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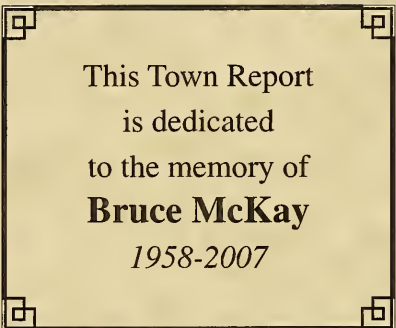
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FINANCIAL REPORT



FRANCONIA


NEW HAMPSHIRE



This Town Report
is dedicated
to the memory of
Bruce McKay
1958-2007

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
FRANCONIA, NH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2007



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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carl I. Belz (Term expires 2008)
Richard McLeod (Term expires 2009)
Carleen Quinn (Term expires 2010)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Marilyn L. Knowlton (2010)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2008)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2008)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Knowlton (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER

Christopher Polich (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Crane & Bell (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Richard McLachlin (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

William Downey (2008)
Marcia Graham (2009)
Richard McLachlin (2010)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Lucille Finn (2008) | Sharon Penney (2009) |
| Harriet Taylor (2008) | Barbara Belz (2010) |
| Tom Allen (2009) | James Cunningham (2010) |
| Sue Jessen (2009) | |

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ardell Patterson Easton (2008)
Tina Peabody Franconia (2008)
Crystal Hodgdon Sugar Hill (2009)
Tom Eyman Franconia (2010)
Linda Gaitskill Sugar Hill (2010)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tammy Reardon Easton (2008)
Lynn Terres Lafayette (2008)
Steve Chardon Lafayette (2009)
Jim Payette Bethlehem (2009)
Jim Colongeli Lafayette (2010)
Paul Greenlaw Bethlehem (2010)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

John Lefavour (2008)
Michael J. Ford (2009)
Kathleen Nelson (2010)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Angelo Costa (2008)
Kathleen Mead (2010)
Karen Moore (2012)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative
Harriet Taylor, Library Representative
Tom Eyman, Church Representative

PLANNING BOARD

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Carleen Quinn - Selectmen's Rep | (2008) | Steve Heath | (2008) |
| Earle Collins | (2008) | Barbara Belz | (2009) |
| Ron Flynn | (Alternate - 2008) | Bernardette Costa - Chairman | (2009) |
| Mary Grote | (2008) | Nanette Avril | (Alternate - 2010) |
| | | John Lachapelle | (Alternate - 2010) |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|--------------------|
| Melinda Richmond (Chairman) | (2008) | Don Lawton | (2009) |
| Barbara Belz - Planning Board | (2009) | Ken Mosedale | (Alternate - 2009) |
| D. Edward Carbonaro | (2009) | Mary Fowler | (2010) |
| Jane Cloran | (2009) | | |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Richard Bennink | (2008) | Elizabeth Welch | (2009) |
| Kim Cowles | (2008) | John Lefavour | (2009) |
| Mary S. Grote - Planning Board | (2008) | John Lachapelle | (2010) |
| | | Kathryn McCarthy | (2010) |

RECREATION COMMITTEE

| Easton | Franconia | Sugar Hill |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Mike Kenney | Jeffrey J. Malcolm | Gordie Johnk |
| Brian Canelas | Kim Cowles | Jean Serino |
| | Tracy Chardon | |

BALANCE SHEET
For the year ending December 31, 2007

ASSETS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash – NOW Account | | \$ 149,613.03 |
| Investments – NH-PDIP | | 1,270,573.12 |
| Taxes Receivable | | |
| Property Taxes – Current | \$220,581.83 | |
| Yield Tax – Current | 1,049.75 | |
| Property Taxes – Liens | <u>53,022.35</u> | |
| | | 274,653.93 |
| Other Accounts Receivable | | |
| Health Insurance | 373.65 | |
| Town of Easton | 3,074.00 | |
| Water Department | <u>534.83</u> | 3,982.48 |
| Due from Other Funds | | |
| Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund | | 7,684.50 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$1,706,507.06 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Accounts Payable | | \$ 7,036.71 |
| Due to Other Funds | | |
| Land Use Fund | 47,700.00 | |
| Trust Funds | 12,000.00 | 59,700.00 |
| Due to School Districts | | |
| Profile School District | 579,973.00 | |
| Lafayette Reg. School District | 541,727.00 | <u>1,121,700.00</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | \$1,188,436.71 |

FUND EQUITY

| | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| TOTAL FUND EQUITY | | <u>518,070.35</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY | | \$1,706,507.06 |

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

Vox populi came through loud & clear last March when Carleen Quinn was elected to replace Ron Taksar on the Board of Selectmen. Accordingly, I take this occasion to welcome her formally to our membership. In turn I wish to thank Ron for his three years as chair of the selectboard, a position to which he brought tireless energy and unparalleled dedication.

T.S.Eliot famously called April the cruelest month, an assessment with which a majority of Franconia residents last year would have agreed. Not because of any proliferation of lilacs, but in response to the devastating windstorm that swept through town causing widespread blowdown and leaving 75% of our residences without electricity for the better part of a week. On the brighter side of this otherwise dark cloud, our emergency management plan - involving the police & fire departments, the rescue squad & the highway department - was activated at the outset of the crisis and, via the administrative assistant of the Board of Selectmen, Sally Small, working in tandem with road agent Scott Knowlton, documented our response to it from start to finish, a process that in the end enabled the Town to recover over \$26,000 from FEMA to help offset the total cost of the storm.

An emergency is one thing, a tragedy is another, and it was nothing less than a tragedy that befell Franconia on May 11th when Corporal Bruce McKay, a 12 year member of the Franconia Police Department who was on duty at the time, was shot to death by Liko Kenney, who was in turn shot to death by passerby Gregory Floyd. Dark days those were for Franconia and the ramifications of this incident continue to be felt today while the management of Town business has necessarily needed to move ahead. And move ahead we have, albeit by small but nonetheless significant increments.

In terms of community, we celebrated the Fourth of July with spectacular fireworks generously supported by the Hamblin family and additionally enabled by time and energy contributed by volunteers such as Kim Cowles, among others.

Our Holiday season was brightened by the re-lighting of the magisterial tree that stands outside the Abbie Greenleaf Library and by the Children's Christmas Party organized at Town Hall by the Mangold family that brought together families in numbers that far exceeded our wildest hopes for this new event and transformed it into a memorable occasion.

On another positive note, Kim Cowles along with the Darald and Juliet Libby, the Crosby Family, the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce, and monies raised from the fall soccer tournament, have been able to reach their goal of purchasing a Gazebo for the Dow Field. The donation from the Libbys was made on behalf of Frank Ferrelli who sadly passed away late in December. Concerts are already planned for this summer so please keep an eye out for more things to come.

With respect to internal procedures the Board of Selectmen has 1) revived the practice of meeting on a monthly basis with the Chief of Police in order to keep communication open and ongoing; 2) has managed to keep at bay by a 2-1 vote, at least

for the time being, the resignation of the Manager of the Transfer Station, a valued employee; 3) has undertaken to update personnel and department policies in order to guarantee all Town employees a civilized working environment; 4) has continued to work with the Infrastructure Committee in its effort to prioritize the Town's options with respect to future space and building needs; and 5) through Rich McLeod, the Board of Selectmen representative to the Water Study Group, has actively participated in addressing the serious long term challenges facing Franconia's aging water system, challenges that have been deferred for more than half a century but can be deferred no longer.

A couple of months after the May incident, artist N. Bruce McKay gifted one of his paintings to the town in memory of his son. Titled "Field of Dreams", it depicts an ample, open, abstract landscape filled with glowing color. It now hangs in the Franconia Town Hall, its space and light a reminder of the vistas we pause to savor here in the North Country during our abbreviated summers, and a reminder too of an old truth: *ars longa vita brevis*.

In conclusion, the Board of Selectmen acknowledges with sadness the passing of Paul Valar, a National Ski Hall of Fame member, who passed away in late December. Paul was predeceased by his wife Paula; both were members of their National Alpine Ski Teams (Switzerland and the United States) and both Olympians. They were longtime residents of Franconia at Mittersill and were committed to the community. Paul was a pioneer and leader in the ski industry on the local, national and international levels. He originated and developed the Official American Ski Techniques and was the founding president of the New England Ski Museum.

Carl I. Belz, Chairman
Richard McLeod
Carleen B. Quinn
Board of Selectmen
Town of Franconia

FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING – MARCH 13, 2007

Moderator William Mead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the polls would temporarily close, to be reopened shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow all those who had not voted to do so.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year’s minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)
Ballots Cast 225

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------|
| Selectman (3-year term): | Carleen Quinn | 142 |
| | Ronald Taksar | 86 |
| Write-ins: | Duncan Culman | 1 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3-year term): | Marilyn L. Knowlton | 220 |
| Write-ins: | Duncan Culman | 1 |
| | Emily Stroup | 1 |
| Treasurer (1-year term): | Tina Peabody | 197 |
| Write-ins: | Patricia Clark | 1 |
| | Duncan Culman | 1 |
| | Kathy Nelson | 1 |
| | Kathy Rush | 1 |
| | Jim Walker | 1 |
| Trustee of the Trust Fund: | Kathleen Nelson | 59 |
| (3-year term) Write-in: | Duncan Culman | 1 |
| | Bobby Barrand | 1 |
| | Mary Grote | 2 |
| | Steve Heath | 1 |
| | Chuck Herbert | 1 |
| | John Lefavour | 1 |
| | Rich McLeod | 1 |
| | Tina Peabody | 1 |
| Library Trustee (3-year term): | Barbara Belz | 198 |
| Two Vacancies | James Cunningham | 165 |
| Write-ins: | Duncan Culman | 1 |
| Water Commissioner (3-year term): | Richard McLachlin | 208 |
| Write-ins: | Duncan Culman | 1 |
| | Chuck Herbert | 1 |
| | George Stroup | 1 |

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town is in favor of adopting the proposed amendment to the Franconia Zoning Ordinance. (By Ballot) Yes: 187, No: 31 This article passed.

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Executive | \$99,085.00 |
| Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics | 24,606.00 |
| Financial Administration | 38,913.00 |
| Revaluation of Property | 13,938.00 |
| Legal Expenses | 3,000.00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 10,465.00 |
| General Government Buildings | 81,682.00 |
| Cemeteries | 11,731.00 |
| Insurance..... | 8,500.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations..... | 12,629.00 |
| (Chamber of Commerce..... | 10,000.00) |
| (North Country Council..... | 1,936.00) |
| (Regional Airport | 693.00) |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Police | 288,655.00 |
| Fire..... | 73,626.00 |
| Life Squad | 50,411.00 |
| Forest Fire..... | 4,215.00 |
| Dispatch Phone Lines | 28,224.00 |
| (Franconia's Share..... | 27,674.00) |

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....324,588.00

UTILITIES

| | |
|-------|-----------|
| | 16,000.00 |
|-------|-----------|

HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....9,513.00

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| (ACHS | 1,800.00) |
| (American Red Cross..... | 346.00) |
| (Grafton Co. Senior Citizens | 1,100.00) |
| (Health Officer..... | 500.00) |
| (Littleton Regional Hospital | 1,500.00) |
| (North Country Home Health | 2,750.00) |
| (North Country YMCA..... | 250.00) |
| (White Mt. Mental Health..... | 1,267.00) |

WELFARE

| | |
|-------|----------|
| | 6,300.00 |
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| (General Assistance | 4,000.00) |
| (CAP | 2,300.00) |

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs.....64,703.00

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|--------------------------|------------|
| (Franconia's Share | 24,854.00) |
|--------------------------|------------|

Parks

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| | 8,420.00 |
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Patriotic Purposes

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| | 1,000.00 |
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Museums.....

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| | 300.00 |
|-------|--------|

CONSERVATION

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|-------|----------|
| | 2,000.00 |
|-------|----------|

INTEREST

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|-------|----------|
| | 4,000.00 |
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TOTAL.....(Franconia's Share \$1,145,105.00).....\$1,186,504

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article commenting that the overall budget is up 10.5% from last year. There was a comment about researching other insurance companies to be sure that the town is getting the best plan for the money. Sally Small spoke to the question saying that the town is currently in a multi-year plan with Primex but they are still researching other plans. There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 3 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventeen thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$117,450.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Highway Trucks, \$17,500; Police Cruisers, \$14,250; Fire Pumper Truck, \$40,000; Fire Equip Truck, \$26,000; Life Squad Van, \$7,500; Reassessment, 8,000 and Town Buildings Truck, \$4,200.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 4 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy two thousand six hundred dollars (\$72,600.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Cemetery, \$6,200; Highway Improvement, \$50,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$5,000; Museum Maintenance, \$3,400 and Library Maintenance, \$8,000.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 5 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 6 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) to install a detection and fire alarm system in the Town Hall and the Library. The amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) is to come from taxation. The balance of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is to come from fund balance (surplus). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 7 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-two thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$72,838.00) to purchase a truck with

equipment for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The sum of thirteen thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$13,838.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2001 Ford F-550 with plow (\$14,000.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. There was a question from the floor about the type of truck being purchased and whether the time frame for trading is sooner than normal. Scott Knowlton, the road agent spoke to the questions giving details about the new truck and its accessories stating that the truck is larger which will handle plowing, sanding and loading more efficiently and he also clarified that the truck was actually being traded in a few years later than the normal 5-year turn around. The article was called to a vote. Article 8 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) to purchase a wood chipper the Highway Department for the purpose of wind storm clean up and the much needed brush cutting to be done along the sides of the roads. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There was opposition from Jim Hamblin the Capital Improvements Committee (CIP) Chairman stating that the \$23,000.00 amount was never submitted to the CIP and was not approved by the CIP. Jim Hamblin said that he only recalled discussing and recommending \$15,000.00 for a used chipper. Scott Knowlton, the road agent spoke to this stating that he had submitted the \$23,000.00 amount back in August to the CIP and based on discussion from a past CIP meeting comments were made by the CIP on why the town would purchase a used chipper versus a new one for the difference in cost. The article was called to a vote. Article 9 passed by a hand vote. 64 Yes, 8 No.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of and existing Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to be added to the newly named fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 10 passed by hand vote. 63 Yes, 9 No.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred forty four thousand nine hundred sixty dollars (\$244,960.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal with eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus, Town of Sugar Hill (\$33,812.00), the Town of Easton (\$15,369.00), PAYT Fees (\$74,500.00), Special Handling Fees (\$35,000.00), and Recycled Material (\$25,000.00) and to raise fifty-three thousand two hundred and seventy-nine dollars (\$53,279.00) from taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 11 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend the transfer of this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There was a question about whether we are raising the money or it has already been raised. Carl Belz answered that the money is coming from the Recreation Committee's line item budget and must be done this way because it is a tri-town organization. There being no other discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 12 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate one thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to be added to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend the transfer of this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 13 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-nine thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars (\$69,842.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 14 passed unanimously by voice vote.

At 7:50 PM the Moderator made an announcement that the polls would be closing at 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of adding more security in the offices of the Town Hall. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is to come from taxation. The balance of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is to come from fund balance (surplus). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. There was a question from the floor asking for more explanation of what will be done. Ron Taksar answered the questions describing that the Town Clerk side would be more secure with a window type counter and locked partitions. The Selectmen's office will replace a door on their side. There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 15 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. A question was raised from the floor on whether other towns contribute. Currently, Franconia is the only town that contributes but the Selectmen mentioned that they will encourage the surrounding towns to contribute. Cindy Berlack who has been a part of the Children's Center for the past 13-years spoke on behalf of the Center telling how it helps out 40 families so that they are able to work. She feels it is very healthy for the community and hoped the people would continue to help the Center. There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 16 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the study and implementation of the infrastructure improvements and to make the selectmen agents to expend. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) will come from the fund balance (surplus) and no amount will be raised from taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article thanking the Committee for all of their hard work and efforts. Carl also explained that the Select Board had hoped to hold a public hearing before town meeting but there were pieces missing from the final report and time grew too short. The hope is to have the public hearing this year and get the town on board with the Infrastructure Committee's recommendations. A question was raised about what monies were spent last year and what this new appropriation of money would be used for. Carl Belz spoke to the questions stating that last year's money was used on a road survey, architect study and engineering study. The money to be appropriated for this year would be for any other expenses associated with architects or marketing for the public hearing. There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 17 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit as described by the state general court, Title V, Chapter 72, Property taxes, Section 72:28. The Veteran's optional tax credit would be the amount of \$500.00. In recognition for those veterans who made sacrifices and served in the armed forces of our country and were honorably separated from service for the country, as described in Section 72:28 IV (a thru c) and V (a thru g). (By petition.) The selectmen do not recommend this article.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article endorsing the spirit of the article and gave a brief history on the veteran's credit in the Town of Franconia. There was much discussion from the floor in support of raising the Veteran's Tax Credit with many people giving examples of how other funding has been eliminated for active members of the National Guard. There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 18 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to adopt under RSA 72:27-a an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a wood heating energy system as defined in RSA 72:69.

The article was read, Ron Taksar made a motion to have the article tabled due to more research needing to be done on the wording of the article. The town will consult with Town Council on wording and will place the article on the warrant in 2008. The motion was seconded and there was a unanimous vote to table article 19.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to adopt under RSA 72:27-a an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61.

The article was read, Ron Taksar made a motion to have the article tabled due to more research needing to be done on the wording of the article. The town will consult with Town Council on wording and will place the article on the warrant in 2008. The motion was seconded and there was a unanimous vote to table article 20.

Before going on to Article 21, Ron Taksar took a moment to thank all of the people on all the Committees of the Town and all the other volunteers who have given their time to help with the Town of Franconia

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Franconia.

These actions to include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reduction of greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U. S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Franconia encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. (By petition.)

The article was read, moved and seconded. Jack Cook and students from the White Mountain School spoke to the article. There was much discussion from the floor on this issue. Bernie Costa spoke in favor of raising awareness on a different level of clean air vs. global climate change. She does not feel that it is only people doing damage to the earth. Another person from the floor questioned whether the Town of Franconia was the place to conduct this business. There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 21 passed by hand vote. 58 Yes, 10 No.

ARTICLE 22. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Bill Mead spoke to the article. Bernie Costa, Planning Board Chairman spoke about meetings coming up concerning the Master Plan and Conservation Land.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn L. Knowlton, Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

| | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Land | \$114,737,782.00 |
| Buildings | 176,279,724.00 |
| Manufactured Housing | 1,933,000.00 |
| Electric Utilities | <u>2,679,400.00</u> |
| Gross Valuation | \$295,629,906.00 |
| Elderly Exemptions | <u>(85,000.00)</u> |
| Net Valuation | \$295,544,906.00 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Town Appropriations | \$1,851,694.00 |
| Revenues | <u>(826,976.00)</u> |
| Net Town Appropriations | 1,024,718.00 |
| Net School Appropriations | 2,006,612.00 |
| Net State Education Appropriations | 643,934.00 |
| Net County Appropriations | <u>367,996.00</u> |
| Total of Town, School & County | 4,043,260.00 |
| Less Shared Revenue | (8,756.00) |
| Add: Overlay | 19,032.00 |
| Add: War Service Credits | <u>25,000.00</u> |
| Property Tax to be Raised | 4,078,536.00 |
| Less Credits | <u>(25,000.00)</u> |
| Taxes Committed to Treasurer | \$4,053,536.00 |

2007 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

| | |
|--------|-------------|
| Town | \$3.58 |
| County | 1.25 |
| State | 2.20 |
| School | <u>6.79</u> |
| | \$13.82 |

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
Town of Franconia – December 31, 2007

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | Land | Buildings | Equipment |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Town Hall, land & buildings | \$ 104,100.00 | \$379,500.00 | \$ |
| General Government, buildings & equipment | | | 35,163.00 |
| Town Hall, equipment | | | 1,106.00 |
| Library, land & buildings | 100,100.00 | 430,200.00 | |
| Fire/Police, land & buildings | 96,300.00 | 320,900.00 | |
| Fire Department, equipment | | | 244,321.00 |
| Police Department, equipment | | | 18,094.00 |
| Highway Department/Transfer Station | | | |
| Land & buildings | 134,300.00 | 86,500.00 | |
| Highway Department, equipment | | | 186,350.00 |
| Transfer Station, equipment | | | 7,742.00 |
| Franconia Water Department | | | |
| Land & buildings | 611,400.00 | 11,300.00 | |
| Franconia Water Department | | | |
| Wells, mains, etc. | | | 71,711.00 |
| Franconia/Mittersill Water Department | | | |
| Land & buildings | 51,200.00 | | |
| Franconia/Mittersill Water Department | | | |
| Wells, mains, etc. | | | 50,315.00 |
| Cemeteries | 176,400.00 | | |
| Land in Bethlehem | 185,055.00 | | |
| Land in Franconia | 442,100.00 | | |
| Robert Frost House (Museum) | 142,900.00 | 163,200.00 | |
| Heritage Museum | 116,100.00 | 226,200.00 | |
| Interpretive Center (Museum) | 108,600.00 | 6,700.00 | |
| Dow Strip | 313,800.00 | | |
| Fox Hill Park | 290,300.00 | | |
| | (1) | (1) | (2) |
| TOTALS | \$2,872,655.00 | \$1,624,500.00 | \$614,802.00 |

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007
Cash Basis

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Registration | \$227,933.33 |
| Motor Vehicle Title Fees | 618.00 |
| Municipal Agent Fees | 5,145.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 606.00 |
| Pole License | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous Permits/Fees | 10.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 167.00 |
| Marriage Licenses/Certificates | 49.00 |
| Certified Copy Fees to State | 317.00 |
| Marriage License Fees to State | 266.00 |
| UCC Filings and Requests | 50.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$235,161.33</u> |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levy of 2007
For Year Ending December 31, 2007

DEBITS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Taxes Committed to Collector | | |
| Property Taxes | \$4,053,846.83 | |
| Yield Taxes | 8,051.37 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 95,400.00 | |
| Utility | <u>154,206.30</u> | <u>\$4,311,504.50</u> |
| Overpayment of Property Taxes | 29,630.80 | |
| Interest Collected | <u>2,845.09</u> | <u>32,475.89</u> |
| TOTAL DEBITS | | <u>\$4,343,980.39</u> |

CREDITS

| | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer | | |
| Property Taxes | \$3,831,695.20 | |
| Yield Taxes | 7,001.62 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 95,400.00 | |
| Utility | 145,222.07 | |
| Overpayments | 29,630.80 | |
| Property Tax Abatement | 1,569.80 | |
| Utility Charge Abatement | 50.00 | |
| Interest Collected | <u>2,845.09</u> | <u>\$4,113,414.58</u> |
| Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List) | | |
| Property Taxes | 220,581.83 | |
| Utility | 8,934.23 | |
| Yield Taxes | 1,049.75 | <u>\$ 230,565.81</u> |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | <u>\$4,343,980.39</u> |

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2006**

DEBITS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2006 | | |
| Property Taxes | \$374,233.79 | |
| Yield Taxes | 0.00 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 0.00 | |
| Utility | 21,147.05 | |
| Interest & Penalties Collected | <u>22,549.35</u> | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | | \$417,930.19 |

CREDITS

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer | | |
| Property Taxes | \$333,122.42 | |
| Yield Taxes | 0.00 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 15,500.00 | |
| Utility | 19,224.64 | |
| Interest Collected | 22,549.35 | |
| Abatements | | |
| Property Taxes | 778.00 | |
| Utility | 89.00 | |
| Uncollected Property Taxes | <u>26,666.78</u> | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | \$417,930.19 |

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007**

DEBITS

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Balance of Unredeemed Taxes | | | |
| January 1, 2006 | \$ | \$19,889.94 | \$8,282.70 |
| Taxes to Lien, Current FY | 45,677.91 | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected | <u>29.40</u> | <u>1,910.00</u> | <u>1,626.39</u> |
| TOTAL DEBITS | 45,707.31 | 21,799.94 | 9,909.09 |

CREDITS

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Remittances To Treasurer | | | |
| Redemptions | 2,864.06 | 15,186.20 | 1,796.08 |
| Interest & Costs Collected | 29.40 | 1,910.00 | 1,626.39 |
| Abatements | | 464.48 | 517.38 |
| Unredeemed Taxes | <u>42,813.85</u> | <u>4,239.26</u> | <u>5,969.24</u> |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$45,707.31 | \$21,799.94 | \$9,909.09 |

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Robert W. Anthony | \$ 197.63 | | |
| Yvonne Bastianelli | 6,592.54 | 2,929.41 | 4,397.64 |
| Dutch Treat Restaurant | 278.21 | | |
| John F. Flynn | 2,284.02 | | |
| Forest Hills Association | 9,617.53 | | |
| Harris, Estate of Harriet | 2,936.51 | | |
| David A. Lamoureux, Jr. | | 256.78 | |
| Robert H. Lodge | 3,207.87 | | |
| John E. McKay | 713.08 | 462.26 | 928.97 |
| Stuart P. McKenzie | 9,372.66 | | |
| Robert J. O'Neill, Sr | 1,798.90 | 68.94 | |
| Robert P. Peckett, III | 160.00 | | |
| Poltrino Realty Trust | 4,039.98 | | |
| Taylor, Estate of Grace | 362.80 | | |
| Thompson-Hathorn Tanya | 499.95 | | |
| Von Pantz, Stokes Lott | 684.83 | 521.87 | 642.63 |
| Ruth Winter | 67.34 | | |
| TOTALS | \$42,813.85 | \$4,239.26 | \$5,969.24 |

2007 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance **\$1,123,560.20**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$1,069,664.06 | |
| Tax Collector | 4,358,554.24 | |
| Town Clerk | 244,611.50 | |
| Selectmen | 733,869.10 | |
| Interest Earned | <u>596.24</u> | |
| Total Regular Revenues | 5,337,631.08 | |
| 2006 - Adjustments | 11,713.99 | |
| Loan Proceeds | 180,000.00 | |
| From NH-PDIP | <u>1,750,000.00</u> | |
| Total Other Revenue | 1,941,713.99 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 7,279,345.07 | 7,279,345.07 |
| Total Regular Disbursements | (5,066,240.14) | |
| Transfer NH-PDIP | (2,955,000.00) | |
| Loan Payment | (180,000.00) | |
| Miscellaneous Debit/Fees | (333.25) | |
| Void Checks | 2,176.90 | |
| Misc Adj. | .39 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | <u>(8,199,396.10)</u> | (8,199,396.10) |
| Ending Checking Balance | \$ 149,613.03 | |

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 53,896.14 | |
| Deposits | 2,955,000.00 | |
| Interest Earned | 25,876.48 | 2,980,876.48 |
| W/Ds to Checking | (1,750,000.00) | (1,750,000.00) |
| 2006 Transfer to Land Use | <u>(14,199.50)</u> | (14,199.50) |
| Ending Balance | \$1,270,573.12 | |

Ending Cash Balance **\$1,420,186.15**

LAND USE FUND

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$155,024.72 |
| Interest Earned | 7,892.85 |
| 2006 Land Use Transfer | 14,199.50 |
| 2007 Land Use Transfer | <u>47,700.00</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$224,817.07 |

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 3,053.07 |
| Interest Earned | <u>155.43</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$ 3,208.50 |

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 32,391.91 |
| Interest Earned | <u>1,648.89</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$34,040.80 |

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | | \$115,418.73 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 3,509.39 | |
| Deposits | 98,148.37 | 98,148.37 |
| PDIP Transfers IN | 57,500.00 | 57,500.00 |
| PDIP Transfers OUT | (57,000.00) | (57,000.00) |
| Expenses | (101,900.02) | |
| Fees/Adj. | <u>(88.85)</u> | <u>(101,988.87)</u> |
| Ending Balance | 168.89 | |
| NH-PDIP ACCOUNT | | |
| Beginning Balance | 111,909.34 | |
| Deposits | 57,000.00 | |
| Interest Earned | 6,242.08 | 63,242.08 |
| Withdrawals to Checking | <u>(57,500.00)</u> | <u>(57,500.00)</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$117,651.42 | |
| Year End Cash Balance | | \$117,820.31 |

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | | \$117,276.63 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 5,367.29 | |
| Water Rents | 73,034.98 | 73,034.98 |
| PDIP Transfers IN | 30,500.00 | 30,500.00 |
| PDIP Transfers OUT | (57,000.00) | (57,000.00) |
| Expenses | (50,938.56) | |
| Fees | <u>(70.45)</u> | <u>(51,009.01)</u> |
| Ending Balance | 893.26 | |
| NH-PDIP ACCOUNT | | |
| Beginning Balance | 142,272.64 | |
| Interest Earned | 8,418.71 | |
| Deposits from Checking | 57,000.00 | 65,418.71 |
| Withdrawals to Checking | <u>(30,500.00)</u> | <u>(30,500.00)</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$177,191.35 | |
| Year End Cash Balance | | \$178,084.61 |

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes | \$4,342,267.09 |
| 3190 Interest & Penalties | 20,096.47 |

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

| | |
|---|------------|
| 3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other | 238,319.15 |
|---|------------|

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| 3351-3353 State of New Hampshire | 103,945.48 |
|----------------------------------|------------|

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 3379 Town of Easton | 21,623.00 |
| 3379 Town of Sugar Hill | 51,024.02 |

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 3401 Income from Departments: | |
| 4130 Executive | 615.00 |
| 4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 96.40 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | 50.00 |
| 4191 Planning & Zoning | 2,652.00 |
| 4194 General Government Buildings | 100.00 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | 1,250.00 |
| 4210 Police | 1,145.65 |
| 4220 Fire | 196.50 |
| 4221 Life Squad | 34,452.20 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire) | 1,291.10 |
| 4312 Highway | 27,202.95 |
| 3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees) | 27,644.50 |

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 3501 Sale of Town Property | 550.00 |
| 3502 Interest on Investments | 26,472.72 |

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 3915 Capital Reserve Funds | 49,478.00 |
| 3916 Cemetery Trust Fund | 2,000.00 |
| 3917 Expendable Trust Funds | 62,425.00 |

TOTAL REVENUES

\$5,014,897.23

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 4332 Water Department | 21,698.30 |
| BC/BS – Lovett | 4,483.80 |
| Frost Place Trees | 1,700.00 |
| Homeland Security Grant | 78,185.00 |
| Mangold Memorial Stone | 295.50 |
| Planning Board Engineering Fees | 300.00 |
| Police Coverage | 325.00 |
| Recreation Field Trip Fees | 737.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | 180,000.00 |

TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$ 287,724.60

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 3110 | Property Taxes | \$4,183,167.29 | |
| 3120 | Land Use Change Tax | 110,900.00 | |
| 3185 | Yield Tax | 10,601.80 | |
| 3186 | Payment in Lieu of Taxes | <u>37,598.00</u> | |
| | | | \$4,342,267.09 |
| 3190 | Interest & Penalties | | 20,096.47 |

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

| | | | |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 3210 | Business Licenses/Permits | 250.00 | |
| 3220 | Motor Vehicle Permits | 228,079.83 | |
| 3230 | Building Permits | 2,889.32 | |
| 3290 | Other Licenses & Fees | <u>7,100.00</u> | |
| | | | 238,319.15 |

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 3351 | Revenue Sharing | 17,693.00 | |
| 3352 | Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution | 43,220.93 | |
| 3353 | Highway Block Grant | <u>43,031.55</u> | |
| | | | 103,945.48 |

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

| | | | |
|------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 3379 | Town of Easton | | |
| | Administrative Fees | 2,000.00 | |
| | Recreation Programs | 4,254.00 | |
| | Transfer Station | <u>15,369.00</u> | |
| | | | 21,623.00 |
| 3379 | Town of Sugar Hill | | |
| | Administrative Fees | 2,300.00 | |
| | Dispatch Phone Lines | 873.62 | |
| | Recreation Programs | 14,038.40 | |
| | Transfer Station | <u>33,812.00</u> | |
| | | | 51,024.02 |

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

| | | | |
|------|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 3401 | Income from Departments | | |
| 4130 | Executive | | |
| | Copies and Printouts | 192.00 | |
| | Current Use/LUCT Fees | 153.00 | |
| | Miscellaneous | 200.00 | |
| | Supplies Reimbursed/Rebates | <u>70.00</u> | |
| | | | 615.00 |
| 4140 | Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | | |
| | Town Clerk Postage Reimbursed | 36.40 | |
| | Voter Checklist | <u>60.00</u> | |
| | | | 96.40 |
| 4150 | Financial Administration | | |
| | Bank Charges Reimbursed | | 50.00 |
| 4191 | Planning and Zoning | | |
| | Hearing Fees | 2,518.00 | |
| | Zoning Ordinances | <u>134.00</u> | |
| | | | 2,652.00 |
| 4195 | General Government Buildings | | |
| | Donation | | 100.00 |

| | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| 4195 Cemeteries | | |
| Burials | | 1,255.00 |
| 4210 Police | | |
| Donations | 50.00 | |
| Pistol Permits | 70.00 | |
| Police Report | 243.00 | |
| Supplies Reimbursed | 447.65 | |
| Town Fines | 125.00 | |
| Witness Fees | <u>210.00</u> | 1,145.65 |
| 4221 Life Squad | | |
| Reports | 15.00 | |
| Supplies Reimbursed | 10.58 | |
| Town of Easton | 500.00 | |
| Town of Sugar Hill | 2,000.00 | |
| Transport Payments | <u>31,926.62</u> | 34,452.20 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire) | | |
| Fines Paid to the Town | 980.40 | |
| Training Reimbursed | 42.00 | |
| Wages Reimbursed | <u>268.70</u> | 1,291.10 |
| 4312 Highway Department | | |
| Town Fines | 125.00 | |
| Sale of Scrap Metal | 600.00 | |
| FEMA Storm Reimbursement | <u>26,477.95</u> | 127,202.95 |
| 3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees) | | |
| Baseball Fees | 1,550.00 | |
| Basketball Fees | 960.00 | |
| Soccer Fees | 2,157.00 | |
| Summer Recreation Fees | <u>22,977.50</u> | 27,644.50 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | |
| 3501 Sale of Town Property | | 550.00 |
| 3502 Interest on Investments | | |
| Connecticut River Bank | 596.24 | |
| NH-PDIP | <u>25,876.48</u> | 26,472.72 |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN | | |
| 3915 Capital Reserve Funds | | |
| Highway Truck Fund | 45,000.00 | |
| Legal | <u>4,478.00</u> | 49,478.00 |
| 3916 Cemetery Trust Funds | | 2,000.00 |
| 3917 Expendable Trust Funds | | |
| Cemetery Restoration | 6,752.00 | |
| Highway Improvement | 50,000.00 | |
| Safety Services Building Fund | 1,513.00 | |
| Town Buildings Maintenance | <u>4,160.00</u> | 62,425.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$5,014,897.23 |

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 4332 Water Department | | |
| Computer Support | 1,137.65 | |
| Gas, Diesel, etc. | 15.00 | |
| Insurance-Commercial Auto | 300.00 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Electricity | 97.84 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil | 1,376.02 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance | 143.10 | |
| Payroll Taxes | 315.48 | |
| Supplies | 44.88 | |
| Wages | 4,123.93 | |
| Water Payments | 13,975.40 | |
| Workers Compensation | 169.00 | 21,698.30 |
| | <hr/> | |
| BC/BS – Lovett | | 4,483.80 |
| Frost Place Trees | | 1,700.00 |
| Homeland Security Grant | | 78,185.00 |
| Cobra Payments | | 503.41 |
| Mangold Memorial Stone | | 295.50 |
| Planning Board Engineering Fees | | 300.00 |
| Police Coverage | | 325.00 |
| Recreation Field Trip Fees | | 737.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | | 180,000.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | | \$ 287,724.60 |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|--|--------------|
| 4130 Executive | \$ 95,998.59 |
| 4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 23,011.13 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | 41,603.80 |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | 13,938.00 |
| 4153 Legal Expense | 7,445.77 |
| 4191 Planning & Zoning Boards | 9,810.48 |
| 4194 General Government Buildings | 83,253.68 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | 11,741.17 |
| 4196 Insurance | 6,729.00 |
| 4197 Advertising and Regional Associations | 12,629.00 |
| 4199 Other General Government | 5,214.38 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | |
|---|------------|
| 4210 Police | 287,833.89 |
| 4220 Fire | 74,594.48 |
| 4221 Life Squad | 45,239.91 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire) | 2,960.14 |
| 4299 Emergency Phone Lines | 28,871.25 |

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 4312 Highway Department | 353,393.11 |
| 4316 Utilities | 16,338.41 |

HEALTH

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| 4415 Health Officer & Agencies | 9,038.00 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

WELFARE

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| 4442 Direct Assistance | 8,119.43 |
|------------------------|----------|

CULTURE AND RECREATION

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 4520 Recreation | 70,263.06 |
| 4521 Parks | 5,007.09 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purpose | 1,000.00 |
| 4589 Museums | 251.00 |

CONSERVATION

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 4619 General Expenses | 1,825.00 |
|-----------------------|----------|

DEBT SERVICE

| | |
|---|----------|
| 4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes | 3,244.93 |
|---|----------|

CAPITAL OULTAY

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 4902 Vehicles & Equipment | 95,838.00 |
| 4903 Buildings | 13,367.51 |
| 4909 Other Improvements | 56,752.00 |

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 4912 Special Revenue Funds | 170,821.00 |
| 4915 Capital Reserve Funds | 129,450.00 |
| 4916 Expendable Trust Funds | <u>72,600.00</u> |

SUB-TOTAL **\$1,758,183.21**

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

11,452.66

WATER LIENS

1,833.41

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 4931 Grafton County | 369,858.00 |
| 4933 School Districts | 2,541,409.00 |
| 4939 State of New Hampshire | <u>871.00</u> |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$4,683,607.28

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4332 Water Department | 21,698.30 |
| BC/BS – Lovett | 4,483.80 |
| Frost Place Trees | 1,700.00 |
| Homeland Security Grant | 78,185.00 |
| Mangold Memorial Fund | 295.50 |
| Planning Board Engineering Fees | 300.00 |
| Police Coverage | 325.00 |
| Recreation Field Trip Fees | 737.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | <u>180,000.00</u> |

TOTAL TRANSFERS \$ 287,724.60

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

| | | |
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| General Expenses | | |
| Bethlehem Property Tax | 4,879.66 | |
| Current Use/Land Use Change Recordings | 105.60 | |
| Dues | 1,082.99 | |
| Equipment | | |
| Maintenance/Repairs | 1,423.21 | |
| New | <u>124.98</u> | 1,548.19 |
| Maps | | 2,322.50 |
| Miscellaneous | | 398.90 |
| Newspaper Notices | | 170.50 |
| Postage | | 1,188.40 |
| RSA Updates & Legal Material | | 306.85 |
| Software Support | | 2,463.26 |
| Supplies | | 1,420.02 |
| Telephone | | 2,534.35 |
| Training/Meetings | | 533.75 |
| Salaries & Wages | | |
| Administrative Assistant | | 20,997.84 |
| Executive Secretary | | 9,600.66 |
| Moderator | | 45.00 |
| Secretary | | 14,098.13 |
| Selectmen | | 3,125.00 |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Health Insurance | | 24,096.60 |
| Payroll Taxes | | 3,658.39 |
| Retirement - Town Contribution | | 936.00 |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 148.00 |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>338.00</u> |
| | | \$ 95,998.59 |

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

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| Election/Registration | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Newspaper Notices | 74.00 | |
| Supplies | <u>301.73</u> | 375.73 |
| Town Clerk | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Dog Tags | | 69.18 |
| Dues | | 40.00 |
| New Equipment | | 17.50 |
| Newspaper Notices | | 131.25 |
| Postage | | 540.69 |
| Software Programs/Support | | 1,995.75 |
| Supplies | | 230.37 |
| Telephone | | 949.48 |

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| Workshops/Meetings | 97.90 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | |
| Supervisor of the Checklist | 288.00 | |
| Town Clerk | 14,600.34 | |
| Deputy Town Clerk | 2,376.25 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>1,298.69</u> | 23,011.13 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | | |
| Accounting & Reports | | |
| Bank Charges | 498.57 | |
| Checks & Supplies | 292.82 | |
| Town Report | 1,450.00 | |
| Auditor | 8,000.00 | |
| Tax Collection | | |
| Dues | 20.00 | |
| Equipment | 17.49 | |
| Mortgage Search | 403.00 | |
| Postage/Envelopes | 1,213.92 | |
| Software Programs/Support | 1,690.87 | |
| Recording Fees | 224.26 | |
| Supplies | 67.48 | |
| Tax Bills | 298.43 | |
| Workshops/Training | 139.06 | |
| Salary & Wages | | |
| Bookkeeper | 20,997.84 | |
| Tax Collector | 2,684.89 | |
| Treasurer | 1,666.00 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>1,939.17</u> | 41,603.80 |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | | 13,938.00 |
| 4153 Legal Expense | | |
| Capital Reserve Funds | 4,477.75 | |
| General Matters | <u>2,968.02</u> | 7,445.77 |
| 4191 Planning & Zoning Boards | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Legal Fees | 1,277.36 | |
| Maps | 300.00 | |
| Meetings | 254.00 | |
| Newspaper Notices | 615.25 | |
| Postage | 233.79 | |
| RSA Updates & Law Books | 339.00 | |
| Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings | 80.39 | |
| Supplies | 180.25 | |

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| Master Plan | | | |
| Printing | 112.50 | | |
| Supplies | <u>2,362.58</u> | 2,475.08 | |
| Salary & Wages | | | |
| Secretary | 3,686.92 | | |
| ZBA Secretary | <u>80.25</u> | 3,767.17 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | <u>288.19</u> | 9,810.48 |
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| 4194 General Government Buildings | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Building Maintenance | | 2,631.06 | |
| Dow Clock | | 774.53 | |
| Equipment | | | |
| Maintenance | 719.33 | | |
| New | <u>4,853.04</u> | 5,572.37 | |
| Heating Oil | | 8,870.84 | |
| Insurance | | | |
| Buildings & Equipment | 600.00 | | |
| Commercial Auto | <u>230.00</u> | 830.00 | |
| Library Insurance | | 1,268.00 | |
| Newspaper Ads | | 135.93 | |
| Plantings | | 1,772.61 | |
| Sidewalk Plowing | | 3,654.60 | |
| Supplies | | 1,834.71 | |
| Uniforms | | 600.00 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Gas | 2,830.88 | | |
| Maintenance | <u>432.75</u> | 3,263.63 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | 31,199.00 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Health Insurance | | 16,265.36 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 2,670.04 | |
| Retirement - Town Contribution | | 624.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 104.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>1,183.00</u> | 83,253.68 |
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| 4195 Cemeteries | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Electricity | | 147.70 | |
| Equipment | | 481.41 | |
| Supplies/Flags | | 2,314.58 | |
| Tree Removal | | 339.21 | |
| Salary & Wages | | 7,700.35 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 588.92 | |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>169.00</u> | 11,741.17 |

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| 4196 Insurance | | |
| Liability | 6,415.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation-Audit | 11.00 | |
| Worker's Compensation-Audit | <u>303.00</u> | 6,729.00 |
| 4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc. | | |
| Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce | 10,000.00 | |
| Mt Washington Regional Airport | 693.00 | |
| North Country Council | <u>1,936.00</u> | 12,629.00 |
| 4199 Other General Government | | |
| Article 17 – Infrastructure Study | 3,214.38 | |
| Article 32 – Franconia Children's Center | <u>2,000.00</u> | 5,214.38 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

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|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 4210 Police | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Building Maintenance | 4,047.02 | |
| CNHSOU | 2,500.00 | |
| Dues & Subscriptions | 1,090.55 | |
| Educational Programs | 279.50 | |
| Firearms | | |
| Ammunition | 1,693.48 | |
| New | 626.95 | |
| Training | <u>79.00</u> | 2,399.43 |
| Insurance | | |
| Building & Equipment | 160.00 | |
| Commercial Auto | 385.00 | |
| Liability | <u>4,925.00</u> | 5,470.00 |
| Maps-911 | | 82.52 |
| McKay Funeral Expenses | | 10,106.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 108.12 |
| Office | | |
| Equipment | | |
| New | 432.49 | |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 475.73 | |
| Software/Support | 4,289.79 | |
| Supplies/Postage | <u>1,551.81</u> | 6,749.82 |
| Photography | | 289.97 |
| Radar Calibration | | 60.00 |
| Radios | | |
| Maintenance | 582.91 | |
| Pager Lease | <u>279.72</u> | 862.63 |
| RSA Updates & Law Books | | 406.00 |
| Safety Equipment | | 29.97 |
| Telephone | | 4,406.24 |
| Training Expense | | 422.13 |
| Uniforms | | |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cleaning/Repairs | 786.10 | |
| New | <u>2,970.03</u> | 3,756.13 |
| Vehicles | | |
| Gas/Mileage Reimbursed | 7,534.52 | |
| Maintenance | 4,513.17 | |
| Repairs | 5,274.20 | |
| Supplies | <u>1,651.25</u> | 18,313.32 |
| Salaries & Wages | | |
| Officers | | 138,974.05 |
| Overtime | | 13,136.98 |
| Prosecuting | | 449.53 |
| Special Investigations | | 1,745.13 |
| Specials | | 8,816.85 |
| Training | | 3,390.49 |
| Taxes & Benefits | | |
| Health Insurance | | 35,604.80 |
| Payroll Taxes | | 4,292.79 |
| Retirement – Town Contribution | | 15,156.10 |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 340.00 |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>3,888.00</u> |
| | | 287,833.89 |
| 4220 Fire Department | | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Administration and Supplies | | 1,914.42 |
| Building Maintenance | | |
| Cleaning | 1,881.53 | |
| Electricity | 3,053.39 | |
| Maintenance | <u>2,375.14</u> | 7,310.06 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | | 967.51 |
| Fire Prevention | | 705.45 |
| Gas and Diesel | | 1,312.07 |
| Heating Oil | | 7,356.76 |
| Insurance | | |
| Building & Equipment | 322.00 | |
| Commercial Auto | <u>2,800.00</u> | 3,122.00 |
| Maps – 911 | | 82.49 |
| New Equipment | | |
| SCBA | 1,173.51 | |
| Storage Container | 900.00 | |
| Turnout Gear | 2,490.89 | |
| Radios & Pagers | 876.34 | |
| Rescue Tools | <u>1,249.75</u> | 6,690.49 |
| Telephone | | 1,457.11 |
| Training and Prevention | | 250.40 |
| Vehicles and Equipment | | 7,393.87 |
| Salaries & Wages | | |

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| Fireman's Annual Pay | | 27,303.00 | |
| Fireman's Fund | | 2,200.00 | |
| Inspections | | 2,374.50 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 2,345.35 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 118.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>1,691.00</u> | 74,594.48 |
| 4221 Life Squad | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Billing & Collections Fee | | 3,153.85 | |
| Communication Equipment | | 1,458.57 | |
| Equipment | | 781.14 | |
| Maps - 911 | | 82.49 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 75.00 | |
| Rescue Booker | | 435.00 | |
| Supplies | | 4,065.55 | |
| Telephone | | 390.54 | |
| Training | | 2,880.00 | |
| Uniforms | | 2,696.39 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Commercial Auto Insurance | 721.00 | | |
| Gas & Diesel | 868.64 | | |
| Maintenance | <u>2,176.53</u> | 3,766.17 | |
| Wages & Benefits | | | |
| Wages | 22,951.33 | | |
| Payroll Taxes | 1,738.88 | | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 89.00 | | |
| Workers Compensation | <u>676.00</u> | 25,455.21 | 45,239.91 |
| 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires) | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Equipment Maintenance | | 62.00 | |
| New Equipment | | 79.65 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Gas, Diesel & Oil | 286.38 | | |
| Insurance | 250.00 | | |
| Maintenance | <u>611.70</u> | 1,148.08 | |
| Salary & Wages | | | |
| Annual Pay | 625.00 | | |
| Fire Fighting Pay | 842.71 | | |
| Fire Fighting Training | <u>84.00</u> | 1,551.71 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | <u>118.70</u> | 2,960.14 |
| 4299 Dispatch Phone Lines | | | |
| 8123 Phone Line | | 1,747.25 | |

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| Grafton County Dispatch | | <u>27,124.00</u> | 28,871.25 |
| HIGHWAYS AND STREETS | | | |
| 4312 Highway Department | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Building Maintenance | | 2,886.95 | |
| Dues | | 70.00 | |
| Equipment | | | |
| Maintenance | 1,443.59 | | |
| Rental | 862.50 | | |
| Repairs | <u>2,410.84</u> | 4,716.93 | |
| Gas and Diesel | | 28,945.02 | |
| Gravel | | 3,100.00 | |
| Insurance | | | |
| Building & Equipment | 255.00 | | |
| Commercial Auto | <u>2,695.00</u> | 2,950.00 | |
| Newspaper Notices | | 329.70 | |
| Random Drug Tests | | 143.00 | |
| Roadside Mowing | | 1,710.00 | |
| Safety | | 575.50 | |
| Sand and Salt | | 27,720.33 | |
| Storm Damage | | 22,936.59 | |
| Street Sweeping | | 2,200.00 | |
| Supplies | | 5,298.75 | |
| Telephone | | 1,391.98 | |
| Training/Workshops | | 360.00 | |
| Uniforms | | 1,800.00 | |
| Vehicles | | | |
| Maintenance | 2,359.82 | | |
| Repairs | <u>6,356.00</u> | 8,715.82 | |
| Wallace Hill Road Plowing | | 100.00 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | | |
| Wages | | 117,110.56 | |
| Overtime | | 15,619.53 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Health Insurance | | 43,317.94 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 10,954.82 | |
| Retirement - Town Contribution | | 1,872.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 340.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | 5,072.00 | |
| Highway Improvement | | <u>43,025.59</u> | 353,393.11 |
| 4316 Utilities | | | |
| Cable Consortium | | 56.00 | |
| Street Lighting | | <u>16,282.41</u> | 16,338.41 |

HEALTH

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4415 Health Agencies | | |
| American Red Cross | 346.00 | |
| Ammonoosuc Community Health Services | 1,800.00 | |
| Grafton County Senior Citizens | 1,100.00 | |
| Health Officer | 25.00 | |
| Littleton Regional Hospital | 1,500.00 | |
| North Country Home Health | 2,750.00 | |
| North Country YMCA | 250.00 | |
| White Mountain Mental Health | <u>1,267.00</u> | 9,038.00 |

WELFARE

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4442 Welfare | | |
| General Assistance | 5,819.43 | |
| Tri-County Community Action | <u>2,300.00</u> | 8,119.43 |

CULTURE AND RECREATION

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|--|
| 4520 Recreation | | |
| Executive Director | 15,986.88 | |
| Executive Director Expense | 285.90 | |
| Maintenance Director | 1,000.00 | |
| Baseball and Softball | | |
| Clinic/Umpire Fees | 545.00 | |
| League Fees | 500.00 | |
| Supplies | 921.25 | |
| Uniforms | 1,069.18 | |
| Basketball | | |
| Referees | 300.00 | |
| Supplies | 155.98 | |
| Tournament Fees | 230.00 | |
| Uniforms | 452.16 | |
| Dow Maintenance Fund | 1,500.00 | |
| Rink and Ice Skating | | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 56.38 | |
| Furnace | 750.00 | |
| Icemaking | 3,140.94 | |
| Rink Maintenance | 157.32 | |
| Supplies | 264.12 | |
| Utilities | 1,511.28 | |
| Rink Maintenance Fund | 2,000.00 | |
| Soccer | | |
| Referees | 222.50 | |
| Supplies | 636.93 | |
| Tournament Expense | 520.00 | |
| Uniforms | 599.09 | |
| Summer Recreation | | |
| Adventure Program | 1,219.20 | |
| Staff Uniforms | 324.74 | |

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| Staff Workshops/Training | | 325.00 | |
| Supplies | | 746.67 | |
| Transportation | | 5,220.08 | |
| Uniforms | | 867.61 | |
| Salaries & Wages | | 24,418.62 | |
| Taxes & Benefits | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 3,402.23 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | 89.00 | |
| Workers Compensation | | <u>845.00</u> | 70,263.06 |
| 4521 Parks | | | |
| Dow Field | | | |
| Electricity | 119.14 | | |
| Field Maintenance | 139.87 | | |
| Portable Toilets | <u>822.00</u> | 1,081.01 | |
| Equipment | | 140.50 | |
| Parks Maintenance | | 269.05 | |
| Supplies | | 201.20 | |
| Wages | | 3,065.05 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | <u>250.28</u> | 5,007.09 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purpose | | | 1,000.00 |
| 4589 Museums- Building Insurance | | | 251.00 |
| 4619 Conservation | | | |
| General Expenses | | | |
| Dues | | 175.00 | |
| Fox Hill Survey | | <u>1,650.00</u> | 1,825.00 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | |
| 4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note | | | 3,244.93 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | |
| 4902 Vehicles & Equipment | | | |
| Article 8 – Highway Truck | | 72,838.00 | |
| Article 9 – Wood Chipper | | <u>23,000.00</u> | 95,838.00 |
| 4903 Buildings | | | |
| Safety Services Building Maintenance | | 1,513.40 | |
| Town Buildings | | 4,160.00 | |
| Article 15 – Security Upgrades | | <u>7,694.51</u> | 13,367.51 |
| 4909 Other Improvements | | | |
| Wells Road | | 50,000.00 | |
| Cemetery Restoration | | <u>6,752.00</u> | 56,752.00 |

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall
March 11, 2008 – 7:00 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and authorize the selectmen to contract with Ross Ambulance Service to provide transportation of Franconia Life Squad patients and to have the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) be expended from the Life Squad budget. (By petition)

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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| Executive | \$104,115.00 |
| Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics | 30,555.00 |
| Financial Administration | 46,621.00 |
| Revaluation of Property..... | 15,000.00 |
| Legal Expenses | 3,000.00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 10,375.00 |
| General Government Buildings | 84,609.00 |
| Cemeteries | 12,748.00 |
| Insurance..... | 7,500.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations..... | 12,530.00 |
| (Chamber of Commerce.....) | 10,000.00) |
| (North Country Council.....) | 1,837.00) |
| (Regional Airport.....) | 693.00) |

PUBLIC SAFETY

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Police | 292,540.00 |
| Fire..... | 84,000.00 |
| Life Squad | 51,400.00 |
| Forest Fire..... | 4,215.00 |
| Dispatch Phone Lines | 29,937.00 |
| (Franconia's Share.....) | 29,387.00) |

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....352,231.00

UTILITIES

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| | 16,400.00 |
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HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....9,403.00

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| (American Red Cross.....) | 461.00) |
| (Ammonoosuc Community Health) | 1,800.00) |
| (Grafton Co. Senior Citizens | 1,000.00) |
| (Health Officer.....) | 300.00) |
| (Littleton Regional Hospital | 1,575.00) |
| (North Country Home Health | 2,750.00) |
| (North Country YMCA.....) | 250.00) |
| (White Mt. Mental Health.....) | 1,267.00) |

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| WELFARE | 8,400.00 |
| (General Assistance | 6,000.00) |
| (CAP | 2,400.00) |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | |
| Recreation Programs..... | 91,937.00 |
| (Franconia's Share | 41,120.00) |
| Parks | 6,495.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,000.00 |
| Museums..... | 300.00 |
| CONSERVATION | 1,500.00 |
| INTEREST | 4,000.00 |
| TOTAL.....(Franconia's Share \$1,229,444.00)..... | \$1,280,811.00 |

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$161,850.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings Truck, \$4,400; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment \$7,100; Highway Trucks, \$41,000; Highway Heavy Equipment \$19,600; Police Cruisers, \$7,250; Fire Equip Truck, \$37,000; Transfer Station Equipment \$17,500; Legal \$20,000; and Reassessment, 8,000.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$66,800.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Highway Improvement, \$50,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$1,000; Museum Maintenance, \$12,000 and Library Maintenance, \$3,800.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Fire Tanker Truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand six hundred dollars from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund (\$25,600.00) previously established. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2005 cruiser (\$3,400.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) to purchase a new Life Squad Van and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The sum of seven thousand dollars

(\$7,000.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from selling the 1997 Life Squad Van (\$18,000.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) to refurbish the Sutphen Pumper Fire Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred fourteen thousand dollars (\$114,000.00) from the Fire Truck Pumper Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. The amount of twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000.00) is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for the installation of water meters for both water systems with said funds to come from the Water Department surplus funds and no amount to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$99,000.00) for design engineering and consulting plans recommended for improvements to the water system. These plans will have the cost estimates that will be used for applications to State and Federal agencies for grant and loan payments. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) to construct a maintenance building for the Buildings and Grounds Department to be located at the end of Dow Avenue behind the Elmwood Cemetery. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty thousand two hundred eight dollars (\$260,208.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal with five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus, Town of Sugar Hill (\$38,013.00), the Town of Easton (\$17,279.00), PAYT Fees (\$76,500.00), Special Handling Fees (\$35,516.00), and Recycled Material (\$28,000.00) and to raise fifty-nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$59,900.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be added to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-one thousand two hundred forty-five dollars (\$71,245.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Carl I. Belz
Richard McLeod
Carleen B. Quinn
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Estimated 2007 | Actual 2007 | Estimated 2008 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| TAXES: | | | |
| 3120 Land Use Change Taxes | \$ 47,700.00 | \$ 47,700.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| 3185 Yield Taxes | 8,000.00 | 8,051.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes | 37,790.00 | 37,790.00 | 37,000.00 |
| 3190 Interest & Penalties | 14,000.00 | 20,096.00 | 10,000.00 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES: | | | |
| 3210 Business Permits | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 3220 Motor Vehicles | 210,000.00 | 228,080.00 | 215,000.00 |
| 3230 Building Permits | 2,250.00 | 2,889.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk | 5,800.00 | 7,100.00 | 4,500.00 |
| 3311 Federal Government (FEMA) | 26,478.00 | 26,478.00 | -0- |
| FROM STATE: | | | |
| 3351 Shared Revenues | 7,075.00 | 7,075.00 | 7,075.00 |
| 3352 Meals & Rooms Tax | 43,221.00 | 43,221.00 | 30,000.00 |
| 3353 Highway Block Grant | 43,032.00 | 43,032.00 | 44,714.00 |
| FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS | | | |
| 3379 Town of Easton | 21,729.00 | 21,623.00 | 23,501.00 |
| 3379 Town of Sugar Hill | 51,051.00 | 51,024.00 | 59,098.00 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES: | | | |
| 3401 Income from Departments | 32,000.00 | 42,574.00 | 36,000.00 |
| 3409 PAYT Fees, etc. | 141,500.00 | 144,004.00 | 143,516.00 |
| 3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees | 21,100.00 | 27,645.00 | 24,060.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES: | | | |
| 3501 Sale of Municipal Property | 14,000.00 | 14,550.00 | 21,400.00 |
| 3502 Interest on Investments | 15,000.00 | 26,473.00 | 15,000.00 |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN: | | | |
| 3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund | 8,000.00 | 4,980.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 3914 Water Dept | -0- | -0- | 250,000.00 |
| 3915 Capital Reserve Funds | 45,000.00 | 49,478.00 | 249,600.00 |
| 3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery) | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 3917 Expendable Trust Funds | -0- | 62,425.00 | -0- |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | |
| 3934 Long Term Borrowing | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Fund Balance (Surplus) | 30,000.00 | 8,214.00 | -0- |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$826,976.00 | \$926,752.00 | \$1,192,214.00 |

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION | Approp. 2007 | Actual 2007 | Estimated 2008 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | | |
| 4130 Executive | \$ 99,085.00 | \$ 95,999.00 | \$104,115.00 |
| 4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats. | 24,606.00 | 23,011.00 | 30,555.00 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | 38,913.00 | 41,604.00 | 46,621.00 |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | 13,938.00 | 13,938.00 | 15,000.00 |
| 4153 Legal Expense | 3,000.00 | 2,968.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 4191 Planning & Zoning | 10,465.00 | 9,810.00 | 10,375.00 |
| 4194 General Gov't. Buildings | 81,682.00 | 83,254.00 | 84,609.00 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | 11,731.00 | 11,741.00 | 12,748.00 |
| 4196 Insurance | 8,500.00 | 6,729.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc. | 12,629.00 | 12,629.00 | 12,530.00 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY: | | | |
| 4210 Police | 288,655.00 | 287,834.00 | 292,540.00 |
| 4220 Fire | 73,626.00 | 75,594.00 | 84,000.00 |
| 4221 Life Squad | 50,411.00 | 45,240.00 | 51,400.00 |
| 4290 Forest Fire | 4,215.00 | 2,960.00 | 4,215.00 |
| 4299 Dispatch Phone Line | 28,224.00 | 28,871.00 | 29,937.00 |
| HIGHWAYS & STREETS: | | | |
| 4312 Highway Department | 324,588.00 | 353,393.00 | 352,231.00 |
| 4316 Utilities | 16,000.00 | 16,338.00 | 16,400.00 |
| HEALTH: | | | |
| 4415 Health Officer & Agencies | 9,513.00 | 9,038.00 | 9,403.00 |
| WELFARE: | | | |
| 4442 Direct Assistance & CAP | 6,300.00 | 8,119.00 | 8,400.00 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION: | | | |
| 4520 Recreation | 64,703.00 | 70,263.00 | 91,937.00 |
| 4521 Parks | 8,420.00 | 5,007.00 | 6,495.00 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purposes | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 4589 Museums | 300.00 | 251.00 | 300.00 |
| CONSERVATION | | | |
| 4619 General Expenses | 2,000.00 | 1,825.00 | 1,500.00 |
| DEBT SERVICE: | | | |
| 4723 Interest on TANS | 4,000.00 | 3,245.00 | 4,000.00 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY: | | | |
| 4902 Vehicles & Equipment | | | |
| FY 2007 | | | |
| Article 8: Highway Truck | 72,838.00 | 72,838.00 | -0- |
| Article 9: Wood Chipper | 23,000.00 | 23,000.00 | -0- |
| FY 2008 | | | |
| Article 7: Police Cruiser | -0- | -0- | 29,000.00 |
| Article 8: Life Squad Van | -0- | -0- | 135,000.00 |
| Article 9: Fire Truck Refurbish | -0- | -0- | 135,000.00 |
| 4903 Buildings | | | |
| FY 2007 | | | |
| Article 7: Town Buildings Alarms | 17,000.00 | -0- | -0- |

| | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Article 15: Town Hall Security | 10,000.00 | 7,695.00 | -0- |
| ETF: Town Buildings Maint. | -0- | 1,513.00 | -0- |
| ETF: Safety Services Building Maint. | -0- | 4,160.00 | |
| FY2008 | | | |
| Article 12: Maintenance Building | -0- | -0- | 70,000.00 |
| 4909 Other Improvements | | | |
| ETF: Highway Improvement | -0- | 50,000.00 | -0- |
| 4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | |
| Transfer Station/Recycling Center | 244,960.00 | 239,858.00 | 260,208.00 |
| Land Use Fund | -0- | 47,700.00 | -0- |
| Library | 69,842.00 | 69,842.00 | 71,245.00 |
| SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES: | | | |
| CRF: Life Squad Van | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 | -0- |
| CRF: Highway Trucks | 17,500.00 | 17,500.00 | 41,000.00 |
| CRF: Police Cruiser | 14,250.00 | 14,250.00 | 7,250.00 |
| CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 | 4,400.00 |
| CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper) | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | -0- |
| CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment) | 26,000.00 | 26,000.00 | 37,000.00 |
| CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker) | -0- | -0- | 5,000.00 |
| CRF: Reassessment | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| CRF: Legal | -0- | -0- | 20,000.00 |
| CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 7,100.00 |
| CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 | 19,600.00 |
| CRF: Transfer Station Equipment | -0- | -0- | 17,500.00 |
| CRF: Dow Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| ETF: Sidewalks | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| ETF: Highway Improvement | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| ETF: Cemetery Restoration | 6,200.00 | 6,200.00 | -0- |
| ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum | 3,400.00 | 3,400.00 | 12,000.00 |
| EFT: Library Maintenance | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 3,800.00 |
| EFT: Rink Maintenance | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended): | | | |
| FY 2007 | | | |
| Article 14: Infrastructure Study | 20,000.00 | 3,214.00 | -0- |
| FY 2008 | | | |
| Article 2: Ross Ambulance | -0- | -0- | 10,000.00 |
| Article 10: Water Meters | -0- | -0- | 250,000.00 |
| Article 11: Water System Engineering | -0- | -0- | 99,000.00 |
| Article 21: Franconia Children's Center | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$1,851,694.00 | \$1,938,031.00 | \$2,579,414.00 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

| | Appropriations | Receipts & Reimbursements |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Executive | \$99,085.00 | \$ 616.00 |
| Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics | 24,606.00 | 96.00 |
| Financial Administration | 38,913.00 | 50.00 |
| Revaluation of Property | 13,938.00 | -0- |
| Legal Expenses | 3,000.00 | 4,478.00 |
| | | |
| Planning & Zoning | 10,465.00 | 2,652.00 |
| General Government Buildings | 81,682.00 | 110.00 |
| Cemeteries | 11,731.00 | 1,250.00 |
| Insurance | 8,500.00 | -0- |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | 12,629.00 | -0- |
| | | |
| Police | 288,655.00 | 1,146.00 |
| Fire | 73,626.00 | 196.00 |
| Life Squad | 50,411.00 | 2,452.00 |
| Forest Fire | 4,215.00 | 1,291.00 |
| Dispatch Phone Lines | 28,224.00 | 374.00 |
| | | |
| Highway Department | 324,588.00 | 27,203.00 |
| Utilities | 16,000.00 | -0- |
| Health Officer & Agencies | 9,513.00 | -0- |
| Welfare | 6,300.00 | -0- |
| Recreation | 64,703.00 | 6,078.00 |
| | | |
| Parks | 8,420.00 | -0- |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,000.00 | -0- |
| Museums | 300.00 | -0- |
| Conservation | 2,000.00 | -0- |
| Interest | 4,000.00 | 6,555.00 |
| | | |
| TOTALS | \$ 1,186,504.00 | \$54,547.00 |

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

| Total Amount Available | Expenditures | Unexpended Balances | Overdrafts |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| \$99,701.00 | \$ 95,999.00 | \$ 3,702.00 | \$ -0- |
| 24,702.00 | 23,011.00 | 1,691.00 | -0- |
| 38,963.00 | 41,604.00 | -0- | 2,641.00 |
| 13,938.00 | 13,938.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 7,478.00 | 7,446.00 | 32.00 | -0- |
| 13,117.00 | 9,810.00 | 3,307.00 | -0- |
| 81,792.00 | 83,254.00 | -0- | 1,462.00 |
| 12,981.00 | 11,741.00 | 1,240.00 | -0- |
| 8,500.00 | 6,729.00 | 1,771.00 | -0- |
| 12,629.00 | 12,629.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 289,801.00 | 287,834.00 | 1,967.00 | -0- |
| 73,822.00 | 74,594.00 | -0- | 772.00 |
| 52,863.00 | 45,240.00 | 7,623.00 | -0- |
| 5,506.00 | 2,960.00 | 2,546.00 | -0- |
| 28,598.00 | 28,871.00 | -0- | 273.00 |
| 351,791.00 | 353,393.00 | -0- | 1,602.00 |
| 16,000.00 | 16,338.00 | -0- | 338.00 |
| 9,513.00 | 9,038.00 | 475.00 | -0- |
| 6,300.00 | 8,119.00 | -0- | 1,819.00 |
| 70,781.00 | 70,263.00 | 518.00 | -0- |
| 8,420.00 | 5,007.00 | 3,413.00 | -0- |
| 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 300.00 | 251.00 | 49.00 | -0- |
| 2,000.00 | 1,825.00 | 175.00 | -0- |
| <u>10,555.00</u> | <u>3,245.00</u> | <u>7,310.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| \$1,241,051.00 | \$1,214,139.00 | \$35,819.00 | \$8,907.00 |

NOTES

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4912 Special Revenue Funds

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Land Use Fund (50% LUCT) | 47,700.00 | |
| Library Appropriation | 69,842.00 | |
| Transfer Station Appropriation | <u>53,279.00</u> | 170,821.00 |

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4915 Capital Reserve Funds

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Life Squad Van | 7,500.00 | |
| Fire Truck – Equipment | 26,000.00 | |
| Fire Truck – Pumper | 40,000.00 | |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 7,000.00 | |
| Highway Truck | 17,500.00 | |
| Police Cruisers | 14,250.00 | |
| Reassessment | 8,000.00 | |
| Town Buildings & Ground Equipment | 5,000.00 | |
| Town Buildings Truck | <u>4,200.00</u> | 129,450.00 |

4916 Expendable Trust Funds

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cemetery Restoration | 6,200.00 | |
| Heritage Museum Maintenance | 3,400.00 | |
| Highway Improvement | 50,000.00 | |
| Library Building Maintenance | 8,000.00 | |
| Sidewalk Improvement | <u>5,000.00</u> | 72,600.00 |

SUB-TOTAL

\$1,758,183.21

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

11,452.66

WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS

1,833.41

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

4931 Grafton County Tax **369,858.00**

4933 School Districts

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Lafayette Regional School District | 1,042,698.00 | |
| Profile School District | <u>1,498,711.00</u> | 2,541,409.00 |

4939 State of New Hampshire

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Animal Population Control | 172.00 | |
| Civil Union Licenses | 38.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 43.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses | 266.00 | |
| Vital Records | <u>352.00</u> | 871.00 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$4,683,607.28

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Computer Support | 1,137.65 | |
| Gas & Diesel | 15.00 | |
| Insurance – Commercial Auto | 300.00 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance | 143.10 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Electricity | 97.84 | |
| Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil | 1,376.02 | |
| Supplies | 44.88 | |
| Water Payments | 13,975.40 | |
| Wages | 4,123.93 | |
| Payroll Taxes | 315.48 | |
| Workers Compensation | <u>169.00</u> | 21,698.30 |
| BC/BS Lovett | | 4,483.80 |
| Frost Place Trees | | 1,700.00 |
| Homeland Security Grant | | 78,185.00 |
| Mangold Memorial Stone | | 295.50 |
| Planning Board Engineering Fees | | 300.00 |
| Police Coverage | | 325.00 |
| Recreation Field Trip Fees | | 737.00 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | | <u>180,000.00</u> |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | | \$ 287,724.60 |

**TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | \$ 22,364.02 |
| Income | | |
| Town of Franconia | 53,279.00 | |
| Town of Sugar Hill | 33,812.00 | |
| Town of Easton | 15,369.00 | |
| PAYT Bags | 76,178.75 | |
| Special Handling Fees | 34,338.00 | |
| Recycled Material | 33,487.21 | |
| Interest Earned | <u>1,648.89</u> | 248,112.85 |
| Expenses | | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | |
| MSW Hauling | 6,254.56 | |
| MSW Tipping | 32,771.51 | |
| Bulky Disposal | | |
| Roll Off Hauling | 7,465.12 | |
| Roll Off Tipping | 21,223.64 | |
| Roll Off Rental | 150.00 | |
| Tires | 595.75 | |
| Electronics | 1,419.30 | |
| Other | 3,632.10 | |
| Utilities | 4,614.48 | |
| General Expenses | | |
| Dues | 2,705.17 | |
| PAYT Bags | 7,910.00 | |
| Insurance | 452.00 | |
| Supplies & Baling Wire | 2,882.07 | |
| Oil & Gas | 1,426.99 | |
| Training & Certification | 762.15 | |
| Uniforms | 415.26 | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 601.50 | |
| Sanding | 1,989.00 | |
| Capital Improvements | 4,980.00 | |
| Wages | 101,628.53 | |
| Benefits | | |
| Health Insurance | 23,779.89 | |
| Retirement | 1,728.00 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 252.00 | |
| Workers' Compensation | 2,875.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes | <u>7,759.24</u> | <u>239,858.00</u> |
| Ending Balance | | \$ 30,618.87 |

2008-2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2008 – 2014 Capital Improvements Plan, adopted by the Franconia Planning Board and accepted by the Franconia Board of Selectmen, was completed by a diverse group of seven citizens, appointed by the Planning Board and the CIP Chairperson. The Committee worked from April through December 2007 on this year's effort.

The Committee interviewed all Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, Recreation, Library and Heritage Society representatives and the Town's Select Board and administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2008-2014. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and prioritized in relation to each other and the Town's historical yearly capital expenditures and the ability to raise monies to fund the projects in the future. The Committee's review and budgeting of projects was done in light of the substantial infrastructure projects recommended by the Infrastructure Study Group (ISG)

Next, a draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizens' review. This draft plan reflected a recommendation for 2008 of \$239,150, versus a recommendation in 2007 of \$244,850, a 2.3% decrease year over year. It also represented a favorable relationship to the actual 2007 capital expenditures of \$296,431. The recommended budget over the period 2008-2014 is \$1,668,720, compared to \$1,683,120, for the period 2007-2013, presented last year. A Public Hearing was then held to elicit public comment on the draft. There was no Public comment received at the Hearing in relation to the draft, so no adjustments were made.

The 2008 CIP was presented to the Planning Board on January, 8th 2008 and officially adopted. The Committee presented the CIP to the Select Board on January, 14th 2008 for use in their planning of the Town of Franconia 2008 annual budget.

The CIP Committee would like to highlight a few specific findings and concerns that it recommends receive further consideration by the CIP, Planning and Select Boards as well as the community at large:

- 1) The CIP Committee recommends to the Select Board that a Capital Acceptance Plan (CAP) or similar process be established for the large infrastructure projects that have been recommended by the Infrastructure Study Group (ISG.) A CAP type process would assist the Town Administrators and the standing Committees CIP, PB, working with the citizenry, to establish the best strategy for the execution of a given project(s) and secure its acceptance for funding. This effort would take into consideration the current Master Plan, CIP, ISG recommendations and present tax burden in crafting an acceptable and effective strategy to address the Town's substantial infrastructure needs.
- 2) The CIP Committee recommends that the Town consider long term financing, either in the form of bonding or bank financing, for some of the larger proposed capital projects. In lieu of having reserved for these needs in years past, the identified timing of these projects, and the relative present cost of borrowing, this method of raising monies seems prudent and effective in managing the tax impact of these capital expenditures.

3) The CIP Committee plans to continue to develop a more structured and rigorous RFP process for the proposal and acceptance of capital needs requested by the Operating Departments and Town organizations. By improving this process, the Committee, working with the requestors, hopes to improve the efficiency, accuracy and cost effectiveness of the individual requests. It is also anticipated that this effort will improve the appropriate timing and level of Reserve Fund appropriations. The Operating Departments were very helpful this year in relation to these efforts.

4) The CIP Committee recommends that the Select Board prepare a comprehensive long range plan for the upgrades necessary at the Town Hall (windows, insulation, ADA bathroom, etc...) This seems especially necessary in light of the ISG's recommended reconfiguring and improvements to the building.

5) The CIP Committee recommends that the Road Agent, working with the Select Board, Planning Board and Infrastructure Committee, continue to develop a long range Strategic Plan for the Towns roads. This plan would provide recommendations and schedules for maintenance and improvements to existing roads and identify required new construction. This plan would be used to establish appropriate and realistic annual funding to be included in the CIP.

Finally, the CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2008-2014 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully,
The CIP Committee
Ann Ackley
Carl Belz
Mary Fowler
Jim Hamblin
Mogens Jessen
Steve Plant
Brian Williams

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Emergency Generator | \$15,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | 20 | \$750.00 |
| 2004 Rescue Tools | 20,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 10 | 2,000.00 |
| 2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck | 215,000.00 | 161,125.00 | 20 | 10,750.00 |
| 1997 Ford Rescue Van | 110,000.00 | -0- | 10 | 11,000.00 |
| 1993 Sutphen Delage Pumper | 180,000.00 | 54,000.00 | 20 | 9,000.00 |
| 1988 Ford Equipment Truck | 20,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1978 Ford Attack Pumper | 40,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique) | | -0- | | -0- |
| Scott Air Pack (10) | 14,250.00 | 5,071.00 | | 705.00 |
| Protective Gear | 15,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 5,000 ft. 4" Hose | 20,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 3,000 ft 2-1/2" Hose | 3,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1,500 ft. 1-1/2" Hose | 2,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Fittings | 4,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Smoke Ejectors (2) | 684.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Nozzles & Deck Guns | 10,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad) | 393.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1997 Computer | 1,520.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Communications Equipment: | | | | |
| David Clark Headsets | 3,636.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Mobile Radios (5) | 18,000.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Portable Radios (15) | 12,800.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Base Radio | 3,500.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Beepers (35) | <u>16,975.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> | 10 | <u>126.00</u> |
| Totals | \$725,758.00 | \$244,321.00 | | \$34,331.00 |

POLICE EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2005 Chevy Impala | \$21,102.00 | -0- | | \$7,034.00 |
| 2005 Chevy Tahoe | 26,657.00 | 10,601.00 | 5 | 5,332.00 |
| 1997 Spec. Mountain Bike | 350.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2002 Astro Portable Radios (4) | 9,758.00 | -0- | | 1,950.00 |
| 1992 GE Mobile (2) | 930.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1998 Kenwood Mobile | 1,464.00 | -0- | | 183.00 |
| Siren, Lights | 1,200.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1989 Siren | 210.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1999 Eagle Radar | 3,095.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2004 Eagle Radar | 2,212.00 | 444.00 | 5 | 442.00 |
| Matrix Personal Body Armor | 1,180.00 | 236.00 | 5 | 236.00 |

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 2002 Sony Camcorder | 650.00 | -0- | 6 | 110.00 |
| 2001 Video Cameras (2) | 10,360.00 | 3,108.00 | 10 | 1,036.00 |
| 2001 Digital Cameras (2) | 600.00 | 180.00 | 10 | 60.00 |
| 1999 Laptop Computer | 3,353.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2005 Dell Computers (2) | 3,278.00 | 1,310.00 | 5 | 656.00 |
| 2005 Label Printer | 300.00 | 120.00 | 5 | 60.00 |
| 2005 HP Printer | 920.00 | 370.00 | 5 | 184.00 |
| 2005 Typewriter | 575.00 | 230.00 | 5 | 115.00 |
| 2002 Colt TR (2) | 1,400.00 | 560.00 | 10 | 140.00 |
| 2002 Colt TR (2) – (Mil. Surplus) | 150.00 | 60.00 | 10 | 15.00 |
| 2001 Colt TR | 700.00 | 210.00 | 10 | 70.00 |
| 2000 Colt TR | 700.00 | 140.00 | 10 | 70.00 |
| Sig. 45 cal (7-1997) | 3,709.00 | -0- | 10 | 119.00 |
| Sig. 9mm (1-1995) | 587.00 | 115.00 | 10 | 59.00 |
| 1989 Mossberg shotgun (2) | 393.00 | 29.00 | 10 | 33.00 |
| 1998 Stinger Spikes (2) | 1,430.00 | 381.00 | 10 | 143.00 |
| Misc. Office | <u>3,000.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> | 5 | <u>-0-</u> |
| Totals | \$100,263.00 | \$18,094.00 | | \$18,047.00 |

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2007 Chevrolet | \$72,838.00 | \$60,698.00 | 6 | \$12,140.00 |
| 2004 Ford Truck | 44,794.00 | -0- | 4 | 11,197.00 |
| 2000 Mack Truck | 71,102.00 | 7,112.00 | 10 | 7,110.00 |
| 1995 Mack Truck | 76,702.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2007 Woodchipper | 23,000.00 | 20,700.00 | 10 | 2,300.00 |
| 2004 Spreader | 5,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 10 | 500.00 |
| 2006 Spreader | 15,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 6 | 2,500.00 |
| 2006 CAT Backhoe/Loader | 83,000.00 | 66,400.00 | 10 | 8,300.00 |
| 1986 Caterpillar Grader | 55,000.00 | 14,663.00 | 15 | 3,667.00 |
| 1985 Highway Sweeper | 12,000.00 | -0- | 6 | -0- |
| 1999 Radio | 415.00 | 82.00 | 10 | 42.00 |
| Radios | 4,400.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| Snow Plow | 5,000.00 | 3,500.00 | 3 | 500.00 |
| Steam Jenny & Generator | 3,700.00 | -0- | 10 | 370.00 |
| Air Impact Wrench | 650.00 | 195.00 | 10 | 65.00 |
| Compressor | 1,163.00 | -0- | 10 | -0- |
| 2 Chain Saws | 1,000.00 | -0- | 2 | 500.00 |
| Welder | <u>1,500.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> | 10 | <u>-0-</u> |
| Totals | \$476,264.00 | \$186,350.00 | | \$49,191.00 |

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2004 Dell Computer | \$1,376.00 | \$548.00 | 5 | \$276.00 |
| 2003 Dell Computer | 2,051.00 | -0- | 5 | 411.00 |
| 2001 Cannon Copier | 250.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1999 Computers | 4,210.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2005 Copier | 1,395.00 | 558.00 | 5 | 279.00 |
| 1998 Computer | 2,077.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1999 HP Laser Printer | 500.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1997 HP Laser Printer | 860.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1997 Fax Machine | 399.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 1993 Typewriter | 180.00 | -0- | 4 | -0- |
| 1996 Motorola Portable Radio | 690.00 | -0- | 8 | -0- |
| Totals | \$13,988.00 | \$1,106.00 | | \$966.00 |

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2001 Container | \$1,863.00 | (54%) | \$747.00 | 10 | \$186.00 |
| 2006 Bobcat | 9,452.00 | (52%) | 6,752.00 | 10 | 1,350.00 |
| 1999 Baler | 4,928.00 | (54%) | -0- | | -0- |
| 1999 Containers | 2,430.00 | (54%) | 243.00 | 10 | 243.00 |
| 1985 Trash Compactor | 20,000.00 | (60%) | -0- | | -0- |
| Totals | \$38,673.00 | | \$7,742.00 | | \$1,779.00 |

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

| Equipment | Purchase Price | Book Value | Life in Years | Depreciation For Year |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2005 Ford Truck | \$29,000.00 | \$16,571.00 | 7 | \$4,143.00 |
| 1996 Motorola Portable Radio | 690.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 2002 John Deere Tractor | 24,213.00 | 15,132.00 | 8 | 3,027.00 |
| 1996 John Deere Mower | 4,195.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2005 59" Snow blower | 2,850.00 | 1,140.00 | 5 | 570.00 |
| 1995 Toro Snow blower | 733.00 | -0- | 5 | -0- |
| 2004 Wright Mower | 5,800.00 | 2,320.00 | 5 | 1,160.00 |
| 1992 Gravely Mower | 2,588.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 1986 Gravely Sweeper | 3,900.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| Totals | \$73,969.00 | \$35,163.00 | | \$ 8,900.00 |

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2007

REVENUES

| Income | VILLAGE | MITTERSILL |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Water Rents | <u>\$97,101.55</u> | <u>\$73,011.11</u> |
| Total Income | \$97,101.55 | \$73,011.11 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Wages | \$ 3,611.20 | \$ 870.46 |
| Software | 2,453.55 | 458.56 |
| Postage | 370.22 | 61.50 |
| Bank Charges | 88.85 | 73.05 |
| Phone | 354.70 | 122.82 |
| Contract Labor | 23,270.25 | 23,279.09 |
| Water Testing | 2,090.00 | 475.00 |
| PSNH | 10,992.08 | 4,463.86 |
| Chlorine | 575.74 | 287.86 |
| Supplies | 28,403.67 | 946.11 |
| Misc. Expense | 405.75 | 270.00 |
| Repairs | 10,176.34 | -0- |
| Grounds-Plowing | 2,961.00 | 2,587.50 |
| Fire House | 784.69 | 471.19 |
| Truck | 200.00 | 100.00 |
| Well Development | -0- | 16,298.35 |
| Engineer Study | <u>14,200.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$100,938.04 | \$50,765.35 |
| Income Over Expenses | (\$3,836.49) | \$22,245.76 |

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending December 31, 2007

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

| | VILLAGE | MITTERSILL |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash on Hand/Checking | \$ - 3,831.11 | \$ - 1,606.83 |
| Reserve Account | 121,651.42 | 179,691.35 |
| Accounts Receivable | 7,502.19 | 1,926.50 |
| Stock on Hand | <u>34,961.00</u> | <u>740.00</u> |
| Total Assets | \$160,283.50 | \$180,751.02 |

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Accounts Payable | -0- | -0- |
| Surplus | <u>\$160,283.50</u> | <u>\$180,751.02</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Surplus | \$160,283.50 | \$180,751.02 |

EQUIPMENT AT COST

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Storage Tank | \$ -0- | \$ 5,839.00 |
| Mains | 70,864.00 | 40,875.00 |
| Hydrants | -0- | 2,535.00 |
| Pumps | -0- | -0- |
| Tools & Equipment | <u>847.00</u> | <u>1,066.00</u> |
| Total Equipment at Cost | \$71,711.00 | \$50,315.00 |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

Report of Funds, Checking Accounts & Income Earned Thereon For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

| NAME OF TRUST FUND | PRINCIPAL | | | | INCOME | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Balance Beginning of Year | Funds Added or Reinvested from Sales | Gains or (Losses) During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End of Year |
| Harry & Mary Priest Fund | \$ 56,156.28 | .00 | \$.00 | \$.00 | \$ 55,246.87 | \$ - 909.41 | \$ - 909.41 | \$ -0- |
| Harry & Mary Priest Fund | 29,821.42 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 30,332.89 | 1,382.64 | 1,382.64 | -0- |
| Harry & Mary Priest Fund | 68,273.52 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 69,930.31 | 3,150.80 | 3,150.80 | -0- |
| Jarvis D. Blair Fund | 48,513.52 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 49,273.77 | 2,531.32 | 2,531.32 | -0- |
| Phillips Fund | 6,076.54 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 6,390.25 | 250.45 | 250.45 | -0- |
| J.C. Blair Fund | 2,705.67 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 3,557.88 | 15.04 | 15.04 | -0- |
| J.C. Blair Fund | 12,030.22 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 12,965.95 | 479.72 | 479.72 | -0- |
| J.C. Blair Fund | 15,615.67 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 15,615.67 | 456.75 | 456.75 | -0- |
| Karl Schaffer Fund | 12,124.90 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 12,801.52 | 442.97 | 442.97 | -0- |
| Holt | 7,351.44 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 7,619.75 | 268.31 | 268.31 | -0- |
| TOTALS | \$258,669.18 | \$.00 | \$.00 | \$.00 | \$263,734.86 | \$ 8,068.59 | \$ 8,068.59 | -0- |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2007
ASSETS

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash in Banks and on hand | \$36,587.62 |
| Income due from trust funds | <u>(16,898.15)</u> |
| Total Assets | 19,689.47 |

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Accrued Payroll | <u>10,035.26</u> |
| Total Liabilities | 10,035.26 |
| Unreserved Designated Fund Balance | <u>29,724.73</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Equity | \$19,689.47 |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2007

REVENUES

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| From the Town of Franconia | \$69,842.00 |
| From Non-Resident Card Fees | 707.00 |
| From Bank Interest | <u>68.20</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$70,617.20 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Librarian's Salary | \$24,957.50 |
| Other Wages | 20,302.07 |
| Payroll Taxes | 3,243.95 |
| Books | 5,449.61 |
| Insurance – Health | 5,699.98 |
| – Business | 1,110.00 |
| Utilities | 6,898.79 |
| Office & Library Expenses | 833.06 |
| Computer and Internet Expenses | 2,439.75 |
| Bookkeeping | 1,950.10 |
| Repairs & Maintenance Supplies | 3,885.26 |
| Programs | 43.55 |
| Pension Funding | 476.00 |
| Dues & Fees | 637.25 |
| Training | 340.00 |
| Postage | 148.78 |
| Mileage | <u>119.26</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$78,534.91 |
| Excess of Revenue over Expenditures | (7,917.71) |
| Beginning Fund Equity | <u>33,583.59</u> |
| Ending Fund Equity | \$25,665.80 |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

The year 2007 marked the return of a beloved tradition, the Maypole Dance. Christie Shaw-Doran led dancers as they weaved long, pastel ribbons back and forth to symbolize the shortening days of winter and the lengthening days of spring. It was a sunny day and a warm gathering for the community. The ladies and young girls were well-rehearsed and performed the complex dance beautifully. The celebration was part of the tri-town Earth Day celebration that included Circle Dances by Neskaya and the "Color Your World Green" community-wide cleanup.

An Evening of Poetry in Franconia was sponsored by the Library, Heritage Museum, and Frost Place. Jim Schley, Executive Director of the Frost Place, spoke about Robert Frost and the poetry he was inspired to write while a resident of Franconia.

Angelo Costa, Lions Club member and retired social studies teacher, gave a presentation called "What's in a Name?" about the Marquis De Lafayette, French hero of the American Revolution. The title of the program was inspired by the many local places named after him: the mountain, the Lions Club, two roads, the elementary school, and senior center. The program was inspired by the theme of this year's Old Home Day Parade: Lafayette, the Man and the Mountain.

The Friends of the Library held successful book sales on Old Home Day and Columbus Day weekend. Proceeds funded maintenance of the perennial bed, pruning, and planting of spring-flowering bulbs. The Friends worked very hard to organize book donations to make future sales even more successful.

The library has a new sign out front. It was designed with much careful consideration by the Library Board of Trustees and the Littleton Sign Company. It sports a beautiful gold leaf in honor of Abbie Greenleaf, for whom the library is named. The sign was funded by the Friends of the Library and a bequest of Elizabeth Hawes Buxton.

A chance remark on Old Home Day stirred speculation about what happened to the Bicentennial Quilt which Kathie Lovett and 38 friends presented to the town in 1977. The 45 squares depict scenes from Franconia and its surroundings. The missing quilt was found in the basement of the library and is now displayed in Town Hall for everyone to enjoy.

We received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the initial setup of the Overdrive Audio Book program. This is a web-based service for patrons to download books onto their computer and MP3 player. One family checked out the library's MP3 player and took it on vacation to Thailand and another downloads books from a remote village in Hungary.

The library welcomed two new staff members, Marilyn Fischer and Adam Nyborg. Ralph Brigida retired after many years as the library's bookkeeper, and his professional contributions to the library are gratefully acknowledged. Pam Yarosh of the Franconia Business Connection joined us as our bookkeeper in May. Bruce McLaren of Community Financial Services Group, LLC is the financial consultant to the Board of Trustees. The Board thanks Bruce for his community service.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Services: Items Loaned

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Adult Fiction | 3,725 |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 2,119 |
| Juvenile Fiction | 761 |
| Juvenile Non-Fiction | 293 |
| Easy Reading | 945 |
| Youth Fiction | 159 |
| Youth Non-Fiction | 18 |
| Periodicals | 638 |
| Cassettes (Books on Tape) | 291 |
| Books on CD | 226 |
| CD’s | 78 |
| Vertical File | 0 |
| Puzzles | 29 |
| Films | 0 |
| Videos | 533 |
| Audiobooks downloaded | 61 |
| DVD’s | 308 |
| Total | <u>10,184</u> |

Accessions: Library Materials

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Totals 12/31/06 | 22,858 |
| Purchased 2007 | |
| Books | 198 |
| Paperbacks | 44 |
| Videos | 1 |
| DVD’s | 24 |
| Books on CD | 1 |
| CD’ | 4 |
| Gifts | |
| Books | 39 |
| Paperbacks | 50 |
| Cassettes | 15 |
| Videos | 21 |
| DVD’s | 4 |
| Books on CD | 16 |
| CD’s | <u>1</u> |
| Puzzles | 0 |
| Cassettes (Books on Tape) | 5 |
| Total Accessions | 538 |

Withdrawn (878)

Total on 12/31/07 22,518

Books on CD Leased 12

| | |
|---|------------|
| Borrowed from NH State Library | 39 |
| Borrowed from Other NH Libraries..... | 573 |
| Borrowed from Lafayette Regional School . | 49 |
| Loaned to Other NH Libraries | 445 |
| New Borrower Cards | 77 |
| | |
| Total Active Borrowers..... | 658 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Periodicals Purchased | 39 |
| Periodicals Gift | 7 |
| Newspapers..... | 4 |
| Adult Programs..... | 2 |
| Attendance... .. | 34 |
| Children’s Programs | 4 |
| Attendance | 101 |

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

| | Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year | PRINCIPAL Funds Added or Reinvested | Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Common Trust Fund Investments: | | | |
| Cemetery Fund | 134.93 | 1,350.00 | -0- |
| Cemetery Reserve Fund | 120,186.82 | -0- | -0- |
| | <u>120,321.75</u> | <u>1,350.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| Capital Reserve Funds: | | | |
| Bridge Construction | 6,680.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Reassessment | 1,210.00 | 8,000.00 | -0- |
| Legal | 12,842.00 | | -0- |
| Police Cruiser | 20,951.00 | 14,250.00 | -0- |
| Handicap Access | 66.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Dow Field | 3,020.00 | 1,500.00 | -0- |
| Fire Truck Pumper | 67,254.63 | 40,000.00 | -0- |
| Fire Truck Equipment | 20,000.00 | 26,000.00 | -0- |
| Highway Truck | 56,435.64 | 17,500.00 | -0- |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 575.71 | 7,000.00 | -0- |
| Life Squad Van | 95,143.23 | 7,500.00 | -0- |
| Town Buildings Truck | 7,961.25 | 4,200.00 | -0- |
| Town Buildings & Grounds Equip | -0- | 5,000.00 | -0- |
| Transfer Station Equipment | 5,305.15 | -0- | -0- |
| | <u>297,444.61</u> | <u>130,950.00</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| Expendable/Maintenance Funds: | | | |
| Sidewalk Improvement | 19,889.99 | 5,000.00 | -0- |
| Highway Improvement | 22,023.54 | 50,000.00 | -0- |
| Town Building Maintenance | 20,607.98 | -0- | |
| Library Building Maintenance Fund | 8,814.79 | 8,000.00 | -0- |
| Safety Services Facilities Improv. | 243,591.01 | -0- | -0- |
| Rink Surface Maintenance Fund | 10,070.73 | 2,000.00 | -0- |
| Cemetery Restoration | 4,970.53 | 6,200.00 | -0- |
| Health Insurance Deductions | 5,063.38 | -0- | -0- |
| Heritage Museum | 8,601.79 | 3,400.00 | |
| Emergency Management | 1,012.66 | 5,289.16 | -0- |
| | <u>344,646.40</u> | <u>79,889.16</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| Scholarship Fund | 105,061.19 | 31,710.50 | -0- |
| Remedial Education | 118,126.32 | -0- | -0- |
| Lafayette School Maintenance | 157,403.09 | 20,000.00 | -0- |
| Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund | 10,110.93 | -0- | -0- |

December 31, 2007

| Expended During Year | Balance End of Year | INCOME Balance Beginning of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End of Year |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| -0- | 1,484.93 | 3,496.62 | 18.81 | (2,000.00) | 1,515.43 |
| <u>-0-</u> | <u>120,186.82</u> | <u>6,346.10</u> | <u>1,804.51</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>8,150.61</u> |
| -0- | 121,671.75 | 9,842.72 | 1,823.32 | (2,000.00) | 9,666.04 |
| -0- | 6,680.00 | 286.40 | 354.37 | -0- | 640.77 |
| -0- | 9,210.00 | 507.40 | 247.70 | -0- | 755.10 |
| (4,478.00) | 8,364.00 | 629.05 | 683.23 | -0- | 1,312.28 |
| -0- | 35,201.00 | 850.94 | 1,394.92 | -0- | 2,245.86 |
| -0- | 66.00 | 7.47 | 3.65 | -0- | 11.12 |
| -0- | 4,520.00 | 98.53 | 188.80 | -0- | 287.33 |
| -0- | 107,254.63 | 2,488.32 | 4,326.05 | -0- | 6,814.37 |
| -0- | 46,000.00 | 702.22 | 1,573.79 | -0- | 2,276.01 |
| (45,000.00) | 28,935.64 | 1,985.72 | 3,323.81 | -0- | 5,309.53 |
| -0- | 7,575.71 | 2,282.04 | 145.61 | -0- | 2,427.65 |
| -0- | 102,643.23 | 4,153.08 | 5,205.44 | -0- | 9,358.52 |
| -0- | 12,161.25 | 392.04 | 509.37 | -0- | 901.41 |
| -0- | 5,000.00 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| <u>-0-</u> | <u>5,305.15</u> | <u>227.82</u> | <u>281.67</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>509.49</u> |
| (49,478.00) | 378,916.61 | 14,611.03 | 18,238.41 | -0- | 32,849.44 |
| -0- | 24,889.99 | 763.10 | 1,151.42 | -0- | 1,914.52 |
| (50,000.00) | 22,023.54 | 1,575.06 | 2,174.49 | -0- | 3,749.55 |
| (4,160.00) | 16,447.98 | 900.40 | 1,092.59 | -0- | 1,992.99 |
| -0- | 16,814.79 | 304.47 | 624.07 | -0- | 928.54 |
| (1,513.00) | 242,084.01 | 11,475.45 | 12,982.70 | -0- | 24,458.15 |
| -0- | 12,070.73 | 393.02 | 572.67 | -0- | 965.69 |
| (6,752.00) | 4,418.53 | 210.75 | 384.18 | -0- | 594.93 |
| (5,063.38) | -0- | 220.73 | 5.05 | (225.78) | -0- |
| -0- | 12,001.79 | 239.96 | 518.00 | -0- | 757.96 |
| <u>-0-</u> | <u>6,301.82</u> | <u>43.79</u> | <u>317.87</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>361.66</u> |
| (67,488.38) | 357,053.18 | 16,126.73 | 19,823.04 | (225.78) | 35,723.99 |
| (11,415.57) | 125,356.84 | 6,715.25 | 11,415.57 | (4,100.00) | 2,615.25 |
| -0- | 118,126.32 | 5,148.62 | 6,274.78 | -0- | 11,423.40 |
| (90,000.00) | 87,403.09 | 5,874.79 | 5,112.37 | -0- | 10,987.16 |
| -0- | 10,110.93 | 57.28 | 306.36 | (250.00) | 113.64 |

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Going into my first year as Fire Chief I thought it would be business as usual. Fire calls here, an accident there. Boy, was I wrong. This year proved without a doubt to be one of the toughest years we've had. From evacuations, crippling windstorms, loss of a 12- year veteran of EMS/Police, bomb threats, structure fires and accidents to touch on some of it. To everyone involved with all that happened, (The Fire Department, Police Department, Life Squad, Highway Department, State Police, Town Office Staff and Maintenance Department), I would personally like to thank you. It shows what kind of resolve you have for your town and community.

Here is a log of our calls according to major categories.

| | 2006 | 2007 |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Motor Vehicle Calls | 38 | 21 |
| Alarm Activations | 19 | 38 |
| Mutual Aid Calls | 19 | 7 |
| Lines Down | 13 | 57 |

Prevention is the most important part of any community. We thank the citizens of Franconia for your continued support. Please remember to check your smoke detectors and clean your chimneys. It really helps. Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard McLachlin
Fire Chief

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

During 2007, the Life Squad had several incidents that involved severe trauma. The Life Squad managed these incidents with the same level of professionalism that it manages all of its incidents. The Life Squad has received praise for its member's professionalism and high level of skills from the Littleton Regional Hospital and from patients. Members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton and are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves.

Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a 24 hour refresher course and an extensive practical exam.

Currently, six of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and one member is a Nationally Registered Paramedic, one member is a Paramedic who serves as our Medical Advisor and two members are currently in school to become Paramedics.

Franconia is fortunate to have the highest medical credentials of any municipal ambulance or first responder service in the area.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Franconia Life Squad currently has 17 active members and a Paramedic Advisor which is more members than it has ever had in its 35 year history. The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with quality emergency medical care. Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

- Chief Dean Wright – EMT-I
- Asst. Chief Bill Mead – EMT-I
- Robert Anthony – EMT
- Brian Canelas – EMT-I
- Amy Cyrs – EMT
- John Ireland – EMT
- Gareth Slattery – EMT
- Bill Blackwell – EMT-I
- Allan Clark – EMT
- Evelyn Eastonn – EMT-I
- Linda Mordhorst – EMT
- Paul Schmucker – EMT
- Captain Mark Taylor – EMT
- Tim Bray – EMT
- Steven Czarniecki – EMT-P
- Jeff Gould – EMT
- Flo Place – EMT-I
- Jeff Stewart – EMT-P

During 2007, the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

| | <u>2007</u> | | <u>2006</u> | |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | CALLS | TRANSPORTS | CALLS | TRANSPORTS |
| Franconia | 108 | 62 | 105 | 65 |
| Sugar Hill | 32 | 0 | 40 | 1 |
| Easton | 8 | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| Mutual Aid | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 151 | 69 | 155 | 70 |

In 2007, the operating expenses were \$45,240 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$34,452 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$10,788. In 2006, the net cost to the Town of Franconia for the Life Squad’s operations was \$8,795. The net cost to the Town in both 2007 and 2006 is roughly half the cost to the Town paid in 2004 for the Life Squad and Ross Ambulance Service prior to the Life Squad transporting its own patients.

I sincerely thank the Townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the Members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Wright
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

In Franconia, open burning requires a permit year round. For homeowner protection no permit is issued without an onsite inspection.

Permits may be obtained from:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| George Whitcomb | Warden |
| Richard McLachlin | Deputy Warden |
| Roger Odell | Deputy Warden |
| Harvey Flanders | Deputy Warden |

Thank you for your cooperation,
George Whitcomb
Forest Fire Warden

Additional Report of Forest Fire & State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wild land fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was very high during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wild land fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

FRANCONIA & MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENTS

Most of our work in Franconia has been to respond to the March 2006 survey results sent to us by NHDES, NH Dept of Environmental Services. The report listed our deficiencies. This list was quite similar to the lists they have been sending us periodically since 1949, and can no longer be ignored.

We went to the Town Selectmen, who gave us their support and set up a town committee called the Water Source Study Group (WSSG). The commissioners hired an engineering firm to review the DES survey and implement a solution. The firm recommended an increase in our storage facility, meters throughout the system, and a systematic upgrading of our distribution system.

The WSSG met monthly to plan how to follow these recommendations, and more importantly how to finance this project. We are working with the Selectmen and representatives from the State to apply for grants and to discuss other methods of funding. The failure to address the maintenance of the infrastructure of our system has resulted in major and costly repairs. We hope to start in 2008 by installing meters throughout the system. They will not only help to conserve water, but will also make the assessing of water rates more equitable. This phase will be funded in part by our reserve fund and also with increases in the water fees.

After four years of working to connect a newly certified well at Mittersill, we are almost there. Early snow hampered the completion of this project. The final phase will be completed in early 2008. There has been plenty of rain this past year and Mittersill has no shortage of drinking water.

Thank you for your support and we hope you will stand by us as we keep working through this much overdue project!

Water Commissioners,
Richard McLachlin
William Downey
Marcia Graham

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to dedicate this year's Police report to Cpl. N. Bruce McKay. Cpl. McKay was with the Franconia Police Department for 12 years. He was a dedicated Police Officer who made the ultimate sacrifice and was killed on May 11, 2007 while on a traffic stop. He gave his life while serving the citizens of Franconia. He will be sadly missed by the Department.

I would like to thank the Officers of the Police Department for their dedication and support during the year. I would also like to thank the community for its support.

The Police Department will strive to move forward and make improvements to the Department in 2008. Officer Chris Fowler will join the ranks as a full time officer after completing the full time academy in Concord.

Again my sincere thanks to all that have supported us through the year.

Here is a summary of the activity for 2007:

Summary of Activity

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Disabled MV & Lockouts | 123 | MV Complaints | 74 |
| Abandoned Motor Vehicle | 21 | Motor Vehicle Stops | 261 |
| DWI | 4 | Noise Complaints | 7 |
| Motor Vehicle Crash | 93 | OHRV Incidents | 1 |
| Escorts | 1 | All PD Admin. Calls | 378 |
| Suspicious Vehicles | 16 | Telephone Harassment | 3 |
| Suspicious Persons | 9 | Found/Lost Property | 25 |
| Auto Theft | 2 | Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down | 74 |
| Burglary | 5 | Paperwork Service | 21 |
| Unattended Death | 2 | All SPOTS Inquiries | 58 |
| Assaults | 7 | Suicide/Suicidal Person | 2 |
| Drug Issues | 3 | Threats | 5 |
| Theft/Fraud/Gas Drive Off | 32 | Traffic Control/Detail | 7 |
| Intoxicated Person-Not DWI | 3 | Trespass | 6 |
| Shots Fired | 5 | Unknown/Other | 46 |
| 911 Hangup/Abandoned | 34 | Vandalism/Criminal Mischief | 4 |
| Alarm, Burglar/Hold-up/Police | 109 | VIN Verification | 6 |
| Assist Citizen | 26 | Violation of any Court Order | 3 |
| Assist Other Agency | 17 | Wanted Person | 10 |
| Car Break | 5 | Welfare Check | 20 |
| Building Check/Open Door-Window | 23 | Missing Person | 9 |
| Civil Standby | 9 | Medical Emergency | 136 |
| Directions | 5 | Juvenile Offenses | 3 |
| Disturbance/Fight/Brawl | 16 | General Info | 2 |
| Dog/Domestic Animal Complaints | 60 | Foot Patrol/Walk Throughs | 14 |
| Illegal Dumping | 1 | Follow-up/Investigations | 49 |
| All FG Calls | 47 | Domestic Disturbance | 15 |
| | | Totals | 1918 |

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Mark Montminy, Franconia Police Department

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The year 2007 was a rather trying one for your Highway Department from a major windstorm to the loss of a fellow employee and finally the snowiest December on record. It's just been wonderful. Before I go any further, I would like to say that Bruce will be missed for all the help he gave us. He was a hard but fair person, at least when you talked to him you knew exactly where you stood with him regardless of who you were.

The spring windstorm was a whopper. Every road in the Town was blocked with the exception of Route 18 at Exit 38. Power was out in the whole Town for almost a week. The EMC was opened and the Red Cross came in. Tom and Pauline Palmer opened up Stonybrook Motel to house those who needed it. The combined efforts of the Police, Fire, Life Squad, Highway, Maintenance, and Selectmen's Office along with the volunteers came through again in a very big way. We at the Highway Department are very grateful to all those who helped in a time of need. It seems though there is a pattern emerging with the frequency of these storms and their strength. I hope I'm wrong.

The paving, brush cutting, ditching, culvert replacement, grading, yolk raking and shoulder work have all gone as planned. Snow removal continues as of this writing and seems to be going along fine. The new truck is working exactly as anticipated.

I would like to thank the crew at the Highway Department and the Town's people. It's been a rough year in every aspect. Our own personal beliefs and values were challenged at every turn or at least it seemed like it and we're still here doing what we do best - our job.

Once again if there are any comments, questions or concerns please contact us.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Knowlton, Road Agent
Franconia Highway Department

PLANNING BOARD

Subdivisions

- Wallace Hill Road, 15-Lot Major Subdivision – conditionally approved
- McKenzie, Easton Road, Minor Subdivision – approved

Lot-Line Adjustments

- Walker-Brawn, Forest Hill – approved
- Lovett, Profile Road – approved

Site Plan Reviews

- James Walker, Main Street – approved
- Franconia Children Center, Main Street – approved

With the Master Plan updated, the Planning Board is concentrating on implementing its recommendations. Our first two areas of concentration will continue to be providing mechanisms for moderate income and senior housing in our town. A third area of concern is the Town's infrastructure.

Addressing the housing situation proved more involved than anticipated, so the Planning Board has once again engaged the North Country Council to provide assistance and we're now progressing steadily.

As far as the infrastructure issues, Planning Board representatives have met with the Selectboard, Infrastructure Study Group, the Water Study Group, the Water Commissioners and the Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) committee to determine which needs will be addressed first. Our over-riding challenge will be coordinating the implementation of the Master Plan recommendations. Those that **may** need to be addressed simultaneously primarily concern Main Street: water main replacement, improving parking and traffic flow (including the intersection of Church Street and Main Street) and enhancing the sidewalks in that area to create a more walkable community.

Of course, all of these improvements require our residents' and business owners' interest and commitment. The Planning Board would like to invite all interested community members to join us in forming an advisory committee to help work on the developing vision for Main Street. We plan on relying heavily on the fine work of the CIP committee to keep the vision one of reasonable scope and affordability. Many thanks for their hours of service on this vital need of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernardette Costa
Planning Board, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative findings and grants variances to the Town's zoning ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant exceptions for use in keeping with certain provisions of the ordinance.

In March 2007, the ZBA granted a request for an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements from Article III, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance for Lawrence and Barbara Forlano to permit an existing barn to remain within 20-feet of a lot line.

In April 2007, the ZBA granted a Variance in relation to Article II, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit Leo and Jean Grace to put an addition on an existing house located in Mittersill.

In May 2007, the ZBA granted a Special Exception to Article VII, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit Dr. Andrew Chen to construct a 6,000 sq. ft. medical office building in a Residential B zone on Profile Road.

In May 2007, the ZBA granted a Special Exception to Article VII, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit James Walker to construct an addition to an existing office building in a Residential B zone on Main Street.

In June 2007, the ZBA granted an Area Variance in relation to Article III, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit Ken and Linda Ford to construct an addition on a building located less than 50 feet from the centerline of Main Street.

In October 2007, the ZBA granted an Area Variance in relation to Article III, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit Chip Stowell to rebuild a barn located less than 50 feet from the centerline of Sunset Lane.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Richmond, Chairman

FRANCONIA/SUGAR HILL/EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Tri-Town Recreation program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill.

Our 2006-2007 basketball season went extremely well. Lisa Massei & Nannette Avril led the 5th & 6th grade girls' recreation team to many games locally. Longtime volunteer coach Scott Johnson with the 5th & 6th grade boys' basketball team played many games throughout the season and wrapped up with a handful of local tournaments. Tricia Coyle coached not just one, but two recreation teams! The 3rd & 4th grade co-ed team played a total of 8 games with area towns and the youngest of our youth basketball players practiced one night a week with Tricia, learning lots of new skills and playing games against each other.

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. For the first time in years, Tri-Town Recreation Department created a Minor League Softball team (girls ages 10 and younger) on top of our other 5 teams. A special thanks to Tom Eyman, Joe Peterson and a small crew of volunteers as they spent much of the spring time erecting a batting cage on the Lafayette ball field. Tremendous thanks to our volunteer coaches Scott Johnson, Jeff Woodward, Tom Eyman, Joe Peterson, Scott Knowlton, Jim Cyrs, Tina Weed, Richard Hunt, Jim Alden, Tim Burnell and all our volunteer parents!

Summer Recreation went for a full nine full weeks this summer with lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors. Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. A larger than usual Adventure Group created some exciting field trips with teenagers who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Day trips to the beach, mountain biking, rock climbing, minor league baseball games and an overnight trip to Six Flags New England. Swim lessons at the Gale River Motel and the Stonybrook Motel for the summer recreation campers and our younger swimmers enjoyed the warmer waters of the Sunset Hill House for their swim lessons.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the fields for practices and games. The Recreation Department hosted the First Annual Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament for area soccer teams with tremendous success due in large part to tournament director Kim Cowles. The soccer tournament was a fundraiser for the purchase of a gazebo on the Dow Field; we're already looking forward to summer concerts on the Dow. Many thanks to our referees and volunteer coaches Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Linda Johnson, Brian Canelas, Tom Eyman, Sylvie & Todd Workman, Pam Anneser and Gareth & Nicolle Slattery who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

All the lights are on at the ice rink and we hope to see you out there with your skates on! We are looking to bring back "Family Night" at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you'll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot

dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Germain, Recreation Director and the Tri-Town Recreation Committee

Franconia: Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm & Tracy Chardon

Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

Easton: Brian Canelas & Mike Kenney (*resigned 2007*)

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Franconia Conservation Commission 2007 season:

- A new enlarged map of the Fox Hill and the Gale River Bend Trails was produced and posted.
- Fox Hill and Gale River Bend Trails cleared after winter and spring storms with some help from the Landshark Bicycle Club members.
- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration with representatives from the Town of Franconia.
- A group of young women from NCYS interested in Community Activity participated in the clean up and maintenance of the Town of Franconia's gardens

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Welch, Chairman

Richard Bennink
Kim Cowles

Mary Grote
John Lachapelle
John Lefavour

Kathryn McCarthy
Elizabeth Welch

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2007 ushered in a very busy summer along with hectic holiday weeks. Our garbage tonnage increased 15 tons. However, the recycling tonnage increased 19 tons over the previous year. This places our recycling percentage slightly above 40%.

Recycled Products:

Paper – 210 tons
Plastic – 13 tons
Aluminum cans – 3 tons
Tin cans – 8 tons
Scrap metal – 41 tons
Glass – 100 tons

A special thanks to Chris Fowler for his work at the Transfer Station. We wish him success in his new career. We also welcome aboard Kevin Dauphine and Mary Haywood.

We thank you for your cooperation and courtesy throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Marshall/Greg Wells
Transfer Station
Manager & Assistant Manger

FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Calendar Year End 2007

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2007) **\$21,628.92**

INCOME

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Membership Dues | | 17,068.67 |
| Contributions | | 495.00 |
| Franconia Village Committee | | 500.00 |
| Town Funds | | |
| | Franconia | \$10,000.00 |
| | Sugar Hill | 6,500.00 |
| | Easton | <u>400.00</u> |
| | | 16,900.00 |
| Interest Earned | | 37.61 |
| Fundraisers: | | |
| | Antique Show | 1,538.00 |
| | Auction | 803.00 |
| | Lupine Festival | <u>7,584.10</u> |
| | | 9,925.10 |
| Reimbursed Expenses | | <u>1,033.25</u> |
| Total | | \$45,959.63 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Booth Expenses: | | |
| Payroll | | \$ 11,664.82 |
| Telephone | | 1,531.64 |
| Electricity | | 260.90 |
| Office, Booth Repairs, Misc. | | 1,167.15 |
| Postage | | 644.57 |
| Advertising | | 9,283.00 |
| IRS (Payroll Taxes) | | 292.32 |
| Bank Fees | | .15 |
| Insurance | | 1,663.00 |
| Internet | | 2,544.25 |
| Non-Booth Expenses: | | |
| Administrative & Office | | 1,597.86 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | | 250.00 |
| Lupine Festival | | 5,502.99 |
| Misc. | | 20.00 |
| Donations & Scholarships | | 3,773.00 |
| Services | | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total | | \$40,395.65 |
| Ending Balance (December 31, 2007) | | \$27,192.90 |

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Board of Selectmen, Residents, and Friends,

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to say a heartfelt, "Thank you" to all three Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill, for your very important combined support. Without this support, we cannot continue to grow and provide new and inventive Business support to the many folks who work, reside, and visit, our beautiful area of New Hampshire.

This past year was another year of change for our Chamber. First, the sad and unexpected passing of Mrs. Sally Straw who served our Chamber for many years. Mrs. Straw will be greatly missed and our Chamber will remember her for her dedication and love for our Communities. The Chamber has donated \$750.00 to the Lafayette Lions Scholarship fund in Mrs. Straw's memory.

This year we are continuing to grow our Chamber membership which, is currently at an all time high while expanding our commitment to our Communities by supporting Community events to enhance the presence and works of our Chamber. This past year, the Chamber has made a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Franconia Recreation Department to help fund the building of an attractive Gazebo in the area of the Dow field. Working with the Recreation Dept. we've made clear our resolve to support their events and such as much as possible in the coming years.

Once again, with your continued support, we will also be able to further enhance the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce Brochure, which made it all the way down to the BIG "E" again this year! Distribution throughout our State is again at an all time high.

With our website www.franconianotch.org having an events calendar and being up to date with the latest information and events, folks who used to request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web at an even greater rate. Our online presence and the number of monthly hits is impressive and as more folks make travel plans in this way our website will continue to transform itself to meet the demands of the future.

Again this year, we staffed and maintained 2 – Welcome/Information Booths - one in Franconia on Main Street next to Town Hall which we refer to as the "Welcome Center" and the other at the Cannon Mountain Tram Base Station. For the very first time, we now have two (2) spinning display racks at Peabody Lodge on Cannon Mountain containing our member's brochures as well as our FNCC Brochure. This allowed every business the opportunity to display their business information directly in front of ever visitor to Cannon Mountain Ski area for the winter months. This was a huge accomplishment and a very welcomed one at that.

We had approx. 2000 visitors stop at our Welcome Center on Main Street and to the Tram Information area this year. Your continued support helps to provide folks who are visiting with the latest information for Businesses as well as directions to area Attractions

and Retail Businesses. This keeps tourists in our area to explore and rediscover all the great and beautiful things our area has to offer. Again, this year, many poets and writers used the benches and FREE wireless WiFi Hotspot located at the Library and Welcome Center areas. The wireless hotspot continues to support access to visitors' web mail and allows them to browse the web for a great Inn, B&B, Motel, Restaurant, Retail Shop, or whatever other area attraction or service they may need. This WiFi is particularly useful during times when the info booth is closed for the Season or after hours. Many folks get off of Interstate 93 at exit 38 and are looking for somewhere to get information and the internet information era is definitely here. The WiFi is accessible within a 300-foot radius around the Welcome Center on Main Street next to Town Hall and all one has to do is stop by there sometime to see the folks using the WiFi in the cars or on the lawn.

This year we removed and installed a brand new "Welcome Center" sign where the old "information" sign used to be. This new and attractive sign proudly states "WiFi" and is very welcoming and attractive in general.

We are looking forward to implementing new and inventive ways to bring folks back to our area to experience the beauty and majestic inspiration that our area of the White Mountains provides. A strategic plan is well under way with a recommitment and focus on advertising, marketing, and enhancing community projects. This is the direct result of many hours of volunteerism and our Board of Directors coming together for the greater good and it is truly inspiring to see what awesome good can be created by working together. It is imperative in the year to come that the strategic plan be implemented and a clear focus brought to bear in the areas that are currently being identified as priorities of the Chamber. Our hope is to nurture an environment and experience that inspire folks to return and forever cherish our area of New Hampshire. Again this year, with seasoned, successful, and well planned events, such as the "Lupine Festival" and "The Antique Show", support for "Old Home Day", and with new and creative events yet to be planned, we will give our Residents and visitors a place that they will gladly call home and an experience worthy of the Majestic Beauty that surrounds us.

Your continued and unwavering support is greatly appreciated by every Member of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce, every Resident, and every visitor, who has come to love Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and the surrounding Towns. Together we are making a difference and this year, working in harmony, we'll continue to grow with the needs of our time to better serve the needs of our Communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank P. Grima, President

THE FROST PLACE

During 2007, The Frost Place museum and poetry center continued to draw visitors from across New Hampshire and the United States and indeed from throughout the world. More so than is true of any of his twentieth-century literary peers, Robert Frost's fame and influence continues to grow. People of all ages love his poems, and many of those who come to Franconia to see the simple house owned by the Frost family more than eighty years ago describe themselves as "pilgrims."

The Frost Place staff (now including executive director **Jim Schley** and museum manager **Meghan McCarthy McPhaul** along with seasonal interns and volunteers) enjoys telling visitors about the museum's unique partnership with the Town of Franconia, which had the remarkable foresight at Town Meeting in 1976 to approve purchase of the property to insure its preservation.

Since 1977, The Frost Place has awarded a Resident Poet fellowship to allow a contemporary poet to live and work in the house for two months in the summer, and the 2007 Resident Poet was **Jody Gladding** of East Calais, Vermont. For the second year, we also hosted a young poet as a William W. Cook Fellow, a postgraduate award for a recent Dartmouth College graduate, which this past year was given to **Todd Wooster**, who lived in the house in June and September and worked as a museum docent and conference assistant.

The Frost Place's programs have expanded in recent years to encompass four annual conferences, which have earned national acclaim: the **Young Poets Conference** (April 25-27, 2008), the **Conference on Poetry and Teaching** (June 7-July 4, 2008), the **Festival and Conference on Poetry** (July 27-August 2, 2008), and the **Frost Place Seminar** (August 3-18, 2008).

During each conference, evening readings are open to the public with no admission fee, and local poetry enthusiasts are welcome to attend.

The Frost Place also hosts an annual open house in early July, in celebration of New Hampshire's official "Frost Day," to give neighbors and townsfolk a chance to meet the staff and the new Resident Poet. The **2008 Frost Day will be Sunday, July 6, 2008, at 2 pm**, and we'll be honoring Frost Place founder **Dave Schaffer** and longtime trustee **Sydney Lea** along with 2008 Resident Poet **James Hoch**.

As Franconia residents know all too well, 2007 was a year of widespread storm damage, and hurricane-force winds caused enormous destruction along the Frost Place's half-mile nature trail, which will require extensive restoration work in the coming years. In addition, Frost Place director Jim Schley's current priorities include energetic promotion of conferences, expansion of school programs and teacher training, and development of dynamic partnerships with local and regional businesses.. While celebrating the Frost Place's Thirtieth Anniversary, the staff and Trustees will seek to make this unusual museum better known across the region and reach out to new participants and funders to further increase the effectiveness of our poetry education programs and historic preservation work.

In 2007, The Frost Place returned to financial wellbeing, with new administrative systems in every area of operations and a refreshed sense of mission and momentum. By taking a deliberately “traditional” path - guaranteeing the upkeep of the house, barn, and gardens; offering a museum experience that is unglamorous but authentic; and providing superb poetry workshops and readings - The Frost Place appears well positioned to address the future while maintaining a powerful connection with the past.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Schley, Executive Director

FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL AND FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM

The past year has been a milestone for both the Heritage Council and the Museum. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Heritage Council and the tenth anniversary of the Museum. The citizens of Franconia have much to celebrate in having a cultural gem in our historic Museum of over 10,000 items and a very dedicated governing board as well as numerous volunteers.

Another milestone occurred with the retirement of Jewell Friedman. Jewell gave the Museum countless volunteer hours over the past ten years as its curator and administrator. Without her foresight, passion and dedication, we would not have our wonderful museum – often said to be one of the finest museums in the Country for a town of our size. Upon her retirement, she gave a gift annuity of \$20,000 to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – starting a Franconia Heritage Fund for the continued operation of the Museum with a paid staff person assisted by volunteers. This gift has already inspired others to give monetary sums to insure the future viability of our Museum. Jewell was honored by the Heritage Council at our annual meeting and dinner, November 20, 2007, held at the Horse and Hound Inn. She was presented with an inscribed New Hampshire wall clock and a plaque naming the exhibit room of our Museum “The Jewell Friedman Exhibit Room”.

After Ms. Friedman’s retirement, Sharon Penney became our first part time paid administrator. Sharon contributed much to this position and the museum but was later offered a full time position as Town Planner for Alton, NH. We were extremely fortunate to have Michele Lowry come on board as Sharon’s replacement. Michele lives in Easton, comes from England, and has been in Office Management for 22 years. She has made significant enhancements in our administrative procedures and established a working liaison with the Franconia Chamber of Commerce.

We were also privileged to have two students from the White Mountain School come on Monday afternoons to help us with various tasks and thereby fulfill their community service obligation.

As in the past, the Museum and Iron Furnace Interpretive Center drew many visitors from local citizens as well as many parts of the United States and numerous foreign countries. Events sponsored by the museum included a winter skating party, snowmaking talk by Bill Roy of Cannon Mountain, flower borders talk by Dr. David Bishop, poetry reading with Jim Schley in cooperation with the Frost Place, 10th anniversary open house, annual garden party, volunteer orientation and lunch, hosted Chamber of Commerce meeting, 4th of July parade participation, Country Dance at the Franconia Town Hall, Halloween Open House, “Salute to Servicemen of the Franconia area” exhibit honoring the 75th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the “Old Fashioned Christmas” open house.

We look forward to this coming year with much enthusiasm in continuing to enhance the cultural environment of the Franconia area.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Krill, President, Franconia Area Heritage Council

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

| Date & Place Of Birth | Name Of Child | Name Of Father & Mother's Maiden Name |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| January 23, 2007 Littleton, NH | Ella Keegan McPhaul | David McPhaul Meghan McPhaul |
| January 23, 2007 Littleton, NH | Owen Harrison McPhaul | David McPhaul Meghan McPhaul |
| March 20, 2007 Lancaster, NH | Jeremy Boisvert | Jeremy Boisvert Kathleen Boisvert |
| July 11, 2007 Littleton, NH | Makenna Riley Price | Eric Price Andrea Price |
| September 16, 2007 Littleton, NH | Nathaniel Moses Magalloway Rolfe | Edward Rolfe Jenny Rogers |

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

| Date & Place Of Marriage | Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride | Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage |
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| January 27, 2007 Littleton, NH | Trevor B Roy Ashlea H Ball | Concord, VT Franconia, NH |
| June 16, 2007 Sugar Hill, NH | Mark E Prell Joan E Russell | Franconia, NH Franconia, NH |
| June 30, 2007 Franconia, NH | James J Brown Patricia A Correnti | Franconia, NH Sugar Hill, NH |
| October 13, 2007 Whitefield, NH | Nicholas R Sylvain Casey E Presby | Franconia, NH Watertown, MA |

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

| Date & Place Of Death | Name & Surname Of Deceased | Name & Surname Of Father | Maiden Name Of Mother |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| January 28, 2007 Franconia, NH | Mary Lovett | Frank Frazer | Rena Unknown |
| February 1, 2007 Franconia, NH | Edmund Skranski | Edmund Skranski | Francis Tereskiewicz |
| February 19, 2007 Franconia, NH | Louise Poore | Frank Sylvester | Mary Bolduc |
| March 2, 2007 Franconia, NH | Lee Robar | Charles Arnold | Eva Holtz |
| March 29, 2007 Franconia, NH | George Martin | William Martin | Jennie Washburn |
| April 7, 2007 Franconia, NH | Richard Boynton | Unknown Boynton | Irene Unknown |
| April 9, 2007 Franconia, NH | Frank Cerciello | Anthony Cerciello | Mary Ferrara |
| April 9, 2007 Franconia, NH | Hilda Cilley | Clifton Chatterton | Lillian Kohl |
| April 17, 2007 Franconia, NH | Amelia Hobert | Kenin Hobert | Rose John |
| April 20, 2007 Littleton, NH | Dorothy Houtte-King | John Olds | Lucinne Decanne |
| June 22, 2007 Franconia, NH | Lucy Aldrich | George McKean | Hettie Pike |
| June 27, 2007 Franconia, NH | Mary Ballou | John Goode | Rose St Lawrence |
| October 26, 2007 Franconia, NH | Catherine Goulding | Thomas Towers | Agnes Gallagher |
| November 1, 2007 Franconia, NH | Mary Mortimer | Daniel MacDonald | Gladys Wentwarth |

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| December 7, 2007 Franconia, NH | Clayton Dezan | Frances Dezan | Louise Lunderville |
| December 8, 2007 Franconia, NH | Beverly Johnson | Albert Delage | Annie Noyes |
| December 23, 2007 Littleton, NH | James Moulton | George Moulton | Susie Towle |
| December 24, 2007 Lebanon, NH | Francis Ferrelli | Concetto Ferrell | Liberta Pasquale |
| December 25, 2007 Littleton, NH | Paul Valar | Christian Valar | Ursula Meier |
| December 31, 2007 Littleton, NH | Myrtle Macaulay | Silas Taylor | Grace Treeworgy |

NOTES

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-7752

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| DAILY | 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (Monday)..... | 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

| | |
|---------------|------------------------|
| MONDAY..... | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| | 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY..... | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| TUESDAY (2nd each month) | 7:30 p.m. |
| THURSDAY (office hours)..... | 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| MONDAY..... | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY..... | CLOSED |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY..... | CLOSED |
| FRIDAY | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |
| SUNDAY..... | 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. |

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MONDAY..... | 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY..... | 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY (November - April) | 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY (May - October)..... | 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY..... | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| | 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| FRIDAY | 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |

FIRE - POLICE - LIFE SQUAD - EMERGENCY PHONE

911

FIRE - POLICE - LIFE SQUAD - NON-EMERGENCY PHONE

823-8123

