



Town of New Castle, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
For the Year 1998



*On the Cover:
Great Island Common,
The Bark Endeavor
& Whaleback Lighthouse
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ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

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TOWN OFFICERS 1998-1999

Town Clerk	Henry F. Bedford	term exp 5/99
Deputy Town Clerk	Suzanne Shevenell	indef appt
<u>Selectmen</u>	Clinton H. Springer	term exp 5/99
	Gene F. Doherty	term exp 5/00
	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/01
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/99
Deputy Treasurer	Barbara Newman	indef appt
Collector of Taxes	Pamela P. Cullen	term exp 5/99
Deputy Tax Collector	Marcia Whitehouse	indef appt
Chief of Police	James C. Murphy	indef appt
Police Sergeant	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Patrolman	Donald White Jr.	indef appt
<u>Special Police</u>	Charles T. Law, Jr.	appt exp 5/99
	Liza Levin	appt exp 5/99
Building Inspector	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Road Agent	Stephen Tabbutt	indef appt
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/00
Health Officer	Roger Epstein	appt exp 1/00
Mosquito Control Board	Darel Fletcher	indef appt
Fire Chief	Richard H. White	indef appt
<u>Fire Wards</u>	William G. Kingston	term exp 5/00
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/01
	Richard White	term exp 5/99
Public Works Supr.	Dan K. Barrett	indef appt
<u>Public Works Board</u>	Walter Liff, Chr.	appt exp 5/00
	Thomas Roy	appt exp 5/01
	Norman Kent	appt exp 5/99
	Bert Palmer	appt exp 5/99
	John Walsh	appt exp 5/00
	Peter Gamester	appt exp 5/01
Alternate	Frederick Pitts	appt exp 5/01
Alternate	Robert Wildes	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Reginald Whitehouse	appt exp 5/99
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Clinton H. Springer	term exp 5/99
Ex-Officio/Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/99
<u>Planning Board</u>	Jay Tischler	appt exp 5/01
	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/99
	Etoile Holzaepfel	appt exp 5/00
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/01
	David Reynolds	appt exp 5/99
	Christopher Russell	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Albert D'Antonio	appt exp 5/99

Ex-Officio/Selectman	Gene F. Doherty	term exp 5/00
<u>Board of Adjustment</u>	Janet Harrigan, Chr.	appt exp 5/01
	Paul Cullen	appt exp 5/00
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/01
	Donald Moore	appt exp 5/00
	Raymond Ambrogi	appt exp 5/99
Alternate	Peter Gil	appt exp 5/99
Alternate	Judith Sawyer	appt exp 5/99
<u>Historic District Committee</u>	Bruce Smith, Chr.	appt exp 5/00
	Barbara Becker	appt exp 5/99
	Joan Lockhart	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Rodney Rowland	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Nancy McArdle	appt exp 5/01
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Clinton H. Springer	term exp 5/99
Ex-Officio/Planning Bd	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/99
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Wm. B. Marshall, III Chr.	appt exp 5/99
	Irene Crosby	appt exp 5/01
	Elizabeth Hume	appt exp 5/01
	James White	appt exp 5/00
	Carol Lincoln	appt exp 5/01
	Brian Mack	appt exp 5/99
Ex-Officio	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Gene F. Doherty	term exp 5/00
<u>Budget Committee</u>	Raymond Ambrogi	term exp 5/00
	Otto Grote	term exp 5/01
	Russell Cox	term exp 5/99
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/01
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/00
<u>Archives & Record Comm</u>	Eugene Morrill, Chr	indef appt
	Sr. Catherine Colliton	appt exp 5/99
	Fred White	appt exp 5/01
	Mary White	appt exp 5/01
	Christopher Russell	appt exp 5/01
<u>Trustees of the Trust Funds</u>	Russell Cox	term exp 5/99
	Peter P. Gil	term exp 5/00
	Henry F. Bedford	term exp 5/01
<u>Library Trustees</u>	Barbara Newman	term exp 5/00
	Pamela Stearns	term exp 5/99
	Paulette Semprini	term exp 5/01
Library Director	Jane Barrett	indef
<u>Supervisors of Checklist</u>	Rowena F. Alessi	term exp 5/00
	Ruth Lanham	term exp 5/04
	Marcia Whitehouse	term exp 5/02
<u>Recreation Committee</u>	Guy Stearns	appt exp 5/01
	Scott Stringham	appt exp 5/99
	Elizabeth Fregeau	appt exp 5/01

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ELECTED POSITIONS AND SALARIES
FISCAL YEAR 1998**

Position	Annual Salaries
Selectman, Chair	\$1,700
Selectmen (2)	1,600
Town Clerk	5,600
Treasurer	1,500
Collector of Taxes	1,700
Cemetery Trustee (3)	100
Moderator	75 per election
Supervisor of Checklist	100 plus \$50 per election
Trustee of Trust Funds (2)	100
Trustee of Trust Funds, Bookkeeper	250
Budget Committee	Volunteer
Library Trustee	Volunteer

There are many others who participate in Town Government on an unpaid basis, and their service is most valuable to the success of our Town. These individuals deserve the whole hearted thanks of the community for their civic involvement.

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

At this very moment the US Coast Guard's Civil Engineering Unit is preparing a Deed transferring ownership of 1.97 acres at the easterly corner of Ocean Street and Wentworth Roads to the Town. This transfer, when completed, will allow the Trustees of Cemetery to proceed with the development of a new Cemetery at the Town Common. We again must thank Senator Gregg and Representative Sununu for spear heading this transfer through the hallowed walls of our nation's Capital.

We would be remiss were we not to express dismay with the cavalier manner in which the Seacoast and Lake Region are being treated as respects the Claremont Education situation - politics at its best and worst! What ever the outcome we will all be digging deep into our pockets come December 99. We must thank our Representatives Russ Cox and Jane Langley for doing all within their power to protect the Town's best interests.

"Will there be or not be a Hotel!", continues as a statement or concern on the part of us all - and we, your Selectmen, do not have an answer. The flourish of activity last spring and summer died in the fall. Yet, at this very moment an interest has been rekindled as discussion between Ocean Properties and various boards are again being held. We all must recognize, however, that the dispositioning of Claremont can have a lasting effect on the question as it does on several others.

Again, we must thank you, the community, for your continuing support of our activity and more importantly, the activity and time given by the various board members serving the Town of New Castle.

Board of Selectmen

Clinton H. Springer, Chairman
Gene F. Doherty
Robert W. Beecher

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD
AT THE GREAT ISLAND COMMON
MAY 12, 1998**

Article 1, 2, and 3 were voted by ballot with the results indicated. Moderator Wayne Semprini opened the polls at 10am and declared them closed at 7pm.

ARTICLE 1: Balloting for town officers produced the following results:

Town Clerk (one year):	Henry F. Bedford	259 votes
Selectman (three years):	Robert W. Beecher	240 votes
Treasurer (one year):	William B. Marshall III	250 votes
Tax Collector (one year):	Pamela P. Cullen	251 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds (Three years):	Henry F. Bedford	256 votes
Library Trustee (three years):	Jenny Rosenson	114 votes
	Paulette D. Semprini	151 votes
Library Trustee (two years):	Barbara E. Newman	238 votes
Cemetery Trustee (three years):	David Merrill	245 votes
Budget Committee (three years):	Otto F. Grote	230 votes Fire
Ward (three years):	Reginald E. Whitehouse	251 votes
Supervisor of the Check List (six years):	Ruth M. Lanham	251 votes
Moderator (two years):	Wayne P. Semprini	254 votes

The ballot for the School District, conducted simultaneously with the election of town officers, had the following results:

School District Moderator (three years):	Wayne P. Semprini	254 votes
School Board (three years):	Jennifer Schwartz	244 votes

ARTICLE 2: Building Code Amendment #1 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 220 YES to 34 NO.

ARTICLE 3: Building Code Amendment #2 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 202 YES to 50 NO.

Moderator Semprini convened the business meeting at 2pm in the Recreation Building at Great Island Common. He encouraged spirited participation in the legislative deliberations of the town. He asked that the meeting recall in a silent moment members of the community who had died since the previous annual meeting. The moderator announced that he had received and would honor a petition from sev-

eral registered voters requesting that votes conducted on Articles 4 and 8 be conducted by ballot. He asked approval of rules for the meeting, which included a prohibition of smoking, a requirement that a motion to reconsider be made immediately after the vote at issue, and another that any amendment be submitted in writing. Only registered voters, he said, would be permitted to engage in discussion unless the meeting made a specific exception. Following a motion duly seconded, the moderator's rules were ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4, authorizing the selectmen to convey the town's interest in land underlying Route 1B to WW Resort LLC after Route 1B is relocated, opened and accepted by the state was read and discussed. In response to a question about consideration the town was to receive in return, Selectman Doherty are reported that the developers of the new Wentworth Hotel had committed themselves to replace approximately 1700 feet of water main in Portsmouth in order to improve delivery to New Castle, and that enhanced public parking and other amenities were included in the arrangements selectmen had negotiated for the town. By a ballot vote, the motion was ADOPTED, 142 YES to 41 NO.

ARTICLE 5, establishing an expendable cemetery trust fund and appropriating \$10,000 for engineering and site development at the Great Island Common was ADOPTED by voice vote. The Cemetery Trustees, with the approval of the Selectmen, may authorize withdrawals from these funds, which are to be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds, for the purposes specified in the article.

ARTICLE 6, appropriating \$10,000 for the previously established Protective Equipment Trust Fund, and authorizing withdrawal from that fund by Selectmen, was ADOPTED by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7, appropriating \$27,000 for the Town Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund and authorizing withdrawal at the discretion of selectmen was amended on motion of Raymond Ambrogi, Chairman of the Budget Committee. The amount to be voted, he explained, out to be \$17,500 to reconcile the warrant article with the published budget. The amendment, duly seconded, was ADOPTED by a voice vote and the amended article was ADOPTED after Selectman Springer explained that \$10,000 of the total was earmarked for a future fire truck, and the remainder was needed to make a payment on a police cruiser and for other equipment needs.

Upon the motion of Donald Moore, the meeting voted to take up ARTICLE 9, a petition article modifying the authority of the selectmen to withdraw from the vehicle and equipment trust fund. For the petitioners, Ted Bedford explained that the article was intended to restore some distinction between capital and operating budgets by adding the budget committee to the withdrawal process. Selectman Doherty believed that additional consultation was not necessary. The motion was lost by a hand vote of 45 YES to 81 NO.

ARTICLE 8, appropriating \$8000 and authorizing the library trustees to expend the appropriation to complete proposed automation in the library was read and discussed. Library Trustee Pamela Stearns explained that the Library had \$10,000 from gifts and fund raising activity that would be devoted to the project, and that the additional appropriation would enable the purchase of both hardware and software to facilitate computerized inventory and access to other libraries and information systems. For the Budget Committee, which did not recommend the appropriation, Ambrogi said that the recommendation did not connote a judgement about the value or importance of the proposal, but rather an effort, which had required reductions in other budgets as well, to keep any increase in the tax rate to the predicted rate of inflation. After further discussion, the motion was LOST by a ballot vote of 74 YES to 84 NO.

ARTICLE 10, For the Budget Committee, Ambrogi moved that the town raise and appropriate \$1,160,093 to pay the town's expenses in the coming year. The motion was ADOPTED by voice vote.

There was no business under ARTICLE 11.

ARTICLE 12, Selectman Springer reported that the town was currently renegotiating the cable television contract with Media One. He had noted earlier that the company would be wiring the Maude Trefethen School for access to the Internet as part of the contract. He asked for an informal vote to indicate whether the town ought to require a franchise fee in return for the cable franchise. There was no support for such a fee.

Selectman Doherty asked for opinions from residents about the time of the annual meeting, and pledged receptivity of the selectmen to suggestions on this topic. With Selectman Springer, she then read a proclamation thanking and honoring Selectman Cowern for his service to the town; the meeting agreed with sustained applause. For the employees of the town, Pam Cullen presented Cowern with a gift, which also provoked approving applause. Cowern reported on the new activity of the Conservation Committee and commended the exhibit the committee had mounted at the meeting. He also thanked the town for the opportunity to serve, and commended public service to others in the community.

Upon motion made and seconded, Moderator Semprini declared the meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

A true and correct record of the Town Meeting and Election of Officers of the town of New Castle, May 12, 1998, ATTEST:

Henry F. Bedford
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OFFICIALS SURETY BONDS IN FORCE
For fiscal year ending June 30, 1998**

POSITION	NHMA PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST	AMOUNT
TAX COLLECTOR -----		
Pamela P. Cullen		\$60,000
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR -----		
Marcia Whitehouse		57,000
TREASURER -----		
William B. Marshall III		57,000
DEPUTY TREASURER -----		
Barbara Newman		62,000
TOWN CLERK -----		
Henry F. Bedford		15,000
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK -----		
Suzanne Shevenell		15,000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS -----		
Henry F. Bedford		90,000
Peter Gil		
Russell Cox		
LIBRARY TRUSTEES -----		
Pamela Stearns		5,000
Barbara Newman		
Paulette Semprini		

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE FOR TOWN PROPERTY
For fiscal year ending June 30, 1998

1.	Town Hall, land, and building	346,900
	Furniture and equipment	30,000
2.	Libraries, recreation hall, and buildings	1,168,200
	Furniture and equipment	225,000
3.	Police Dept.	0
	Equipment	17,500
4.	Fire department, land and building	190,000
	Equipment	340,000
5.	Highway department, land, and building	0
	Equipment	45,000
	Material and supplies	6,000
6.	Park, Common, and playground	2,353,700
7.	Water supply facilities	396,197
	Owed by Town of New Castle	
8.	Sewer plant and facilities	118,500
	Owed by Town of New Castle	
9.	School, lands, and building	769,400
	Equipment	
10.	All lands and building acquired through Tax collector's deeds	0
11.	All other property and equipment	
	Cemeteries: Riverside	529,500
	Frost	73,300
	Prescott	91,300
12.	Other	
	Other town owned lands and town landings	97,500
	Town garage	7,400
	Old library building & land	194,000
	Other land	998,900

	TOTAL	<u>7,998,297</u>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1998 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

		<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
LAND AND BULDINGS:			
1.	Value of Land Only		
	Current Use	10.84	163
	Conservation Restriction	14.98	6,400
	Residential	275.6	107,724,900
	Commercial/Industrial	8.83	1,683,200
	Total of taxable land	310.25	109,414,663
	Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$13,893,100)	140.88	
2.	Value of Buildings Only:		
	Residential		85,780,200
	Commercial/Industrial		431,800
	Total Taxable Buildings		86,212,000
	Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$4,118,800)		
3.	Public Water Utility-Privately Owned		0
4.	Public Utilities: Electric		486,100
5.	Mature Wood and Timber		0
6.	Valuations Before Exemptions		196,112,763
7.	Blind Exemption		
8.	Elderly Exemptions = 2 @ \$50,000 each		100,000
	Elderly Exemptions = 2 @ \$75,000 each		150,000
9.	Physically Handicapped Exemption		
10.	Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption		
11.	Solar/Windpower Exemption		
12.	School Din/Dormioty/Kitchen Exemption		
13.	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption		
14.	Wood Heating Energy System Exemption		
	TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS		250,000
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED			195,862,763
TAX CREDITS:			
	Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with VA assist.	0	
	Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans their spouses and widows (\$700 each)	1	700
	Other War Service Credits (\$100 each)	98	9,800
	Other Credits (wood, solar, etc.)		
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		99	10,500

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1998 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

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ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:

Age 75 - 79 (\$50,000 each)	2	100,000
Over Age 80 (\$75,000 each)	2	150,000
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TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	4	250,000

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX RATE CALCULATION
For property tax year 4/98 - 3/99

		Tax Rates
—Municipal Portion—		
Appropriations	1,160,093	
Less: Revenues	592,803	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763	
Add: Overlay	50,605	
War Service Credits	<u>10,500</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	624,632	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		624,632
Municipal Tax Rate		3.19
—School Portion—		
Due to Local School	808,064	
Due to Regional School	0	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>20,326</u>	
Net School Appropriation	787,738	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved School (s) Tax Effort		787,738
School (s) Tax Rate		4.02
—County Portion—		
Due to County	236,256	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>3,379</u>	
Net County Appropriation	232,877	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort		232,877
County Tax Rate		<u>1.19</u>
Combined Tax Rate		8.40
Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,645,247	
Less: War Service Credits	(10,500)	
Add: Village District Commitment (s)	<u>0</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment	1,634,747	

—Proof of Rate—		
New Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
195,862,763	8.40	1,645,247

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998

	<u>LEVY FOR</u>	<u>PRIOR YEAR LEVIES</u>	
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 07/01/97:</u>			
Property Taxes	0.00	11,778.85	
<u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u>			
Property Taxes	1,534,119.00		
Inventory Penalties	1,943.00		
<u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u>			
Property Taxes	3,099.67		
Abatements by Check	6,989.00	1,595.00	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>2,428.56</u>	<u>1,131.77</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>1,548,579.23</u>	<u>14,505.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>			
Property Taxes	1,510,143.93	9,533.57	
Interest	2,428.56	2,245.28	
Elderly Liens	2,578.00		
<u>ABATEMENTS:</u>			
Property Taxes	10,495.00	1,595.00	
Elderly Exemption	1,370.00		
Interest		823.94	
Penalties		307.83	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/98	<u>21,563.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>1,548,579.23</u>	<u>14,505.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998
(continued)

	1996	1995	1994
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Unredeemed Liens 7/1/97	0.00	3,436.64	
 <u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u>			
Property Taxes	2,553.11		
Elderly	2,578.00		
 Interest & Costs	 60.30	 623.41	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL DEBITS	5,191.41	4,060.05	0.00
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
 <u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>			
Redemptions	2,223.35	3,436.64	
Interest & Costs	60.30	623.41	
 Elderly Lien	 2,578.00		
 Unredeemed Liens 6/30/98	 329.76		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS	5,191.41	4,060.05	0.00
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK
 For fiscal year ending June 30, 1998**

Motor Vehicle	\$168,552.48
Dog Licenses	929.00
Dog Penalties	236.00
Marriage Licenses	190.00
Vital Records	174.00
All Other Sources	977.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	171,058.48
	171,058.48
PAYMENTS TO TOWN TREASURER	171,058.48

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER
 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998**

The following is a balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 1998.

General Fund	
NOW Account	31,819.88
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	367,864.41
Department of Public Works	
NOW Account	27,333.51
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	146,133.55

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Marshall, III
 Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectman
Town of New Castle
New Castle, New Hampshire

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In accordance with the practices followed by other municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the financial statements referred to above do not include financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, at June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position of its proprietary and non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary schedules on pages 14 and 15 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

August 28, 1998

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998**

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
TAXES:			
Property Taxes	1,534,114	1,520,485	(13,629)
Boat Taxes	7,000	5,887	(1,113)
Interest & penalties on taxes	6,000	6,187	187
	<u>1,547,114</u>	<u>1,532,559</u>	<u>(14,555)</u>
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000	168,410	43,410
Building Permits	4,800	10,767	5,967
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,300	1,383	83
	<u>131,100</u>	<u>180,560</u>	<u>49,460</u>
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal FEMA Grant	6,000	6,000	0
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Shared Revenue	36,235	36,235	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	10,041	10,041	0
Highway Block Grant	11,706	11,469	(237)
Water Pollution Subsidy	10,671	10,671	0
Other State Funds	718	218	(500)
	<u>69,371</u>	<u>68,634</u>	<u>(737)</u>
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments	90,200	97,441	7,241
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:			
Emerg. Managmnt. Training Reimburs.	6,000	15,019	9,019
Interest on Investments	15,000	25,905	10,905
Sale and Rental of Property	18,602	7,365	(11,237)
Fines and Forfeits	2,000	2,287	287
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	12,000	19,122	7,122
Other Miscellaneous Sources	5,000	2,648	(2,352)
	<u>58,602</u>	<u>72,346</u>	<u>13,744</u>
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS:			
Capital Reserve Transfer	20,000	20,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	1,922,387	1,977,540	55,153

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998**

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	34,880	36,994	(2,114)
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	10,508	10,576	(68)
Financial Administration	46,859	51,230	(4,371)
Revaluation of Property	6,900	8,329	(1,429)
Legal Expense	13,800	3,950	9,850
Planning and Zoning	6,091	6,808	(717)
General Government Buildings	9,200	13,327	(4,127)
Cemeteries	10,500	9,843	657
Insurance - Unallocated	1,300	1,151	149
Other General Government	10,000	0	10,000
	150,038	142,208	7,830
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police & Animal Control	166,704	165,836	868
Ambulance	15,100	15,140	(40)
Fire	72,000	76,901	(4,901)
Emergency Medical Services	13,500	8,646	4,854
Building Inspection	37,218	41,105	(3,887)
Emergency Management	14,113	19,774	(5,661)
	318,635	327,402	(8,767)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Highways & Streets Maintenance	97,539	90,850	6,689
Street Lighting	7,800	7,518	282
	105,339	98,368	6,971
SANITATION:			
Administration	1,258	1,058	200
Solid Waste Collection	30,000	28,730	1,270
Solid Waste Disposal	40,160	34,040	6,120
	71,418	63,828	7,590
HEALTH:			
Pest Control	3,308	1,665	1,643
Health Agencies & Hospitals	10,000	9,136	864
	13,308	10,801	2,507

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
WELFARE:			
Direct Assistance	5,000	0	5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	59,096	58,827	269
Library	29,990	29,827	163
Recreation/Library Building	12,000	11,269	731
Recreation Commission	1,500	1,266	234
	102,586	101,189	1,397
CONSERVATION:			
Other Conservation	600	190	410
DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	87,200	87,200	0
Interest - Long-Term Debt	41,108	41,108	0
Interest - Short-Term Debt	6,400	4,454	1,946
	134,708	132,762	1,946
CAPITAL RESERVES:			
Transfers To Trust Funds	50,000	50,000	0
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:			
County Taxes	243,668	243,668	0
School District Taxes	770,768	770,768	0
	1,014,436	1,014,436	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,966,068	1,941,184	24,884
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(43,681)	36,356	80,037
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	18,473	18,473	0
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses (25,208)		54,829	80,037
Fund Balance - July 1, 1997	355,609	355,609	0
Fund Balance - June 30, 1998	330,401	410,438	80,037

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998**

	<u>06/30/97</u>	<u>06/30/98</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash & Equivalents	375,376	400,075
Taxes Receivable	11,779	21,564
Tax Liens Receivable	3,437	2,908
Accounts Receivable	34,554	29,239
Due From Other Governments	20,660	0
Due From Other Funds	65,196	19,802
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TOTAL ASSETS	511,002	473,588
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LIABILITIES:		
Tax Anticipation Notes	0	0
Warrants & Accounts Payable	155,393	63,150
Due to Other Funds	0	0
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	155,393	63,150
FUND EQUITY:		
Unreserved Fund Balance	355,609	410,438
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	511,002	473,588
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	44,119	72,648	116,767
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Water Purchases	13,989	0	13,989
Sewerage Assessment	0	35,812	35,812
Personnel Services	5,007	9,640	14,647
Non-Personnel Services	6,638	17,010	23,648
Depreciation (Note 5)	7,350	0	7,350
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Total Operating Expenses	32,984	62,462	95,446
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Operating Income (Loss)	11,135	10,186	21,321
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	7,515	206	7,721
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Net Income for the Year	18,650	10,392	29,042
	=====	=====	=====
Retained Earnings, July 1, 1997	126,991	275,714	402,705
Net Income for the Year	18,650	10,392	29,042
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Retained Earnings, June 30, 1998	145,641	286,106	431,747
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998

FUNDS PROVIDED:

Net Income for the Year	29,042
Add Back Depreciation	7,350

36,392

Funds Applied	0
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*** Increase in Working Capital** **36,392**

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Changes in Elements of Working Capital:

Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:

Cash and Investments	20,627
Accounts Receivable	1,033

21,660

Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities:

Deposits and Accounts Payable	(13,873)
Other Payables	(859)

(14,732)

*** Increase in Working Capital** **36,392**

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Investments	160,250	19,216	179,466
Accounts Receivable	1,063	4,108	5,171
Total Current Assets	161,313	23,324	184,637
Property, Plant, & Equipment:			
Equipment	10,260	5,137	15,397
Service Lines and Stations	551,230	1,449,484	2,000,714
Less Accumulated Depr	(90,254)	(2,054)	(92,308)
Total Property, Plant & Equip	471,236	1,452,567	1,923,803
TOTAL ASSETS	632,549	1,475,891	2,108,440
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Deposits and Accounts Pay	9,158	6,388	15,546
Due to General Fund	6,939	12,863	19,802
Total Current Liabilities	16,097	19,251	35,348
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Contributed Capital, net *	470,811	1,170,534	1,641,345
Retained Earnings	145,641	286,106	431,747
Total Equity	616,452	1,456,640	2,073,092
TOTAL LIAB & EQUITY	632,549	1,475,891	2,108,440
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* = Contributed by federal, state, and local governments, and by developers.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT - ALL FUNDS
for fiscal year ended June 30,1998

	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
Sewer System	645,000	5.00%	1/15/06
Rec/Library Building	750,000	7.62%	1/15/04
Main St. Water Line	150,000	6.40%	1/15/02

BOND PRINCIPAL

	Paid		Due	
<u>Balance</u>	<u>07/01/97-</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>07/01/98-</u>	<u>Due</u>
<u>07/01/97</u>	<u>06/30/98</u>	<u>06/30/98</u>	<u>06/30/99</u>	<u>Subsequently</u>
199,800	22,200	177,600	22,200	155,400
350,000	50,000	300,000	50,000	250,000
75,000	15,000	60,000	15,000	45,000
624,800	87,200	537,600	87,200	450,400

BOND INTEREST

	Paid	Due	Due
	<u>07/01/97-</u>	<u>07/01/98-</u>	<u>Subsequently</u>
	<u>06/30/98</u>	<u>06/30/99</u>	
Sewer System	9,990	8,880	31,080
Rec/Library Building	26,400	22,650	56,850
Main St. Water Line	4,718	3,758	5,617
	41,108	35,288	93,547

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998

	BALANCE			BALANCE
	<u>06/30/97</u>	<u>REC'D</u>	<u>DISBURS.</u>	<u>06/30/98</u>
<u>PRINCIPAL:</u>				
Library Funds	19,526		10,000	9,526
Marchand Fund	4,782			4,782
Amazeen Trust	2,504			2,504
BiCentennial Park	836			836
CAPITAL RESERVE:				
Land Cleanup	20,000			20,000
Fire Truck	30,000		30,000	0
Fire Equipment	20,000	10,000		30,000
Town Vehicle & Equip	15,000	40,000	42,243	12,757
Dispatch	10,000		10,000	0
Rec-Playground Equip	8,478		8,478	0
Sewer Depr Fund	275,000	12,988		287,988
Cemetery Maintenance	51,324	300		51,624
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	457,450	63,288	100,721	420,017
<u>INCOME:</u>				
Library Funds	701	978	1,679	0
Marchand Fund	515	256	196	575
Amazeen Trust	2,189	227		2,416
BiCentennial Park	1,187	98		1,285
CAPITAL RESERVE:				
Land Cleanup	20,496	1,959		22,455
Fire Truck	41,791		41,791	0
Fire Equipment	1,281	1,253		2,534
Town Vehicle & Equip	500	303	500	303
Dispatch	1,682		1,682	0
Rec-Playground Equip	2,376	525	2,901	0
Sewer Depr Fund	21,310	14,193	15,849	19,654
Cemetery Maintenance	19,498	3,440	3,440	19,498
TOTAL INCOME	113,526	23,232	68,038	68,720
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	<u>570,976</u>	<u>86,520</u>	<u>168,759</u>	<u>488,737</u>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1999 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	1998-1999		1997-1998		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS				
		WAR#	ART#	APPROPRIATIONS ACTUAL EXP	ART#	APPROPRIATIONS ACTUAL EXP	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT												
4130-4139	EXECUTIVE			35,898		36,994		38,659				38,659
4140-4149	ELEC., REC., & VITAL STATS			11,767		10,576		11,746				11,746
4150-4151	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			51,307		51,230		52,119				52,119
4152	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY			7,500		8,329		4,500				4,500
	LEGAL EXPENSE			13,800		3,950		14,800				14,800
4155-4159	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			0		0		0				0
4191-4193	PLANNING & ZONING			6,187		6,808		6,906				6,906
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG			19,630		13,327		19,712				19,712
4195	CEMETERIES			8,331		9,843		14,630				14,630
4196	INSURANCES			0		0		0				0
4197	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC			750		1,151		850				850
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT			10,000		0		10,000				10,000
PUBLIC SAFETY												
4210-4214	POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL			173,295		165,836		179,980				179,980
4215-4219	AMBULANCE			15,140		15,140		15,140				15,140
4220-4229	FIRE, EMS & HAZMAT			108,779		85,547		112,000				112,000
4240-4249	BUILDING INSPECTION			73,811		41,105		76,925				76,925
4290-4298	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			8,715		19,774		22,490				22,490
4299	OTHER (INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS)			0		0		0				0
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER												
4301-4309	AIRPORT OPERATIONS			0		0		0				0
HIGHWAYS & STREETS												
4311	ADMINISTRATION			0		0		0				0
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS			93,241		90,850		83,519				83,519
4313	BRIDGES			0		0		0				0
4316	STREET LIGHTING			8,000		7,518		8,000				8,000
4319	OTHER			0		0		0				0
SANITATION												
4321	ADMINISTRATION			1,425		1,058		1,625				1,625
4323	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION			30,000		28,730		34,000				34,000
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL			42,800		34,040		46,500				46,500
4325	SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP			0		0		0				0
4326-4329	SEWAGE COLL. & DISPOSAL & OTHER			0		0		0				0
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT												
4331	ADMINISTRATION			0		0		0				0

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	1998-1999		1997-1998		SELECTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS	
		APPROPRIATIONS		ACTUAL EXP		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	
		WARR	ART #	1998-1999	1997-1998	1998-1999	1997-1998	1998-1999	1997-1998
4332	WATER SERVICES			0	0	0	0	0	0
4335-4339	WATER TREATMENT, CONSERV& OTHER			0	0	0	0	0	0
ELECTRIC									
4351-4352	ADMIN AND GENERATION			0	0	0	0	0	0
4353	PURCHASE COSTS			0	0	0	0	0	0
4354	ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT MAINT			0	0	0	0	0	0
4359	OTHER ELECTRIC COSTS			0	0	0	0	0	0
HEALTH/WELFARE									
4411	ADMINISTRATION			0	0	0	0	0	0
4414	PEST CONTROL			3,435	1,665	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,441
4415-4419	HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS			10,000	9,136	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
4441-4442	ADMIN & DIRECT ASSISTANCE			5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4444	INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PMTS			0	0	0	0	0	0
4445-4449	VENDOR PAYMENTS & OTHER			0	0	0	0	0	0
CULTURE AND RECREATION									
4520-4529	PARKS & RECREATION			78,490	71,362	86,632	86,632	86,632	86,632
4550-4559	LIBRARY			34,864	29,827	37,870	37,870	37,870	37,870
4583	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES			0	0	0	0	0	0
4589	OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION			0	0	0	0	0	0
CONSERVATION									
4611-4612	ADMIN & PURCH OF NAT RESOURCES			2,600	190	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
4619	OTHER CONSERVATION			0	0	0	0	0	0
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING			0	0	0	0	0	0
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			0	0	0	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE									
4711	PRINC. - L-T BONDS & NOTES			87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200
4721	INTEREST - L-T BONDS & NOTES			35,288	41,108	29,468	29,468	29,468	29,468
4723	INT. ON TAN			5,500	4,454	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4791-4799	OTHER DEBT SERVICE			0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY									
4901	LAND			0	0	0	0	0	0
4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES & EQUIP			0	0	0	0	0	0
4903	BUILDINGS			0	0	0	0	0	0
4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BLDGS			0	0	0	0	0	0

"SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a non-leasing or nontransferable article.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)		APPROPRIATIONS WARR. PRIOR YEAR AS ANT. 6 APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED							

"INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Individual warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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ACCT.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)		APPROPRIATIONS WARR. PRIOR YEAR AS ANT. 6 APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
					XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED							

BUDGET

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ACCT #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	1998-1999			1999-2000		
		WARR ART #	EST. REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	ACT REV PRIOR YEAR	EST. REVENUES ENSUING YEAR	EST. REVENUES ENSUING YEAR	EST. REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
	TAXES						
3120	LAND USE CHANGE TAXES		0	0	0	0	
3180	RESIDENT TAXES		0	0	0	0	
3185	TIMBER TAXES		0	0	0	0	
3186	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES		0	0	0	0	
3189	OTHER TAXES - BOAT		6,000	5,887	6,000	6,000	
3190	INT & PEN ON DEL TAXES		4,500	6,187	6,000	6,000	
	INVENTORY PENALTIES		1,500	0	1,800	1,800	
	EXCAVATION TAX (\$.02 PER CU YD)		0	0	0	0	
	EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX		0	0	0	0	
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES						
3210	BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		0	0	0	0	
3220	MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS		130,000	168,410	150,000	150,000	
3230	BUILDING PERMITS		6,000	12,150	9,072	9,072	
3290	OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		1,500	0	1,100	1,100	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	6,000	6,000	6,000	
	FROM STATE						
3351	SHARED REVENUE		8,767	36,235	8,767	8,767	
3352	MEALS & ROOM TAX DISTR		13,251	10,041	11,000	11,000	
3353	HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT		13,137	11,469	12,000	12,000	
3354	WATER POLLUTION		10,308	10,671	9,946	9,946	
3355	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOP		0	0	0	0	
3356	STATE & FED FOREST LAND REIMB		0	0	0	0	
3357	FLOOD CONTROL REIMBUREMENT		0	0	0	0	
3359	OTHER - INCLUDING RR TAX		2,500	218	400	400	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0	0	
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES						
3401-3406	INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		124,000	97,090	125,090	125,090	
3409	OTHER CHARGES		0	351	0	0	
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES						
3501	SALE/MUNICIPAL PROP		0	5,000	0	0	
3502	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		15,000	25,905	20,000	20,000	
3503-3509	OTHER		28,500	41,440	32,100	32,100	
	INTERFUND OPER TRANSFERS IN						
3912	FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		0	0	0	0	
3913	FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		0	0	0	0	
3914	ENTERPRISE FUNDS:						
	WATER (OFFSET)		51,290	51,634	68,250	68,250	
	SEWER (OFFSET)		78,550	72,854	79,245	79,245	
	ELECTRIC (OFFSET)		0	0	0	0	
	AIRPORT (OFFSET)		0	0	0	0	
3915	FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		0	38,473	0	0	
3916	FROM TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS		0	0	0	0	

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ACCT #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	1997-1998		
		EST. REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	ACT REV PRIOR YEAR	EST. REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
3934	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
	PROC FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES	0	0	0
	AMTS VOTED FROM F/B (SURPLUS)			
	F/B (SURPLUS TO REDUCE TAXES			
	AMOUNTS VOTED FROM FUND			
	BALANCE (SURPLUS)			
	FUND BALANCE (SURPLUS)			
	TO REDUCE TAXES			
	TOTAL EST REVENUES & CREDITS	<u>494,803</u>	<u>600,015</u>	<u>546,770</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SCHOOL BOARD'S RECOMM BUDGET	BUDG COMMITT RECOM BUDG
SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 5)		1,215,807
SUBTOTAL 2 SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 6)		
SUBTOTAL 3 INDIVIDUAL WARR ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 6)		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	0	1,215,807
LESS: AMT OF EST REV & CREDITS (FROM ABOVE, COLUMN 6)		(546,770)
EST AMT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	0	669,037
1 TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE		1,215,807
LESS EXCLUSIONS:		
2 PRINCIPLE LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(87,200)	
3 INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(29,468)	
4 CAPITAL OUTLAYS FUNDED FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES	0	
5 TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	<u>(116,668)</u>	
6 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSIONS	<u>1,099,139</u>	
7 LINE 6 X 10%		109,914
MAXIMUM BUDGET IS		<u><u>1,209,053</u></u>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1999 - 2000 BUDGET PRESENTATION
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TOWN WARRANT FOR 1999**

ROCKINGHAM, SS

NEW CASTLE

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, the 11th of May, 1999, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon Articles I through III.

The business session of the Annual Town Meeting will commence at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon Articles IV through IX. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before seven o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTICLE I: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following year.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment No. 1 - Section 9.3.16 Hearing and Notices: Are you in favor of the adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Castle Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Strike out the present wording in Section 9.3.16(d) of the Zoning Ordinance and substitute the following:

(d) Written notice of the Commission hearing dates shall be given by certified mail to each abutting property owner, in cases involving demolition, relocation, new construction and/or substantial alteration. The costs involved in the above notification and required legal notices will be paid by the applicant.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE III: Building Code Amendment No. 1 - Section 8 Fees:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Building Code Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, which amends Section 8 (b) of the Building Code as follows:

Add the following new Section 8 (c) and reletter existing section (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g). The new section (c) shall read as follows:

(c) A separate permit for all electrical and/or plumbing work shall be required. The rate of the fee is based on the number of fixtures or devices to be installed, as designated on the permit form. A minimum fee for each permit shall be \$20.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a boundary line agreement, and execute all necessary and appropriate documents including quitclaim deeds, to establish the boundary line between land of the Town of New Castle on Wentworth Road and land of Harts' Cove Properties, Inc.

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will instruct its selectmen presently or subsequently serving, from this date forward, not to authorize, sign, or take any further action with regard to the transfer of any property presently held by the Town, or to enter into any further agreements with or between the Green Company and Ocean Properties, Ltd., or any other owners, lessors, lessees, or assigns, pertaining to the property known as Wentworth by the Sea, located in the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, until and unless a firm covenant is written into the deeds, contracts, or other agreements, between the buyers and sellers thereof, stipulating that gambling, either by what is known as casino type, slot machines, or other kinds of activities of this nature, is forbidden in perpetuity on or with the said property. (Submitted by Eugene Morrill and other residents)

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Protective Equipment Trust Fund (SCBA- self contained breathing apparatus) created by Article XI at the 1995 Town Meeting under provisions of RSA 31:19-a, and to transfer the outstanding balance to the Town Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund initially created in the 1996 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE VII : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII : To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE IX: To transact such business as may legally come before the meeting. Given under our hand and seals this 20th day of April, in the year of our lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Nine.

A true copy of warrant - attest

Clinton H. Springer, Chairman
Gene F. Doherty
Robert W. Beecher
Board of Selectmen

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
PUBLIC LIBRARY
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998**

CASH ON HAND:	<u>07/01/97</u>	<u>06/30/98</u>
NOW Account	1,873	(385)
Savings Account	3,024	1,329
Equipment Fund	59	314
Automation Fund	0	2,096
Petty Cash	100	100
Funds in Trust	10,000	0
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TOTAL CASH ON HAND	15,056	3,454
 RECEIPTS:		
Town Appropriations	29,540	
Interest: Trust Funds	461	
NOW Account	145	
Savings Account	59	
Equipment Fund	5	
Automation Fund	26	
Donations: Automation Fund	20	
HC	420	
Specified	1,764	
Non-Specified	3,977	
Non-Resident Fees	160	
Fines, Copies, Etc.	340	
Book Club	1,118	
Building Repair	177	
Library Trust Fund Interest	1,219	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		39,431

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
PUBLIC LIBRARY
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1998
(continued)

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printed Material: Books	9,290	
Reference	444	
Non-Printed Material: Audio	1,053	
Video	1,078	
Programs & Arts	114	
Salaries: Director	16,729	
Support Staff	305	
Saturday Hours	1,220	
Tax Expense	1,386	
Insurance	206	
Building Maintenance	472	
Equipment Replacement	15,962	
Telephone	829	
Supplies	1,945	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		51,033
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		(11,602)
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Minutes of the town meeting of May, 1998, a report of the Clerk's receipts for the fiscal year 1997-1998, and the annual compilation of vital statistics are printed elsewhere in this volume.

A glance at the financial reports will confirm the perception of long-time residents that traffic in the village has increased. In the past five years, the number of vehicles registered in town has risen by about twenty percent, and the Clerk's vehicle receipts have doubled. Vehicle transactions have not only increased in number, but also in complexity, especially because of the frequency of leased vehicles. The Clerk's preoccupation with motor vehicles has inevitable mounted, a concentration exaggerated this year by the state's decision to issue new license plates.

Perhaps as a function of a larger human population, the number of registered dogs on the island has also risen by more than fifty percent, and those receipts have also doubled in the last five years. Meanwhile, an amendment in the state regulations governing issuing marriage licenses, and perhaps local demographic change, has reduced that responsibility substantially.

As the volume of business in the office has grown, I have had expert help from Suzanne Shevenell, the Deputy Town Clerk. And the town's residents have ordinarily been spared waiting in the hallway as a result of the decision by many vehicle owners to process routine renewals by mail. This procedure completes the registrations of about a third of the vehicles in town, thereby reducing crowds in the corridor and permitting more efficient operation in the office than would otherwise be the case. For this support, and for the patience of those who are occasionally inconvenienced by the regulations of the several bureaucracies I serve, I am grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Bedford

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

“Always do right - this will gratify some and astonish the rest”

Mark Twain

The New Castle Police Department mission is to service “quality of life” issues in filling the prerequisites of the taxpayers of New Castle. This is reflected in our activities in the past year.

Officer White, along with out intern, Chet Lang has worked hard to bring programs in the school. With the assistance of Gene Doherty, we are the first police department in the state to be instructing Head Injury Prevention and Safety. (THINK FIRST FOR KIDS)

Also, an expanded bicycle rodeo program in conjunction with a growing D.A.R E. commitment have improved the services provided to New Castle youth.

Animal Control education and enforcement is an area that we have a great deal of interest. Because we are a small department, we can assist taxpayers in matters that larger departments may classify as trivial. We at the department know that these issues are important to you.

Alarm activity has increased because of the construction of new homes. All appear to have been built with security systems, and this is reflected in our call volume.

Traffic enforcement in New Castle, as in almost all towns, is an important issue and we continue to address this in an aggressive and timely manner.

We wish to welcome the new Commanding Officers at Coast Guard Station, Portsmouth Harbor, Richard “Rick” Loster. He is a gentleman with a great deal of experience and we look forward to working with him and his officers in a close and productive relationship.

The issue of increased police activity with a possible restored hotel is not much different than last year. So as the saying goes, “stand by to stand by”.

Our new computer system is up and running. Sgt. Cummings is acting as system manger, we are on the “cutting edge” of police information systems. This has allowed us to better document our activities and allowed us to analyze issues before they occur.

The budget requests for this year are in line with the guidelines that the Selectmen and Budget Committee gave us to work with. We attempt to give taxpayers good value for their money.

Thank you to all whom worked with us in the past year. This is especially true of the New Castle Fire Department who have allowed us to share in their training so we could keep our E.M.S. skills current.

SYNOPSIS OF POLICE ACTIVITY FOR 1998

Suspicious Activity/Criminal Complaints	391
Total Arrests	43
Medical Emergency(s)/Assists	36
Alarms	167
Domestic Complaints	22
Mutual aid Calls	81
Assists Other Town Agencies	370
Building/Residence Checks	2721
Unsecured Buildings/residences	79
Assists Citizens	180
Motor Vehicle Activity:	
Warnings - speeding	1003
Warnings - other	57
Motor Vehicle Summons	312
Radar patrols	1340
Parking complaints	157
Total Calls for Service - 1998	6959

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Murphy
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Walter Liff and his wife, Margaret French, for their time and effort to clean up the dog excrement at the common throughout this winter. For those of you that have not seen Walter and Margaret walking around the Common, they have taken on the task of cleaning up after those dog owners that have not complied with the pooper scooper ordinance. Thank you again Walter and Margaret for your time and effort to assist in keeping the Common clean and enjoyable.

ANIMAL CONTROL VIOLATION STATISTICS

Violations	Total	# Common/Beach	%Common
7/22/98 - 12/31/98	30	13	45

Note: Eight violations were for violation of "No Animal Ban", four for unleashed violation, one resulting in a cat bite of a person

1/1/99 - 3/1/99	13	13	100
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Note: All violations were for being unleashed, one resulting in a dog bite of another dog

Summary: These violations only indicate violations that were reported or observed.

1999 Dog Licenses are now available at the town clerk's office All current dog licenses expire on April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas V. Cummings II
Animal Control Officer

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

What are the Fire Department's responsibilities?

The Fire Department is responsible for fire prevention, fire suppression, wildland fires, hazardous situations, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, emergency medical services, emergency management and now, is the primary responder to a "Weapons of Mass Destruction" incident. In 1996, Congress passed the "Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act which is legislation designed to enhance the capabilities of our nation to effectively respond and manage the consequences of potential terrorist acts, involving the use of weapons of mass destruction. The Federal Government is investing 2.3 billion dollars into the "Domestic Preparedness Program", an antiterrorism program that reaches all levels of federal, state and local government agencies. The Fire Department has sent members to a 2-day awareness class to clearly understand our new mission assignment. Response to an incident of this type will be from multiple agencies at all levels of government. Local fire, emergency medical and police will be the first responders until regional, state and federal agencies arrive. Welcome to the new Millennium.

In 1986, Congress passed a law designed to help America's communities deal safely and effectively with the many hazardous substances that are used throughout our society. The law is called the "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act". The Fire Department is designated as the lead local agency to oversee compliance with this law. In 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency who is charged with the enforcement of this law informed local communities and fire departments their intent to enforce the law in the sensitive environment of southern New Hampshire. The Town and Fire Department have been aware of this law. However, little has been done in the past to comply mainly because of the size of the community. We have no major hazardous materials sites in town, planning is intensive and time consuming. The Town and businesses in town that have hazardous materials will now have to form a "Local Emergency Planning Committee" as outlined under this law and comply with all the requirements and constantly update planning activities. If we don't, we will be faced with daily fines until we are in compliance.

Ocean Properties has presented a plan to the Town of New Castle to save the Wentworth Hotel in 1998 and was granted conditional approval by the Planning Board with the Fire Department being part that of the process. At the writing of this report, it appears the project will go forward. The Fire Department will have an active role during the design and construction of the renovations. Additionally, department fire prevention activities and operations must change with the demands of a 170 room hotel once it is open and occupied. We live in a highly technical society today and life safety and fire protection systems will add responsibilities to our Fire Department.

Department Membership

With a tremendous amount of pride, I can say that currently the Fire Department is strong! However, the Department can not stop recruiting new mem-

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

(Cont'd.)

bers. Length of volunteer membership is shorter as our society becomes very mobile and people's duration of employment typically changes every three to five years. Recruiting new members for the volunteer fire department has become one of the most important functions within the department. The need for "in town" Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters still is needed. The department will provide the necessary training, finest clothing for your protection, state of art equipment to enable you to use your skills, life, health and income insurance and a little bit of pocket change. All you need is to provide the time.

Marine Operations

1998 was a busy year for the Fire Department on the water. For years the department has recognized the need to respond to marine incidents should they happen. The department was challenged with marine medical emergencies, rescues and a cruise boat fire with injuries in 1998.

The Fire Department and US Coast Guard - Portsmouth Harbor Station have worked together to provide a marine medical intercept on the "high seas". The Coast Guard provides transportation while fire department emergency medical technicians with equipment, along with AMR Ambulance personnel meet the patient on the open seas. Medical treatment is begun while the patient is being transported to the Coast Guard Station for the awaiting ambulance. This is providing medical treatment at least thirty minutes before the patient is on shore.

Water rescues with medical treatment were performed as kayaker's were overturned, boaters were rescued on mud-bars and marooned people were rescued on an island during a severe lightning storm. The local cruise boat Oceanic caught fire in the river by the Coast Guard Station with 28 souls on board. The Coast Guard evacuated the passengers off the boat and towed the boat to the dock at the Coast Guard Station. New Castle Fire Department provided firefighting operations on the boat and emergency medical treatment to the passengers.

The Fire Department needs to recognize the United States Coast Guard - Portsmouth Harbor Station for their support of the New Castle Fire Department. In the past two years, the Commanding Officers have allowed their personnel to volunteer members on the department while on duty if available. In turn the department provides fire and medical training for their personnel. This working relationship helps both the Coast Guard and the Town of New Castle.

Each year I take the privilege in the town report to thank the men and women of the New Castle Fire Department for their outstanding efforts and dedication in saving lives and protection of property. With your continued support and their dedication, the Town of New Castle has a Fire Department that we all can take pride in.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. White Chief of Department

1998 Report of Incidents

Alarm Activation's	13
Arcing/Down Wires	2
Emergency Medical Aid Call	45
Hazardous Materials	2
Marine Medical Intercepts	6
Cruise Boat Fire	1
Odor/Smoke Removal	4
Public Assistance	1
Structure Fires	3
Island Fires	3
Water Rescues	4
Grass Fires	1
Elevator Rescue	1
Water Evacuation	1
Mutual Aid to Pease International Tradeport	1
Mutual Aid to Newington	1
Mutual Aid to Portsmouth	15
Mutual Aid to Rye	4
TOTAL ALARMS	108

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FORESTRY RANGER REPORT'

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and State Forest Ranger contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required to burn. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are 10 Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire in timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with force fire suppression, prevention, and law-enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard, as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Please note, due to the close proximity of our homes in New Castle, burning permits are required at all times, even if it is raining or if there is snow on the ground.

The following personnel have authorization to issue burning permits:

Richard Hopley	436-3694
Carl Roediger	436-5939
Andrew Schulte	436-5071
Richard White	436-9025
Mark Wooley	430-2975

1998 NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STATISTICS

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24
Lighting	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

TOTAL FIRES 798

TOTAL ACRES 442.86

“REMEMBER...ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.”

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. White
Forest Fire Warden

John Dodge
State Forest Ranger

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

This past year, a grant application was written and submitted to the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management and FEMA for the federally funded Emergency Management Assistance program. The Town of New Castle was awarded \$6000, which will be dispersed to the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments to continue Emergency Management preparedness.

Each year, the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management mails to every household and business an Emergency Public Information Brochure for Seabrook Station. The utility is required by law to provide this information to individuals who work and/or reside in the vicinity of the Station. While the goal of the brochure is to provide information on Seabrook Station specific emergencies, it also contains useful guidance for proper actions in case of any large-scale emergency. You should take the time to read this brochure and keep it with your telephone directory.

Inside this brochure is an "Emergency Help Survey" card. This survey card is part of an annual program to identify individuals who may require special assistance in the event of an emergency. If you or someone that you know requires any type of special assistance, it is vital that we are made aware of that need. Please fill in the appropriate information and return the card. If you would like individual assistance in completing the survey, either contact this Office or the Police Department. With this information, we will be prepared to meet your needs in time of emergency. Your response will be handled in the strictest of confidence.

If at any time, you have questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact the Office of Emergency Management, which is located at the Fire Department, 43 Main Street. The business phone number is 436-1132. You may also reach me at my home by calling 436-5939.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl F. Roediger
Emergency Management Director

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There were a total of 64 Building Permits issued during the calendar year of 1998 for various improvements, remodeling projects, additions, and 28 new homes. This is a decrease of four permits from the previous year.

We encourage the homeowner to ensure your contractor has obtained the necessary permits before starting work. As has been written numerous times in the Island Items, please fill out an Application for a Building Permit well in advance of actual planned commencement. Depending upon where you live in town, the Zoning Ordinance may require a hearing before the Historic District Commission or you may need to apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to seek possible relief from some of those same regulations. You would also need permission from the NH State Wetlands Board if your planned construction is within 100 feet of the water's edge. There are other regulatory possibilities as well that is beyond my direct control. Gaining permission from some of these boards can take a least at month and often longer. If your project appears to be complicated you may wish to obtain a current Zoning Ordinance book at the town hall. Start early, be patient, and we can work our way through the process.

Your permit fee pays for review of your planned construction and various inspections. I encourage you to ensure your contractor has the Building Permit signed in the appropriate places before you make final payment. These inspections help to ensure the work was done properly and is safe.

A permit is not normally required for maintenance or repairs or for improvement valued at under \$500. However, I continue to encourage you or your contractor to contact me at the Town Office 431-6710 or 431-5107 to alleviate some of the questions that are typically created by the observance of contractor vehicles in your driveway. I am available 8am to 4pm weekdays to provide further assistance and perform various inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Petlick
Building Official

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

This has been an interesting year for the Planning Board in New Castle. Little did I know that a vote for Bob Beecher for Selectman, would require him to resign as Chairman of the Planning Board and the Vice-Chairman, me, would become Chairman of the Planning Board. This change occurred at a crossroads in the application process for the Wentworth By The Sea Hotel. The Planning Board was on a schedule of meeting every two weeks until the Ocean Properties' application was either approved or denied. After numerous meetings and countless hours of time, the Planning Board unanimously gave the conditional approval to Ocean Properties for the hotel. This approval was a culmination of efforts of prior applicants and Planning Board members that date back to 1982.

Over the past year we had fifteen Planning Board meetings, many of them were special meetings, most of them were dedicated to the hotel project. We proposed the zoning ordinance changes, thanks to the leadership of Bob Beecher, which were adopted by the Town to allow Ocean Properties to move forward with the project. We also gave Anita Colby, our secretary, writer's cramp on more than one occasion. As of the writing of this report, Ocean Properties has appeared before the Planning Board for a work session to discuss the status of the hotel project. It appears that the process is moving forward.

The Planning Board, again, is reviewing the planning and zoning regulations and is proposing additional changes to clarify and/or improve the zoning ordinance of the Town of New Castle.

The Planning Board has also addressed one minor subdivision request, several permit applications for docks, as well as a request from the Wentworth Marina for a permanent structure for their food service.

During my short term as Chairman of the Planning Board, it has been not only a learning experience but also a pleasure and privilege to work with all the professionals who have come before the Planning Board as well as the Members of the Board itself.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Jay Tischler
Chairman

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The responsibility of the Public Works Department is to manage all maintenance, administration, and capital expenditures relating to the water distribution system, as well as the sewer collection system that are owned by the town. The City of Portsmouth owns part of the water system; from the Wentworth Hotel down the Wentworth Road to the corner of Main Street.

In 1998, our Department joined the New Hampshire Mutual Aid Program. This is similar to the mutual aid program for the Fire Department. In cases of emergency, we are able to call upon other members of the mutual aid for their assistance with manpower, generators, etc.

During the past year, we completed upgrades to the pumping stations, installed new flow meters, replaced the valves, and purchased a small generator which will allow us to operate emergency lighting and electrical tools for emergency repairs on the road night or day.

For the next three years, we will be installing new, state of the art residential water meters. These will be far more accurate than the present remote meters that are currently in use. Our goal is to replace 300 meters at the rate of 100 per year.

The department will continue to spot check various indoor residential meters to see if there are any problems which need to be corrected. We will also be checking to make sure that no sump pumps are discharging into the town sewer, as this is a violation of Section 5 Paragraph H of the Sewer and Water Ordinance of the Town of New Castle. We appreciate your cooperation in both these matters.

There were no increases in the water and sewer fees, so the minimum rates remain the same:

The minimum rate for water: \$34.80 per 15,000 gallons
The minimum rate for sewer: \$42.10 per 15,000 gallons
(Combination for sewer and water: \$76.90)

The water/sewer bills are issues three times a year. Your bill reflects usage for the four months prior to the billing date. Bills are sent around the first of April, August, and December. The minimum usage is 2,000 cubic feet or 15,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Liff
Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held six meetings in 1998 and heard a total of nine applications. Three of these were for variances, of which two were approved (one with conditions) and one was denied. There were five applications for Special Exceptions; all were approved with agreed stipulations. One Appeal from an Administrative Decision was denied. In February, the Board held a business meeting at which no applications were heard.

Once again the Board would urge residents to become familiar with the provision of the Zoning Ordinance before applying for a building permit. If your project will require a Variance or a Special Exception, the ordinance lists very specific requirements that must be met.

Copies of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as a "Citizen's Guide to Applying to the ZBA", are available at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Harrigan
Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT

If your property is within the Historic District and you are planning any external changes or additions to any of your structures or to your walls or fences, you will, with some exceptions, need HDC approval before you start. In order to minimize any delays or inconvenience due to the permitting process, we recommend that you contact the HDC early in your planning stage so that we may guide you through the process.

Presently the Historic District boundary extends one lot deep to the south along Route 1B from the cemetery as you enter Town to Oliver Street, along Oliver and River Road to Cranfield Street. Also one lot deep south to Cranfield (Route 1B) from Neals Lane to Main, along Main (Route 1B) to Wentworth Road, thence turning north east on Wentworth to the river, and including all property north of these boundaries to the river from Wentworth Road back to the cemetery. If you have any question concerning these boundaries, a map showing the district is available at the town office.

The Historic District Ordinance charges the commission with reviewing all exterior alterations and new construction within the district to “reflect and respect established architectural traditions”. Recognizing the breadth of this charge and in an effort to outline some specific criteria for review, the commission has developed its guide entitled “Review Criteria - New Castle Historic District”. Copies of this guide are available at the town offices and is recommended reading for anyone contemplating projects which may require HDC review.

We on the HDC are keenly aware that our charge to review every new project in the district and sometimes impose our idea of appropriateness on a project may be viewed by some as an imposition. It is our hope that others, in the light of history, will find that our efforts to preserve the architectural integrity of our town was worth the trouble.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce N. Smith
Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission continued to be more active during the year. The group has been moving toward identifying any remaining privately owned open space and informing owners of options to preserve its openness. A grant to do a natural resources inventory was submitted but not approved; however, efforts are on going. There were several other projects sponsored by the Commission. Many people were involved in trying to save "The Ledge" near the old hotel but this was unsuccessful.

Leaf composting was done and about 70 residents purchased backyard composters. Members were also involved in the preservation and proper maintenance of Bull Toad Pond at the Common. Our feeling is, that New Castle should be vigilant in protecting and preserving our adjacent waters and shore-lines. There are several tools available to assist all of us with this:

- (1) The 100 foot tidal buffer zone;
- (2) New Castle Zoning Ordinances;
- (3) The Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act; and
- (4) the eyes and ears of all of us.

If you anticipate disturbing some of New Castle, please educate yourself about what can and cannot be done. Town Hall is a good place to start.

In 1998, the Conservation Commission received and processed the following applications for comment to the Department of Environmental Services:

- To construct a house addition - David Brillhart
- To grade and level cemetery land - Cemetery Trustees
- To construct a chain link fence - Laurie P. Clark
- To construct a house addition - D.W. and E. P. Fitts
- To repair a concrete foundation - Island Club of New Castle
- To construct a house addition - Estate of Carol B. Kennedy
- To construct a house - Loring & Lucille LaRose
- To do work in the tidal buffer zone in connection with renovation and expansion of the Wentworth By The Sea Hotel - Ocean Properties LLC
- To do maintenance dredging in Little Harbor - NH Port Authority

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Marshall, III

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

At the Annual Town meeting held in May, 1994, we asked the Town to authorize negotiations with the Federal Government for permission to use two acres of undeveloped land in the north-west corner of Great Island Common urgently needed for a new cemetery.

Like many things that seem simple and straightforward at first, this procedure has taken several twists and turns. Briefly stated they went like this:

The Town voted "YES" on the proposal five years ago;

The State of New Hampshire said, "OK", we'll help you apply to the Federal authority;

The National Park Service said "NO", unless we could provide a comparable piece of land as a substitute for recreational uses; Officials from the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation, together with our selectmen and cemetery trustees searched for a possible substitute - found one, but it was owned and controlled by another federal department, the U.S. Coast Guard.

You can't swap something you don't own, so Congressional help was enlisted from Senator Greg and Congressman Sununu.

Recognizing the Town's urgent need for new cemetery space, legislation was introduced and passed by Congress for title transfer to the Town of 1.97 acres of land adjacent to Ocean Street, Wentworth Road, and the old Town Landing at the cove between Fort Constitution and the present Horner property. This land will be reserved for recreational use only, and will be maintained by the Town.

Land surveys were made at this former Coast Guard site and proposed area within Great Island Common, and formal application for approval was submitted to the National Park Service.

Final approval is pending, but we are confident that it will be forthcoming. Until this happens, however, we are unable to proceed with preliminary site work.

We continue to operate under severe space restraints at the only usable cemetery remaining in town, namely Riverside. A critical shortage of gravesites there has forced us to develop a few cremains plots near the riverbank. Approval for this was obtained from the State Wetlands Board, but actual work has been held up due to the difficulty in obtaining contract work. This project should be completed later this spring or summer, however.

We take this opportunity to thank the townspeople for their support in our efforts to provide and maintain our cemeteries. Also appreciated are the efforts of Selectman Clint Springer, who has logged many miles and hours in the new cemetery endeavor. The scenario outlined above is inadequate to convey the complexity and time involved in its execution.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lanham
David Merrill
Eugene Morrill

LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The New Castle Library has continued to grow with over 7,500 patrons visiting and borrowing books, videos, and audio-tapes. The major change for the library in this past year was to become automated. Our automation and public internet project has been completed and over 10,000 volumes have become fully automated and coded for cataloging and check out purposes. This project was made possible with a grant through the Greater Piscataqua Foundation.

The volunteers and trustees have been trained on the computer usage and continue to keep up with the technology needed to make the library the success that it is today. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who donate their time both during the week and on Saturday.

Many dedicated people work together to provide a library that meets the needs of the town and much more. Esther Roberts and The Friends of the Library have continued to support the needs of the library. We were able to purchase a new copier for public use because of their efforts and interest.

Many new volumes have been added and we urge you to visit your library.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Newman, Chairman
Pamela Stearns
Paulette Semprini

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

The trust funds of the town include permanent endowment funds and capital reserves established by the town for specific purposes. Investments are merged and return proportionately allocated. Each fund has restrictions as to the expenditure of interest or principal, and as to purpose. The trustees meet several times each year to review investments and to approve expenditures.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, after a major payment on the new fire truck, the trust funds aggregated about \$571,000. At the end of the year, the total had dropped to less than \$490,000. Major expenditures occurred in funds held for the Library, which were used for the automation program, in the vehicle and equipment fund established by the town, and to close out the dispatch capital reserve, in accordance with a vote at town meeting.

Investments are in securities issued by the United States Treasury or federal agencies, or in the certificates of deposit of local banks. All securities are held to maturities of five years or less. Average return in 1998 was slightly less than five percent.

An audited financial report is available in the town office. A simplified version is printed elsewhere in this book.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Bedford

Russell N. Cox

Peter P. Gil

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Checklist are in session prior to each election. The time, date, and place of these sessions are posted on the Post Office and Town Hall bulletin boards. Notification of upcoming sessions is also published in the Portsmouth Herald.

New residents or first time voters may also apply to the town clerk for a registration card during the office hours and this will in turn be given to the supervisors for filing. The next time the supervisors are in session the name will be added to the checklist if the supervisors deem all qualifications are met. The supervisors have the final word as to whether the person name will be added to the checklist.

SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

When a Special Town Meeting is called and no officials are on the ballot for election, your name must be on the checklist prior to that day. Same day voter registration will not apply.

Respectfully submitted,

Rowena Alessi, Chairman
Marcia Whitehouse
Ruth Lanham

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

One of nine public non-profit agencies established in New Hampshire by RSA 36, the Rockingham Planning Commission serves in an advisory role and provides professional planning assistance to its member communities. The Commission is run by a Board of Commissioners representing each of its member communities and appointed by those communities. New Castle's representative is Gene Doherty. A second representative position is filled by Beth Hume.

During 1998, the Rockingham Planning Commission provided a variety of both regional and specific local assistance. The direct local assistance provided to New Castle during the year included the following:

Began updating the Town's Assessors maps to include subdivisions and other changes that have occurred in parcel boundaries over the past 4 or 5 years. To accomplish this, an electronic copy of the tax parcel map was converted to Arc/Info and changes made to the electronic file.

Incorporated annual changes to the New Castle Zoning Ordinance and prepared "camera ready" copy for printing.

Met with Conservation Commission and other interested individuals to discuss the process for developing an open space and conservation plan; the various techniques for obtaining conservation easements for land protection and the usual role and responsibilities of the Conservation Commission in land protection.

Met with Town Conservation Commission to review land and property that have local importance for protection under the proposed state Land and Community Heritage Program.

New Castle also benefited from the Commission's regional planning activities, including education and training for land use board members, general regional land use, and transportation planning and land conservation and resource protection efforts. Regional activities benefiting New Castle included completion of a region wide inventory and map of conservation and protected lands, continued follow through activities related to the Route 1A-1B Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan, and providing Coastal Program grant funds for local planning assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene F. Doherty
Rockingham Planning Commissioner

RECORD OF BIRTHS
JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> <u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PARENT'S</u>
Joshua Daniel Epstein	01/08/98 Portsmouth, NH	Roger Epstein Susan Epstein
Darian Cole Gagne	01/29/98 Portsmouth, NH	Michael Gagne Tobi Evangelisti
Gretchen Marianne Heindel	03/11/98 Portsmouth, NH	Clifford Heindel Margaret Heindel
Quinn Burke Hickey	04/16/98 Portsmouth, NH	Robert Hickey Patricia Hickey
Rebecca Isabel Rowland	05/20/98 Dover, NH	Rodney Rowland Alexandra Rowland
Caroline Pepper Tarbell	06/06/98 Portsmouth, NH	Charles Tarbell Barbara Tarbell
Richard Olsson Williams	06/11/98 Portsmouth, NH	Richard Williams Lisa Williams
Caroline Jordan Fregeau	08/14/98 Portsmouth, NH	Peter Fregeau Elizabeth Fregeau
Mara Elizabeth Sawyer	09/25/98 Portsmouth, NH	Eric Sawyer Julie Sawyer

**DEATHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998**

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
St. John, Helen H.	02/11/1998	Portsmouth, NH
Carr, Barton W.	02/18/1998	New Castle, NH
Bartlett, Ernest C.	04/07/1998	Portsmouth, NH
Smyser, Camerson H.	04/28/1998	Washington, DC
Priestley, William	05/17/1998	Portsmouth, NH
LaRose, Michael	05/29/1998	Portsmouth, NH
Clark, Charles W.	07/16/1998	Portsmouth, NH
DallaMura, Bart M.	08/13/1998	New Castle, NH
Pitts, George S.	08/26/1998	Portsmouth, NH
Crotty, Leo J.	11/02/1998	Portsmouth, NH

**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998**

<u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>		
<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Robert F. Moorhead Pelham, NH	Karen J. Balcam North Quincy, MA	04/25/1998	New Castle
James R. Muirhead, Jr. Bretton Woods	Anne B. Dufresne Williamstown, MA	06/13/1998	New Castle, NH

NEW CASTLE TOWN OFFICES

Selectmen's Office	431-6710
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.	8 to 2PM
Town Clerk	431-6710
Mon., Wed., Fri.	9 to 1PM
Tax Collector	431-6710
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	8 to 2PM
Library	431-6773
Monday	1 to 7PM
Wednesday	11 to 5PM
Thursday	11 to 5PM
Saturday (seasonal, closed June 15 to Sept. 15)	10 to 1PM
Fire/EMTs - Emergency	911 or 436-2515
Business Line	436-1132
Police - Emergency	911 or 436-3113
Business Line	436-3800
Police Fax	436-7710
Town Office Fax	433-6198

