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# Annual Report

Town Of  
Ellsworth  
New Hampshire



December 31, 1988



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OF  
ELLSWORTH  
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TOWN OFFICERS

1988

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MODERATOR

William Clark 1989

TOWN CLERK

Brenda Minicucci

SELECTMEN

Leonard P. Clayton	1990
Paul M. Norris	1991
William L. Johnstone	Resigned June 1988

TAX COLLECTOR

Anne T. Packard

TREASURER

Richard G. Holt

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Sherwood Sexton	1990
Sandra Sexton	1992
Jeanne Wernig	1994

AUDITORS

William Clark	1989
Janet N. Hughes	1990





THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ellsworth, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

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

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year: TOWN CLERK for 1 year; SELECTMAN for 3 years; TAX COLLECTOR for 1 year; TREASURER for 1 year; SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for 5 years; AUDITOR for 2 years.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same (Salaries - \$3330.00; Town Officers expenses - \$1400.00; Election and Registration - \$100.00; Town House Expenses - \$100.00; Planning Board - \$200.00) \$5130.00.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the care of Cemeteries.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 to cover the cost of legal expenses.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89.10 as the Town's share for the operation of the North Country Council for one year, beginning July 1, 1988. These funds will be used for financing staff, office and general operating expenses, regional planning studies, technical assistance and other programs of the Council. These funds may be used with State and Federal funds available for planning purposes.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1550.00; \$500.00 for the Campton Fire Department, \$500.00 for the Rumney Fire Department, \$50.00 for Forest Fire Training and \$500.00 for membership in the Lakes Region Dispatch system.

In the town of Ellsworth, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Ellsworth on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of March next, at 8:30 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; town clerk for 1 year beginning on 1st of March next; TAX COLLECTOR for 1 year; TREASURER for 1 year; SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for 2 years; AUDITOR for 2 years.

Article 2. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to pay the town charges for the ensuing year and any other obligations of the same (estimated - \$3333.00) town officers expenses - \$400.00; Election and Registration - \$100.00; Town House Expenses - \$100.00; Printing Post - \$500.00.

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Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to cover the cost of legal expenses.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 as the town's share for the creation of the North County Council for one year, beginning July 1, 1988. These funds will be used for financial staff, office and general operating expenses, regional planning studies, technical assistance and other purposes of the Council. These funds may be used with other Federal funds available for planning purposes.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the Grafton Fire Department, \$50,00 for the Rural Fire Department, \$50,00 for Forest Fire Training and \$50,00 for membership in the Lakes Region Dispatch system.

Article 7: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, formally accept and expend any grants or available funds that may be awarded or available to the Town by the State of New Hampshire or Federal Funds.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the maintenance and repair of Highways and Bridges. (Summer - \$5000.00; Winter - 5000.00; Highway Block Grant Aid from the State will be \$2679.00).

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for general expenses of the Highway Department.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the use of dumps (\$200.00 for the use of the Thornton Dump and \$400.00 for the use of the Rumney Dump).

Article 11: To see if the Town will accept the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 53-B:1 to 11 inclusive providing for the establishment of a regional refuse disposal district, together with the towns of Ashland, Campton, Danbury, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, New Hampton, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley and Wentworth, and the construction, maintenance, and operation of a regional refuse disposal facility by said district in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$180.00 for final design and permits for the upgrade of the Plymouth Incinerator/Recycling Facility and the Rumney Ash Landfill Site to be used by the thirteen town solid waste district. The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District strongly recommends this appropriation.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$146.30 to be used by the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency as Ellsworth's share in helping to defray the expenses of operating a Visiting Nurses and Therapeutics Service in the area.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60.00 for F.A.S.T. Squad service.



Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Welfare General Assistance.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 to cover the cost of insurance.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes, and to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for interest payments.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for, and to support, the Plymouth Area Task Force Against Domestic Violence, a non-profit organization created pursuant to New Hampshire Legislation, and partially funded by marriage license fees from the State of New Hampshire.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the town's representatives to the General Court to respond to our solid waste crisis by taking all necessary measures to insure that New Hampshire adopt legislation that will permit consumers to return for refund of deposit within New Hampshire all soda, beer, wine cooler and liquor containers and that all unclaimed deposit monies shall be collected by the state and no less than 80% shall be returned annually to local municipalities for the sole purpose of implementing, expanding and reimbursing community recycling projects.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 as the Town's membership dues for the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000.00 to pay for the expense of perambulation of the town lines as required every seven years per RSA 51:2 and 51:4.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents and Officers.



Article 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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Given under our hand and seal, this 28 day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-nine.

Paul M. Norris                      Leonard P. Clayton

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A true copy of Warrant - Attest

Paul M. Norris                      Leonard P. Clayton

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March 14, 1989

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named Town, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the residence of each the Town Clerk and Tax Collector, being public places in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 1989.

Paul M. Norris                      Leonard P. Clayton





BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH, N.H.  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Appropriations 1988	Actual Expenditures 1988	Appropriation Ensuing Fiscal Year 1989
<u>General Government</u>			
Town Officers Salary	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 3,330.00
Town Officers Expenses	1,500.00	1,323.00	1,400.00
Election & Registration	100.00	63.00	100.00
Cemetaries	100.00	437.00	100.00
Town House Expenses	100.00	66.00	100.00
Planning	400.00	97.00	200.00
Legal Expenses	1,500.00	1,182.00	1,200.00
Regional Associations	481.00	481.00	400.00
Perambulation of Town Lines	-	-	4,000.00
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Fire Department	1,550.00	1,500.00	1,550.00
<u>Highways, Streets &amp; Bridges</u>			
Town Maintenance	12,500.00	7,663.00	10,000.00
General Highway Dept. Exp.	100.00	-	100.00
Bridge Plaque-Pond Bridge	750.00	-	-
<u>Sanitation</u>			
Solid Waste Disposal	550.00	425.00	600.00
P.B.R.R.D.P.C.	95.00	95.00	180.00
<u>Health</u>			
Pemi-Baker Home Health	171.50	171.50	146.30
Taskforce / Domestic Violence	200.00	200.00	200.00
F.A.S.T. Squad	60.00	60.00	60.00
<u>Welfare</u>			
General Assistance	500.00	-	500.00
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Pemi Baker Bicentennial Comm.	100.00	100.00	-
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Interest Exp.			
Tax Anticipation Note	300.00	325.00	300.00



Capital Outlay

Pond Bridge Project-Final Payment (1983 approp)

- 2,911.00 -

Miscellaneous

Insurance 5,000.00 5,183.00 5,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$30,095.50 \$25,242.50 \$25,616.30

Less Amount of Estimated Revenues,  
Exclusive of Taxes \$15,576.00

AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED  
(Exclusive of School and County Taxes) \$10,040.30



BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH, N.H.  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

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	Estimated Revenue 1988	Actual Revenue 1988	Estimated Revenue 1989
<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>			
<u>Taxes</u>			
Resident Taxes	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
Yield Taxes	500.00	1,131.00	1,000.00
Interest and Penalties	-	144.00	-
Inventory Penalties	25.00	20.00	-
Land Use Change Tax	-	775.00	
-			
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues - State</u>			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	400.00	645.00	400.00
Highway Block Grant	2,594.00	3,106.00	2,679.00
National Forest Reserve	3,000.00	3,969.00	3,000.00
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues-Federal</u>			
U.S.F.S. Share - Pond Bridge	-	-	2,743.00
Department of Interior	1,000.00	1,151.00	1,000.00
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fee	3,500.00	4,215.00	4,000.00
Dog Licenses	60.00	64.00	60.00
Bus. Lic., Permits & Fees	50.00	74.00	50.00
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Interest on Deposits	100.00	136.00	100.00
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Revenue Sharing Funds	34.00	35.00	-
Fund Balance	4,000.00	3,580.00	194.00
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>\$15,613.00</b>	<b>\$18,569.00</b>	<b>\$15,576.00</b>



1988 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

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Land		
A. Current Use	\$	10,000.00
B. Residential		1,285,000.00
C. Total of Taxable Land (A plus B)		1,295,000.00
Residential Building		1,310,500.00
Manufactured Housing		22,400.00
Public Utilities		78,100.00
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TOTAL VALUATION	\$	2,706,000.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

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Total Town Appropriations	\$	29,696.00
Total Revenues and Credit		16,638.00
Net Town Appropriations		13,058.00
County Assessment		5,868.00
Total of Town and County		18,926.00
DEDUCT Total Business Profits		
Tax Reimbursement		421.00
ADD War Service Credit Claimed		100.00
ADD Overlay		112.00
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TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$	18,617.00

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

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TAX RATE	Prior Year Tax Rate 1987	1988 Approved Tax Rate
Town	4.88	4.71
County	2.25	2.17
Municipal Tax Rate	7.13	6.88





COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
AND EXPENDITURES OF 1988

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	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Actual Expended</u>	<u>Over-Expended</u>	<u>Under-Expended</u>
<b>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION</b>				
<u>General Government:</u>				
Town Officers Salary	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 2,865.00	\$ -	\$ 665.00
Town Officers Exps.	1,500.00	1,323.00	-	177.00
Elect. & Reg. Exps.	100.00	63.00	-	37.00
Cemeteries	100.00	467.00	367.00	-
Town House Exps.	600.00	66.00	-	534.00
Legal Expenses	1,500.00	915.00	-	585.00
Regional Assoc.	489.00	546.00	57.00	-
Planning Board	400.00	97.00	-	303.00
<u>Public Safety:</u>				
Fire Dept.	1,550.00	1,500.00	-	50.00
<u>Highways, Street &amp; Bridges:</u>				
Town Maintenance	12,500.00	7,663.00	-	4,837.00
General Exps.	100.00	-0-	-	100.00
<u>Sanitation:</u>				
Solid Waste Disposal	550.00	425.00	-	125.00
P.B.R.R.D.P.C.	95.00	95.00	-	-
<u>Health:</u>				
Pemi-Baker Home Health	171.50	171.50	-	-
Plym. Area Task Force	200.00	200.00	-	-
<u>Welfare:</u>				
General	500.00	-0-	-	500.00
<u>Cultural and Recreation</u>				
Pemi Baker Bicentenn. Comm.	100.00	100.00	-	-
<u>Debt Service:</u>				
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Note	300.00	325.00	25.00	-
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>				
Insurance	5,000.00	5,183.00	183.00	-
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$30,095.50</b>	<b>\$22,064.50</b>	<b>\$ 632.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,663.00</b>



FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

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ASSETS

<u>Cash:</u>		
All funds in custody of Treasurer	\$ 193.99	
Yield Tax Escrow Account	1,048.88	
TOTAL CASH		\$1,242.87
<u>Amounts Due Town</u>		
U.S.F.S. Pond Bridge	2,743.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TOWN		2,743.00
<u>Uncollected Taxes:</u>		
Levy of 1988	10,135.42	
Levy of 1986	1,196.15	
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES		11,331.57
TOTAL ASSETS		\$15,317.44
CURRENT DEFICIT (Excess of liabilities over assets)		0.00
		=====
GRAND TOTAL		\$15,317.44

LIABILITIES

<u>Accounts Owed by the Town:</u>		
Unexpended Balances of Special Approp.	\$ 750.00	
Yield Tax Deposits	1048.88	
TOTAL AMOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN		\$1,798.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,798.88
FUND BALANCE - CURRENT SURPLUS (Excess of assets over liabilities)		\$13,518.56
GRAND TOTAL		=====
		\$15,317.44

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Fund Balance - December 31, 1987	\$ 7,488.02
Fund Balance - December 31, 1988	13,518.56
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Change in Financial Condition	6,030.54



SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town House, Land and Building	\$7,500.00
Furniture, and Equipment	818.33
Highway Department Equipment	48.49
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Total	\$8,366.82

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK  
1988

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Automobile Registrations (75 Issued)	\$4,214.00
Titles (10 Issued)	10.00
Dog Licenses 1986 (15 Issued)	63.50
Marriage Licenses (1 Issued)	20.00
Birth Certificates 1 Issued	3.00
Misc. Fees: 1 Dog Nuisance Fine	25.00
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TOTAL	\$4,335.50



REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT, YIELD AND LAND USE CHANGE TAXES

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	----- Levies Of: -----	
	1988	Prior
<u>Uncollected Taxes-Beginning of Year:</u>		
Property Taxes.....		\$ 3166.01
Resident Taxes.....		80.00
Yield Taxes.....		1240.31
 <u>Taxes Committed to Collector:</u>		
Property Taxes.....	\$18596.73	
Resident Taxes.....	340.00	
Yield Taxes.....	1088.95	
Land Use Change Tax.....	775.00	
 <u>Added Taxes:</u>		
Inventory Fines.....	20.00	
Collection Costs.....		89.70
 <u>Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes:</u>	4.19	131.93
 <u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:</u>		8.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$20824.87	\$ 4715.95

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	----- Levies Of: -----	
	1988	Prior
<u>Remittance to Treasurer During Year:</u>		
Property Taxes.....	\$ 8583.91	\$ 3166.01
Resident Taxes.....	220.00	80.00
Yield Taxes.....	1086.35	44.16
Land Use Change Tax.....	775.00	
Interest Collected During Year...	4.19	131.93
Penalties on Resident Taxes.....		8.00
Inventory Fines.....	20.00	
Collection Costs.....		89.70
 <u>Uncollected Taxes - End of Year:</u>		
Property Taxes.....	10012.82	
Resident Taxes.....	120.00	
Yield Taxes.....	2.60	1196.15
TOTAL CREDITS	\$20824.87	\$ 4715.95





REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1988

GENERAL FUND

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CHECKING ACCOUNT

January 1, 1988 Balance	\$ 3,580.25	
Total Receipts	\$ 34,531.51	
Transfers from Yield Tax and Revenue Sharing Accts.	\$ 700.20	
Total Payments		(\$ 38,617.97)
December 31, 1988 Balance		\$ <u>193.99</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank  
First N.H. Bank

Account #63608 - Yield Tax Escrow Account		
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,860.95	
Coursey	330.00	
Jackson	508.75	
1988 Interest	135.93	
Authorized Withdrawals		(1,786.55)
December 31, 1988 Balance		\$ <u>1,048.88</u>

Account #63625 - Federal Revenue Sharing Fund		
Beginning Balance	\$ 34.58	
1988 Interest	2.50	
Bank Charge	2.00	
1988 Authorized Withdrawal		(\$ 35.08)

DECEMBER 31, 1988 \$ -00-

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1988 \$ 1,242.87



RECEIPTS

TAXES -ALL TOWN FUNDS

A. TAXES

Property Taxes-Current Year-1988	\$8,584.00
Resident Taxes-Current Year-1988	220.00
Yield Taxes-Current Year-1988	1,087.00
Land Use Change Tax	775.00
Property and Yield Taxes-Previous Years	3,210.00
Resident Taxes-Previous Years	80.00
Interest and Penalties received on Taxes	254.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,214.00

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED \$18,424.00

B. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Dog Licenses	64.00
All Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	94.00

TOTAL LICENSES AND PERMITS \$ 158.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS

A. FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenue Sharing Grants	\$ 35.00
Department of Interior	1,151.00

TOTAL FROM FED. GOVT. \$ 1,186.00

B. FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shared Revenues	\$ 645.00
Highway Block Grant	3,106.00
National Forest Reserve	3,969.00

TOTAL FROM STATE \$ 7,720.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES-ALL FUNDS

Transfer from Yield Tax Account	700.00
Dog Nuisance Fine	25.00
Sale of Subdivision Regulations	20.00

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES \$ 745.00

NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 7,000.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,049.00

TOTAL NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS \$ 8,049.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	\$36,282.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1988	3,580.00

GRAND TOTAL \$39,862.00



PAYMENTS

EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS

A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Financial Administration	\$ 4,189.00
Judicial and Legal	915.00
General Town Buildings	66.00
Cemeteries	467.00
Election and Registration Expenses	63.00
Regional Associations	546.00
B. PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire Department	\$ 1,500.00
C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES	
Highway Department Expenses	\$ 7,663.00
Pond Bridge - Final Payment	2,911.00
D. SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 425.00
P.B.R.R.D.P.C.	95.00
E. CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Pemi-Baker Bicentenn. Comm.	\$ 100.00
F. HEALTH	
Health Department	\$ 432.00
G. DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 320.00
Interest Other Temporary Loans	5.00
H. MISCELLANEOUS	
Insurance	\$ 5,183.00
I. UNCLASSIFIED	
Payment on Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 7,000.00
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	50.00
Refund and Payment-Yield Tax Escrow	700.00
J. PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS	
Payment to State - Dog Licenses and Marriage Licenses	\$ 24.00
Taxes Paid to County	5,868.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$38,619.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$38,619.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1988	194.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$38,813.00



AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the accounts of all Town departments of Ellsworth, New Hampshire. Our examination included various checks of accounting required under the New Hampshire Code of Administration Rules.

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

Janet Hughes

Joyce Prescott (Appointed March 1988)





GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT  
February 2, 1989

Unlike town and school budgets which are passed by local voters each March, Grafton County budgets are passed by the 28 member Legislative Delegation in late June. The state Dept. of Revenue Administration determines each town's share of county taxes based on the town's proportion of total assessed valuation in the county. Each town's property tax rate reflects its share of county tax as well as town and school taxes.

In 1988 Grafton County's budget increased from \$8.9 million to \$10.1 million. The amount of the county budget to be raised by property taxes increased by 12.85%, from \$4.5 million to \$5.0 million. (Just under half of the county budget is funded by property taxes. The rest is funded by a combination of state and federal monies and various user fees.)

The 1988 county tax increase resulted from a number of factors. A 5% wage/salary raise for the county's 250 employees increased the budget by \$96,000. Operating expenses for a new 34-bed jail wing added \$114,000; capital expenditures added another \$223,000. The county share of court-ordered placement costs for juveniles increased \$150,000, while the county share of nursing home payments for indigents in county and private homes was up \$338,000. (These two programs, representing almost a quarter of the county budget, are determined by state and/or federal legislation, and are therefore beyond the county's control.) Finally, the county lost \$42,000 in revenue with the elimination of federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

Since 1986 the county has been responsible for several programs formerly paid by the towns. These include paying 25% of court-ordered placement costs for juveniles and 50% of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Permanently Disabled.

Furthermore, during the state financial crisis of the early 1980's, the state reduced its share of Medicaid for county nursing home patients from 50% to 38.5% of the non-federal contribution. Legislation to restore the state's 50% share passed the New Hampshire House in 1986 and 1987 but was killed in the Senate. Until such legislation passes, counties are forced to make up the difference.

Grafton County operates a 134-bed nursing home, primarily for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. With the opening of a new wing (expected around April 1, 1989), the county's correctional facility will expand from 64 to 98 beds, housing both men and women awaiting trial or sentenced to a year or less of incarceration. The county farm, which is one of three in the state and continues to be self-supporting, offers work programs for inmates. It also provides fresh meat and vegetables for the nursing home and cooperates with the Extension Service in experimental agricultural programs.



The county also maintains the Grafton County Courthouse, renting courtrooms and offices to the state-run superior and probate courts, the state probation and parole agency and the state division of human services. The courthouse also houses an efficient Register of Deeds office, the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, the County Attorney's office, Cooperative Extension Service, and the Commissioners' Office, which serves as the business office for the entire complex.

The Grafton County Commissioners meet weekly on Wednesdays at the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. We encourage public attendance and welcome tours of our facilities. For further information, please call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 or contact Commissioner Betty Jo Taffe (Rumney), Everett Grass (Sugar Hill), or Gerard Zeiller (Lebanon).



**NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL, INC.**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

North Country Council observed its sixteenth year of successful operation in 1988. The Council, chartered under NH RSA 36:45, provides non-profit local and regional planning assistance to member municipalities. The Board of Directors determined that last year's work program would focus on community planning, economic development, solid waste, transportation and housing. The Council maintains four standing committees which monitor local issues and determine Council policy. Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems.

In **ELLSWORTH**, the Council assisted the Planning Board with Master Plan development. In addition, the Council coordinated the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District and provided technical assistance concerning scrap metal recycling.

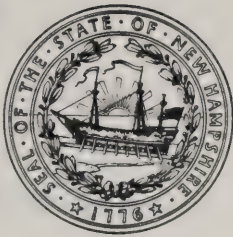
Community planning assistance continues to dominate our staff resources. New state mandates and rapid residential and commercial growth throughout the region placed an increasing burden on local planning and zoning boards in 1988. Regional workshops, technical bulletins and newsletters, ordinance review and update, as well as review of specific subdivision and site plan applications are a sampling of the myriad services performed this year for our membership. The Council also co-sponsored the popular Municipal Law Lecture Series which reviewed new case law and other specific areas of legal interest to local officials.

In addition, grant writing and grant administration continues as important components of the Council's work program. Currently, NCC staff are working in twelve towns administering fifteen Community Development Block Grant programs. These projects include feasibility studies for local infrastructure needs, water and sewer construction projects and targeted housing rehabilitation programs for income eligible residents.

In summary, it is important to understand that the North Country Council is organized and administered for the benefit of its constituents, local town governments. Our future success is, in large part, contingent upon your participation in Council activities. We rely on and appreciate involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.



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State of New Hampshire
Department of Resources and Economic Development
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS

105 Loudon Road, Prescott Park, P.O. Box 856, Concord, N.H. 03301

John E. Sargent, Director December 1988 Tel. (603) 271-2214

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1987 and June 1988, we experienced more fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with your help.

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

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

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

On January 1, 1989, the Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law (RSA 224:54) goes into effect. This law, in summary, states that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, in the course of buying or selling a forest product, uses a false weight or measure for falsely determining any quality or quantity of a forest product. For more information, contact one of the persons mentioned above.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1988

Table with 3 columns: Number Fires, Acres Burned, Cost of Suppression. Rows for Statewide, District, and Town.

John E. Sargent
Forest Ranger

Robert McInerney
Forest Fire Warden









# Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency

94 Highland Street  
Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264  
Tel. 603/536-2232

Health Begins at Home

## 1988 - Agency in Review

As a non-profit agency, the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency has been serving its member towns since 1967. Staffed with Nurses, Therapists, Aides and Homemakers, we bring care to those who are essentially homebound.

Our current staff includes: Nurses- Paula Baker Mary Bellgowan, Dot Curran, Jeanne Erickson, Sally Shevenell and Sharon Smith. Aides- Carole Cosine, Nancy Morin, Darlene Pierce and Susan Reese. Homemakers- Jo Elliott and Eva Wakefield. Physical Therapist- Meinsje DeNoble. Speech Therapist- Paul Lister. Occupational Therapist- Kathryn Smith. Our office staff consists of Kathryn Dauphine and Mary Moulton. Margaret Crowell is the Executive Director and Elaine Vieira is the Director of CLinical Services. Janice Gallinger is Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency holds free blood pressure and diabetic screening clinics in Ashland, Hebron, Plymouth and Rumney. Free Immunization clinics are now held at our office six times a year.

Our annual flu clinic was held in November. We offer this clinic for two days in order to accommodate everyone in the area that wants a flu shot.

The "Helping Hands" program is doing well and Betty Robson of Thornton is the new coordinator. This program provides, at no cost, volunteer time on a regular basis to individuals who have full charge and care of a homebound person who cannot be left unattended.

A Long Range Planning Committee has been formed to set goals for the Agency so that it may better meet the future needs of the community. Committee members include June Winsor, Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency Board of Directors, Chairman; Carol Dustin, Upper Valley Senior Citizen Council; Shirley Bennett, District 8 Representative, N.H. House of Representatives; Barbara Newsom, Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency Board of Directors, Betty Jo Taffe, Grafton County Commissioner, Janice Gallinger and Margaret Crowell.

The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency was chosen to participate in a survey conducted by the Georgetown University School of Nursing and sponsored by the Health Care Financing Administration. This survey will help identify which characteristics are important in predicting patient resource use and costs. The findings of this survey will contribute to the information base needed for future Medicare policy decisions concerning reimbursement for Home Health services. There are approximately 400 Medicare Certified Home Health Agencies participating. The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency was the only New Hampshire Agency chosen.

Our 1988 visit statistics show a 20% increase from last year.

Skilled Nursing: 2756 visits Home Health Aide: 2105 visits Homemaker: 2733 visits Physical Therapy: 259 visits Speech Therapy: 42 visits and Occupational Therapy: 49 visits. Our total 1988 visits were 7944.

Again we look forward to another productive year by providing home services to those in need. We continue to strive to improve the quality of the services we deliver to our ten member towns. We thank you for your interest and support.

Margaret Crowell  
Margaret Crowell, Executive Director





# Plymouth Area Crisis Services

*Task Force Against Domestic and Sexual Violence*

P.O. Box 53  
Plymouth, NH 03264  
Crisis Line: (603)536-1659  
Office: (603)536-3423

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Plymouth Area Crisis Services (PACS), formerly the Plymouth Area Task Force Against Domestic Violence, is a non-profit volunteer organization, which provides assistance to adult victims of domestic and sexual violence. PACS, a member group of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, serves 17 towns: Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Waterville Valley, Warren, Westworth, and North Woodstock. PACS is the only organization of its kind in southeastern Grafton County.

Since its inception in 1981, the organization has maintained a 24-hour crisis line, staffed by 25 volunteers who provide legal advocacy, temporary emergency shelter, transportation, food, emotional support services and referrals to its clients. Organization members also coordinate and conduct community outreach programs.

Providing support services to the volunteers are the three staff members: Program Director (full-time position), Director of Legal Advocacy (part-time) and Administrative Director (part-time). All three are supervised by the seven-member Board of Directors.

In the past seven years, PACS' members have answered over 1,000 calls from all the towns it services. Many of these calls have been referred to us by the local police departments, the court, physicians, counselors and therapists. District Court Judge Edwin Kelly is also a supporter of PACS.

All services are free to any adult victims of sexual or domestic violence in the towns that PACS serves. Volunteers and staff adhere strictly to NH law (RSA 173-B:21), which requires that they maintain confidentiality with regard to persons served by them and files kept by the organization. Also, as required by law (RSA 17: C Privilege Bill), all information received by a volunteer or staff member in the course of a relationship with a victim is confidential. This law allows PACS to keep its location from being made public.



**PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
1988 ACTIVITIES**

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District is a group of communities that have worked together for the last five years to solve the solid waste (garbage) disposal problem. In 1988 the town of Ashland joined the 11 municipalities and the District moved forward with its 1987 decision to upgrade the Plymouth Incinerator/Recycling Facility and to investigate the possibility of developing a landfill site at the Rumney Transfer Station.

The District, coordinated by the North Country Council, hired an air quality assessment firm to evaluate the effect of the upgraded Plymouth facility on the area's air quality. Based on the worst possible scenario at the expanded incinerator, air emission controls were determined unnecessary. However, the District voted to move forward with the best available technologies to improve the existing air quality.

Additionally, the District hired an engineering firm to evaluate the potential landfill site at the Rumney Transfer Station. The study is still underway and preliminary assessments were presented in late January.

Numerous District meetings were held throughout the year with much of the group's energy focused on how to work together as a group. A District Agreement was drafted and reviewed by the District's attorney and individual towns' attorneys. A question to accept the agreement is on the warrant.

In addition to organizing the 12 communities, assessing the Rumney site and the air quality issues, the group has worked to promote a better understanding of the solid waste disposal situation in the Valley. Public informational meetings were held in the fall and mid-winter. Recycling efforts were encouraged and expanded throughout the region.

Final design work and permits for the landfill and the incinerator are on the work docket for 1989. The District has a tough responsibility to provide economical and environmentally sound solutions for the disposal of solid waste. Those of you interested in the efforts are welcome to attend our regular meetings. Your involvement is encouraged!

Respectfully submitted,

Allen MacNeil  
District Chairman



# PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

ALLEN MacNEIL, Chairman  
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DICK FLANDERS, Sec./Treas.

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## PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT PROPOSED 1989 BUDGET

1. Landfill Development at the Rumeny Transfer Station:

Hydrogeologic work to include fracture trace analysis, construction of 3 fully penetrating borings of unsaturated sand with a minimum 15-foot rock core and 3 additional borings in saturated areas down gradient of site, take & analyze water samples from the most conductive wells, and report & analyze data.

\$33,000

Design and state permitting of the Rumney Ash Landfill Site to meet NH Department of Environmental Services requirements.

48,000

2. State permitting of the upgrade of Plymouth Incinerator/Recycling Facility. This will include bid specifications for the new modular units and reconstruction design for the building recycling area.

18,000

3. Administration to include coordination of the district, the state, and the engineers. The administration will also assist with the recycling components of the Plan and public relations with the district communities.

12,000

4. Contingency funds

5,000

Total Cost: \$116,000

Note: There is approximately \$16,000 remaining in the 1988 budget.

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## PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 1989 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Town	Tonnage	Percentage	Cost
Ashland	1,921	14.4	14,415
Campton	2,260	17.0	16,961
Danbury	372	2.8	2,792
Dorchester	119	0.9	893
Ellsworth	24	0.2	180
Groton	110	0.8	826
New Hampton	903	6.8	6,777
Plymouth	3,465	26.0	26,004
PSC	850	6.4	6,379
Rumney	561	4.2	4,210
Thornton	1,340	10.1	10,056
Warren	245	1.8	1,839
Waterville Valley	900	6.8	6,754
Wentworth	255	1.9	1,914
TOTAL	13,325	100	100,000



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

As another year closes for the Town of Ellsworth we must pause and tip our hats in appreciation to Bill and Jean Johnstone who have recently relocated to Campton. With Bill as Selectman and Jean as Treasurer they gave us all a secure feeling that the job was being done well. Although we still touch bases with one another, their presence in town will be missed.

This year has seen the Willey Road upgraded and the bridge over the pond outlet finally paid off. The plaque recognizing Allie Batchelder will soon be erected and plans are in the works to improve the drainage systems on the town roads.





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