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NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT



*Year Ending
December 31, 2007*

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2007 DEDICATION



*With sincere appreciation and gratitude
we dedicate this annual report
in memory of*

FRED A. EMERSON

ANNUAL REPORT

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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TOWN OF LANCASTER*

2007



**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
DINNER
November 14, 2007**

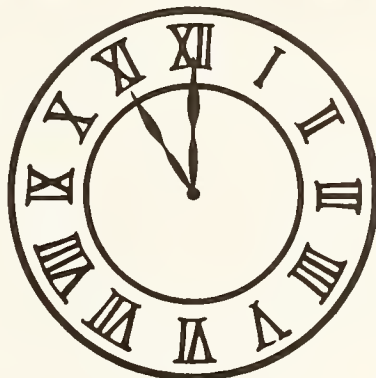
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2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

| | |
|------------|---|
| JANUARY 1 | Fiscal Year Begins |
| JANUARY 22 | Public Budget Hearing for School District |
| JANUARY 23 | First day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election |
| FEBRUARY 1 | Last day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election |
| FEBRUARY 4 | Annual School Meeting (Deliberative session S/B 2 – Snow date February 9) |
| MARCH 1 | Deadline to file for an abatement from your property taxes following the date of notice of tax |
| MARCH 11 | Annual Town Meeting & Vote on School Warrant (per Senate Bill 2) |
| APRIL 1 | All property both real and personal, assessed to owner this date |
| APRIL 15 | Last day to file an exemption or credit application on your property taxes following the date of notice of tax |
| APRIL 30 | Dog Owners should license their dogs by this date |
| MAY 31 | After this date, a \$25 forfeiture charge may be imposed for any unlicensed dogs |
| JULY 1 | First half of the semi-annual tax billing due - commences to draw interest at 12 percent after this date |
| DECEMBER 1 | Second half of the property tax due - unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12 percent |



2007 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Expires 2008

David Stickney

Expires 2009

Leo J. Enos

Expires 2010

Allan Carr

TREASURER

Expires 2008

Ann M. Huddleston

TOWN CLERK

Expires 2008

Jean Oleson

MODERATOR

Expires 2008

Paul D. Desjardins

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Expires 2008

Jodi Rooney

Expires 2009

Joyce A. McGee

Expires 2010

Jeffrey A. Gilman

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Expires 2008

Margaret Roberts

Expires 2010

Sandra E. Doolan

Expires 2012

Maryrose Corrigan

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Expires 2008

Richard Bernier

Expires 2008

Barry Crawford

Expires 2008

Dennis Merrow

Expires 2009

Bruce Hutchings

Expires 2009

Robert Snowman

Expires 2009

Herbert Richardson

Expires 2010

Dana Southworth

Expires 2010

Allvin Leonard

Expires 2010

Leon H. Rideout

Expires 2008 (Selectboard Representative)

David Stickney

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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Expires 2008 | Diantha "Pidy" Rochefort |
| Expires 2009 | Jon Dugan-Henriksen |
| Expires 2010 | Michael W. Nadeau |

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

| | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Expires 2008 | Michael W. Nadeau |
| Expires 2009 | Ronald N. Bailey |
| Expires 2010 | Royce Hutchinson |

EMMONS SMITH FUND COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Expires 2008 | Irene Schmidt |
| Expires 2009 | Jean Foss (deceased) |
| Expires 2010 | John E. Brooks |

COL. TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Expires 2008 | Michael Foster |
| Expires 2008 | Jackie Schanlaber |
| Expires 2008 | Marianne Cannon |
| Expires 2009 | Heather Bailey |
| Expires 2009 | Sally Gaynor-Knecht |
| Expires 2009 | Trisha Rivard |
| Expires 2010 | Andrew Cliche |
| Expires 2010 | Sue Chancey |
| Expires 2010 | Jeannine LaBounty |

COL. TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Betsy Hutchings | Dennis Merrow, resigned |
| Roger Gingue, resigned | Douglas Shearer |
| Hal Goolman, resigned | Jeffrey A. Gilman |
| Sarah Desrochers | |

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Appointed Boards/Committees

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Expires 2008 | Alan Savage, Chairman |
| Expires 2008 (Alternate) | Tricia Frenette |
| Expires 2009 | Allen Bouthillier |
| Expires 2009 | Millard Martin, Jr. |
| Expires 2009 (Alternate) | William H. Potter, Jr. |
| Expires 2009 (Alternate) | George "Skip" Sansoucy |
| Expires 2010 | James Hammond, Vice Chairman |
| Expires 2010 | Leon Rideout |
| Expires 2010 (Alternate) | Lewis Cassady |
| | Shelly Fitch |

(Clerk)

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Expires 2008 | Fred Emerson, Chairman (deceased) |
| Expires 2008 (Alternate) | John Brooks |
| Expires 2008 | Lester Hilton |
| Expires 2008 (Alternate) | Leon H. Rideout |
| Expires 2009 | David Rexford |
| Expires 2009 | Steve Young |
| Expires 2009 (Alternate) | Aurore Hood |
| Expires 2010 | Claude Reed |
| Expires 2010 | Joseph Hoey, Jr. |
| Expires 2010 (Alternate) | Justin Carter |
| | Leo J. Enos |
| | Sandra Doolan |

(Selectman)
(Clerk)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Expires 2008 | David Rexford |
| Expires 2008 | Ron Wert, Chairman |
| Expires 2009 | Paul Crane |
| Expires 2010 | Robert Christie |
| Expires 2010 | Traci Wagner |
| Expires 2008 | Allan Carr (Selectmen Rep) |

RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Expires 2010 | Traci Wagner |
|--------------|--------------|

COÖS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. REPRESENTATIVE

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Expires 2008 | Peter Powell |
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NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

HOUSING AUTHORITY

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Expires 2008 | James Seppala |
| Expires 2009 | Millard Martin, Jr. |
| Expires 2009 | Jeff Gilman |
| Expires 2010 | James Whithed |
| Expires 2010 | Kevin Kopp |

SAFETY COMMITTEE

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Dennis Patnoe, Chairman | Jean Oleson |
| Paul "Skip" Hood | Bob Hunt |
| Al Pryor | Justin McMann |
| Steven Jones | James Kenison |

INSPECTORS OF THE ELECTION

REPUBLICAN

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Expires 10/31/2008 | Marilyn Crane |
| Expires 10/31/2008 | Karen Ryder |
| Expires 10/31/2008 (Alternate) | Ellie Emery |

DEMOCRAT

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Expires 10/31/2008 | Abby Pollender |
| Expires 10/31/2008 | Nancy Southworth |
| Expires 10/31/2008 (Alternate) | Kirsten Scobie |

**2007 TOWN OFFICERS
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FULL-TIME TOWN EMPLOYEES

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Dennis Donnelly, Highway Foreman | November 1976 |
| Edward Samson, Jr, Town Manager | May 1979 |
| Michael Nadeau, Finance Director | January 1980 |
| Jean Oleson, Town Clerk | March 1984 |
| Barbara Robarts, Librarian | May 1985 |
| Wendy Houghton, Police Clerk | April 1988 |
| Christopher St. Cyr, Police Sergeant | October 1989 |
| Timmy Bilodeau, Water/Sewer Dept Supervisor | July 1992 |
| William McMann, Highway | December 1992 |
| Paul H. Hood, Patrol Officer | July 1993 |
| Peter Roy, Highway | April 1996 |
| Dennis Patnoe, Transfer Station Supervisor | April 1997 |
| Steven Jones, Captain-EMS Officer in Charge | March 1998 |
| David Currier, Cemetery | April 1999 |
| James Noland, Water Dept/Transfer Station | November 1999 |
| Jason Desrochers, Patrol Officer | August 2000 |
| Edward & Denise Wood, Recreation Dept | October 2001 |
| William Brown, Transfer Station | August 2002 |
| Timothy Brown, Water/Sewer Dept | October 2002 |
| Charity Blanchette, Tax Collector/Office Assistant | March 2003 |
| Randy Flynn, Fire Chief | June 2003 |
| Arthur Dunn, Highway | June 2003 |
| Becky Newton, Administrative Services Manager | October 2003 |
| James Kenison, Mechanic | May 2004 |
| Patrick Carr, Patrol Officer | May 2004 |
| Tim Charbonneau, Patrol Officer | December 2004 |
| Clarence Dingman, Highway | February 2005 |
| Justin McMann, Water/Sewer Dept | May 2005 |
| Al Pryor, Recreation Dept | September 2005 |
| Richard Ball, Patrol Officer | March 2006 |
| John Gardiner, Police Chief | August 2006 |

SUMMARY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 13, 2007

At 7:45 p.m. Moderator Desjardins welcomed all to the annual meeting and introduced himself as well as Town Clerk Jean Oleson, Town Manager Ed Samson, Administrative Services Manager Becky Newton and Selectmen David Stickney and Leo Enos. Moderator Desjardins advised that Allan Carr is unable to attend the meeting due to a family illness. He thanked the deputy moderators, Pat Kelly, Don Crane and Jim Seppala, the Supervisors of the Checklist and all the election volunteers who worked at the polls today.

Moderator Desjardins introduced the 3rd graders from the Lancaster Elementary School lead by 3rd grade teacher Robert Hunt who performed a musical presentation. The colors were brought forward by the JROTC from WMRHS with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Allvin (Whitey) Leonard. Moderator Desjardins introduced Alicia Kenney who sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Moderator Desjardins acknowledged the dedication of the 2006 Lancaster Annual Report to former Town Manager Joyce McGee.

Moderator Desjardins explained the rules of procedure and asked for voter approval for Administrative Services Manager Becky Newton, a non-resident, to speak during the course of the meeting. The voting body granted permission.

Article 1 Election of officers

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Selectman, Allan Carr | 3 year term |
| Trustee of Trust Funds, Jeffrey A Gilman | 3 year term |
| Library Trustee, Michael W Nadeau | 3 year term |
| Cemetery Trustee, Royce Hutchinson | 3 year term |
| Emmons Smith Fund, John E Brooks | 3 year term |
| Budget Committee | |
| Barry Crawford | 1 year term |
| Dennis Merrow | 1 year term |
| Allvin Leonard | 3 year term |
| Leon H Rideout | 3 year term |
| Dana Southworth | 3 year term |
| Col Town Spending Committee | |
| Michael H Foster | 1 year term |
| Jackie Schanlaber | 1 year term |
| Sue Chancey | 3 year term |
| Andrew Cliche | 3 year term |
| Jeannine LaBounty | 3 year term |
| Col Town Investment Committee | |
| Jeffrey A Gilman | |
| Betsy Hutchings | |

Article 2 Add- to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$172,500.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Highway | \$ 55,000.00 |
| Fire Equip. | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Town Hall Improvements | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Bridge Replacement | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Revaluation | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Police Dept | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Colonel Town | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Library | \$ <u>7,500.00</u> |
| Total | \$172,500.00. |

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 2 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 2 carried.

Article 3 Loader Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum **Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a loader for the Transfer Station and to authorize the use of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the general fund balance (surplus) and to further authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Motor Vehicle Waste Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 3 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 3 carried.

Article 4 Gift of Property from F B Spaulding & Co

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of property from F B Spaulding & Co consisting of a main sewer line extending from the Town of Lancaster pumping station located at Tax Map R1 Lot 17 to the first sewer manhole in "Industrial Park Road" as well as a 10 inch ductile iron water line extending from the original point of 2006 construction to just prior to the first culvert in "Industrial Park Road." The gift shall be accepted by the Town, together with such appropriate maintenance easements as the Selectmen deem necessary and prudent. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 4 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 4 carried.

Article 5 Gift of Property from Prasant & Uday Patel

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of property from Prasant and Uday Patel consisting of a main sewer line and several sewer laterals extending from the Cabot Motel at Tax Map R17 Lot 35 westerly along Route 2 to the point where it connects to the existing town owned sewer line existing within the State of New Hampshire Route 2 right-of-way. Specifically excluded from this gift is any property existing easterly of the Cabot Motel, any pumping stations on the sewer line, and any sewer line not existing within the State of New Hampshire right-of-way. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 5 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 5 carried.

Article 6 Purchase Easement Tax Map P 5 Lot 59

To see if the Town, will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to purchase, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen are able to negotiate on behalf of the Town, or in the alternative, acquire by eminent domain, a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement adjacent to Depot Street Tax Map P5 Lot 59 from Boston and Maine Corporation and/or Pan Am Railways for the purpose of reconstructing a Stone Box Culvert with Town and FEMA funds. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 6 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 6 carried.

Article 7 To Change Purpose of Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing Capital Reserve Fund, specifically the "Portland Street Water Improvement Capital Reserve Fund" created March 9, 2004, to the "Lancaster Water System Capital Reserve Fund," to be used for the purpose of financing all or a part of the cost of Lancaster Water System maintenance and improvement projects. Funds from the "Lancaster Water System Capital Reserve Fund" may be used for construction, paving, reconstruction, land acquisition, system maintenance, system upgrade, engineering, consultation, design and for any and all capital improvement purposes for any facility or distribution system that is now, or will be in the future, a part of the Lancaster Water System and to authorize the Lancaster Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (2/3 vote required per RSA 35:16) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 7 carried with the 2/3rds majority required.

Article 8 Appropriate funds from the Lancaster Water System CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (125,000.00)** from the "Lancaster Water System Capital Reserve Fund ", previously established to be used for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, paving, land acquisition, system maintenance, system upgrade, engineering, consultation, design and for any and all capital and infrastructure improvements associated with the 2006 Water Street and Water System Upgrade Project. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 8 was moved and seconded. Motion was made, seconded and carried to amend Article 8 by adding the words "and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the previously established Capital Reserve Fund". Discussion followed. Article 8 carried.

Article 9 Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** for the purpose of design, planning, permitting and construction of the Arthur White Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 9 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 9 carried.

Article 10 Establish a Transfer Station Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a “Transfer Station Revolving Fund” pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of encouraging the recycling of aluminum cans and plastic or glass bottles and to deposit into the fund any and all revenues received from the collection of 5 cent can fees left for recycling at any Lancaster facility and to authorize the Lancaster Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Funds from the “Transfer Station Revolving Fund” shall be used for the purpose of uniform expenditures, facility upgrades, facility design and the purchase of new equipment for the Lancaster Transfer Station. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 10 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 10 carried.

Article 11 Establish a Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a “Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund” for the purpose of infrastructure improvements to any of the Lancaster Cemeteries, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** to be added to this fund, as well as to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents authorized to expend from said fund. Infrastructure improvements includes, but are not limited to, pavement improvements, water and sewer line improvements, permitting, design, engineering, fencing and headstone restoration and cleaning. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 11 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 11 carried.

Article 12 Paving at Transfer Station.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00)** for the purpose of installation of impervious surfaces, paving and for stormwater sloping at the Transfer Station facility and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Landfill Closeout Capital Reserve Fund created for said purpose. Said sum represents a portion of the accumulated interest earned on this account since fund inception. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 12 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 12 carried.

Article 13 Purchase Generator for Main Street Sewer Pumping Station

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a generator for the Main Street Sewer Pumping Station and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) from the Sanitation Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and the remaining Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to come from the 2007 sewer revenues. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 13 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 13 carried.

Article 14 – Discontinue Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds. Said funds having a balance of 0.

Oil Tank Removal Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

Mt Carberry Closure Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

Weeks Library Building Fund Capital Reserve Fund created in 1995.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 14 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 14 carried.

Article 15 Tri-Town Public Transit Route.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** for the support of the Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-town Public Transit Route. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 15 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 15 carried.

Article 16 Senior Wheels Demand Response Program.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00)** for the support of Senior Wheels Demand Response Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 16 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 16 carried.

Article 17 Tri-County Community Action Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** for the support of the local Tri-County Community Action Program office in Lancaster. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 17 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 17 carried.

Article 18 Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$3,520.00)** for the support of the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 18 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 18 carried.

Article 19 North Country Senior Meals Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00)** for the support of the North Country Senior Meals Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 19 was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Article 19 carried.

Article 20 Mt. Washington Regional Airport

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$.75 per capita (Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars - \$2,460.00)** for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 20 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 20 carried.

Article 21 Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$5,805.00)** for the support of Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 21 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 21 carried.

Article 22 Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,640.00)** for the support of the Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 22 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 22 carried.

Article 23 Sale of Town Owned Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on Tax Map R21 Lot 15, approximately .52 acres, located at 644 Elm Street. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 23 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 23 carried.

Article 24 - Address the Issue of Climate Change

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 Lancaster.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. 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 Lancaster 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 24 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 24 carried.

Article 25 Pandemic Influenza Action Plan

To see if the Town will vote to charge the Selectmen, Town Manager, and Emergency Management Director to design, test, and make ready to implement rapidly a detailed Pandemic Influenza Action Plan specific for the Town of Lancaster; and that this Plan incorporate for immediate action the identification and coordination of all appropriate Town employees, Town departments and essential non-employee individuals (e.g., doctors, dentists, nurses, veterinarians) and facilities (e.g., Weeks Memorial Hospital, Country Village Health Care Center, schools) so as to limit and contain the spread of the disease with the aim of achieving the lowest possible morbidity and mortality of residents of the Town; and that reports be made to Town residents through appropriate media-published evidence of the final accomplishment of this charge, so that a Pandemic Influenza Immediate Action Plan will be available for implementation no later than July 1, 2007. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

Article 25 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 25 failed.

Article 26 Discontinue Fluoridation of the Town Drinking Water

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue fluoridation of the town drinking water. (By Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 26 was moved and seconded. Motion was made, seconded and carried to pass over Article 26 per RSA 31:17-a.

Article 27 Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Two Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$4,297,611.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 27 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 27 carried.

Article 28

To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion was made seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

It is hard to believe that a new year is beginning. I can't believe that it was twelve months ago that I was writing this report for the 2006 annual report. The year passed way too fast.

There were many improvement projects that began in 2007. The largest being the water system improvement project. A tremendous amount of work involving this project was completed in 2007 and the entire project is scheduled for completion in 2008. Part of this project included the construction of a one million gallon water tank to replace our in-ground reservoir. This tank has been built and will go on line in the spring of 2008. Upon completion of the project the residents that did not have adequate water pressure will see improvements.

Other improvements accomplished in 2007:

- Reconstruction of Water Street to address drainage and sewer issues.
- The highway garage was insulated and sided. New windows and doors were also installed.
- A fire alarm system was installed in the Town Hall building. Major electrical upgrades were also done to this building.
- Many of the sidewalks in town are in need of total reconstruction. These sidewalks were paved in 2007 in an attempt to buy time until funding becomes available for total reconstruction.

In addition to these major improvements there were many small projects completed.

I wish to thank the people of Lancaster for there support and encouragement. It makes my job much easier. I also wish to thank those that volunteer there time to serve on the Town boards and committees. There commitment is essential to the successful operation of our Town.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2007 has been an eventful year, the water project is almost finished, the new water tower is complete and just waiting to go on line this spring.

We have had some changes on our boards, which happens every year but with the passing of our Friend Fred Emerson his shoes will be hard to fill. Fred devoted many years serving the Town of Lancaster and at the time of his passing, Fred served as the chairman of our Planning Board. He will be missed by many.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank the men and women of Lancaster that volunteer their time to serve on Lancaster boards. In today's busy world it requires a great commitment of ones valuable time. Thank you.

Also, a special thank you to all of our employees, your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

David Stickney
Chairman



SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The excitement keeps mounting as the year 2007 comes and goes. We are working really hard to update all of our voter information in the ElectionNet system.

Once again we have attended workshops in Berlin and Concord to learn new things. Hopefully we will have it all together soon – please bear with us as we continue to work on it. We are still trying to get all of our data into the system so if we send you a note asking for some information or ask you to fill out a new registration form, we aren't trying to be a pest but the additional information that we need will make everyone's systems work that much better.

We have set several times during the year for Town Meeting and of course getting ready for the 2008 Primary. That is the big question – “When will the Primary be?!!!!!!” If times we have sessions are not convenient for you to register to vote you may go into the Town Office any day and register there, and you may also register the day of voting. Many people do not realize this and quite often don't vote for that reason. When you do come to register, whether it is at the Town Office, one of our sessions, or the day of voting it is important that you bring some form of identification with you. A driver's license, social security card, birth certificate, utility bill or rent receipt. We need to know that you are a resident of Lancaster.

We are having the same problem over again. People are not giving their names to the ballot clerks when they come to vote and get their ballot. We know many of you but then there are some who are new to the area and we need to check and make sure that your name is on the list with the proper address and that you are a registered voter. We have to go by the statutes that are given to us and RSA 659:13 states “you are to state your name to the ballot clerk”.

We are always available to answer any questions that you may have and if we do not have the answer we will make sure that we get it for you as soon as possible. All questions are important. Regardless of what you may hear “Your Vote Does Count” and we hope that you will exercise that right, it is a freedom that we are very fortunate to have.

By the time the Town Report is published we hope that we have been told of a date for the 2008 Primary – who knows it may have been held in 2007 – but “we will be first”.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Sandra E. Doolan
Maryrose Corrigan
Margaret D. Roberts



First time voters 2007

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

| Registration of Motor Vehicles | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Collected | \$574,587.82 | \$585,606.50 | \$532,566.50 |
| Municipal Agent Fees Collected | 10,810.00 | 11,454.50 | 11,056.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Waste Fees | <u>11,819.00</u> | <u>12,073.00</u> | <u>11,661.50</u> |
| Total Collected | <u>\$597,216.82</u> | <u>\$609,134.00</u> | <u>\$555,284.00</u> |
| Dog Licenses | <u>\$4,448.00</u> | <u>\$5,404.50</u> | <u>\$4708.50</u> |
| Town Record Fees | | | |
| Automobile Title Applications | 2,560.00 | 1,812.00 | 1,756.50 |
| Recreation Vehicle Registrations | 499.00 | 901.00 | 1,331.00 |
| Municipal Agent Fees Collected | 20.00 | 34.00 | 50.00 |
| Renewal Fees | -0- | 3,012.00 | 3,469.00 |
| Boat Registrations | 1,948.54 | 1,766.50 | 1,115.88 |
| Municipal Agent Fees Collected | 361.50 | 313.50 | 231.00 |
| Certified Copies of Vital Records | 12,880.00 | 12,944.00 | 13,852.00 |
| Filing, Terminating, & Searching UCC'S | 2,971.00 | 2,545.00 | 1,615.00 |
| Marriage Intentions | 1,395.00 | 1,125.00 | 2,070.00 |
| Recording Fees and Tax Liens | 275.00 | 140.00 | 75.00 |
| Licenses and Fees | <u>1,137.74</u> | <u>694.51</u> | <u>782.76</u> |
| Total Collected | <u>\$24,047.78</u> | <u>\$25,287.60</u> | <u>\$26,348.14</u> |
| Total Remitted to Treasurer | <u>\$625,712.60</u> | <u>\$639,826.10</u> | <u>\$586,340.64</u> |
| Number of motor vehicle permits issued | <u>4,701</u> | <u>4,830</u> | <u>4,589</u> |
| Number of boat registration issued | <u>247</u> | <u>209</u> | <u>154</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk

There was a change in the Town Clerk's office in 2007. In the middle of the year Deputy Town Clerk Cheri White resigned her position and we welcomed Carolyn Whipple to the position.

In 2007 I received grant money from the Vital Records Improvement Fund Grant Program for NH City and Town Clerks. The funds requested were for records management and conservation. With this grant money I received new shelving for my vault, a hepa vacuum cleaner for the vault, a data logger (to track climate changes in the vault), and many boxes and folders to store the vital records. It has been a very tedious job moving all the vital records from the ring binders into the archival boxes and onto the new shelves. The job is far from complete. There are still more records to move from the binders and then they will all have to be indexed.

The Town Clerk's office, as of January 1st, processes applications for Civil Unions. The fee is \$45.00, the same as a marriage license.

Beginning this year the Division of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing Gold Star Mother Plates. These plates will only be issued through the Commissioner's Office. For information on the requirements refer to RSA 261:87-c.

2008 will be a busy election year. The Presidential Primary held January 8th saw a large voter turnout. 1250 voters cast their ballot. The polls were busy from the time they opened until they closed. Three more elections to go: March 11th Annual Town Meeting, September 9th State Primary Day and November 4th the Presidential Election.

FYI – effective January 1, 2008, vehicles 1993 and older are exempt from title. Titles that are mailed and returned to the State because a person has moved are kept forever. They are not forwarded. To get the title you have to contact the Title Bureau. You can get several motor vehicle forms from the Dept of Safety website. You can also check availability of a vanity plate on the Dept of Safety website.

Visit the town's website at www.lancasternh.org. There is a lot of valuable information on the site with links to the different departments.

Town Clerk Email Address: townclerk@lancasternh.org

Web Sites:

Department of Safety DMV: www.nh.gov/safety/dmv

Office of Information Technology: www.nh.gov/oit

Vital Records: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/vitalrecords>



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,
Lancaster, New Hampshire:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and fiduciary fund information of Town of Lancaster as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively compose the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Lancaster's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and fiduciary fund information of Town of Lancaster as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 29, 2008, on our consideration of Town of Lancaster's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages three through seven is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively compose Town of Lancaster's basic financial statements. The combining non-major fund financial statements presented in Schedules 1 and 2 are supplemental information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. Schedules 3 and 4 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1 through 4 have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Crane & Bell, PLLC

January 29, 2008

ASSESSING REPORT

It has been five years since Lancaster's last revaluation in 2003. While that project generated many questions and concerns, the assessing system set up at the time has performed very well over the past few years. Annual statistics performed by the state and the town have shown good equity and consistency throughout Lancaster. However, the real estate market has been generally strong and properties have consistently sold for more than their assessed values.

The State of New Hampshire now requires that a municipality's assessment level fall within a 90% to 110% range of market value every five years. Lancaster is outside of this range and is therefore required to address the issue. The town is confident that this can be accomplished by completing a Statistical Update of all property assessments. A Statistical Update is the least expensive means to address this matter. This process maintains proportionality by first analyzing property sales throughout the town to identify needed value adjustments to different areas and/or classes of property. Then the adjustments are implemented across the town, bringing the entire town closer to market value.

Not every property will be remeasured or relisted as part of this update. However, every property will be reviewed and reassessed. Many properties have sold over the past few years and they will be the main focus of the project. Sale properties will be inspected throughout the year along with the annual assessment updates of new construction, renovations, subdivisions, etc. After the update has been completed, the town will publicize the new values and conduct an informal review process.

The town has contracted with our long-time assessing consultants, Northtown Associates, of Jefferson to complete this project. They will be carrying identification cards and their vehicles are on file with the town office and the police department. We appreciate your assistance as they carry out their functions for the town. The goal is to maintain property tax equity for all Lancaster taxpayers.

If you have any questions about the update or assessing questions in general, please call the town office.



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

There have been several changes this year with regards to water and sewer billing. As a water and sewer user you have all noticed these changes. These changes were a result of several hours of discussion and number crunching by the water/sewer rate committee. This committee in conjunction with the Selectboard developed a new rate structure. The committee was made up of a few water/sewer users and town staff. The biggest change in the water and sewer rate was the addition of unit charges.

Those buildings/developments which had a flat commercial rate base fee are now being charged a "per unit" charge. For example – apartment developments which house several single family households will now be charged a residential rate per household. A dwelling unit with 24 apartments will be charged the \$60 residential base fee per apartment which is the same as any single family house. The sewer consumption rate was also adjusted. Instead of a tiered system it is now one rate across the board no matter how many gallons you use. Many of you have contacted me to discuss the changes that have impacted you.

Another change coming in 2008 is the discontinuation of the Inventory of Taxable Property forms. The Selectboard has decided that it is time to do away with them. Our building permit process picks up the sizeable changes to properties and with the new revaluation process homes will be reviewed on a regular basis.

To continue serving the town to the best of my ability I participated in the tax collector's workshop which was held in the spring and the tax collector's convention which was held in October. The workshops/conventions are a great place to get any updates and changes on the tax laws, software and much more. All of these events and opportunities allow me to network with other tax collector's around the state and county. Together as a network we are able to work through any task.

Also in April, the Coos County tax collectors met at the Registry of Deeds office for our annual County meeting. This gave us an opportunity to meet their staff. As tax collectors we are submitting documents all the time for recording at the registry and it is very nice to have a face with the name on the other end of the phone. We also toured the office, learned what it takes to get a document properly recorded and the time it takes. I would like to thank the Coos County Registry for the opportunity to tour their office.

Once again, I participated in the Town Clerk's/Tax Collector's Certification class at the Primex building in Bow, New Hampshire. This program is a week long program which hits on many aspects of the town clerk and tax collector's roles and responsibilities. This was my third year in the program and I am very proud to announce that I have successfully completed and graduated as a NH Certified Tax Collector. I will be completing my last year in the program in August 2008. That week will be focused on the Town Clerk. It will be about dog licensing, motor vehicle registrations, elections, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity Blanchette
Tax Collector

The following are dates I would like to make the taxpayer aware of on the up coming year:

- February Delinquent Notice will be mailed
- April Water Meters read the 1st week of April
Water/Sewer bill mailed the 2nd week of April
Delinquent notices due date the 17th
Lien process begins with issuing an impending lien notice on any unpaid taxes after the delinquent due date
- May Due date on 1st Issue Water/Sewer bill
Impending lien notice due date the 22nd
Lien will be executed on the 23rd on any unpaid delinquent taxes after the impending lien due date. Mortgage notices mailed within 45 days of this date
Impending deed notices will be mailed to property owners and mortgage holders on any outstanding 2006 tax liens (2005 tax levy)
- June Issue 1st Issue Property Tax bill
Execute tax collectors deeds on any outstanding 2006 tax liens (2005 tax levy) after the impending deed due date
- July Due date on 1st Issue Property Tax bill
- October Water Meters read 1st week of October
Water/Sewer bill mailed 2nd week of October
- November Issue 2nd Issue Property Tax bill
Due date on 2nd Issue Water/Sewer bill
- December Due date on 2nd Issue Property Tax bill

Graduation Day for myself and
Melinda "Min" Kennett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Town of Northumberland



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

Through December 31, 2007
For the Municipality of Lancaster

| DEBITS | <u>Prior Levies</u> | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Levy for 2007</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005 & Prior</u> |
| <u>Uncollected taxes - beginning of year:</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes: | \$0.00 | \$421,999.02 | \$3,168.84 |
| Interest: | | | \$2.00 |
| Land Use Change: | \$0.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Yield Taxes: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,534.14 |
| Gravel Taxes: | | | \$0.00 |
| Interest | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <u>Taxes Committed:</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes - 1st issue: | \$2,748,436.15 | | |
| Jeopardy Supplemental | | | |
| Property Taxes - 2nd issue: | \$2,520,750.82 | | |
| Supplemental | | | |
| Land Use Change: | \$41,200.00 | | |
| Yield Taxes: | \$7,530.78 | \$35,468.64 | |
| Gravel Taxes: | | \$472.50 | |
| <u>Credit Balances:</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes - Prepayment: | \$1.67 | | |
| Refunds: Overpayments | \$10,331.76 | | |
| Refunds: Appeals | | \$4,581.66 | |
| Land Use Change: | | | |
| Refunds: Appeals | \$3,500.00 | \$2,150.00 | |
| Interest - LUCT | \$189.12 | | |
| Yield Taxes: | | \$1,352.81 | |
| <u>Interest:</u> | | | |
| Interest - All: | \$3,496.50 | \$23,161.71 | \$771.75 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | <u>\$5,335,436.80</u> | <u>\$493,186.34</u> | <u>\$8,476.73</u> |

(Report continued on next page...)

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

Through December 31, 2007
For the Municipality of Lancaster

| CREDITS | <u>Levy for 2007</u> | <u>Prior Levies</u> | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005 & Prior</u> |
| <u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes: | \$4,689,554.81 | \$421,503.82 | |
| Interest: | \$3,307.38 | \$23,017.71 | |
| Land Use Change Tax: | \$40,200.00 | \$4,000.00 | |
| Interest: | \$189.12 | \$144.00 | |
| Yield Taxes: | \$4,533.30 | \$34,907.00 | \$4,534.14 |
| Interest: | | | \$771.75 |
| Gravel Tax: | | \$472.50 | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Prepaid: | | | |
| <u>Refunds of Committed Taxes:</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Land Use Change Tax: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Yield Tax: | | \$1,352.81 | |
| <u>Appeals- Refunds</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes: | | \$4,581.66 | |
| Yield Taxes | | | |
| LUCT | \$3,500.00 | \$2,150.00 | |
| LUCT - Interest | \$189.12 | | |
| <u>Abatements Made:</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes: | | | |
| Prepaid in 2006 | \$1,083.94 | | |
| <u>Liens Deeded to Municipality:</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| <u>Uncollected Taxes -</u> | | | |
| Property Taxes: | \$588,881.65 | \$495.20 | \$3,168.84 |
| Interest: | | | \$2.00 |
| Bad Check Charge | | | |
| Land Use Change: | \$1,000.00 | | |
| Gravel Taxes: | | | |
| Yield Taxes: | \$2,997.48 | \$561.64 | |
| Interest: | | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$5,335,436.80 | \$493,186.34 | \$8,476.73 |

Respectfully Submitted by:

Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**

Through December 31, 2007
For the Municipality of Lancaster

| DEBITS | <u>Current Year's Levy</u> | <u>Prior Levies</u> | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 & Prior |
| Unredeemed Liens | | | |
| Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year: | | \$75,391.07 | \$79,741.80 |
| Uncollected Interest & Penalties | | \$1,355.41 | \$1,835.18 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year: | \$161,583.34 | | |
| Adjustment | | | |
| Second Lien Commitment | | | |
| Refunds | | | |
| Interest & Penalties | \$5,587.89 | \$7,490.79 | \$20,470.38 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$167,171.23 | \$84,237.27 | \$102,047.36 |

| CREDITS | <u>Current Year's Levy</u> | <u>Prior Levies</u> | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Remitted to Treasurer</u> | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 & Prior |
| Redemptions: | \$64,163.25 | \$37,607.45 | \$30,891.68 |
| Interest & Penalties | \$3,819.67 | \$8,112.32 | \$20,797.98 |
| Abatements: | | \$43.98 | |
| Penalties: | | \$16.59 | |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality: | | | |
| Interest | | | |
| Penalties | | | |
| Unredeemed Liens: | \$97,420.09 | \$37,739.64 | \$48,850.12 |
| Unpaid Interest & Penalties: | \$1,768.22 | \$717.29 | \$1,507.58 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$167,171.23 | \$84,237.27 | \$102,047.36 |

Respectfully submitted by: Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTS

Through December 31, 2007
For the Municipality of Lancaster

| DEBITS | <u>WATER</u> | <u>SEWER</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Uncollected as of 12/31/06 | \$37,161.69 | \$36,779.85 |
| Jobs | \$244.89 | |
| Interest | | |
| Septage Disposal | | \$320.00 |
| 1st Half Commitment | \$173,560.20 | \$132,183.52 |
| Comm Unit Chrg incl Rents | \$2,125.00 | \$1,581.00 |
| Jobs | \$889.79 | \$150.00 |
| Supplemental Commitment | | |
| 2nd Half Commitment | \$169,533.20 | \$160,766.00 |
| Comm Unit Chrg incl Rents | \$2,125.00 | \$2,125.00 |
| Jobs | \$472.87 | \$150.00 |
| Supplemental Commitment | | |
| Interest | \$3,173.26 | \$3,209.18 |
| Refunds (Overpayments) | \$221.33 | \$66.60 |
| Jobs | \$600.00 | \$150.00 |
| Septage Disposal Jobs | | \$6,480.00 |
| Prepaid | \$52.67 | \$31.00 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | <u>\$390,159.90</u> | <u>\$343,992.15</u> |

CREDITS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Remittance to Treasurer | \$334,615.64 | \$286,046.70 |
| Jobs | \$1,900.30 | \$250.00 |
| Septage Disposal Jobs | | \$6,720.00 |
| Refunds of Committed Tax | | |
| Interest Collected | \$3,157.23 | \$3,191.88 |
| Refunds on Committed Interest | | |
| Abatements | \$1,014.45 | \$1,343.33 |
| Abatement on Jobs | \$154.89 | |
| Interest & Penalties | \$16.03 | \$17.30 |
| Prepaid in 2006 | \$261.14 | \$237.30 |
| Uncollected Principle | \$48,387.86 | \$45,312.64 |
| Uncollected Jobs | \$152.36 | \$200.00 |
| Uncollected Commercial Charge | \$500.00 | \$593.00 |
| Uncollected Septage Disposal | | \$80.00 |
| Uncollected Interest | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | <u>\$390,159.90</u> | <u>\$343,992.15</u> |

Respectfully submitted by:

Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

**TAX YEAR 2007
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION**

| | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Value of Land Only | | |
| Current Use | \$2,726,490.00 | |
| Conservation Restriction Assessment | \$190.00 | |
| Discretionary Preservation Easement | \$8,250.00 | |
| Residential | \$43,695,370.00 | |
| Commercial/Industrial | <u>\$15,792,480.00</u> | |
| TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND | | \$62,222,780.00 |
| Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable | \$9,378,850.00 | |
| Value of Buildings Only | | |
| Residential | \$110,335,960.00 | |
| Manufactured Housing | \$2,562,390.00 | |
| Commercial/Industrial | \$44,038,790.00 | |
| Discretionary Preservation Easement | <u>\$8,060.00</u> | |
| TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS | | \$156,945,200.00 |
| Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable | \$41,932,190.00 | |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | | <u>\$11,166,370.00</u> |
| VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS | | \$230,334,350.00 |
| Blind Exemption (2) | \$30,000.00 | |
| Elderly Exemption (24) | \$570,720.00 | |
| Solar/Windpower (2) | <u>\$6,290.00</u> | |
| LESS AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS | | <u>(\$607,010.00)</u> |
| NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED | | \$229,727,340.00 |
| LESS PUBLIC UTILITIES | | <u>(\$11,166,370.00)</u> |
| NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED | | <u><u>\$218,560,970.00</u></u> |

**UTILITY ASSESSED VALUE -
SUMMARY**

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Public Service of NH | \$6,026,500.00 |
| Southworth Timber Frames | 39,870.00 |
| Portland Pipeline Corp. | \$5,100,000.00 |
| Total Utilities | \$11,166,370.00 |

**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
GRANTED**

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Elderly Exemptions -2007 | Actual Exemption Amt. |
| 8 at maximum \$20,000 | \$153,200.00 |
| 8 at maximum \$25,000 | \$177,520.00 |
| 8 at maximum \$30,000 | \$240,000.00 |
| Total Elderly Exemptions | \$570,720.00 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Veteran's Exemptions -2007 | |
| 6 at \$1,400 | \$8,400.00 |
| 184 at \$100 | \$18,400.00 |
| Total Veteran's Exemptions | \$28,700.00 |

CURRENT USE REPORT

Total # Acres Receiving Current Use

Assessment:

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Discretionary Easement | 1.0 |
| Conservation Restriction | 1.25 |
| Farmland | 4,298.31 |
| Forest Land | 11,253.11 |
| Forest Land with Documented Stewardship | 8,081.29 |
| Unproductive | 328.84 |
| Wet Land | 371.62 |
| TOTAL ACRES | 24,335.42 |

TOTAL # OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE 606

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Selectmen:

David Stickney
Leo J. Enos
Allan Carr

NH Department of Revenue Administration
 Community Services Division
 Municipal Finance Bureau
 P.O. Box 487
 Concord, NH 03302-0487
 (603) 271-3397

TOWN/CITY: LANCASTER Auditor's Initials: DNB Date: 11/15/2007

OVERLAY - Amount Raised for Abatements

RSA 76:6 limits overlay to an amount not to exceed 5% of the net tax commitment for the municipality, its statewide enhanced education amount and local school tax, its share of the county budget, and village district(s), if any. For your municipality, we anticipate that limit will be:

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 5% Limit | \$264,741.00 | Requested Amount | \$20,000 |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------|

BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE RETENTION

General guidelines have been established by the financial community regarding the amount of modified accrual budgetary unreserved fund balance to retain. The former recommendations were to retain between 5% and 10% of the municipality's appropriations, plus the statewide enhanced education amount and the local school net tax commitment, plus the county appropriation. The Government Finance Officers Assoc. suggests you retain between 8% and 17%. Based on our best available information, the suggested levels would be:

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 5% \$422,419 | 8% \$675,871 | 10% \$844,838 | 17% \$1,436,225 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|

Your **budgetary unreserved fund balance** from the MS-5 is: \$1,191,171 MS-5

The amount **voted** from "surplus" is: \$40,000 w/a 4

The amount used for RSA 32:11 **emergency**
 Appropriation is: \$0.00

The amount you wish to use to **set tax rate:** \$0.00

The amount you wish to **retain** is: \$1,151,171

Signature of town/city official: *Edward J. Samson*

Title of town/city official: Town of Lancaster, Town Manager

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Finance Bureau 2007 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: Lancaster

Barbara Johnson
11/16/07

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Gross Appropriations | 4,790,136 |
| Less: Revenues | 3,161,320 |
| Less: Shared Revenues | 32,853 |
| Add: Overlay | 17,927 |
| War Service Credits | 26,800 |

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Net Town Appropriation | 1,640,690 |
| Special Adjustment | 0 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Approved Town/City Tax Effort | 1,640,690 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|

**TOWN RATE
7.15**

SCHOOL PORTION

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue) | 0 |
| Regional School Apportionment | 6,148,653 |
| Less: Adequate Education Grant | (3,370,560) |
| State Education Taxes | (588,635) |

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Approved School(s) Tax Effort | 2,189,458 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|

**LOCAL
SCHOOL RATE
9.53**

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

| | | |
|--|--------|---------|
| Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x | \$2.24 | |
| 262,783,699 | | 588,635 |
| Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) | | |
| 218,560,970 | | |
| Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State | | |
| Pay to State ⇨ | | 0 |

**STATE
SCHOOL RATE
2.75**

COUNTY PORTION

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Due to County | 881,154 |
| Less: Shared Revenues | (6,192) |

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Approved County Tax Effort | 873,962 |
|----------------------------|---------|

**COUNTY RATE
3.80**

**TOTAL RATE
23.17**

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Property Taxes Assessed | 5,292,745 |
| Less: War Service Credits | (26,800) |
| Add: Village District Commitment(s) | 0 |
| Total Property Tax Commitment | 5,265,945 |

PROOF OF RATE

| Net Assessed Valuation | Tax Rate | Assessment |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| State Education Tax (no utilities) | 2.69 | 588,635 |
| All Other Taxes | 20.48 | 4,704,110 |
| | | 5,292,745 |



TOWN OF LANCASTER TAX RATES



| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>TOWN</u> | <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>STATE</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1966 | \$3.80 | \$0.98 | \$2.63 | \$0.19 | |
| 1967 | \$4.64 | \$1.28 | \$3.14 | \$0.22 | |
| 1968 | \$4.64 | \$1.31 | \$3.08 | \$0.25 | |
| 1969 | \$5.08 | \$1.32 | \$3.51 | \$0.25 | |
| 1970 | \$5.12 | \$1.51 | \$3.34 | \$0.27 | |
| 1971 | \$5.90 | \$1.44 | \$4.19 | \$0.27 | |
| 1972 | \$3.57 | \$0.87 | \$2.53 | \$0.17 | |
| 1973 | \$3.66 | \$0.84 | \$2.63 | \$0.19 | |
| 1974 | \$3.93 | \$1.08 | \$2.70 | \$0.15 | |
| 1975 | \$4.10 | \$1.04 | \$2.90 | \$0.16 | |
| 1976 | \$4.55 | \$1.27 | \$3.07 | \$0.21 | |
| 1977 | \$4.60 | \$1.02 | \$3.29 | \$0.29 | |
| 1978 | \$5.30 | \$1.27 | \$3.83 | \$0.20 | |
| 1979 | \$5.45 | \$1.36 | \$3.75 | \$0.34 | |
| 1980 | \$6.03 | \$1.60 | \$4.09 | \$0.34 | |
| 1981 | \$6.27 | \$1.56 | \$4.24 | \$0.47 | |
| 1982 | \$7.37 | \$1.97 | \$4.82 | \$0.58 | |
| 1983 | \$7.92 | \$1.43 | \$5.90 | \$0.59 | |
| 1984 | \$7.26 | \$1.22 | \$5.46 | \$0.58 | |
| 1985 | \$6.78 | \$1.27 | \$4.88 | \$0.63 | |
| 1986 | \$7.07 | \$1.43 | \$5.07 | \$0.57 | |
| 1987 | \$6.52 | \$1.88 | \$3.82 | \$0.82 | |
| 1988 | \$17.05 | \$5.46 | \$2.33 | \$9.26 | Re-evaluation |
| 1989 | \$21.10 | \$5.52 | \$2.54 | \$13.04 | |
| 1990 | \$23.05 | \$5.58 | \$2.30 | \$15.17 | |
| 1991 | \$22.20 | \$6.25 | \$2.42 | \$13.53 | |
| 1992 | \$24.18 | \$6.24 | \$2.74 | \$15.20 | |
| 1993 | \$30.78 | \$7.66 | \$3.48 | \$19.64 | Trend Factoring |
| 1994 | \$30.34 | \$7.63 | \$2.93 | \$19.78 | |
| 1995 | \$30.34 | \$7.63 | \$3.24 | \$19.47 | |
| 1996 | \$32.10 | \$8.15 | \$3.50 | \$20.45 | |
| 1997 | \$34.85 | \$8.22 | \$3.86 | \$22.77 | |
| 1998 | \$34.85 | \$8.20 | \$3.91 | \$22.74 | |
| 1999 | \$26.70 | \$8.87 | \$3.98 | \$7.01 | \$6.84 |
| 2000 | \$29.24 | \$8.58 | \$3.78 | \$10.11 | \$6.77 |
| 2001 | \$29.50 | \$8.65 | \$4.13 | \$9.98 | \$6.74 |
| 2002 | \$33.16 | \$9.65 | \$4.60 | \$12.50 | \$6.41 |
| 2003 | \$24.58 | \$7.69 | \$3.36 | \$10.19 | \$3.34 |
| 2004 | \$24.58 | \$7.08 | \$4.19 | \$10.69 | \$2.62 |
| 2005 | \$22.88 | \$6.90 | \$3.59 | \$9.64 | \$2.75 |
| 2006 | \$24.43 | \$7.25 | \$3.99 | \$10.52 | \$2.67 |
| 2007 | \$23.17 | \$7.15 | \$3.80 | \$9.53 | \$2.69 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| MAP/LOT | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|--|
| P11-003 | Town Hall, 25 Main Street Fire Station, 10 Mechanic Street Highway Garage, 16-18 Mechanic Street |
| P11-031 | Police Station, 11 Mechanic Street |
| P11-026 | Lancaster EMS Building, 19 Mechanic Street |
| P06-082 | Weeks Memorial Library, 128 Main Street |
| R13-063 | Water Treatment Plant, 300 Pleasant Valley Road |
| P06-051 | Col. Town Recreation, 16 High Street |
| R13-031 | Col. Town Community Camp, 38 Community Camp Road |
| R09-068 | Transfer Station, 121 Water Street Main Pump Station, 60 Heath Street |
| R09-065 | Lagoons & Chlorine Building, 140 & 150 Water Street |
| R10-065 | Salt Shed & Reservoir, 106 Prospect Street |
| R01-019 | Water Tank, Industrial Park Road |
| R01-017 | Pump Station, 673 Main Street |
| P01-004 | Pump Station, 458 Main Street |
| P07-070 | Pump Station, 55-59 Middle Street |
| R11-055 | Pump Station, 55 Grange Road Pump Station, North Road Pump Station, Indian Brook, Summer Street |
| P06-043 | Wilder Cemetery, Main Street |
| P06-070 | Summer Street Cemetery, 89 Summer Street |
| R28-004 | Martin Meadow Pond Cemetery, Martin Meadow Pond Road |
| P06-001 | Centennial Park, Main Street |
| P06-048 | Cross Park, Main Street |
| P11-035 | Soldier Park, Main Street |
| P07-085 | Drew Park, 109 Main Street |
| P07-004 | Municipal Parking Lot, Main Street |
| P07-120 | Municipal Parking Lot, Bunker Hill Street |
| P05-058 | Summer Street Cemetery Entrance |
| P07-001 | School Street, behind Courthouse |
| P07-005 | Welcome Center, 25 Park Street |
| P07-019 | Fire Museum, 30 Park Street |
| P14-029 | Holton Park |
| R01/010-015 | Industrial Park |
| R01-048 | Pines, Main Street |
| R04-006 | Island in Israel River |
| R04-008 | Main Street – B&M RR |
| R05-001 | Town Forest, Causeway Street |
| R10-032 | Riverside Drive |
| R11-056 | Grange Road |
| R11-086 | 10 Grange Road |
| R26-027 | 111 Martin Meadow Pond Boat Access |
| R21-015 | 644 Elm Street |
| P12-023 | Riverside Drive (Ice Retention Dam) |
| R18-033 | Garland Road |
| P06-071 | Summer Street (Cemetery) |

INVENTORY OF MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

HIGHWAY

1965 Joy Compressor
1966 General Utility Trailer
1983 Homemade Utility Trailer
1985 Eager Beaver Roller SRH300
1985 Chevrolet 1-ton Flatbed Pickup
1989 International Salt Truck
1992 Compactor
1993 Homemade Cold Patch Trailer
1995 International Dump Truck
1995 Caterpillar 120G Grader w/Wing
1997 Case 621BXT Loader
2000 Mack Dump Truck
2001 Ford F550 4x4 Dump Truck
2003 John Deere 310SG Loader/Backhoe
2003 Power Eagle Pressure Washer
2003 White Lawn Mower
2005 International 7400 Dump Truck
2005 Exmark Mower
2005 Mobil Street Sweeper
2005 Holder Sidewalk Plow
- 5000 Watt Generator

WATER & SEWER

1994 Power Jet Sewer Machine
1994 Trench Box
1995 Load Rite Trailer
2000 Ford F350 PU w/Mechanic's Body
2002 Muffin Auger Monster
2003 GMC 2500 Pickup
2003 Wells Utility Trailer

CEMETERY

1977 Kubota Backhoe
2003 Husqvarna Mower

TOWN OFFICE

2003 Ford Crown Victoria

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1930 Hose Cart
1934 Maxim Pumper
1968 Thibault 100' Aerial Ladder Truck
1984 Snowcraft Trailer
1985 Chevrolet Blazer
1986 International Tanker
1988 GMC Rescue Van
1989 Spartan E-One Pumper
1994 Pace American 14' command trailer
1994 Artic Cat Pantera snowmobile
1998 Freightliner Ambulance
1998 Ford E350 Mini-Modular Ambulance
2001 Ford E350 Mini-Modular Ambulance
2002 Cairns Viper Infrared Camera
2002 Polaris 6x6
2002 Rescue Sled Trailer
2003 Newman Pumper
- 14' Flat Bottom Rescue Boat

TRANSFER STATION

1995 Bobcat Skidsteer
2000 Demogrinder
2005 Volvo L50E Wheel Loader
2005 Box Trailer
- Balers (2)
- Oil Filter Crusher
- Waste Oil Furnace

POLICE

2006 Ford Crown Victoria – Cruiser
2008 Ford Crown Victoria – Cruiser

COL. TOWN RECREATION

1987 Ford Tractor
1992 Chevrolet CK1500
2000 GMC Jimmy

TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH
Treasurer's Report
December 31, 2007

CASH ON HAND 01.01.2007

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$1,411,559.77 |
| Motor Vehicle Waste Fees | 51,883.19 |
| Municipal Cemeteries | 15,602.87 |
| Municipal Cemeteries Equipment | 605.59 |
| Payroll Account | (1,026.05) |
| Water System Account | 3.39 |

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 01.01.2007 **\$1,478,673.76**

RECEIPTS 2007

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$14,517,035.47 |
| MBIA General Fund | 2,842,431.58 |
| Motor Vehicle Waste Fees | 16,303.09 |
| Municipal Cemeteries | 32,407.04 |
| Municipal Cemeteries Equipment | 3.29 |
| Payroll Account | 1,554,679.16 |
| Water System Account | 4,243,894.91 |

TOTAL RECEIPTS 2007 **\$23,206,754.54**

EXPENSES 2007

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$15,048,056.53 |
| MBIA General Fund | 2,785,000.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Waste Fees | 45,612.45 |
| Municipal Cemeteries | 0.00 |
| Municipal Cemeteries Equipment | 0.00 |
| Payroll Account | 1,553,245.07 |
| Water System Account | 3,578,785.81 |

TOTAL EXPENSES 2007 **(\$23,010,699.86)**

CASH ON HAND 12.31.2007

\$1,674,728.44

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann M. Huddleston, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER ON DECMEBER 31, 2007

| Date Created | Name of Trust Fund | Purpose of Fund | How Invested NHPDIP | Principal Beginning Balance | New Funds Created | Withdrawals |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1914 | Lyman Blandin Fund | Benefit of Needy | Plus Chk | \$ 66,988.15 | \$ 15,345.81 | |
| 1880 | Cemetery Fund | Beautify Cemetery | NHPDIP | \$ 199,073.64 | \$ 56,022.09 | |
| 1926 | Helen W C Denison Fund | Care of Cross Park | NHPDIP | \$ 7,344.71 | \$ 925.35 | |
| 1932 | Jas. L Dow Fund | Beautify Parks & Streets | NHPDIP | \$ 7,384.53 | | |
| 1910 | Historical Trust | Compile History of Town | NHPDIP | \$ 1,220.74 | | |
| 1915 | Chapin C Brooks Fund | Benefit of Lancaster School | NHPDIP | \$ 7,332.89 | | |
| 1920 | Emmon Smith Fund | Benefit of Needy | NHPDIP | \$ 61,694.37 | \$ 13,896.91 | |
| 1918 | Geo. M. Stevens Fund | Beautify Cemetery | NHPDIP | \$ 192,210.07 | | |
| 1910 | Library Trust | Benefit Weeks Library | NHPDIP | \$ 24,140.60 | | |
| 1996 | WMRHS Scholarship | Scholarship Fund | NHPDIP | \$ 14,847.60 | \$ - | \$ (14,847.60) |
| Total Common Funds | | | | \$ 582,237.30 | \$ 86,190.16 | \$ (14,847.60) |
| 1935 | Monahan Trust | Benefit of Public Nursing | NHPDIP | \$ 1,105.20 | | |
| 1926 | Dennison Trust | Care of Cross Park | NHPDIP | \$ 925.35 | | \$ (925.35) |
| 1880 | Cemetery Trust | Beautify Cemetery | NHPDIP | \$ 54,022.09 | | \$ (54,022.09) |
| 1914 | Lyman Blandin Fund | Benefit of Needy | NHPDIP | \$ 15,345.81 | | \$ (15,345.81) |
| Sub-total | | | | \$ 71,398.45 | \$ - | \$ (70,293.25) |
| 1975 | C/R - Fire | Purchase of Fire Equip | NHPDIP | \$ 67,959.04 | \$ 35,000.00 | |
| 1980 | C/R - Water | Purchase Water Dept Equip | NHPDIP | \$ 18,631.27 | | |
| 1980 | C/R - Sanitation | Purchase Sanitation Equip | NHPDIP | \$ 60,942.02 | | |
| 1980 | C/R - Highway | Purchase Highway Equip | NHPDIP | \$ 123,615.17 | \$ 55,000.00 | |
| 1987 | C/R - Landfill Closeout | To Close Landfill | NHPDIP | \$ 225,257.30 | | \$ (19,780.69) |
| 1987 | C/R - Industrial Dev | Business & Industry Dev | NHPDIP | \$ 71,584.66 | | |
| 1993 | C/R - Town Hall | Town Hall Improvement | NHPDIP | \$ 62,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ (3,900.00) |
| 2001 | C/R - PAYT Program | P-A-Y-T Program | NHPDIP | \$ 6,000.00 | | |
| 2001 | C/R - Weeks Library | | NHPDIP | \$ 24,504.55 | \$ 7,500.00 | |
| 2001 | Committee | | NHPDIP | \$ 42,500.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| 1998 | C/R - Bridge Repair | | NHPDIP | \$ 122,243.31 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ (71,193.44) |
| 1999 | C/R - Town Reval | Future Revaluation | NHPDIP | \$ 33,059.61 | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| 2002 | C/R - Police Dept. | Future Costs of Equip & Bldg | NHPDIP | \$ 15,208.75 | \$ 5,000.00 | |

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER ON DECMEBER 31, 2007

| Date Created | Name of Trust Fund | Purpose of Fund | How Invested NHPDIP | Principal Beginning Balance | New Funds Created | Withdrawals |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2004 | C/R - Lancaster Water System(Name Change 2007) | Maintenance & Improvements | NHPDIP | \$ 119,702.79 | | |
| 2007 | C/R Cemetery | Infrastructure Improvements | NHPDIP | \$ - | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Sub-total of Town C/R's | | | | \$ 993,208.47 | \$ 192,500.00 | \$ (94,874.13) |
| 1984 | WMRHS - Scholarships | Scholarships | NHPDIP | \$ 12,610.58 | \$ 14,897.60 | |
| 1987 | C/R - Forestry | | NHPDIP | \$ 18,930.04 | | \$ (26,200.00) |
| 1994 | C/R - Bldg & Rep & Maint | School Bldg Repairs & Maint | NHPDIP | \$ 151,657.24 | \$ 125,000.00 | \$ (147,447.59) |
| 1998 | C/R - School Plow Veh | Purchase Plow Equipment | NHPDIP | \$ 17,191.08 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ (28,517.00) |
| 1998 | C/R - Road & Drive Repair | Road/Drive Repairs | NHPDIP | \$ - | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| | C/R - Hancock Libr Fund | | NHPDIP | \$ 51,096.25 | | |
| Sub-total of School Funds | | | | \$ 251,485.19 | \$ 159,897.60 | \$ (202,164.59) |
| GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS | | | | \$ 1,898,329.41 | \$ 438,587.76 | \$ (382,179.57) |

TOWN OF LANCASTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF REVENUES:

| | <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> | <u>Encumbrances</u> | <u>Under</u> | <u>Over</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Taxes | \$160,450.00 | \$5,400,838.30 | | \$15,497.65 | (\$5,255,885.95) |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | \$273,026.00 | \$348,027.78 | | \$12.00 | (\$75,013.78) |
| Special Grants for Projects | \$183,991.00 | \$129,581.63 | | \$154,253.00 | (\$99,843.63) |
| Income From Departments | \$2,293,041.00 | \$5,906,825.41 | | \$26,595.74 | (\$3,640,380.15) |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | \$210,812.00 | \$244,896.84 | | \$0.00 | (\$34,084.84) |
| Fund Balance | \$40,000.00 | \$34,350.00 | | \$5,650.00 | (\$0.00) |
| Total Revenues | \$3,161,320.00 | \$12,064,519.96 | | \$202,008.39 | (\$9,105,208.35) |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| General Government | \$1,252,519.00 | \$1,041,240.49 | | \$243,291.42 | (\$32,012.91) |
| Public Safety | \$856,034.00 | \$846,569.82 | \$6,397.00 | \$5,970.55 | (\$2,903.37) |
| Highways & Streets | \$731,791.00 | \$708,329.94 | \$12,500.00 | \$10,961.06 | |
| Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts. | \$1,014,309.00 | \$2,330,680.06 | \$144,634.75 | \$43,195.25 | (\$1,504,201.06) |
| Health Administration | \$24,858.00 | \$23,887.32 | | \$970.68 | |
| Welfare | \$55,120.00 | \$62,738.65 | | | (\$7,618.65) |
| Culture & Recreation | \$573,005.00 | \$563,585.07 | \$3,000.00 | \$6,919.84 | (\$499.91) |
| Debt Service | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Capital Outlay & Special Projects | \$105,000.00 | \$108,862.19 | \$40,000.00 | \$9,869.31 | (\$53,731.50) |
| Capital Reserve Funds | \$177,500.00 | \$192,500.00 | | | (\$15,000.00) |
| Interfund Operating Transfers Out | \$0.00 | \$161,583.34 | | | (\$161,583.34) |
| Payments To Other Governments | \$0.00 | \$3,691,580.00 | | | (\$3,691,580.00) |
| Total Expenditures | \$4,790,136.00 | \$9,731,556.88 | \$206,531.75 | \$321,178.11 | (\$5,469,130.74) |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES:

| | <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> | <u>Encumbrances</u> | <u>Under</u> | <u>Over</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>From Local Taxes:</u> | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$0.00 | \$5,243,721.01 | | | (\$5,243,721.01) |
| Property Taxes--Refunds | \$0.00 | (\$14,913.42) | | \$14,913.42 | |
| Payment in lieu of taxes | \$31,000.00 | \$30,415.77 | | 584.23 | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$36,000.00 | \$38,550.00 | | | (\$2,550.00) |
| Yield Taxes | \$38,000.00 | \$42,621.63 | | | (\$4,621.63) |
| Miscellaneous Taxes | \$450.00 | \$472.50 | | | (\$22.50) |
| Interest & Penalties on Taxes | \$55,000.00 | \$59,970.81 | | | (\$4,970.81) |
| Total Taxes | \$160,450.00 | \$5,400,838.30 | | \$15,497.65 | (\$5,255,885.95) |

Intergovernmental Revenues:

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|---------|---------------|
| Shared Revenue Block Grants | \$40,329.00 | \$79,374.00 | | | (\$39,045.00) |
| Highway Block Grants | \$86,449.00 | \$86,449.33 | | | (\$0.33) |
| State & Federal Forest Lands | \$2,277.00 | \$2,265.00 | | \$12.00 | |
| Railroad Tax | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Rooms & Meals Tax | \$143,971.00 | \$143,971.28 | | | (\$0.28) |
| Disaster FEMA | \$0.00 | \$30,033.74 | | | (\$30,033.74) |
| Flood—April 2007 | \$0.00 | \$5,934.43 | | | (\$5,934.43) |

| | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Intergovernmental Revenues | <u>\$273,026.00</u> | <u>\$348,027.78</u> | <u>\$12.00</u> | <u>(\$75,013.78)</u> |
| <u>Special Grants for Projects:</u> | | | | |
| Parks/Flowers | \$0.00 | \$185.00 | | (\$185.00) |
| Lancaster Play & Learn Center | \$0.00 | \$41,876.00 | | (\$41,876.00) |
| Town Hall Rejuvenation Project | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | | |
| Depot Street Culvert | \$102,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$102,000.00 | |
| Railroad Culvert | \$40,253.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,253.00 | (\$956.25) |
| Mt. Prospect Road | \$0.00 | \$30,000.00 | | (\$30,000.00) |
| White Mt/NH PAL | \$1,499.24 | \$14,321.56 | | (\$12,822.32) |
| Total Special Grants | \$183,991.00 | \$129,581.63 | \$154,253.00 | (\$99,843.63) |
| <u>Income From Departments:</u> | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permits Fees | \$550,000.00 | \$532,566.50 | \$17,433.50 | |
| Town Clerk Fees | \$28,114.00 | \$29,434.14 | | (\$1,300.14) |
| Town Office Revenues | \$26,495.00 | \$27,972.95 | | (\$1,477.95) |
| Planning & Zoning | \$5,400.00 | \$3,641.99 | \$1,758.01 | |
| Police Department | \$20,800.00 | \$14,352.49 | \$6,447.51 | |
| Police Department – Lancaster Fair | \$25,000.00 | \$30,232.00 | | (\$5,232.00) |
| Ambulance/Fire Department | \$400,000.00 | \$457,411.96 | | (\$57,411.96) |
| Health Department | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | |
| Highways & Streets | \$1,800.00 | \$843.28 | \$956.72 | |
| Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station | \$84,337.00 | \$97,253.18 | | (\$12,916.18) |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Bags | \$74,000.00 | \$76,022.50 | | (\$2,022.50) |
| Water Department | \$435,065.00 | \$3,958,121.80 | | (\$3,523,056.80) |
| Sanitation Department | \$287,539.00 | \$307,963.66 | | (\$20,424.66) |
| Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries | \$27,800.00 | \$32,407.04 | | (\$4,607.04) |
| William D. Weeks Memorial Library | \$12,641.00 | \$13,250.53 | | (\$609.53) |
| Col. Town Spending Committee | \$274,050.00 | \$274,050.00 | | |
| Motor Vehicle Waste Fees Fund | \$40,000.00 | \$51,301.39 | | (\$11,301.39) |
| Total Income From Departments | \$2,293,041.00 | \$5,906,825.41 | \$26,595.74 | (\$3,640,380.15) |
| <u>Miscellaneous Revenues:</u> | | | | |
| Insurance | \$84,072.00 | \$84,451.89 | | (\$379.89) |
| Interest | \$42,000.00 | \$44,830.37 | | (\$2,830.37) |
| Notes & Bonds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | |
| Sale of Town Property | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | |
| Sale of Town Timber | \$20,740.00 | \$20,740.45 | | (.45) |
| Capital Reserve Funds | \$64,000.00 | \$94,874.13 | | (\$30,874.13) |
| Total Miscellaneous Revenues | \$210,812.00 | \$244,896.84 | | (\$34,084.84) |
| Fund Balance | \$40,000.00 | \$34,350.00 | \$5,650.00 | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>\$3,161,320.00</u> | <u>\$12,064,519.96</u> | <u>\$202,008.39</u> | <u>(\$9,105,208.35)</u> |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES:

| | <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> | <u>Encumbrances</u> | <u>Under</u> | <u>Over</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>General Government:</u> | | | | | |
| Executive | \$70,325.00 | \$70,624.92 | | | (\$299.92) |
| Election, Registration & Vital | \$42,555.00 | \$41,204.84 | | \$1,350.16 | |
| Financial Administration | \$222,044.00 | \$211,941.00 | | \$10,103.00 | |
| Legal Expenses | \$24,500.00 | \$12,048.30 | | \$12,451.70 | |
| Personnel Administration | \$466,700.00 | \$468,746.42 | | | (\$2,046.42) |

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Fire Dept Grants--Equipment | \$0.00 | \$2,900.00 | | | (\$2,900.00) |
| CDBG\Day Care-Feasibility Study | \$12,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,000.00 | | |
| SG\Police (WMC)—Equipments | \$0.00 | \$5,270.00 | | | (\$5,270.00) |
| SG\Emergency Management | \$3,360.00 | \$3,360.00 | | | |
| SG\Police—Forfeiture Monies | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | | |
| SG\Depot Street Culvert | \$136,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$136,000.00 | | |
| SG\Railroad Culvert | \$53,670.00 | \$44.00 | \$53,626.00 | | |
| SG\White Mt./PAL | \$0.00 | \$12,496.57 | | | (\$12,496.57) |
| SG\Mt. Prospect Road | \$0.00 | (\$100.00) | \$100.00 | | |
| SG\Telecom/Technology | \$0.00 | \$9,000.00 | | | (\$9,000.00) |
| Planning & Zoning | \$11,440.00 | \$9,101.26 | \$2,338.74 | | |
| General Government Buildings | \$70,150.00 | \$62,176.10 | \$7,973.90 | | |
| Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries | \$39,335.00 | \$35,706.61 | \$3,628.39 | | |
| Insurance & Bonds | \$86,300.00 | \$85,080.47 | \$1,219.53 | | |
| Advertising & Regional Association | \$11,640.00 | \$11,640.00 | | | |
| Total General Government | \$1,252,519.00 | \$1,041,240.49 | \$0.00 | \$243,291.42 | (\$32,012.91) |

Public Safety:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Police Department | \$462,360.00 | \$461,616.64 | | \$743.36 | |
| Police Department—Lancaster Fair | \$25,000.00 | \$27,903.37 | | | (\$2,903.37) |
| EMS/Fire Department | \$367,474.00 | \$356,333.25 | \$6,397.00 | \$4,743.75 | |
| Safety Committee | \$1,200.00 | \$716.56 | | \$483.44 | |
| Total Public Safety | \$856,034.00 | \$846,569.82 | \$6,397.00 | \$5,970.55 | (\$2,903.37) |

Highways And Streets:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Highways & Streets | \$699,791.00 | \$676,612.11 | \$12,500.00 | \$10,678.89 | |
| Street Lighting | \$32,000.00 | \$31,717.83 | | \$282.17 | |
| Parking Meters | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Total Highways And Streets | \$731,791.00 | \$708,329.94 | \$12,500.00 | \$10,961.06 | |

Solid Waste, Water And Sanitation Departments:

| | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Solid Waste Collection | \$30,000.00 | \$29,952.00 | | \$48.00 | |
| Solid Waste--MSW | \$76,420.00 | \$67,773.74 | | \$8,646.26 | |
| Solid Waste--CD | \$185,285.00 | \$168,955.61 | \$500.00 | \$15,829.39 | |
| Water Department | \$435,065.00 | \$1,814,266.06 | \$125,000.00 | | (\$1,504,201.06) |
| Sanitation Department | \$287,539.00 | \$249,732.65 | \$19,134.75 | \$18,671.60 | |
| Total Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts. | \$1,014,309.00 | \$2,330,680.06 | \$144,634.75 | \$43,195.25 | (\$1,504,201.06) |

Health Administration:

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Health Officer & Expenses | \$1,495.00 | \$839.32 | | \$655.68 | |
| Animal Control | \$600.00 | \$285.00 | | 315.00 | |
| Health Agencies & Hospitals | \$22,763.00 | \$22,763.00 | | | |
| Total Health Administration | \$24,858.00 | \$23,887.32 | | \$970.68 | |

Welfare:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--------------|
| Town Welfare | \$40,000.00 | \$47,618.65 | | | (\$7,618.65) |
| Community Action Program | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | | | |
| Caleb Group | \$3,520.00 | \$3,520.00 | | | |

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| Tri-Town Public Transit Route | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | | | |
| Senior Wheels Demand Response | \$1,600.00 | \$1,600.00 | | | |
| North country Meals Program | \$4,500.00 | \$4,500.00 | | | |
| Total Welfare | \$55,120.00 | \$62,738.65 | | | (\$7,618.65) |

Culture And Recreation:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Waste Fees/5cent Cans | \$47,020.00 | \$45,604.95 | | \$1,415.05 | |
| Lancaster Conservation Commission | \$13,700.00 | \$11,015.00 | | \$2,685.00 | |
| Skating Rink | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | | \$1,000.00 | |
| Col. Town – Operating Expenses | \$17,000.00 | \$17,000.00 | | | |
| Col. Town Spending Committee | \$274,050.00 | \$274,050.00 | | | |
| Mt. Prospect Ski Club | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Park Maintenance | \$4,000.00 | \$4,499.91 | | | (\$499.91) |
| Patriotic Purposes | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | | \$1,000.00 | |
| Town Events | \$2,000.00 | \$1,535.00 | | \$465.00 | |
| Mt. Washington Regional Airport | \$2,460.00 | \$2,460.00 | | | |
| William D. Weeks Memorial Library | \$210,775.00 | \$207,420.21 | \$3,000.00 | \$354.79 | |
| Total Culture And Recreation | \$573,005.00 | \$563,585.07 | \$3,000.00 | \$6,919.84 | (\$499.91) |

Debt Service:

| | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Long Term Notes & Bonds— Principal & Interest | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Interest—Tax Anticipation Note | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Total Debt Service | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |

Capital Outlays & Special Projects:

| | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Town Hall Rehabilitation | \$0.00 | \$4,356.00 | | | (\$4,356.00) |
| Solid Waste--Loader | \$40,000.00 | \$34,350.00 | | \$5,650.00 | |
| Stone Box Culvert | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | | | |
| Arthur White Bridge Construction | \$40,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,000.00 | | |
| Solid Waste--Pavement | \$24,000.00 | \$19,780.69 | | \$4,219.31 | |
| Evans Block Renovation | \$0.00 | \$7,500.00 | | | (\$7,500.00) |
| Lancaster Play & Learn Center | \$0.00 | \$41,875.50 | | | (\$41,875.50) |
| Total Capital Outlay & Special Projects | \$105,000.00 | \$108,862.19 | \$40,000.00 | \$9,869.31 | (\$53,731.50) |

Capital Reserve Funds:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| CRF--Highway Department | \$55,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | | | |
| CRF--Fire Equipment | \$35,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | | | |
| CRF--Town Re-Evaluation | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | | | |
| CRF--Town Hall Improvements | \$10,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | | | (\$15,000.00) |
| CRF--Bridges | \$40,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | | | |
| CRF--Police Department | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | | | |
| CRF--Col. Town Recreation Center | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | | | |
| CRF--Weeks Memorial Library | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 | | | |
| CRF--Fire Department | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| CRF--Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | | | |
| Total Capital Reserve Funds | \$177,500.00 | \$192,500.00 | | | (\$15,000.00) |

Interfund Transfers

Out:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Tax Lien Accounts | \$0.00 | \$161,583.34 | | | (\$161,583.34) |
| Tax Anticipation Note | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Total Interfund Transfers Out | \$0.00 | \$161,583.34 | | | (\$161,583.34) |

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|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Subtotals | \$4,790,136.00 | \$6,039,976.88 | \$206,531.75 | \$321,178.11 | (\$1,777,550.74) |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|

Payments To Other Governments:

| | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| Coos County | \$0.00 | \$880,154.00 | | | (\$880,154.00) |
| White Mountains Regional School District | \$0.00 | \$2,811,426.00 | | | (\$2,811,426.00) |
| Total Payments To Other Governments | \$0.00 | \$3,691,580.00 | | | (\$3,691,580.00) |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$4,790,136.00 | \$9,731,556.88 | \$206,531.75 | \$321,178.11 | (\$5,469,130.74) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|



WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Lancaster provides assistance to families and individuals with identified and verified needs as required by law.

The Basic Legal Duty

The basic local welfare duty is described in RSA 165:1, I, which says:

Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has a residence there.

This simple statement imposes substantial responsibilities. The word "whenever" means there is no time limit to the duty to assist. The word "shall" means that no municipality may treat the program as optional, even when the local budget for the task has been fully expended. The duty includes all persons, not just those who can be classed as a "resident." The local welfare program truly constitutes the "safety net" for all persons in the state of New Hampshire.

There are any number of things a person or family may require in order to meet their basic needs. Sometimes, the question becomes: What must be done today so that this person or family has shelter, heat, lights, and food *today*? This is different from assistance programs based in federal or state helping agencies. Those programs have specific and limited responsibilities, and they have time to process applications. For example, Medicaid is only a medical assistance program, while Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) is limited to economic assistance. The local welfare official will deal with the full range of needs presented by an individual or a family, and must be prepared to respond promptly to those needs.

The amount spent in 2007 is as follows:

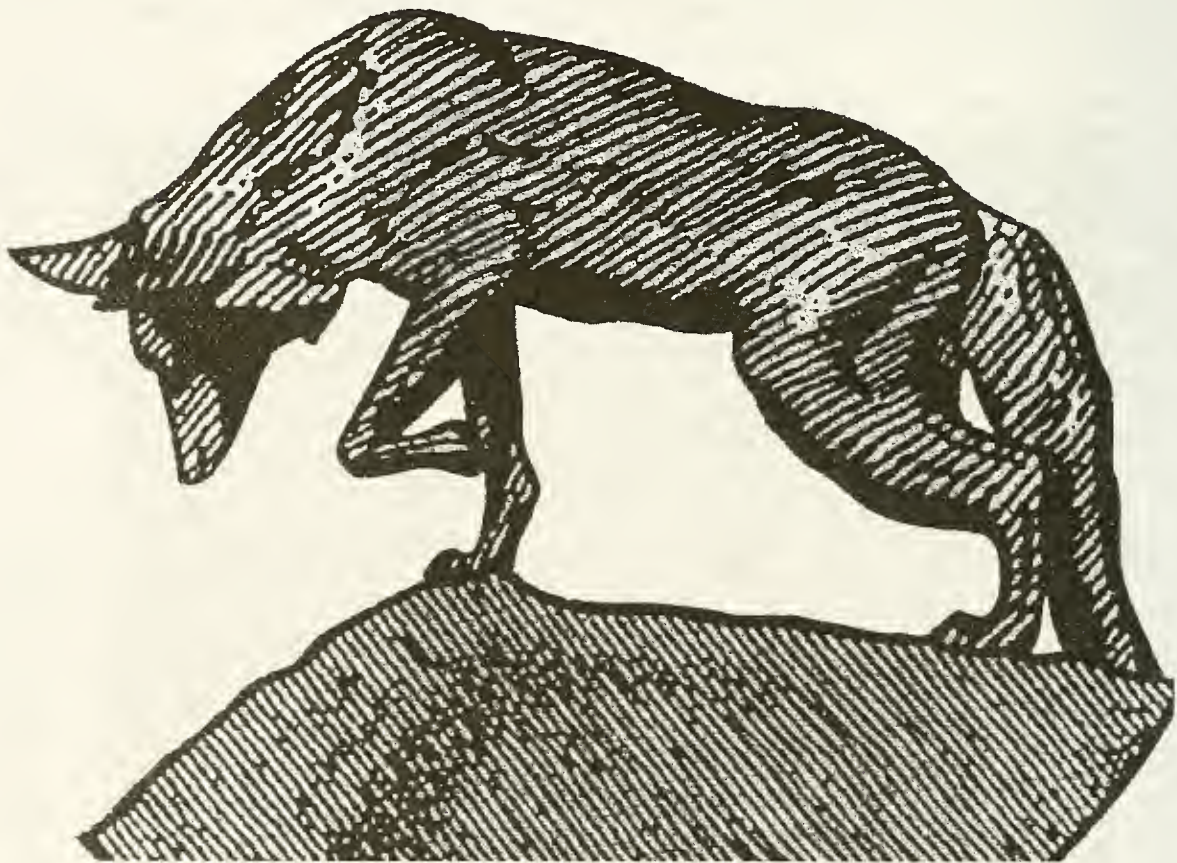
WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY

| | Food | Rent | Fuel | Medical | Electric | Other | Total |
|-----------|----------|------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| January | \$260.00 | \$1,760.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$646.53 | \$72.96 | \$3,039.49 |
| February | \$115.00 | \$2,273.00 | \$22.18 | \$0.00 | \$101.29 | \$0.00 | \$2,511.47 |
| March | \$145.00 | \$2,413.00 | \$488.76 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,046.76 |
| April | \$520.00 | \$1,260.00 | \$289.00 | \$0.00 | \$364.60 | \$171.98 | \$2,605.58 |
| May | \$195.00 | \$2,052.00 | \$559.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,418.86 | \$1,030.98 | \$5,255.84 |
| June | \$100.00 | \$4,344.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$685.49 | \$0.00 | \$5,129.49 |
| July | \$245.00 | \$2,516.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$706.06 | \$0.00 | \$3,467.06 |
| August | \$150.00 | \$2,478.20 | \$235.90 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$207.96 | \$3,072.06 |
| September | \$410.00 | \$3,475.00 | \$149.41 | \$0.00 | \$980.29 | \$947.97 | \$5,962.67 |
| October | \$110.00 | \$1,908.00 | \$285.90 | \$0.00 | \$209.00 | \$33.98 | \$2,546.88 |
| November | \$170.00 | \$3,312.48 | \$1,373.35 | \$0.00 | \$133.92 | \$0.00 | \$4,989.75 |
| December | \$230.00 | \$3,960.00 | \$641.45 | \$0.00 | \$258.94 | \$104.99 | \$5,195.38 |
| | | | | | Revenue | -935.00 | |
| | | | | | Actual Expenditure | | \$46,822.43 |

The Town of Lancaster attempts to recover the monies whenever possible. Assisted individuals can be required to pay the monies back to the town. Assisted individuals can be required to participate in a workfare program in exchange for the assistance provided.

Respectfully submitted:

Edward Samson
Welfare Director



STATEMENT OF BOND DEBT

WATER FILTRATION PLANT

4.5 percent

Amount of Original Note

\$2,000,000.00

Payable to Rural Community Economic Development

| <u>Maturities</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| June 2008 | 60,143.00 | 66,917.00 |
| June 2009 | 62,849.00 | 64,211.00 |
| June 2010 | 65,678.00 | 61,382.00 |
| June 2011 | 68,633.00 | 58,427.00 |
| June 2012 | 71,722.00 | 55,338.00 |
| June 2013 | 74,949.00 | 52,111.00 |
| June 2014 | 78,322.00 | 48,738.00 |
| June 2015 | 81,846.00 | 45,214.00 |
| June 2016 | 85,529.00 | 41,531.00 |
| June 2017 | 89,378.00 | 37,682.00 |
| June 2018 | 93,400.00 | 33,660.00 |
| June 2019 | 97,603.00 | 29,457.00 |
| June 2020 | 101,995.00 | 25,065.00 |
| June 2021 | 106,585.00 | 20,475.00 |
| June 2022 | 111,381.00 | 15,679.00 |
| June 2023 | 116,394.00 | 10,666.00 |
| June 2024 | 120,638.00 | 5,429.00 |
| | \$1,487,045.00 | \$671,982.00 |

WILLIAM D. WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

4.75 percent

Amount of Original Note

\$650,000.00

Payable to: Rural Community Economic Development

| <u>Maturities</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| June 2008 | 15,725.87 | 26,017.13 |
| June 2009 | 16,472.85 | 25,270.15 |
| June 2010 | 17,255.31 | 24,487.69 |
| June 2011 | 18,074.94 | 23,668.06 |
| June 2012 | 18,933.50 | 22,809.50 |
| June 2013 | 19,832.84 | 21,910.16 |
| June 2014 | 20,774.90 | 20,968.10 |
| June 2015 | 21,761.71 | 19,981.29 |
| June 2016 | 22,795.39 | 18,947.61 |
| June 2017 | 23,878.17 | 17,864.83 |
| June 2018 | 25,012.39 | 16,730.61 |
| June 2019 | 26,200.47 | 15,542.53 |
| June 2020 | 27,445.00 | 14,298.00 |
| June 2021 | 28,748.63 | 12,994.37 |
| June 2022 | 30,114.19 | 11,628.81 |
| June 2023 | 31,544.62 | 10,198.38 |
| June 2024 | 33,042.99 | 8,700.01 |
| June 2025 | 34,612.53 | 7,130.47 |
| June 2026 | 37,978.81 | 3,764.19 |
| June 2027 | 39,782.81 | 1,960.19 |
| June 2028 | 1,484.41 | 70.51 |
| | \$511,472.33 | \$324,942.59 |

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BOND

Amount of Original Note

Payable to: Rural Community Economic Development

4.375 percent

\$2,460,000.00

| <u>Maturities</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Nov 2008 | 43,739.00 | 107,625.00 |
| Nov 2009 | 45,653.00 | 105,711.00 |
| Nov 2010 | 47,650.00 | 103,714.00 |
| Nov 2011 | 49,735.00 | 101,629.00 |
| Nov 2012 | 51,910.00 | 99,454.00 |
| Nov 2013 | 54,182.00 | 97,182.00 |
| Nov 2014 | 56,552.00 | 94,812.00 |
| Nov 2015 | 59,026.00 | 92,338.00 |
| Nov 2016 | 61,609.00 | 89,755.00 |
| Nov 2017 | 64,304.00 | 87,060.00 |
| Nov 2018 | 67,117.00 | 84,247.00 |
| Nov 2019 | 70,054.00 | 81,310.00 |
| Nov 2020 | 73,118.00 | 78,246.00 |
| Nov 2021 | 76,317.00 | 75,047.00 |
| Nov 2022 | 79,656.00 | 71,708.00 |
| Nov 2023 | 83,141.00 | 68,223.00 |
| Nov 2024 | 86,779.00 | 64,585.00 |
| Nov 2025 | 90,575.00 | 60,789.00 |
| Nov 2026 | 94,538.00 | 56,826.00 |
| Nov 2027 | 98,674.00 | 52,690.00 |
| Nov 2028 | 102,991.00 | 48,373.00 |
| Nov 2029 | 107,497.00 | 43,867.00 |
| Nov 2030 | 112,200.00 | 39,164.00 |
| Nov 2031 | 117,108.00 | 34,256.00 |
| Nov 2032 | 122,232.00 | 29,132.00 |
| Nov 2033 | 127,580.00 | 23,784.00 |
| Nov 2034 | 133,161.00 | 18,203.00 |
| Nov 2035 | 138,987.00 | 12,377.00 |
| Nov 2036 | 143,917.00 | 6,296.00 |
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| | \$2,460,000.00 | \$1,928,405.00 |

LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Department and the Town of Lancaster have begun an inspection program for all commercial buildings. This is a result of several local tragedies; the biggest was the fatal fire we experienced in February. The inspection program has been ongoing since August. The goal is to make Lancaster a safer community.

The Lancaster Fire Department lost two members this year. Active member, Assistant Chief Gerald Berry on August 3rd and retired member of the Lancaster Ambulance Corps, Daniel Truland on December 3rd. The difference they made in the department is immeasurable.

We would like to congratulate Alan Rich for being named EMS Attendant of the Year and David Flynn for receiving the Lt. Donald White Fireman of the Year Award. Both awards were presented at the Fire Department Annual Dinner in December. We would like to congratulate several members for their continued dedication and service: Sam Evans for 40 years of service, Dan King for 20 years, Kristen Jones for 10 years, and Nicole VanNorden for 5 years of service.

We would like to thank the members and their families for the countless number of hours of dedicated service to the department, without you, we would not be able to provide the level of service that we do.

Members of the Lancaster Fire Department would like to thank all the members of the community for the support that you have given to the Department over the past year. We are honored to serve the community of Lancaster and are very proud of the quality Department that you have allowed us to achieve.

****Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and have an exit plan from your building.**



EMS

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Medical | 565 |
| Transfers | 313 |
| Motor Vehicle Crashes | 66 |
| Fire Standby | 59 |
| DHART Assist | 6 |
| ALS Intercept | 4 |
| Total EMS Calls | 1013 |

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Lancaster | 392 |
| Jefferson | 54 |
| Country Village | 113 |
| Weeks Medical Center | 293 |
| Lunenburg | 69 |
| Gilman | 30 |
| Guildhall | 27 |
| Maidstone | 1 |
| Granby | 4 |
| Non Contract Town/Facility | 30 |

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|----|-----|
| A1 | 193 |
| A2 | 600 |
| A3 | 225 |
| S2 | 9 |

FIRE

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Structure Fires | 4 |
| Motor Vehicle Crashes | 16 |
| Haz-Mat Spills | 9 |
| Car Fires | 4 |
| Chimney Fires | 4 |
| Wildland Fires | 6 |
| False Alarms | 32 |
| CO Alarms | 5 |
| Station Cover | 3 |
| Mutual Aid-Scene | 17 |
| Public Assist | 3 |
| Rescue | 2 |
| Other | 12 |
| Total Fire Calls | 117 |

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|--------------------|----|
| Lancaster | 94 |
| Guildhall | 3 |
| Jefferson | 4 |
| Lunenburg | 6 |
| Whitefield | 5 |
| Groveton | 3 |
| Dalton | 1 |
| Mutual Aid (other) | 1 |

We Celebrate 40 Years of Service



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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT
2008

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, at Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 1 and 2 by written ballot and will remain open until 7:00 P.M. for this purpose.

The business meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the above mentioned Town Hall to act upon the remaining articles.

ARTICLE 1: To choose One (1) Selectman for three (3) years; One (1) Treasurer for three (3) years; One Town Clerk for three (3) years; One Moderator (1) for two (2) years; One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for Three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for six (6) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for Three (3) years; One Emmons Smith Fund Committee member for one (1) year; One (1) Emmons Smith Fund Committee member for Three (3) years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for Three (3) years; Three (3) Colonel Town Spending Committee members for Three (3) years; Three (3) Colonel Town Investment Committee members (no term limit).

ARTICLE 2: In accordance with NH RSA 31:17-a which requires "10 percent of the registered voters in a town, presented to the selectmen or one of them at least 15 days before the day prescribed for an annual town meeting, the selectmen shall insert in their warrant for such meeting an article relative to the use of fluoride in the public water system for said town. If the town has an official ballot, the town clerk shall insert on such ballot the following question: Shall fluoride be used in the public water system?" (By Petition)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00)** for the purpose of making improvements to the Colonel Town Swimming Pool and Filtration Building and related infrastructure; Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Voted on by written ballot after discussion – 2/3rds-ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Highway | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Town Hall Improvements | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Bridge Replacement | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Revaluation | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Police Dept | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Colonel Town | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Library | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Cemetery | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Total | \$112,500.00 |

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000.00)** from the fund balance surplus for the purchase of a new/used ambulance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00)** from the fund balance surplus for the purchase of a new/used ambulance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1966. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be deposited into the town's general fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a "Fire/EMS Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of purchasing Fire/EMS equipment and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$119,360.87)** to be added to this fund, as well as to name the Selectmen as agents authorized to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** for the purpose of making improvements to the Town's accounting practices and procedures and internal controls, and for the purpose of training personnel in such improvements and the use of related accounting software, and for the purpose of funding increased audit costs associated with federally funded projects and changes in auditing standards; and to authorize the use of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the general fund balance (surplus) for those purposes. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$103,000.00)** to purchase a new plow truck with attachments and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$349,920.00)** for the purpose of design, planning, permitting and construction of the Arthur White Bridge. Out of this amount Two Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$279,936.00) will be paid from the NH DOT Bridge Replacement Fund. The remaining Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$69,984.00) to be drawn from the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** for the purpose of a statistical update of property values within the Town of Lancaster to be completed in 2008 and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$10,644.00)** for the purpose of studying and preparing a cost estimate for a sprinkler system, elevator or other necessary renovations to the Lancaster Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** from the fund balance surplus for upgrades to the Police Department computers and software. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** for the purchase of a water and sewer camera. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be taken from the Water Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Sanitation Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) *No Tax Impact.*

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for the support of the Welcome Center operating budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$.45 per capita (**One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five Dollars - \$1,535.00**) for the support of the American Red Cross. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00)** for the support of the Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-town Public Transit Route. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00)** for the support of Senior Wheels Demand Response Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$3,520.00)** for the support of the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00)** for the support of the North Country Senior Meals Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$.75 per capita (**Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars - \$2,460.00**) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$5,805.00)** for the support of Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$.50 per capita (**One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars - \$1,679.00**) for the support of the Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce. . (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** to pay for the cost of insurance that is required by the state to operate the Mt Prospect ski club. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Seven Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$4,782,273.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 28: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this
Thousand and Eight.

day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

/s/ _____
Allan Carr

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

/s/ _____
Allan Carr

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH

Estimated expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008
with Estimated and Actual Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

| Purposes of Appropriation | Actual Approp. Current Year | Actual Expend. Current Year | Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year | Budget Committee's | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | Appropriations Ens. Recommend | Fisc. Year Not Recommend |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | |
| Executive | \$ 70,325.00 | \$ 70,624.92 | \$ 74,200.00 | \$ 74,200.00 | |
| Elections, Registrations, & Vital Records | \$ 42,555.00 | \$ 41,204.84 | \$ 46,210.00 | \$ 46,210.00 | |
| Financial Administration | \$ 222,044.00 | \$ 211,941.00 | \$ 238,316.00 | \$ 238,316.00 | |
| Grants | \$ 207,530.00 | \$ 32,970.57 | \$ 367,921.00 | \$ 367,921.00 | |
| Safety Committee | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 716.56 | \$ 950.00 | \$ 950.00 | |
| Legal Expense | \$ 24,500.00 | \$ 12,048.30 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| Personnel Administration | \$ 466,700.00 | \$ 468,746.42 | \$ 493,893.00 | \$ 493,893.00 | |
| Planning & Zoning | \$ 11,440.00 | \$ 9,101.26 | \$ 11,855.00 | \$ 11,855.00 | |
| General Government Building | \$ 70,150.00 | \$ 62,176.10 | \$ 51,400.00 | \$ 51,400.00 | |
| Cemeteries | \$ 39,335.00 | \$ 35,706.61 | \$ 41,100.00 | \$ 41,100.00 | |
| Insurance & Bonds | \$ 86,300.00 | \$ 85,080.47 | \$ 93,780.00 | \$ 93,780.00 | |
| Advertising & Regional Association | \$ 11,640.00 | \$ 11,640.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | |
| Police | \$ 462,360.00 | \$ 461,616.64 | \$ 465,050.00 | \$ 465,050.00 | |
| Fire/EMS | \$ 367,474.00 | \$ 362,730.25 | \$ 393,156.00 | \$ 393,156.00 | |
| Lancaster Fair | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 27,903.37 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | |
| AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER | | | | | |
| Airport Operations | \$ 2,460.00 | \$ 2,460.00 | | | |
| HIGHWAYS AND STREETS | | | | | |
| Highways and Streets | \$ 699,791.00 | \$ 689,112.11 | \$ 715,040.00 | \$ 715,040.00 | |
| Street Lighting | \$ 32,000.00 | \$ 31,717.83 | \$ 32,000.00 | \$ 32,000.00 | |
| SANITATION | | | | | |
| Solid Waste Collection | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 29,952.00 | \$ 32,500.00 | \$ 32,500.00 | |
| Solid Waste Disposal - MSW/C&D | \$ 261,705.00 | \$ 237,229.35 | \$ 272,555.00 | \$ 272,555.00 | |
| Sewer Department | \$ 287,539.00 | \$ 268,867.40 | \$ 285,750.00 | \$ 285,750.00 | |
| Other - MVWF & 5 Cent Cans | \$ 47,020.00 | \$ 45,604.95 | \$ 10,900.00 | \$ 10,900.00 | |
| WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT | | | | | |
| Water Services | \$ 435,065.00 | \$ 1,939,266.06 | \$ 484,574.00 | \$ 484,574.00 | |
| ELECTRIC | | | | | |
| Electric Operations | | | | | |
| HEALTH | | | | | |
| Administration | \$ 1,495.00 | \$ 839.32 | \$ 1,495.00 | \$ 1,495.00 | |
| Animal Control | \$ 600.00 | \$ 285.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 | |
| Health Agencies & Hospitals | \$ 22,763.00 | \$ 22,763.00 | \$ 17,467.00 | \$ 17,467.00 | |

| Purposes of Appropriation | Actual Approp. Current Year | Actual Expend. Current Year | Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year | Budget Committee's | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------|
| | | | | Appropriations Ens. Fisc. Year Recommend | Not Recommend |
| WELFARE | | | | | |
| Direct Assistance | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 47,618.65 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | |
| Other Programs | \$ 15,120.00 | \$ 15,120.00 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | | | | | |
| Col. Town/Parks & Recreation | \$ 296,050.00 | \$ 295,549.91 | \$ 308,425.00 | \$ 308,425.00 | |
| Library | \$ 210,775.00 | \$ 210,420.21 | \$ 220,916.00 | \$ 220,916.00 | |
| Patriotic Purposes | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,535.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| CONSERVATION | | | | | |
| Admin & Purch of Nat Resources | \$ 13,700.00 | \$ 11,015.00 | \$ 9,220.00 | \$ 9,220.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | |
| Prin-Long Term Bonds/Notes | | | | | |
| Int.-Long Term Bonds/Notes | | | | | |
| Interst on TAN | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | | | |
| Mach., Veh., & Equip. | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 34,350.00 | | | |
| Buildings | | \$ 53,731.50 | | | |
| Improvements other than Buildings | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 60,780.69 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Funds | \$ 177,500.00 | \$ 192,500.00 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$ 4,790,136.00 | \$ 6,084,925.29 | \$ 4,782,273.00 | \$ 4,782,273.00 | |

**Estimated revenues for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008
with Estimated and Actual Revenues of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007**

| Sources of Revenues | Estimated Revenue Prior Year | Actual Revenue Prior Year | Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| TAXES | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 38,550.00 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Yield Taxes | \$ 36,000.00 | \$ 42,622.00 | \$ 38,000.00 |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | \$ 32,300.00 | \$ 30,416.00 | \$ 26,600.00 |
| Other Taxes | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 473.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| Int. & Pen. - Delinquent Taxes | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ 59,971.00 | \$ 55,000.00 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | | |
| Business Licenses & Permits | \$ 300.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | \$ 550,000.00 | \$ 532,567.00 | \$ 533,441.00 |
| Building Permits | \$ 700.00 | \$ 960.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Other Lic. Permits & Fees | \$ 26,674.00 | \$ 28,374.00 | \$ 27,463.00 |
| FROM STATE | | | |
| Shared Revenue | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 79,374.00 | \$ 43,625.00 |
| Highway Block Grant | \$ 89,588.00 | \$ 86,449.00 | \$ 86,449.00 |
| State & Federal Forest Land | \$ 2,277.00 | \$ 2,265.00 | \$ 2,277.00 |
| Railroad Tax | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Room & Meals Taxes | \$ 132,288.00 | \$ 143,971.00 | \$ 143,971.00 |
| Grants & Projects | \$ 160,113.00 | \$ 129,582.00 | \$ 668,858.00 |
| Emerg. Management | \$ 0.00 | \$ 35,968.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | |
| Income From Departments | \$ 359,344.00 | \$ 391,390.00 | \$ 346,367.00 |
| Other Charges (EMS) | \$ 341,352.00 | \$ 457,412.00 | \$ 400,000.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | |
| Sale of Municipal Property | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 20,740.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Interest on Investments | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 44,830.00 | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Col Town - Cemeteries - Library | \$ 314,491.00 | \$ 319,708.00 | \$ 333,783.00 |
| INTERFUND OPER. TRANSFERS IN | | | |
| Sewer | \$ 287,539.00 | \$ 307,964.00 | \$ 285,750.00 |
| Water | \$ 435,065.00 | \$ 3,958,122.00 | \$ 484,574.00 |
| Capital Reserve Funds | \$ 64,000.00 | \$ 94,874.00 | |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | |
| Proc from Long Term Notes & Bonds | | | |
| Fund Balance | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 34,350.00 | |
| TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS | \$ 3,036,531.00 | \$ 6,841,032.00 | \$ 3,533,558.00 |
| Total Appropriations (Excl. of Certain Warrant Articles) | | \$ 4,782,273.00 | |
| Less: Amt. Of Est. Revs. (Excl. of Taxes) | | \$ 3,533,558.00 | |
| Amt. Of Taxes Raised (Excl. of School & County) | | \$ 1,248,715.00 | |

NOTES



Report of Forest Fire Warden and 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 wildland 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. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) 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) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

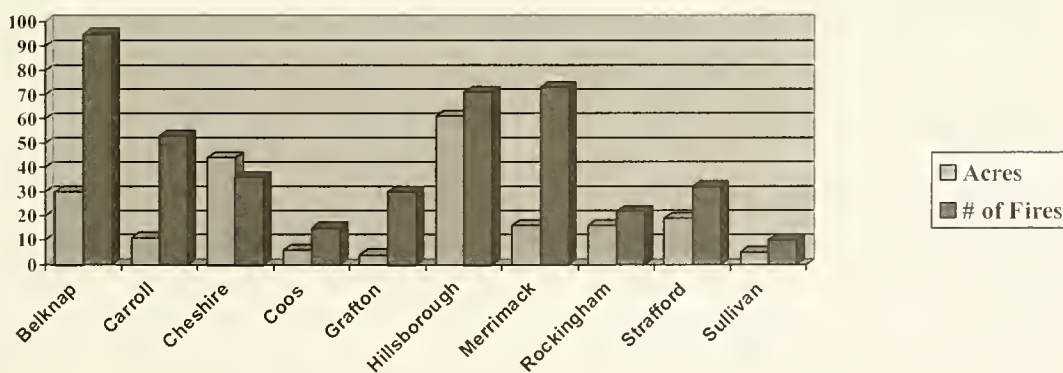
Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very 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 wildland 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!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

| COUNTY STATISTICS | | |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| County | Acres | # of Fires |
| Belknap | 30 | 95 |
| Carroll | 11 | 53 |
| Cheshire | 44 | 36 |
| Coos | 6 | 15 |
| Grafton | 4 | 30 |
| Hillsborough | 61 | 71 |
| Merrimack | 16 | 73 |
| Rockingham | 16 | 22 |
| Strafford | 19 | 32 |
| Sullivan | 5 | 10 |



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

| | | | Total Fires | Total Acres |
|-----------|-----|---|-------------|-------------|
| Arson | 5 | 2007 | 437 | 212 |
| Debris | 197 | 2006 | 500 | 473 |
| Campfire | 38 | 2005 | 546 | 174 |
| Children | 22 | 2004 | 482 | 147 |
| Smoking | 41 | 2003 | 374 | 100 |
| Railroad | 5 | | | |
| Equipment | 3 | | | |
| Lightning | 7 | | | |
| Misc.* | 119 | (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.) | | |

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

HEALTH OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2007

The Health Officer and the Deputy Health Officer (who are appointed by the Selectboard) along with the Board of Selectmen, make up the Town's Health Department. The Health Officer is empowered to investigate and attempt to resolve any issues within the Town which affects or may affect the health of the town's residents. This includes such problems as: landlord/tenant disputes over sanitation, buildings in such disrepair that they are unfit for or dangerous to occupy, trash left out or not disposed of properly, food service industry inspections and, inspections to license day care and foster homes. Almost all of the people I've had to deal with have been very cooperative. For those who aren't; I do have various powers provided by state law which will usually gain compliance. So far I haven't had to resort to any of those. I truly appreciate your cooperation.

As the Health Officer, I am working with representatives from Weeks Medical Center on various problems dealing with public health during any event which overloads the hospitals ability to deal with it effectively. This includes setting up and helping staff facilities separate from the hospital physically in order to care for overflow. We are also planning for the provision of care to our area populace in case of major health disasters. We are fortunate to have a hospital in town which is willing and has staff willing to do what needs to be done to get these plans in order.

Captain Steven Jones of the Lancaster Fire Department fills the position of Deputy Health Officer.

It has been my pleasure to serve you during the last year. If you have any concerns that may fall under my jurisdiction, please call the Town Office at 788-3391.

Ronald Wert
Health Officer

LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Lancaster:

One of the ways police administrators measure or assess activities and workload is by counting the department's calls for service. We define a call for service as whenever an officer is called or contacted to perform a function or task. The task can be as mundane as a complaint of a loose dog or as labor intensive as investigating a burglary or rape case. In other words, if the officer must take the time and effort to perform a task then it can be counted as a call for service. If an officer is stopped on the street to discuss things or asked questions such as directions to a destination, no real task is performed, so these are not counted as calls.

In 2007, the department responded to a total of 4922 calls for service. This averages out to 410 calls per month, or over 13 calls a day. The busiest months of 2007 were June, July, August, September and October. During these five months, officers responded on average to 552 calls per month. The busiest month of the year was October, with 574 calls for service. The quietest month was March, with only 173 calls for service.

During the year, these calls for service generated 338 criminal offences, which resulted in 162 arrests. In addition, another 26 felony cases were presented to the Grand Jury for Indictment. In New Hampshire, a person may not be brought to trial on a felony charge unless he has been indicted by a grand jury, or has waived indictment. Hence, the necessity of bringing all our felony cases to the grand jury.

For clarification, there are basically 3 types of offences in New Hampshire. They are violations, misdemeanors and felonies. The County Attorney or the Attorney General's Office prosecutes felony cases in Superior Court. Misdemeanors and violations are prosecuted in District and Family Courts, and in Lancaster's case, are always prosecuted by a police officer.

In 2007, officers responded and investigated 162 motor vehicle crashes. Officers also initiated over 1000 motor vehicle stops and issued 891 citations or warnings. Officers also issued 165 parking tickets during the year.

Officers applied to the courts for 9 search warrants and then executed those warrants at various locations around town. The majority of the warrants were searches for illegal drugs. In one case, over 500 marijuana plants were discovered, and in another, officers seized 2 oz. of cocaine and over \$13,000 in cash.

Arrest highlights in 2007, included a local man on numerous charges, including cultivating marijuana and being a felon in possession of a stolen firearm. He received a prison sentence of 8 to 12 years. Another man was arrested and convicted for raping a local woman. He will be sentenced in February. Also the man who held up the Connecticut River Bank was sentenced in federal court to 5 years in jail.

Several officers were reassigned in 2007. Cpl. Skip Hood received 80 hours of instruction as a police prosecutor, and is now the new juvenile prosecutor in Family Court. Sgt Chris St. Cyr will handle all adult misdemeanor and violation prosecutions in District Court.

Officer Pat Carr attended DARE training (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and he will be our new DARE officer at Lancaster Elementary. Officer Tim Charbonneau attended a special course on drug investigations, and Officer Jason Desrochers became a certified bicycle officer. Officer Ball received training in MOAB (Management Of Aggressive Behavior) and is now a certified trainer, and finally Sgt. St. Cyr attended an F.B.I. executive development course.

In 2007, our officers received over 800 hours of required and specialized training in order to accomplish their mission and to better serve the community. Many of our officers have received specialized training over the years. This training has benefited their careers and enhanced the overall performance of the department. Currently, several of our officers are certified trainers, and pass on their knowledge and expertise to fellow officers in this and neighboring departments.

Our training also included training with neighboring police departments, the State Police, NH F&G and our local fire department on critical incidents. For example, the department participated in an evacuation drill at the elementary school to test the schools response to an emergency. We also held an active shooter drill at the elementary school to test and gauge our response to a report of an armed intruder at the school. Similar drills are planned for the hospital and courthouse as well as lesser public buildings in 2008.

The department also initiated a regional information-sharing group that meets once a month to share police intelligence. Officers from surrounding local police agencies, the State Police, NH F&G, State Corrections, Federal law enforcement and police agencies in Vermont gather in Lancaster and exchange intel on local criminals. These meetings have helped spot crime trends, solve cases and locate wanted subjects, all in an effort to better serve the citizens of New Hampshire.

In conclusion, I wish to publicly thank my officers and staff, for the great job they do, all year long, for the citizens of Lancaster.

It is a pleasure to serve you. Remember to wear your seatbelt, and please drive carefully.

Chief John R. Gardiner

2008 Roster

Full-time Officers

Chief John R. Gardiner
Sgt. Christopher St. Cyr
Cpl. Paul H. Hood
Ofc. Jason Desrochers
Ofc. Timothy Charbonneau
Ofc. Patrick Carr
Ofc. Richard Ball II

Part-time Officers

Mario Audit
Martin Driscoll
Charles Huntington
Edward Dorr
Charles Lockhart
Jacob Weber
Jason Aldrich
Alicide Lumnah
Daniel Valdez

Administrative Secretary

Wendy Houghton

Crossing Guards

Joseph Hoey
David Webster

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2007 brought more renovations to the Town Garage in an effort to complete maintenance that had been deferred for several years. New insulation, siding and new windows were installed. This has greatly improved the outside appearance and helped to save on heating costs.

The Garland Road was completed with a shim and overlay coat of asphalt. On Elm Street, Catch basins were replaced. Once that work was complete, the street was ready for a shim and overlay smoothing out areas of past excavation.

As we are all aware, the sidewalks in town are in need of a considerable amount of attention. The Selectmen have decided that only the sidewalks on Main Street will remain concrete. Therefore, over time, all other sidewalks will be converted to asphalt. Due to repeated complaints about certain sidewalks, the decision was made to pave them immediately for safety concerns. As we returned to "back up" the paving with loam and to plant grass seed, the appearances of the sidewalks were improved.



Buffalo Road was reconstructed with new culverts and the roadside ditches were cleaned out. In steeper areas, waterbars were constructed to prevent future washouts. The road was then improved with many loads of gravel.

Pavement on McGary Hill Road and Hartco Avenue was ground with a pavement reclaimer. On Hartco Avenue, this was a temporary improvement to alleviate sink holes and pot holes and will improve the road base for future paving.

In 2008, we will be working on making improvements to Mt. Prospect Road under a grant we received from FEMA. As you may recall, several years ago the road was washed out during a summer storm and the road was closed and impassible for a few days. During 2008 we will be replacing culverts and cleaning out roadside ditches to help prevent or alleviate future washouts. We look forward to working with the residents along this road over the next year



December 8, 2005

The Town of Lancaster employs the following **inclement weather policy** (RSA 231:92-a): All sidewalks in Town will be maintained with the exception of the following:

Depot Street (from Wolcott Street to the end of Depot Street)
Elm Street (from Spring Street to Governor's Terrace)
Fletcher Street
Portland Street
Richardson Street
Water Street

The above sidewalks are not plowed due to width deficiencies or due to low priority use. Please note that sidewalk plowing, clearing, and sanding is the final priority in a storm event. Therefore, sidewalks will be plowed as soon as personnel are available after having cleared all primary and secondary roads and streets within Lancaster. In some cases, sidewalks will not be cleared until after a storm event has ended. Vehicles parked on the sidewalk will be ticketed and/or towed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Board of Selectmen
Lancaster



LANCASTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

The Transfer Station would like to thank the people of Lancaster for the great job of recycling you do. You are the reason for Lancaster having the 8th highest recycling rate in the state out of about 220 towns. We look forward to another good year with the revenues staying up on recyclables. We plan on making more green areas and painting the recycling building.

Some information about how recycling saved the environment:

The recycled paper products that we did 381 tons saved-----6,476 trees
 The recycled plastic jugs that we did 15 tons saved-----22,530 gallons of gas
 The amount of tin cans recycled was enough to power a 60 watt light bulb for 729,456 hours.

Here is a list of the recycled items and the quantity we recycled for 2007:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cardboard | 244.22 Tons |
| Newspaper | 36.17 Tons |
| Low Grade Paper | 100.67 Tons |
| Tin Cans | 14.35 Tons |
| Aluminum Cans | 2.79 Tons |
| Plastic Jugs | 15.20 Tons |
| Glass | 140.00 Tons |
| Tires | 45.00 Tons |
| Scrap Copper | .25 Tons |
| Bronze | .05 Tons |
| Scrap Steel | 131.38 Tons |
| Scrap Aluminum | 1.22 Tons |
| Compost | 80.00 Tons |
| Shingles | 75.00 Tons |
| Textiles | 15.00 Tons |
| Paint | 2.00 Tons |
| Propane Tanks | 1.25 Tons |
| Fluorescent Bulbs | .25 Tons |
| Batteries | 4.00 Tons |
| Antifreeze | 1.50 Tons |
| Electronics | 8.15 Tons |
| Motor Oil | 7.20 Tons |
| Total Tons | 925.65 Tons |

For 2007 our recycling rate was 65%

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| Amount of MSW shipped to NCES in 2007 | 497.15 Tons |
| Amount of demolition waste shipped to NCES in 2007 | 495.72 Tons |

2007 C&D Budget including demolition waste & recycling

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Budgeted Expenditures | \$185,285.00 |
| Actual Expenditures | \$168,955.61 |
| Revenues for C&D | <u>(\$97,253.18)</u> |
| Cost to Taxpayers | \$71,702.43 |

2007 MSW Budget including household garbage (Town Bags)

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Budgeted Expenditures | \$76,420.00 |
| Actual Expenditures | \$67,773.32 |
| Revenues from MSW (Town Bag Sales) | <u>(\$76,022.50)</u> |
| Cost to Taxpayers | (\$8,249.18) |

Cost avoidance to the taxpayers by recycling 925 tons is this
 925 tons @ \$66.50 per ton plus trucking 84 loads @ \$204.00 per = \$78,691.72

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Cost from C&D Budget----- | \$71,702.43 |
| Profit from MSW Budget----- | (\$8,249.18) |
| Cost avoidance from recycling 925 tons----- | <u>(\$78,691.72)</u> |
| | (\$15,238.47) |

Respectfully submitted,
 Dennis Patnoe
 Transfer Station Supervisor

LANCASTER WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. # NH0100145

During the year 2007 the Lancaster Lagoon Treatment Facility operated efficiently, we experienced no major State or E.P.A. violations and continue to discharge quality treated wastewater as required by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. In 2007, the Lancaster Wastewater Facility treated and discharged 358,404,000 gallons of treated wastewater to the Connecticut River with an average discharge rate of 981,929 gallons per day. The months of April and May proved to be the highest effluent flow.

Grange Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #NH0101249

The Grange Wastewater Facility serves 14 residential homes and discharged 805,400 gallons of treated wastewater into Otter Brook with an average discharge rate of 2,206 gallons per day (design flow >3,500 gpd), the months of January and November with the highest flow.

Lancaster Water Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #1291010

In 2007 the Lancaster Water Facility produced 176,691,000 gallons of water with an average flow rate of 484,085 gallons per day. The months of August and October were the most demanding. The average annual fluoride concentration was 1.40mg/l and average chlorine residual was 1.55g/l. The Water Facility experienced no water quality violations and continues to monitor and test for sources of problems and concerns, we are continuously providing superior, reliable and safe drinking water to the consumers of Lancaster.

Lancaster Distribution System

2007 was yet again a busy year for the members of the water and wastewater department. With the start-up of the Water Street project, the one million gallon reservoir and also the upgrades in the distribution system it was a year of steady upgrades.

The Water Street project consisted of approximately 1,800 feet of re-construction, including the installation of new eight inch gravity sewer, eight inch ductile iron water main and appurtenances, drainage improvements, new granite curb and sidewalk and new base gravel and asphalt. Final completion of the Water Street project will be complete in 2008.

A new one million gallon pre-stressed concrete water storage tank constructed in the summer of 2007 will replace the aging 2.4 million gallon earth lined reservoir. This new reservoir will provide the residents of Lancaster with the best drinking water at adequate pressure. Construction of the new tank was completed in December, 2007 with the final completion and start-up slated for early Spring 2008.

Distribution system upgrades include new water main replacement, pressure reducing vaults and individual pressure reducing valves. New water main throughout the distribution system will include approximately 14,500 feet of ductile iron pipe. This will also include the transmission line "out east" and all of Bridge Street. Four pressure reducing vaults throughout the system will allow operators to adjust and maintain adequate water pressure in the system, boosting pressure to low pressure areas. Individual pressure reducing valves are currently being installed in homes where water pressure in excess of 75 psi occurs.

2008 will bring positive results to our system, with the implementation of all the new system features. We will continue to provide safe affordable drinking water to the consumers of Lancaster.

Respectfully Submitted

Timmy J. Bilodeau
Chief Operator



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

So much done, so much left to do. The more we accomplish in ensuring our residents, neighbors and visitors safety the more it seems we need to do. We have completed the POD plan (Point of Distribution-where we will set up a system to provide inoculations, medications and/or treatment for people who have been exposed to weapons of mass destruction, bioterrorism, pandemics etc.). We are working with the Great North Woods Health Network in Berlin in developing the plans for both regions (Lancaster/Weeks catchment area and Berlin area). We appear to be ahead of the curve on developing our plans with other areas of the state looking to us to see how we did it. We, of course, look to the state for help and, while they are of help, in many instances they don't know what they really want. Are we having fun yet?

NCERT (The North Country Emergency Response Team) has received a grant and purchased a mass casualty trailer. It has been delivered to the Lancaster Fire Department's Ambulance Bay. One more step toward self sufficiency for us. It is expected that any emergency we have will be dealt with by local agencies for the first few days until the "Government" can get here to help. As they keep telling us: All emergencies are local emergencies. If the emergency is widespread, we can expect the first response to be to where it will impact the most people (Concord, Manchester, Nashua areas). That doesn't make any of the planners in the North Country happy but we have to be somewhat pragmatic about the practicality of such a response.

Ronald E. Wert



SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Town of Lancaster's Safety Committee helps to watch over the town's property and employees to keep things safe. The committee has an employee from each department that meets by monthly and inspects the town's property for safety concerns that may cause injury to the public or employees. The committee members for 2007 are;

Transfer Station Dennis Patnoe 788-3200
Ambulance/Fire Department Steven Jones 788-3221
Ambulance/Fire Department Bob Hunt. 788-3221
Police Department Paul (Skip) Hood 788-4659
Water/Sewer Department Justin McMann 788-3201
Highway Department Jim Kenison 788-3749
Col. Town Al Pryor 788-3321
Secretary Jean Oleson 788-2306

In 2007 the Safety Committee arranged training by NH Risk Management Exchange on Communicable Disease Exposure Control because a lot of the employees are exposed to things that can make you sick.

The Safety Committee Supervisor would like to thank the members for there effort to keep us all safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Patnoe
Safety Committee Supervisor



COL. TOWN RECREATION

The year 2007 at Colonel Town was busy as usual. Lots of improvements were made to the Community Camp as a result of volunteers. Randy Rexford and the United Way volunteers did a tremendous job making electrical renovations at the camp, particularly the lighting in the Hall. Other groups worked hard to create a new picnic pavilion and storage shed. The Davenport School also volunteered their time painting the playground, picnic tables, and other areas of the camp. Visit the Community Camp this summer to see these improvements!

The baseball/softball parents and players set aside a special day to prepare the fields for Opening Day. There was a wonderful turnout! Some of the chores completed were: raked the fields, raised the pitcher's mound on "A" field, prepared the snack bar, painted the dugouts, and cleaned the bathrooms. Congratulations to the Lou Leaver 9/10 Girls Softball team for traveling to Merrimack, NH and placing second out of twelve teams at the New England Tournament.

We were excited to welcome Danielle Discenzo back as our dance instructor. She's been doing an excellent job teaching tap, jazz, ballet, modern, and hip hop.



Safe Haven has seen many changes throughout the year. Lisa Payer and Denise repainted and renovated Safe Haven. Parents donated an entertainment center and video equipment. We were sad, however, to see Safe Haven's Director Gerrie Scott resign in August to pursue other interests. Gerrie devoted ten years to youth in this community and she will be sorely missed. Jaymi Cross replaced her for a short while but had to leave due to a family emergency. Thankfully, Jennifer Rideout accepted the position and is doing an excellent job.

Ed and Denise attended the International Youth Sports Congress in November to earn their Youth Sports Administrator recertification. The event, held in Orlando, was a terrific experience. They participated in a unique experience of updating the National Youth Standards. As a result, their names will be listed in the national brochure that is printed for all recreation departments that incorporate these standards in their programs.

It can't be said enough – volunteers are crucial to our organization's successes. This year's Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Andrea Curtis. Anytime an activity is sponsored by Colonel Town, Andrea is always lending a hand. She volunteers her time by keeping score, serving in the snack bar and making her delicious chili during tournaments and travel team games. Andrea also coaches each season, whether it's soccer, basketball, baseball or softball. Her ongoing selfless acts of kindness and generosity make our programs, activities and events a huge success. Thank you, Andrea Curtis, for all your hard work! Her dedication to working with young people definitely personifies Lou Leaver's motto: "It's Not Me. It's Not You. It's Us!!!"

In closing, we'd like to thank all the volunteers and coaches for another incredible year. Many of our programs, camps, intramural and travel teams couldn't survive without their commitment. Children benefit from the many positive experiences they incur while playing for these teams. You help make memories that will last!

Respectfully submitted,
Edward & Denise Wood, Directors
The Spending Committee:

Heather Bailey
Marianne Cannon
Sue Chancey

Andy Cliche
Trisha Eastman
Mike Foster

Sally Gaynor-Knecht
Jeanine LaBounty
Jackie Schanlaber



Colonel Town Recreation 2008 Proposed Budget

| | 2007 Budget | 2007 Actual | % Budget | 2008 Budget | % Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| Community Camp | 1,250.00 | 1,750.00 | 140.0% | 1,500.00 | 20.0% |
| Fees | | | | | |
| Facility Fees | 600.00 | 1,439.50 | | 1,400.00 | |
| Non C/T Programs | - | 3,371.16 | | - | |
| Pool Fees | 18,400.00 | 19,588.00 | | 19,000.00 | |
| Program Fees | 43,420.00 | 41,576.32 | | 42,000.00 | |
| Total Fees | 62,420.00 | 65,974.98 | 105.7% | 62,400.00 | 0.0% |
| Fundraise | - | 10,486.06 | | - | |
| Interest | | | | | |
| Checking Interest | 180.00 | 278.68 | | 225.00 | |
| Total Interest | 180.00 | 278.68 | 154.8% | 225.00 | 25.0% |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | | | |
| Propane Reimbursement | - | 448.15 | | - | |
| Pool Fund | - | 1,243.85 | | - | |
| Pool Training Reimbursement | - | 166.00 | | - | |
| Snack Bar Income | 7,000.00 | 5,671.22 | | 5,700.00 | |
| Total Miscellaneous Income | 7,000.00 | 7,529.22 | 107.6% | 5,700.00 | -18.6% |
| Safe Haven Income | | | | | |
| Safe Haven Tuition | 94,000.00 | 91,638.35 | | 94,000.00 | |
| Total Safe Haven Income | 94,000.00 | 91,638.35 | 97.5% | 94,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Town Funding | | | | | |
| Capital Exp./Operating Income | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 | | 12,800.00 | |
| Sewer | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 | | 1,800.00 | |
| Water | 3,800.00 | 3,800.00 | | 2,400.00 | |
| Total Town Funding | 17,000.00 | 17,000.00 | 100.0% | 17,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Trust Income | | | | | |
| Administrative - Allocation | 46,600.00 | 53,126.19 | | 50,867.40 | |
| Campground - Allocation | 1,234.43 | 1,407.32 | | 1,347.47 | |
| House/Grounds - Allocation | 45,412.96 | 51,772.90 | | 49,571.66 | |
| Pool - Allocation | 15,952.61 | 18,186.81 | | 17,413.47 | |
| Total Trust Income | 109,200.00 | 124,493.22 | 114.0% | 119,200.00 | 9.2% |
| Total Income | 291,050.00 | 319,150.51 | 109.7% | 300,025.00 | 3.1% |
| Expense | | | | | |
| Appropriations | 100.00 | 187.50 | 187.5% | 150.00 | 50.0% |
| Audit Fee | 750.00 | 750.00 | 100.0% | 750.00 | 0.0% |
| Automobile Expense | | | | | |
| Gas | 1,300.00 | 914.24 | | 800.00 | |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 1,493.72 | | 1,000.00 | |
| Total Automobile Expense | 2,300.00 | 2,407.96 | 104.7% | 1,800.00 | -21.7% |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | |
| Colonel Town's Cemetery Lot | 150.00 | 115.00 | 76.7% | 150.00 | 0.0% |

Colonel Town Recreation 2008 Proposed Budget

| | 2007 Budget | 2007 Actual | % Budget | 2008 Budget | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Community Camp Expense | | | | | |
| Propane Reimbursement | - | 448.15 | | - | |
| Electric | 2,069.00 | 2,139.25 | | 2,069.00 | |
| Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 2,594.81 | | 1,000.00 | |
| Total Community Camp Expense | 3,069.00 | 5,182.21 | 168.9% | 3,069.00 | 0.0% |
| Equipment | | | | | |
| Equipment | 1,200.00 | 6,115.96 | 509.7% | 1,200.00 | 0.0% |
| Fuel | | | | | |
| Fuel | 16,770.00 | 15,268.50 | 91.0% | 16,770.00 | 0.0% |
| Honeywell | | | | | |
| Honeywell | 8,900.00 | 4,351.68 | 48.9% | 0.00 | -100.0% |
| Insurance | | | | | |
| Disability Insurance | 265.00 | 294.89 | | 265.00 | |
| Insurance - Health | 12,053.00 | 12,410.70 | | 13,260.00 | |
| Insurance - Life | 265.00 | 347.47 | | 265.00 | |
| Insurance - Work Comp | 3,300.00 | 3,087.00 | | 3,300.00 | |
| Liability Insurance | 4,612.00 | 5,026.28 | | 4,612.00 | |
| Total Insurance | 20,495.00 | 21,166.34 | 103.3% | 21,702.00 | 5.9% |
| Maintenance | | | | | |
| House and Grounds | 2,000.00 | 5,318.22 | | 8,300.00 | |
| Mats/Carpet Cleaning | 650.00 | 633.49 | | 0.00 | |
| Supplies | 1,500.00 | 1,903.02 | | 1,500.00 | |
| Maintenance - Other | 2,500.00 | 2,832.52 | | 0.00 | |
| Total Maintenance | 6,650.00 | 10,687.25 | 160.7% | 9,800.00 | 47.4% |
| Office Supplies | | | | | |
| Office Supplies | 2,000.00 | 2,021.18 | 101.1% | 2,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Payroll Expenses | | | | | |
| Payroll - Admin | 39,500.00 | 39,700.24 | | 41,080.00 | |
| Payroll - Maintenance | 32,500.00 | 36,972.71 | | 36,000.00 | |
| Payroll - Pool | 18,000.00 | 16,556.89 | | 19,000.00 | |
| Payroll - Programs | 7,500.00 | 8,125.77 | | 7,500.00 | |
| Payroll - Safe Haven | 55,500.00 | 53,341.01 | | 60,000.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | | | | |
| Payroll Taxes - Admin | 3,021.00 | 3,037.06 | | 3,143.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes - Maintenance | 2,438.00 | 2,795.47 | | 2,754.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes - Pool | 1,377.00 | 1,260.63 | | 1,454.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes - Programs | 574.00 | 606.92 | | 574.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes - Safe Haven | 4,246.00 | 4,134.21 | | 4,590.00 | |
| Unemployment | 1,500.00 | 769.96 | | 1,000.00 | |
| Total Payroll Taxes | 13,156.00 | 12,604.25 | | 13,515.00 | |
| Total Payroll Expenses | 166,156.00 | 167,300.87 | 100.7% | 177,095.00 | 6.6% |
| Pool Campaign | | | | | |
| Pool Campaign | - | 1,243.85 | | - | 0.0% |
| Pool Expenses | | | | | |
| Chemicals | 3,000.00 | 2,713.94 | | 2,890.00 | |
| Electricity | 4,300.00 | 3,812.58 | | 3,900.00 | |
| Fuel | 3,000.00 | 2,013.28 | | 2,500.00 | |
| Maintenance | 2,000.00 | 8,899.31 | | 2,000.00 | |
| Programs | 600.00 | 423.70 | | 500.00 | |
| Training | - | 297.25 | | - | |
| Total Pool Expenses | 12,900.00 | 18,160.06 | 140.8% | 11,790.00 | -8.6% |

Colonel Town Recreation 2008 Proposed Budget

| | 2007 Budget | 2007 Actual | % Budget | 2008 Budget | % Change |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Postage and Delivery | 460.00 | 523.01 | 113.7% | 450.00 | -2.2% |
| Printing and Reproduction | 200.00 | 810.00 | 405.0% | 300.00 | 50.0% |
| Program Expense | | | | | |
| Background Checks/Training | - | - | | 800.00 | |
| Entry Fee for Trips | 1,600.00 | 2,376.50 | | 2,000.00 | |
| Fees Held for Non C/T Programs | - | 3,371.16 | | - | |
| Halloween Supplies | 750.00 | 838.40 | | 850.00 | |
| Referees | 3,000.00 | 4,300.00 | | 3,500.00 | |
| Refunds | - | 793.50 | | - | |
| Supplies | 2,100.00 | 3,648.50 | | 2,500.00 | |
| Travel Team | 1,000.00 | 2,152.10 | | 1,000.00 | |
| Program Expense - Other | 7,500.00 | 9,891.76 | | 8,300.00 | |
| Volunteer Gifts | 700.00 | 625.31 | | 500.00 | |
| Total Program Expense | 16,650.00 | 27,997.23 | 168.2% | 19,450.00 | 16.8% |
| | | | | | |
| Rec./Conf. Meetings | 1,500.00 | 2,188.73 | 145.9% | 1,000.00 | -33.3% |
| Repairs | | | | | |
| Equipment Repairs | 1,600.00 | 2,108.79 | | 1,600.00 | |
| Total Repairs | 1,600.00 | 2,108.79 | 131.8% | 1,600.00 | 0.0% |
| | | | | | |
| Retirement | 4,850.00 | 4,486.88 | 92.5% | 5,637.00 | 16.2% |
| Safe Haven Expenses | | | | | |
| Food | 1,500.00 | 1,446.45 | | 1,500.00 | |
| Supplies | 300.00 | 2,047.17 | | 1,000.00 | |
| Telephone | 500.00 | 397.12 | | 500.00 | |
| Transportation - Kindergarten | 1,500.00 | 2,714.75 | | 2,600.00 | |
| Total Safe Haven Expenses | 3,800.00 | 6,605.49 | 173.8% | 5,600.00 | 47.4% |
| | | | | | |
| Snack Bar Supplies | 3,500.00 | 4,967.93 | 141.9% | 3,500.00 | 0.0% |
| Telephone | 1,800.00 | 2,120.22 | 117.8% | 2,670.00 | 48.3% |
| Trash | 1,500.00 | 1,250.00 | 83.3% | 1,500.00 | 0.0% |
| Utilities | | | | | |
| Electric | 6,670.00 | 5,737.95 | | 6,670.00 | |
| Sewer | 2,200.00 | 1,676.40 | | 1,800.00 | |
| Water | 3,800.00 | 2,169.50 | | 2,400.00 | |
| Total Utilities | 12,670.00 | 9,583.85 | 75.6% | 10,870.00 | -14.2% |
| Web Site | 1,080.00 | 1,335.00 | 123.6% | 1,172.00 | 8.5% |
| Total Expense | 291,050.00 | 318,935.49 | 109.6% | 300,025.00 | 3.1% |
| | 0.00 | 215.02 | | 0.00 | |

January 30, 2008

Report to the Citizens of Lancaster, Beneficiaries of the Col. Francis L. Town Trust:

2007 marked a significant year of change for the Trust. On a regular basis, the committee considers alternative investment firms to make sure we were getting the best money management versus the cost and performance. After presentations were made by several firms, we decided to move the Trust from Charter Trust to the Investment Division of Passumpsic Savings Bank. Not only is Passumpsic Savings Bank a local business already supporting Col. Town programs, Passumpsic has agreed to match the current investment fee cost, but will do so using a 30 basis points of total assets for the next 3 years, instead of 8% of income received. They have also agreed to a 3 basis point increase of the fee each year, for 5 years afterwards with no termination charges allowing us the option to move the account at our discretion.

Our goal was to transfer the entire balance to Passumpsic by the end of the year; unfortunately that did not happen. The Trust's market value as of 12/31/06 was \$3,534,715.06 and on 12/31/07, Passumpsic held \$3,323,726.59 in assets, with Charter Trust holding \$8,083.25 in cash. There was also a wire transfer of \$296,000.00 that was initiated by Charter to Passumpsic on 12/31/07 in process, crediting to the Passumpsic account on 1/3/08. These figures bring the market value of the Trust to \$3,627,809.84 as of 12/31/07. Other adjustments were a carryover of income from 2006 in the amount of \$12,133.02 transferred to Col. Town on 1/2/07 and a carryover of income from 2007 in the amount of \$7,090.11 transferred to Col. Town on 1/17/08. Taking these amounts out of the equation, the increase in the market value of the Trust's principal for the 2007 was 2.79%, reflecting an overall increase in the principal balance in the trust, with all income (except the carryover of \$7,090.11), less expenses having been distributed to Colonel Town Spending Committee during the year. The low interest rate market continues and the outlook for 2008 is that it will trend even lower. As of 1/03/08, the Trust's portfolio is balanced at 57.91% Equities; 33.84% Fixed Income; and 8.25% Cash.

We are pleased to report that total income for 2007 was \$132,855.66, representing a total asset yield of 3.66% to ending market value as of 12/31/07; as compared to income of \$132,828.91 recognized in 2006. Distributions for 2007 to the Col. Town Spending Committee totaled \$124,493.22, up from \$109,200.00 last year. As noted above, there was \$12,133.02 in undistributed income in 2006 that was distributed in 2007 and \$7,090.11 of 2007 income distributed in 2008. This brings the net total income to \$119,450.31 in 2007. Expenses of \$13,410.17 were deducted from income as follows: Charter Trust commission (8% of Income) of \$10,624.02; NH State Filing Fee of \$75.00; premium on insurance bond of \$400.00; Probate Court cost of \$80.00; \$66.33 in foreign taxes; a compliance fee by Charter of \$105.00; a wire fee by Charter of \$30.00; and a distribution transfer fee by Charter of \$2025.00. Removing the one-time charges incurred in order to transfer the account to Passumpsic, the expense on total assets was .31% based on ending market value.

In closing, we regret to report the Investment Committee has accepted the resignations of Dennis Merrow and Roger Gingue effective 12/31/07 due to personal reasons. Dennis and Roger have each served for numerous years and will be sorely missed; the committee thanks them both for their participation. During 2007 we were pleased to welcome Jeff Gilman as a new member, and are actively seeking additional candidates who may be interested in serving on the committee with hopes to add three new members after this year's elections.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER UNDER WILL OF FRANCIS L. TOWN
(COLONEL TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE)

Douglas Shearer, Treasurer

Sarah Desrochers

Jeffrey Gilman

Betsy Hutchings



LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES

2007

The Trustees of the Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries oversee and maintain six cemeteries: Summer Street Cemetery (located across from the Col. Town field and at the end of Cemetery Street), Wilder Cemetery on Main Street (on the hill between the Methodist and Christian Science Churches), #10 Cemetery (located on Martin Meadow Pond Road), Marden Cemetery (located on North Road), a one-person lot (located on South Lancaster Road, and Wentworth Cemetery (located on Pleasant Valley Road).

David Currier, the supervisor and his assistant, Richard Crane did a very good job in maintaining all of the above cemeteries. We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciations by thanking them for job well done, and keeping our expenses down.

As usual, 2007 has been a very quiet year. At any time, if anyone should happens to see someone doing any inappropriate things, please call one of the Cemetery Trustees listed below. Or report the incident to the Lancaster Police Department immediately. We would greatly appreciate it.

As a reminder, every year, we usually request that the people remove the faded ornaments, dead flowers or plants, and other lawn decorations by May 1st in preparation for the clean-up for Memorial Day and the summer months. No dogs are allowed at any of the cemeteries. Rules and Regulations reports are available upon requests.

We have received many favorable comments about the condition of the cemeteries. We, as the committee, are proud of our cemeteries. We welcome any ideas and comments you may have, whether they are good or bad. And we also welcome any donation of flowers, bulbs and plants.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Trustees

Ronald N. Bailey

Michael W. Nadeau

Royce Hutchinson

WILLIAM D. WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2007

Some years ago a preschooler was asked by her mother what the Weeks Memorial Library was. The answer was "a place with lots of books and library ladies." Although the number of staff is the same as it was then, the library and its services have grown substantially. When the addition to the library was built in 1998/99, there were 28,000 books in the collection. By the end of 2007 that number had risen to 51,000. Despite the dire stories of a decrease in reading, Weeks Memorial Library's book circulation increased. 30438 items were borrowed during the year, and at an average value of \$25



per item that translates into almost \$800,000 worth of materials. What a deal for library users! 344 programs were held in Wingate Hall and the Ellen Moody Children's Room in 2007. Among these were the Travel Nights, Wonderplay for children up to two years old, Story Hour for 3-5 year olds, the Lancaster Rose Quilters, Lego Club, Brown Bag Book Group, Doll Club, Mother/Daughter Knitting, Readers'

Theatre, Adult Learner Services, and the Girl Scouts. The library continues to support the AARP's free tax preparation service each year from January to April 15. The summer reading program for children "Reading Road Trip U.S.A." featured weekly programs and reading challenges for children. This year's theme is "G-Day for Reading." Watch out for kangaroos and dijerdoos! For a second year adults were offered a summer reading card with prizes for completing books in specific categories.

The library continues to support wireless Internet access for library patrons who bring their own laptop computers. In addition, more than 3700 individuals took advantage of the library's three public computers. Work began on a Website which will highlight the library's various services and programs and provide contact information. Within the next five years Library Trustees hope to have the library's card catalog on line and available at the website. Until then 85% or close to 43,000 of the items owned by the library have now been entered into the New Hampshire State Library's database and can be viewed at that site.

Another of the goals set by the Library Trustees in September of 2006 was building the library's endowment to \$500,000 within five years. At the end of the first year, the endowment has increased to more than \$300,000, the result of many individual gifts.

Volunteers continue to play an important role at the library. On any given day they may be sorting and categorizing old Lancaster documents from the Town Hall attic, indexing obituaries from the Coos Country Democrat or "reading" shelves to keep the collection in order. The Friends of the Library have helped with programs, fundraising, and decorating for the holidays among many other things. The staff and trustees appreciate the support of so many people which makes the library a growing and dynamic place for everyone.

Submitted by:
Barbara R. Roberts, Library Director



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

The Town of Lancaster reviewed and approved building permits for new buildings, additions, and renovations. The following is a summary of the permits:

| PERMIT # | OWNER | LOCATION |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 07-001 | Jude Gesel | 48-52 Main Street |
| 07-002 | Steven Jones | 122 Elm Street |
| 07-003 | Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. | 199 Main Street |
| 07-004 | Philip & Nancy Page | 133 Martin Meadow Pond |
| 07-005 | Dennis & Linda O'Neil | 34 Portland Street |
| 07-006 | Earl & Barbara Cutting | 14 Winter Street |
| 07-007 | Matthew Corrigan | 80 Portland Street |
| 07-008 | Brian Beattie | 246 Stebbins Hill Road |
| 07-009 | Barbara Gilbert | 14 Gandview Drive |
| 07-010 | Richard Belmore | 63 Stockwell Road |
| 07-011 | William & Sheila McCarten | 39 Cross Country Road |
| 07-012 | Gerald & Teresa Berry | 171 Mt. Prospect Road |
| 07-013 | Sandra Hegyi & Barbara Mastriano | 185 Main Street |
| 07-014 | | |
| 07-015 | Country Village Center | 91 Country Village Road |
| 07-016 | Lawrence Powell | 33 Fletcher Street |
| 07-017 | Steve Christle | 700 Main Street |
| 07-018 | Robert & Georgianna Ladd | 180 Portland Street |
| 07-018A | Robert & Georgianna Ladd | 180 Portland Street |
| 07-019 | James Hicks, Sr. | 13 Hill Street |
| 07-020 | Douglas & Nora Beaton | 27 Canal Street |
| 07-021 | Edwyna Balch | 32 North Shore Drive |
| 07-022 | Jon Parks, Sr. | Off Sand Street |
| 07-023 | Thomas Cantin | 442 Elm Street |
| 07-024 | Brandon Field | 40 Mechanic Street |
| 07-025 | Clement Johnson | 76 Third Street |
| 07-026 | Assembly of God | 639 Main Street |
| 07-027 | Andrew & Margaret Cliche | 22 Richardson Street |
| 07-028 | Thomas Coco | 541 North Road |
| 07-029 | Lancaster Day Care | 3 Cemetery Street |
| 07-030 | Odette R Voisine | 8 Cubb Street |
| 07-031 | Daniel & John Brusseau | 61-69 Main Street |
| 07-032 | Daniel & Nona Cordwell | 64 Page Hill Road |
| 07-033 | David & Joy Emery | 298 Main Street |
| 07-034 | Jason Aldrich/Derwood & Tina Phillips | 106 Water Street |
| 07-035 | Louise Caouette | 133 Main Street |
| 07-036 | Bruce & Robin Savage | 290 North Road |
| 07-037 | Lance Whipple | 203 Summer Street |
| 07-038 | Stanley Remick | 142 Page Hill Road |
| 07-039 | Carl Chamberlain | 92 Water Street |
| 07-040 | Mary & Mark Zajac | 10 Burnside Street |

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|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 07-041 | David & Louise Lufkin | 78 Brook Road |
| 07-042 | Patricia Perras & Kevin James | Mary Elizabeth Lane |
| 07-043 | Gregory Bartlett | 10 Cemetery Street |
| 07-044 | Georgianna & Robert Ladd | 180 Portland Street |
| 07-045 | Mark & Francine Morgan | 180 Garland Road |
| 07-046 | Robert & Patricia Quimby | 99 Stebbins Hill Road |
| 07-047 | Keith & Gail Jameson | 3 Hoopers Drive |
| 07-048 | Forbes Farm Partnership | 304 North Road |
| 07-049 | Edward Samson | Sand Street |
| 07-050 | Marcel Masse | 12 High Street |
| 07-051 | Coos & Essex Agricultural | North Main Street |
| 07-052 | Samuel Shippee | 150 Main Street |
| 07-053 | Assembly of God | 637 Main Street |
| 07-054 | Samuel Stoddard | 240 Portland Street |
| 07-055 | Daniel Benoit | 600 Main Street |
| 07-056 | Harold Munce | 100 Bridge Street |



PLANNING BOARD REPORT

This was a slow year for the Lancaster Planning Board compared to the past couple of years.

The Planning Board made two site visits, the Crane Subdivision with a new road and bridge and a drive-in theater on Causeway Street. The subdivision subsequently received final approval. The drive-in theater is pending a zoning board decision prior to approval.

Morel Road was inspected and approved by a registered civil engineer. The subdivision that was tentatively approved last year received its final approval by the Board.

The Planning Board ended the year on a sad note with the passing of the Chairman Fred Emerson. Fred's wisdom, knowledge, and humor are sorely missed. The Planning Board as well as the town of Lancaster lost a good friend.

I want to thank the board for their time and commitment in serving the Town of Lancaster.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven D. Young

This year the Board held hearings on the following cases:

- #681 **Paul and Marilyn Crane.** To create four new lots off Arthur White Road/Cabot Trail and to perform a lot line adjustment of two existing lots (Tax Map R13 Lots 35, 36, 56, and 57. New Road "Cabot Loop" proposed. Major subdivision. **APPROVED w/conditions**
- #682 **Tim Savage Construction LLC.** To create three new lots off Brickyard Road (Class VI Road) (Tax Map P12 Lot 25). **APPROVED with conditions**
- #683 **Raymond Pardy Sr. & Emmanuel Marceau.** Requests a lot line adjustment off Page Hill Road (Tax Map R2 Lot 56 & 58). Technical/Minor Subdivision. **APPROVED w/conditions**
- #684 **Lancaster Day Care Inc. d/b/a Lancaster Play and Learning Center.** Request to remove portions of the building at 3 Cemetery Street and replace the removed portions with new modular construction (Tax Map P6 Lot 37). **APPROVED**
- #685 **Fred & Myra Emerson and Lisa & David McCullogh III.** Request for lot line adjustment (Tax Map P7 Lot 13, 33 & 34). Technical subdivision. **APPROVED**

- #686 James and Anne Marie Dubreuil.** To create two new lots off Wild Acres Drive and North Road (Tax Map R19 Lot 84) **APPROVED**
- #687 Prospect Farm – Lancaster LLC c/o John W Davidge III.** request to cut trees along a Scenic Road – Mt. Prospect Rd. (Tax Map R23 Lot 20). **APPROVED.**
- #688 Raymond Dubreuil, Jr.** To construct an outside movie theatre to include 28' x 20' projection building and 50' x 25' movie screen 12' off the ground. (Tax Map P5 Lot 50 & 51). Minor Site Plan Review. **PENDING ZONING BOARD APPROVAL**
- #689 Thomas & Nancy Kingston.** Request a technical subdivision/lot line adjustment in Commercial Zone for 17-29 Elm Street. (Tax Map P9 Lot 59, 60, 61). **APPROVED.**
- #690 Samuel Shippee.** Request to demolish existing building at 150 Main Street and construct a new building approximately 40' x 50' with 4 parking spaces. (Tax Map P6 Lot 4). Minor Site Plan Review. **APPROVED w/conditions**
- #691 Durwood Phillips & Jason Aldrich, etal.** Request to subdivide a lot zoned agricultural at 106 Water Street into two lots (Tax Map R9 Lot 62). Minor Subdivision. **APPROVED**
- #692 Charles & Mi Hwa Bell, Elisa Bell.** Request a lot line adjustment at 504 North Road & Wild Acres Drive. No new lots to be created. (Tax Map R19 Lot 55 & 59). Technical subdivision. **APPROVED w/conditions**
- #693 Stephen & Nanette Deturk.** Request lot line adjustment at 7 Rowell Road and 198 Pleasant Valley Road. No new lots to be created. (Tax Map R7 Lot 7 & R13 Lot 18). Technical subdivision. **APPROVED**
- #694 Daniel Benoit.** Request to construct a 30' by 50' Quonset hut for storage of autos and bicycles. Building will be unoccupied and used for cold storage. (Tax Map R1 Lot 46). **APPROVED w/conditions**
- #695 Mary Lou Smith, Evelyn Blakslee, Margaret Dagendesh.** To create one new lot at 42 Reed Road (Tax Map R17 Lot 49). Minor subdivision. **APPROVED w/conditions**
- #696 Charles E. Locke Revocable Trust.** To create four new lots in an area zoned agricultural at 49 McGary Hill Road (Tax Map R12 Lots 53, 54, 55 & 57). Major subdivision. **PENDING APPROVAL**

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2007 was another quiet year for the Lancaster Zoning Board of Adjustment. This is a reflection of changes to the Zoning Ordinances made in the past. Another alternate was added to the Zoning Board in 2007, the board welcomed back Colin Sutherland.

- Case #463** North Country Motor Sales/Kevin Kopp for an area variance concerning article 5, section 5.01 (setbacks) and a use variance concerning article 5.01 (permitted uses) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to site a 50' x 40' garage closer than 10 feet from the west property line in the Residential Zoning District. Applicant also requests to operate a multi-bay commercial garage in the Residential Zoning District. (36 Middle Street, Tax Map P7 Lot 54). **GRANTED**
- Case #464** Richard and Diantha Rochefort for a use variance concerning article 6.04 section c of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to site two 3' x 8' signs on a building in the Commercial Zoning District with approximately 73 square feet of existing signage (75 square feet permitted). (104 Main Street, Tax Map P7 Lot 23) **GRANTED**
- Case #465** Mark W & Debra Coulter for a special exception concerning article 5.04 article h, "Uses Permitted by Special Exception," Other uses not inconsistent with the purpose of the ordinance and the Agricultural District. Applicant requests to operate a commercial garage, welding shop for fabricating trailers, bodies, farm and forestry equipment, yard and garden equipment and custom building and repairing on a lot in the Agricultural Zoning District. (405 Elm Street, Tax Map R14 Lot 15) **GRANTED**
- Case #466** Jason M Aldrich & Derwood B Phillips, etal for an area variance concerning article 5.04 "setbacks" to site a 28' x 40' garage 39 feet from the edge of the right-of-way in the agricultural zoning district – 50 feet required. (106 Water Street, Tax Map R9 Lot 62) **GRANTED**
- Case #467** Jason M Aldrich & Derwood B Phillips, etal for an area variance concerning article 5.04 "setbacks." Applicant requests to site a 16' x 76' mobile home 20 feet from the northerly property line in the Agricultural Zoning District – 40 feet required. (106 Water Street, Tax Map R9 Lot 62) **GRANTED contingent upon Planning Board approval and septic approval.**
- Case #468** Jason M Aldrich & Derwood B Phillips, etal for an area variance concerning article 5.04 "setbacks." Applicant requests to subdivide lot resulting in a barn being closer than 40 feet from the proposed westerly property line. Proposed property line will make barn approximately 35 feet from the lot line in the Agricultural Zoning District – 40 feet required. (106 Water Street, Tax Map R9 Lot 62). **GRANTED**
- Case #469** David A & Victoria Caron for a sign special exception pursuant to section 6.12 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant wishes to exceed

maximum sign dimensions in the Agricultural Zoning District pursuant to article 6.05 a. (484 Main Street, Tax Map R2 Lot 23). **GRANTED with condition that applicant ceases to use the portable letter sign that he is currently using.**

Case #470 Raymond Dubreuil Jr for a special exception pursuant to section 5.03 h, uses permitted by special exception in the Commercial-Industrial Zoning District, "outdoor recreation facility." (51 & 67 Causeway Street, P5-50 & 51) **GRANTED**

The Zoning Board consists of five full members and five alternates. All members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Zoning Board meets on the last Wednesday of each month, when required, at 6:30 PM in the second floor of the Town Hall. If you are interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, please contact the Town Office at 788-3391. Your name will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Savage, Chairman
James Hammond, Vice Chairman
Leon Rideout
Allen Bouthillier
Millard F Martin Jr

George "Skip Sansoucy, Alternate
Lewis Cassady, Alternate
William H Potter Jr, Alternate
Tricia Frenette, Alternate
Colin Sutherland, Alternate
Shelly Fitch, Clerk



LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2007 Annual Report

It has been a pleasure for the members of the Commission to serve the Town for another year. We consist of six individuals who are appointed to three year terms by the Board of Selectmen to assist the town's residents in avoiding environmental pitfalls.

Our big project for 2007 was the planting of trees along Main Street and starting a study of the wetlands complex made up of Martin Meadow Pond, Clark Pond, and Blood Pond. We have contracted with Watershed to Wildlife to both apply for a grant from the State Moose Plate funds and to conduct the study. The grant was approved and the study is well on its way to completion.

We have quit actively working on the Israel River dam removal and are in limbo while the State fights it out with the Army Corps of Engineers; the government moves very slowly in these things.

We are looking at a couple of other projects for this or subsequent years. One has to do with Prime Wetlands designation for some of our more important wetlands. There will be public hearings on this subject as we progress. The other has to do with identifying the types of invasive species and their range in Lancaster. Grants will be applied for to fund both of these projects.

Below are the current members of the Lancaster Conservation Commission

Ronald Wert – Chair
Dr. Robert Christie
Allan Carr – Selectman
David Rexford
Paul Crane
Dr. Traci Wagner

The bad news is that Dr Christie has tendered his resignation from the Commission as he is relocating to the Dartmouth area and is disinclined to commute. His energy, knowledge, and wisdom will be sorely missed by the Commission.

This will be my last Annual Report since this is the end of my term of office and feel the need to resign this post. It has been a pleasure to work with the other members of the Commission and to assist the Town's residents in their quests for the appropriate use of their property. I hope my successor enjoys his/her tenure as much as I did.

Respectfully submitted

Ronald Wert, Chair

LANCASTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY GROUP (LEEAG)

With voters approving the CarbonCoalition's resolution at town meeting last march, a group of enthusiastic and concerned citizens came together to form the Lancaster Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (LEEAG). A non-political group made up of volunteers. The goal of LEEAG is to make available information and resources on methods to conserve energy sources as well as to provide research and access to alternative to benefit the town, local businesses, and residences.

Having held its first meeting in November, the group organized their debut event for Old Time Christmas. Throughout the evening, members manned an educational booth on light bulbs and provided a compact fluorescent bulb that is more energy efficient than traditional incandescent light bulbs to those folks passing by.

Still in its infancy stage, LEEAG welcomes new participants and ideas for future programs and events. At this time, LEEAG may be reached by our mailbox in the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Doherty
Peter Gair
Melissa Grella
Ben Southworth
Cid Southworth
Molly Tobin
Lucy Wyman



LANCASTER/WHITEFIELD HERITAGE TRAIL REPORT

January found the Heritage Trail Committee members enjoying a “pot luck” supper at the Underhill home. This time was spent to say goodbye to Robby and Alice Robertson who were moving to Washington State to be near family. Robby chaired the committee and Alice was trail master for several years and all gave them a hearty thanks and best wishes.



Because of the lack of a chairperson the committee was nearly inactive during the summer with only minor trail work to remove blown down trees. Charter member Curtis Smith saw the need for reactivation and called some folks together October 1 to accomplish this. On going and needed projects were discussed along with a report of a new plan for a new trail section in Whitefield. This project has been spearheaded by George Glidden.

At the November 5th meeting, Officers were elected and the name changed to the Lancaster/Whitefield Heritage Trail committee. It is hoped this joint relationship will lend enthusiasm and support for the both communities. A comment was made that the median age of this group is quite high and it is our hope some younger people will come forth and become involved with our Heritage Trail.

This 15 mile trail runs through great native wildlife, flora and fauna habitat which requires minimal vehicle travel and one does not need to be an athlete to hike/walk along it. It is truly a local treasure for the entire family and not sued nearly enough! Trail guides are available at the town office and information center.

Submitted by:

Lawrence Underhill

Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
38 King's Square, Suite 9
Whitefield, NH 03598

The Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a not-for-profit organization, which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern New Hampshire communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

In 2007, Caleb Caregivers assisted 296 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Over \$50,724.05 worth of services were provided **FREE** to our clients. Caleb's 88 active volunteers donated over 2,703 hours and drove over 26,182 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments, and for running errands, is one of the most requested services through Caleb. Caleb Volunteers made 803 trips this year. Of these trips 82 were long distance, taking seniors to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, North Conway, Manchester, Concord, White River Junction, and St. Johnsbury, to name a few. It costs \$2.00 per mile to take a ride in a local taxicab, and Caleb's rides are provided **free of charge**.

Transportation is only **one** of the services that Caleb volunteers provide. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This State program is available, every other month, to New Hampshire seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to seniors, who are totally homebound. Caleb continues to work with various pet organizations, regarding Caleb's Pet Food Project. Since this project began, in October of 2002, Caleb has given out over **20** tons of **FREE** pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Not only has Caleb assisted various community programs, Caleb has also partnered with various organizations such as AARP, FIA (Faith In Action) and Service Link. These partnerships enable Caleb to better serve its Seniors. Last but not least, Caleb still provides training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home. The average cost of nursing home care is \$185.00 per day.

There are **no fees** for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraisers, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Lancaster for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The \$3,520.00 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2008.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Board of Directors.

Neighbors helping neighbors, is what Caleb is all about, and it is what North Country residents are all about, too!

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Executive Director

Board of Directors

Carl Rod, President-Jefferson
Larry Berg, Vice-President- Whitefield
David Glover, Treasurer-Whitefield
Myra Emerson, Clerk-Lancaster
Marie Dubreuil-Jefferson
Rev. Virginia Alvarez-Lancaster





ANNUAL REPORT - 2007
Riverbend Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Riverbend Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River, and other invasive species.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the Select Board. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the fourth Thursday evening of every other month at the Littleton Community Center. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

Ron Wert and Traci Wagner, Lancaster representatives to the Riverbend Subcommittee

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the river, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Lancaster and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for signs in 2008 and visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, CRJC is advisory and has no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Robert Christie and Mary Sloat, Connecticut River Commissioners

COOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CEDC has been busy, very much behind the scenes, working on development projects to benefit Lancaster and the County.

A recently completed Strategic Plan created by the CEDC Board of Directors focuses on improving conditions for economic opportunity for all in the region. To that end we continue our partnership with the town on the Lancaster Loan fund guarantee which underwrote a portion of the renovations to the Evans block by Jude Gesel and his family. Mr. Gesel is currently considering other downtown projects that would greatly benefit the Lancaster community.

Our partnership with the Wireless LINC project is just starting to result in deployment of wireless high-speed access using the Mt. Orne telecom tower as a primary distribution link of signal beamed from Burke Mountain. This project will be in a pilot, testing phase through June with limited deployment as radios, transmitters and receivers are tested and worked into a 'ready for prime time' offering. This is complicated stuff and takes us into arenas not previously attempted with efforts to solve many communications problems at once (schools, businesses, residences, fire, police and ambulance and health care to name a few). When the piloting is completed we fully expect deployment to occur fairly rapidly in the greater Lancaster area (which includes Whitefield, Lunenburg, Dalton, Jefferson, Groveton and Guildhall). This is the true value of a telecom tower which magnifies its benefit beyond putting a cell phone in everyone's hands within earshot.

Additionally, we are partnered with North Country Council in conducting a planning exercise focused on timber, tourism, alternative energy and creative/knowledge economy sectors in the county. Early this summer we hope to release this report and then seek to garner county wide support for the plan which would help us transform from a papermaking economy into other, more diverse and self-reliant economic models that will benefit residents and help to attract other businesses to the region. Several of these draft recommendations would create very different business models for the county relying on greater regional cooperation among businesses and communities.

Several large, manufacturing corporations have been scouring the area (Whitefield, Lancaster, Groveton) for building sites for plants. These are most times lengthy investigations into land use, infrastructure and workforce availability before a site is chosen and construction begins. Unfortunately I have nothing concrete to report at this time other than hope that the region is being considered for economic investment by some household named companies.

More than a dozen potential small business investors have sought financial counseling from CEDC and a number of those inquiries may soon produce small, operating businesses, the backbone of the American business landscape.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at our office on 148 Main Street (the Old Courthouse) or at 788-3900/631-0217cp.

Peter Riviere, Executive Director

THE GREAT NORTH WOODS WELCOME CENTER LANCASTER RENAISSANCE

The Welcome Center was pleased to have over 1200 of our guests take the time to stop and sign our guest book and comment on our help and the beauty of our area. Countless others checked out the information racks and went on their way to patronize local and regional businesses and attractions.

The faithful staff of Jean Tenney, Marguerite Cargill, Tom Monahan, Keith Matthews and Katie Dorben assisted by volunteers Bruce and Mary Sloat and headed by Joanne Dorben were praised for their friendly assistance.

After making phone calls, when the cell service failed, one patron commented to Joanne that he wished all welcome centers offered as friendly service as he found in Lancaster. The friendliness and warmth were appreciated.

This summer there was a noticeable increase in Canadian visitors over previous years.

The monies invested in this facility pay huge dividends.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the citizens of Lancaster for their continued support and foresight to understand the importance of the presence of the center.



MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Road, Whitefield

mail c/o Town of Whitefield
7 Jefferson Road
Whitefield, NH 03598

January 2008

Dear North Country Neighbors,

This past year, 2007, was a very busy one for the Mount Washington Regional Airport. Despite very high prices for aviation fuel (nearly \$5.00 a gallon,) we still saw an increase in visitors over last year. Fuel sales—the primary source of revenue and a key financial indicator—were up slightly.

We experienced a marked increase in “business class” aircraft traffic—slightly more than 200 operations, which was nearly double the number in 2006. A majority of these flights brought folks to the two grand hotels. But a significant number of business travelers also came to the region for other reasons—primarily related to real estate development and local manufacturing operations. Of course, in advance of the 2008 primaries, we also saw significant traffic from Presidential candidates and their staff.

The work our all-volunteer airport leadership has taken on over the past several years and the work we’ve done to bring jobs and development to the region are the foundation for our recent successes. That foundation is strengthened by the support we receive from our communities—financially and otherwise.

We were able to give back a little to your residents this year. This summer, for instance, we hosted an airport day—free food, a chance for our neighbors to learn more about the airport and, best of all, free airplane rides. More than 100 of you stopped by; we were glad to meet you all—from the youngest to the most seasoned.

Later in the summer, we treated many of you to a spectacular display of skydiving excitement. Our friends from the east—Maine, to be specific—returned to Mount Washington Regional Airport for a day of plane jumping and a little aero-acrobatics, you might call it, capped off by a trip to one of our local hotels for some après-jump socialization.

We continue to host the local chapter of the Civil Air Patrol, which works with area youth to introduce them to aviation and to train them to be an important part of our disaster response network in the North Country.

www.mountwashingtonregionalairport.com

The airport also introduced more people to the region through fly-ins held during the summer. We continue to get rave reviews from our visitors, who heap praise on both the airport itself and our volunteer-built terminal, as well as the beauty and friendliness of our local communities. That's you! Thanks.

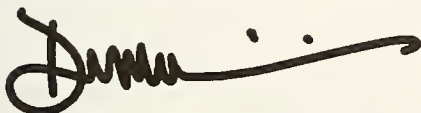
This past fall, we broke ground on a project to develop a parallel taxiway at the airport, which will provide a significant level of added safety for aircraft on the ground. Studies are also underway for design of a precision instrument landing system that will make the airport one of just a few in northern New England to have such a system. This system will, like other projects we've undertaken in the past several years, provide a significant safety margin for all aircraft landing at our airport in bad weather conditions.

We are proud to have kept our neighbor-town contribution rate flat again this year. In spite of higher costs, our efforts to boost revenue through fuel sales, user fees and dedicated volunteer involvement—by pilots and non-pilots, alike—have allowed us to continue building this important part of our transportation infrastructure in a frugal and responsible manner.

We look forward to continuing to grow the airport and make it even safer in the years to come. We welcome volunteer involvement and are eager to hear how we can continue to serve you—and even improve that service.

I sincerely thank you for your trust and support. Together, we can work to build a stronger, more vibrant and more accessible North Country in 2008 and beyond.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Willis', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Willis, Chairman

Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to grow bringing in a diversity of members from all 11 towns that we represent.

Our dynamic new website www.northerngatewaychamber.org allows updates to be done in-house, and allows visitors to enter their email address email news and such. This new webpage has greatly increased our number of visitors.

We will be combining the Gateway to the Great Northwoods, a 30 page publication designed to draw tourists to our area with our Relocation Guide, which features a comprehensive guide to the goods and services available in our area. This new publication will be distributed throughout the country to welcome centers, hotels, dining and recreational establishments, local realtors and Town Offices. It is also available on our web page.

Partnering with other organizations and events made EXPO 07 the best business and recreation exposition to date. EXPO 07 was well attended by exhibitors, residents and visitors.

The towns of Lancaster, Jefferson, Whitefield, Dalton, Northumberland, Stark, Stratford, and Randolph New Hampshire, and Gilman, Guildhall, and Lunenburg, Vermont are well represented by the Board of Directors and committee members.

Our funding comes from membership dues, fundraising activities, and town appropriations. Continued support through these resources ensures that we are able to market and therefore grow our local businesses.

As always, we thank the towns, local businesses and residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Board members: Sally Pratt, Jackie McKenna, Dru Skora, John Severance, Cindy Normandeau, Linda Hutchins, Barry Normandeau, Brian Emerson, Don Mooney, Tom McCorkhill, Eric Huddleston, Marilyn deLozier, Director.



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I would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council (NCC) this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

During the past year, we have continued to deliver planning services throughout the region as you will see in the enclosed report. We have and will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities, which will be evident in the programs being introduced in the coming years. Our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) continues and has brought funding and project development into the region. The Sustainable Economic Initiative and the Coos Economic Adjustment Strategy continue to be major programs funded by EDA. Our Community Outreach program, targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities, is ongoing. NCC has been awarded an additional grant from EPA for Brownfields assessments and will be looking for sites and communities where these assessments can be utilized. These programs as well as all the traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning, hazardous mitigation planning and transportation planning will continue to be the focus of North Country Council. If you would like further information on any of these programs, please do not hesitate to call us.

Please take the time to look over this annual report and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

Again, thank you for all of your support of the Council. The Council is here to serve you and to be of service to your community. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;

Michael King
Executive Director



Tri-County CAP North Country Transit

Public Transit to the North Country

Senior Wheels-Freedom Express-Fixed Routes-Long Distance Medical

31 Pleasant Street, Suite 100, Berlin NH 03570

Phone: 603-752-1741 Fax: 603-752-2117

Toll Free: 1-888-997-2020

Berlin/Gorham Pittsburg/Colebrook/N. Stratford Groveton/Whitefield Lancaster/Littleton

North Country Transit, a Tri County Community Action program started providing transportation services over 30 years ago. The first services provided were demand response transportation to the elderly and disabled of Coos County and was called Senior Wheels. Through our demand response service North Country Transit provides some public transportation by "open door" policy. "Open Door" meaning, if room is available on the elderly and disabled vehicle a person of any age can ride as long as the ride can be incorporated with the transportation being provided to the elderly and disabled riders. Around 1995 North Country Transit expanded service into the public arena offering transportation via a public transit route system between the towns of Berlin and Gorham called the Trolley. This arrives at scheduled stops every two hours making four (4) complete round trips daily. January of 2006 NCT again expanded service adding a public transit route system between the towns of Lancaster, Whitefield, and Littleton called the Tri Town. This public route provides many residents with transportation to get to work, shopping, after school activities, medical appointments, etc. The service makes four (4) round trips a day stopping at designated stops along the route and deviating ¼ mile to accommodate people. During the summer months the 16-passenger white bus is replaced with a bright red Trolley. North Country Transit also provides limited Elderly and Disabled Demand Response Service in the Littleton area to help people get to the Tri Town Public Transit Route and to appointments, shopping, etc.

In the past few years several manufacturing businesses and stores have closed in Coos County, increasing transportation needs for many residents. Thus, the demand for service continually increases due to an aging population as well as the need for many, of all ages, to get to necessary resources. Ridership has increased on all NCT's services county wide. In 2006 the demand response system provided 2,110 and in 2007, 6,847 trips were provided showing an increase in trips of over 300%. The Tri Town Public Transit Systems provided 1,345 trips in 2006 and 7,744 trips in 2007, an increase of over 500%.

Another vital service that North Country Transit provides is long distance non-emergency medical transportation to medical facilities located outside North Country Transit's regular service areas. These services are primarily for those aged 60 and over but North Country Transit does work with other agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services and American Cancer Society to help with transportation services for their clients. This service is done via volunteer drivers using their personal vehicles and receiving mileage reimbursement. The number of people needing rides to medical facilities such as Dartmouth Hitchcock in Lebanon or other facilities always outweighs the number of drivers we have to perform the trips. NCT is always in need of volunteer drivers and this service is a very gratifying and fulfilling way to spend a few hours a week. To find out more about volunteer driving call 1-888-997-2020.

"We'll take You Places"

North Country Transit is also the service provider for Littleton Regional Hospital clients via the "Littleton Regional Hospital Care-A-Van". This service is open to residents of any age in the northern Grafton County and southern Coos County towns. (More information on this service can be obtained from Littleton Regional Hospital and/or NCT scheduling staff)

North County Transit is staffed by 23 people that includes: a full time Director, a full time Operations Manager, a full time Accounting Clerk/Receptionist, 2 part time Schedulers/Mobility Managers, 3 full time Drivers, 14 part time Drivers, 1 full time Mechanic, and 15 Volunteers (long distance drivers, and office help).

Trips can be scheduled by calling our call center via a toll free number (1-888-997-2020) and speaking to a trip scheduler. Trips are required to be scheduled 24 hours in advance and passengers should be ready for their ride up to a half hour before or after the set pick up time. Schedules sometimes run early or late pending unforeseen circumstances such as traffic and weather. The trip request is taken by the scheduler and entered into scheduling software that later compiles the trips into driver manifests. The manifest schedules the trips in the most cost efficient and productive manner possible without sacrificing safety or quality. State of New Hampshire Criminal Record and Motor Vehicle Record checks are performed on all drivers and volunteer drivers and all drivers are trained in procedures for Emergency Evacuation and Passenger Assistance Techniques and take a Defensive Driving Course. These trainings and courses are required every three years. Vehicles operated by the program are all wheelchair accessible meeting federal and state requirements.

The program operations are funded through a mixed bag of resources. Currently funding to operate our Demand Response system comes from 49% federal funds from the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, 13% County funds (Coös), 4% Town funds, 7% Program Income, 2% United Way, 3% Contributions, 7% Fundraising, 1% Donations, 5% Contacted Services with other agencies, 3% In-Kind, 6% TCCAP/CSBG. The Tri Town public route between Lancaster and Littleton consists of 50% Federal Transit Administration funding, 23% State and Federal funding from the Transition Assistance for Needy Families, 2% contribution from United Way, 3% from transportation for Medicaid clients, 18% is derived from subscription passes, fares, fundraising, sale of advertising, and TCCAP/CSBG, and 4% is town funding contributions.

What does it cost to ride? Public transportation service charges fares in relation to distance traveled, public route systems charge fares and also sells passes, elderly and disabled transportation for door-to-door service as well as long distance medical service provided by volunteer drivers is a suggested donation in relation to the distance traveled. Gift Certificates for all services can be purchased by calling toll free 1-888-997-2020. Gift Certificates are a popular item for many who have elderly parents and don't know what to get for them or for children needing to get to youth activities or work. They make a great gift for any occasion and a perfect stocking stuffer at Christmas! For purchases over the phone we accept Visa and MasterCard.

More information on the services provided, operating days and hours, public transit route schedules, and types of services provided in different areas of Coos and northern Grafton County can be found on the web at www.tccap.org under the transportation link or by calling 1-888-997-2020 and speaking to a scheduler. If education on how to use our services is necessary we can help by setting up a free ride with a volunteer who can explain how to use the system or maybe all that is needed is some assistance from the schedulers at North Country Transit?

"We'll take You Places"

WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER

▲ DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK

Home Health & Hospice
Services

**Annual Report – 2007
Town of Lancaster**



Beverlee Richter, Home Health and Hospice Nurse, shares a tender moment with a hospice patient.

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Lancaster and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Lancaster residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; licensed home health aides; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care . . . focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, an increasing number of hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

2007
White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground
Director's Report

Town of Lancaster

As you sit on those folding chairs or bleachers at town meeting and listen to the warrant articles being discussed, you may wonder how the money you appropriate to White Mountain Mental Health/Common Ground is used in your town. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayer, about what is done with this funding.

First, in general terms: the impact of your support is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, in elders who are able to stay independent and productive and in families with a developmentally disabled member who are able to move forward with their own lives, knowing that there is support outside of the family circle for their loved one. People who receive life-saving medical services are eager to tell their friends and family about the success of their care. You have seen "cards of thanks" in the local papers, naming the physicians, nurses, family and friends who came to the aid of a grateful patient. These thanks are well deserved! But...have you ever seen a similar tribute to mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability professionals who saved a life by being available to intervene in a life-threatening crisis of a different type? Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often kept private. Having diabetes is much more acceptable than having schizophrenia, although both are chronic illnesses that can be managed through treatment, lifestyle education and support. We still struggle with the stigma attached to both behavioral health and developmental disability, but who among us has not been impacted by one or both?

Support for our services is an investment in the health and productivity of your town. In the North Country, unlike many parts of the State and Country, services continue to be available to ALL residents, not just those who can pay or those with a severe, biologic mental illness. This is because our towns and other supporters have recognized that unaddressed mental health and developmental issues have a tremendous negative "ripple effect" on the family, the economy and the whole community.

Although it is impossible to list all that we do, our core services include:

- 24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
- Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties
- Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
- "Full-life" supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services

- Individualized home placements for more than fifty persons with developmental disabilities
- Life-enriching jobs and social connections for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

Service Statistics Highlights:

- In 2007, 94 residents of the town of Lancaster received 728¾ hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate. Our ability to continue to offer these services on a sliding-fee scale is dependent upon the support of our communities.
- 100 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability. In many cases, the supports include “full-life” around the clock services.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jane C. Mackay, LICSW
Area Director**

**RESIDENT DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 2007**

| Date of Death | Name of Deceased | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| January | | | |
| 07 | William Watson IV | William Watson III | Frances Hill |
| February | | | |
| 04 | Ruth Lewin | Renee Gagnon | Clotus Levasseur |
| 16 | Elaine Barnett | Floyd Shoff | Maude Trufant |
| 28 | Elmer Gilman Jr | Elmer Gilman Sr | Muriel Stiles |
| March | | | |
| 18 | Samuel Bartow Sr | Howard Bartow | Florence Cragin |
| 29 | Paul Sullivan | Frank Sullivan | Estella Floyd |
| April | | | |
| 07 | Christine Cass | William Sheltry | Jennie Moses |
| 16 | John Lane Sr | Robert Lane | Goldie Johnson |
| 25 | Raymond Crane | Charles Crane | Sophia Paterson |
| May | | | |
| 02 | Dorothy Carr | Carrol Reed | Viola Norton |
| 02 | Arnold Atwood | Carl Atwood | Marion Beckwith |
| 02 | Everett Ballard III | | Frances Lyne |
| 07 | Gloria Sullivan | Dannie Flynn | Evelyn Stillings |
| 17 | Henry Sanborn | Henry Sanborn | Lida Davis |
| 27 | Addie Beattie | H Hillier | Sarah Mitchell |
| 31 | Catherine O'Dell | George Bergeron | Sarah Hare |
| June | | | |
| 01 | George Deschamps | Joseph Deschamps | Leda Lafrance |
| 03 | Paul Marro | Pasquale Marro | Leota Sargent |
| 06 | Thomas Mosher Sr | | Phyllis Parker |
| 07 | Florence Amadon | George Blanchard | Florence Kwinkelenberg |
| 08 | Shirley Livingston | Lester Spear | Gladys Evitts |
| 08 | Robert Tobin Sr | Ernest Tobin | Nelly Barnes |
| 14 | Anne Goad | Charles Bristol | Ruth Foster |
| 23 | Forrest Flanders | Clinton Flanders | Olive Willard |
| July | | | |
| 01 | I Riff | Wilmot Jones | Catherine Rollins |
| 04 | Juliet Dexter | Frank Scardaccione | Ida Costtelletti |
| 17 | Marie Kent | Henry Kent | Marie Gagnon |
| August | | | |
| 03 | Gerald Berry | Thomas Berry | Monique Daigle |
| September | | | |
| 01 | John Meeks | Louis Meeks | Lillie Roberts |
| 05 | Richard Mcnelly Sr | | Mareda Turner |
| 20 | Ronald Stinson | Leslie Stinson | Ravona Nurse |

**RESIDENT DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 2007**

| Date of Death | Name of Deceased | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| October | | | |
| 14 | Henryetta Kay | Harlen Connary | Harriet Stone |
| 16 | Grayce Smith | Carl Bennett | Beatrice Murphy |
| 20 | Linwood Gray Sr | Aubrey Gray | Geraldine Eastman |
| 30 | Thelma Graham | Herbert Rogers | Ethel Worden |
| November | | | |
| 01 | Robert MacKillop | Edward MacKillop | Marguerite Kennett |
| 03 | Robert Marcotte Jr | Robert Marcotte | Phylis Repa |
| 30 | Jean Foss | Cleo Marshall | Mildred Boucher |
| December | | | |
| 01 | Lillian Force | Harry Plate | Bertha Lind |
| 03 | Priscilla Mayberry | E Burton Curtis | Mae Aremburg |
| 05 | Dora Cairns | Herbert MacKenzie | Margaret Taylor |
| 13 | Fred Emerson | Everett Emerson | Frances Hall |
| 23 | Priscilla Moore | Ezra Robie | Len Melville |



**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

| <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Name of Child</u> | <u>Name of Father</u> | <u>Name of Mother</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| January 03 | Darius William | Floyd Bristol | Stephanie Smith |
| January 23 | Wyatt Charles | Roger May | Deborah Hoisington |
| February 03 | Sophie Martine | Eric Marceau | Mary Marceau |
| February 14 | Zoie Rhen | Dana Perkins | Rachel Perkins |
| February 15 | Emma Jo | Robert Simpson | Jessica Simpson |
| February 16 | Aliyah Jo | Matthew Chase | Crystal Chase |
| February 20 | Rachel Catherine | Robert Herrmann | Heather Herrmann |
| March 07 | Maxwell James | Jessie Caron | Michal Caron |
| March 26 | Jillian Ann-Marie | Michael Cummings | Stephanie Cummings |
| April 01 | Dylan Christopher | Christopher Ploss | Natalie Lyon |
| April 08 | Kandrah Lynne | Daniel Savage | Shayna Raymond |
| April 17 | Elizabeth Lynn | Louis Perry | Bobbi-Jo Perry |
| May 09 | Isabelle Gemma | Andrew Nadeau | Jeanne Nadeau |
| May 12 | Morgan Daly | Mathew Forest | Christine Forest |
| May 26 | Karson Scott | Justin Bilodeau | Shakira McLaughlin |
| June 23 | Olivia Ann | Ronald Manville | Lisa Manville |
| June 30 | Gannon Christopher | | Jennifer Smith |
| July 11 | Bailey Lucien | Roger Fontaine | Barbara Downing |
| Aug 22 | Ashley Alexis | Mark Gambrell | Lori Gambrell |
| Aug 24 | Tyler Steven | Todd Vermette | Heather Vermette |
| Aug 26 | David Joseph | David Avery | Miranda Phillips |
| Aug 29 | Daniel Jacob | Keith Hartlen | Samantha Hartlen |
| Sept 08 | Deakin Brody | Daniel Allen | Shanna Ingerson |
| Sept 15 | Natan Chemed | Nicholas Surla | Hephzibah Surla |
| Sept 20 | Dawson James | James Sumner | Desiree Kinkead |
| Sept 24 | Leeannah Marie | Chad Sirois | Kristin Clement |
| Oct 03 | Dakota Mikel | | Lisa Landon |
| Oct 16 | Brennan Wade | Gonzalez Alberto | Jacquelyn Warner |
| Oct 25 | Kiara Grace | Christopher Koxarakis | Tricia Bernard |
| Nov 09 | Dannika Alexis | Kenneth Fraser | Kathryn Gingue |
| Nov 10 | Jayden Edward | Jeffrey Miller | Caitlin Dimas |
| Nov 14 | Emree Lauryn | Randy Stewart | Katrina Stewart |
| Nov 21 | Kayden Kyle | | Alyssa Keddy |
| Nov 28 | Talon Travis | Travis McMann | Casey McMann |
| Nov 30 | Ethan Jeremy Douglas | Daniel Benoit | Erin Gilman |
| Dec 13 | Deagan Andrew | Derek Stover | Kristina Watts |

**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

| Date | Name & Residence of Groom | Surname & Residence of Bride | Place of Marriage |
|-------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Jan 06 | Joshua A Williams Lancaster, NH | Felicia D Surla Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Mar 17 | John J Locke Lancaster, NH | Chrystal R Emerson Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| May 01 | Christopher S Leavitt Lancaster, NH | Kimberly A Matthews Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| June 10 | Tyler H Rancourt Lancaster, NH | Amanda L Ballentine Dalton, NH | Lancaster |
| June 16 | David P Tardiff Lancaster, NH | Tara L Thornton Lancaster, NH | Littleton |
| June 23 | David B Landon Lancaster, NH | Amy M Patnoe Lancaster, NH | Northumberland |
| June 29 | Scott C Robinson Groveton, NH | Kasey M Potter Northumberland, NH | Milan |
| July 07 | Lloyd I Bradford Lancaster, NH | Melinda M Nolan Lancaster, NH | Shelburne |
| July 07 | Jason D Labore Lancaster, NH | Christine A Deamicis Lancaster, NH | Jefferson |
| July 08 | Denis J Skora Lancaster, NH | Drusilla G Ayers Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| July 28 | Richard N Cadieux Wentworth, NH | Camilla Jakus Lancaster, NH | Wentworth |
| Aug 04 | James S Jealous Lancaster, NH | Anna-Maria Smethurst Australia | Sugar Hill |
| Aug 04 | Richard F Way Lancaster, NH | Mary A Foster Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Aug 18 | John E Ford Lancaster, NH | Aaryn M Bennett Lancaster, NH | Bethlehem |
| Aug 18 | Adam M Bennett Lancaster, NH | Jessica J Kenyon Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |

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FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

| Date | Name & Residence of Groom | Surname & Residence of Bride | Place of Marriage |
|-------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Aug 25 | Kyle P Van Der Laan Lancaster, NH | Melissa A Grella Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Sept 01 | Jeremy E MacKillop Lancaster, NH | Kerry A Vashaw Lancaster, NH | Northumberland |
| Sept 01 | Brian G Fontaine Lancaster, NH | Autumn L Menzies Littleton, NH | Littleton |
| Sept 01 | Christopher D Willey Lancaster, NH | Susan C Spearin Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Sept 10 | Carl E Briggs Lancaster, NH | Gloria J Swift North Stratford, NH | Lancaster |
| Sept 15 | Justin A Bishop Lancaster, NH | Kristina M Brown Lancaster, NH | Northumberland |
| Sept 29 | Keven D James Lancaster, NH | Patricia A Perras Lancaster, NH | Jefferson |
| Oct 06 | Robert B Holmes Lancaster, NH | Diane E Santy St Johnsbury, VT | Laconia |
| Oct 06 | Carmine C Lawson Lancaster, NH | Debra M Johnson Lancaster, NH | Whitefield |
| Oct 14 | Michael J Allin Lancaster, NH | Samantha J Robinson Lancaster, NH | Northumberland |
| Oct 20 | David A Estes Lancaster, NH | Jessica A Wells Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Oct 27 | Anthony J Antonucci Lancaster, NH | Stephanie A Hicks Lancaster, NH | Whitefield |
| Oct 28 | Christopher M Corliss Lancaster, NH | Tanya L Corliss Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Oct 31 | Florien J Defosse Lancaster, NH | Niki L Jones Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |

**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

| Date | Name & Residence of Groom | Surname & Residence of Bride | Place of Marriage |
|-------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Nov 17 | Brian W Doyle Lancaster, NH | Alysia K Willey Lancaster, NH | Shelburne |
| Nov 17 | Douglas J Field Lancaster, NH | Danielle N Colpitts Lancaster, NH | Bethlehem |
| Nov 24 | Brian R King Lancaster, NH | Kathy L Kenison Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Dec 28 | Wyatt D Thompson Lancaster, NH | Cynthia L Griffith Lancaster, NH | Lancaster |
| Dec 31 | Paul L Spurlock Lancaster, NH | Holly L Balch Glenclyff, NH | Lancaster |





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December 27, 2007

*Executive Councilor
District One*

Report to the People of District One By

Ray Burton, Councilor District One

It is a pleasure to serve this large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities, and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive Council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive Council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15th, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired than new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators- House and Senate. Find them by going to www.nh.gov

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm.

I have available from my office informational items about the NH Executive Council, NH Constitution, NH Tourist Map, 2007 Consumer Handbook, and District Maps. IF you would like to receive my Monday morning report by e-mail please send an e-mail address to rburton@nh.gov.

It is an honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

Sincerely,

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,
Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,
Dixville, Drummer, Errol,
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,
Milan, Millfield, Northumberland,

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont,



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett,
Chatham, Conway, Easton,
Elfingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc,
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,
Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,
Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,
Bristol, Campton, Canaan,
Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,
Groton, Hanover, Haverhill,
Hebron, Holderness, Landaff,
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,
Lynne, Monroe, Orange, Orford,
Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney,
Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,
Waterville Valley, Wentworth,
Woodstock

BELKNAP COUNTY:

TOWN OF LANCASTER

25 Main Street

Lancaster, NH 03584

FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE 9-1-1

Fire Alarm Pull-Box Codes – The first digit of the code is sounded, a pause, then the second digit.

| | |
|-----|--|
| 12 | Main Street near Old Cemetery |
| 13 | Corner Main & Railroad Streets |
| 14 | Junction Route 2 & 3 (north) |
| 15 | Corner Main & Kilkenny Streets |
| 16 | Corner Causeway & Summer Streets |
| 17 | Coös Junction |
| 21 | Corner Main & Elm Streets |
| 22 | Corner Pleasant & Portland Streets |
| 23 | Corner Williams & Prospect Streets |
| 24 | Prospect Street near former Mary Elizabeth Inn |
| 25 | Corner Elm, Burnside & Winter Streets |
| 26 | Corner Elm & Water Streets |
| 27 | Corner Summer & Wolcott Streets |
| 28 | Portland Street near #73 |
| 31 | Mechanic Street Bridge |
| 32 | Corner Railroad & Depot Sts., B & M Crossing |
| 33 | Corner High & Summer Streets |
| 34 | Corner Summer & Middle Streets |
| 35 | Corner Middle & Stone Streets |
| 36 | Corner Middle, Hill & Mechanic Streets |
| 37 | North Road (Beyond Hospital) |
| 41 | Fire Museum, 30 Park Street |
| 42 | Corner Main & Middle Streets |
| 43 | Corner Main & Park Streets |
| 44 | WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL |
| 45 | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING |
| 46 | COUNTRY VILLAGE HEALTH CARE CENTER |
| 51 | Bunker Hill Street by M.C. Railroad Crossing |
| 52 | Top of Bunker Hill Street |
| 142 | HOLTON POINT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY |
| 55 | Red Cross – Civil Defense Emergency First Aid |
| 333 | NATIONAL GUARD |
| 7-7 | 6:45 AM ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED ENTIRE DAY |

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SIGNALS

Alert Signal - Steady Blast 3 Minutes

Take Cover Signal - Short Blast 3 Minutes

All Clear -30-Second Blast - 2 Minutes Silence, Repeat

