19,575

**NORTH SWANZEY WATER FIRE PRECINCT
RECOMMENDED BUDGET 1999**

	Actual <u>1998</u>	Recommended <u>1999</u>
REVENUES		
From Taxes	29,574	21,200
From Water Rents	129,459	142,070
Hydrant Rentals	4,050	4,230
Fund Balance to be Used to Reduce Taxes	0	10,000
Miscellaneous Income	1,918	0
Service Income	2,134	2,000
Interest Income	2,133	0
 TOTAL REVENUES	 \$ 169,268	 \$ 179,500
 EXPENDITURES		
Water Purchases.	91,845	90,000
Hydrant Rentals	8,100	8,450
Truck Expenses	524	800
Maintenance		
Lines	6,854	12,000
Building	300	500
Equipment	1,089	500
Service	62	2,000
Capitol Reserve Project	0	0
Utilities	366	800
Insurance	1,464	1,600
Legal and Accounting	1,485	6,000
Office expense	580	800
Billing software maintenance	440	1,000
Uniforms and rags	1,077	1,200
Payroll taxes	2,667	3,000
Telephone	497	600
License and permits	100	200
Payroll	36,814	37,000
Payroll Capital reserve projects	0	0
Water Test	0	0
Postage	602	700
Printing	152	2,100
Association Dues	440	250
Depreciation	<u>6,788</u>	<u>7,590</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 162,226	 177,500
 Capital reserve fund		
Water lines	0	0
Equipment	2,000	2,000
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	 164,226	 179,500
 Excess of revenues over expenditures	 5,042	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

New England winters seem to have changed from "good ole fashioned" snow storms, to those of to six inches of snow, followed by an inch or more of freezing rain and sleet! As we reflect back over the last three winters, this trend seems to be worsening each year, and it makes keeping bare roads extremely difficult and expensive, with the increased use of salt and sand.

Frost heaves showed up in January '98, and drainage problems caused by rain and ice, continued in February. Thaws required us to gravel roads in Jan, Feb, and March, to keep them passable. Weather conditions were something to ponder the whole year. March 28th through 31st brought a "heat wave", with the temperature reaching 90 degrees on the 31st. Cold and wet weather eliminated spring, and hard rains, severe thunderstorms (Super Cell Storms) created washouts, downed trees and power lines. June 6th dawned at 75 degrees and humid. Summer delivered many unusual thunder storms with very unusual lightening shows. Fall remained unusually warm, with Dec 22nd starting at 52 degrees and reaching 70 degrees, as it snowed in Las Vegas. I picked pussy willows on Dec. 11th, and got our first storm (freezing rain) on Dec. 17th. El Nino ??

We did accomplish many projects this year. Removal of underground storage tanks was completed after considerable research and red tape. We now fuel the equipment with credit cards at local fuel stations. It was necessary to relocate the septic system as part of the site prep work for the garage addition, but with exception of the heating system being installed, that project is nearly complete. South Winchester Street and Old Eaton Road were reclaimed and paved, Lake Shore Road is now completely paved, Dartmouth Road and a section of Westbrook Court received an extensive upgrade.

New equipment purchased includes a new 1 ton Ford truck, a cross conveyor for shoulder work, and a used wood chipper.

Immediate necessary engine repairs to truck #4 (1981 Int'l) will delay its proposed replacement this year.

Cleon Emerson and Morgan Wright retired after many years of service to the town. Best of everything to both of them.

Respectfully submitted,
Elton W. Blood, Sr. Director

*Trevor A Hood
Todd A. Trombley
Lee D. Dunham
V. Scott Patnode*

*Ann E. Bedaw
Kendrick Page
Charles S. Guyette*

A REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF CEMETERIES

There were thirty-seven (37) burials, twenty-one (21) cremations and one disinterment for spring burials. Twelve (12) being Swanzey residents and six (6) from out of town. These figures show that we were pretty busy this past year. Besides the burials, we were kept very busy mowing as the grass grew very fast in the early part of the spring and on into the summer. Our crew did an excellent job keeping everything looking good.

I am sorry to report one of the crew left in August, and we certainly missed her the rest of the season. Thank you Barb, you did an excellent job. I would like to bring to your attention at this time, Rachel Schnyer who has spent many hours this summer, up-dating the records of the Mt. Caesar Cemetery. We now have the cards that have names of the deceased, lot locations in most cases, and dates of death and dates of birth in some cases. This information may be helpful if you are researching your family tree. This is far more information than just the name of the lot owner which is all we had before this up-date. Rachel has gone from lot to lot obtaining and comparing the cards against what is available on the monuments and small markers, visually noting what is there. I think a great big thanks to **RACHEL** is in order. These up-dated records have been copied and I believe will be turned over to the Mt. Caesar Library so they will be available for the public to view.

I would like at this time to thank my wonderful crew for a job well done over the past season; Ken Page, Barbara Sault, Warren Denico, Sr, and Chad Wellington. Also a big thank you Beaver, Todd, Anne, Charlie, Scott and Lee. We hope to continue the best service we are able.

Public Works Director, Elton Blood, Sr. has given us his fine guidance and direction throughout the year on many of the big projects. Thank you, Elton! It's also worth noting that the crew and I appreciate the many nice compliments received from Town's people.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan E. Wright
Supervisor of Cemeteries

RECYCLING CENTER/TRANSFER STATION

The big story for 1998 is that the markets for recyclables have dropped off the face of the earth. For example, scrap metal went from \$38.00 to \$11.00/ton in just 4 months. We have been giving a few commodities away (which is still cheaper than landfilling). The good news is that the markets should start working their way back up later this year.

Volume processed was up 100 tons over 1997 - most of the increase being recyclables and not waste. We anticipate another large increase in 1999 due to the closing of the Keene Landfill. Why? When it closes and becomes a transfer station, the tipping fee will almost double causing commercial haulers to increase their rates which in turn will cause many residents to give up commercial service and to start using this facility.

"Pay As You Throw" - what is it? Basically it is being charged for the waste you generate (not including recyclables). Many towns have adopted this system and have found it to work very well. A committee has been formed to learn about this system and to see if it would work for Swanzey. In the months ahead, the Committee will be holding a series of informational meetings as well as seeking your input.

Thanks again for your continued support and cooperation in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
David Krisch, Solid Waste Manager
Gerry Laramie *Kevin Fleming*
Fred Danz *Jim Morse*
Loren Wilder

SEWER COMMISSION REPORT

During 1998 the Commission has continued its efforts to prepare for requirements of the new EPA Discharge Permit.

In the spring, the aeration system was redrilled by Welch Wastewater Services to increase the air output. This is an interim measure to insure compliance with the current discharge permit.

The Commission has engaged Wright Pierce Engineering to do a facility study and make recommendations on what alternatives are available to meet the requirements of the upcoming EPA Discharge Permit renewal.

In anticipation of the costs involved in implementing the upgrades, the Commission has increased funding to capital reserve substantially. The resulting rate increase is necessary now, to avoid a huge increase down the road. Swanzey's sewer fees will, however, still be in the bottom 25% statewide.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Page, Chairman

SEWER COMMISSION BUDGET 1999

Part time salaries	24,485.00
Commissioner's salaries	3,000.00
FICA Adjustment	1,925.00
Medicare Adjustment	497.00
Workers Compensation Adjustment	1,133.00
Legal Fees & Advertising	500.00
Recording Fees CCRD	100.00
Office Support Services	3,000.00
Telephone	700.00
Electricity	25,000.00
Maintenance	5,000.00
Property Insurance	700.00
Supplies	500.00
Postage	500.00
Testing & Chemicals	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000.00
Tools & Equipment	1,500.00
Plant Evaluation	5,000.00
Transfers to Capital Reserve	50,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET 1999	\$ 131,540.00

BALANCE SHEET- Financial Report as of December 31, 1998

Cash	5,439
Investments	63,159
Taxes Receivable	6,246
Due from other governments	23,748
Due from other funds	935
Unbilled receivables	1,343
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 100,906

Sewer Fees Due to Keene	1,279
Warrants & accounts payable	27,952
Contracts payable	1,569
Due to other funds	22,638
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 53,438

Fund Equity 12/31/98	\$ 47,468
Fund Equity 12/21/97	\$ 48,125

Summary of Expenses and Revenues 1998

Personnel	28,691.83
FICA/Medicare	2,131.80
Worker's Compensation	726.44
Recording Fees	16.64
Legal Fees & Advertising	186.00
Telephone	674.35
PSNH	19,728.18
Maintenance	15,587.70
Property Insurance	700.00
Supplies/Postage/Misc./Software	2,279.42
Testing/Chemicals	6,543.92
Tools & Equipment	380.09
Plant Evaluation	5,265.09
Transfers to Capital Reserve	25,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 107,911.46

User Fees - W. Swanzey CY	90,391.61
User Fees - W. Swanzey PY	2,877.26
User Fees - N. Swanzey CY	5,811.04
User Fees - N. Swanzey PY	5,248.40
Interest	751.08
Redemptions - W. Swanzey	1,696.53
Interest & Cost for Redemptions	635.28
Sewer Fund Interest	2,189.62
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 109,600.82

REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department is responsible for monitoring both drinking and swimming water at several locations, inspections of foster homes, day care and preschool facilities, investigation of housing complaints, septic system inspections, assistance in lead paint inspections and miscellaneous public health complaint investigations. The following services were provided in 1998:

1.	Water Samples Collected	14
2.	Foster Homes, Day Care, Preschool Facilities	2
3.	Housing Inspections	7
4.	Septic System Inspections	23
5.	Miscellaneous Inspections	78
6.	Lead Paint Inspections	1
7.	Private Schools	1

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. DeRocher
Health Officer

**HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF SWANZEY
JANUARY 1, 1998 TO DECEMBER 31, 1998**

ANNUAL REPORT

In 1998, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Swanzeay. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 1998. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1998 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

SERVICES OFFERED	SERVICES PROVIDED	SERVICES SUPPORTED PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY BY THE TOWN
Nursing	2 306 Visits	15 Visits
Child Health Nursing	5 Visits	0 Visits
Physical	348 Visits	0 Visits
Speech Pathology	39 Visits	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	65 Visits	0 Visits
Medical Social Worker	89 Visits	2 Visits
Outreach	17 Visits	0 Visits
Nutritionist	5 Visits	2 Visits
Homemaker	2,848 Hours	2,848 Hours
Home Health Aide	2,345 Visits	125 Visits
Adult In-Home Care	1,804 Hours	0 Hours
Home & Community Based Care*	4,440 Hours	0 Hours
Meals-On-Wheels	5,735 Meals	5,735 Meals
Health Promotion Clinics	24 Clinics	24 Clinics

*Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 282

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1998 with all funding sources is projected to be \$509,969.59.

The total cost of services provided for a partial fee, or at no charge to residents in 1998 is \$15,000.00 for home care and \$3,943.00 for the Meals-On-Wheels Program.

For 1999, we recommend an appropriation of \$15,750.00 to continue home care services at the current level. We also recommend an appropriation of \$3,154.00 for the Meals-On-Wheels Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

MOUNT CAESAR UNION LIBRARY

Annual Report 1998

The year 1998 was a transitional one for the library, with a new librarian on board and several major ongoing projects.

The library continues to rely on the generosity of Swanzev residents. In 1998 a new photocopier was donated for the library office. The two computers donated in 1997 are now up and running with Internet access. We also received many book donations, some of which went into our collection while others were sold in the annual book sale. Our growing collection of area history received a major boost in the form of an update to the Swanzev cemetery records, a project of patrons who wished to share their knowledge with the community. Many thanks to all those who donated goods and services so generously throughout the year.

The Board of Trustees held their annual book sale and auction again in '98. Hazel Fuller and Al Parsons contributed their expertise in compiling several issues of the "Mt. Caesar Memo" newsletter. Thanks to all involved in their efforts.

The project to barcode the collection is progressing slowly but surely. We recently acquired new computer software that generates catalog cards, thus increasing our efficiency in the processing of new material. Our goal is to eventually eliminate the existing card catalog, which is in serious need of upgrading.

One of the major changes we saw this past year was to our schedule. Additional hours have been added on days the library traditionally has not been open. We hope this change will better accommodate a greater cross section of our patrons.

Unfortunately, 1998 saw the demise of the Friends of the Library. This group was an important factor in the organization of fundraising activities for the library and responsible for such patron perks as free museum passes. A major effort will be made in '99 to revive this invaluable group of library supporters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those stalwarts who helped with the Summer Reading Program and attendant ice cream social, Hazel Fuller for her continued devotion to Story Hour, the Old Homestead Garden Club for maintaining the library grounds, and those dedicated volunteers and staff without whose help the library could not function.

Finally, a fond farewell to Frank Worcester, who resigned his post as President of the Board of Trustees at the end of the year.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Wagner, Librarian

MT. CAESAR UNION LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
1/1/98 - 12/31/98

Balance on hand 1/1/98 \$ 15,415.80

INCOME

Town Appropriation	29,193.00
Investment Income	2,068.75
Fines & Fees	651.26
Interest	92.42
Misc.	20.01
Other Funds	<u>3,998.55</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 36,023.99

EXPENDITURES

Circulation Collection	7,098.56
Computer Maintenance	54.95
Continuing Education	104.00
Facility Expenses:	
Contracts - Service	1,305.00
Custodian	648.00
Electric	1,781.52
Insurance	1,537.00
Oil	562.97
Propane Gas	591.89
Repairs	1,277.94
Supplies	129.29
Telephone	<u>466.42</u>
Total Facility Expenses	8,300.03
Postage	159.50
Supplies	590.93
Taxes:	
Medicare	235.84
Soc Sec	<u>1,008.37</u>
Total Tax	1,244.21
Travel	143.53
Wages:	
Assistants	3,381.00
Librarian	<u>12,883.00</u>
Total Wages	16,264.00
Misc. Expenses	59.00
Other Funds	<u>2,051.14</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 36,009.85

Balance on hand 12/31/98 \$ 15,429.54

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda J. Faulkner, Treasurer

STRATTON FREE LIBRARY

1998 was a positive year for the library with new books being added, an active, helpful trustee board, and enjoyable patrons. I would especially like to thank the Assistant Librarians: Sue MacPhail and Carol Haley who are loyal, capable, and a definite help in keeping the library running smoothly and well.

Special thanks also go out to our trustee board. Our treasurer, Sharon Turner, who has put in many hours in keeping us financially adept, has moved and put in her resignation. Thank you, Sharon, for all you have done for us! Nancy Brown bravely and graciously said she would be our new treasurer. Scott Self, our chairman, has been very helpful in keeping our building in good condition and in leading the Board. Our whole Board including Eileen Guilbeault, Alan Collette, Eunice Tardiff, Robert Kenney, Nancy Birdsall, Ruth Pratt, Robert Simoneau, and our Secretary - Eleanor Flemming all have been supportive, faithful, and helpful. Thank you all.

Thank you patrons for supporting us with your using the library and donations of quality books for all ages. I cannot list you all, but I would like to especially thank Mike Mohan for his donations of biographies and history books.

Another patron I would like to especially mention is Nicole Collette who led two readings with activities for the children.

We had a successful book sale during Swanzey's Old Home Day Weekend. Our summer reading program was well attended with over 50 students participating. The theme was "Live Free And Read." Being involved in reading is satisfying and I would like to invite you to come in and see what we have to offer. Our hours are Tuesdays: 2:30 - 8:00 p.m., Thursdays: 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Last year 3,280 books circulated, 105 new patrons were added and 1859 patrons used our library.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Fortner, Librarian

STRATTON FREE LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT 1/1/98 - 12/31/98

Balance on hand 1/1/98 \$698.43

INCOME

Town Appropriation	11,300.00
Investment Income and Interest	911.64
Fines & Copier	110.95
Miscellaneous	241.41

TOTAL INCOME \$12,564.00

EXPENDITURES

Wages	5,649.78
Payroll Taxes	448.69
Books and Publications	2,746.43
Telephone	428.90
Electric	541.35
Heat	668.71
Insurance	480.00
Postage	70.40
Contracted Services	402.18
Misc. Expenses	150.71

TOTAL EXPENSE \$11,587.35

Balance on hand 12/31/98 \$ 1,675.08

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Brown, Treasurer

1998 VETERANS' COUNCIL EXPENDITURES

Postage	15.20
Band (MRHS)	300.00
Guest Speakers (2)	50.00
Flowers, Wreaths	119.00
Refreshments, Facilities	337.63
Supplies (Batteries)	22.96
Marching Units (ROTC, CAP)	<u>100.00</u>
Total	944.79

Note: The appropriation (\$1000.00) funds Swanzey's Memorial Day and Veterans Day Tributes.

Respectfully submitted,
James H. Devine, II

TOWN OF SWANZEY RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Swanzey Recreation Committee is always trying to find things that are new and interesting to try. This past year we had an inflatable Obstacle course for the Old Home Day. This was enjoyed by adults as well as the children. Perhaps this shows that we are all kids at heart.

The Easter Egg Hunt as always was a great success and fun for all.

This year for the first time the town ran its own swimming lessons for its towns people. Wendy Chamberlain was great as usual and the lessons were well received by the townspeople and will definitely be done again this coming year at Richardson Park.

Ice skating was done through the winter months and especially enjoyed on December 23rd. Thanks to all who helped through the year and remember, everyone is welcome to come help on this fun committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Bohannon, Chair

SWANZEY PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

Following the rejection by the 1998 Town Meeting of the Whitcomb Hall proposal, the Committee switched its focus to preparing a new facility at the present Eaton Road site. It appears that a new, one story building can be constructed on the existing location at a cost of \$395,000. The Committee believes that this new proposal removes two of the principal objections to Whitcomb Hall:

- (1) The site is more centrally located; and
- (2) The cost is \$100,000 less than the 1998 plan.

We offer the Eaton Road proposal for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Sheaff, Chairperson	Larry Moren
Richard Talbot	Gerry Bussiere
Lee Dunham	Chester Bradbury
Jonathan Wentworth	Eric Sargent
Francis Faulkner, Jr.	Randy Phillips

**1999 Town Warrant
Town of Swanzey
State of New Hampshire**

The polls will open at 3:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

The polling area for questions to be decided by official ballot will be located in the cafeteria of the Monadnock Regional High School. **The Town Business Meeting will be held in the Monadnock Regional High School Gym and begin at 7:00 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Swanzey, in the County of Cheshire, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting and elections will be held at the Monadnock Regional High School in said Swanzey on Tuesday, the ninth of March, next at 7:00 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To vote by ballot on the following question:

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Swanzey?” (By Petition - 3/5 Majority ballot vote required.)

Enactment would place the Town operations under SB2 replacing the one existing Town Meeting with a deliberative session in late January for discussion followed by voting via Official Ballot on the 2nd Tuesday in March. The Monadnock Regional School District utilizes official ballot voting.

Article 3: To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the Town of Swanzey Zoning Ordinance:

Amendment No. 1 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section XIII, DEFINITIONS, as follows:

DELETE definition of "Building" and insert in its place the following:
"Building: Any structure for the shelter, support or enclosure of persons, animals or property having a roof.

ADD the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical location:

Footprint: The area of a lot upon which a building/structure stands, including, but not limited to, attachments such as porches and decks.

Lot of Record: A parcel, the plat or description of which has been recorded at the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds.

Structure: Anything constructed with a fixed location on the ground, or attached to something having a fixed location on the ground. Items such as buildings, manufactured housing, swimming pools, sheds, gazebos, garages, docks and boathouses are included in the definition whether prefabricated or site built. Items such as underground waste disposal systems, driveways, water wells, fences, retaining walls, gates, signs, lampposts, mail boxes, flagpoles, well coverings, stairs, walkways and uncovered patios are excluded from this definition.

Warehousing: Inside or outside storage of goods, wares, and merchandise, whether for the owner or for others, and whether it is a public or private facility.

Amendment No. 2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section XIII, DEFINITIONS, as follows:

ADD the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical location:

Expansion of Non-conforming Use: Any increase in the size of the building/structure supporting the use, increase in the hours or days of operation, increase in the number of employees, increase in the products produced, increase in the number of services provided, or increase in the land area supporting the use.

Non-conforming Building/Structure: A building/structure or part thereof not in compliance with the setback, building separation or building height requirements in the district in which it is located.

Non-conforming Lot: Any parcel of land not meeting the lot size, density, frontage or shore frontage requirements of this Ordinance.

Non-conforming Use: A use of a building, structure or land legally existing at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance or any amendments thereto, and which does not conform with the use regulations of the district in which it is located.

DELETE Section XI, "Nonconforming Uses" and insert in its place the following:

Section XI Non-conforming Use, Non-conforming Building/Structure and Non-conforming Lot

A. Non-conforming Use: A non-conforming use may be continued indefinitely subject to the following limitations:

1. When a non-conforming use of land, structures or buildings has been discontinued for one year, then the land, structures and buildings shall be used thereafter only in conformity with the Ordinance.
2. Any change in, or expansion of, an existing non-conforming use shall require Board of Adjustment approval of a Special Exception.
3. A non-conforming use of land, structures or buildings may not be changed to another non-conforming use.
4. If a non-conforming use is changed to a conforming use, then it shall thereafter conform with the use regulations of this Ordinance, and the non-conforming use may not thereafter be resumed.
5. Nothing herein shall prevent the reconstruction of a building or structure in which a nonconforming use was housed, which was destroyed in whole or in part by fire or other natural disaster so long as the reconstruction is started within one year and does not result in an expansion of the nonconforming use.

B. Non-conforming Building/Non-conforming Structure: A non-conforming building or non-conforming structure may be continued indefinitely and may be repaired or remodeled subject to the following limitations:

1. Any alteration of an existing non-conforming building or non-conforming structure which does not conform with the dimensional controls for height, setback requirements or building separation requirements shall require Zoning Board of Adjustment approval of a Special Exception.
2. Any alteration of an existing non-conforming building or non-conforming structure shall not exceed the existing footprint and have no greater cubic content and height than it originally had.
3. Nothing herein shall prevent starting the alteration within one year of a non-conforming building or non-conforming structure destroyed in whole or in part by fire or other natural disaster in the same location and building/structure footprint so long as this does not result in a new increased violation.

C. Non-conforming Lot: A non-conforming lot may be developed for the uses permitted in the district in which it is located provided that the use proposed for such lot will comply with all health and sanitary regulations for water and sewage systems as required by the State and Town and provided that it complies with all other requirements of this Ordinance or amendments thereto other than the non-conforming aspect of the lot.

1. In addition to the above requirements, a non-conforming lot located in the Shorelands Protection Overlay District shall comply with the current regulations of the Department of Environmental Services without waivers as of the date of application for a building permit.

DELETE Section VIII.E.

DELETE Section VIII.F.

DELETE Section VIII.G.

Amendment No. 3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section XIII, DEFINITIONS, as follows:

DELETE definition of "Dwelling, two family" and insert in its place the following:

"Dwelling, Two-Family: A residential building designed for or occupied by two families living independently of each other in individual dwelling units attached by a common wall or ceiling/floor. Also known as a duplex."

ADD the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical location:

Dwelling Unit: Any room or rooms connected together forming a habitable unit for one family with its own bathing and toilet facilities and its own kitchen, living, eating and sleeping areas wholly within such rooms, or rooms connected together.

Duplex: See "Dwelling, Two-Family."

AMEND Section IV, RESIDENCE DISTRICTS USES, as follows:

Section IV.A.1.a. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place: "One-family dwelling."

Section IV.A.2.c. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place:

"Multi-family dwelling. The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling shall be three (3) acres for the first two dwelling units and 1/2 acre for each additional dwelling unit, unless connected to public sewer. The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling connected to public sewer shall be determined during site plan review on a case by case basis."

Section IV.A.2.g. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place:
"Two-family dwelling."

Section IV.B.1.a. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place:
"One-family dwelling."

Section IV.B.2. Delete this section and insert in its place:

"IV.B.2. In addition to the aforementioned permitted uses, the following are permitted after the issuance of a Special Exception by the Board of Adjustment:

a. Multi-family dwelling. The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling shall be one acre for the first unit and 1/2 acre for each additional unit, unless connected to public sewer. The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling connected to public sewer shall be determined during site plan review on a case by case basis.

b. Two-family dwelling. The density requirement for a two-family dwelling shall be one and one-half acres, unless connected to public sewer.

c. Daycare facility; educational, governmental, or religious facility; rooming or a boarding house; bed and breakfast facility."

AMEND Section V, Business District Uses, as follows:

Section V.A.1.a. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place:
"One-family dwelling."

Section V.A.2. Delete this section and insert in its place the following:

"V.A.2. In addition to the aforementioned permitted uses, the following are permitted after the issuance of a Special Exception by the Board of Adjustment:

a. Recreational facility conducted as a business; daycare facility; gasoline service stations; repair garage or body shop; motor vehicle dealership; or wholesale or manufacturing facility.

b. Multi-family dwelling: The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling shall be one acre for the first dwelling unit and one half (1/2) acre for each additional dwelling unit, unless connected to public sewer. The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling connected to public sewer shall be determined during site plan review on a case by case basis.

c. Two-family dwelling: The density requirement for a two-family dwelling shall be one and a half acres, unless connected to public sewer."

Section V.B.1.a. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place the following: "One-family dwelling."

Section V.B.2. Delete this section and insert in its place the following:

"V.B.2. In addition to the aforementioned permitted uses, the following are permitted after the issuance of a Special Exception by the Board of Adjustment:

a. Recreation facility conducted as a business; daycare facility; gasoline service stations; repair garage or body shop; motor vehicle dealership; wholesale or manufacturing facility; or industrial park.

b. Multi-family dwelling: The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling shall be one acre for the first dwelling unit and one half (1/2) acre for each additional dwelling unit, unless connected to public sewer. The density requirement for a multi-family dwelling connected to public sewer shall be determined during site plan review on a case by case basis.

c. Two-family dwelling: The density requirement for a two-family dwelling shall be one and a half acres, unless connected to public sewer."

Amendment No. 4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section VI.1.d.7. by deleting the present Section VI.1.d.7 which reads as follows:

7. One family residence.

AMEND Section VI.1.d.19. by deleting the present Section VI.1.d.19 which reads as follows:

19. Multifamily housing, including two-family houses.

Amendment No. 5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section V.B.4., by deleting the present section and replacing it with the following:

Section V.B.4.: All buildings or structures within this district shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from the boundary line of any residential property.

AMEND Section VI.e.2. by deleting the present Section VI.e.2 which reads as follows:

VI.e.2. The fifty (50) foot setback from any residential property shall be a buffer zone which must remain in its natural state.

Amendment No. 6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section III.S. (Sign Ordinance) by deleting the present Section III.S. and replacing it with the following:

S. SIGN ORDINANCE

1. The purpose of this section is to establish uniform regulations for the installation and use of signs in the Town of Swanzev.

2. No sign shall be erected or moved within the Town of Swanzey until the landowner has obtained a permit. No permits shall be issued unless the Swanzey Planning Board has approved the sign and unless the sign meets the following specifications.

3. Freestanding Signs and Secondary Signs:

DISTRICT	MAXIMUM # OF FREE-STANDING SIGNS PER LOT	1 SIGN PER "X" FEET OF FRONTAGE	TOTAL SIGN FACE PER EACH FREE-STANDING SIGN/SECONDARY SIGNS	SQUARE FOOTAGE OF SECONDARY SIGN(S)	# OF SECONDARY SIGNS PER FREESTANDING SIGN
Rural/Ag.	1	Not Applicable	4 square feet	Not Applicable	Not Allowed
Village Business	4	X = 100 feet	1 square foot per 3 linear feet of frontage	20 square feet maximum	1 per each business on lot - name & nature of business only.
Business	4	X = 125 feet	1 square foot per 3 linear feet of frontage	20 square feet maximum	1 per each business on lot - name & nature of business only.
Commercial/Ind. Access from Route 10	4	X = 400 feet	1 square foot per 3 linear feet of frontage	20 square feet maximum	1 per each business on lot - name & nature of business only.
Commercial/Ind. Access from feeder road from Rt. 10	4	X = 125 feet	1 square foot per 3 linear feet of frontage	20 square feet maximum	1 per each business on lot - name & nature of business only.
Industrial Park	4	X = 200 feet	1 square foot per 3 linear feet of frontage	20 square feet maximum	1 per each business on lot - name & nature of business only.
Residence	1	Not Applicable	4 square feet	Not Applicable	Not Allowed

4. Freestanding Sign(s) - Location. No freestanding sign shall be erected within 20 feet from any boundary line and all such signs shall be placed so as not to obstruct the view of traffic.

5. No freestanding sign shall exceed 45 feet in height.

6. Attached Signs.

a. In addition to a free-standing sign with attached secondary sign(s), one attached sign for each business in a building shall be permitted provided it is permanently and securely attached to the primary business building.

b. The total sign face area of signs attached to the primary business building in the aggregate shall not exceed one square foot for each linear foot of width of the side of the building on which the sign(s) is attached.

7. Residential Development. A single freestanding sign shall be permitted at the entrance to any residential development, said sign not to exceed 32 square feet.

8. Lighting. No light shall be used to illuminate any sign except steady white light. Sign lighting shall be installed and arranged so as not to reflect or cause glare upon abutting properties, highways or roads.

9. Double faced signs or corner signs are permitted provided they comply with these regulations. Signs with three (3) or more faces are prohibited.

10. Signs Permitted in All Districts. The following signs are permitted in all districts:

a. One (1) temporary non-illuminated For Sale, Rent or Lease sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in the Rural/Agricultural and Residence Districts nor greater than twenty (20) square feet in all other districts.

b. One (1) sign not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet on a construction site identifying the architect, owner and/or contractor. The sign is to be maintained on the premises during actual construction and removed within seven (7) days after issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

c. Any sign not exceeding four (4) square feet in area, limited solely to directing traffic within a parking area or indicating parking restrictions in the use of such parking area.

d. Any sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in area solely indicating entrance and exit driveways.

e. Any sign not exceeding six (6) square feet indicating only the date of erection of a building.

f. Placement and removal of political advertising. Advertising for political parties or candidates must comply with RSA 664:17, as amended.

g. Temporary Signs. Banners, posters, pennants, "A" frame, sandwich board and portable signs shall not be used on a permanent basis. Such signs will be permitted at the opening of a new business or reopening of an existing business under new management or special sales event only in the Business, Village Business, Commercial/Industrial and Industrial Park Districts. Said signs shall be permitted for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks. Only one (1) temporary sign shall be permitted on a lot at any one time. A temporary sign once removed may not be re-erected until a period of thirty (30) days has passed. Only six (6) temporary signs (either the same sign or different signs) may be erected during a calendar year.

h. All signs required by law, municipal signs and governmental flags.

11. All signs shall be stationary. Signs that rotate, revolve, or move in any manner are prohibited.

12. The sign face of all business signs shall advertise only businesses conducted on the premises where the sign is located.

13. This section does not apply to signs legally existing as of the date of the passage of this ordinance.

Amendment No. 7 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

DELETE Section XII.C. in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

XII.C. The Board of Adjustment shall have the following powers, as well as any other power conferred upon such Board by the statutes of the State of New Hampshire:

1. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of this Ordinance.

2. The Board of Adjustment shall have the power to hear and decide Special Exceptions to the terms of this Ordinance, and in doing so, may grant approval in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. Special Exceptions may be approved if the Board finds that:

a. The proposed use is similar to one or more of the uses already authorized in that district and is in an appropriate location for such a use;

b. Such approval would not reduce the value of any property within the district, nor otherwise be injurious, obnoxious, or offensive to the neighborhood;

c. There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians;

d. Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.

3. To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such Variances from the terms of this Ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship and so that the spirit of the Ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done. In doing so, the Board of Adjustment may attach such conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary to protect the neighborhood and community.

4. To hear and decide Applications for Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements.

5. In exercising the above-mentioned powers, the Board of Adjustment may, in conformity with the powers granted to it under RSA Chapter 674, reverse or affirm in whole or in part or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from and may make such order or decision as ought to be made.

The following articles will be addressed during the business portion of Town Meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Monadnock Regional High School Gymnasium.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 395,000.00 for the purpose preparing of plans and specifications and constructing and equipping a new Public Safety Facility for the Police Department and Emergency Management Operations; and authorize the issuance of not more than \$ 395,000.00 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Swanzey, and allow Selectmen to accept and expend such monies as become available from the State of New Hampshire or other source, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen – 2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,300,000.00 for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications and for the construction of infrastructure improvements for the Swanzey

Revenue Development District, established pursuant to RSA 162-K, including construction of roads, extension and/or establishment of water and sewer service as well as other necessary utilities; and authorize the issuance of not more than \$ 3,300,000.00 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Swanzey, and allow Selectmen to accept and expend such monies as become available from the State of New Hampshire or other source, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen – 2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

Article 6: To hear the report of the committee established by Article 9 of the 1998 Town Meeting, known as the Swanzey Economic Development and Revitalization Districts Committee, charged to investigate the establishment of development districts, or take any action thereon.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 162-K Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts to:

- a. Establish a municipal economic development and revitalization district as shown on a map entitled Proposed Swanzey Revenue Development District dated January 26, 1999 and which generally encompasses the area zoned Industrial Park by the 1995 Swanzey Town Meeting. The district shall have the name “Swanzey Revenue Development District” (SRDD).
- b. Adopt, in its entirety, the “Swanzey Revenue Development District Plan” dated February 1, 1999 which outlines district objectives, infrastructure improvements proposed, financing of improvements and district administration as required by RSA 162-K:9.
- c. Establish an advisory board, in accordance with RSA 162-K:14, of five members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of which a majority of members shall be owners or occupants of real property within or adjacent to the district.
- d. Appoint the Board of Selectmen as District Administrator and authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire an assistant when the Board, in their judgement, deems it necessary.
or take any action thereon.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectmen to enter into a boundary line agreement with Mr. John Duggan, property owner of

28 Eaton Road, upon such terms as the Selectmen see fit to clarify the location of the common boundary between his parcel (Tax Map 41 Lot 7) and the Town's (Tax Map 41 Lot 8) acquired in 1986 from American Legion Post #84, or take any action thereon.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectmen to enter into such boundary line agreements as may be necessary with Paul L. & Alice W. Schrepta and Luther P. & Carolyn MacLeod to layout and accept a re-configured right of way for the Old Richmond Road and Old Richmond Road Bridge made necessary by the bridge's reconstruction scheduled to begin later this year, or take any action thereon.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,401,827.96, which represents the recommended operating budget, or take any action thereon. Said sum is exclusive of all special or individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of leasing two (2) rescue trucks for the fire department and raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 40,415.00 for the year 1999-2000 payment, or take any action thereon. Purpose: This article is to establish a regular replacement program for fire apparatus. Scope: This purchase will replace the rescue trucks in the East and West fire stations. (Submitted by Petition)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 115,000.00 for the purchase and initial equipping of a rescue vehicle for the Fire Department and authorize the withdrawal of \$ 115,000.00 from the capital reserve fund established for fire trucks and equipment, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 24,090.00 for the purpose of completing refurbishing of the Fire Department's self contained breathing apparatus including upgrade of harnesses and frames and installation of PASS (personal alarm safety system) devices, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 15,000.00 for the purpose of implementing standard emergency numbering throughout the Town, including the purchase of standard numbering packages for all addresses (business and residential) within the Town, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 20,000.00 for the refurbishment of police cruisers, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,500.00 for the purchase of portable radios for the Police Department, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 238,000.00 to be placed in the following capital reserve and expendable trust accounts of the Town:

Town Hall Expansion	\$ 5,000.00
Highway/Cemetery Equipment	40,000.00
Road Reclamation	15,000.00
Town Bridges	40,000.00
Covered Bridges	10,000.00
Town Owned Dams	30,000.00
Recreation Facility Improvements	5,000.00
Fire Trucks	45,000.00
Future Fire Stations	5,000.00
Fire Pond Fund (expendable trust)	5,000.00
Recycling Center Improvements	25,000.00
Sewer Line Extensions	6,000.00
Mt. Caesar Union Library	2,000.00
Stratton Free Library	2,000.00
Conservation Land Acquisition	3,000.00

or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, for the development and layout of additional cemetery lots and name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the fund, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,775.00 to be placed in this fund, or take any action thereon. The sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and represents 50% of the revenue collected from cemetery lot assignments in calendar year 1998. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,000.00 for the purchase of a riverfront parcel (Tax Map 41 Lot 19) owned by Keith C. and Bruce Fraser, and authorize withdrawal of \$ 15,000.00 from the capital reserve fund for conservation land acquisitions, and authorize the Selectmen to accept the parcel and execute any documents necessary for the Town to complete the transaction, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting, or take any action thereon.

Given under our hand and seal this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Bernard J. Lambert

Bernard J. Lambert

Robert A. Beauregard

Robert A. Beauregard

Charles R. Beauregard, Jr.

Charles R. Beauregard, Jr.
Selectmen of Swanzey

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Bernard J. Lambert

Bernard J. Lambert

Robert A. Beauregard

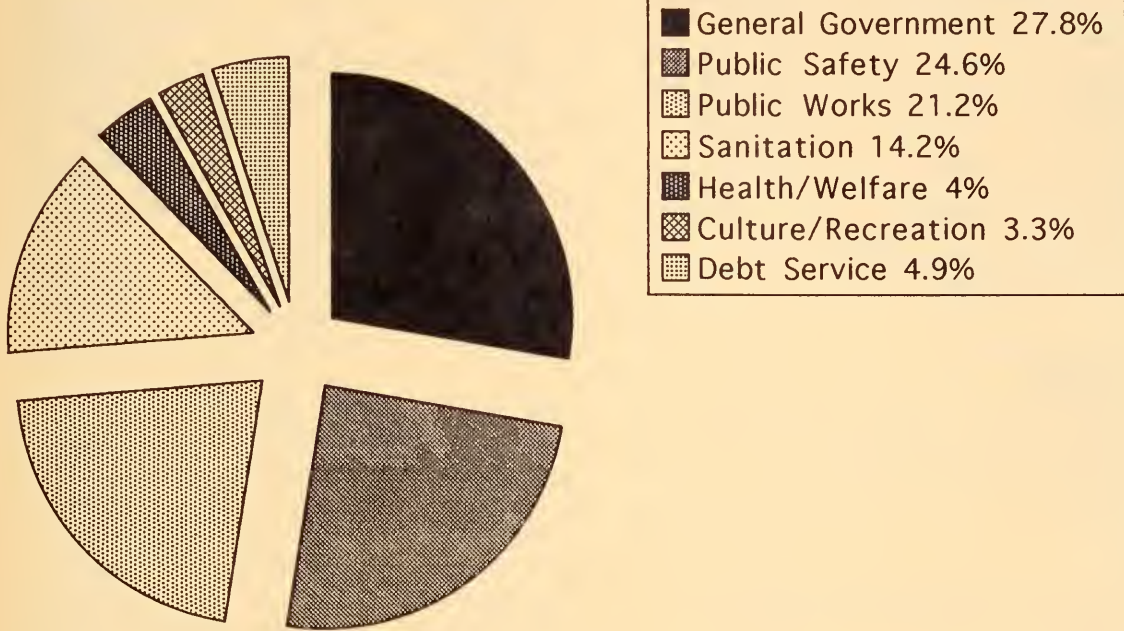
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SWANZEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1999 RECOMMENDED TOWN BUDGET



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Excluding Bond Issues and Individual Articles

General Government	\$668,557
Public Safety	\$591,174
Public Works	\$508,811
Sanitation	\$341,295
Health/Welfare	\$95,446
Culture/Recreation	\$79,450
Debt Service	\$117,095

**TOWN OF SWANZEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PROPOSED 1999 BUDGET**

	Approved 1998	Expended 1998	Recommended 1999
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	57,805.00	56,913.01	64,972.00
Elections/Registrations	51,405.00	50,733.97	48,658.00
Restoring Records	2,000.00	1,756.00	2,000.00
Financial Administration	72,130.00	70,646.81	75,401.00
Reappraisal of Property	18,750.00	12,755.75	18,250.00
Legal Expenses	30,000.00	26,187.04	30,000.00
Social Security & Retirement	68,580.00	66,179.45	72,955.00
Land Use Boards	37,945.00	41,953.37	50,764.00
Southwest Region Planning Commission	7,318.00	7,318.00	7,326.00
General Government Buildings	13,750.00	13,394.13	14,525.00
Insurance	227,025.00	211,652.40	245,035.00
General Government Expenses	36,600.00	36,346.23	38,671.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department (Includes Universal Hiring Program)	375,000.00	358,635.40	392,070.00
Special Duty Police	10,000.00	21,431.43	10,000.00
1997 & 1998 Police Cruiser Lease Payments	16,843.77	16,511.70	15,912.71
Ambulance Service	32,000.00	40,829.36	25,375.00
Fire Department	112,755.00	110,007.80	120,330.00
Forest Fire	3,000.00	2,499.24	3,000.00
Hydrant Rental - North Swanzezy Water & Fire Precinct	4,230.00	4,050.00	4,230.00
Building Inspector	3,500.00	3,420.00	3,500.00
Emergency Management	8,593.00	13,837.38	16,756.00
DPW			
Highways, Streets & Bridges	422,100.00	404,552.03	428,511.00
1998 DPW One Ton Truck	35,000.00	33,557.00	-
Cemetery & Parks Maintenance	54,100.00	51,334.86	57,700.00
Street Lighting	21,000.00	19,592.55	21,500.00
Dams	1,100.00	1,331.13	1,100.00
SANITATION/SOLID WASTE			
Recycling Center	195,450.00	196,740.15	209,755.00
Sewer Commission	91,372.00	91,372.00	131,540.00
HEALTH/WELFARE			
Health Officer	2,620.00	2,535.21	2,650.00
Animal Control	5,000.00	4,202.36	5,975.00
Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services	15,000.00	14,606.16	15,750.00
Meals on Wheels	3,932.00	3,943.00	3,154.00
Monadnock Family Services, Inc.	6,530.00	6,530.00	6,530.00
General Assistance	50,450.00	35,744.12	52,804.00
Community Kitchen	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Southwestern Community Services	2,836.00	2,836.00	3,583.00

CULTURE/RECREATION

Mt. Caesar Union Library	29,193.00	29,193.00	29,500.00
Stratton Free Library	11,300.00	11,300.00	11,300.00
Memorial Day	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Old Home Day Committee	2,000.00	1,171.50	2,000.00
Recreation Committee	27,950.00	25,724.43	35,650.00

DEBT SERVICE

NHMBB1 - WS Wastewater Treatment Plant	17,951.25	17,951.26	16,691.25
NHMBB2 - WS Wastewater Treatment Plant	27,420.87	27,420.87	26,055.00
NHMBB3 - Thompson Bridge	64,300.00	64,300.00	61,775.00
Keene Wastewater Treatment Plant	2,693.00	2,693.00	2,574.00
TAN Interest	10,000.00	4,763.89	10,000.00

RECOMMENDED BUDGET

\$ 2,294,527.89 \$ 2,226,452.99 \$ 2,401,827.96

INDIVIDUAL & SPECIAL ARTICLES

Swanzy Revenue District Bond	-	-	3,300,000.00
Public Safety Facility Bond	-	-	395,000.00
Cruiser Refurbishment	-	-	20,000.00
Police Department Portable Radios	-	-	2,500.00
Fire Department Rescue Truck Purchase	-	-	115,000.00
Petition Article for Lease of 2 Rescue Trucks	-	-	40,415.00
Scott Airpack Upgrade	-	-	24,090.00
9-1-1 Numbering	-	-	15,000.00
Purchase of Fraser Riverfront Parcel	-	-	30,000.00

1998 Special Articles

DPW Facility Improvements	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
PD Radio Upgrade	7,800.00	7,616.00	-
PD Laptops	4,000.00	3,678.42	-
Scott Airpacks	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
Stratton Library Ramp	3,000.00	3,000.00	-

CAPITAL RESERVE/EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

163,000.00 163,000.00 241,775.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 2,532,327.89 \$ 2,463,747.41 \$ 6,585,607.96

LESS NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

5,507,996.00

NET TOWN APPROPRIATION

\$ 1,077,611.96

Bernard J. Lambert *Robert A. Beauregard* *Charles R. Beauregard, Jr.*
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 Selectmen of Swanzy

ESTIMATED REVENUES	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
TAX COLLECTOR	1998	1998	1999
Land Use Change Tax	1,500.00	1,548.50	-
Yield Taxes	34,000.00	37,711.00	18,000.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	18,750.00	29,230.51	21,500.00
Interest & Penalties	145,000.00	147,618.92	135,000.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Shared Revenue	56,037.00	56,037.00	56,000.00
Rooms & Meals	98,939.00	98,939.00	95,000.00
Highway Grant	125,533.00	125,533.17	122,567.00
Sewer Aid	15,530.00	15,530.00	14,564.00
Forest Fires	1,000.00	174.28	1,000.00
COPS FAST	20,250.00	16,761.00	16,250.00
UPH Officers	-	-	27,200.00
Highway Safety Grant:Laptop Computers	2,000.00	1,689.00	-
Emergency Management	4,500.00	4,459.73	15,400.00
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Vehicle Registrations	640,000.00	696,658.00	675,000.00
Dog Licenses	6,400.00	6,457.50	6,400.00
Town Clerk Licenses	22,000.00	25,334.97	24,000.00
Building Permits	13,000.00	13,741.27	13,000.00
Event Permits	4,200.00	4,186.00	2,000.00
Driveway Permits, etc	500.00	1,098.00	500.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Dept			
Recycling Center	35,000.00	38,058.62	35,000.00
Police Department/Animal Control	4,000.00	5,236.05	4,000.00
Cemeteries	11,000.00	15,200.00	10,000.00
Department of Public Works	222.00	222.27	-
General Government	1,500.00	1,700.12	1,500.00
Fire Department	-	20.00	-
Ambulance Fees	1,200.00	1,714.39	-
Land Use Boards	8,000.00	11,324.62	8,000.00
Recreation Cttee	17,000.00	17,120.30	18,000.00
Special Duty Police	10,000.00	26,730.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Interest on Deposits	75,000.00	105,800.69	60,000.00
Sale of Town Property	37,500.00	47,796.45	5,000.00
Insurance Dividends	38,000.00	37,886.96	34,000.00
Repayment of General Assistance	8,600.00	8,723.94	2,000.00
OTHER FINANCING			
Swanzey Revenue Development District Bond	-	-	3,300,000.00
Public Safety Facility Bond	-	-	395,000.00
Income from Sewer	91,372.00	91,372.00	131,540.00
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	3,000.00	-	130,000.00
Trust Fund Withdrawals	7,100.00	6,821.61	6,800.00
Voted from Surplus (Cemetery layout)	-	-	3,775.00
Fund Balance	25,000.00	25,000.00	110,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,582,633.00	\$ 1,723,435.87	\$ 5,507,996.00

PROPOSED TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT

A Committee (Gerry Bussiere, Mike Gomarlo, Ed Green, Lloyd Hill, Dave Krisch, Wayne Lechluder, Dana Pinney) was formed to review all information relative to establishing a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) per RSA 162-K and to look at a specific site already zoned Industrial Park and situated between Rts. 12 and 32, as proposed by the Monadnock Economic Development and Revitalization Corporation (MEDREC).

The TIF basically pays for its own development at no cost to the taxpayer by capturing 100% of all increased tax revenue due to any improvements made to property within the District. It is only when MEDREC has guaranteed enough new business whose tax payments will equal the proposed bond payments will the town actually incur the bond and begin infrastructure improvements in the District.

The committee first addressed the need: The committee met with planners from Keene (who has a TIF) and Peterborough (who is planning one) and with the Southwestern Regional Planning Commission. Both planners gave high grades to the concept and actuality of a TIF and to MEDREC for its ability to generate new business. Our town is growing and will continue to do so. However, most of our growth is residential which increases the tax burden, increased economic development would lower burden.

The Committee addressed the site: Preliminary engineering provided an estimated cost to develop the District and shows more than enough developable land to support the park. We also walked the site to get a better feel for the "numbers". We talked to all Department Heads about possible capital costs to the Town; none.

Although the Committee was not in total agreement on every issue, nor can we answer every question at this point in the process, the Committee unanimously recommends the town move forward to develop its own TIF subject to conditions in our report of December 8, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
David Krisch, Committee Chairman

**PROPOSED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT (RSA 162-K)
Swanzy Revenue Development District Plan - February 1, 1999**

Statement of Objectives

The Tax Increment Financing District proposed contains approximately 145 acres of land located south and southeast of Wilson Pond between NH Routes 12 and 32. The District generally includes lots within the Industrial Park District approved for this type of development by the 1995 Swanzy Town Meeting. A portion of the parcels within the district are currently occupied by industrial or multi-family uses, but the majority of the acreage is open space proposed for development in accordance with the requirements of the zoning approved by the Town. Creation of a tax increment financing district is proposed to provide financing for infrastructure improvements necessary to support new industrial and other commercial development within the Industrial Park District.

Infrastructure Improvements Proposed

The Swanzy Economic Development and Revitalization Committee (SEDRC) established by the 1998 Town Meeting worked with representatives from the Monadnock Economic Development and Revitalization Corporation to develop a plan for infrastructure improvements for the area included in the district. Necessary infrastructure development for the district includes construction of roads, utilities, a water system and extension of municipal sewer service. A connector road between NH Route 12 and 32, as well as interior roads servicing the area encompassed by the district, are planned. Sewer service will be extended by construction of a pump station/force main accessing the Keene Wastewater Treatment Plant and an interceptor network within the district. Also planned is the expansion of the existing water system and possible addition of a storage tank. Preliminary construction cost estimates prepared for the various infrastructure components are as follows:

Roads	\$ 698,358
On Site Sewer	195,000
Off Site Sewer and Pump Station	1,200,000
Water	400,000
Total Estimated Construction Cost	\$ 2,493,358
Engineering	300,000
15% Contingency	374,003
TOTAL	\$ 3,167,361

To finance the cost of these infrastructure improvements, authority to bond up to \$3,300,000 will be requested from voters at the 1999 Town Meeting. Tax Increment generated by new development within the district will be utilized to finance this debt.

Financing of Infrastructure

Establishment of a development district under the provisions of RSA 162 K provides for capturing of the full tax revenue generated by new development within the district. The full tax increment generated by any new construction or increases in assessed value will be dedicated to payment of bond issued to finance infrastructure costs and related development district expenses. Impact of capturing full tax increment on Monadnock Regional School District, which bases its tax apportionment primarily on average daily membership, is anticipated to be minimal. Because the overall value of the proposed district is not significant when compared to the overall value of Cheshire County, impact on county finances is also anticipated to be minimal.

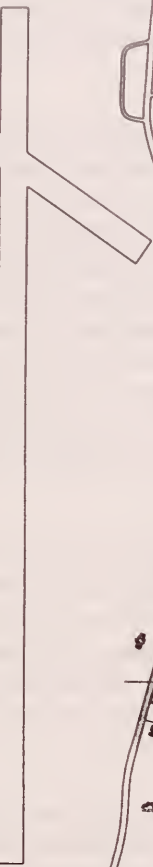
Upon creation of the district, a baseline assessed value defined by the statute as the "original assessed value" is established. Annually, the assessed value is reviewed and any changes in total assessed value calculated. The full taxes generated by additional assessed value will be dedicated to the payment of bonds and other related district expenses. To generate sufficient tax increment to service the proposed debt based on the 1998 tax rate, approximately \$7,800,000 of additional tax assessment will be required to finance the project over a twenty year period.

District Administration

The district will operate under the supervision of Selectmen with a district advisory board. The Advisory Board shall have five members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. In accordance with the statute, a majority of the members shall be owners or occupants of property within or adjacent to the District. In addition, Selectmen shall be designated district administrator and empowered to hire an assistant when, in their judgement, necessary to move the project forward.



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AIRPORT



WILSON POND

MEDICARE

CHESHIRE
FAIRGROUNDS

ROUTE 32

ROUTE 12

TO KEENE



TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT



VICINITY PLAN
ROUTE 12 & ROUTE 32
 BRATTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 PREPARED FOR
MONADNOCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.
 48 MAIN STREET, KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03431
 FEBRUARY 1, 1989



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Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

Certified Public Accountants

February 5, 1999

To the Board of Selectmen
Swanzey, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 1999.

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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1998, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely

period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Wachon, Murray & Co., PC

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Equivalants	223,446
Investments	3,295,744
Taxes Receivable	886,526
Tax Liens Receivable	499,159
Accounts Receivable	1,344
Due from other Governments	12,727
Due from other Funds	67,345
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,986,291
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Warrants & Accounts Payable	88,553
Due to other Governments	1,611
Due to School District	3,515,294
Due to other Funds	4,971
Deferred Revenue	256,893
Other Payables/Performance Bonds	5,316
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,872,638
FUND EQUITY	
Reserve:Encumbrances	4,737
Reserve:Continuing Appropriations	69,078
Reserve:Special Purposes	20,582
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,019,256
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$1,113,653

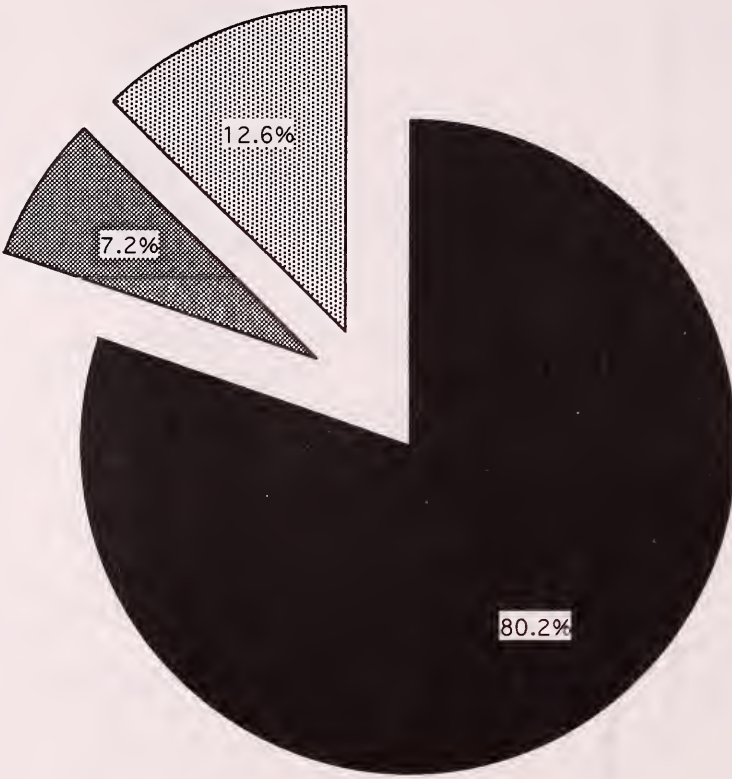
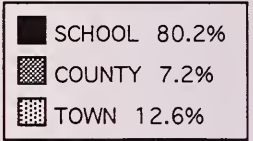
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT - TOWN OF SWANZEY 12/31/98

YEAR	NHMBB1 PRINCIPAL	SEWER INTEREST	NHMBB2 PRINCIPAL	SEWER INTEREST	KWWTP PRINCIPAL	SEWER INTEREST	NHMBB3 PRINCIPAL	BRIDGE/DEBT SERVICE INTEREST	TOTALS
1999	15,000.00	1,781.25	20,000.00	6,042.98	1,524.00	1,050.00	50,000.00	11,775.00	107,173.23
2000	15,000.00	596.25	20,000.00	4,654.63	1,524.00	929.00	50,000.00	9,225.00	101,928.88
2001			15,000.00	3,231.38	1,524.00	773.00	50,000.00	6,650.00	77,178.38
2002			15,000.00	2,175.93	1,524.00	688.00	50,000.00	4,025.00	73,412.93
2003			15,000.00	1,095.00	1,524.00	568.00	50,000.00	1,350.00	69,537.00
2004					1,524.00	448.00			1,972.00
2005					1,524.00	326.00			1,850.00
TOTALS	\$30,000.00	\$2,377.50	\$85,000.00	\$17,199.92	\$10,568.00	\$4,782.00	\$250,000.00	\$33,025.00	\$433,052.42

STATE 272 GRANT FOR WEST SWANZEY PROJECT

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
1999	12,596.00	1,968.00	14,564.00
2000	12,596.00	990.00	13,586.00
TOTALS	\$25,192.00	\$2,958.00	\$28,150.00

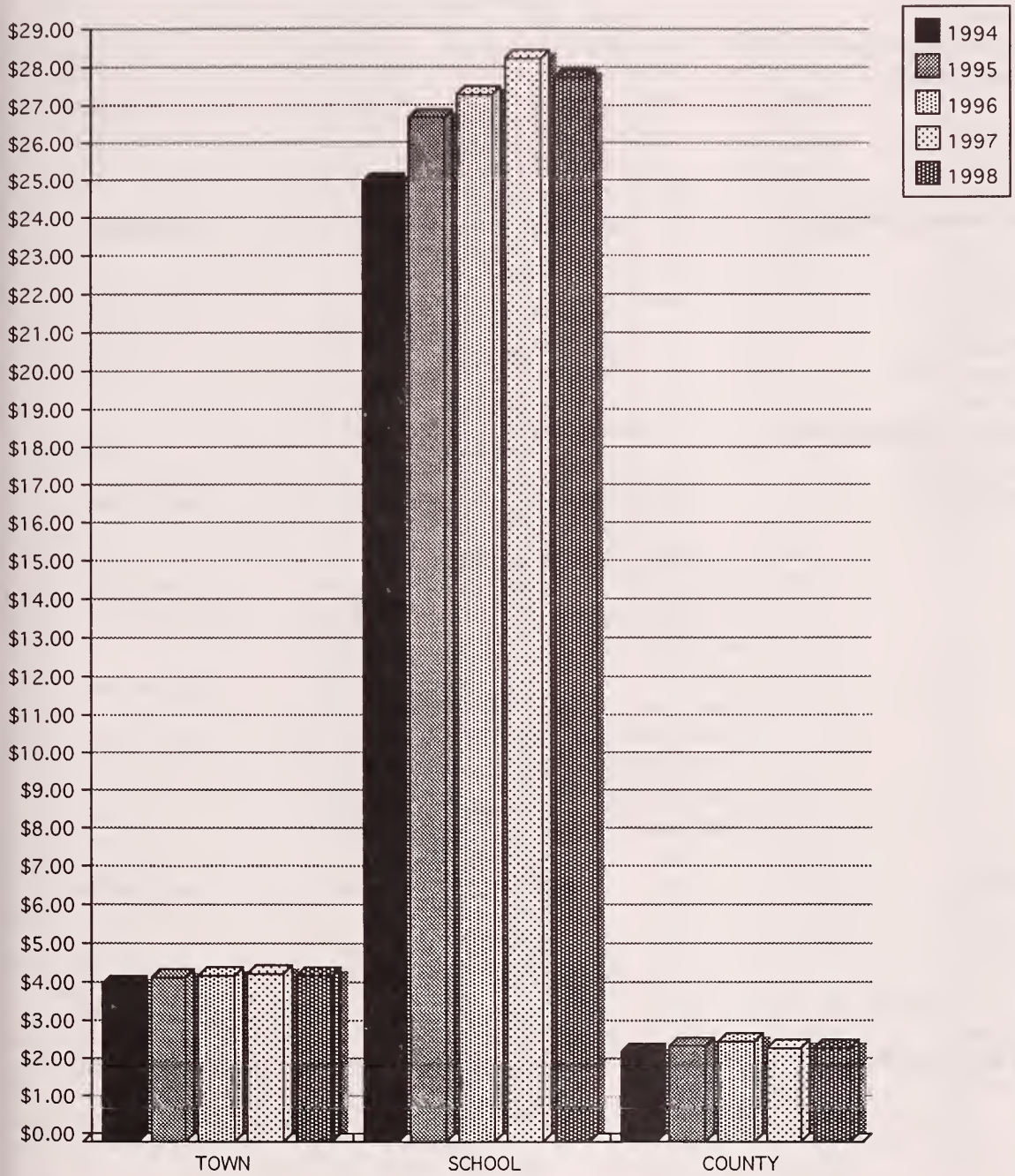
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SCHOOL	27.95
COUNTY	2.51
TOWN	4.40

1994-1998 TAX RATES



**SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATION
& CALCULATION OF 1998 TAX RATE**

	Town of Swanzey	NS Water/Fire	Perry Ln Light
VALUE OF LAND			
Current Use Land	1,878,476	19,507	
Residential Land	74,531,740	11,361,720	
Commercial/Industrial Land	12,993,200	2,739,000	
VALUE OF BUILDINGS			
Residential	129,805,650	21,886,000	2,524,600
Manufactured Housing	7,787,600	0	
Commercial/Industrial	21,740,555	8,625,855	
Public Utilities	2,725,600	408,200	
TOTAL BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$251,462,821	\$45,040,282	\$2,524,600
EXEMPTIONS			
Blind Exemptions	165,000	15,000	
Elderly Exemptions	1,410,000	300,000	
Physically Handicapped	154,000	0	
Solar Exemptions	64,080	7,250	
TOTAL VALUE OF EXEMPTIONS	\$1,793,080	\$322,250	\$0
NET VALUATION ON WHICH RATE IS SET	\$249,669,741	\$44,718,032	\$2,524,600

Calculation of 1998 Tax Rate

Net Town	949,695
Net NSWF Precinct	25,964
Net School	7,118,978
Net County	634,125
Total	8,728,762
Less Shared Rev.	175,576
Add WS Credits	47,800
Add Overlay	128,465
Total Commitment	\$8,729,451

Tax Rate History	1996	1997	1998
Town	4.41	4.42	4.40
School District	27.49	28.44	27.95
County	2.69	2.52	2.51
NS Water & Fire Precinct	0.70	0.54	0.59
Perry Ln Lighting	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Town Wide Tax Rate	\$34.59	\$35.38	\$34.86

Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditures 1998

Line Items	Appropriations 1998	Receipts, Carryovers & Reimbursements	Amount Available	Expended 1998	Balance (Overdraft)
General Government	623,308.00	13,039.01	623,308.00	585,836.16	37,471.84
Police Department	344,000.00	5,236.05	344,000.00	357,507.04	(13,507.04)
Police UHP Grant	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	1,128.36	29,871.64
Special Duty Police	10,000.00	26,730.00	26,730.00	21,421.43	5,308.57
Ambulance Service	32,000.00	1,714.39	32,000.00	40,829.36	(8,829.36)
Fire Department	112,755.00	20.00	112,755.00	110,007.80	2,747.20
Forest Fires	3,000.00	174.28	3,174.28	2,499.24	675.04
Emergency Management	8,953.00	8,959.73	13,453.00	13,837.38	(384.38)
Hydrant Rental	4,230.00	0.00	4,230.00	4,050.00	180.00
Building Inspector	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,420.00	80.00
Highways/Streets/Bridges	422,100.00	222.27	422,100.00	404,552.03	17,547.97
PW One Ton Dump Truck	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	33,557.00	1,443.00
Cemeteries & Parks	54,100.00	11,425.00	53,200.00	51,334.86	1,865.14
Street & Bridge Lights	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	19,592.55	1,407.45
Trams	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,331.13	(231.13)
Recycling Center	195,450.00	0.00	195,450.00	196,740.15	(1,290.15)
West Swanzey WWTP	91,372.00	13,079.06	104,451.06	107,911.46	(3,460.40)
Health Officer	2,620.00	0.00	2,620.00	2,535.21	84.79
Animal Control	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,202.36	797.64
Health Agencies	25,462.00	0.00	25,462.00	25,079.16	382.84
General Assistance	50,450.00	8,723.94	50,450.00	35,744.12	14,705.88
Community Kitchen, Inc.	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Southwestern Community Service	2,836.00	0.00	2,836.00	2,836.00	0.00
Libraries	40,493.00	0.00	40,493.00	40,493.00	0.00
Recreation	27,950.00	17,120.30	27,950.00	25,724.43	2,225.57
Old Home Day/Memorial Day	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	2,171.50	828.50
Debt Service	122,365.12	0.00	122,365.12	117,129.02	5,236.10
Capital Reserve/Exp. Trusts	163,000.00	0.00	163,000.00	163,000.00	0.00
Police Cruiser Leases	16,843.77	0.00	16,843.77	16,511.70	332.07
Fire Department Breathing App.	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
PW Barn Expansion	30,000.00	50,000.00	80,000.00	50,315.24	29,684.76
Police Radio Upgrade	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00	7,616.00	184.00
Highway Safety Laptops	4,000.00	1,689.00	4,000.00	3,678.42	321.58
Highway Safety Patrol Grant	0.00	883.76	883.76	1,103.82	(220.06)
Public Safety Facility Study	0.00	322.84	322.84	161.42	161.42
Main Street Cistern	0.00	4,499.09	4,499.09	4,551.37	(52.28)
Fire Department Tahoe	0.00	26,106.00	26,106.00	26,106.00	0.00
Lower Wilson Pond Dam	0.00	12,883.64	12,883.64	12,883.64	0.00
Thompson Bridge Lights	0.00	1,982.08	1,982.08	1,982.08	0.00
Old Richmond Road Bridge	0.00	43,389.99	43,389.99	43,389.99	0.00
W. Winchester Street Reclamation	0.00	14,700.00	14,700.00	14,700.00	0.00
Cemetery Cornerstones Program	0.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,800.00	(200.00)
Cemetery 1992 General Trust	0.00	3,875.00	3,875.00	0.00	3,875.00
Stratton Library Ramp	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Plate Bridge Fund	0.00	23,163.72	23,163.72	3,836.44	19,327.28
Conservation Commission Exp.	0.00	818.12	818.12	803.35	14.77
Leadstart CDBG Grant	0.00	106,294.00	106,294.00	105,359.00	935.00
TOTAL	\$2,529,687.89	\$296,357.27	\$2,751,495.47	\$2,599,910.22	\$151,585.25

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 1998

FROM LOCAL TAXES	
Property Taxes - Current Year	7,891,303.96
Property Taxes - Previous Year	483,102.18
Tax Liens Redeemed	623,785.09
Land Use Change Tax - Current Year	3,097.00
Yield Taxes - Current/Previous Year	40,125.86
Excavation Activity Tax	51,536.00
Tax Interest Received	84,803.19
Interest & Penalties - Redemptions	79,747.05
TOTAL FROM LOCAL TAXES	\$9,257,500.33
LICENSES & PERMITS	
Motor Vehicle Permits	696,658.00
Dog Licenses	6,457.50
Fees and Dog Escrow Remitted to State	6,729.00
Town Clerk Fees/Licenses	25,334.97
Building, Event & Other Permits	19,025.27
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	\$754,204.74
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-STATE & FEDERAL	
Shared Revenue	330,551.17
Highway Block Grant	125,533.17
Municipal Bridge Aid (Carlton Bridge)	163,068.61
State C-272 Sewer Aid	15,530.00
Forest Fire Reimbursement	174.28
Emergency Management	8,959.73
COPS FAST Grant	16,761.00
Highway Safety Grants - Computers/Patrols	2,572.76
CDBG Projects - ADA/Headstart	109,306.00
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$772,456.72
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
Income from Departments	
Police Department	10,580.01
Recycling Center	38,058.62
Highway Department	222.27
Cemeteries	21,575.00
Fire Department	20.00
Ambulance Fees	1,714.39
General Government/Land Use Boards	13,024.74
Recreation	17,120.30
Special Duty Police	26,730.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$129,045.33
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Interest on Deposits	105,800.69
Insurance Dividends	37,886.96
Sale of Town Property	47,796.45
Sale of Timber - Marcy Hill	7,117.93
Repayment of General Assistance	8,723.94
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$207,325.97
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve/Trust Funds	134,590.72
Reimbursement from Sewer/Conservation Fund	101,491.23
Insurance Claims/COBRA/Retirees	9,295.85
Elderly Tax Deferrals	10,154.79
PILOT Housing Initiatives/City of Keene	29,230.51
Slate Bridge Fundraising Cttee	23,163.72
New Trust Funds Created	100.00
Receipt of Tax Anticipation Funds	1,000,000.00
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$1,308,026.82
TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY TREASURER	\$12,428,559.91

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
ALL FUNDS 1998**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	
EX Personnel	52,042.02
EX NHMA Dues	2,409.06
EX Misc. Expenses	112.93
EX Town Report Printing	2,349.00
Total Executive	\$56,913.01
Elections & Registrations	
ER Personnel	47,464.12
ER Ads - Elections	98.18
ER Election Supplies	3,122.39
ER Postage	49.28
Total Elections/Registrations	\$50,733.97
Financial Administration	
FA Personnel	61,869.16
FA CPA Services	6,850.00
FA Printing of Tax Bills	1,927.65
Total Financial Administration	\$70,646.81
Reappraisal of Property	
AS Professional Services	6,158.75
AS Gen. Expenses/DB Maint.	6,597.00
Total Reappraisal of Property	\$12,755.75
Legal Expenses	
LE General Expenses	26,187.04
Total Legal Expenditures	\$26,187.04
Social Security/Retirement	
FICA	38,796.07
Medicare	12,635.51
NH Retirement	9,233.36
ICMA Retirement	5,514.51
Total Social Security/Retirement	\$66,179.45
Land Use Boards	
LU Personnel	37,116.86
LU Plan Recording	161.32
LU Advertisements	1,278.03
LU Subscriptions	220.74
LU Postage	2,196.50
LU Supplies/Printing	432.92
LU Mileage	547.00
LU SW Region Planning	7,318.00
Total Land Use Boards	\$49,271.37
General Government Buildings	
TH Janitorial Services	880.05
TH PSNH	2,000.78
TH Heating Fuel	982.12
TH Building Maintenance	5,082.48
TH Alarm System	1,490.33
TH Supplies	904.98
WH/GH PSNH	357.05

CB Carlton/Cresson/Thompson Alarm Systems	1,696.34
Total General Government Bldgs	\$13,394.13
Insurance	
IN NHMA Property/Liability	54,246.00
IN Health Trust/Life/STD	120,736.01
IN Unemployment Compensation	2,704.26
IN Worker's Compensation	33,966.26
Total Insurance	\$211,652.53
General Government Expenses	
GOE Tax Map Revisions	1,025.00
GOE Recording Fees	1,704.72
GOE Telephone	3,479.26
GOE Software Maintenance	2,773.78
GOE Service Contracts	5,556.48
GOE Training/Conferences	2,444.37
GOE Printing	93.00
GOE Advertisements	943.05
GOE Dues & Subscriptions	2,234.60
GOE Office Supplies	3,985.10
GOE Postage	5,405.56
GOE Mileage	1,996.09
GOE Misc. Expenses	1,409.55
GOE New Equipment	3,295.67
Total General Government Expenses	\$36,346.23

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	
PD Personnel	298,648.11
PD Telephone	7,291.72
PD Photo Lab & Supplies	369.03
PD Recruitment	536.57
PD Printing	1,056.17
PD Dues & Subscriptions	490.00
PD Uniforms	4,965.46
PD Replacement Vests Program	495.00
PD Office Supplies	1,164.16
PD Postage	361.66
PD Books & Periodicals	1,533.76
PD Professional Services	235.45
PD New Equipment-Office	327.95
PD Training	4,369.62
PD Conferences & Meetings	140.00
PD Mileage/Accommodations	307.04
PD Data Processing	4,783.00
PD Case Expenditures	355.20
PD Medical Services	73.00
PD Equipment Maint/Repair	4,087.56
PD Radio Repair	1,875.10
PD Vehicle Fuel	6,289.59
PD Vehicle Maintenance	9,385.16
PD Tires	1,264.48

PD Department Supplies	1,982.92
PD New Equipment	1,377.50
PD Janitorial Services	620.37
PD Electricity	2,258.12
PD Heating	291.40
PD Building Maintenance	1,700.30
Total Police Department	\$358,635.40
Special Duty Police	
SD Police Personnel	18,366.00
SD FICA	424.58
SD Retirement	415.34
SD Worker's Compensation	630.01
SD Outside Agencies	1,585.50
Total Special Duty	\$21,421.43
Ambulance Service	
Keene Ambulance Service	28,329.36
Diluzio Ambulance Service	12,500.00
Total Ambulance Service	\$40,829.36
Fire Department	
FD Personnel	32,008.01
FD Protective Clothing	12,328.61
FD Recruitment	224.00
FD Gasoline	778.03
FD Diesel/Oil	628.95
FD Extinguishers & O2	1,607.08
FD Vehicle Repairs	16,446.21
FD Dues & Subscriptions	285.52
FD Tools & Supplies	15,660.19
FD Medical Supplies	1,484.71
FD Fire Prev. Supplies	234.50
FD Training/Meetings	6,051.45
FD Radio Repairs	4,796.33
FD Telephone	1,596.03
FD Electricity	5,311.51
FD Heating Oil/L.P. Gas	2,553.94
FD Sewer Fees	154.00
FD Postage	25.00
FD Snowplowing	955.00
FD Building Maint.	5,878.53
FD Insurance Compliance	1,000.20
Total Fire Department	\$110,007.80
Forest Fires/Hydrant Rental	
FF Forest Fire Personnel	1,384.13
FF Forest Fire Supplies	1,115.11
WH Swanzey Lake/Main Street Cistern	4,551.37
NS Hydrant Rental	4,050.00
Total Forest Fire/Hydrants	\$11,100.61
Emergency Management	
EM Administration Expense	5,626.11
EM New Equipment	8,211.27
Total Emergency Mgt	\$13,837.38

Building Inspector	
Personnel	3,420.00
Total Building Inspector	\$3,420.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

 Highways/Streets/Bridges

HSB Personnel	200,666.58
HSB Phones	1,332.26
HSB Outside Labor/Rental	12,663.35
HSB Electricity	2,020.46
HSB Heating Fuel	1,879.27
HSB Building Maint.	110.21
HSB Alarm Maintenance	388.00
HSB Meeting Expenses/Dues	185.00
HSB CDL Testing	200.00
HSB Uniforms	3,477.56
HSB Radio Repair	749.64
HSB Asphalt & Cold Patch	79,540.52
HSB Sand, Gravel Hard Pack	26,138.89
HSB Salt & Calcium	28,377.58
HSB Gas	821.59
HSB Diesel & Oil	6,540.25
HSB O2 & Acetylene	251.09
HSB Vehicle Repairs	15,127.65
HSB Tires	1,448.41
HSB Tools & Supplies	6,278.08
HSB Culverts	1,896.17
HSB Bridge Repairs	1,126.80
HBS One Ton Pick Up Truck	33,557.00
HSB DPW Facility Improvements	50,315.24
HSB New Equipment/Chipper	13,332.67
Total Highways/Streets/Bridges	\$488,424.27

 Cemetery & Parks Maintenance

CPM Personnel	30,591.25
CM Electricity	133.77
CM Repair of Stones	2,703.00
CM Meeting Expenses/Dues	60.00
CM Equipment Repair	2,255.59
CM Supplies	848.42
CM Fertilizer	1,500.00
CM Oakhill/Coleman lot survey	325.00
CM New Equipment	3,297.95
PM Telephone	1,160.65
PM Electricity	2,187.20
PM Bldg. & Field Maint.	2,359.35
PM Plumbing	1,797.30
PM Rubbish Removal	894.25
PM Recreation Supplies	220.63
PM Fertilizer - Fields	1,000.00
Total Cemetery/Parks Maint.	\$51,334.36

 Street Lighting/Bridge Lighting

SL Street/Bridge Lighting	16,998.78
SL Blinkers & Bridges	2,455.77
SL Street Light Repair	138.00
Total Lighting	\$19,592.55
Dams	
DAMS Fees	1,100.00
DAMS Repairs	231.13
DAMS Lower Wilson Project	12,883.64
Total Dams	\$14,214.77

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Recycling Center	
RC Personnel	72,644.98
RC Telephone	566.56
RC Refuse Disposal	79,992.54
RC Hazardous Waste	5,923.61
RC Stump Removal	9,300.00
RD C & D Disposal	8,900.91
RC Freight	560.01
RC Electricity	1,907.63
RC Heating Fuel	947.56
RC Uniforms	2,505.22
RC Maintenance & Repairs	2,819.21
RC Vehicle Fuel	161.07
RC Department Supplies	1,477.54
RC Miscellaneous	87.06
RC Dues/Associations	550.00
RC Training/Education	590.58
RC New Equipment	555.67
RC Chipper	7,250.00
Total Recycling Center	\$196,740.15

HEALTH AGENCIES/GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Health Officer	
HO Personnel	2,020.00
HO Water Tests	166.00
HO Professional Dues	10.00
HO Training/Conferences	108.99
HO Postage	17.56
HO Mileage	212.66
Total Health Officer	\$2,535.21
Animal Control Operations	
AC Personnel	2,380.56
AC Pound Fees	530.00
AC Department Supplies	724.50
AC ACO Mileage	567.30
Total Animal Control Operations	\$4,202.36
Health/General Assistance Agencies	
HA Home Health	14,606.16
HA Meals on Wheels	3,943.00

HA Monadnock Fam. Services	6,530.00
HA Community Kitchen	5,000.00
HA SW Community Services	2,836.00
Total Health/General Asst. Agencies	\$32,915.16
General Assistance	
GA Personnel	6,200.25
GA Medical Services	1,273.59
GA Food Vouchers	973.41
GA Electricity	5,546.21
GA Heating Fuel	447.84
GA Housing Assistance	21,281.06
GA Postage	21.76
Total General Assistance	\$35,744.12

CULTURAL & RECREATION SERVICES

Recreation Committee	
REC Personnel	15,380.01
REC Outside Programs	669.50
REC Strength & Conditioning Program	611.00
REC Misc./Advert.	696.25
REC Supplies	2,432.55
REC Aquatic Supplies	112.00
REC New Equipment	3,858.77
REC Winter Sports	515.00
REC Easter Egg Hunt	221.52
REC Old Home Day	1,035.00
REC Halloween/XMas	192.83
Total Recreation Committee	\$25,724.43
Cultural Services & Activities	
CUL Mt. Caesar Library	29,193.00
CUL Stratton Free Library	11,300.00
CUL Memorial Day	1,000.00
CUL Old Home Day	1,171.50
Total Cultural Services	\$42,664.50

DEBT SERVICE

DS NHMBB1 Sewer Principal	15,000.00
DS NHMBB2 Sewer Principal	20,000.00
DS Keene WWTP Principal	1,524.00
DS Thompson Bridge Prin.	50,000.00
DS NHMBB1 Interest	2,951.26
DS NHMBB2 Interest	7,420.87
DS Keene WWTP Interest	1,169.00
DS Thompson Bridge Int.	14,300.00
DS Tax Anticipation Note Interest	4,763.89
Total Debt Service	\$117,129.02

CAPITAL RESERVE/EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

CR Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	163,000.00
Total Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	\$163,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED/CAPITAL PROJECTS/OTHER GOVERNMENTS

FR Slate Bridge Fund Raising	3,836.44
CC Conservation Commission Expenses	803.35
CO Old Richmond Road Rehabilitation	43,354.99
CO Thompson Bridge Lights	1,982.08
CO Reclamation South Winchester Street	14,700.00
CO Restoration of Records	1,756.00
CO Digitizing Maps	2,998.00
CO Police Radio Upgrade	7,616.00
CO Police Cruiser Lease	16,843.77
CO Whitcomb Hall Public Safety Facility Studies	161.42
CO Police Laptops	3,678.42
CO Fire Department Aipack Upgrade	30,000.00
CO Fire Department Tahoe	26,106.00
OF Cemetery Cornerstone Project	2,800.00
OF Insurance Claims	4,882.80
GR Headstart CDBG Grant	105,359.00
UF West Swanzey Wastewater Treatment Plant	107,911.46
OG North Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct	26,384.00
OG Cheshire County	634,125.00
OG Monadnock Regional School District	6,868,218.48
Total Unclassified/Capital Projects/Other Govt.	\$7,903,517.21

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS & EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Fund	Balance			Grand Total	
	01/01/98	Additions	Income	Expended	Prin. & Income 12/31/98
Conservation, Land Acquisition	\$25,569.57	\$3,000.00	\$1,344.56		\$29,914.13
Covered Bridges (restoration)	\$55,562.44		\$2,609.80	\$7,447.12	\$50,725.12
Emergency Management	\$2,925.06		\$153.19		\$3,078.25
Documents, Preservation & Restoration	\$2,526.10		\$132.30		\$2,658.40
Fire Station	\$38,401.52	\$5,000.00	\$2,020.22		\$45,421.74
Fire Truck	\$158,905.49	\$25,000.00	\$8,313.38	\$26,106.00	\$166,112.87
Highway & Cemetery Maintenance Equip.	\$58,794.65	\$40,000.00	\$3,105.60	\$1,189.55	\$100,710.70
Insurance Deductible Fund	\$3,524.31		\$184.58		\$3,708.89
Town Owned Dams	\$108,292.69	\$10,000.00	\$3,680.83	\$51,758.33	\$70,215.19
Mt. Caesar Union Library	\$10,098.57	\$2,000.00	\$532.51		\$12,631.08
N. Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct	\$39,680.03		\$2,078.10		\$41,758.13
N. Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct (truck)	\$6,396.87	\$2,000.00	\$335.02		\$8,731.89
Police Cruiser	\$11,915.03		\$624.01		\$12,539.04
Police Station	\$26,542.62	\$0.00	\$1,047.10	\$8,989.96	\$18,599.76
Reclamation of Major Roads	\$15,773.75	\$15,000.00	\$684.22	\$14,700.00	\$16,757.97
Recreation Facilities Improv.	\$8,357.12	\$10,000.00	\$455.82		\$18,812.94
Sewerline Extension	\$12,915.06	\$6,000.00	\$687.27		\$19,602.33
Stratton Free Library	\$10,098.57	\$2,000.00	\$532.51		\$12,631.08
Swanzey Sewer Commission	\$67,518.16	\$25,000.00	\$3,225.98	\$13,079.06	\$82,665.08
Town Hall Expansion	\$13,812.40	\$5,000.00	\$732.45		\$19,544.85
Recycling Center Improvements	\$10,292.52	\$10,000.00	\$557.17		\$20,849.69
Monadnock Regional School Dist. 1975	\$20,317.36		\$1,065.50		\$21,382.86
Monadnock Regional School Dist. 1992	\$75,317.17		\$3,949.82		\$79,266.99
Monadnock Regional School Dist. (Special Ed. 1995)	\$48,109.87		\$2,523.01		\$50,632.88
Bridges, Swanzey Owned Covered	\$2,784.69		\$145.65	\$90.00	\$2,840.34
Emergency Service Complex	\$84.13		\$4.39		\$88.52
Fire Pond Fund	\$10,760.69		\$554.23	\$4,499.09	\$6,815.83
Swanzey Historical Committee	\$96,875.35	\$1,600.00	\$5,069.10		\$103,544.45
Slate Bridge Fund	\$18,246.20	\$20,671.27	\$977.25		\$39,894.72
Town Bridges	\$69,177.37	\$30,000.00	\$3,677.38		\$102,854.75
Expendable Trusts					
Total Accounts	\$1,029,575.36	\$212,271.27	\$51,002.95	\$127,859.11	\$1,164,990.47
MBIA ACCOUNT #NH-01-0241-001	\$1,011,657.76				
MBIA ACCOUNT #NH-01-024-002	\$151,232.72				
FLEET BANK ACCOUNT #9358735598	\$2,050.00				
FLEET BANK ACCOUNT #9358735600	\$50.00				
	\$1,164,990.48				

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Balance 1/1/98	Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
		12/31/98	12/31/98		12/31/98
Various	\$ 130,902.46	130,902.46	29,739.41	6,821.61	30,939.68
Principal					
Chubb		840.00			
Galaxy Fund		130,062.46			
Income: Galaxy Fund		30,939.68			
Grand Total		\$161,842.14			

TRUST FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	BALANCE 01/01/98	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE 12/31/98
A. J. Edward Bouvier - Carpenter Home	735.02	54.19	0.00	789.21
B. Marian T. Brown Mem. Fund (Museum)	12,754.95	3,442.87	0.00	16,197.82
C. Chas. Carlton Aged & Infrmed	4,335.60	409.64	0.00	4,745.24
D. Chas. Carlton Community House	235.19	54.20	0.00	289.39
E. Chas. Carlton E.S. Library	705.34	162.59	0.00	867.93
F. Chas. Carlton Mt. Caesar Cemetery	19,914.99	1,312.86	0.00	21,227.85
G. Lucy Carpenter-Carpenter Home	48,935.89	13,952.90	47,020.00	15,868.79
H. Sameul Read-E.S. Community House	20,836.83	4,408.02	282.83	24,962.02
I. Frank Snow-Cutler School Fund	221.95	224.34	221.95	224.34
J. Frank Snow-Sidewalk Fund	42,736.14	24,592.85	14,730.00	52,598.99
K. Nettie Stone-Pavillion	1,325.89	97.67	0.00	1,423.56
L. Edna Whitcomb-Carpenter Home	11,100.09	1,070.24	0.00	12,170.33
M. Edna Whitcomb-Whitcomb Hall	5,077.27	442.18	0.00	5,519.45
N. George Whitcomb, Jr.-Carpenter Home	21,362.76	2,456.12	0.00	23,818.88
O. George whitcomb, Jr.-Whitcomb Hall	4,770.85	428.76	0.00	5,199.61
	<u>\$195,048.76</u>	<u>\$53,109.43</u>	<u>\$62,254.78</u>	<u>\$185,903.41</u>
INCOME BALANCE: FLEET BANK GALAXY GOVT. FUND		\$185,903.41		
A. Principal Galaxy Fund	\$500.95	J. 6000 Shares Union Pacific		
B. 300 Shares Central & Southwest		500 Shares AT&T		
200 Shares New England Elct.		500 Shares Southwestern Bell (SBC)		
1000 Shares Duff & Phelps		5081 Shares Union Pacific Res Group Inc		
400 Shares Chevron		252 Shares Ameritech Corp		
Purchase Price of Stock	\$45,241.50	4000 Shares Ford Motor Co Cap Tr 9%		
Principal Galaxy Fund	\$4,861.89			
C. Principal Galaxy Fund	\$5,007.16	300 Shares NYNEX		
D. Principal Galaxy Fund	\$1,000.95	162 Shares Lucent Technologies Inc		
E. Principal Galaxy Fund	\$3,002.85	500 Shares Bell South		
F. Principal Galaxy Fund	\$10,027.40	250 Shares Bell Atlantic		
G. 600 Shares AT & T		Purchase Value of Stock		
194 Shares Lucent Technologies, Inc.		\$203,765.71		
800 Shares Consolidated Edison		Principal in Galaxy Fund		
1600 Shares General Elect.		\$37,789.12		
900 Shares Wisconsin Energy		K. Principal Balance Galaxy F		
1400 Shares SBC Communications, Inc		\$901.71		
360 Shares Ameritech		L. 727 Shares Duff & Phelps Utilities		
360 Shares SBC Communications, Inc.		Purchase Value of Stock		
370 Shares N.Y.N.E.X.		\$6,092.26		
540 Shares Bell South		Principal Galaxy Fund		
240 Shares Bell Atlantic		\$109.33		
240 Shares Airtouch Communications, Inc.		M. Principal Galaxy Fund		
Purchase Value of Stock	\$77,644.23	\$5,007.74		
Principal Galaxy Fund	\$11,370.93	N. 400 Shares Exxon		
H. 100 Shares New England Elect. System (comm)		Purchase Value of Stock		
1400 Shares American Brands		\$5,772.06		
Purchase Value of Stock	\$16,716.20	Principal Galaxy Fund		
Principal Galaxy Fund	\$3,017.76	\$4,243.51		
I. Principal Galaxy Fund	\$5,004.60	O. Principal Galaxy Fund		
		\$5,007.50		
		PRINCIPAL BALANCE		
		FLEET BANK GALAXY FUND		
		\$100,448.55		
		PURCHASE VALUE OF STOCK		
		<u>\$351,629.59</u>		
		\$452,078.14		
		CURRENT VALUE OF STOCK		
		\$1,781,590.11		

WEST SWANZEY SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

This year we got off to a late start. We did manage to do the following:

Homestead Avenue	153.	
Main Street	70.	
Railroad Street	30.	
Main Street - At 4 Corners	30.	
Total	287	feet

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley Earle, Chairman

Alan Hood	Marjorie Reed
Ernest Perry	Pauline Cheney
Henry Aveline	Lena Whipple
Stephen Wadsworth	Michael Gomarlo

**REPORT OF THE CARPENTER HOME TRUSTEES 1998
FINANCIAL REPORT**

RECEIPTS

Money from Trust		\$47,020.00
Interest Income	<u>3,426.84</u>	
	\$50,446.84	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Repairs		\$ 3,528.22
Improvements		3,507.71
Deposit on Sprinkler System		3,280.00
General Expenses		2,209.11
Insurance		1,412.50
Articles Bought with Donations		1,052.02
Paid on Loan		<u>3,000.00</u>
		\$17,989.56

Funds Gained or Required \$32,457.28

BALANCE OF FUNDS ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1998

	1/1/98	12/31/98
Checking Account	\$ 695.57	\$32,814.16
Certificate of Deposit	<u>53,701.83</u>	<u>54,040.52</u>
	\$54,397.40	\$86,854.68

NOTE: \$32,020.00 of the balance in the checking account is for the balance due on the sprinkler system. To be paid upon completion of installation.

SWANZEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 1998

During the summer of 1997, Shirley Leonard and others from the Museum, along with Bonnie Tolman, worked on a piece about the Town of Swanzey for the WALES EVENING POST in Swansea, Wales. The paper was printed and Shirley's and Bonnie's articles were included in the publication. This effort culminated in a visit from Julie Stuart on July 28, 1998 who had done the special publication on all the Swansea's in the world, for the paper. Julia presented gifts to the Swanzey Selectmen at a ceremony which took place at the Museum.

On December 18, 1997, we were saddened by the death of our secretary, Shirley Leonard, who was one of our most active members and a real historian for our Town. She has been greatly missed. In March of 1998, Charles Hanrahan had a stroke, and is doing moderately well. In spite of these setbacks, we have continued to have the Museum open and operating, thanks to our great volunteers. Without them and your support, we would not be able to continue to stay open.

The past summer we have had a number of visitors from different parts of the world, and have been able to help some look up their genealogy. The Aldrich family, with roots in Swanzey, spent some time at the Museum checking their family genealogy when they had their family reunion. During the fall foliage season we had two busloads of people go through the Museum, one group from Illinois and another from Pennsylvania.

We have had a number of items donated to the Museum. A framed picture of the Old Homestead cast on the stage in New York City around 1890 and a chair from the home of Denman Thompson, were donated by the Estate of John C. Perry. Mrs. George Kovacs donated two bucket lamps made by the Lane Company, Mrs. Brooks donated a weathervane from School House # 2. We received several additions to our genealogy files. We have had three more books added to our Civil War collection.

SWANZEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

F. H. Worcester, Curator

SLATE COVERED BRIDGE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Summer and fall were busy, busy for the Slate Covered Bridge Fund Raising Committee. We started with the Attic Treasures Yard Sale at the Loafer Inn. As guests of Yankee Magazine, we participated in Dublin's Yard Sale selling breakfast and lunch and the Eastern States Exposition. We held our second pie sale during Swanzey Old Home Days organized a chili cook-off at the Cheshire Fairgrounds. Our third successful Covered Bridge Century Bike Tour took place on the first Sunday in October. We held fall flower and vegetable sales at the Loafer Inn and our first mass mailing to all taxpayers of the Town of Swanzey also took place.

We would like to thank all the people who have donated, whether it was through the mailing and/or any one of the other events we have held. The response to our mass mailing has been quite generous and donations continue coming in. That effort alone has added close to \$9,000 plus we had a few other generous donations from individuals.

As a result of a meeting with Senator Blaisdell and other state officials during the Fall, the Town has been given the okay to start the bidding process for choosing an engineering firm. We see this as a positive step toward reconstruction of this bridge.

All indications to date show the final cost of the bridge should be around \$900,000, which puts the Town's 20% share at \$180,000 and we are at about 78% of that figure. We are quite excited!

We are still selling t-shirts and sweatshirts and now have some small sizes. We are also selling slate hangings with a painting of the Slate Bridge on them. We are continuing to receive donations from all over the country; people who had relatives in this area, people who themselves grew up in this area, people who are just lovers of covered bridges; and of course, from local townspeople. To all of them, and you, we are genuinely thankful. And to all our committee members who have struggled with family commitments and rearranged schedules to help us with different events, we are grateful. We are very close to seeing this bridge built -- what a way to start the new millennium!

Respectfully submitted,
Francis W. Faulkner, Jr.
Committee Chairperson

**1998 TOWN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF SWANZEY
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Polls opened at 3:00 p.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. The polling area for questions to be decided by official ballot was located in the cafeteria of the Monadnock Regional High School. **The Town Business Meeting was held in the Monadnock High School Gym and began at 7:00 p.m.**

Moderator Gus Lerandeau opened the meeting at 7:00 and delayed the start of business for 5 minutes to allow voters to check in. When he reopened the meeting he called on Shirley Bradley to lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

This year's Town Report was dedicated to Edward V. Dunham for his many years of service to the town. Selectman Charles Beauregard, Jr. read the Dedication page of the report which is as follows:

"Ed "Uncle Josh" Dunham has served, and continues to serve, our town in a variety of capacities. He, for more years than we can recall, played "Uncle Josh" as well as other roles in the Town's annual production of Denman Thompson's "Old Homestead" play which enters its 58th season this coming summer. Ed also served for many years as a part time police officer for the town. He continues to serve town government as a Trustee of the Carpenter Home and Old Home Day Committee member. Ed is also active in other community organizations which contribute to the well being of our town. With this dedication, we recognize his many contributions and extend our best wishes to he and his family."

Selectman Beauregard asked Ed and his wife, Barbara, to come forward. Mrs. Dunham was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Ed came to the microphone to express his thanks for the recognition by the town.

Next Selectman Beauregard honored two town employees who have retired from the Department of Public Works this year. Morgan Wright and Cleon Emerson Jr. were each presented with a plaque of recognition.

Selectman Beauregard then recognized and thanked the members of the Public Works Department for their efforts in the repairing of the Dam structure at Wilson Pond. A plaque of recognition was read and presented to Elton Blood, Sr. the Director of the Public Works department. It was acknowledged that the DPW saved the town a considerable amount of money by doing the job themselves.

Article 1: The following officers were elected by Ballot:

Selectman for Three Years	Charles R. Beauregard, Jr.
Town Treasurer for Three Years	Roger W. Conway
Town Moderator for Two Years	Alfred Lerandean
Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years	Judith Lefebvre
Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years	Charles J. Hanrahan
Trustee of Carpenter Home for Three Years	Edward V. Dunham
Old Home Day Committee for Three Years	Edward V. Dunham
Board of Adjustment Member for Three Years	W. William Hutwelker
Planning Board Members for Three Years	Richard L. Lane Scott Self
Library Trustee for One Year	Robert J. Kenney
Sewer Commissioner for Three Years	Larry Crowder

Article 2: It was voted by ballot in favor of adopting the following question submitted by the Board of Selectmen regarding RSA 72:39:

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Swanzey, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years: \$15,000.

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years: \$20,000.

For a person 80 years of age or older: \$ 25,000?

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such a person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,400 if single or, if married \$22,400, and own assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of a person's residence."

608 - YES

128 - NO

Article 3: It was voted by ballot on the ten proposed amendments to the Swanzey Zoning Ordinance submitted by the Planning Board and one amendment to the Swanzey Zoning Ordinance proposed by petition as follows:

Amendment No. 1. It was voted in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section III, GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS as follows:

Section III.A.4. Change definition of "Lot" to read "Only one residential unit per lot is allowed."

Section III.K. Delete the whole paragraph which specifies requirements for construction of chimneys (This is now covered by the Building Code).

Section III.O.2. Delete "None of these restrictions prohibit the conversion of existing dwellings into apartment units."

Section III.P.2.f. to read: "Each dwelling unit shall have a minimum of one acre if it is to be served by individual onsite water or sewer."

Section III.W.4. to read: "The addition does not result in the building being closer than ten feet from the property line."

AMEND Section XA. INDUSTRIAL PARK as follows:

Section XA.I.6. Delete the existing paragraph and insert the following paragraph in its place: "A minimum of twenty percent (20%) of each lot in the Industrial Park District is to be left vegetated and undeveloped. Setback, buffer zones, wetlands and areas required for storm water detention may be included in the twenty percent (20%)."

499 - YES

226 - NO

Amendment No. 2. It was voted against the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section III, GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS as follows:

Section III.M.1. Delete the sentence and insert the following sentence in its place: "The lot must contain at least ten (10) acres and meet all other requirements of the district in which it is located."

Add the following section: "Section III.M.7. In any subdivision, rear lots shall be limited to a ratio of one rear lot to one front lot. For purposes of this section a 'front lot' means a lot which has frontage which satisfies the requirements of that district and which is situated between the rear lot and the street."

302 - YES

394 - NO

Amendment No. 3. It was voted in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section IV. RESIDENCE DISTRICT USES, RURAL/AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT as follows:

Section IV.A.1.b. by deleting this paragraph and adding its text to Section IV.A.2. as Section j.

Section IV.A.1.d. adding text to read: "Farming as a business will require a Special Exception from the Board of Adjustment and Site Plan review from the Planning Board."

411 - YES

280 - NO

Amendment No.4. It was voted against the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section IV. RESIDENCE DISTRICT USES, RURAL/AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT as follows:

Section IV.A.3. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place: "All lots shall be of at least five (5) acres in size with two hundred twenty-five feet (225') of frontage on a public street. Buildings shall be set back not less than fifty feet from the edge of the right of way on which they front, nor less than twenty feet from the side and rear property lines."

Section IV.A.2.g. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place: "Two family and multifamily dwellings shall require five (5) acres for the first two dwelling units and one-half (1/2) acre for each additional dwelling unit."

314 - YES

391 - NO

Amendment No. 5. It was voted against the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section IV. RESIDENCE DISTRICT USES, RESIDENCE DISTRICT as follows:

Section IV.B.3. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place: "All lots shall be of at least two (2) acres in size with one hundred and fifty feet (150) of frontage on a public street. Buildings shall be set back not less than thirty feet from the edge of the right of way on which they front, nor less than twenty feet from the side and rear property lines. A lot of one-half (1/2) acre per dwelling unit will be permitted if building is serviced by municipal sewer."

Section IV.B.2.b. Delete this paragraph and insert in its place: "Two family and multifamily dwellings not connected to public sewer shall require two acres for the first two dwelling units and one-half (1/2) acre for each additional dwelling unit."

346 - YES

352 - NO

Amendment No.6. It was voted in favor of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND the official Zoning Map to eliminate that part of the Business District in the area known as the "East Swanzey Village", located south of South Road between Webber Hill and South Roads and a portion of Flat Roof Mill Road. This area will revert back to Residence District.

430 - YES

267 - NO

Amendment No. 7. It was voted in favor of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND the Official Zoning Map to extend the Commercial/Industrial District to include area between Forest Avenue and California Street/California Brook Road on west side of West Swanzey Road (NH Route 10) to the east bank of the Bailey Brook, which is now zoned Residence District.

409 - YES

279 - NO

Amendment No.8. It was voted in favor of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section V. BUSINESS DISTRICT as follows:

Section V.B.f. Delete "warehousing".

Section V.B.n. Add new use "warehousing".

464 - YES

202 - NO

Amendment No. 9. It was voted in favor of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

DELETE Section XII.B. and insert in its place the following: "The Board of Adjustment shall have all of the powers and authority granted to Boards of Adjustment by State Laws. In considering applications the Board shall follow procedures set forth in RSA 674."

528 - YES

144 - NO

Amendment No 10. It was voted in favor of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section XIII. DEFINITIONS.

Adding the following definition in appropriate alphabetical location:
"Corporate Offices - building or buildings used primarily for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry or government, or like activity, that may include ancillary services for officer workers such as a restaurant or coffee shop, health care or day care facility."

553 - YES

173 - NO

Amendment No. 11. It was voted in favor of Amendment No. 11 as proposed

by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMEND Section V. BUSINESS DISTRICT as follows:

Section V. adding new paragraph B.4. A non-residential use established after the adoption of this subparagraph on a lot in the Business District shall be set back fifty (50) feet from any abutting residential use and shall be screened from the abutting residential property by a maintained vegetative screen planting to shield the non-residential use from the existing residential use and to prevent the non-residential use from being incompatible with the existing environment and the abutting residential use. Within the fifty (50) foot set back, there shall be no storage areas, parking, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings, or similar accessory areas and structures.

368 - YES 352 - NO

Article 4: The following article was voted on by YES/NO ballot and failed to obtain the necessary 2/3 vote required.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$495,000.00 for the purpose of renovation of Whitcomb Hall into a Police Station/Fire Administration/Emergency Operations facility including the preparation of plans and specifications for the renovation of Whitcomb Hall and implementation of those plans; and authorize the issuance of not more than \$495,000.00 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize Town Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Swanze, and allow the Selectmen to accept and expend such monies as become available from the State of New Hampshire or other source, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen - 2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

162 - YES 133 - NO

Article 5: To hear the reports of agents and committees of the Town.

Francis Faulkner, Jr., Chairman of the Slate Covered Bridge Fund Raising Committee reported on their efforts to-date and their plans for the future.

Article 6: It was voted in favor of authorizing the Selectmen to enter into a boundary line agreement with Mrs. Martha Stowell upon such terms as Selectmen see fit to clarify the location of the common boundary between her

parcel (Tax Map 57 Lot 109) and the former Coleman parcels (Tax Map 57 Lot 107 & 108), acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed, located on Pine Street.

Article 7: It was voted in favor of authorizing Selectmen to transfer or sell tax liens on real estate at public auction or by advertised sealed bids or dispose of such tax liens otherwise as justice may require; pursuant to RSA 80, such authority to continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

Article 8: It was voted in favor of adopting the provisions of RSA Chapter 162-K, Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts, which grants the Town the authority to establish tax increment financing districts.

Article 9: It was voted in favor of authorizing the Town Moderator to appoint a committee of seven to investigate the establishment of development districts, pursuant to RSA 162-K, as well as carrying out necessary planning and hearing procedures to allow for further consideration of the implementation of RSA 162-K, Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts, at a future Town Meeting.

Article 10: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$2,254,502.37, which represents the recommended operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.

Article 11: It was voted in favor of authorizing the Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a 1998 cruiser for the Police Department, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 9,025.52 for the first year's lease payment.

Article 12: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$7,800.00 for the purchase of two new radios for the police cruisers.

Article 13: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of two laptop computers for use by the Police Department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a grant of up to \$2,000.00 from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency to offset the cost of this purchase.

Article 14: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$31,000.00 to be used as the town's share for participation in a UNIFORM POLICE HIRING federal grant application submitted for three additional part time police officers.

Article 15: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of

\$30,000.00 for the purpose of upgrading the Fire Department's self contained breathing apparatus.

Article 16: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$30,000.00 for improvements to the DPW Facility on Pine Street including construction of an addition.

Article 17: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$3,000.00 to make handicapped accessibility improvements to the Stratton Free Library, and authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the capital reserve fund established for the Stratton Free Library.

Article 18: It was voted by a standing vote in favor of amending the purpose of the existing capital reserve fund for Lower Wilson Dam to allow it to be used for the repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of all Town owned dams, raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in this capital reserve fund, and authorize the Selectmen and DPW Director as agents to expend the fund. (2/3 vote required)

191 - YES

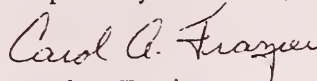
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Article 19: It was voted in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$153,000.00 to be placed in the following capital reserve accounts of the Town:

Highway & Cemetery Equipment	40,000.00
Road Reclamation	15,000.00
Recreation Facility Improvements	10,000.00
Town Bridges (created Town Meeting 1997)	30,000.00
Fire Trucks	25,000.00
Fire Station	5,000.00
Recycling Center	10,000.00
Sewer Line Extensions	6,000.00
Town Hall Expansion	5,000.00
Mt. Caesar Union Library	2,000.00
Stratton Free Library	2,000.00
Conservation Land Acquisition	3,000.00

As there was no other business to come before this meeting, the Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol A. Frazier
Town Clerk

BIRTHS 1998

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CHILD</u>	<u>FATHER</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
01-04-98	Keene, NH	Elisha Kaylee Borden	Blain Tyler Borden	Terry Lynn Williams
01-05-98	Keene, NH	Benjamin Grant Grover	Robert Lewis Grover	Jennifer Lynn Pratt
02-05-98	Peterborough, NH	Morgan Mary Sullivan	Daniel Joseph Sullivan	Cathleen Marie Byard
02-06-98	Keene, NH	Riley Stephen Waal	Robert Waal	Pamela Waal
02-09-98	Keene, NH	Alicia Kate Springer	Kenneth Springer	Tracy Springer
02-19-98	Keene, NH	Erin Marie Castle	Scott Aaron Castle	Nicole Marie Lazzaro
02-28-98	Keene, NH	Daniel Kendrick O'Melia	Daniel Gerard O'Melia	Linda Anne Seymour
03-16-98	Peterborough, NH	Thomas Andrew Disch	Thomas Kurt Disch	Kellye Jeanne Kramer
03-16-98	Keene, NH	Rylee Jeanne Jewett	Larry Paul Jewett	Laurie Jeanne Saunders
03-29-98	Keene, NH	Megan Ashley Waters	Bradley Larry Waters	Lisa Maria Martin
04-01-98	Peterborough, NH	Holly Lorraine Exel	Stephen Richard Exel	Heidi Lynn Bellows
04-07-98	Keene, NH	Michael Scott Peters	Scott Edward Peters	Yvonne Adrian Carrier
04-10-98	Keene, NH	Hannah Rose Filiault	Andrew Michael Filiault	Jacqueline Grady
04-30-98	Keene, NH	Jaclyn Helen Howard	Jeffery Ross Howard II	Traci Nicholson
05-09-98	Keene, NH	Madison Anne Lechluder	Wayne Scott Lechluder	Torie Anne Day
05-22-98	Keene, NH	Colby William Joseph Brosnahan	Not Stated	Hillary L. Brosnahan
05-25-98	Keene, NH	Scott Austin DeBell II	Not Stated	Tracey Sue Crowley
05-26-98	Keene, NH	Pierce Fotios Adams	Ronald Joseph Adams	Angela Marie Dourdounas
05-27-98	Keene, NH	Kirk Austin Holmes	Tommy Edsil Holmes	Aimee Jerilyn Britt
05-29-98	Peterborough, NH	Joshua Fredrick Fleming	William Howard Fleming	Cheryl Ann Bice
06-01-98	Keene, NH	Craig Matthew Warme	Brent Clifford Warme	Robin Lynn Hooper
06-07-98	Keene, NH	Russell Paul Fish, Jr.	Russell Paul Fish	Jennifer Jean Lovely
06-11-98	Peterborough, NH	Keegan Wilbur-Phippard	Rickey Wilbur-Phippard	Joelle Leigh Poirier
06-21-98	Peterborough, NH	Nathaniel Scott Shay	Michael Scott Shay	Jennifer Lynn Korpi
07-08-98	Keene, NH	Aaron Lawrence Jackson	Lawrence E. Jackson, Jr.	Michelle Jean Morris
07-10-98	Keene, NH	John Robert Schnyer	Stephen Schnyer	Kathryn Schnyer

07-15-98	Keene, NH	Arthur Leighton Will	David Will	Angela Will
07-24-98	Keene, NH	Grace Marie Pepin	Victor Pepin	Jennifer Pepin
07-25-98	Keene, NH	Nina Marie Rogers	Todd Rogers	Julie Rogers
07-29-98	Keene, NH	Nicole Dorothy Down	Daniel Down	Cara Calomb
07-29-98	Keene, NH	Alexis Gail Down	Daniel Down	Cara Calomb
08-02-98	Brattleboro, VT	Allison Michael Kittell	Michael Kittell	Carrie Kittell
08-18-98	Keene, NH	Hannah Rose Pickering	Todd Pickering	Lisa Pickering
08-21-98	Keene, NH	Joshua Stephen Boncal	Stephen Boncal	Deborah Boncal
08-26-98	Keene, NH	Jennifer Elizabeth Bagster	Tory Bagster	Cheryl Bagster
09-03-98	Keene, NH	Katherine Leigh Skrocki	David Skrocki	Heather Skrocki
09-05-98	Keene, NH	Selena Marie Clough	Irving Clough	Linda Clough
09-07-98	Keene, NH	Nathan Ronald Wessling	Ronald Wessling	Michelle Wessling
09-11-98	Keene, NH	Chloe Morgan Dennis	Jason Dennis	Amy Dennis
09-12-98	Keene, NH	Madison Hope Marrotte	Robert Marrotte	Giovanna Marrotte
10-14-98	Keene, NH	Zackery Andrew Wells	Toby Wells	Brandi Wells
10-15-98	Peterborough, NH	Jordyn Tayte Pallmerine	Michael Dewey Pallmerine	Melissa Anne Beliveau
10-19-98	Lebanon, NH	Autumrose Germain White	Michael Craig White	Jamie Lee Germain
11-06-98	Keene, NH	Troy Nathaniel Rich	Everett Rich	Terry Rich
11-21-98	Keene, NH	Kayla Janice Roosa	Eric Roosa	Sara Roosa
11-24-98	Keene, NH	Isaiah Ranald Hill	Christopher Hill	Rachelle Hill
12-02-98	Keene, NH	Emma Louise Kelley	Peter Kelley	Cheryl Kelley
12-03-98	Peterborough, NH	Levi Isham Bassingthwaite	Chris I. Bassingthwaite	Rebecca Louise Curry
12-06-98	Peterborough, NH	Zachary William Jackson	William Frank Jackson, Jr.	Lisa Ann Cape
12-09-98	Keene, NH	Jordan Marie Goodenough	Robert Goodenough	Heidi Goodenough
12-17-98	Peterborough, NH	Janelle Marie James	Steven Michael James	Deborah Jean Tommila
12-21-98	Keene, NH	Nicholas Coburn Bates	Brian Bates	Malinda Bates
12-22-98	Peterborough, NH	Caeley Madison Sibley	Glenn David Sibley	Amy Christine Lamonica
12-31-98	Keene, NH	Ashlyn Ann Tomer	Anthony Tomer	Jennifer Tomer

MARRIAGES 1998

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
01-10-98	Keene, NH	Jason T. Whittemore Karen A. Bardwell	Swanzey, NH Gilsum, NH
01-17-98	Marlboro, NH	Jeffrey R. Ball Kelly-Jo Drown	Swanzey, NH Marlboro, NH
02-14-98	Hinsdale, NH	Patrick W. Ryan Lisa J. Kenney	Hinsdale, NH Swanzey, NH
04-04-98	Hanover, NH	Freeman R. Durant Wendy L. Elliott	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
04-11-98	Keene, NH	Donald Clayton Whitten Cynthia Sue Tedford	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
04-11-98	Swanzey, NH	Arnold Paul Fish, Jr. Heather Renee Matson	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
04-25-98	Keene, NH	Matthew Evans Goodell Julie Helene Cutter	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
04-25-98	Keene, NH	Craig C. Cashman Melissa Lynn Willette	Swanzey, NH Sullivan, NH
05-09-98	Swanzey, NH	Ronald B. Nason, Jr. Bryna M. Hanninen	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-09-98	Keene, NH	Robert F. Ress Margaret A. Sykes	Swanzey, NH Heath, MA
05-15-98	Keene, NH	Jeremy C. McCauley Stephanie K. Merchant	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-16-98	Marlborough, NH	Donald H. Allen Heidi J. Duquette	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-16-98	Walpole, NH	Geffory Wayne Blake Kelly Lee Yeatman	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-16-98	Swanzey, NH	Michael Craig White Jaime Lee Germain	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-16-98	Swanzey, NH	Benjamin Needham Harper Sharon Marie Melendy	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-16-98	Keene, NH	Mark R. Boynton Cynthia L. Messer	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-16-98	Swanzey, NH	Timothy Michael Carrier Kim Marie White	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-22-98	Ashuelot, NH	Leo A. Short, Jr. Dona S. Johnson	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-23-98	Keene, NH	Forest R. Cameron Jennifer L. Keating	Santa Rosa, CA Swanzey, NH
05-30-98	Swanzey, NH	Philip Arthur Topa Nancy Cordelia Zumhagen	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH

05-30-98	Troy, NH	Kenneth Dana Wilson Carrie Ann Bundy	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
05-30-98	Keene, NH	Michael S. Pappas Eunice J. Jalava	Swanzey, NH Troy, NH
06-07-98	Thornton, NH	Glenn D. Sibley Amy C. Lamonica	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
06-13-98	Swanzey, NH	Robert Louis DeRocher Carol A. Frazier	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
06-13-98	Keene, NH	James R. Newell Kristin M. Kowaliw	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
06-20-98	Swanzey, NH	Jason R. Corfield Roseanne M. Menter	Hudson, NH Swanzey, NH
06-20-98	Keene, NH	Adam M. Devoid Aleisa C. Poisson	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
06-27-98	Hinsdale, NH	Barry T. Grinnell Barbara Ann F. Palmer	Swanzey, NH West Haven, CT
07-04-98	Keene, NH	Scott R. Minickiello Linda A. Wydo	Keene, NH Swanzey, NH
07-18-98	Swanzey, NH	Christopher John Mack, Jr. Kristen Sharmon Starkey	Bellows Falls, VT Bellows Falls, VT
08-01-98	Keene, NH	George R. Phillips Cheryl A. Herrick	Swanzey, NH Keene, NH
08-08-98	Swanzey, NH	Peter A. Racano Wendy A. Davis	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
08-15-98	Troy, NH	Randy Allen Hastings Amy Marie Kent	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
08-15-98	Spofford, NH	Arthur Mason Knowles Crystal Folsom Lewis	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
08-15-98	Keene, NH	Jared Mark Lester Jaime Lynn Jordan	Winchester, NH Swanzey, NH
08-16-98	Keene, NH	Tom K. Fitzgerald Rebecca Marie Giguere	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
08-22-98	Swanzey, NH	Thomas Sherman Woodbury Debra Jean Trombley	Peterborough, NH Swanzey, NH
08-22-98	Swanzey, NH	Mark Linwood McKeen Denise Marie Whipple	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
08-26-98	Keene, NH	Sokha Ou Jamie Lynn Baldwin	Keene, NH Swanzey, NH
08-29-98	Swanzey, NH	Christopher Robert Lucas Michelle Denise Patnaude	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
08-29-98	Peterborough, NH	Andrew M. Palhof Chandrika M. Spaulding	Swanzey, NH Swanzey, NH
09-11-98	Concord, NH	Matthew John Morris Nancy Ann Evans	Concord, NH Swanzey, NH

09-12-98	Swanzy, NH	Vincent Patrick Hanscom Donna Lee Trask	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
09-12-98	Keene, NH	Donald Earl Holbrook Yvonne Mary Allen	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
09-12-98	Jaffrey, NH	Eric C. Schlim Monika J. Diab	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
09-12-98	Keene, NH	Richard Lee LaBrecque, Jr. Jenifer Marie Emerson	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
09-26-98	Swanzy, NH	Michael James Conboy Maureen Lyn Smith	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
09-26-98	Keene, NH	Joseph Gerard Drew Michelle Dawn Esancy	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
10-10-98	Walpole, NH	Mark W. Fish Sandra A. Caspersen	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
10-24-98	Swanzy, NH	Gary L. Skillings Darci A. Dashney	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
10-31-98	Keene, NH	Erik J. Burger Angela P. Russell	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
11-14-98	Swanzy, NH	Jean-Paul M. Huot Brandie L. Porter	Tuftonboro, NH Swanzy, NH
12-04-98	Swanzy, NH	Mark Charles Best Linda Mae Miller	Swanzy, NH Swanzy, NH
12-10-98	Swanzy, NH	Lee J. Guyette Roberta M. Rondeau	Swanzy, NH Troy, NH

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01-01-98	Keene, NH	Irene Elizabeth Gebo	86
01-05-98	Keene, NH	Rita Winifred Mack	67
01-06-98	Keene, NH	Chrystabell Cora Eno	79
01-09-98	Keene, NH	Elizabeth LeBrun	49
01-12-98	Keene, NH	Malcolm M. Peterson	75
01-13-98	Keene, NH	Ernest Levin	79
01-18-98	W. Swanzey, NH	Francis L. Lambert	67
01-26-98	Westmoreland, NH	Ruth H. Exel	
02-08-98	Keene, NH	Mary A. Carosella	76
02-12-98	Florida	Catherine T. Thomas	
02-12-98	W. Swanzey, NH	Jody Munroe Bryant	49
02-14-98	Keene, NH	Mabel A. Gray	95
02-18-98	Keene, NH	Jean Stewart	91
02-19-98	Keene, NH	Gretchen D. Phillips	97
03-02-98	Keene, NH	Annie E. Miller	83
03-15-98	Winchester, NH	Mary R. McKee	
03-15-98	Keene, NH	Edward S. Jenks, Sr.	73
03-27-98	Swanzey, NH	Theodore A. Davidson	77
03-28-98	Keene, NH	John Mark Patnode	72
04-05-98	Keene, NH	Arthur L. Johnson, Jr.	55
04-08-98	Swanzey, NH	Wilfred William Chabot	83
04-14-98	W. Swanzey, NH	Margaret T. Nikiforakis	77
04-22-98	Lebanon, NH	Ruth J. Smith	58
04-24-98	W. Swanzey, NH	Clarence Elliott Strong, Jr.	58
04-30-98	Keene, NH	Adrien Gilbert Carignan	79
05-06-98	Hartford, VT	Bernard C. Whiting	
05-14-98	Keene, NH	Karl P. Brown	75
06-20-98	W. Swanzey, NH	George F. Kovacs	65
07-10-98	Keene, NH	T. William Syrjamaki	82
07-18-98	Winchester, NH	Daisy F. Banks	
07-22-98	W. Swanzey, NH	Amos Toivo Lammela	82
07-29-98	Keene, NH	Judson O. Thomas	
08-13-98	Lebanon, NH	Bernard E.L. Guyette	72
08-20-98	Westmoreland, NH	Lawrence E. Boyle	
08-22-98	Keene, NH	Orville R. Miller	
08-22-98	Keene, NH	George E. Rhodes	
08-25-98	Keene, NH	Claudia A. Parker	
08-30-98	W. Swanzey, NH	Wendell G. Hart	66
09-09-98	N. Swanzey, NH	George Preston Sirois	74

09-12-98	Spofford, NH	Jason R. Bonenfant	
09-15-98	Hartford, VT	Thomas K. Dee	
09-17-98	Keene, NH	Thomas O. Drummond	
09-27-98	Keene, NH	Priscilla Bridge	
10-04-98	Keene, NH	Kathleen A. Saks	
10-08-98	Hartford, VT	Frank Collins	
10-12-98	Lebanon, NH	Russell L. Robinson	31
10-19-98	Swanzey, NH	Roger C. Clark	73
10-25-98	Keene, NH	Lee J. Wheeler	
10-31-98	Keene, NH	Francis L. Mullett	
11-01-98	Keene, NH	Jackson G. Gemmill	
11-09-98	Westmoreland, NH	Emma C. Gendron	
11-19-98	Westmoreland, NH	Leon A. Woodward	
12-06-98	Lebanon, NH	Morris Ferrari	75
12-17-98	Keene, NH	Michael L. Beecher	

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08-12-96	Keene, NH	Ella Fox Kittredge	89
11-02-97	Keene, NH	Earl St. John	
11-16-97	Venice, FL	June A. Witzel	
11-24-97	Colorado	Margaret Nash Boyer	
11-29-97	Westmoreland, NH	Mary E. McCullough	
12-09-97	Winchester, NH	Gladys A. Bussiere	90
12-12-97	Mountain View, CA	Jane Louise Maslen	87
12-19-97	Nashville, TN	Peter Lewis	48
12-30-97	Tempe, AZ	Gladys Irene Houghton	84
01-17-98	Keene, NH	Lena E. Lemieux	71
01-21-98	Ocala, FL	Beverly Diantha Morgan	
02-16-98	Lebanon, NH	Frederick O. Buffum	68
02-20-98	Charlottesville, VA	Dale James Hart	39
02-25-98	Manchester, NH	Ellsworth Franklin Bent, Jr.	53
02-25-98	Winchester, NH	Mary J. Purrington	79
04-20-98	Keene, NH	Evelyn M. Thrasher	
04-25-98	Westmoreland, NH	Alta I. Scribner	
04-28-98	Winchester, NH	Roger A. Webber, Sr.	54
05-02-98	Keene, NH	Eva M. Vallier	
05-07-98	Archer, FL	Louise C. Forsyth	
05-11-98	Daytona Beach, FL	Arthur T. Duchesneau	
06-04-98	Keene, NH	June Ann Goulding	55
06-11-98	Keene, NH	Louise Nola Feather	81
06-12-98	Keene, NH	Mary R. Cooper	81
06-18-98	Keene, NH	Helen R. Charland	75
06-28-98	San Antonio, TX	Janet R. Jefts	68
07-06-98	Keene, NH	Raymond P. Huckins	60
08-06-98	Westmoreland, NH	Beatrice V. Lockling	91
08-27-98	Brentwood, NH	Martha J. Travis	66
08-29-98	Athol, MA	Frank C. Houghton	57
10-12-98	Ashby, MA	Avalon Class	
11-15-98	Westmoreland, NH	Alice Mabel Small	92

