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ANNUAL REPORT

*Year Ending
December 31, 2008*

2008 DEDICATION



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

LEE EASTMAN

TOWN OF LANCASTER

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**TOWN MANAGER'S
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

PRESENTED TO

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FOR UNSELFISH DEVOTION
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TO THE
TOWN OF LANCASTER

2008



**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
DINNER
November 12, 2008**

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2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 1	Fiscal Year Begins
JANUARY 19	Public Budget Hearing for School District
JANUARY 21	First day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
JANUARY 30	Last day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
FEBRUARY 2	Annual School Meeting (Deliberative session S/B 2 – Snow date February 4)
MARCH 1	Deadline to file for an abatement from your property taxes following the date of notice of tax
MARCH 10	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



2008 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Expires 2009	Leo J. Enos
Expires 2010	Allan Carr
Expires 2011	David Stickney

TREASURER

Expires 2011	Ann M. Huddleston
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TOWN CLERK

Expires 2011	Jean Oleson
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MODERATOR

Expires 2010	Paul D. Desjardins
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Expires 2009	Joyce A. McGee
Expires 2010	Jeffrey A. Gilman
Expires 2011	James Seppala

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Expires 2010	Sandra E. Doolan
Expires 2012	Maryrose Corrigan
Expires 2014	Ellie Emery

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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 2011	Richard Bernier
Expires 2011	Barry Crawford
Expires 2011	Joseph Hoey
Expires 2011 (Selectboard Representative)	David Stickney

2008 TOWN OFFICERS
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Expires 2009	Jon Dugan-Henriksen
Expires 2010	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires 2011	Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Expires 2009	Ronald N. Bailey
Expires 2010	Royce Hutchinson
Expires 2011	Michael W. Nadeau

EMMONS SMITH FUND COMMITTEE

Expires 2009	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires 2010	John E. Brooks
Expires 2011	Irene Schmidt

COL. TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE

Expires 2009	Heather Bailey
Expires 2009	Christopher Foss
Expires 2009	Trisha Rivard
Expires 2010	Andrew Cliche
Expires 2010	Sue Chancey
Expires 2010	Jeannine LaBounty
Expires 2011	Joshua Smith
Expires 2011	Jackie Schanlaber
Expires 2011	Colleen Bosse

COL. TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Sarah Desrochers	Celeste Pitts
Jeffrey A. Gilman	Douglas Shearer
Betsy Hutchings	

2008 TOWN OFFICERS
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Appointed Boards/Committees

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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
Expires 2011	Alan Savage, Chairman
Expires 2011 (Alternate)	Tricia Frenette
	Shelly Fitch & Nona Cordwell

(Clerk)

PLANNING BOARD

Expires 2009	David Rexford
Expires 2009	Steve Young, Chairman
Expires 2009 (Alternate)	Aurore Hood
Expires 2010	Claude Reed
Expires 2010	Joseph Hoey
Expires 2010 (Alternate)	Justin Carter
Expires 2011	John Brooks
Expires 2011	Lester Hilton, Vice Chairman
Expires 2011 (Alternate)	Leon Rideout
Expires 2011 (Alternate)	Mark St. Pierre

(Selectman)
(Clerk)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Expires 2009	Paul Crane, Chairman
Expires 2010	Robert Elwell
Expires 2010	Melissa Grella, resigned
Expires 2010	Paul Theroux
Expires 2011	David Rexford
Expires 2011	John Accardi
Expires 2010	Allan Carr (Selectmen Rep)

RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION

Expires 2010	Robert Elwell
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COÖS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2009 Peter Powell

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2011 Steve Young

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2011 Steve Young

HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dennis Patnoe, Chairman	Jean Oleson
Paul "Skip" Hood	Bob Hunt
Al Pryor	Justin McMann
Steven Jones	Clarence Dingman

INSPECTORS OF THE ELECTION

REPUBLICAN

Expires 10/31/2010	Marjorie Jenness
Expires 10/31/2010	Karen Ryder

DEMOCRAT

Expires 10/31/2010	Kirsten Scobie
Expires 10/31/2010	Nancy Southworth
Expires 10/31/2010 (Alternate)	Norma Ahern
Expires 10/31/2010 (Alternate)	Fletcher Manley

2008 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
Tim Charbonneau, Patrol Officer	December 2004
Clarence Dingman, Mechanic	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
James Gainer, Highway	August 2008

SUMMARY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 2008

At 7:30 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 Leo Enos, David Stickney and Allan Carr. 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.

Town Manager Ed Samson welcomed all and acknowledged that the 2007 annual report is dedicated to Fred Emerson who passed away in December of 2007. He also acknowledged the recent passing of Lee Eastman on February 14th of this year. Mr. Samson said that both men dedicated a lot of their lives to the service of the Town of Lancaster. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these two individuals.

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 National Anthem. Mr. Leonard asked for a moment of silence for the men and women serving our country around the world.

Moderator Desjardins stated that the polls opened at 8:00 a.m. for voting on the official ballot items, Article 1 election of town officers, Article 2 use of fluoride in the water system, the school ballot and the school warrant articles. He said the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. for those purposes and the deliberative phase is now convening for consideration of warrant articles 3 – 28. 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, David Stickney	3 year term
Treasurer, Ann Huddleston	3 year term
Town Clerk, Jean Oleson	3 year term
Moderator, Paul Desjardins	2 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds, James Seppala	3 year term
Library Trustee, Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson	3 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist, Ellie Emery	6 year term
Cemetery Trustee, Michael Nadeau	3 year term
Emmons Smith Fund, Michael Nadeau	1 year term
Emmons Smith Fund, Irene Schmidt	3 year term
Budget Committee	
Richard Bernier	3 year term
Barry Crawford	3 year term
Joseph Hoey	3 year term
Col Town Spending Committee	
Jackie Schanlaber	3 year term
Colleen Bosse	3 year term
Josh Smith	3 year term
Col Town Investment Committee	
Celeste Pitts	

Article 2 Use of Fluoride in Water System

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)

Voted on by official ballot during polling hours. Article 2 carried – 212 yes, 145 no.

Article 3 Improvements to Colonel Town Swimming Pool and Filtration Bldg.

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 3 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. After discussion the polls opened and remained open for 1 hour for voting on Article 3. Article 3 carried by the 2/3rds ballot vote required – 144 yes and 37 no.

Article 4 Add to Capital Reserve Fund Accounts

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	<u>\$112,500.00</u>

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

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

Article 5 Purchase New/Used Ambulance

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

Article 6 Purchase New/Used Ambulance

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

Article 7 Discontinue Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

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 7 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 7 carried.

Article 8 Establish a Fire/EMS Capital Reserve Fund

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 8 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 8 carried.

Article 9 Improvements to Town's Accounting Practices

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

Article 10 New Plow Truck with Attachments

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

Article 11 Arthur White Bridge

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

Article 12 Statistical Update of Property Values

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

Article 13 Renovations to Town Hall

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

Article 14 Police Department Computers and Software

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

Article 15 Water and Sewer Camera

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

Article 16 Welcome Center

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

Article 17 American Red Cross

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

Article 18 Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-town Public Transit Route

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

Article 19 Senior Wheels Demand Response Program

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

Article 20 CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates

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

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

Article 22 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 22 was moved and seconded. No one was present to speak to the article. Article 22 carried.

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

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

Article 25 Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce

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

Article 26 Mt Prospect Ski Club

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 26 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 26 carried.

Article 27 Operating Budget

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 27 was moved and seconded. There was no discussion on the article. 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 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk



Photo by Melissa Grima

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

It's 2009. As I begin writing this report for the 2008 town report, another year has begun. Time really flies when you're having fun.

The water improvement project that began in 2007 was completed in 2008. Our new water tank and supply lines are on line and functioning great.

The bridge on Pleasant Valley Road that crosses Bunnell Brook was replaced. This bridge had been on the State of New Hampshire's list of bridges that required replacement for safety reasons.

There were many improvements to the Town Hall building. The bricks on the exterior of the building were cleaned and the mortar between the bricks was repaired and painting of the exterior trim. The windows on the third floor restored. The electrical work that began in 2007 was completed.

Bridges across Indian Brook were replaced on Depot Street and also on the discontinued rail line adjacent Depot Street.

I wish to thank all of the people that assist me in performing my duties as Town Manager. Without the assistance from so many I could not be successful.



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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I want to thank the Department Heads, Budget Committee, Town Manager, and fellow Selectmen for all their work on the 2009 budget. During these trying economic times the Town employees were forced to for go a raise. This is in no way a reflection of their performance. I encourage the townspeople to thank the Town employees for their efforts on many jobs well done.

The Town continued to do upgrades to its bridges, buildings and infrastructure; applying for and using grant monies whenever possible, thus reducing the Town's financial portion of the projects.

Leo J. Enos, Sr
Chairman



SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Well, we made it! We were first in the Nation with our Primary in January after all, hopefully that will be the end of that crisis but you never know.

There were enough Elections this year to keep everyone very busy, starting in January and then Town Meeting in March another Primary in September and the General Election in November – we hope that you were able to vote in at least one.

We are still working on updating all of the Checklist names, many do not have all of the information that is required, and we are sending out letters to keep our information up to date. We hope that if you do get a letter that you will fill it out and return it to us so that your information will be accurate in our files.

We hold several sessions during the year for you to come in and register to vote. If these sessions are not convenient for you, you may also come into the Town Clerk's office during the day and register there, and you may also register the day of voting. When you do come to register it is important that you bring some form of identification with you. A driver's license, social security card, birth certificate, passport, utility bill, or rent receipt. We need to know that you are a resident of Lancaster. We may already know who you are but it is the law that we see these things upon registration.

We are still having the problem of people not wanting to give their names to the ballot clerks when they come in to vote. Granted we know many of you but there are new people who have moved into the area and this way we are also able to check to make sure that we have the correct addresses for everyone. 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 will always be available to answer any questions that you may have and if we do not know the answer we will make sure that we get one for you. All of your questions are important. Remember “Your Vote Does Count.” And we hope that you exercise that right often.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Sandra E. Doolan
Maryrose Corrigan
Ellie Emery



Photo by Edith Tucker

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Registration of Motor Vehicles	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Collected	\$585,606.50	532,566.50	\$508,797.83
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	11,454.50	11,056.00	10,849.50
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	<u>12,073.00</u>	<u>11,661.50</u>	<u>11,715.00</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$609,134.00</u>	<u>\$555,284.00</u>	<u>\$531,362.33</u>
 Dog Licenses	 <u>\$5,404.50</u>	 <u>\$4,708.50</u>	 <u>\$5,099.00</u>
 Town Record Fees			
Automobile Title Applications	1,812.00	1,756.50	1,728.00
Recreation Vehicle Registrations	901.00	1,331.00	591.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	34.00	50.00	24.00
Renewal Fees	3,012.00	3,469.00	3,467.50
Boat Registrations	1,766.50	1,115.88	1,311.44
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	313.50	231.00	259.50
Certified Copies of Vital Records	12,944.00	13,852.00	11,400.00
UCC'S	2,545.00	1,615.00	2,040.00
Marriage Intentions	1,125.00	2,070.00	1,485.00
Recording Fees and Tax Liens	140.00	75.00	80.00
Licenses and Fees	<u>694.51</u>	<u>782.76</u>	<u>539.50</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$25,287.60</u>	<u>\$26,348.14</u>	<u>\$22,925.94</u>
 Total Remitted to Treasurer	 <u>\$639,826.10</u>	 <u>\$586,340.64</u>	 <u>\$559,387.27</u>
 Number of motor vehicle permits issued	 <u>4,830</u>	 <u>4,589</u>	 <u>4,727</u>
Number of boat registration issued	<u>209</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>175</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk

2008 was a busy year with four elections; Presidential Primary on January 8th, Annual Town Election on March 11th, the State Primary on September 9th and the General Election (Presidential) on November 4th. The Presidential Primary was 19 days earlier than in 2004 and there were 150 more voters with 78 more absentee voters. The "big election" (11/4) brought out 1487 voters (146 registered to vote that day compared to 196 in Nov of 2004) and 215 absentee voters for a total ballots cast of 1702. It was without a doubt a very busy day for the ballot clerks. Surprisingly, however, there were 26 fewer ballots cast than in 2004. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the elections.

Those of you who registered a vehicle after mid August must have noticed that the registration permits are different. The State of NH changed the registration format to include among other things a bar code. The State also provided a new (quite large) LEXMARK printer to process the forms.

Another change – the State of NH no longer issues wallet size birth certificates. This has been disappointing to many people, as wallet size is much easier to carry around.

With the Vital Records Improvement Fund Grant monies I was able to have a fire alarm installed in my vault. There are many valuable documents stored there. I am still working on rearranging my vital records from ring binders to archival boxes.

Don't forget to register your dog by April 30th to avoid a penalty.

FYI – effective January 1, 2009, vehicles 1994 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>



Mrs. Fogg named New Hampshire Teacher of the Year.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen

Lancaster, New Hampshire:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire'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 the 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, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where applicable, thereof 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 July 29, 2008, on our consideration of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that 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 important for assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 8 and 43 through 46, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robbin S. Grill, CPA, PC". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Concord, New Hampshire

July 29, 2008

ASSESSING REPORT

The Town of Lancaster performed a Statistical Update of its property assessments in 2008. Municipalities are required by state law to update assessments at five year intervals and bring the overall level of assessment to market value. This was achieved by reviewing sales over the past few years and then making adjustments to the assessing system in order to bring all properties to market value as of April 1, 2008.

Despite the faltering real estate market nationwide, Lancaster's sale prices held strong as of the April 1 assessment date. The volume of sales declined significantly through the summer and fall and there were a number of foreclosures. It appears that the real estate market is in a decline, or at least a correction from some for the sale prices seen over the past few years. The town continues to monitor the market and is prepared to adjust assessments if it becomes necessary. Our main goal is equity for all Lancaster property owners. As long as there is consistency and equity between individual properties and different classes of property, the market can continue to rise and fall as it has always done.

Starting this year the town will be instituting a cyclical reinspection of all properties in town. A certain percentage of properties will be reviewed each year over a five year period, with another assessment update scheduled for the fifth year. This is the recommended procedure by the state and is a system that has been used in many towns to maintain data accuracy within the assessing database and to spread out the cost of a town-wide revaluation over time. This reinspection program will include measuring and listing each property which includes an interior inspection, if possible. The town's contracted appraisers carry identification and their vehicles are on file with the town office and the police department.

Please call the town office if you have any questions about the statistical update, the cyclical reinspection program, or assessing questions in general. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to maintain property tax equity for all taxpayers.



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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2008 was one wild year! The statistical update kept everything a buzz here for several months. That has all seemed to slow down with the new year.

Once again, I want to mention 2008 brought the end of the Inventory of Taxable Property forms. Our building permit process pick up the sizeable changes to properties and with the new revaluation process (mentioned in more detail in the assessing report) homes will be reviewed on a regular basis.

To continue serving the town to the best of my ability I participated in the spring workshops for tax collectors and town clerks and also the fall tax collectors' convention. 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.

As County Coordinator for Coos it is my pleasure, once a year, to organize a meeting of the tax collectors in our County. This year the meeting took place at the Lancaster Town Hall. The topic of discussion was Bankruptcy. We discussed how bankruptcy paperwork should be completed and handled in our office. The guess speaker was Cheryl Bolouk, the tax collector for the Town of Salem and the NH Tax Collector Association Education Chair. The meeting was very informative and many questions were answered.

I am happy to announce that I have completed by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Certification Program in 2008. 2008 was my final year in the certification program. The final year focuses on town clerk technical issues, such as motor vehicles, dog licensing, vital records, and elections. The certification program has been a wonderful experience.

Please remember if at any time you have questions or concerns regarding your property taxes, water and/or sewer we are here to help, give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity Blanchette
Tax Collector

Melinda "Min" Kennett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Town of Northumberland & Myself are
now graduates of the Town Clerk
portion of our certification class.



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

- February Delinquent Notices 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 16th
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 21st
Lien will be executed on the 21st 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 2007 tax liens (2006 tax levy)
- June Issue 1st Issue Property Tax bill
Execute tax collectors deeds on any outstanding 2007 tax liens (2006 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



"My other hat for the Town of Lancaster, EMS Captain on the Fire Dept"

Receiving 15 years of service award

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

Through December 31, 2008
For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>Levy for 2008</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
<u>Uncollected taxes - beginning of year:</u>		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006 & Prior</u>
Property Taxes:		\$588,881.65	\$3,664.04
Interest:			\$2.00
Land Use Change:		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes:		\$3,534.88	\$561.64
Gravel Taxes:		\$0.00	\$0.00
Prepaid 2007	-\$1.67		
<u>Taxes Committed:</u>			
Property Taxes - 1st issue:	\$2,638,055.70		
Property Taxes - 2nd issue:	\$2,882,955.62		
Land Use Change:	\$14,500.00	\$19,250.00	
Yield Taxes:	\$82.62	\$50,901.50	
Gravel Taxes:		\$443.08	
<u>Refunds</u>			
Property Taxes	\$28,952.47	\$1,615.32	
Land Use Change:			
Yield Taxes:			
Yield Interest:		\$77.12	
<u>Interest:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$4,084.14	\$28,379.95	
Land Use Change:		\$495.35	
Yield Taxes:		\$233.16	\$75.06
Bad Check Charge	\$25.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$5,568,653.88</u>	<u>\$694,812.01</u>	<u>\$4,302.74</u>

(Report continued on next page...)

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

Through December 31, 2008
For the Municipality of Lancaster

CREDITS	<u>Levy for 2008</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006 & Prior</u>
<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$4,924,190.44	\$589,992.10	
Interest:	\$4,084.14	\$28,379.95	
Land Use Change Tax:	\$10,000.00	\$20,250.00	
Interest:		\$495.35	
Yield Taxes:	\$82.62	\$54,156.75	\$561.64
Interest:		\$233.16	\$75.06
Gravel Tax:		\$443.08	
Interest:			
Prepaid:	\$25,795.90		
<u>Abatements Made:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$17,720.00	\$504.87	\$3,655.75
Yield Tax Interest:		\$77.12	\$2.00
<u>Liens Deeded to Municipality:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$34.76		
Interest:			
<u>Uncollected Taxes -</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$582,557.41		\$8.29
Land Use Change:	\$4,500.00		
Gravel Taxes:			
Yield Taxes:		\$279.63	
Bad Check Charge	\$25.00		
Property Tax Credit Balance	-\$336.39		
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$5,568,653.88</u>	<u>\$694,812.01</u>	<u>\$4,302.74</u>

Respectfully Submitted by:

Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

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

Through December 31, 2008
For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>Current Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006 & Prior</u>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year:		\$97,420.09	\$86,589.76
Uncollected Interest & Penalties		\$1,768.22	\$2,224.87
Liens Executed During			
Fiscal Year:	\$213,667.48		
Adjustment			
Second Lien Commitment			
Refunds			
Interest & Penalties	\$7,795.31	\$7,867.47	\$15,792.49
TOTAL DEBITS	\$221,462.79	\$107,055.78	\$104,607.12

CREDITS	<u>Current Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006 & Prior</u>
Redemptions:	\$104,233.25	\$37,526.00	\$29,507.80
Interest & Penalties	\$5,677.07	\$8,632.35	\$15,441.35
Abatements:		\$201.97	\$1,802.50
Penalties:		\$18.66	\$37.14
Liens Deeded to Municipality:	\$84.87	\$88.90	\$173.58
Interest			
Penalties			
Unredeemed Liens:	\$109,349.36	\$59,603.22	\$55,105.88
Unpaid Interest & Penalties:	\$2,118.24	\$984.68	\$2,538.87
TOTAL CREDITS	\$221,462.79	\$107,055.78	\$104,607.12

Respectfully submitted by:

Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTS

Through December 31, 2008
For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Uncollected as of 12/31/07	\$48,387.86	\$45,312.64
Jobs	\$152.36	\$200.00
Commercial Charge	\$500.00	\$593.00
Septage Disposal		\$80.00
1st Half Commitment	\$166,969.35	\$162,229.60
Comm Unit Chrg incl Rents	\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00
Jobs	\$403.93	\$475.00
Supplemental Commitment	\$3,089.94	
2nd Half Commitment	\$172,352.40	\$164,350.88
Comm Unit Chrg incl Rents	\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00
Jobs	\$331.18	\$150.00
Supplemental Commitment		
Interest	\$3,962.85	\$3,728.05
Refunds	\$1,538.13	\$810.00
Interest Refund		\$23.70
Jobs	\$575.00	\$150.00
Septage Disposal Jobs		\$6,000.00
Prepaid 2007	-\$52.67	-\$31.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u><u>\$402,460.33</u></u>	<u><u>\$388,321.87</u></u>
 CREDITS		
Remittance to Treasurer	\$346,283.53	\$320,433.01
Jobs	\$1,241.29	\$450.00
Septage Disposal Jobs		\$6,080.00
Interest Collected	\$3,962.85	\$3,728.05
Abatements	\$609.60	\$1,033.00
Abatement on Jobs	\$71.18	
Abatement on Interest		\$23.70
Uncollected Principle	\$49,353.78	\$55,221.71
Uncollected Jobs	\$150.00	\$525.00
Uncollected Commercial Charge	\$875.00	\$875.00
Uncollected Septage Disposal		\$0.00
Credit Balance	-\$86.90	-\$47.60
Interest Credit Balance		
TOTAL CREDITS	<u><u>\$402,460.33</u></u>	<u><u>\$388,321.87</u></u>

Respectfully submitted by:

Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

**TAX YEAR 2008
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION**

Value of Land Only		
Current Use	\$2,850,460.00	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$210.00	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	\$13,130.00	
Residential	\$56,182,600.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$17,312,390.00</u>	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND		\$76,358,790.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$10,647,980.00	
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential	\$143,091,390.00	
Manufactured Housing	\$3,156,260.00	
Commercial/Industrial	\$45,847,540.00	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	<u>\$9,490.00</u>	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		\$192,104,680.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$50,620,790.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES		<u>\$17,529,370.00</u>
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		\$285,992,840.00
Blind Exemption (2)	\$30,000.00	
Elderly Exemption (24)	\$592,620.00	
Solar/Windpower (2)	<u>\$6,290.00</u>	
LESS AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS		<u>(\$628,910.00)</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		\$285,363,930.00
LESS PUBLIC UTILITIES		<u>(\$17,529,370.00)</u>
NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		<u><u>\$267,834,560.00</u></u>

**UTILITY ASSESSED VALUE -
SUMMARY**

Public Service of NH	\$6,802,150.00
Southworth Timber Frames	43,020.00
Portland Pipeline Corp.	\$10,684,200.00
Total Utilities	\$17,529,370.00

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

	Actual Exemption Amount
Elderly Exemptions -2008	
9 at maximum \$20,000	\$175,740.00
9 at maximum \$25,000	\$206,880.00
7 at maximum \$30,000	\$210,000.00
Total Elderly Exemptions	\$592,620.00
Veteran's Exemptions -2008	
7 at \$1,400	\$9,800.00
179 at \$100	\$17,900.00
Total Veteran's Exemptions	\$27,700.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

**Total # Acres Receiving Current Use
Assessment:**

Discretionary Easement	1.0
Conservation Restriction	1.25
Farmland	4,015.52
Forest Land	11,036.39
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	8,296.81
Unproductive	404.41
Wet Land	358.12
TOTAL ACRES	24,111.25
TOTAL # OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	601

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:

Leo J Enos
David Stickney

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: DB Date: 11/24/2008

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 \$276,413.00 **Requested Amount** \$100,000

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% \$494,292 **8%** \$790,868 **10%** \$988,584 **17%** \$1,680,594

Your **budgetary unreserved fund balance** from the MS-5 is: \$1,273,395 MS-5

The amount **voted** from "surplus" is: \$222,000 w/a 5,6,9,14

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: \$1,051,395

Signature of town/city official: *Charity Blanchette*

Title of town/city official: Town of Lancaster, Tax Collector

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2008 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: LANCASTER

Barbara J. Roberts
 11/24/08

Gross Appropriations	6,061,662
Less: Revenues	4,416,260
Less: Shared Revenues	32,853
Add: Overlay	101,348
War Service Credits	27,700

Net Town Appropriation	1,711,597
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,711,597
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TOWN RATE
5.99

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	6,079,843
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(3,370,560)

State Education Taxes	(578,338)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,130,945

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
7.47

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no Utilities) x	\$2.14
770,251,295	578,338
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no Utilities)	
267,834,560	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.16

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	1,114,900
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,192)

Approved County Tax Effort	1,108,708
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COUNTY RATE
3.89

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,529,588
Less: War Service Credits	(27,700)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	5,501,888

TOTAL RATE
19.51

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	(no Utilities)	767,834,560	2.16	578,338
All Other Taxes		285,363,930	17.35	4,951,250
				5,529,588

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TOWN OF LANCASTER TAX RATES



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
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
2008	\$19.51	\$5.99	\$3.89	\$7.47	\$2.16

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 (SOLD)	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 Mobil Street Sweeper
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
2002 Homemade Utility Trailer
2003 John Deere 310SG Loader/Backhoe
2003 Power Eagle Pressure Washer
2003 White Lawn Mower
2005 International 7400 Dump Truck
2005 Exmark Mower
2005 Holder Sidewalk Plow
2009 Sterling L8500 Dump Truck
- 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
1989 Spartan E-One Pumper
1994 Pace American 14' command trailer
1994 Artic Cat Pantera snowmobile
1998 Freightliner Rescue Van
2001 Ford E350 Mini-Modular Ambulance
2001 Ford E450 Ambulance
2002 Cairns Viper Infrared Camera
2002 Polaris 6x6
2003 Newman Pumper
2005 Ford E450 Ambulance

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, 2008

ACCOUNT BALANCE 01.01.2008

General Fund	\$880,538.71
MBIA General Fund	57,431.58
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	22,573.83
Municipal Cemeteries	48,009.91
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	653.88
Payroll Account	408.04
Water System Account	665,112.49

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE 01.01.2008 **\$1,674,728.44**

RECEIPTS 2008

General Fund	\$13,258,433.13
MBIA General Fund	1,758,200.14
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	18,993.12
Municipal Cemeteries	38,732.74
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	1,004.91
Payroll Account	1,657,215.77
Water System Account	694,888.88

TOTAL RECEIPTS 2008 **\$17,427,468.69**

EXPENDITURES 2008

General Fund	\$13,014,572.20
MBIA General Fund	1,815,000.00
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	6,735.66
Municipal Cemeteries	24,186.51
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	0.00
Payroll Account	1,656,003.11
Water System Account	1,215,490.37

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2008 **(\$17,731,987.85)**

ACCOUNT BALANCE 12.31.2008

\$1,370,209.28

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann M. Huddleston, Treasurer

TOWN OF LANCASTER
FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

SUMMARY OF REVENUES:

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
Taxes	\$161,000.00	\$5,882,770.33		\$30,567.79	(\$5,752,338.12)
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$559,526.00	\$451,931.48		\$153,418.78	(\$45,824.26)
Special Grants for Projects	\$377,213.00	\$418,745.02		\$71,231.00	(\$112,763.02)
Income From Departments	\$2,687,862.00	\$4,246,832.04		\$55,134.13	(\$1,614,104.17)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$432,759.87	\$431,674.31		\$34,619.43	(\$33,533.87)
Fund Balance	\$222,000.00	\$219,361.00		\$2,639.00	(\$0.00)
Total Revenues	\$4,440,360.87	\$11,651,314.18		\$347,610.13	(\$7,558,563.44)

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:

General Government	\$1,455,354.00	\$1,619,525.72	\$3,735.00	\$69,132.67	(\$237,039.39)
Public Safety	\$1,051,156.00	\$1,012,224.75	\$0.00	\$38,931.25	(\$0.00)
Highways & Streets	\$747,040.00	\$650,126.61	\$0.00	\$98,477.24	(\$1,563.85)
Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts.	\$1,085,379.00	\$1,041,554.78	\$0.00	\$43,824.22	(\$0.00)
Health Administration	\$25,367.00	\$20,178.01	\$0.00	\$5,188.99	(\$0.00)
Welfare	\$62,020.00	\$60,351.70	\$0.00	\$1,668.30	(\$0.00)
Culture & Recreation	\$859,921.00	\$839,469.04	\$0.00	\$24,651.96	(\$4,200.00)
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$445.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$445.34)
Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$595,433.80	\$536,949.51	\$38,142.73	\$45,955.51	(\$25,613.95)
Capital Reserve Funds	\$231,860.87	\$231,860.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)
Interfund Operating Transfers Out	\$0.00	\$213,667.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$213,667.48)
Payments To Other Governments	\$0.00	\$3,897,993.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,897,993.00)
Total Expenditures	\$6,113,531.67	\$10,124,346.81	\$41,877.73	\$327,830.14	(\$4,380,523.01)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES:

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
From Local Taxes:					
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$5,711,245.49			(\$5,711,245.49)
Property Taxes--Refunds	\$0.00	(\$30,567.79)		\$30,567.79	
Payment in lieu of taxes	\$26,600.00	\$53,632.23			(\$27,032.23)
Land Use Change Taxes	\$27,000.00	\$30,250.00			(\$3,250.00)
Yield Taxes	\$52,000.00	\$54,801.01			(\$2,801.01)
Miscellaneous Taxes	\$400.00	\$468.08			(\$68.08)
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$55,000.00	\$62,941.31			(\$7,941.31)
Total Taxes	\$161,000.00	\$5,882,770.33		\$30,567.79	(\$5,752,338.12)
Intergovernmental Revenues:					
Shared Revenue Block Grants	\$43,625.00	\$79,374.00			(\$35,749.00)
Highway Block Grants	\$89,757.00	\$89,448.42		\$308.58	
State & Federal Forest Lands	\$2,237.00	\$3,595.00			(\$1,358.00)
Railroad Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$143,971.00	\$152,688.26			(\$8,717.26)
NH DOT Bridge Fund	\$279,936.00	\$126,825.80		\$153,110.20	

Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$559,526.00	\$451,931.48	\$153,418.78	(\$45,824.26)
Special Grants for Projects:				
LCHIP	\$130,000.00	\$104,000.00	\$26,000.00	
Lancaster Play & Learn Center	\$212,210.00	\$170,334.00	\$41,876.00	
Town Hall Rejuvenation Project	\$0.00	\$44,198.00		(\$44,198.00)
Depot Street Culvert	\$0.00	\$20,126.50		(\$20,126.50)
Lancaster Fair Association	\$400.00	\$400.00		
Fire Dept--Equipment	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00		
Fire Dept--Extraction Equipment	\$3,209.00	\$3,209.50		(\$.50)
Fire Dept--Emergency Shelters Supplies	\$0.00	\$3,750.00		(\$3,750.00)
Fire Dept--Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$2,500.00		(\$2,500.00)
Police Dept--Bullet Proof Vests	\$530.00	\$530.00		
Police Dept--Portland Pipeline Security	\$0.00	\$21,129.47		(\$21,129.47)
Police Dept--Highway Safety Com	\$3,355.00	\$0.00	\$3,355.00	
Police Dept--Forfeiture Monies	\$0.00	\$10,513.24		(\$10,513.24)
White Mt/NH PAL	\$16,259.00	\$26,804.31		(\$10,545.31)
Total Special Grants	\$377,213.00	\$418,745.02	\$71,231.00	(\$112,763.02)
Income From Departments:				
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	\$533,441.00	\$508,800.33	\$24,640.67	
Town Clerk Fees	\$42,619.00	\$30,040.94	\$12,578.06	
Town Office Revenues	\$4,150.00	\$6,003.42		(\$1,853.42)
Lancaster Conservation Commission	\$9,220.00	\$2,925.00	\$6,295.00	
Planning & Zoning	\$3,450.00	\$4,548.83		(\$1,098.83)
Police Department	\$36,900.00	\$42,531.85		(\$5,631.85)
Police Department - Lancaster Fair	\$30,000.00	\$26,944.44	\$3,055.56	
Ambulance/Fire Department	\$430,000.00	\$561,321.15		(\$131,321.15)
Health Department	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Highways & Streets	\$2,500.00	\$2,779.53		(\$279.53)
Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station	\$90,000.00	\$98,030.50		(\$8,030.50)
Pay-As-You-Throw Bags	\$80,575.00	\$74,025.00	\$6,550.00	
Water Department	\$489,574.00	\$1,883,265.04		(\$1,393,691.04)
Sanitation Department	\$290,750.00	\$353,839.85		(\$63,089.85)
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$37,100.00	\$39,637.65		(\$2,537.65)
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$14,758.00	\$12,743.16	\$2,014.84	
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$581,925.00	\$581,925.00		
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees Fund	\$10,900.00	\$17,470.35		(\$6,570.35)
Total Income From Departments	\$2,687,862.00	\$4,246,832.04	\$55,134.13	(\$1,614,104.17)
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Insurance	\$79,822.00	\$111,840.87		(\$32,018.87)
Interest	\$15,000.00	\$11,549.27	\$3,450.73	
Notes & Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Sale of Town Equipment	\$5,800.00	\$7,315.00		(\$1,515.00)
Sale of Town Property	\$9,149.00	\$9,149.00		
Sale of Town Timber	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Capital Reserve Funds	\$322,988.87	\$291,820.17	\$31,168.70	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$432,759.87	\$431,674.31	\$34,619.43	\$33,533.87
Fund Balance	\$222,000.00	\$219,361.00	\$2,639.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,440,360.87	\$11,651,314.18	\$347,610.13	(\$7,558,563.44)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES:

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
General Government:					
Executive	\$74,200.00	\$73,603.04		\$596.96	
Election, Registration & Vital	\$46,210.00	\$45,322.76		\$887.24	
Financial Administration	\$238,316.00	\$239,468.16			(\$1,152.16)
Legal Expenses	\$20,000.00	\$24,733.75			(\$4,733.75)
Personnel Administration	\$493,893.00	\$503,926.14			(\$10,033.14)
Fire Dept Grants—Emergency Shelters	\$0.00	\$2,751.00			(\$2,751.00)
Fire Dept Grants—Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$2,070.07			(\$2,070.07)
Fire Dept Grants—Forestry Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,301.77			(\$1,301.77)
Police Dept Grants—Portland Pipeline Sc	\$0.00	\$25,041.01			(\$25,041.01)
SG\Lancaster Fair Association	\$0.00	\$400.00			(\$400.00)
SG\Police—Highway Safety Grant	\$6,711.00	\$6,419.00		\$292.00	
SG\Depot Street Culvert	\$0.00	\$114,921.74			(\$114,921.74)
SG\White Mt. PAL	\$0.00	\$20,838.16			(\$20,838.16)
SG\Mt. Prospect Road	\$0.00	\$21,849.60			(\$21,849.60)
SG\Housing/Conservation Grant	\$19,000.00	\$0.00		\$19,000.00	
SG\LCHIP	\$130,000.00	\$127,003.00		\$2,997.00	
SG\Lancaster Play & Learn Center	\$212,210.00	\$168,084.00		\$44,126.00	
Planning & Zoning	\$11,855.00	\$11,003.81		\$851.19	
General Government Buildings	\$51,400.00	\$47,343.64	\$3,735.00	\$321.36	
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$41,100.00	\$41,039.08		\$60.92	
Insurance & Bonds	\$93,780.00	\$125,727.06			(\$31,947.06)
Advertising & Regional Association	\$16,679.00	\$16,679.00			
Total General Government	\$1,455,354.00	\$1,619,525.79	\$3,735.00	\$69,132.67	(\$237,039.46)
Public Safety:					
Police Department	\$465,050.00	\$432,963.95		\$32,086.05	
Police Department—Lancaster Fair	\$30,000.00	\$26,944.44		\$3,055.56	
EMS/Fire Department	\$555,156.00	\$552,220.55		\$2,935.45	
Safety Committee	\$950.00	\$95.81		\$854.19	
Total Public Safety	\$1,051,156.00	\$1,012,224.75		\$38,931.25	
Highways And Streets:					
Highways & Streets	\$715,040.00	\$616,562.76		\$98,477.24	
Street Lighting	\$32,000.00	\$33,563.85			(\$1,563.85)
Parking Meters	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Highways And Streets	\$747,040.00	\$650,126.61		\$98,477.24	(\$1,563.85)
Solid Waste, Water And Sanitation Departments:					
Solid Waste Collection	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00			
Solid Waste--MSW	\$80,575.00	\$77,503.94		\$3,071.06	
Solid Waste--CD	\$191,980.00	\$167,068.67		\$24,911.33	
Water Department	\$489,574.00	\$480,916.20		\$8,657.80	
Sanitation Department	\$290,750.00	\$283,565.97		\$7,184.03	
Total Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts.	\$1,085,379.00	\$1,041,554.78		\$43,824.22	
Health Administration:					

Health Officer & Expenses	\$1,495.00	\$838.76		\$656.24
Animal Control	\$600.00	\$434.00		\$166.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$23,272.00	\$18,905.25		\$4,366.75
Total Health Administration	\$25,367.00	\$20,178.01		\$5,188.99

Welfare:

Town Welfare	\$50,000.00	\$48,331.70		\$1,668.30
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$500.00	\$500.00		
Caleb Group	\$3,520.00	\$3,520.00		
Tri-Town Public Transit Route	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00		
Senior Wheels Demand Response	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00		
North country Meals Program	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00		
Total Welfare	\$62,020.00	\$60,351.70		\$1,668.30

Culture And Recreation:

Motor Vehicle Waste Fees/5cent Cans	\$10,900.00	\$5,212.89		\$5,687.11
Lancaster Conservation Commission	\$9,220.00	\$1,542.87		\$7,677.13
Skating Rink	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00
Col Town—Water	\$0.00	\$2,400.00		(\$2,400.00)
Col Town—Sewer	\$0.00	\$1,800.00		(\$1,800.00)
Col. Town – Operating Expenses	\$20,500.00	\$12,800.00		\$7,700.00
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$581,925.00	\$581,925.00		
Mt. Prospect Ski Club	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
Park Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$4,118.43		\$881.57
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00
Town Events	\$2,000.00	\$1,525.00		\$475.00
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	\$2,460.00	\$2,460.00		
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$220,916.00	\$220,684.85		\$231.15
Total Culture And Recreation	\$859,921.00	\$839,469.04		\$24,651.96
				(\$4,200.00)

Debt Service:

Long Term Notes & Bonds— Principal & Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Interest--Tax Anticipation Note	\$0.00	\$431.50		(\$431.50)
Interest--Abatement	\$0.00	\$13.84		(\$13.84)
Total Debt Service	\$0.00	\$445.34		(\$445.34)

Capital Outlays & Special Projects:

Police Dept—Computers/Softwares	\$40,000.00	\$37,361.00		\$2,639.00
Revaluation	\$20,000.00	\$12,500.00		\$7,500.00
Town Hall Rehabilitation	\$10,644.00	\$1,750.00	\$8,250.00	\$644.00
Town Office—Softwares/Training	\$20,000.00	\$23,773.95		(\$3,773.95)
Highways/Streets—Truck with plow	\$103,000.00	\$102,475.30		\$524.70
Town Hall—Electrical	\$0.00	\$21,840.00		(\$21,840.00)
Arthur White Bridge Construction	\$349,920.00	\$297,172.12	\$29,892.73	\$22,855.15
Lancaster Play & Learn Center	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Buildings	\$51,869.80	\$40,077.14		\$11,792.66
Total Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$595,433.80	\$536,949.51	\$38,142.73	\$45,955.51
				(\$25,613.95)

Capital Reserve Funds:

CRF--Highway Department	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
CRF--EMS/Fire Department	\$119,360.87	\$119,360.87
CRF--Town Re-Evaluation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
CRF--Town Hall Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
CRF--Bridges	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
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--Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Total Capital Reserve Funds	<u>\$231,860.87</u>	<u>\$231,860.87</u>
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Interfund Transfers**Out:**

Tax Lien Accounts	\$0.00	\$213,667.48			(\$213,667.48)
Tax Anticipation Note	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Interfund Transfers Out	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$213,667.48</u>			<u>(\$213,667.48)</u>

Subtotals	\$6,113,531.67	\$6,226,353.88	\$41,877.73	\$327,830.14	(\$482,530.01)
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Payments To Other Governments:

Coos County	\$0.00	\$1,114,900.00			(\$1,114,900.00)
White Mountains Regional School District	\$0.00	\$2,783,093.00			(\$2,783,093.00)
Total Payments To Other Governments	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,897,993.00</u>			<u>(\$3,897,993.00)</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$6,113,531.67</u>	<u>\$10,124,346.88</u>	<u>\$41,877.73</u>	<u>\$327,830.14</u>	<u>(\$4,380,523.01)</u>
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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER ON DECEMBER 31, 2008

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested NHPDIP	Principal Beginning Balance	New Funds Created
1914	Lyman Blandin Fund	Benefit of Needy	Plus Chk	\$ 82,333.96	
1880	Cemetery Fund	Beautify Cemetery	NHPDIP	\$ 255,095.73	\$ 412.50
1926	Helen W C Denison Fund	Care of Cross Park	NHPDIP	\$ 8,270.06	
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	\$ 75,591.28	
1918	Geo. M. Stevens Fund	Beautify Cemetery	NHPDIP	\$ 192,210.07	
1910	Library Trust	Benefit Weeks Library	NHPDIP	\$ 24,140.60	
2008	Noyes Lecture Fund	Education	NHPDIP		\$ 244,429.78
		Total Common Funds		\$ 653,579.86	\$ 244,842.28
1935	Monahan Trust	Benefit of Public Nursing	NHPDIP	\$ 1,105.20	
		Sub-total		\$ 1,105.20	\$ -
2008	C/R - Fire/EMS Fund	Purchase of Fire/EMS Equip	NHPDIP	\$ 102,959.04	
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	\$ 178,615.17	\$ 40,000.00
1987	C/R - Landfill Closeout	To Close Landfill	NHPDIP	\$ 205,476.61	
1987	C/R - Industrial Dev	Business & Industry Dev	NHPDIP	\$ 71,584.66	
1993	C/R - Town Hall	Town Hall Improvement	NHPDIP	\$ 83,100.00	\$ 10,000.00
2001	C/R - PAYT Program	P-A-Y-T Program	NHPDIP	\$ 6,000.00	
2001	C/R - Weeks Library		NHPDIP	\$ 32,004.55	\$ 7,500.00
2001	C/R - Col. Town Spend		NHPDIP	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
1998	C/R - Bridge Repair		NHPDIP	\$ 91,049.87	\$ 25,000.00
1999	C/R - Town Reval	Future Revaluation	NHPDIP	\$ 43,059.61	\$ 10,000.00
2002	C/R - Police Dept.	Future Costs of Equip & Bldg	NHPDIP	\$ 20,208.75	\$ 5,000.00
2007	C/R - Lancaster Water System	Maintenance & Improvements	NHPDIP	\$ 119,702.79	
2007	C/R Cemetery	Infrastructure Improvements	NHPDIP	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
		Sub-total of Town C/R's		\$ 1,090,834.34	\$ 112,500.00
1984	WMRHS - Scholarships	Scholarships	NHPDIP	\$ 27,508.18	
1987	C/R - Forestry		NHPDIP	\$ (7,269.96)	\$ 60,933.00
1994	C/R - Bldg & Rep & Maint	School Bldg Repairs & Maint	NHPDIP	\$ 129,209.65	\$ 375,000.00
1998	C/R - School Plow Veh	Purchase Plow Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ (1,325.92)	\$ 20,000.00
1998	C/R - Road & Drive Repair	Road/Drive Repairs	NHPDIP	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	C/R - Hancock Library Fund		NHPDIP	\$ 51,096.25	
		Sub-total of School Funds		\$ 209,218.20	\$ 475,933.00
		GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ 1,954,737.60	\$ 833,275.28

Withdrawals	Principal Ending Balance	Income		Expended During Year	Income		Total Principal & Interest
		Balance Beg. of Year	Income During Year		Balance End of Year	Income	
	\$ 82,333.96	\$ 80,036.06	\$ 3,946.64	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ 77,482.70	\$ 159,816.66	*
	\$ 255,508.23	\$ 13,080.57	\$ 6,602.33	\$ (13,080.57)	\$ 6,602.33	\$ 262,110.56	*
	\$ 8,270.06	\$ 5,597.18	\$ 340.62		\$ 5,937.80	\$ 14,207.86	*
	\$ 7,384.53	\$ 5,658.93	\$ 319.54		\$ 5,978.47	\$ 13,363.00	*
	\$ 1,220.74	\$ 851.08	\$ 51.02		\$ 902.10	\$ 2,122.84	*
	\$ 7,332.89	\$ 2,449.42	\$ 240.15		\$ 2,689.57	\$ 10,022.46	*
	\$ 75,591.28	\$ 22,707.48	\$ 2,390.43	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ 13,097.91	\$ 88,689.19	*
	\$ 192,210.07	\$ 9,659.40	\$ 4,965.37	\$ (9,659.40)	\$ 4,965.37	\$ 197,175.44	*
	\$ 24,140.60	\$ 672.85	\$ 613.60	\$ (672.85)	\$ 613.60	\$ 24,754.20	*
	\$ 244,429.78		\$ 559.00		\$ 559.00	\$ 244,988.78	*
\$ -	\$ 898,422.14	\$ 140,712.97	\$ 20,028.70	\$ (41,912.82)	\$ 118,828.85	\$ 1,017,250.99	
	\$ 1,105.20	\$ 2,140.83	\$ 79.69		\$ 2,220.52	\$ 3,325.72	*
\$ -	\$ 1,105.20	\$ 2,140.83	\$ 79.69	\$ -	\$ 2,220.52	\$ 3,325.72	
	\$ 102,959.04	\$ 16,401.83	\$ 3,252.47		\$ 19,654.30	\$ 122,613.34	*
	\$ 18,631.27	\$ 7,739.81	\$ 667.58		\$ 8,407.39	\$ 27,038.66	*
\$ (1,610.12)	\$ 59,331.90	\$ 14,443.01	\$ 1,756.87	\$ (16,199.88)	\$ -	\$ 59,331.90	*
\$ (64,374.03)	\$ 154,241.14	\$ 32,257.84	\$ 5,843.43	\$ (38,101.27)	\$ -	\$ 154,241.14	*
	\$ 205,476.61	\$ 85,245.17	\$ 6,655.66		\$ 91,900.83	\$ 297,377.44	*
	\$ 71,584.66	\$ 74,596.31	\$ 3,358.86	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ 52,955.17	\$ 124,539.83	*
	\$ 93,100.00	\$ 15,520.65	\$ 2,218.16		\$ 17,738.81	\$ 110,838.81	*
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,198.62	\$ 201.09		\$ 2,399.71	\$ 8,399.71	*
\$ (1,928.55)	\$ 37,576.00	\$ 2,432.80	\$ 784.33	\$ (3,217.13)	\$ -	\$ 37,576.00	*
\$ (8,119.38)	\$ 54,380.62	\$ 5,495.42	\$ 1,385.20	\$ (6,880.62)	\$ -	\$ 54,380.62	*
\$ (26,803.97)	\$ 89,245.90	\$ 40,112.14	\$ 3,067.89	\$ (43,180.03)	\$ -	\$ 89,245.90	*
	\$ 53,059.61	\$ 8,600.52	\$ 1,343.21		\$ 9,943.73	\$ 63,003.34	*
	\$ 25,208.75	\$ 2,136.95	\$ 548.26		\$ 2,685.21	\$ 27,893.96	*
\$ (103,185.85)	\$ 16,516.94	\$ 19,569.74	\$ 3,394.39	\$ (22,964.13)	\$ -	\$ 16,516.94	*
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 48.66	\$ 124.24		\$ 172.90	\$ 10,172.90	*
\$ (206,021.90)	\$ 997,312.44	\$ 326,799.47	\$ 34,601.64	\$ (155,543.06)	\$ 205,858.05	\$ 1,203,170.49	
	\$ 27,508.18	\$ 121,193.01	\$ 6,607.97	\$ (11,340.40)	\$ 116,460.58	\$ 143,968.76	*
	\$ 53,663.04	\$ 9,864.32	\$ 817.54	\$ (7,000.00)	\$ 3,681.86	\$ 57,344.90	*
\$ (138,383.09)	\$ 365,826.56	\$ 17,484.87	\$ 4,765.06	\$ (22,249.93)	\$ -	\$ 365,826.56	*
	\$ 18,674.08	\$ 2,390.97	\$ 218.26		\$ 2,609.23	\$ 21,283.31	*
\$ (3,287.53)	\$ 26,712.47	\$ 1,253.87	\$ 428.60	\$ (1,682.47)	\$ -	\$ 26,712.47	*
	\$ 51,096.25	\$ 2,571.44	\$ 1,319.28		\$ 3,890.72	\$ 54,986.97	*
\$ (141,670.62)	\$ 543,480.58	\$ 154,758.48	\$ 14,156.71	\$ (42,272.80)	\$ 126,642.39	\$ 670,122.97	
\$ (347,692.52)	\$ 2,440,320.36	\$ 624,411.75	\$ 68,866.74	\$ (239,728.68)	\$ 453,549.81	\$ 2,893,870.17	

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 2008 is as follows:

WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY

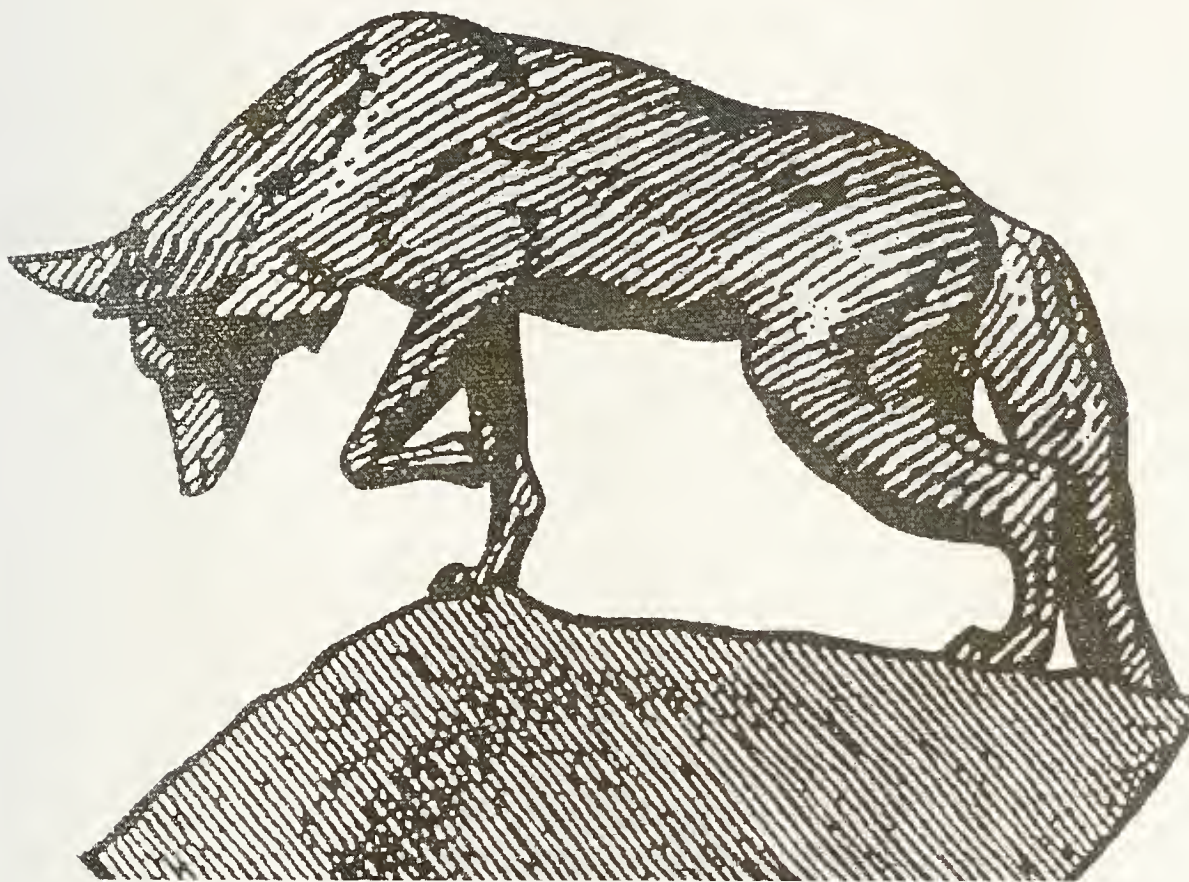
	Food	Rent	Fuel	Medical	Electric	Other	Total
January	\$300.00	\$3,635.00	\$1,239.00	\$0.00	\$179.00	\$525.00	\$5,878.00
February	\$250.00	\$1,934.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$183.00	\$750.00	\$3,252.00
March	\$140.00	\$535.00	\$1,468.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$2,233.00
April	\$190.00	\$825.00	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$129.00	\$0.00	\$1,379.00
May	\$160.00	\$3,990.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,144.00	\$851.00	\$6,145.00
June	\$0.00	\$2,564.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.00	\$750.00	\$4,319.00
July	\$270.00	\$1,940.00	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$758.00	\$3,223.00
August	\$170.00	\$2,125.00	\$724.00	\$0.00	\$770.00	\$22.00	\$3,811.00
September	\$70.00	\$600.00	\$1,189.00	\$0.00	\$246.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00
October	\$50.00	\$450.00	\$652.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,652.00
November	\$40.00	\$1,835.00	\$1,496.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$108.00	\$4,129.00
December	\$240.00	\$7,454.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$102.00	\$0.00	\$8,396.00

Revenue	-3,015.00
Actual Expenditure	\$46,522.00

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 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
	\$1,426,902.00	\$605,065.00

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 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
	\$495,746.46	\$298,925.46

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 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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	\$2,416,263.00	\$1,820,778.00

COL. TOWN POOL

Amount of Original Note

Payable to: Passumpsic Savings Bank

4.09 percent

\$245,624.34

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
January 2009	10,017.45	834.73
July 2009	6,073.63	4,778.55
January 2010	6,119.65	4,732.53
July 2010	6,320.93	4,531.25
January 2011	6,376.15	4,476.03
July 2011	6,578.45	4,273.73
January 2012	6,643.25	4,208.93
July 2012	6,824.48	4,027.70
January 2013	6,920.93	3,931.25
July 2013	7,125.39	3,726.79
January 2014	7,210.54	3,641.64
July 2014	7,416.15	3,436.03
January 2015	7,512.11	3,340.07
July 2015	7,718.93	3,133.25
January 2016	7,826.15	3,026.03
July 2016	8,018.64	2,833.54
January 2017	8,152.83	2,699.35
July 2017	8,362.20	2,489.98
January 2018	8,493.34	2,358.84
July 2018	8,704.06	2,148.12
January 2019	8,847.92	2,004.26
July 2019	9,060.05	1,792.13
January 2020	9,217.15	1,635.03
July 2020	9,422.89	1,429.29
January 2021	9,601.47	1,250.71
July 2021	9,816.60	1,035.58
January 2022	10,001.83	850.35
July 2022	10,218.55	633.63
January 2023	10,418.74	433.44
July 2023	10,603.88	215.06
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	\$245,624.34	\$79,907.82

LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2008 was another busy year for the Lancaster Fire Department. You may have noticed our ambulances have taken on a new look, this color scheme was designed to unify both the ambulances and fire trucks to a similar design scheme.

We would like to congratulate Suzanne Nile for being named EMS attendant of the Year and Missy Medina 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: Dana Flynn; Leon Rideout for 20 years, Charity Blanchette; Ron Wert; Kevin Whiting for 15 years, Suzanne Nile for 10 years. We had one new member join our ranks this year, Joanna Enman as a first responder. We also promoted Charity Blanchette to the rank of Captain-EMS.

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. We would also like to thank all our neighboring departments, there mutual aid assistance is invaluable.

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



Emergent Transfer	43	Lancaster	378
Urgent Transfer	106	Jefferson	75
Non-urgent Transfer	394	Country Village	309
Fire Standby	50	Weeks Medical Ctr	333
ALS Intercept	9	Lunenburg	86
Abdominal Pain	29	Gilman	31
Allergic reaction	7	Guildhall	18
Animal Bites	0	Granby	2
Assault/Rape	3	Non Contract Town/Facility	43
Back Pain	13		
Breathing Problems	74	Fire Statistics	
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest	16	Lancaster	68
Chest Pain	54	Guildhall	4
Choking	7	Jefferson	6
Seizures	25	Lunenburg	5
Diabetic Problems	18	Whitefield	3
Drowning/Diving Accident	2	Groveton	2
Falls	87	Dalton	0
Headache	2	Mutual Aid-Other	6
Heart Problems	12		
Heat/Cold Exposure	3	Structure Fire	5
Hemorrhage/Lacerations	15	Motor Vehicle Collision	14
Industrial Accident	1	Hazardous Materials	6
Overdose/Poisoning	9	Car Fire	1
Suicide Attempt	16	Chimney Fire	1
Sick Person	94	False Alarm	31
Stabbing/Gunshot Wound	1	Rescue	2
Stroke	16	Fire-Other	3
Motor Vehicle Collision	69	Carbon Monoxide Alarm	4
Traumatic Injuries	21	Station Coverage	2
Unconscious/Fainting	33	Mutual Aid-Scene	18
Unknown Problem	46	EMS Assist	3
		Public Assist	4
		Mutual Aid Received	5



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.nhdfl.org.

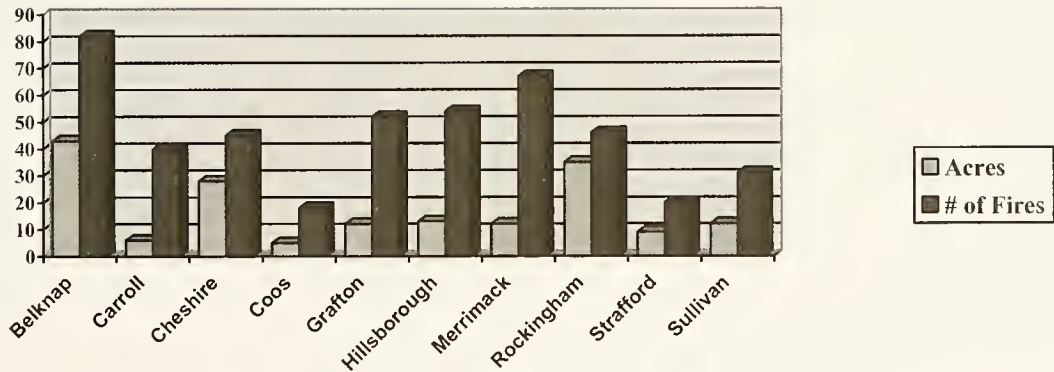
Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. 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 2008 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!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2008	455	175
Debris	173	2007	437	212
Campfire	35	2006	500	473
Children	23	2005	546	174
Smoking	36	2004	482	147
Railroad	2			
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc.*	162 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

HEALTH OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The Health Officer and the Deputy Health Officer, who are appointed by the Select Board, 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 many 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 hospital's 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.

We are also working with the School, various residential care facilities and the North Country Health Consortium (and its various member towns, organizations and personnel) to develop and test plans and procedures to assist us all to provide services to the area, not just the town.

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
Town of Lancaster

SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote, fill in the square(s) completely next to your choice(s), like this:
Write-In: To vote for a write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided and fill in the square.

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT TOWN OF LANCASTER, N.H. TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

SELECTMAN:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Leo J Enos _____
Leon H Rideout _____

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Joyce A McGee _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Linda E Hutchins _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Ronald N Bailey _____
Marc Boucher _____

EMMONS SMITH FUND:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Michael W Nadeau _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Aurore M Hood _____
Herbert D Richardson _____
George (Skip) Sansoucy _____

COL TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Patrick Mark Payer _____
Heather Bailey _____
Christopher Foss _____

COL TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

No term limit. Vote for not more than two.

Pamela Sansoucy _____

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT
2009

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 10th 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 Article 1 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) Trustee of Trust Funds for Three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for Three (3) years; 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 and Two (2) Colonel Town Investment Committee members, no term limit.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey an approximately 2.8 acre parcel of land, shown on tax map R18 Lot 33, to John Alden and Priscilla Stewart in exchange for an easement crossing to lay, construct, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, replace, substitute, relocate and remove pipe and related equipment for a municipal water line, together with appurtenant rights of access.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a portion of certain Town owned property shown on tax map R11 Lot 86 consisting of approximately 0.34 acres located at 10 Grange Road. 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.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$100,500.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$ 30,000.00
Fire Department	\$ 25,000.00
Town Hall Improvements	\$ 10,000.00
Bridge Replacement	\$ 20,000.00
Revaluation	\$ 5,000.00
Police Dept	\$ 2,500.00
Library	\$ 3,000.00
Cemetery	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$100,500.00

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase property of Gary and Sharon Savage, consisting of an approximately 0.73 acre parcel of land located at 17 Mechanic Street in Lancaster, NH, tax map P 11, Lot 27 and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00)** from the fund balance surplus for this purpose. *No tax impact.*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00)** to purchase a truck and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *No tax impact.*

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00)** for the reconditioning of the Highway Department sweeper and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *No tax impact.*

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the 10-yr. Energy Conservation Expendable Trust Fund created in 1997. Said fund has a balance of **Zero (0)**.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Ninety Thousand and Seventy Five Dollars (\$190,075.00)** for the purpose of sidewalk improvements and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of **Thirty Eight Thousand Fifteen Dollars (\$38,015.00)** from the fund balance surplus. The remaining **One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Sixty Dollars (\$152,060.00)** will come from the State of New Hampshire Transportation Enhancement Grant. *No tax impact.*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$27,865.00)** from the fund balance surplus for the purpose of computer and software upgrades and training for the municipal employees. *No tax impact.*

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty One Thousand Dollars (\$41,000.00)** to purchase a truck and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of **Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$27,332.00)** from the Water Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and **Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$13,668.00)** from the Sanitation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *No tax impact.*

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to address safety and security issues at the Police Station and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *No tax impact.*

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$1,535.00)**, \$.45 per capita, for the support of the American Red Cross

ARTICLE 14: 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.

ARTICLE 15: 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.

ARTICLE 16: 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.

ARTICLE 17: 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.

ARTICLE 18: 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.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$2,460.00)**, \$.75 per capita, for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

ARTICLE 20: 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.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$1,679.00)**, \$.50 per capita, for the support of the Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 22: 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 operating the Mt Prospect Ski Club.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00)** for the support of the Community Contact Division of Tri-County Community Action.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the support of the Center for New Beginnings.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept Mary Elizabeth Lane and Sunnyview Drive as depicted on those plans entitled "Subdivision of Land, High Point Acres, for Emmanuel Marceau, Prospect Street, Lancaster, New Hampshire" by Mark VanderHeyden, L.L.S., dated March 13, 2002 and recorded in Coos Deeds as Plan #2019 (sheet 1 of 2) and Plan #2020 (sheet 2 of 2). Mary Elizabeth Lane and Sunnyview Drive are also shown on Map R10 of the Town of Lancaster Tax Maps. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Seven Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$4,725,232.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 27: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this _____ day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

/s/ _____
Allan Carr

/s/ _____
David Stickney

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

/s/ _____
Allan Carr

/s/ _____
David Stickney

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH

Estimated expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009
with Estimated and Actual Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

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
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	\$ 74,200.00	\$ 73,603.00	\$ 74,250.00	\$ 74,250.00
Elections, Registrations, & Vital Records	\$ 46,210.00	\$ 45,323.00	\$ 44,265.00	\$ 44,265.00
Financial Administration	\$ 238,316.00	\$ 239,468.00	\$ 247,850.00	\$ 247,850.00
Grants	\$ 367,921.00	\$ 490,680.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 23,750.00
Legal Expense	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 24,734.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 30,500.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 493,893.00	\$ 503,926.00	\$ 542,267.00	\$ 542,267.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 11,855.00	\$ 11,004.00	\$ 11,855.00	\$ 11,855.00
General Government Building	\$ 51,400.00	\$ 47,344.00	\$ 52,806.00	\$ 52,806.00
Cemeteries	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 41,039.00	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 41,100.00
Insurance & Bonds	\$ 93,780.00	\$ 125,727.00	\$ 102,804.00	\$ 102,804.00
Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 16,679.00	\$ 16,679.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Other General Government	\$ 950.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	\$ 495,050.00	\$ 459,908.00	\$ 538,805.00	\$ 538,805.00
Fire/EMS	\$ 555,156.00	\$ 552,221.00	\$ 439,389.00	\$ 439,389.00
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER				
Airport Operations	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,460.00		
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS				
Highways and Streets	\$ 715,040.00	\$ 616,563.00	\$ 738,030.00	\$ 738,030.00
Street Lighting	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 33,564.00	\$ 33,440.00	\$ 33,440.00
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal - MSW/C&D	\$ 272,555.00	\$ 244,573.00	\$ 266,875.00	\$ 266,875.00
Other - MVWF & 5 Cent Cans	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 5,213.00	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 23,600.00
HEALTH/WELFARE				
Administration	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 839.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Animal Control	\$ 600.00	\$ 434.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$ 23,272.00	\$ 18,905.00	\$ 17,991.00	\$ 17,991.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 48,332.00	\$ 50,000.00	50000
Vendor Payments & Other	\$ 12,020.00	\$ 12,020.00		

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
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Col. Town/Parks & Recreation	\$ 613,425.00	\$ 608,043.00	\$ 352,678.00	\$ 352,678.00	
Library	\$ 220,916.00	\$ 220,685.00	\$ 242,421.00	\$ 242,421.00	
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
CONSERVATION					
Admin & Purch of Nat Resources	\$ 9,220.00	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
DEBT SERVICE					
Interst on TAN	\$0.00	\$432.00			
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Land					
Mach., Veh., & Equip.	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 102,475.00			
Buildings		\$ 23,590.00			
Improvements other than Buildings	\$ 400,564.00	\$ 370,807.00			
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Sewer	\$ 285,750.00	\$ 285,750.00	\$ 302,991.00	\$ 302,991.00	
Water	\$ 484,574.00	\$ 484,574.00	\$ 491,265.00	\$ 491,265.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 231,860.87	\$ 231,860.87			
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 6,061,661.87	\$ 5,978,439.87	\$ 4,725,232.00	\$ 4,725,232.00	

Estimated revenues for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009
with Estimated and Actual Revenues of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Sources of Revenues	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 30,250.00	\$ 27,000.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 54,801.00	\$ 40,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 28,865.00	\$ 53,632.00	\$ 37,000.00
Other Taxes	\$ 400.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 400.00
Int. & Pen. - Deliquent Taxes	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 62,929.00	\$ 55,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Business Licenses & Permits	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 533,441.00	\$ 508,800.00	\$ 502,157.00
Building Permits	\$ 450.00	\$ 835.00	\$500.00
Other Lic. Permits & Fees	\$ 42,419.00	\$ 29,991.00	\$ 28,789.00
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenue	\$ 40,329.00	\$ 79,374.00	\$ 43,625.00
Highway Block Grant	\$ 89,757.00	\$ 89,448.00	\$ 86,449.00
State & Federal Forest Land		\$ 3,595.00	\$ 2,265.00
Railroad Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Room & Meals Taxes	\$ 152,688.00	\$ 152,688.00	\$ 143,971.00
Grants & Projects	\$ 377,213.00	\$ 418,745.00	\$ 21,875.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT	\$279,936.00	\$126,826.00	\$0.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income From Departments	\$ 310,333.00	\$ 365,869.00	\$ 220,869.00
Other Charges (EMS)	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 558,219.00	\$ 430,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 14,949.00	\$ 16,464.00	\$ 4,000.00
Interest on Investments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,549.00	\$ 12,000.00
Col Town - Cemeteries - Library	\$ 361,747.00	\$ 634,306.00	\$ 344,951.00
Conservation Comm-MVWF-5 cent cans		\$ 21,089.00	\$ 26,600.00
INTERFUND OPER. TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer	\$ 285,750.00	\$ 285,750.00	\$ 302,991.00
Water	\$ 484,574.00	\$ 484,574.00	\$ 491,265.00
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 332,989.00	\$ 291,820.00	
From Conservation Funds	\$ 9,220.00		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proc from Long Term Notes & Bonds	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	
Amount voted from FB/Surplus	\$222,000.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 4,446,260.00	\$ 4,282,072.00	\$ 2,821,707.00
Total Appropriations (Excl. of Certain Warrant Articles)		\$ 4,725,232.00	
Less: Amt. Of Est. Revs. (Excl. of Taxes)		\$ 2,821,707.00	
Amt. Of Taxes Raised (Excl. of School & County)		\$ 1,903,525.00	

NOTES



LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Lancaster:

In 2008 officers answered 4960 calls for service. They responded to 143 motor vehicle crashes and investigated 353 reported crimes during the year. These responses and investigations resulted in the arrest of 187 suspects and the felony indictment of 21 more criminal suspects. In connection to these investigations, officers applied for and executed 4 search warrants in gathering additional evidence.

In comparison to 2007, calls for service reflected a slight increase over last year, and also a slight increase in reported crimes. The largest statistical increase for 2008 is in the arrest category. Officers made 25 more arrests than last year. Motor vehicle accidents, is the only category that reflected a decline. They declined by 19 for the year.

While compiling this year's reports, I noted an interesting statistic. For the first time, women account for one-third of all the arrests made by this department. This is an almost 100% increase over the last two years. This trend is consistent with other communities in New Hampshire, and is disturbing on several levels. A report by the NH Women's Policy Institute, reveals that while New Hampshire's incarceration rate for women is below the national average, it is increasing at a far faster rate, than in most other states. Further, arrests rates in NH are increasing three times faster for women than men. The study further emphasizes the need to address social problems that lead women to offend. Among those are substance abuse, mental illness, domestic abuse, low education levels and poverty.

In Lancaster, the majority of both male and female arrests are from the 18-24 year old group. There were 22 women and 51 men arrested in this age group.

Arrests of	Females	Males		
2006	31	110	=	141
2007	37	125	=	162
2008	61	126	=	187

Approximately one third of the crimes reported to the department, (147), involve the crime of larceny or theft. This is by far the largest group of reported crimes in Lancaster. The reported thefts include property from residences, other buildings, vehicles and businesses. Theft also applies to services, such as theft of utilities services

provided by electric, phone and cable companies. Theft also involves embezzlement, forgery, credit card fraud, and bad checks.

The next three high volume categories of reported crimes to the department are roughly equal in occurrence. They are the crimes of vandalism, assault and violations of liquor laws which include driving while intoxicated. In 2008 there were 54 reported acts of vandalism, 46 assaults and 54 liquor violations.

The remaining crimes reported in Lancaster cover all the other sins man is capable of, such as arson, disorderly conduct and criminal trespass, but with far less frequency than the previous indicated categories.

In 2008, the department finally upgraded its computer hardware and software. A new server and three new desktops were added for increased efficiency along with upgraded software. With these upgrades, the department entered the world of e-mail and the internet. Officers can now access resources and information over the internet to assist in investigations and communicate with investigators in other departments in New England and nationwide. Through e-mail, officers can transmit and receive critical and sensitive information in a timely and secure manner. We no longer have to rely on the vagaries of the U.S. Mail to send or receive sensitive materials.

This new technology has arrived just in time to assist us in the newest criminal endeavor, internet crime. We have begun to see an increase in this activity this past year, having investigated fraud cases involving e-bay and also child pornography.

Soon, officers will be carrying new side arms, courtesy of two diligent officers. In 2007, Officers Pat Carr and Tim Charbonneau executed an arrest warrant on a suspected drug dealer staying in a local motel. They seized cocaine and a quantity of cash. The cash was ultimately awarded to the department in 2008, via a civil forfeiture process. During my first year as Chief, I identified some of the future needs of the department. One of those areas was the replacement and standardization of our aging firearms. Some of our handguns are over 14 years old and have seen a lot of wear and service, some firing in excess of 5000 rounds. Also, we were carrying two different calibers of handguns, which caused consternation during training, and when ordering ammunition, holsters, magazines and spare parts. With the purchase of the new side arms and related equipment, all firearms and equipment will be standardized, aiding in training and re-equipping officers.

In 2008, full and part-time officers received in excess of 600 hours of quality training in as many as 40 different and diverse subjects. These subjects ranged from Spanish for Law Enforcement, Leadership and Frontline Supervision, Search and Seizure and Death Investigations. Also, officers used our new access to the internet to take on-line courses through the police academy.

I would like to remind everyone that the department also performs some complimentary services for its citizens. For instance, every school year an officer provides the D.A.R.E. program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in the elementary school to sixth graders. We also sponsor the local PAL chapter, (Police Athletic/Activities League) in providing wholesome and positive activities for our youth. We are also developing an anti Bullying program that we will introduce this year in the elementary school. We will gladly fingerprint any citizen who may need that service for employment, VISA or citizenship requirements. Finally, we offer a free gun lock to anyone who may need one.

In conclusion, I wish to publicly thank all my officers and staff for their diligence, persistence and hard work they exhibit every day, all year long, for the citizens of Lancaster. I also wish to recognize and congratulate Sgt. Christopher St. Cyr who recently was awarded his Associates Degree. Sgt. St. Cyr accomplished this task while fully employed in Lancaster and also serving as a valued member and platoon sergeant in the Army National Guard. Hoorah!

It is a pleasure to serve you. Drive carefully and remember to buckle-up.

Chief John R. Gardiner



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The highway department worked on Mt. Prospect Road to improve the drainage, cut back trees, and replace culverts. We will be finishing this project with funds from a FEMA grant in 2009. Your cooperation while we undertake this project is greatly appreciated.

We purchased a new plow truck with funds from the Capital Reserve in 2008.

The Arthur White Bridge was replaced in 2008. The contractor was G. W. Brooks from Freedom, New Hampshire and the engineering firm was H. W. Bergeron of North Conway. The project was very successful and there only remains some spring "clean up" for the project to be completed.



After five years of planning, the Depot Street Railroad and Road Culverts were replaced in 2008 and early 2009. Both of these structures were funded primarily by FEMA to prevent flooding in the mobile home park. Spring work remains to be completed. Hopefully in the future the channel can be cleaned out. All of the grant writing and project administration was completed by Becky Newton, Administrative Services Manager, for the Town of Lancaster. The grant that paid for this project was part of a national grant submission.

Daily supplies continue to increase in costs. Salt, sand and calcium chloride all took significant increases in costs in 2008. Paving prices were so high that it made sense to defer some projects until the cost of asphalt levels out.

We appreciate your feedback throughout the year.



LANCASTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

The Lancaster Transfer Station had another good year with recycling; thanks to the great recyclers in Lancaster. Lancaster had the highest recycling rate in Coos County. The prices for recyclables stayed good all summer until about November 15th when they dropped out of site, so we did not ship any more product in 2008. That is why our tonnage is down some for 2008. (Note: the prices are starting to come back a little in 2009).

We changed one of our programs a little; we now have the scrap metal put in an open top container instead of on the ground. This is better for the environment and we still get the same money. We also now sort out the mixed assorted office paper because we receive more money for this product.

This year we removed the Freon from 159 refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners and we shipped out 207 used propane tanks.

This year we produced 80 tons of screened compost (thanks to AM Savage).

Here is a list of the recycled items and the quantity we recycled for 2008:

Cardboard	205.52 Tons
Newspaper	40.93 Tons
Mixed Office Paper	2.52 Tons
Low Grade Paper	80.40 Tons
Tin Cans	8.04 Tons
Aluminum Cans	2.79 Tons
Plastic Jugs	12.91 Tons
Glass	140.00 Tons
Tires	45.00 Tons
Scrap Copper	.25 Tons
Bronze	.05 Tons
Scrap Steel	132.50 Tons
Scrap Aluminum	1.95 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	7.15 Tons
Motor Oil	7.20 Tons
Total Tons	866.21 Tons

For 2008 our recycling rate was 64%

Amount of MSW shipped to NCES & Mt Carberry in 2008	490.69 Tons
Amount of C&D shipped to NCES & Mt Carberry in 2008	408.13 Tons

2008 C&D Budget including demolition waste & recycling

Budgeted Expenditures	\$191,980.00
Actual Expenditures	\$167,068.67
Revenues for C&D	<u>(\$98,030.50)</u>
Cost to Taxpayers	\$69,038.17

2008 MSW Budget including household garbage (Town Bags)

Budgeted Expenditures	\$80,575.00
Actual Expenditures	\$77,503.94
Revenues from MSW (Town Bag Sales)	<u>(\$74,025.00)</u>
Cost to Taxpayers	\$3,478.94

Cost avoidance to the taxpayers by recycling 866 tons is this
 866 tons @ \$69.00 per ton plus trucking 72 loads @ \$204.00 per = \$74,442.00

Cost from C&D Budget-----	\$69,038.17
Profit from MSW Budget-----	\$3,478.94
Cost avoidance from recycling 866 tons-----	<u>(\$74,442.00)</u>
	(\$1,924.89)

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Patnoe
 Transfer Station Supervisor



Photo by Jeff Woodburn

LANCASTER WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. # NH0100145

During the year 2008 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 2008, the Lancaster Wastewater Facility treated and discharged 356,749,000 gallons of treated wastewater to the Connecticut River with an average discharge rate of 977,395 gallons per day. The months of March and April 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 838,800 gallons of treated wastewater into Otter Brook with an average discharge rate of 2,298 gallons per day (design flow >3,500 gpd), the months of April and December with the highest flow. In August 2008 the Water and Sewer department rolled up their sleeves and re-constructed Grange filter bed #1 to help remedy an ongoing problem with its sand filters. In doing so the Water and Sewer department personnel saved over \$50,000 dollars performing the job "in house". Future plans are to rebuild filter bed #2 in 2009 and filter bed #3 in 2010.

Lancaster Water Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #1291010

In 2008 the Lancaster Water Facility produced 150,184,000 gallons of water with an average flow rate of 411,463 gallons per day. The months of May and October were the most demanding. The average annual fluoride concentration was 1.57mg/l and average chlorine residual was 1.47g/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

2008 was yet again a busy year for the members of the water and wastewater department with the spring start up of the water system improvements. In April the majority of the distribution system was altered when the new one million gallon storage tank and pressure reducing valves were placed on line. This helped solve low water pressure issues throughout the town distribution system by creating a high-pressure zone feeding low-pressure areas throughout the distribution system.

Construction in the distribution system took place on Holton Park and Bridge Street, both locations being in desperate need of upgrade due to age and inadequate existing pipe size. Holton Park received a new eight-inch ductile iron water main including new hydrants, valves, service lines and new sewer line where needed. This replaced a series of lines ranging from two inch to six inch, helping pressure and flow

issues dramatically. Bridge Street received a new eight-inch ductile iron water main including new hydrants, valves and service lines. This new eight-inch line replaced the old six-inch line allowing more volume and better pressure throughout the street.

Lancaster also received a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system allowing personnel to monitor the water treatment facility and key components of the distribution system related to pressure, flow, reservoir levels and chlorine residual. This data is now available 24 hours a day seven days a week, through computer access wherever the operators may be.

Respectfully Submitted

Timmy J. Bilodeau
Chief Operator



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

It seems that the more we get accomplished, the more we have to accomplish. The Federal and State governments keep coming up with more and more to do to make us safer and to help us recover faster when we discover we weren't safe enough. It's easy, when you're deeply involved in emergency management, to become either a True Believer or very jaded. I think I'm a jaded True Believer. I believe what we are trying to accomplish is necessary, but I also think that a lot of our resources are being put in the wrong basket by the Government. All that being said, we are trying to develop plans that are truly usable so that IF a true, large scale emergency happens here (and I'm the first casualty) anyone with some experience in emergency management (Police, Fire etc.) can step in and make what needs to happen, happen.

Since any mass casualty will overwhelm the ability of the various local agencies ability to respond and resolve the problem by themselves, expect me or someone to come knocking at your door. Initially, we expect up to one third of our personnel to be unable to respond. Some will be out of the area, some will be casualties and some will make a decision not to respond. What you as residents (and visitors or those just passing through) need to understand up front is that there will be no Business As Usual. You will be expected to take care of your own initially. We will be busy taking care of the casualty and casualties. You can expect the grocery and convenience stores to run out of everything very fast. There will probably be no deliveries for some time. That includes gasoline and heating fuel. You should stock up on food and beverages that have long shelf lives (that you will actually eat and drink since it's a waste of money to buy things you can't stand just to have supplies) and rotate them through your menu. If, or when, it happens it's going to be hard on everyone.

On this happy note, I hope all of you will have a good year, and we will all get by with some degree of comfort and caring in our lives.

Ronald E. Wert
Emergency Management Director

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 bi-monthly and inspects the town's property for safety concerns that may cause injury to the public or employees. For 2008 there were less reported accidents the 2007.

The committee members for 2008 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 - Jug Dingman 788-3749
Colonel Town - Al Pryor 788-3321
Secretary - Jean Oleson 788-2306

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



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Dr. Ferguson
George Hunter
Raymond Whitcomb
Leo Bonny
Chas. Hurley
Raymond McLaig
O'Neil Twitchell
James L. Dow

COLONEL TOWN RECREATION

Lots of great things happened at Colonel Town in 2008. The pool renovation and pool building project is finally finished! People of all ages will be able to enjoy the newly-renovated pool. As you'll notice, the pool was plastered and painted, the entry steps were replaced, a handicapped-accessible chair lift was added, and a cover for the pool was purchased. It looks great! The old pool building which houses the equipment and is utilized by the pool employees was demolished and a smaller building was built in its place. This entire process went a lot smoother due to the many efforts of the town departments.

For the second year in a row, 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 11/12 Girls Softball team for traveling to Raynham, MA and placing second at the New England Tournament.

We were extremely fortunate to welcome Emily Robarts as our new dance instructor. She's been doing an excellent job teaching about 50 children some new jazz and ballet routines. This year's Spring recital will be held at the WMRHS auditorium in April.



Safe Haven continues to do well, too. The children enjoyed a variety of activities and field trips due to the generosity of many people and organizations. A huge "thank you" goes to the various town departments: Weeks Memorial Library for scheduled time in the summer for the children to enjoy the library each week. The Lancaster Police Dept. was wonderful with the children, providing a bike safety program (including an obstacle course!), arranging for the State Police to bring their K-9 unit, and creating a forensics mystery for the children to solve. More than 70 children benefited from their time and effort! The children had a great time visiting the town's fire trucks and ambulances – they even got to try on the uniforms. Joy's X-Treme Ice Cream treated them to a free ice cream cone on another afternoon. TBA Theatres was also very helpful in scheduling special movie showings for our Safe Haven group. Sharon Bilodeau joined our staff in October as the new Safe Haven Director.



We continue to look for new programs to offer. Fortunately, we received a golf grant and were able to offer a summer golf camp. Jeffrey Atkinson did a terrific job as the instructor. The Adult Fitness classes have been well attended – Jackie Schanlaber has been extremely dedicated to providing fitness opportunities for all age groups. The Senior Aerobics classes continue to grow under the leadership of Rhonda Adams. The Gymnastics classes have experienced the largest increase in registrations of any program offered!

It can't be said enough – volunteers are crucial to our organization's successes. This year's Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Father Ray Ball. For several years he has volunteered his time as the DJ for all of our dances: Father/Daughter Dance, Start of the School Year and End of the School Year dances, pool dances, and others that are scheduled throughout the year. In



addition to volunteering his time, he provides all the equipment necessary for a dance (sound system, lights, etc.). His ongoing selfless acts of kindness and generosity make our dances a huge success. Thank you, Father Ray, for all your hard work! His 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
Colleen Bosse
Andy Cliche

Andy Cliche
Trisha Eastman
Chris Foss

Jeanine LaBounty
Jackie Schanlaber
Josh Smith





Colonel Town Recreation 2009 Proposed Budget

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Proposed Budget	% Change in Budgets
Income				
Community Camp Fees	1,500.00	1,518.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Facility Fees	1,400.00	1,999.00	1,500.00	
Non C/T Programs		9,107.87	-	
Pool Fees	19,000.00	18,336.00	19,000.00	
Program Fees	42,000.00	42,641.80	42,000.00	
Total Fees	62,400.00	72,084.67	62,500.00	0.16%
Miscellaneous Income				
Checking Interest	225.00	148.34	145.00	
Fundraise		2,048.21	10,000.00	
Insurance Reimbursement		30,505.00	-	
Pool Training Reimbursement		800.00	-	
Snack Bar Income	5,700.00	6,867.30	6,600.00	
Total Miscellaneous Income	5,925.00	40,368.85	16,745.00	182.62%
Safe Haven Tuition	94,000.00	95,878.93	91,400.00	-2.77%
Town Funding				
Operating Income	12,800.00	12,800.00	39,029.00	
Pool Renovation Loan Reimbursement			21,704.36	
Sewer	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	
Water	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,600.00	
Total Town Funding	17,000.00	17,000.00	65,333.36	284.31%
Trust Income				
Administrative - Allocation	50,867.40	53,196.82	46,600.00	
Campground - Allocation	1,347.47	1,409.19	1,234.43	
House/Grounds - Allocation	49,571.66	51,841.74	45,412.96	
Pool - Allocation	17,413.47	18,210.99	15,952.61	
Total Trust Income	119,200.00	124,658.74	109,200.00	-8.39%
Total Income	300,025.00	351,509.19	346,678.36	15.55%
Expense				
Appropriations	150.00	100.00	200.00	33.33%
Audit Fee	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00%
Automobile Expense				
Gas	800.00	1,672.80	900.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	467.39	1,000.00	
Total Automobile Expense	1,800.00	2,140.19	1,900.00	5.56%
Bank Service Charge	-	6.35	-	
Capital Expenditures	-	31,978.26	10,000.00	
Colonel Town's Cemetery Lot	150.00	90.00	150.00	0.00%
Community Camp Expense				
Electric	2,069.00	2,085.30	2,200.00	
Maintenance	1,000.00	1,445.08	1,000.00	
Total Community Camp Expense	3,069.00	3,530.38	3,200.00	4.27%

Colonel Town Recreation 2009 Proposed Budget

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Proposed Budget	% Change in Budgets
Equipment				
Equipment - New	1,200.00	978.00	1,200.00	
Equipment Repairs	1,600.00	1,467.22	1,600.00	
Total Equipment	2,800.00	2,445.22	2,800.00	0.00%
Fuel				
Fuel	16,770.00	14,270.00	16,770.00	0.00%
Insurance				
Disability Insurance	265.00	305.78	340.00	
Insurance - Health	13,260.00	13,755.94	16,500.00	
Insurance - Life	265.00	333.26	340.00	
Insurance - Work Comp	3,300.00	3,351.05	3,300.00	
Liability Insurance	4,612.00	0.00	5,000.00	
Total Insurance	21,702.00	17,746.03	25,480.00	17.41%
Maintenance				
House and Grounds	8,300.00	8,068.51	9,000.00	
Supplies	1,500.00	1,604.25	2,000.00	
Total Maintenance	9,800.00	9,672.76	11,000.00	12.24%
Office Supplies				
Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,964.22	2,000.00	0.00%
Payroll Expenses				
Payroll - Admin	41,080.00	41,870.00	41,870.00	
Payroll - Maintenance	36,000.00	40,119.35	38,000.00	
Payroll - Pool	19,000.00	16,584.27	19,700.00	
Payroll - Programs	7,500.00	9,524.47	8,100.00	
Payroll - Safe Haven	60,000.00	60,621.34	64,038.00	
Payroll Taxes				
Payroll Taxes - Admin	3,143.00	3,203.06	3,203.00	
Payroll Taxes - Maintenance	2,754.00	3,069.13	2,907.00	
Payroll Taxes - Pool	1,454.00	1,268.69	1,507.00	
Payroll Taxes - Programs	574.00	728.62	620.00	
Payroll Taxes - Safe Haven	4,590.00	4,637.55	4,899.00	
Unemployment	1,000.00	665.06	1,000.00	
Total Payroll Taxes	13,515.00	13,572.11	14,136.00	
Retirement	5,637.00	6,321.15	5,775.00	
Total Payroll Expenses	182,732.00	188,612.69	191,619.00	4.86%
Pool Expenses				
Chemicals	2,890.00	2,241.87	2,300.00	
Electricity	3,900.00	4,678.74	4,000.00	
Fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Maintenance	2,000.00	4,811.20	2,300.00	
Pool Renovation Loan - Passumpsic			21,704.36	
Programs	500.00	581.14	500.00	
Training		800.00		
Total Pool Expenses	11,790.00	15,612.95	33,304.36	182.48%
Postage and Delivery				
Postage and Delivery	450.00	395.47	450.00	0.00%
Printing and Reproduction				
Printing and Reproduction	300.00	493.50	500.00	66.67%

Colonel Town Recreation 2009 Proposed Budget

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Proposed Budget	% Change in Budgets
Program Expense				
Background Checks/Training	800.00	370.00	300.00	
Entry Fee for Trips	2,000.00	2,440.00	1,500.00	
Fees Held for Non C/T Programs		9,107.87	-	
Halloween Supplies	850.00	919.18	500.00	
Referees	3,500.00	4,300.00	4,500.00	
Refunds		700.00	-	
Supplies	2,500.00	2,559.55	2,800.00	
Travel Team	1,000.00	1,391.00	750.00	
Program Expense - Other	8,300.00	9,256.03	8,500.00	
Volunteer Gifts	500.00	482.79	500.00	
Total Program Expense	<u>19,450.00</u>	<u>31,526.42</u>	<u>19,350.00</u>	-0.51%
Rec./Conf. Meetings	1,000.00	255.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Safe Haven Expenses				
Events	2,600.00	3,857.00	2,400.00	
Food	1,500.00	1,009.05	1,300.00	
Supplies	1,000.00	934.77	1,100.00	
Telephone	500.00	499.71	550.00	
Total Safe Haven Expenses	<u>5,600.00</u>	<u>6,300.53</u>	<u>5,350.00</u>	-4.46%
Snack Bar Supplies	3,500.00	3,328.09	3,500.00	0.00%
Telephone	2,670.00	3,418.78	3,080.00	15.36%
Trash	1,500.00	1,397.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Utilities				
Electric	6,670.00	6,806.13	7,000.00	
Sewer	1,800.00	2,884.80	2,000.00	
Water	2,400.00	3,023.70	2,600.00	
Total Utilities	<u>10,870.00</u>	<u>12,714.63</u>	<u>11,600.00</u>	6.72%
Web Site	1,172.00	1,175.00	1,175.00	0.26%
Total Expense	<u>300,025.00</u>	<u>349,923.47</u>	<u>346,678.36</u>	15.55%
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,585.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

January 20, 2009

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

2008 was a very trying year for the Trust as the S&P 500 fell over 34%. Unfortunately, it was also Passumpsic Savings Bank's first year of handling the portfolio. Bad timing for Passumpsic but good in a way for the Trust as they had 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. Because the account lost so much value, we will end up spending far less in management fees than we were.

The Trust's market value as of 12/31/07 was made up of Passumpsic holding \$3,323,726.59 in transferred assets, Charter Trust holding \$8,083.25 in principal cash and income, and 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. As of 12/31/2008, the total market value of the Trust was \$2,805,296.39. There was a carryover of income from 2007 in the amount of \$7,090.11 transferred from Charter to Col. Town on 1/17/08. There was a carryover of income from 2008 in the amount of \$9591.60. The decrease in the market value of the Trust's for the 2008 was -22.77%, reflecting an overall decrease in the principal balance in the trust, with all income (except the carryover), less expenses having been distributed to Colonel Town Spending Committee during the year. The low interest rate market continues and the outlook for 2009 is the same. As of 12/31/08, the Trust's portfolio is balanced at 49.15% Equities; 46.90% Fixed Income; and 3.95% Cash.

Total income for 2008 was \$135,804.70 representing a total asset yield of 4.84% to ending market value as of 12/31/08; as compared to income of \$132,855.66 recognized in 2007. Distributions for 2008 to the Col. Town Spending Committee totaled \$115,558.74, down from \$124,493.22 last year. As noted above, there was \$7090.11 in undistributed income in 2007 that was distributed in 2008 and \$9591.60 of 2008 income distributed in 2009. The net total income was \$118,060.23 in 2008, down from \$119,450.31 in 2007. Expenses of \$17,744.47 were deducted from income as follows: Passumpsic Savings Bank Commission of .30% of assets each month of \$9692.57 and Charter Trust commission (8% of Income) of \$669.60; \$80.94 in foreign taxes paid; \$5,291.36 in pre-paid accrued interest in purchases of bonds in secondary market: a compliance fee by Charter of \$105.00; a tax filing fee by Charter of \$125.00; NH State Filing Fee of \$75.00; premium on insurance bond of \$400.00; Probate Court cost of \$55.00; Probate Accounting Fee from Crane & Bell of \$1250.00 (Future Probate filing to be completed by Passumpsic as part of their management agreement with the Trust). The committee disapproved of Charter levying fees and commissions while holding onto assets well after their services were terminated.

In closing, we certainly can not blame Passumpsic Savings Bank for the turbulent times we have endured and continue to believe the committee made the right decision to change investment managers. During 2008 we were pleased to welcome Celeste Pitts as

a new member, and are actively seeking additional candidates who may be interested in serving on the committee with hopes to add two new members at 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

Celeste Pitts



Parker Valdez @ Easter Bonnet Parade
Photo by Great Northwoods Journal

LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES 2008

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, Jason Potter 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, 2008 has been a very quiet year. At any time, if anyone should happen 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:

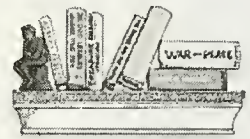
Ronald N. Bailey
Michael W. Nadeau
Royce Hutchinson



Annual Report – Weeks Memorial Library
2008

Author Gary McKeehan, in his recent book *The Angels*, describes Lancaster as having “a short, sweeping main street featuring The Rialto, a restored movie palace, *an extremely good library surrounded by a treed common*, a group of carefully renovated office buildings...” A recent statistical review of twelve New Hampshire libraries in towns with populations of 3,000 to 4,000 for the year 2007 (the most recent compilation) also paints a positive picture of Lancaster’s library. Weeks Memorial Library places in the top five in hours open at 33 ½, fourth in materials circulated, and first in annual library visits. The library’s collection is twice the number of any other library in the review with 53,131 items. The next larger library reported a collection of 25,357. What a resource the library is for the North Country!

2008 showed a 5% increase in adult circulation, and a 25% increase in computer use. (We do not have a record of the many laptop owners who make use of our wireless internet.) Like most libraries today, the circulation of children’s and young adult books is not showing the same increase as adult materials. We have added several new programs for children and young adults in hopes of enticing more of them into the library. The children’s department has Book Bunch for first through third grade and a 4th and 5th grade reading group. Lego Club meets weekly as do the popular Wonderplay for age three and under and the regular Storyhour. The doll club has regular meetings, and the Stamp and Scrap crew, ages 11 and up, is scheduled monthly. For adults the library sponsors both a quilting and a knitting group, a monthly reading group, and regular talks and slide or power point shows. A beginners Spanish class will begin early in 2009. In addition, we host the AARP Tax Service, the Adult Learner Services, two Girl Scout troops, and the Guildhall Funflyers. Wingate Hall, our meeting room, is in constant use.



The Trustees of the Library have been making great strides in their goal to increase the library’s endowment to \$500,000 by the end of 2010. A gift of \$50,000 was received at the end of December with a challenge that if we can raise another \$50,000 by the end of 2010, it will be matched by another \$50,000. At present our endowment stands at \$350,000. A new capital campaign committee will be formed in January. Volunteers are welcome!

Lancaster residents are reminded that library cards are free and will provide the patron with more than 53,000 books to choose from, audiobooks on tape and CD, DVDs and VHS tapes, magazines, and historical materials. Items not owned by the library can usually be acquired from other libraries. Three public computers are available in addition to wireless service. Come and register for your card today...the best bargain in town.

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
08-001	Frederick Rhodes	49 Gore Road
08-002	Lorraine Duquette	6 Pine Haven Road
08-003	Peter & Linda Bornstein	185 Mt. Prospect Rd.
08-004	Jeremie Garand	14 Governors Terrace
08-005	Alan Savage	644 Elm Street
08-006	Doug & Lori Shearer	7 Cantin Ridge Drive
08-007	Michael Huntington	167 Portland Street
08-008	William & Sheila McCarten	175 Martin Meadow Pond Rd.
08-009	Kathy Patterson	22 Stockwell Rd.
08-010	Marcia Hendy	44 Flaherty Road
08-011	Steve Christle (renewal)	700 Main Street
08-012	David Collins	43 Wesson Road
08-013	Melissa Hanson	180 Main Street
08-014	John & Daniel Brosseau	40 Canal Street
08-015	William Bishop	74 Pleasant Valley Road
08-016	Lewis & Daphne Cassady	111 Stebbins Hill Rd.
08-017	Joseph Wagley	332 North Road
08-018	Lance Whipple	203 Summer Street
08-019	Matthew Forest	49 Elm Street
08-020	Lancaster Assembly of God	637 Main Street
08-021	Caouette & Pratt LLC	133 Main Street
08-022	Phillip & Nancy Page (renewal)	133 Martin Meadow Pond Rd.
08-023	H. Redmond Thayer	43 Burnside Street
08-024	Patrick King	83 rd Third Street
08-025	Susan Mackillop	74 Brook Road
08-026	Todd Brown	312 Main Street
08-027	Samuel Shippee (renewal)	150 Main Street
08-028	Samuel Shippee (renewal)	150 Main Street
08-029	Dan Kenison	130 Portland Street
08-030	Paul & Ann Haslanger	73&74 Garland Road
08-031	Christian & Pamela Gainer	18 Grandview Street
08-032	Passumpsic Savings Bank	117 Main Street
08-033	Scott Howe	36 Arthur White Road
08-034	Napoli Group	258 Main Street
08-035	Stanley & Sally Knecht	159 Main Street
08-036	Richard Harris	708 Main Street
08-037	Benjamin Harris	336 North Road
08-038	CEDC	19 Industrial Park Road
08-039	Genesis Healthcare	91 Country Village Road

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board heard seventeen (17) cases, approved fifteen (15) cases, one withdrew and one pending conditions prior to approval.

The cases consisted of one (1) major subdivision, four (4) minor subdivisions or minor technical subdivisions with lot line adjustments, three (3) major site plan reviews, five (5) minor site plan reviews and four (4) commercial building permits.

The board made one site visit to the old Coos County Courthouse on Main Street to review the parking spaces.

Two of the commercial building permits were for 92.5 foot monopoles with communications equipment to deliver wireless broadband service.

I want to thank the board, alternates and staff members for their faithful attendance at the meetings.

Respectively submitted,

Steven D. Young
Chairman

This year the Board held hearings on the following cases:

- #696 **Charles E Locke Revocable Trust.** Applicant requests a major subdivision to create four new lots in an area zoned agricultural. New road is proposed. (49 McGary Hill Road, Tax Map R12, Lots 53, 54, 55, 57). Application was deemed complete at December 2007 meeting. **APPROVED/with conditions.**
- #697 **Richard Harris/Daniel C Fournier d/b/a Lancaster Auto Sales.** Applicant requests a major site plan review to lease and operate a used vehicle dealership in an area zoned commercial-industrial. (702 Main Street, Tax Map R1, Lot 1). **APPROVED/with conditions.**
- #697A **Richard Harris/Daniel C Fournier d/b/a Lancaster Auto Sales.** Applicant requests a major site plan review to lease and operate a used vehicle dealership, to include fluids and oil changes in an area zoned commercial-industrial. (Previous approval did not include service work) (702 Main Street, Tax Map R1, Lot 1). **APPROVED.**
- #698 **Coos Courthouse Properties, LLC – George Sansoucy.** Applicant requests a minor site plan review to install 12 new parking spaces at the Old Courthouse in an area-zoned commercial. (148 Main Street, Tax Map P6, Lot 3). **APPROVED/with conditions.**

- #699 **Stacie Gillespie and Alberta Charron/SBA Towers, Inc.** Applicant requests a major site plan review to erect a 180 foot monopole cell tower (190 feet with lightning rod and antennas) in an area zoned commercial-industrial. (10 Mayberry Lane, Tax Map R1, Lot 41). **Application found incomplete.**
- #700 **Nathan & Stephanie Baker/Gary & Janet Mason.** Applicants request a Technical Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment in an area zoned residential. (Propsect Street, Tax Map P10, Lot 90). **APPROVED/with conditions.**
- #701 **Lance Whipple.** Applicant requests a minor site plan review to pour a reinforced concrete slab, enclose and finish an existing structure in an area zoned commercial-industrial. (203 Summer Street, Tax Map P2, Lot 15). **APPROVED.**
- #702 **James Michaels/Assembly of God.** Applicant requests a minor site plan review to permit a Sunday School in an area-zoned commercial-industrial. (637 Main Street, Tax Map R1, Lot 32). Special Exception pending before Zoning Board of Adjustment. **APPROVED**
- #703 **Norman & Jennifer Gouveia.** Applicants request a minor subdivision to create one new lot in an area zoned agricultural. (143 Garland Road, Tax Map R12, Lot 34). **APPROVED**
- #704 **Randy Humphrey/Dick Harris.** Applicants request a minor site plan review to conduct a stone sculpting and retail business on leased land zoned commercial-industrial. (700 Main Street, Tax Map R1, Lot 1). **APPROVED**
- #705 **Passumpsic Savings Bank.** Applicant requests major site plan review to demolish existing building and construct an approximately 90' x 100' new building with a multi-lane drive-through on a lot zoned commercial. (117 Main Street, Tax Map P7, Lot 88). Area variance pending before Zoning Board of Appeals. **APPROVED with conditions.**
- #706 **Gerry McCann d/b/a Lancaster Realty Associates.** Applicant requests to subdivide a 3.50-acre lot into one 0.73 acre lot and the remaining land consisting of a 2.77-acre lot in an area zoned residential. (7 Chelle Road, Tax Map R17, Lot 69). **APPROVED**
- #707 **Gerry McCann d/b/a Lancaster Realty Associates.** Applicant requests a major site plan review to construct a 5,160 square foot building for the purpose of building a five (5) unit condominium building. (7 Chelle Road, Part of Tax Map R17, Lot 69). **APPROVED pending determination by State CWS and Fire Chief. Developer must comply with CWS standards until he receives a letter from DES stating he does not have to.**

- #708 **John E Tolman and Bruce and Robin Savage.** Applicant requests a minor/technical subdivision to deed a 9.01-acre parcel to Bruce Savage and to have an 11.40-acre parcel retained by John Tolman. No new lots to be created. (275 North Road, Tax Map R11, Lot 77). **APPROVED**
- #709 **Santa's Village Inc and Nicholas and Melanie Staley.** Applicant requests a minor/technical subdivision to deed 0.38 acres from Santa's Village Inc to Nicholas and Melanie Staley. No new lots to be created. (46 Cathedral Road, Tax Map R17, Lots 73 & 74). **APPROVED with conditions.**
- #710 **Northern Community Investment Corp (NCIC) & Coos Economic Development Corp.** Applicants request a minor site plan review to install a 92.5 foot monopole with telecommunications equipment (antennae and radio) to deliver wireless broadband services on a lot zoned commercial-industrial. (Land on Industrial Park Road, Tax Map R1, Lot 19). Article 8 – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities section of the Lancaster Zoning Ordinance. No height extension necessary per Section 8.06 A. Determine if development is one of a regional nature pursuant to RSA 12-K:7. **APPROVED with conditions.**
- #711 **Country Village Center/Genesis Healthcare.** Applicant requests minor site plan review to construct an addition that is approximately 60' x 40' with a full foundation and restroom on a lot zoned commercial. (91 Country Village Road, Tax Map P3, Lot 43). **APPROVED with conditions.**
- #712 **Northern Community Investment Corp (NCIC).** Applicants request a minor site plan review to install a 92.5 foot monopole with telecommunications equipment (antennae and radio) to deliver wireless broadband services on a lot zoned commercial-industrial. (35 Hodge Road, Tax Map R18, Lot 23). Article 8 – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities section of the Lancaster Zoning Ordinance. No height extension necessary per Section 8.06 A. Determine if development is one of a regional nature pursuant to RSA 12-K:7. **APPROVED with conditions.**

In addition to the above hearings the board approved voluntary mergers, held public hearings regarding tree removal on scenic roads, approved revisions to the Site Plan Review Regulations and Land Subdivision Regulations, wrote a letter of support for the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, voted to incorporate the State Wood Burning Outdoor Furnace regulations into the Lancaster Planning Board Regulations, signed commercial building permits and discussed forming a Master Plan Committee.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

It was another quiet year for the Lancaster Zoning Board of Adjustment with only five requests for hearings in comparison to eight in 2007. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Shelly Fitch as clerk and welcomed Nona Cordwell as the new clerk.

Case #470 Motion for rehearing. 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) **Motion for rehearing was DENIED.**

Case #471 Marcia Jo Hendy for an area variance pursuant to section 5.04 a "setbacks" to permit a carport closer than the required 50 foot front setback. (44 Flaherty Road, Tax Map R19, Lot 37). **GRANTED**

Case #472 James Michaels/Assembly of God for a special exception pursuant to section 5.03 f, uses permitted by special exception in the commercial-industrial zoning district "...churches and (Sunday) school..." (637 Main Street, Tax Map R1, Lot 32) **GRANTED with understanding that the portable classroom could never be used as a dwelling.**

Case #473 Melissa Hanson d/b/a Scorpio's Pizzeria for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements pursuant to RSA 674:33-a. Deck is located 4 feet from property line and 10 feet is required. (180 Main Street, Tax Map P6, Lot 9) **GRANTED with the condition that it remains an outdoor dining deck only and can never be enclosed or have a foundation.**

Case #474 Passumpsic Savings Bank for an area variance concerning article 5 section 5.02 a of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to site a new approximately 90' x 100' building closer than 15 feet from the right-of-way on High Street in the commercial zoning district. (117 Main Street, Tax Map P7, Lot 88) **GRANTED**

The Zoning Board consists of five full members and four 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
Shelly Fitch, Clerk (resigned)
Nona Cordwell, Clerk

LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It has been a pleasure for the members of the Conservation Commission to serve the Town for the year of 2008. The commission consists of six members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. We have three new members this year.

The Commission this year looked over twelve NHDES wetland permits and letters. Conservation Land Stewardship Office of Energy and Planning have updated all conservation easement files. Currently the committee is working with Ammonoosuc Land Trust and one land owner from Town.

Wetland complex survey made up of Clark Pond, Blood Pond, and Martin Meadow Pond is complete. In 2009, we are looking at three projects.

Members: Paul Crane, Allan Carr, David Rexford, John Accardi, Robert Elwell and Paul Theroux

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Crane
Chairman



A photo of Kenneth C. Brisson rests at the base of the monument in Centennial Park, where he was remembered on Monday during Memorial Day observances. From left are members of the Brisson family — Aaron Brisson, Richard Brisson Jr., Richard Brisson Sr. — and Gomer Powell, who accepted the Navy man's uniform and purple heart, which the Brisson family has donated to the Lancaster Historical Society. (Photo by Eileen Alexander)

LANCASTER AREA ENERGY COMMITTEE

The main activity of the Lancaster Area Energy Committee (LAEC) in the past year has been the distribution of well over one thousand Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) to residents of our community. The July 26th Street Fair and Election Day in November proved to be popular venues for this enterprise. The Street Fair also offered an excellent opportunity to spread the word about alternatives for more efficient uses of energy around our households and in our community. For instance: reduced driving speeds, clothesline drying, using cloth shopping bags, walking or biking when possible, reduction of unnecessary vehicle idling, and perhaps most significantly, tightening up our homes to reduce heat loss and fuel use are all good examples of conservation. Committee members were delighted to learn that many Lancaster area residents have already installed CFLs throughout their homes.

Our thanks to Garland Mill Timberframes for underwriting LAEC's give-aways of energy efficient light bulbs (CFLs.)

Discussions with Lancaster's town manager have resulted in a town-wide energy audit being done through PSNH by Atlantic Energy Solutions of Foxboro, Massachusetts. In the forthcoming year LAEC intends to take an in-depth look at this report with the town manager and the board of selectmen and any other interested parties to determine what actions on the Town's part can be undertaken to better conserve both energy and money.

On a quick first look both the library and the police station appear to be good prospects for feasible savings.

Also, SAU 36 is at this time having an energy audit completed on its buildings and reports that the heating system control improvements at the Lancaster Elementary – Junior High School that were done with the voters' approval of Article 1 on last year's WMR School District Warrant are showing savings of approximately 20% in projected oil costs and 10% in projected electricity costs.

We hope any and all will feel free to contact any member of this committee if you care to join us or if you have ideas or questions we might address.

Lucy Wyman
Cid Southworth

Kay Doherty
Melissa Grella

Molly Tobin
Peter Gair

Ben Southworth

HERITAGE TRAIL COMMITTEE 2008

This year has been a busy and interesting one for the Heritage Trail (HT) Committee.

To help with the cabin fever and deep snow in the spring we hosted two well attended snowshoe hikes. One took us around and over Weeks State Park on a cool sunny day with around 20 folks. A month later we went from Corrigan Hill down Reed Road over the hill to Route 2 and then the covered bridge by Mechanic Street.

The last day of May found us doing an evening, downtown, walk to check out, firsthand, some of the heritage of Lancaster. With narration by Gomer (Lawrence) Powell who shared many memories of Town history with us. It was enjoyed by all in attendance and a good bit of history was talked about.

We were thankful the town allowed us the use of a building to store tools and supplies in a central spot. Thanks.

During the winter and spring high winds and damp soils caused many trees to blow down so clearing the trail trees, grass, and other debris was challenging hard work. The Page Hill section had to be cleared twice! Members volunteered chain saws and hours of hard work for this task. Thanks.

In the summer the HT hosted two group hikes, with members and guests, which were fun, educational and relaxing as the hikers shared their knowledge of flowers, fauna, and animal habitat.

Under the leadership of George Glidden (Whitefield) easements were obtained from folks in Lancaster and Whitefield to allow a new section of the HT to connect Lancaster to Bethlehem sections. We linked up with the WMRHS Natural Resources Class under the guidance of Jennifer Barton, their teacher, and cut a new trail from Martin Meadow Pond Road to Black Brook. The mature members of the committee and the students made quick work of this job and enjoyed each others company and lunching together in the woods.

We are working with the state Trails Bureau to add this new section to the NH Heritage Trail System. This is a work in progress and a great hiking opportunity for the area.

This last season was very wet with many bugs, and parts of the trail stayed damp. The area from Bunker Hill to Page Hill is better drained and was more used. Get out and check the Heritage Trail for good hiking right in our backyard. The trails need more use and the volunteers need more help in keeping them clear and marked. If you want to help us, call 788-3239 to find out when and how.

Charter member Curtis Smith moved to Rhode Island and his dedication, wisdom, and enthusiasm are greatly missed.

Lawrence Underhill
Chairman



**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 NH communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for seniors (60+), by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

In 2008, Caleb Caregivers assisted more than 311 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Over \$52,013.66 worth of services were provided **FREE** to clients. Caleb's 84 active volunteers donated over 2,666 hours and drove over 37,295 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 running errands is one of the most requested services through Caleb. This year, Caleb volunteers drove an additional 11,113 miles compared to 2007. This was due to the fuel crisis scare. Seniors that were driving themselves could not afford the gas and turned to Caleb for assistance. Many of Caleb's trips were local, but some of our trips took us to DHMC, North Conway, Manchester, Concord, White River Junction, St. Johnsbury and Boston. It costs \$2.25 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, computer training 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 NH seniors that are 60+ and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to seniors, who are totally homebound. Caleb volunteers also assist with the Pet Food Project, which has grown by leaps and bounds. Since this project began, in October of 2002, Caleb has distributed over **27** tons of **FREE** pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Caleb has added another service to its list. It is called Project Cool Air. With funding received from the Lancaster and Littleton Rotaries, Caleb purchased and distributed air conditioners/fans to seniors that needed the appliances during the summer months. Most of the seniors that received these appliances had COPD or some other health related condition. 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 our mission of serving seniors in need. The \$3,520.00 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2009.

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 one of the Board Members.

One other note for 2008 - Caleb received funding from AARP which was to be used to enhance Caleb's visibility. Caleb decided to use that funding to create a new logo and brochure. The new logo represents Caleb's mission. The hands, in the logo, represent the volunteer lending a helping hand. The heart represents the volunteer giving from their heart and the house image represents keeping the client living in their own home. Caleb is excited to have a new image, a new look! Hands – Heart - Home

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

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Executive Director

Board of Directors

- Larry Berg, President – Whitefield
- Myra Emerson, Clerk - Lancaster
- David Glover, Treasurer – Whitefield
- Rev. Virginia Alvarez – Lancaster
- Marie Dubreuil – Jefferson
- Vicki Gunderson - Whitefield
- John Roberge - Groveton
- Carl Rod - Jefferson
- Gail Tattan-Giampaolo – Maidstone, VT



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Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Riverbend Subcommittee toured Comerford Dam and completed a new and expanded *Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan*. The Plan emphasizes the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We will sponsor public presentations on the new plan during the winter and spring. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate our recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Shorefront owners should know about the updated state shoreland protection law. Natural ground cover must remain within 50' of the water of lakes, ponds, and rivers, and use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides is restricted.

We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the recently discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River, and other invasive species. Landowners planning work near the river should be sure they have all necessary permits before beginning work. Lancaster is currently unrepresented on the Subcommittee, and citizens who wish to help represent the town should contact the Select Board. The Subcommittee, which is advisory and has no regulatory authority, provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. 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.

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published major new Management Plans for Water Resources and for Recreation on the Connecticut River. In 2008 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as riverbank erosion in Colebrook and New Hampshire's updated Shoreland Protection Act. We completed a new Five Year Plan that focuses upon public outreach, use of river science, and protection of the valley's natural, historic, and cultural assets.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses, and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2008, we concluded a three-year project to identify the Byway with way-finding signs. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, www.crjc.org, for a calendar of events, useful information, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Mary Sloat, Connecticut River Commissioner

COOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

In keeping with our agency mission of “creating conditions that will improve economic opportunity for all in the county” CEDC has been busy on numerous fronts.

In town we have worked with two businesses which have and are investing in new vibrancy for the downtown area.

We assisted both the founders of the Lancaster Discount Market and the new owners of the Double S Diner. LDM was aided with their market/business plan and in finding ready collateral to open their store in the old CMW Butcherblock annex (formerly Sanel’s Auto Parts) off Bunker Hill Street and behind the Coos County Democrat office.

At the Double S the building is undergoing a complete rehab from top to bottom with plans to open as a revived downtown eatery and watering spot in the spirit of Old Susannah’s.

Of major interest are the inroads made on providing high-speed broadband to the greater Lancaster area with considerable work and complexity completed by the end of the year.

Some of the complexity is borne of multiple public funding sources each with its own spending requirements and clearances needed from state and federal agencies before proceeding.

Testing of some delivery systems has been successful with the ultimate model requiring a robust network of short (95’) towers deploying radio transmitters to provide wireless broadband signal to neighborhood user aggregations. Permits for scores of these towers are in hand and construction agreements are being readied for the short but busy construction season. Once installed and operational, users will be contacted about connecting to the system.

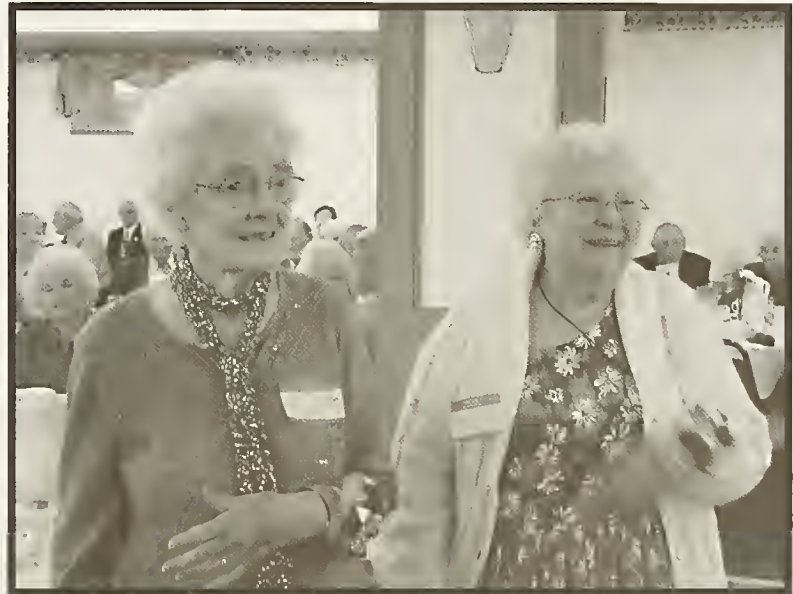
All the broadband deployment is dependent on the Mt. Orne cell tower for relay of bandwidth signal from its fiber optic origin at Lyndon State College to Burke Mountain to Mt. Orne.

Our second major effort has been in formulating the most efficient means of extracting energy and heat from low-grade wood fiber harvested in Coos County. While there is continued competition for this fiber by existing biomass to energy producers higher efficiency is gained by designing systems that distribute heat and power locally rather than into the power transmission grid for distribution to distant customers.

Existing biomass plants are, at best, 35% efficient meaning they exhaust 65% of their energy (as heat) to the atmosphere. Local Combined Heating Power systems distribute the heat in the form of hot water to all buildings in the “district” and improve the plant’s operating efficiency to 80% plus. This means that instead of exhausting (wasting) 3 of every 4 tons of wood supplied to the plant in the form of steam, the CHP model exhausts little using steam, hot water and stack gasses to benefit efficiencies. In addition to operating efficiencies, heat users transition off use of costly imported fuels, help circulate money in the regional community, lower carbon footprints, and contribute to sustainable wood fiber production that benefits local consumers and not distant investors or electrical grid users.

Currently six Coos towns, two schools and two major resorts are considering conversion to these CHP models. Both WMRHS and parts of Lancaster are being considered for installation of such a system.

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Lancaster Academy Reunion – Mildred Congdon & Dorothy Kay Davis



Lancaster Academy – Class of 1913

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GREAT NORTH WOODS WELCOME CENTER

The Board of Directors for the Lancaster Renaissance Program which does business as the Great North Woods Welcome Center would like to thank the town's people of Lancaster for their support of the center and the activities which it brings to downtown Lancaster. The Street Fair and Olde Tyme Christmas celebrations have been very well attended and we have received a lot of thanks for the activities.

The Welcome Center continues to provide information to the many visitors from afar. We have received many notes in our guest book thanking us for our gracious hospitality and information.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit the center please stop by this summer and say hi to our friendly staff.

Linda Hutchins, secretary



4th of July Parade Grand Marshal – Curtis Smith
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MT PROSPECT SKI CLUB & TOW

Thanks to Mother Nature and the people of Lancaster Mt. Prospect Ski Club has had a great year. We are very grateful for your unwavering support and belief in our ability to resurrect this rather retro but worthwhile recreational project. While our daily numbers were not always high we saw new faces each weekend and have been gratified by the breadth of support the club still enjoys from it's loyal alums to a new generation of young families who leave us at the end of the day with a healthy glow on their cheeks and broad smiles on their faces. We have a terrific crew of volunteers and lots of folks who provide unseen support in more ways than I can enumerate here. Thanks to all of you, you've made it possible to realize this project for which we are all beneficiaries.

Lucy K. Wyman
Mt. Prospect Ski Club and Tow



MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

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January 2009

Dear North Country Neighbors,

As we endure difficult economic times, you should be proud of the work done by the all-volunteer crew that runs the Mount Washington Regional Airport. As a local taxpayer—and non-pilot, by the way—I know I am.

Factors that affected the nation affected airport users, as well. The dramatic rise of fuel prices during most of 2008 led to a modest decline in air traffic for the year. That said, our volunteer airport manager aggressively managed inventory and retail pricing to maximize our returns as prices increased. Fuel sales accounted for more than 78% of our operational revenue.

In 2008, we laid the groundwork for increased hangar development at the airport. Such development pays double benefits to our communities. First, the airport collects rental fees for the land occupied by private hangars. This lease revenue and transient parking fees represent 7% of our general operating budget income. Second, hangar owners pay property taxes on their buildings. During 2008, hangars generated thousands of dollars in taxes that support of schools and local and county government, with little cost impact on services and no impact on schools.

Support from the state, which is based on and generated by fees paid by airplane owners, coupled with reimbursements, contributed nearly 2% percent of our operating budget. Donations and miscellaneous income represented more than 3%.

As local taxpayers, you honored commitments you made earlier this decade to provide a portion of support for the airport through town appropriations. Many of you recognize the important role our airport plays in the transportation infrastructure in the North Country. It is a critical access point for tourism, real estate development, commerce and emergency response.

More than 25% of the amount contributed by towns went to cover debt incurred by the Town of Whitefield many years ago when it built a self-service fuel facility at the airport. The foresight shown by the town in making this capital improvement is paying off, as fuel sales are a strong contributor to the airport's bottom line.

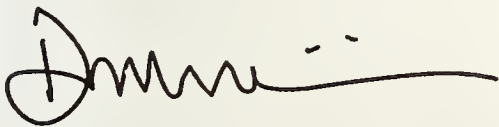
Of the remaining town contributions, nearly 75% went to capital improvement projects that are part of the state's comprehensive transportation plan. This money—\$9,712.85 in 2008—represents what's called a sponsor share, which is matched dollar for dollar by the state and at a rate of 38 to one by FAA funds generated by commercial air travelers nationwide.

Over the past several years, our ability to get \$39 in capital improvement money for each dollar we raise has led to the infusion of millions of dollars into our local economy. This represents jobs that went to New Hampshire residents—including those from our contributing towns, as well as products purchased from local businesses.

We expect to continue bringing such investments into the North Country. But we can't do it alone. We count on your continued support at your town meeting, and we welcome your participation at our meetings—as a volunteer airport leader, if you wish, or as a member of the public.

As I step down after several years at the helm—or, as pilots say, the controls—I want to express my heart-felt thanks to my fellow volunteers, our local and state government leaders, our airport users and you, the residents that help us build a vibrant and accessible North Country that can withstand any challenges that come our way.

Respectfully yours,

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

David Willis, Chairman

NORTHERN GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOWN REPORT

The Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce continues to provide a vital link between visitors, residents and area businesses. Our website www.northerngatewaychamber.org receives over 512,000 hits in 2008 and continues to grow.

We have combined the Gateway magazine with the Relocation guide. Last year's issue was a 34 page publication designed to draw tourists to our area. As well as give vital information to people who have or are thinking of relocating to our area. Your Chamber distributes 40,000 magazines throughout New England to welcome centers, hotels, dining and recreational establishments and is also available on our web page.

We have sponsored public information seminars, and members hosted monthly mixers every month.

Our strength is in numbers with members from Lancaster, Jefferson, Whitefield, Groveton, Dalton, Northumberland, Stark, Stratford, and Randolph New Hampshire, and Gilman, Guildhall, and Lunenburg, Vermont.

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 local businesses and residents for their continued support.



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I would like to thank all of you for your support of the council 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.

Over the past year, we have continued to deliver planning and economic development services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and I think you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. The North Country Council has continued its strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing the funding and project development to the region. As we all know, these are tough economic times and we will be working with our State and Federal elected officials to do whatever we can to assist our communities economically. We will continue our Community Planning Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. We will continue to seek your input as to the communities' needs and, as always, be providing the necessary technical support and education as our resources allow. These programs as well as all the other traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning, Brownsfields assessments, and transportation planning will continue to be the focus of North Country Council. Please take the time to look over our 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 for the Council and hope that I and my staff can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. 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

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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 countywide. In 2007, the demand response system provided 6,847 and in 2008, 12,044 trips were provided showing an increase in trips of over 44%. The Tri Town Public Transit Systems provided 7,744 trips in 2007 and 11,119 trips in 2008, an increase of nearly 50%.

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

"We'll take You Places"

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.

North Country Transit is also the service provider for Littleton Regional Hospital clients via the "Littleton Regional Hospital Community 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 Country Transit is staffed by 21 people that includes: a full time Director, a full time Operations Manager, a full time Accounting Clerk, 2 part time Schedulers/Mobility Managers, 3 full time Drivers, 12 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 57% federal funds from the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, 4% County funds (Coös), 5% Town funds, 9% Program Income, 3% United Way, 3% Contributions, 4% Fundraising and Donations, 15% Contacted Services, In-Kind and TCCAP/CSBG. The Tri Town public route between Lancaster and Littleton consists of 49% Federal Transit Administration funding, 22% State and Federal funding from the Transition Assistance for Needy Families, 2% contribution from United Way, 5% 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 do not 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! 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
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Town of Lancaster**



Cathy Bishop and Pamela Willey successfully completed their Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing Aide Certification which will allow them to better serve our communities.

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.

2008
White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground
Director's Report

Town of Lancaster

Each year this report provides town residents with a summary of the services we offer in your community, as well as an overview of our accomplishments and challenges during the past year. But perhaps even more importantly, writing this report gives us a chance to publicly thank you for your confidence in our organization as demonstrated by your financial support. The money we receive from our towns is absolutely crucial in allowing White Mountain Mental Health to offer expert mental health services at a discounted rate based on our sliding fee scale. For our developmental services program, Common Ground, town funds assist us in offering the kinds of supports that are not funded by other sources; dental care is one good example. So, let me begin this year's report with an enormous "thank you" for recognizing the value of mental health and developmental services to the residents of your community.

It is impossible to read a newspaper or turn on the television without being reminded of the dismal state of our economy. During times like these, mental and emotional symptoms increase dramatically. Mentally healthy people develop anxiety and depression as they face job loss, dwindling savings and an uncertain future. It is common to "self medicate" with alcohol as a way of coping with these feelings. Children who live in a family under stress may begin to experience problems at school as they react to the changes they see in their parents. For families supporting a member with a significant developmental disability, the ability to deal with the special needs of that family member can be compromised when the family is under economic and emotional pressure. Our services offer assistance in facing these challenges

This year we are especially proud and excited to be able to offer the first Child Telepsychiatry Program in the region. Children and their families meet face-to-face with Dr. Craig Donnelly, Director of Child Psychiatry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, via a television connection at our Littleton office. With the flip of a switch, a service that had previously been unavailable to children in the North Country is now available. Thanks to your support, families have access to one of the finest Child Psychiatrists in the country. The initiation of this service was made possible by a large federal grant. Continuing to be able to offer this service on our sliding fee scale to low income families is made possible by town support.

We offer an array of high quality services that are available to everyone in the community. You may never need to access most of these services, but their availability is critical. 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 consultation 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
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

Service Statistics:

- **In 2008, 79 residents of the town of Lancaster received 757.50 hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate on our sliding fee scale.**
- **106 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. Mackay, LICSW
Area Director

**RESIDENT DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 2008**

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
January			
03	Margaret Keith	Julian Ridgely	Marguerite Hunt
10	Charles Tibbetts	Alfred Tibbetts	Gloria Vashaw
13	Doris Garris	Landis House	Clara Stoll
27	Adelene Gordon	William Murphy	Rose Taylor
February			
07	Zelda Raines	Neil Burkett	Elva Hatchenbarg
11	Joseph Monahan	Frank Monahan	Esther Burke
14	Lee Eastman	Paul Eastman	Verna Cote
27	Robert Grondin	Oscar Grondin	Corona Bergeron
March			
05	Ruth Flanders	Earl Dennonville	Ethel Berwick
08	John Moineau	Hector Moineau	Sara Lee
13	Marilyn Foster	Cyril Foster	Marion Gadwah
13	Joseph Gott	Edmond Gott	Jessie Steele
13	Glenfield Laroche	Edward Laroche	Shirley Perry
15	Alice O'Shaughnessy	Thomas McDermott	Margaret Kilcoyne
18	Maude Laleme	Almon Paige Sr	Flossie Meade
April			
07	Cecile Costine	John Martin	Bertha Marshall
10	Carolyn Driscoll	Arthur Cassidy	Mary Cote
16	Randall Burke	Benjamin Burke	Lena Kiser
16	Rolande Desaindes	Arthur Charest	Adele Dubie
19	Randall Brewer	Randal Brewer	Della Rice
28	Agnes Lakin	Frederick Didcock	Agnes Daniel
May			
12	Norman Desilets	Arthur Desilets	Luie Wormwood
12	Cynthia Chilafoe	Frank Brigham	Fern Willey
14	Ona Lane	Richard Bond	Annie Bassett
15	Elizabeth Chase	George Underwood	Alice Thompson
19	James Samson	Edward Samson Sr	Corrine Gonyer
28	Ruth Mason	Harry Oldham	Ethel Hyde
June			
03	Beverly Bushey	Walter Bowen Sr	Nelda Martin
06	Virginia Brickett	Levi Duston	Myrtis French
10	Clement Johnson	Lester Johnson	Christine Mooney
30	Helen Henson	Frank Watt	Gertrude Lazemby
July			
02	Charles Turner	Alfred Turner	Josephine Macinnis
11	Jeffrey Tenney	Keith Tenney	Jean Sunbury
11	Kevin Sargent Sr	George Sargent	Marjorie Young

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Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
August			
01	Howard Montanye	Howard Montanye	Ida Cutler
02	Lawrence Burt Sr	Albion Burt	Nellie Powell
13	Mary Johnson	John Greenberger	Martha Jane Latch
17	Rosa White	Alfred Borsutzki	Agnes Mitlulla
25	Muriel Daicy	Edwin Murray	Adele Streeter
28	Yvette Fortin	Albert Gauthier	Olivine Pelchat
September			
20	Rita Whipple	Joseph Cyr	Marieann Roy
October			
02	Helen Merrill	Herbert Marshall	Florence Johnson
11	Darron Spalty	Irving Spalty	Jean Howland
November			
15	Margaret Boyer	George Disse	Ann Cowan
20	Sharon Riff	Richard Riff	Patricia Jones
21	David Linteau	Rosario Linteau	Charlotte Greenwood
December			
08	Dorothy Davis	Nichol Kay	Belle Gammell
09	Raymond Hamel	Eugene Hamel	Lizzie Sweatt
20	Merry Ball	Abner Howland	Ellen Holmes
21	Rae Gross	Raymond Chandler	Dawn Bailey



**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
January 10	Kyle Michael	Nathaniel Pelchat	Crystal LeBlanc
January 22	Prestan Leslie	John Locke	Chrystal Locke
January 30	Nevaeh Joelle		Erin McCormick
February 03	Henry Benjamin	Patrick Judge	Jennifer Judge
February 07	Kyler Gerald Wesley	Rodney Allen	Tammy Allen
February 27	Carson Joseph	Chad Miller	Lisa Miller
March 04	Jon Anthony	Anthony Allen	Tiffany Parks
March 06	Kelton James	Justin Brann	Kate Wheeler
March 12	Isabella Rose Bennett	John Ford	Aaryn Ford
March 15	Elaina Rosemarie		Edreena Ames
March 24	William Lee	William Jackson	Michelle Donovan
April 12	Reese Beverly Carlene	Dana Robinson	Kyra Wright
April 13	Madeline Elizabeth	Jeremy Rexford	Kelly Smith
April 18	Ella Rose	Cristian Shannon	Alicia Clauss
May 02	Jacoby Jay		Brooke Perras
May 03	Carson William	William Mallett	Tara Landry Mallett
May 09	Patricia Lee	Spencer Dingman	Deborah Downing
May 11	Elliana Nichole	Isaac Forbes	Caitlyn Forbes
May 29	Shirley Patricia	Bruce Truland	Yaowapa Truland
June 24	Landyn Ace	Adam Bennett	Jessica Bennett
July 18	Ethan Kane	Ryan Early	Elisa Bell
July 29	Victor Evan	Christopher Willey	Susan Spearin
Aug 09	Mariah Lynn	Michael Hicks	Mindi Briggs
Aug 12	Lilly Bee	Jeffrey Bangs	Linda Bangs
Aug 23	Aunahka Celine	Edgar Valdez	Mandy Valdez
Aug 24	Samuel James	James Jealous	Anna-Maria Jealous
Aug 25	Makendra Rose		Megan Webster
Aug 27	Gage Eric	Jeffrey Collins	Kristen Collins
Sept 14	Aiden Michael	Jason Ruggles	Libby Ruggles
Sept 16	Timothy Allen	Guy Bradford	Amanda Schultz
Oct 15	Gabriel Thomas	Jessie Caron	Michal Caron
Nov 03	Heith Patrick	Patrick King	Alicia Cunningham
Nov 06	Kasen Joshua	Joshua Smith	Jessica Smith
Nov 19	Nevaeh Raine		Barbara Bunnell
Nov 29	Josiah Shemiah	Yobhel Brosseau	Shua Brosseau
Dec 03	Elizabeth Marie	Ryan Mooney	Katherine Stinson

**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Date	Name & Residence of Groom	Surname & Residence of Bride	Place of Marriage
Feb 09	Dennis G Houde Lancaster, NH	Cindy A Marro Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Apr 18	Justin K Quigley Lancaster, NH	Tracy L Foster Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Apr 26	David A Barney Lancaster, NH	Amanda E Newton Whitefield, NH	Littleton
May 31	Douglas C Kipp Lancaster, NH	Michelle L Hunt Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
June 15	William L Jackson Lancaster, NH	Michelle A Donovan Lancaster, NH	Jefferson
June 27	Robert P Crane Lancaster, NH	Kim M Matson Lancaster, NH	Jefferson
July 01	Joseph K Tavares Lancaster, NH	Carol L Meeks Lancaster, NH	Whitefield
July 12	Ian C Milligan Lancaster, NH	Leah M Pelchat Lancaster, NH	Shelburne
July 17	Michael A Barton Concord, NH	Angelica M LaFlamme Lancaster, NH	Concord
July 20	Robert J Parks Lancaster, NH	Theresa M Gilman Groveton, NH	Lancaster
July 26	Christopher T Allin Lancaster, NH	Tammy A McLaughlin Gilman, VT	Lancaster
Aug 10	Leo J Enos Lancaster, NH	Lisa M Payer Lancaster, NH	Jefferson
Aug 10	Kevin W DeWitt Lancaster, NH	Michelle K Simpson Lancaster, NH	Bethlehem
Aug 16	Benjamin S McGaw Lancaster, NH	Josie M Wilson Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug 23	Brent L Kay Lancaster, NH	Corina L Labounty Lancaster, NH	Lancaster

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Date	Name & Residence of Groom	Surname & Residence of Bride	Place of Marriage
Aug 23	Justin S Bilodeau Lancaster, NH	Shakira L McLaughlin Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Oct 04	Clayton W Simonds Lancaster, NH	Kristina Boyle Lisbon, NH	Lancaster
Nov 28	Kenneth L Wright Littleton, NH	Donna L Reynolds Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Dec 15	David W Cothron Lancaster, NH	Marissa G Surette Lancaster, NH	Lancaster

**RESIDENT CIVIL UNION REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Date	Name & Residence of Person A	Surname & Residence of Person B	Place of Civil Union
June 10	Melissa J Hanson Lancaster, NH	Kimberly D Phillips Lancaster, NH	Lancaster





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January 2009

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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR, RAY BURTON

*Executive Councilor
District One*

As I start my 31st and 32nd years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation- Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressman can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liasion or at (603) 271-2121.

A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like at rburton@nh.gov.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Ettingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro.

GRAFTON COUNTY:

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

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Atton, Belmont, Center Harbor, Gifford, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford, Whirefield

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee

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	Corner Portland Street & Lower Hartco Ave
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

NOTES



