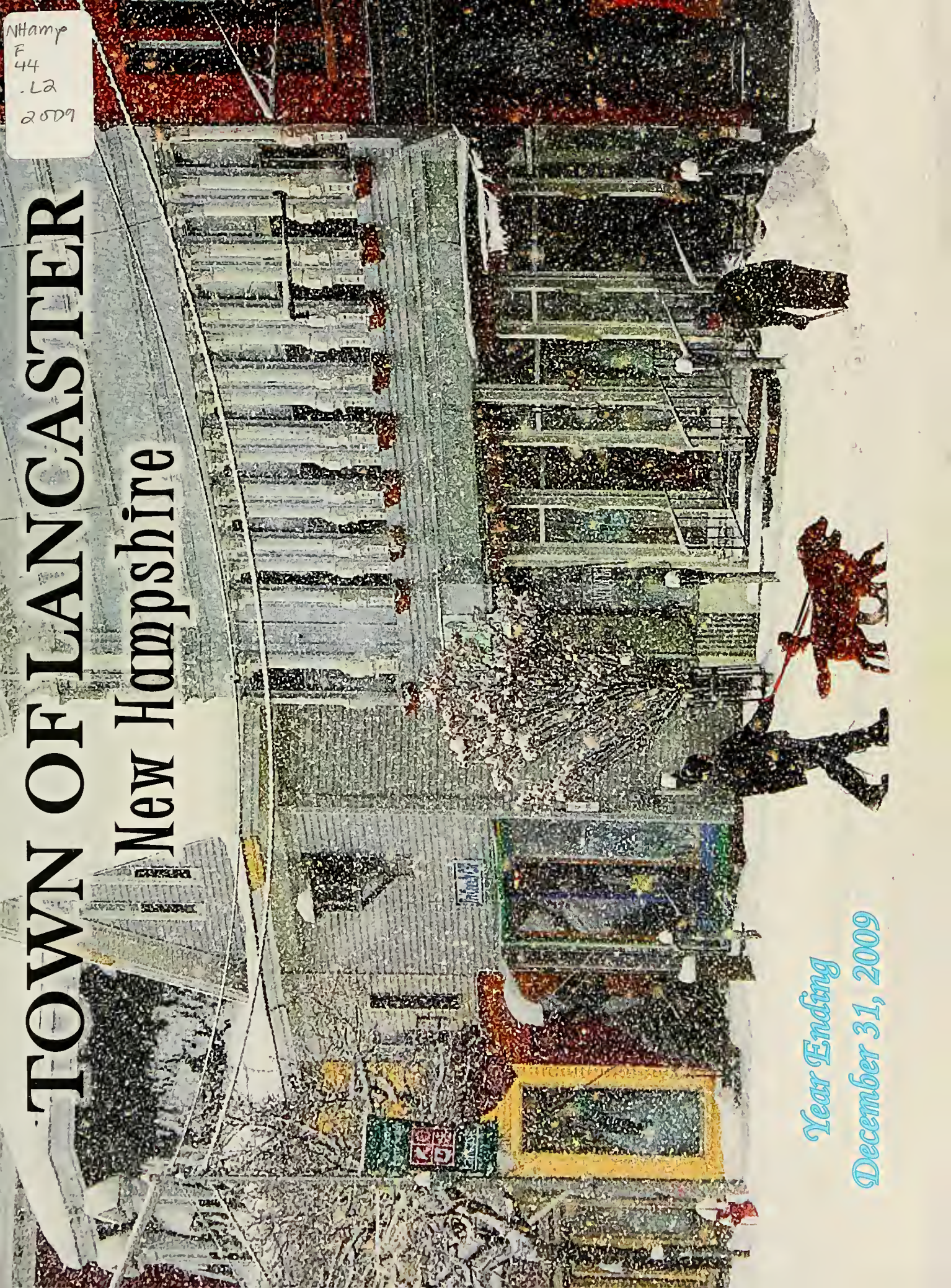


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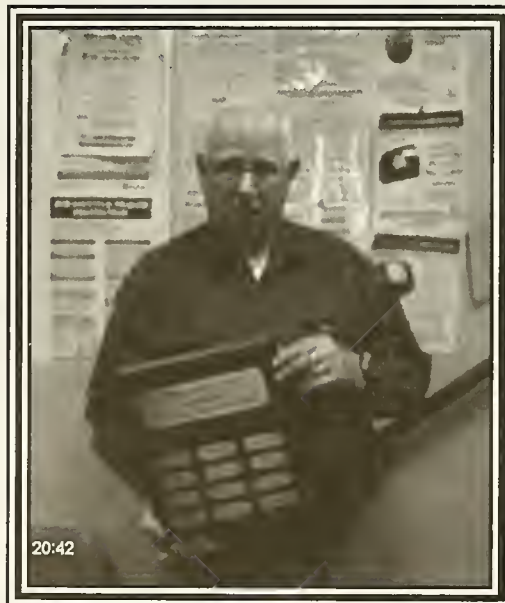
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November 18, 2009**

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2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 1	Fiscal Year Begins
JANUARY 13	Public Budget Hearing for School District
JANUARY 20	First day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
JANUARY 29	Last day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
FEBRUARY 1	Annual School Meeting (Deliberative session S/B 2 – Snow date February 4)
FEBRUARY 11	Public Budget Hearing for Town Budget
MARCH 1	Deadline to file for an abatement from your property taxes following the date of notice of tax
MARCH 9	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



2009 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Expires 2010	Allan Carr
Expires 2011	David Stickney
Expires 2012	Leo J. Enos

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 2010	Jeffrey A. Gilman
Expires 2011	James Seppala
Expires 2012	Joyce A. McGee

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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
Expires 2012	Aurore Hood
Expires 2012	George Sansoucy
Expires 2012	Herbert Richardson

2009 TOWN OFFICERS
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Expires 2010	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires 2011	Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson
Expires 2012	Linda Hutchins

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Expires 2010	Royce Hutchinson
Expires 2011	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires 2012	Ronald N. Bailey

EMMONS SMITH FUND COMMITTEE

Expires 2010	John E. Brooks
Expires 2011	Irene Schmidt
Expires 2012	Michael W. Nadeau

COL. TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE

Expires 2010	Andrew Cliche
Expires 2010	Sue Chancey
Expires 2010	Jeannine LaBounty
Expires 2011	Joshua Smith
Expires 2011	Jackie Schanlaber
Expires 2011	Colleen Bosse
Expires 2012	Heather Bailey
Expires 2012	Christopher Foss
Expires 2012	Patrick Payer (resigned)

COL. TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Sarah Desrochers	Celeste Pitts
Jeffrey A. Gilman	Douglas Shearer
Betsy Hutchings	Pam Sansoucy (resigned)

2009 TOWN OFFICERS
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Appointed Boards/Committees

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Expires 2010	James Hammond, Vice Chairman
Expires 2010	Leon Rideout, Chairman
Expires 2010 (Alternate)	Allen Bouthillier
Expires 2011	Alan Savage, Chairman (resigned)
Expires 2011 (Alternate)	Tricia Frenette
Expires 2012	Millard Martin, Jr.
Expires 2012	Lewis Cassady
Expires 2012 (Alternate)	William H. Potter, Jr.
Expires 2012 (Alternate)	George "Skip" Sansoucy
(Clerk)	Nona Cordwell

PLANNING BOARD

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
Expires 2012	David Rexford
Expires 2012	Steve Young, Chairman
Expires 2012 (Alternate)	Andrew Hartford
(Selectman)	Leo J. Enos
(Clerk)	Sandra Doolan

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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)
Expires 2012	Paul Crane, Chairman

RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION

Expires 2010	Robert Elwell
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**2009 TOWN OFFICERS
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COÖS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2009 Peter Powell

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2011 Steve Young

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL TRANSPORATION REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2011 Steve Young

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Expires 2010	Kevin Kopp
Expires 2011	James Whithed
Expires 2012	James Seppala
Expires 2012	Millard Martin, Jr. (resigned)
Expires 2013	Jeff Gilman
Expires 2014	Barbara McLaughlin

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

2009 TOWN OFFICERS (Page 5)

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	March 2003
Randy Flynn, Fire Chief	June 2003
Arthur Dunn, Highway	June 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
John Gardiner, Police Chief	August 2006
James Gainer, Highway	August 2008
Ryan Presby, Patrol Officer	February 2009
Patrick Carr, Patrol Officer	June 2009
Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson, Planning/Zoning Coordinator	October 2009

SUMMARY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 10, 2009

At 7:30 p.m. Moderator Desjardins welcomed all to the annual meeting and introduced himself, Town Clerk Jean Oleson, Town Manager Edward Samson and Selectmen Leo Enos, David Stickney and Allan Carr. He thanked the deputy moderators (Don Crane, and Jim Seppala), supervisors of the checklist and all the election volunteers.

The colors were brought forward by the JROTC from WMRHS. Moderator Desjardins asked for a moment of silence for the men and women serving our country around the world. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Allvin (Whitey) Leonard. Moderator Desjardins introduced Peter Gair who sang the National Anthem.

Town Manager Ed Samson also welcomed everyone to the annual town meeting. He acknowledged that this year's town report is dedicated to Lee Eastman who passed away in February of 2008.

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, 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 2 – 27. Moderator Desjardins stated that the voter check in system will be used again this year and reminded those who had not received their voter cards to do so now.

Article 1 Election of Officers

Selectman, Leo J Enos	3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds, Joyce A McGee	3 year term
Library Trustee, Linda E. Hutchins	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee, Ronald N Bailey	3 year term
Emmons Smith Fund, Michael Nadeau	3 year term
Budget Committee	
Aurore M Hood	3 year term
Herbert D Richardson	3 year term
George "Skip" Sansoucy	3 year term
Colonel Town Spending Committee	
Patrick Payer	3 year term
Heather Bailey	3 year term
Christopher Foss	3 year term
Colonel Town Investment Committee	
Pam Sansoucy	

Article 2 – Convey piece of land for easement

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

Article 3 – Sale of town owned property

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

Article 4 - Add to Capital Reserve Fund Accounts

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

Article 5 – Purchase Property

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 P11, 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 5 was moved and seconded. Moderator Desjardins received a petition to vote on Article 5 by written ballot after discussion. A lengthy discussion followed. Article 5 failed by a vote of 60 yes and 88 no.

Article 6 – Purchase truck for Highway Dept

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

Article 7 – Reconditioning of Highway Dept sweeper

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

Article 8 – Discontinue 10-yr Energy Conservation Expendable Trust Fund

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

Article 9 – Sidewalk Improvements

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

Article 10 – Computer and Software upgrades and training for municipal employees

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

Article 11 – Purchase Truck for Water and Sewer Dept.

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

Article 12 – Address safety and security issues at Police Station

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

Article 13 – American Red Cross

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

Article 14 – 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.

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

Article 15 – 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.

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

Article 16 – 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.

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

Article 17 – 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.

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

Article 18 – 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.

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

Article 19 – Mt Washington Regional Airport

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 19 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 19 carried.

Article 20 – 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.

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

Article 21 – Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce

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

Article 22 – 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 operating the Mt Prospect Ski Club.

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

Article 23 – Community Contact Division of Tri-County Community Action

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 23 was moved and seconded. There was no discussion and no one was present to represent the request. Article 23 failed.

Article 24 – Center for New Beginnings

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

Article 25 – Mary Elizabeth Lane and Sunnyview Drive

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

Article 26 – Operating Budget

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

Article 27

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

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk



Photo compliments of Great Northwoods Journal – Veteran’s Day Ceremony

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to 2010. Let's hope that the economic slump is over and this year will prove prosperous for all.

The Town Manager's role is extremely broad and includes new challenges every day. I have been able to meet and overcome these challenges because of the great cooperation and help of others.

Lancaster is very fortunate to have the employees that we do. They are always willing to assist whenever called upon. I wish to thank the Lancaster residents that take the time from their busy schedules to volunteer and serve on our boards. The commitment of these board members is essential in ensuring that our Town moves forward yet preserves the character that we all enjoy.

In 2009, the Boston Post Cane was presented to Lancaster's oldest resident. I was honored to present the cane to Margaret Carr. Margaret will be 29 again this year.

Thank you to all that help me move Lancaster forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Samson
Town Manager



RERPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As I write the Selectmen's annual report, it is hard to believe that my second three year term is coming to an end. An enjoyable part of my job is interaction with the town employees, whom I find to be a very dedicated group of people.

Also, a special thank you to our Town Manger, Ed Samson for the great job he is doing conducting the business and affairs of the Town of Lancaster.

Allan Carr
Chairman



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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Well – 2009 has been relatively quiet as we only had one election and that was Town Meeting in March.



We are continuing our quest to update all of our records, as many of them still do not have all the information that is required. We have and will continue to send out letters asking you to update any information that we might need, and we “thank you” in advance for your cooperation.

We did not have many sessions this year to register voters, but you may at any time go into the Town Office during their working hours and you can register to vote. Also, there is same-day voter registration, which means you can register at the polls and vote at the same time. You will need some form of identification with you, such as a drivers license, birth certificate, social security card, passport and if necessary, naturalization papers. If you have just moved to town we will need proof of residency, such as a light bill, telephone bill, or rent receipt.

Please, as in the past, we ask that you be courteous to the ballot clerks when they ask you to give your name before you receive your ballot. We know a lot of you but we have to follow the statues that are given to us ---- and RSA 659:13 states – “you are to state your name to the ballot clerk.” It is also a way for us to make sure that we have the proper spelling of your name, if your name has changed or an update to your address.

We are here for you and if you have any questions we will do our very best to have an answer for you and if we don't have one we will make sure that we get one.

“Your Vote Does Count” – and we hope that you exercise that right often.

Supervisors of the Checklist,

Sandra E. Doolan
Maryrose Corrigan
Ellie Emery



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Fletcher Manley – Nadeau
children having some
winter fun.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Registration of Motor Vehicles			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Collected	\$532,566.50	508,797.83	\$504,743.92
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	11,056.00	10,849.50	10,537.50
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	<u>11,661.50</u>	<u>11,715.00</u>	<u>11,535.00</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$555,284.00</u>	<u>\$531,362.33</u>	<u>\$526,816.42</u>
Dog Licenses	<u>\$4,708.50</u>	<u>\$5,099.00</u>	<u>\$4,943.00</u>
Town Record Fees			
Automobile Title Applications	1,756.50	1,728.00	1,568.00
Recreation Vehicle Registrations	1,331.00	591.00	468.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	50.00	24.00	16.00
Renewal Fees	3,469.00	3,467.50	3,435.00
Boat Registrations	1,115.88	1,311.44	764.04
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	231.00	259.50	198.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	13,852.00	11,400.00	9,816.00
UCC'S	1,615.00	2,040.00	1,530.00
Marriage Intentions	2,070.00	1,485.00	1,260.00
Recording Fees and Tax Liens	75.00	80.00	55.00
Licenses and Fees	<u>782.76</u>	<u>539.50</u>	<u>976.50</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$26,348.14</u>	<u>\$22,925.94</u>	<u>\$20,086.54</u>
Total Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$586,340.64</u>	<u>\$559,387.27</u>	<u>\$551,845.96</u>
Number of motor vehicle permits issued	<u>4,589</u>	<u>4,727</u>	<u>4,593</u>
Number of boat registration issued	<u>154</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>135</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk

2009 saw some big changes in the State registration fees for motor vehicles. With the passage of HB2 the State portion of certain fees changed. As of August 2009 the fees changed as follows:

RSA 263:42, II – Certified Copies of Registrations (effective 8/1/09)

- The fee for a certified copy of a registration has increased from \$10 to **\$15**

RSA 270-E:5 Boat Registration Fees (effective date August 28, 2009)

- Up to and including 16 feet has increased from \$12 to **\$24**
- 16.1 feet to 21 feet has increased from \$17 to **\$34**
- 21.1 feet to 30 feet has increased from \$26 to **\$52**
- 30.1 feet to 45 feet has increased from \$36 to **\$72**
- 45.1 feet and over has increased from \$46 to **\$92**
- The lake restoration and preservation fee has increased from \$5 to **\$7.50**
- The boat agent fee has increased from \$1.50 to **\$5**

RSA 270-E:10 Boat Registration Transfer Fees (effective date August 28, 2009)

- The minimum fee to transfer a boat registration has increased from \$3 to \$5

Initial "Vanity" Plates (MAAP effective 8/1/09)

Sections of RSA 261:89 and 261:141 have been changed as follows:

- The vanity plate service fee has increased from \$25 to \$40 per year for a renewal or twelve (12) month new registration.
- The vanity number plate fee for new registrations other than twelve (12) months, plate changes, etc. is now pro-rated at \$3.33 per month (\$40 for a renewal)

RSA 261:141 (MAAP effective 8/1/09)

Section III (g) has been changed to now assess a surcharge based on the vehicle's weight. This surcharge is in addition to the "normal" fees based on weight. The surcharge is to be printed on the registration in the State Fees section and the heading is to be listed as "SURCHARGE". The flat surcharge fee (\$30, \$45, \$55 or \$75) shall be assessed for all twelve (12) month registrations.

- 0-3000 lbs. – A \$30 (\$2.50 per month) surcharge shall also be charged, making the total State fee \$61.20 for twelve months (\$5.10 per month combined total)
- 3001-5000 lbs – A \$30 (\$2.50 per month) surcharge shall also be charged, making the total State fee \$73.20 (\$6.10 per month combined total)
- 5001 – 8000 lbs – A \$45 (\$3.75 per month) surcharge shall also be charged, making the total State fee \$100.20 (\$8.35 per month combined total)
- 8001 – 10,000 lbs – A \$45 (\$3.75 per month) surcharge shall also be charged, making the total State fee \$.96 per hundred pounds gross weight (\$.08 per hundred lbs. per month) plus \$45 (\$3.75 per month)
- 10,001 – 26,000 lbs – A \$55 (\$4.58 per month) surcharge shall also be charged, making the total State fee \$.96 per hundred pounds gross weight (\$.08 per hundred lbs. per month) plus \$55 (\$4.58 per month)
- 26,001 – 73, 280 lbs - A \$75 (\$6.25 per month) surcharge shall also be charged, making the total State fee \$.96 per hundred pounds gross weight (\$.08 per hundred lbs. per month) plus \$75 (\$6.25 per month)

Section III (j) for semi-trailers and automobile utility trailers has changed. The flat fee (\$8, \$11, \$17, \$34 and \$46) shall be charged on all twelve (12) month registrations.

- 0-1000 lbs. has increased from \$3 to \$8 (\$.66 per month)
- 1001-1500 lbs. has increased from \$6 to \$11 (\$.91 per month)
- 1501-3000 lbs. has increased from \$12 to \$17 (\$1.41 per month)
- 3001 – 5000 lbs. has increased from \$24 to \$34 (\$2.83 per month)
- 5001-8000 lbs. has increased from \$36 to \$46 (\$3.83 per month)
- 8001 lbs. & greater has increased from \$.60 per hundred lbs. gross weight to \$.90 per hundred lbs. gross weight.

Section III (o) for motorcycles has changed. The flat \$25 fee shall be charged on all twelve (12) month registrations.

- The fee has increased from \$15 to \$25 (\$2.08 per month)

Please note that the \$1 fee for the motorcycle rider safety fund shall still be charged

Section VII (b) regarding transfer fees, for the state portion, has changed.

- The transfer fee has increased from \$10 to \$25

2009 was a quiet year for elections with only the Annual Town Meeting.

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

FYI – effective January 1, 2010, vehicles 1995 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/doit/internet

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

Photo compliments of Coos County Democrat – Lancaster School Memorial Day Celebration





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, 2008, 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, 2008, 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 October 28, 2009, 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 2 through 6 and 41 through 44, 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.

Robin A. Hill, CPA, PC

Concord, New Hampshire

October 28, 2009

ASSESSING REPORT

Lancaster's assessing department experienced a fairly quiet 2009 compared with recent years. The economic crisis was the main headline nationwide during the year, with many stories about falling real estate values around the country. Lancaster was not immune to the declining market, but it appears that the town has not experienced quite the decline that other areas have faced.

The main focus of municipal assessing is to maintain a fair and equitable system for distributing the property tax burden which is approved each year on town meeting day. Whether the town's assessments are above or below market value does not matter as much as consistency and equity between properties. We are committed to maintaining a quality assessing system along with monitoring trends in the real estate market. If the market deviates from the assessment base, the town is prepared to adjust neighborhoods or classes of property to maintain equity and proportionality.

Part of Lancaster's effort to maintain quality property assessment data is to reinspect properties on a cyclical basis. The town's contracted assessing company will be visiting properties to check measurements and verify other information used to calculate assessed values. They will be visiting properties that have taken out building permits, sale properties, and other properties at random. We ask for your cooperation as they complete this important task. They carry identification and their vehicles are on file with the town office and the police department.



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that even with the economy in its current state, the Town of Lancaster's uncollected taxes are down from 2008. The several homes that had been foreclosed on, a majority of them have been repurchased. Let us all hope for a successful 2010.

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 15th
Lien process begins with issuing an impending lien notice on any unpaid taxes after the delinquent due date
Impending deed notices will be mailed to property owners and mortgage holders on any outstanding 2008 tax liens (2007 tax levy)
- 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
Execute tax collectors deeds on May 27th on any outstanding 2008 tax liens (2007 tax levy) after the impending deed due date
- June Issue 1st Issue Property Tax bill
- 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

Respectfully submitted,

Charity Blanchette
Tax Collector

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

Through December 31, 2009
For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>Levy for 2009</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
<u>Uncollected taxes - beginning of year:</u>		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007 & Prior</u>
Property Taxes:		\$582,557.41	\$8.29
Land Use Change:		\$4,500.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes:		\$0.00	\$279.63
Gravel Taxes:		\$0.00	\$0.00
Bad Check Charge		\$25.00	
Prepaid 2008	-\$336.39		
<u>Taxes Committed:</u>			
Property Taxes - 1st issue:	\$2,765,584.11		
Property Taxes - 2nd issue:	\$2,319,043.19		
Land Use Change:	\$27,350.00		
Yield Taxes:		\$25,165.34	
Gravel Taxes:		\$305.76	
<u>Refunds</u>			
Property Taxes	\$10,899.50	\$8,420.70	\$74,469.13
Land Use Change:			\$2,000.00
Yield Taxes:			
Yield Interest:			
<u>Interest:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$4,092.20	\$26,563.20	
Land Use Change:		\$410.51	
Yield Taxes:		\$153.31	\$39.36
Bad Check Charge			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,126,632.61	\$648,101.23	\$76,796.41

(Report continued on next page...)

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

Through December 31, 2009
For the Municipality of Lancaster

CREDITS	<u>Levy for 2009</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007 & Prior</u>
<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$4,622,321.83	\$582,557.41	
Interest:	\$4,092.20	\$26,588.20	
Land Use Change Tax:	\$22,600.00	\$4,500.00	
Interest:		\$410.51	
Yield Taxes:		\$25,165.34	\$279.63
Interest:		\$153.31	\$39.36
Gravel Tax:		\$305.76	
Interest:			
Prepaid:	\$18,199.25		
<u>Abatements Made:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$846.81	\$8,420.70	\$74,469.13
LUCT	\$4,750.00		\$2,000.00
<u>Liens Deeded to Municipality:</u>			
Property Taxes:			\$8.29
Interest:			
<u>Uncollected Taxes -</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$453,826.73		
Land Use Change:			
Gravel Taxes:			
Yield Taxes:			
Bad Check Charge			
Property Tax Credit Balance	-\$4.21		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,126,632.61	\$648,101.23	\$76,796.41

Respectfully Submitted by: Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

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

Through December 31, 2009
For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>Current Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007 & Prior</u>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year:		\$109,349.36	\$114,709.10
Uncollected Interest & Penalties		\$2,118.24	\$3,523.55
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$235,676.01		
Adjustment			
Second Lien Commitment			
Refunds			
Interest & Penalties	\$8,723.07	\$10,950.95	\$28,440.98
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$244,399.08</u>	<u>\$122,418.55</u>	<u>\$146,673.63</u>

CREDITS	<u>Current Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007 & Prior</u>
Redemptions:	\$103,215.49	\$48,926.31	\$65,075.28
Interest & Penalties	\$6,852.24	\$11,759.23	\$29,602.18
Abatements:			
Penalties:			
Liens Deeded to Municipality:	\$604.45	\$558.01	\$817.25
Interest			
Penalties		\$104.04	\$341.07
Unredeemed Liens:	\$131,856.07	\$59,865.04	\$48,816.57
Unpaid Interest & Penalties:	\$1,870.83	\$1,205.92	\$2,021.28
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$244,399.08</u>	<u>\$122,418.55</u>	<u>\$146,673.63</u>

Respectfully submitted by: Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTS

Through December 31, 2009
For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Uncollected as of 12/31/08	\$49,353.78	\$55,221.71
Jobs	\$150.00	\$525.00
Commercial Charge	\$875.00	\$875.00
Septage Disposal		\$0.00
1st Half Commitment	\$166,262.05	\$165,181.40
Comm Unit Chrg incl Rents	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Jobs	\$722.73	\$156.18
Supplemental Commitment		
2nd Half Commitment	\$209,528.40	\$166,971.61
Comm Unit Chrg incl Rents	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Jobs	\$588.90	\$150.00
Supplemental Commitment		
Interest	\$4,112.68	\$4,659.55
Refunds	\$105.00	
Interest Refund		
Jobs	\$609.90	
Septage Disposal Jobs		\$7,200.00
Prepaid 2008	-\$86.90	-\$47.60
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$436,221.54</u>	<u>\$404,892.85</u>

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer	\$364,267.15	\$315,683.11
Jobs	\$1,493.98	\$625.00
Septage Disposal Jobs		\$7,200.00
Interest Collected	\$4,112.68	\$4,659.55
Abatements	\$1,720.60	\$8,320.74
Abatement on Jobs		
Abatement on Interest		
Uncollected Principle	\$63,444.59	\$67,468.87
Uncollected Jobs	\$577.55	\$206.18
Uncollected Commercial Charge	\$866.98	\$875.00
Uncollected Septage Disposal		\$0.00
Uncollected Penalties		
Credit Balance	-\$261.99	-\$145.60
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$436,221.54</u>	<u>\$404,892.85</u>

Respectfully submitted by:

Charity M. Blanchette
Tax Collector

**TAX YEAR 2009
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION**

Value of Land Only		
Current Use	\$2,660,080.00	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$540.00	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	\$13,130.00	
Residential	\$56,352,950.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$17,365,650.00</u>	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND		\$76,392,350.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$10,627,200.00	
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential	\$145,309,050.00	
Manufactured Housing	\$3,155,950.00	
Commercial/Industrial	\$46,513,990.00	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	<u>\$23,940.00</u>	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		\$195,002,930.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$50,546,850.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES		<u>\$13,505,470.00</u>
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		\$284,900,750.00
Blind Exemption (2)	\$15,000.00	
Elderly Exemption (24)	\$542,620.00	
Solar/Windpower (2)	<u>\$6,290.00</u>	
LESS AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS		<u>(\$563,910.00)</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		\$284,336,840.00
LESS PUBLIC UTILITIES		<u>(\$13,505,470.00)</u>
NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		<u><u>\$270,831,370.00</u></u>

**UTILITY ASSESSED VALUE -
SUMMARY**

Public Service of NH	\$6,802,150.00
Southworth Timber Frames	3,320.00
Portland Pipeline Corp.	\$6,700,000.00
Total Utilities	\$13,505,470.00

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

	Actual Exemption Amount
Elderly Exemptions -2009	
9 at maximum \$20,000	\$175,740.00
7 at maximum \$25,000	\$156,880.00
7 at maximum \$30,000	\$210,000.00
Total Elderly Exemptions	\$542,620.00
Veteran's Exemptions -2009	
7 at \$1,400	\$9,800.00
171 at \$100	\$17,100.00
Total Veteran's Exemptions	\$26,900.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

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

Discretionary Easement	1.0
Conservation Restriction	4.38
Farmland	4,286.23
Forest Land	10,896.65
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	8,298.54
Unproductive	404.41
Wet Land	288.01
TOTAL ACRES	24,173.84

**TOTAL # OF PARCELS IN
CURRENT USE** **603**

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:

Allan J. Carr
David B. Stickney, Sr.
Leo J. Enos

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

**Municipal Services Division
2009 Tax Rate Calculation**

TOWN/CITY: LANCASTER

Barbara J. Johnson
11/17/09

Gross Appropriations	5,180,171
Less: Revenues	3,230,152
Less: Shared Revenues	0
Add: Overlay	19,814
War Service Credits	26,900

Net Town Appropriation	1,996,733
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,996,733
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**TOWN RATE
7.03**

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	5,838,365
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(3,715,654)

State Education Taxes	(623,449)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,499,262

**LOCAL
SCHOOL RATE
5.27**

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.14	
292,013,643		623,449
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
270,831,370		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State →		0

**STATE
SCHOOL RATE
2.30**

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	990,303
Less: Shared Revenues	0

Approved County Tax Effort	990,303
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**COUNTY RATE
3.48**

**TOTAL RATE
18.08**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,109,747
Less: War Service Credits	(26,900)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	5,082,847

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	270,831,370	2.30	623,449
All Other Taxes	284,336,840	15.78	4,486,298
			5,109,747

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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>
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
2009	\$18.08	\$7.03	\$3.48	\$5.27	\$2.30

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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
P07-005	Welcome Center, 25 Park Street
P07-019	Fire Museum, 30 Park Street
P12-023	Riverside Drive (Ice Retention Dam)
P05-052	Causeway Street
P14-028	Holton Park
P14-029	Holton Park
R01/010-015	Industrial Park
R01-035	Main Street
R01-048	Pines, Main Street
R04-006	Island in Israel River
R04-008	Main Street – B&M RR
R04-034	School Street, behind Courthouse
R05-001	Town Forest, Causeway Street
R10-032	Riverside Drive
R11-056	Grange Road
R11-086 (SOLD)	10 Grange Road
R21-006	Elm Street
R26-027	111 Martin Meadow Pond Boat Access
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 Sterling Pickup
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
2009 Ford F350 Pickup
2002 Muffin Auger Monster
2003 GMC 2500 Pickup
2003 Wells Utility Trailer

CEMETERY

1977 Kubota Backhoe
2003 Husqvarna Mower

TOWN OFFICE

2006 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 (3)
- Oil Filter Crusher
- Waste Oil Furnace

POLICE

2008 Ford Crown Victoria – Cruiser
2009 Ford Expedition - Cruiser

COL. TOWN RECREATION

1987 Ford Tractor
2000 GMC Jimmy

TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH
Treasurer's Report
December 31, 2009

ACCOUNT BALANCE 01.01.2009

General Fund	\$1,124,399.64
MBIA General Fund	631.72
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	34,831.29
Municipal Cemeteries	62,556.14
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	1,658.79
Payroll Account	1,620.70
Water System Account	144,511.00

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE 01.01.2009 **\$1,370,209.28**

RECEIPTS/TRANSFERS – 2009

General Fund	\$12,248,577.73
MBIA General Fund	3,752,216.75
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	15,018.90
Municipal Cemeteries	21,939.70
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	2.86
Payroll Account	1,654,345.41
Water System Account	0.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS/TRANSFERS – 2009 **\$17,692,101.35**

EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS – 2009

General Fund	\$12,672,297.02
MBIA General Fund	2,750,000.00
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	26,556.66
Municipal Cemeteries	0.00
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	0.00
Payroll Account	1,654,948.22
Water System Account	144,511.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS – 2009 **(\$17,248,312.90)**

ACCOUNT BALANCE 12.31.2009

\$1,813,997.73

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann M. Huddleston, Treasurer

TOWN OF LANCASTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

<u>SUMMARY OF REVENUES:</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
Taxes	\$142,400.00	\$5,181,455.86		\$94.24	(\$5,039,150.10)
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$232,685.00	\$266,220.26		\$0.00	(\$33,535.26)
Special Grants for Projects	\$173,935.00	\$310,373.34		\$167,741.10	(\$304,179.44)
Income From Departments	\$2,465,097.68	\$3,519,386.17		\$35,732.13	(\$1,090,020.62)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$136,000.00	\$213,376.54		\$11,587.63	(\$88,964.17)
Fund Balance	\$65,880.00	\$65,880.00			
Total Revenues	<u>\$3,215,997.68</u>	<u>\$9,556,692.17</u>		<u>\$215,155.10</u>	<u>(\$6,555,849.59)</u>

<u>SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:</u>					
General Government	\$1,188,126.00	\$1,236,404.53	\$0.00	\$43,092.63	(\$91,371.16)
Public Safety	\$979,144.00	\$906,234.99	\$0.00	\$72,909.01	(\$0.00)
Highways & Streets	\$771,470.00	\$669,890.81	\$20,750.00	\$82,698.17	(\$1,868.98)
Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts.	\$1,093,631.00	\$1,032,461.70	\$0.00	\$61,169.30	(\$0.00)
Health Administration	\$25,646.00	\$24,596.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	(\$0.00)
Welfare	\$63,555.00	\$68,410.03	\$0.00	\$2,035.00	(\$6,890.03)
Culture & Recreation	\$632,158.68	\$633,299.10	\$0.00	\$4,295.63	(\$5,436.05)
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$15,286.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$15,286.35)
Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$325,940.00	\$196,457.53	\$0.00	\$189,433.42	(\$59,950.95)
Capital Reserve Funds	\$100,500.00	\$102,294.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,794.08)
Interfund Operating Transfers Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)
Payments To Other Governments	\$0.00	\$3,459,086.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,459,086.00)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,180,170.68</u>	<u>\$8,344,421.12</u>	<u>\$20,750.00</u>	<u>\$456,683.16</u>	<u>(\$3,641,683.60)</u>

<u>DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES:</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
From Local Taxes:					
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$4,996,140.66			(\$4,996,140.66)
Property Taxes--Refunds	\$0.00	(\$0.00)			
Payment in lieu of taxes	\$37,000.00	\$54,576.76			(\$17,576.76)
Land Use Change Taxes	\$25,000.00	\$25,350.00			(\$350.00)
Yield Taxes	\$25,000.00	\$25,165.34			(\$165.34)
Miscellaneous Taxes	\$400.00	\$305.76		\$94.24	
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$55,000.00	\$79,917.34			(\$24,917.34)
Total Taxes	<u>\$142,400.00</u>	<u>\$5,181,455.86</u>		<u>\$94.24</u>	<u>(\$5,039,150.10)</u>

<u>Intergovernmental Revenues:</u>					
Shared Revenue Block Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Highway Block Grants	\$86,449.00	\$93,092.63			(\$6,643.63)
State & Federal Forest Lands	\$2,265.00	\$3,680.00			(\$1,415.00)
Railroad Tax	\$0.00	\$108.03			(\$108.03)
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$143,971.00	\$151,482.10			(\$7,511.10)
FEMA--Flood	\$0.00	\$17,857.50			(\$17,857.50)

Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$232,685.00	\$266,220.26	\$0.00	(\$33,535.26)
Special Grants for Projects:				
NH Transportation Enhancement	\$152,060.00	\$0.00	\$152,060.00	
Pleasant Valley Road	\$0.00	\$94,340.76		(\$94,340.76)
LCHIP	\$0.00	\$31,802.00		(\$31,802.00)
Depot Street Culvert	\$0.00	\$123,736.50		(\$123,736.50)
Lancaster Fair Association	\$0.00	\$500.00		(\$500.00)
Mt. Prospect Road	\$0.00	\$33,368.00		(\$33,368.00)
Fire Dept—Highway Safety Grant	\$1,875.00	\$0.00	\$1,875.00	
Fire Dept—Equipment	\$0.00	\$650.00		(\$650.00)
William Street Drainage	\$0.00	\$150.00		(\$150.00)
Police Dept—Portland Pipeline Security	\$0.00	\$3,119.54		(\$3,119.54)
Police Dept—Cruiser	\$0.00	\$4,600.00		(\$4,600.00)
Police Dept—Forfeiture Monies	\$0.00	\$189.50		(\$189.50)
Police Dept—Skate Park	\$0.00	\$11,723.14		(\$11,723.14)
White Mt/NH PAL	\$20,000.00	\$6,193.90	\$13,806.10	
Total Special Grants	\$173,935.00	\$310,373.34	\$167,741.10	(\$304,179.44)
Income From Departments:				
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	\$502,157.00	\$504,743.92		(\$2,586.92)
Town Clerk Fees	\$28,157.00	\$28,100.04	\$56.96	
Town Office Revenues	\$2,600.00	\$4,436.00		(\$1,836.00)
Lancaster Conservation Commission	\$3,000.00	\$2,910.00	\$90.00	
Planning & Zoning	\$2,600.00	\$2,957.22		(\$357.22)
Police Department	\$36,900.00	\$31,405.72	\$5,494.28	
Police Department – Lancaster Fair	\$30,000.00	\$28,029.33	\$1,970.67	
Ambulance/Fire Department	\$550,000.00	\$616,026.21		(\$66,026.21)
Health Department	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Highways & Streets	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station	\$63,519.00	\$63,136.12	\$382.88	
Pay-As-You-Throw Bags	\$78,900.00	\$68,835.00	\$10,065.00	
Water Department	\$491,265.00	\$1,420,211.05		(\$928,946.05)
Sanitation Department	\$302,991.00	\$345,604.42		(\$42,613.42)
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$37,100.00	\$21,927.66	\$15,172.34	
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$28,463.68	\$73,246.62		(\$44,782.94)
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$281,345.00	\$281,345.00		
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees Fund/5 Cent	\$23,600.00	\$26,471.86		(\$2,871.86)
Total Income From Departments	\$2,465,097.68	\$3,519,386.17	\$35,732.13	(\$1,090,020.62)
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Insurance	\$0.00	\$74,869.62		(\$74,869.62)
Interest	\$12,000.00	\$4,069.68	\$7,930.32	
Notes & Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Sale of Town Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Sale of Town Property	\$15,000.00	\$12,342.69	\$2,657.31	
Sale of Town Timber	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Capital Reserve Funds	\$108,000.00	\$122,094.55		(\$14,094.55)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$136,000.00	\$213,376.54	\$11,587.63	(\$88,964.17)
Fund Balance	\$65,880.00	\$65,880.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,215,997.68	\$9,556,692.17	\$215,155.10	(\$6,555,849.59)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES:

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
<u>General Government:</u>					
Executive	\$74,250.00	\$72,255.18		\$1,994.82	
Election, Registration & Vital	\$44,265.00	\$35,266.75		\$8,998.25	
Financial Administration	\$247,850.00	\$243,192.61		\$4,657.39	
Legal Expenses	\$30,500.00	\$26,877.00		\$3,623.00	
Personnel Administration	\$542,267.00	\$524,092.74		\$18,174.26	
Fire Dept Grants—Emergency Shelters	\$0.00	\$958.64			(\$958.64)
Fire Dept Grants—Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$400.00			(\$400.00)
Police Dept Grants—Forfeiture Monies	\$0.00	\$7,218.01			(\$7,218.01)
Police Dept Grants—Portland Pipeline Sc	\$0.00	\$1,962.50			(\$1,962.50)
SG\Lancaster Fair Association	\$0.00	\$500.00			(\$500.00)
SG\Police—Highway Safety Grant	\$3,750.00	\$3,472.00		\$278.00	
SG\Depot Street Culvert	\$0.00	\$0.00			
SG\White Mt. PAL	\$20,000.00	\$26,049.86			(\$6,049.86)
SG\Mt. Prospect Road	\$0.00	\$43,205.24			(\$43,205.24)
SG\William Street Drainage	\$0.00	\$150.00			(\$150.00)
SG\LCHIP	\$0.00	\$25,337.00			(\$25,337.00)
SG\Lancaster Play & Learn Center	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Planning & Zoning	\$11,855.00	\$8,543.28		\$3,311.72	
General Government Buildings	\$52,806.00	\$56,697.52			(\$3,891.52)
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$41,100.00	\$39,044.81		\$2,055.19	
Insurance & Bonds	\$102,804.00	\$104,502.39			(\$1,698.39)
Advertising & Regional Association	\$16,679.00	\$16,679.00			
Total General Government	\$1,188,126.00	\$1,236,404.53	\$0.00	\$43,092.63	(\$91,371.16)
<u>Public Safety:</u>					
Police Department	\$508,805.00	\$473,420.23		\$35,384.77	
Police Department—Lancaster Fair	\$30,000.00	\$25,647.66		\$4,352.34	
EMS/Fire Department	\$439,389.00	\$406,989.46		\$32,399.54	
Safety Committee	\$950.00	\$177.64		\$772.36	
Total Public Safety	\$979,144.00	\$906,234.99		\$72,909.01	
<u>Highways And Streets:</u>					
Highways & Streets	\$738,030.00	\$634,581.83	20,750.00	\$82,698.17	
Street Lighting	\$33,440.00	\$35,308.98			(\$1,868.98)
Parking Meters	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Highways And Streets	\$771,470.00	\$669,890.81	20,750.00	\$82,698.17	(\$1,868.98)
<u>Solid Waste, Water And Sanitation Departments:</u>					
Solid Waste Collection	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00			
Solid Waste--MSW	\$78,900.00	\$75,539.61		\$3,360.39	
Solid Waste--CD	\$187,975.00	\$169,167.00		\$18,808.00	
Water Department	\$491,265.00	\$483,966.91		\$7,298.09	
Sanitation Department	\$302,991.00	\$271,288.18		\$31,702.82	
Total Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts.	\$1,093,631.00	\$1,032,461.70		\$61,169.30	
<u>Health Administration:</u>					

Health Officer & Expenses	\$1,250.00	\$800.00	\$450.00	
Animal Control	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$23,796.00	\$23,796.00		
Total Health Administration	\$25,646.00	\$24,596.00	\$1,050.00	

Welfare:

Town Welfare	\$50,000.00	\$56,890.03		(\$6,890.03)
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Caleb Group	\$3,520.00	\$3,520.00		
American Red Cross	\$1,535.00	\$0.00	\$1,535.00	
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	\$63,555.00	\$68,410.03	\$2,035.00	(\$6,890.03)

Culture And Recreation:

Motor Vehicle Waste Fees/5cent Cans	\$23,600.00	\$26,516.16		(\$2,916.16)
Lancaster Conservation Commission	\$3,000.00	\$5,519.53		(\$2,519.53)
Skating Rink	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Col Town—Water	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00		
Col Town—Sewer	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		(\$1,800.00)
Col. Town – Operating Expenses	\$60,733.00	\$60,733.36		(\$.36)
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$281,345.00	\$281,345.00		
Mt. Prospect Ski Club	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
Park Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$4,580.40	\$419.60	
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Town Events	\$2,000.00	\$325.00	\$1,675.00	
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	\$2,460.00	\$2,460.00		
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$242,420.68	\$242,219.65	\$201.03	
Total Culture And Recreation	\$632,158.68	\$633,299.10	\$4,295.63	(\$5,436.05)

Debt Service:

Long Term Notes & Bonds— Principal & Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Interest--Tax Anticipation Note	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Interest--Abatement	\$0.00	\$15,286.35		(\$15,286.35)
Total Debt Service	\$0.00	\$15,286.35		(\$15,286.35)

Capital Outlays & Special Projects:

Police Dept—Security /Safety Issues	\$10,000.00	\$8,207.28	\$1,792.72	
H&S—Sweeper Recondition	\$14,000.00	\$12,192.27	\$1,807.73	
Town Hall Rehabilitation	\$0.00	\$6,565.10		(\$6,565.10)
Town Office—Softwares/Training	\$27,865.00	\$27,208.95	\$656.05	
Highways/Streets—New Truck	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00		
Water/Sanitation—New Truck	\$41,000.00	\$40,924.00	\$76.00	
Arthur White Bridge Construction	\$0.00	\$53,385.85		(\$53,385.85)
Sidewalk Construction	\$190,075.00	\$4,974.08	\$185,100.92	
Total Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$325,940.00	\$196,457.53	\$189,433.42	(\$59,950.95)

Capital Reserve Funds:

CRF--Highway Department	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00			
CRF--EMS/Fire Department	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			
CRF--Town Re-Evaluation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
CRF--Town Hall Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$11,794.08			(\$1,794.08)
CRF--Bridges	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00			
CRF--Police Department	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00			
CRF--Col. Town Recreation Center	\$0.00	\$0.00			
CRF--Weeks Memorial Library	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			
CRF--Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
Total Capital Reserve Funds	<u>\$100,500.00</u>	<u>\$102,294.08</u>			<u>(\$1,794.08)</u>

Interfund Transfers

Out:

Tax Lien Accounts	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Tax Anticipation Note	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Interfund Transfers Out	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>			
Subtotals	\$5,180,170.68	\$4,885,335.12	\$20,750.00	\$456,683.16	(\$182,597.60)

Payments To Other Governments:

Coos County	\$0.00	\$990,303.00			(\$990,303.00)
White Mountains Regional School District	\$0.00	\$2,468,783.00			(\$2,468,783.00)
Total Payments To Other Governments	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,459,086.00</u>			<u>(\$3,459,086.00)</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$5,180,170.68</u>	<u>\$8,344,421.12</u>	<u>\$20,750.00</u>	<u>\$456,683.16</u>	<u>(\$3,641,683.60)</u>
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STATEMENT OF BOND DEBT

WATER FILTRATION PLANT

Amount of Original Note

4.5 percent
\$2,000,000.00

Payable to: Rural Community Economic Development

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
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
	\$1,364,053.00	\$540,854.00

WILLIAM D. WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Amount of Original Note

4.75 percent
\$650,000.00

Payable to: Rural Community Economic Development

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
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
	\$479,273.61	\$273,655.31

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 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
	<hr/> \$2,370,610.00	<hr/> \$1,715,067.00 <hr/>

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 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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	\$229,533.26	\$74,294.54

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER ON DECEMBER 31, 2009

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	Principal Beginning Balance	New Funds Created
1914	Lyman Blandin Fund	Benefit of Needy	Invest	\$ 82,333.96	
1880	Cemetery Fund	Beautify Cemetery	Invest	\$ 255,508.23	\$ 893.75
1926	Helen W C Denison Fund	Care of Cross Park	Invest	\$ 8,270.06	
1932	Jas. L Dow Fund	Beautify Parks & Streets	Invest	\$ 7,384.53	
1910	Historical Trust	Compile History of Town	Invest	\$ 1,220.74	
1920	Emmon Smith Fund	Benefit of Needy	Invest	\$ 75,591.28	
1918	Geo. M. Stevens Fund	Beautify Cemetery	Invest	\$ 192,210.07	
1910	Library Trust	Benefit Weeks Library	Invest	\$ 24,140.60	
2008	Noyes Lecture Fund	Education	Invest	\$ 244,429.78	
Total Common Funds				\$ 891,089.25	\$ 893.75
1935	Monahan Trust	Benefit of Public Nursing	Invest	\$ 1,105.20	
Sub-total				\$ 1,105.20	\$ -
2008	C/R - Fire/EMS Fund	Purchase of Fire/EMS Equip	NHPDIP	\$ 102,959.04	\$ 25,000.00
1980	C/R - Water	Purchase Water Dept Equip	NHPDIP	\$ 18,631.27	
1980	C/R - Sanitation	Purchase Sanitation Equip	NHPDIP	\$ 59,331.90	
1980	C/R - Highway	Purchase Highway Equip	NHPDIP	\$ 154,241.14	\$ 30,000.00
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	\$ 93,100.00	\$ 10,000.00
2001	C/R - PAYT Program	P-A-Y-T Program	NHPDIP	\$ 6,000.00	
2001	C/R - Weeks Library		NHPDIP	\$ 37,576.00	\$ 8,145.68
2001	C/R - Col. Town Spend		NHPDIP	\$ 54,380.62	\$ -
1998	C/R - Bridge Repair		NHPDIP	\$ 89,245.90	\$ 20,000.00
1999	C/R - Town Reval	Future Revaluation	NHPDIP	\$ 53,059.61	\$ 5,000.00
2002	C/R - Police Dept.	Future Costs of Equip & Bldg	NHPDIP	\$ 25,208.75	\$ 2,500.00
2007	C/R - Lancaster Water System	Maintenance & Improvements	NHPDIP	\$ 16,516.94	
2007	C/R Cemetery	Infrastructure Improvements	NHPDIP	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Sub-total of Town C/R's				\$ 997,312.44	\$ 105,645.68
1984	WMRHS - Scholarships	Scholarships	Invest		
	Sally Falkenham	Scholarships	Invest	\$ 27,508.18	
1915	Chapin C Brooks Fund	Benefit of Lancaster School	NHPDIP	\$ 7,332.89	
1987	C/R - Forestry		NHPDIP	\$ 53,663.04	
1994	C/R - Bldg & Rep & Maint	School Bldg Repairs & Maint	NHPDIP	\$ 365,826.56	
1998	C/R - School Plow Veh	Purchase Plow Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 18,674.08	
1998	C/R - Road & Drive Repair	Road/Drive Repairs	NHPDIP	\$ 26,712.47	
	C/R - Hancock Library Fund	Benefit Library at Lanc. School	NHPDIP	\$ 51,096.25	
Sub-total of School Funds				\$ 550,813.47	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS				\$ 2,440,320.36	\$ 106,539.43

Withdrawals	Principal Ending Balance	Income		Expended During Year	Income		Total Principal & Interest
		Balance Beg. of Year	Income During Year		Balance End of Year	Income During Year	
	\$ 82,333.96	\$ 77,482.70	\$ 4,020.45	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 77,503.15	\$ 159,837.11	
	\$ 256,401.98	\$ 6,602.33	\$ 1,588.88	\$ (6,602.33)	\$ 1,588.88	\$ 257,990.86	
	\$ 8,270.06	\$ 5,937.80	\$ 365.04		\$ 6,302.84	\$ 14,572.90	
	\$ 7,384.53	\$ 5,978.47	\$ 341.24		\$ 6,319.71	\$ 13,704.24	
	\$ 1,220.74	\$ 902.10	\$ 54.63		\$ 956.73	\$ 2,177.47	
	\$ 75,591.28	\$ 13,097.91	\$ 2,263.14		\$ 15,361.05	\$ 90,952.33	
	\$ 192,210.07	\$ 4,965.37	\$ (1,888.17)	\$ (4,965.37)	\$ (1,888.17)	\$ 190,321.90	
	\$ 24,140.60	\$ 613.60	\$ 631.49	\$ (613.60)	\$ 631.49	\$ 24,772.09	
	\$ 244,429.78	\$ 559.00	\$ 1,910.83		\$ 2,469.83	\$ 246,899.61	
\$ -	\$ 891,983.00	\$ 116,139.28	\$ 9,287.53	\$ (16,181.30)	\$ 109,245.51	\$ 1,001,228.51	
	\$ 1,105.20	\$ 2,220.52	\$ 85.76		\$ 2,306.28	\$ 3,411.48	
\$ -	\$ 1,105.20	\$ 2,220.52	\$ 85.76	\$ -	\$ 2,306.28	\$ 3,411.48	
	\$ 127,959.04	\$ 19,654.30	\$ 409.32		\$ 20,063.62	\$ 148,022.66	
\$ (18,390.75)	\$ 240.52	\$ 8,407.39	\$ 61.49	\$ (8,468.88)	\$ -	\$ 240.52	
\$ (13,045.45)	\$ 46,286.45	\$ -	\$ 183.92	\$ (183.92)	\$ -	\$ 46,286.45	
\$ (54,735.90)	\$ 129,505.24	\$ -	\$ 456.37	\$ (456.37)	\$ -	\$ 129,505.24	
	\$ 205,476.61	\$ 91,900.83	\$ 991.59		\$ 92,892.42	\$ 298,369.03	
	\$ 71,584.66	\$ 52,955.17	\$ 415.12		\$ 53,370.29	\$ 124,954.95	
	\$ 103,100.00	\$ 17,738.81	\$ 350.26	\$ (6,106.00)	\$ 11,983.07	\$ 115,083.07	
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,399.71	\$ 28.10		\$ 2,427.81	\$ 8,427.81	
	\$ 45,721.68	\$ -	\$ 127.09		\$ 127.09	\$ 45,848.77	
\$ -	\$ 54,380.62	\$ -	\$ 181.30		\$ 181.30	\$ 54,561.92	
	\$ 109,245.90	\$ -	\$ 297.91		\$ 297.91	\$ 109,543.81	
\$ (2,386.00)	\$ 55,673.61	\$ 9,943.73	\$ 170.27	\$ (10,114.00)	\$ -	\$ 55,673.61	
\$ (5,437.83)	\$ 22,270.92	\$ 2,685.21	\$ 84.24	\$ (2,769.45)	\$ -	\$ 22,270.92	
	\$ 16,516.94	\$ -	\$ 55.37		\$ 55.37	\$ 16,572.31	
	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 172.90	\$ 33.68		\$ 206.58	\$ 15,206.58	
\$ (93,995.93)	\$ 1,008,962.19	\$ 205,858.05	\$ 3,846.03	\$ (28,098.62)	\$ 181,605.46	\$ 1,190,567.65	
		\$ 109,377.52	\$ 28,823.14	\$ (11,468.18)	\$ 126,732.48	\$ 126,732.48	
	\$ 27,508.18	\$ 7,083.06	\$ 867.81		\$ 7,950.87	\$ 35,459.05	
	\$ 7,332.89	\$ 2,689.57	\$ 33.10		\$ 2,722.67	\$ 10,055.56	
\$ (28,896.88)	\$ 24,766.16	\$ 3,681.86	\$ 174.86	\$ (3,856.72)	\$ -	\$ 24,766.16	
\$ (117,106.43)	\$ 248,720.13	\$ -	\$ 1,161.21	\$ (1,161.21)	\$ -	\$ 248,720.13	
	\$ 18,674.08	\$ 2,609.23	\$ 71.03		\$ 2,680.26	\$ 21,354.34	
\$ (14,969.25)	\$ 11,743.22	\$ -	\$ 70.75	\$ (70.75)	\$ -	\$ 11,743.22	
	\$ 51,096.25	\$ 3,890.72	\$ 183.28	\$ -	\$ 4,074.00	\$ 55,170.25	
\$ (160,972.56)	\$ 389,840.91	\$ 129,331.96	\$ 31,385.18	\$ (16,556.86)	\$ 144,160.28	\$ 534,001.19	
\$ (254,968.49)	\$ 2,291,891.30	\$ 453,549.81	\$ 44,604.50	\$ (60,836.78)	\$ 437,317.53	\$ 2,729,208.83	

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 2009 is as follows:

WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY							
	Food	Rent	Fuel	Medical	Electric	Other	Total
January	\$90.00	\$3,579.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$387.87	\$0.00	\$4,056.87
February	\$20.00	\$2,738.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$660.53	\$0.00	\$3,418.53
March	\$20.00	\$2,944.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,964.00
April	\$150.00	\$2,398.50	\$206.90	\$0.00	\$625.85	\$43.98	\$3,425.23
May	\$220.00	\$2,481.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$1,146.55	\$0.00	\$4,242.55
June	\$100.00	\$4,111.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,214.70	\$119.98	\$6,546.36
July	\$70.00	\$2,645.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$334.56	\$500.00	\$3,549.56
August	\$20.00	\$3,615.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$791.52	\$0.00	\$4,426.52
September	\$20.00	\$5,190.00	\$157.00	\$0.00	\$578.97	\$98.17	\$6,044.14
October	\$50.00	\$2,098.00	\$955.70	\$0.00	\$2,227.64	\$12.49	\$5,343.83
November	\$0.00	\$2,957.00	\$1,150.80	\$0.00	\$290.61	\$0.00	\$4,398.41
December	\$20.00	\$3,957.50	\$244.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,222.40
				Revenue		-1,106.00	
				Actual Expenditure		\$51,532.40	

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

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LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On November 2, the department suffered a large loss with the death of Deputy Chief Sam Evans. Sam had been an integral part of the department for 42 years, and will be greatly missed. We also lost Regis Croneaur who was a veteran of the Lancaster Ambulance Corps.

During our Annual awards dinner in December the following members were recognized for their years of service:

- Dean Flynn 20 years
- Sam White 20 years
- Frank Brundle 20 years
- Mike Bastian 10 years
- James Fuller 10 years
- Mike Kopp 10 years
- Mike Dinardo 5 years
- Zina Schmidt 5 years

Zina Schmidt was awarded the 2009 EMS Attendant of the Year Award, and Buddy Riendeau was presented with the Lt. Donald White Fireman of the Year Award. Several promotions were announced, Dan King moved from Assistant Chief to Deputy Chief. Kevin Whiting and Mike Kopp were each promoted to Assistant Chief, and Leon Rideout became a Lieutenant.

The members and officers 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.

The Department has continued its fire inspection program. We have had the pleasure of inspecting many of the commercial buildings in the community, but still have many more to complete. If we have not visited your location, please contact us so that we can set up an appointment to visit.

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



EMS

Medical	556
Transfers	542
Motor Vehicle Crashes	48
Fire Standby	34
DHART Assist	1
ALS Intercept	8
Total EMS Calls	1189
Lancaster	359
Jefferson	76
Country Village	252
Weeks Medical Center	338
Lunenburg	57
Gilman	29
Guildhall	22
Granby	5
Non Contract Town/Facility	51
A1	728
A2	64
A3	394
Car 1	3

FIRE

Structure Fires	6
Motor Vehicle Crashes	11
Haz-Mat Spills	4
Car Fires	1
Chimney Fires	5
Wildland Fires	2
False Alarms	28
CO Alarms	2
Station Cover	1
Mutual Aid-Scene	17
Public Assist	5
Rescue	4
Other	1
Total Fire Calls	87
Lancaster	59
Guildhall	10
Lunenburg	6
Whitefield	3
Groveton	5
Dalton	0
Jefferson	0
Mutual Aid (other)	4



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

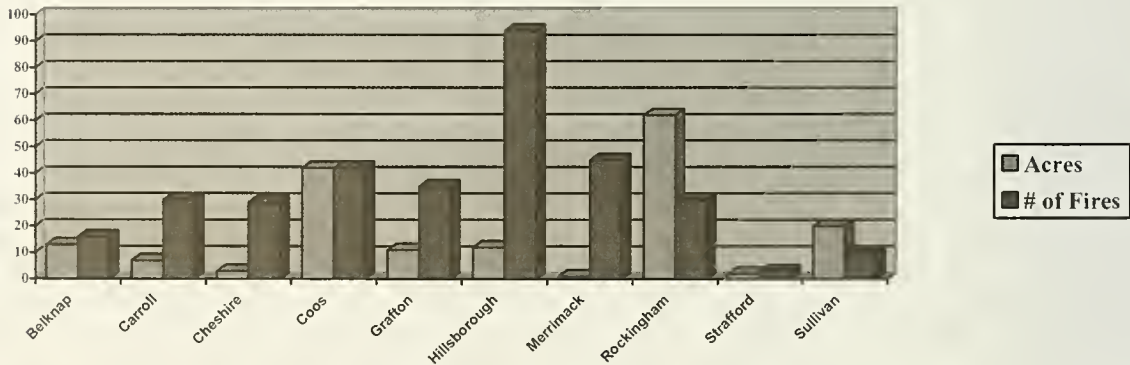
Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. 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 2009 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!

2009 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	4	2009	334	173
Debris	184	2008	455	175
Campfire	18	2007	437	212
Children	12	2006	500	473
Smoking	15	2005	546	174
Railroad	5			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	0			
Misc.*	91	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

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 9, 2010

SELECTMAN:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Allan J Carr
Leon H Rideout

MODERATOR:

2 years. Vote for not more than one.

Paul D Desjardins

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST:

6 years. Vote for not more than one.

Sandra E Doolan

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Jeffrey A Gilman

LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Michael W Nadeau

CEMETERY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Marc Boucher
Joyce White

EMMONS SMITH FUND:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

John E Brooks

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Keith Kopp
Allvin L Leonard
Stanley D Post
Alan Savage
Dana Southworth

COL TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Joyce Anderson
Susan Chancey
Andrew Cliché
Jeannine LaBounty

SAMPLE BALLOT

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NON-PARTISAN BALLOT TOWN OF LANCASTER, N.H. TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

COL TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE:

2 years. Vote for not more than three.

Christian Gainer _____

COL TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

No term limit. Vote for not more than two.

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT
2010

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 9th 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) Moderator for Two (2) years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for Six (6) 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; One Colonel Town Spending Committee member for Two (2) 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 raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$ 40,000.00
Fire Department	\$ 40,000.00
Town Hall Improvements	\$ 10,000.00
Bridge Replacement	\$ 20,000.00
Revaluation	\$ 10,000.00
Police Dept	\$ 5,000.00
Library	\$ 5,000.00
Cemetery	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$135,000.00

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

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00)** to purchase a new front end loader and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$176,000.00)** to purchase a new tank truck and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of **Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000.00)** from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and **Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000.00)** from the fund balance surplus.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00)** for the purchase of a new ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the fund balance surplus.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00)** to purchase a new skid steer for the Transfer Station and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** from the Motor Vehicle Waste Fund, a special revenue fund created for that purpose and **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** from the 5 Cent Can Fund, a special revenue fund created for that purpose.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for the purchase of a new tractor and lawn mower for the Colonel Town Recreation Department and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the fund balance surplus.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$455,087.00)** for the purpose of making improvements to the Williams Street drainage system. Out of this amount **Three Hundred Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$343,650.00)** will be paid from a FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Grant. The remaining **One Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$111,437.00)** to be drawn from the fund balance surplus. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Williams Street Drainage Project is completed or by December 31, 2015 whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for a feasibility study of the Town of Lancaster's sewer lines and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the fund balance surplus.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$1,525.00)**, \$.45 per capita (based on 2008 Lancaster population of 3388), for the support of the American Red Cross

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the support of the Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-Town Public Transit Route.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the support of Senior Wheels Demand Response Program.

ARTICLE 13: 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 14: 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 15: 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 16: 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 17: 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 18: 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 19: 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 20: 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 21: 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.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Authority Intermunicipal Agreement. Copies of the 2010 Amendment, as well as the existing Agreement, are available for review at the Lancaster town office, and will also be available the day of the meeting.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage". (By Petition)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)** for the Lancaster School Playground (additional equipment) and Outdoor Fitness/Walking Trail. The rest of the \$80,000 estimated cost will be raised through grants and other contributions. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars (\$4,772,406.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 26: 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 Ten.

/s/ _____
Allan Carr

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Allan Carr

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH

Estimated expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
with Estimated and Actual Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

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	\$ 74,250.00	\$ 72,255.18	\$ 79,050.00	\$ 79,050.00	
Elections, Registrations, & Vital Records	\$ 44,265.00	\$ 35,266.75	\$ 46,620.00	\$ 46,620.00	
Financial Administration	\$ 271,600.00	\$ 243,192.61	\$ 277,050.00	\$ 277,050.00	
Grants		\$ 109,253.25			
Legal Expense	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 26,877.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 30,500.00	
Personnel Administration	\$ 542,267.00	\$ 524,092.74	\$ 516,129.00	\$ 516,129.00	
Planning & Zoning	\$ 11,855.00	\$ 8,543.28	\$ 11,855.00	\$ 11,855.00	
General Government Building	\$ 52,806.00	\$ 56,697.52	\$ 51,806.00	\$ 51,806.00	
Cemeteries	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 39,044.81	\$ 42,155.00	\$ 42,155.00	
Insurance & Bonds	\$ 102,804.00	\$ 104,502.39	\$ 109,323.00	\$ 109,323.00	
Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 16,679.00	\$ 16,679.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Other General Government	\$ 950.00	\$ 177.64	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$ 538,805.00	\$ 499,067.89	\$ 551,395.00	\$ 551,395.00	
Fire/EMS	\$ 439,389.00	\$ 406,989.46	\$ 492,655.00	\$ 492,655.00	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
Airport Operations	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,460.00			
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
Highways and Streets	\$ 738,030.00	\$ 634,581.83	\$ 753,974.00	\$ 753,974.00	
Street Lighting	\$ 33,440.00	\$ 35,308.98	\$ 33,440.00	\$ 33,440.00	
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 35,100.00	\$ 35,100.00	
Solid Waste Disposal - MSW/C&D	\$ 266,875.00	\$ 244,706.61	\$ 267,020.00	\$ 267,020.00	
Other - MVWF & 5 Cent Cans	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 26,516.16	\$ 18,700.00	\$ 18,700.00	
HEALTH/WELFARE					
Administration	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	
Animal Control	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$ 23,796.00	\$ 23,796.00	\$ 17,991.00	\$ 17,991.00	
Direct Assistance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 56,890.03	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Vendor Payments & Other	\$ 13,555.00	\$ 11,520.00			

Purposes of Appropriation	Actual Approp. Current Year	Actual Expend. Current Year	Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year	Budget Committee's	
				Appropriations Recommend	Ens. Fisc. Year Not Recommend
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Col. Town/Parks & Recreation	\$ 357,678.00	\$ 356,258.40	\$ 331,380.00	\$ 331,380.00	
Library	\$ 242,421.00	\$ 242,219.65	\$ 239,025.00	\$ 239,025.00	
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
CONSERVATION					
Admin & Purch of Nat Resources	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,519.53	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes		\$15,286.35			
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Land					
Mach., Veh., & Equip.	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 96,116.27			
Buildings		\$ 14,772.38			
Improvements other than Buildings	\$ 227,940.00	\$ 85,568.88			
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Sewer	\$ 302,991.00	\$ 271,288.18	\$ 301,482.00	\$ 301,482.00	
Water	\$ 491,265.00	\$ 483,966.91	\$ 492,156.00	\$ 492,156.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 100,500.00	\$ 102,294.08			
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 5,180,171.00	\$ 4,885,334.76	\$ 4,772,406.00	\$ 4,772,406.00	

**Estimated revenues for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
with Estimated and Actual Revenues of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009**

Sources of Revenues	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,350.00	\$ 20,000.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,165.34	\$ 20,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 54,576.76	\$ 55,000.00
Other Taxes	\$ 400.00	\$ 305.76	\$ 300.00
Int. & Pen. - Delinquent Taxes	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 79,917.34	\$ 60,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Business Licenses & Permits			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 502,157.00	\$ 504,743.92	\$ 502,157.00
Building Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 500.00
Other Lic. Permits & Fees	\$ 28,157.00	\$ 28,100.04	\$ 28,157.00
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenue			
Highway Block Grant	\$ 86,449.00	\$ 93,092.63	\$ 93,093.00
State & Federal Forest Land	\$ 2,265.00	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 2,265.00
Railroad Tax	\$0.00	\$108.03	\$0.00
Room & Meals Taxes	\$ 143,971.00	\$ 151,482.10	\$ 151,482.00
Grants & Projects	\$ 173,935.00	\$ 310,373.34	\$ 343,650.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT	\$0.00	\$17,857.50	\$0.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income From Departments	\$ 216,519.00	\$ 273,119.01	\$ 215,927.00
Other Charges (EMS)	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 616,026.21	\$ 500,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,342.69	\$ 3,000.00
Interest on Investments	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,069.68	\$ 10,000.00
Col Town - Cemeteries - Library	\$ 346,908.68	\$ 376,519.28	\$ 297,300.00
Conservation Comm-MVWF-5 cent cans	\$ 26,600.00	\$ 26,471.86	\$ 21,700.00
INTERFUND OPER. TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer	\$ 302,991.00	\$ 345,604.42	\$ 301,482.00
Water	\$ 491,265.00	\$ 1,420,211.05	\$ 492,156.00
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 122,094.55	
From Conservation Funds			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proc from Long Term Notes & Bonds			
Amount voted from FB/Surplus	\$65,880.00	\$65,880.00	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 3,215,997.68	\$ 4,557,641.51	\$ 3,118,169.00
Total Appropriations (Excl. of Certain Warrant Articles)		\$ 4,772,406.00	
Less: Amt. Of Est. Revs. (Excl. of Taxes)		\$ 3,118,169.00	
Amt. Of Taxes Raised (Excl. of School & County)		\$ 1,654,237.00	

NOTES



HEALTH OFFICER

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 centers Schools and foster homes. Almost all of the people I've had to deal with have been very cooperative. I truly appreciate your cooperation.

As the Health Officer, I work 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. The plans have been completed and just need final corrections and testing. 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 ensure that the whole area is provided for, not just the town.

I appreciate the help of Captain Steven Jones of the Lancaster Fire Department, who 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

LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Lancaster:

The year 2009 has been a busy year for the police department. Calls for service increased 19% from 4,960 in 2008 to 5,872 in 2009. As a result, officers responded on average to 16 calls a day. Despite the increased call volume reported, actual crimes reported to the department only increased by 17 over last year. The numbers are 353 for 2008 and 370 for 2009.

Arrests for 2009 showed a slight increase from 2008 arrests, 187 versus 192. In 2008, we had seen a 15% increase in arrests over the previous two years. While local arrest rates continue to climb, reported crimes to the department have leveled off. This would indicate we are doing a better job at apprehending violators, while keeping a lid on reported crimes.

In regards to arrests, Sgt. Christopher St. Cyr recently completed a study on arrests. He examined all arrests for the past five years and discovered that over half, or 52% were related to substance abuse. Substance abuse related arrests were those arrests for crimes that were either committed while using illegal drugs, or in the possession of illegal drugs, or under the influence of alcohol.

Substance abuse in this country and in this community continues to be a factor in the lives of many people. The abuse of drugs and alcohol causes people to do reckless and selfish acts that continue to cause untold hardship on individuals and families alike. The social costs are well known and staggering in their magnitude. They are a continuing drain on the country's economy and resources. To begin with, resources are spent on drug and alcohol prevention programs to steer people away from substance abuse. If they seek help, there are drug and alcohol treatment programs available. Monies are expended for law enforcement, the courts and prisons to deal with this epidemic, and supervision of these individuals when they are released back into society.

There are costs to businesses when employees fail to show up for work, take excessive sick leave or cause strife and discontent within the work force. Workers who abuse drugs and alcohol on the job contribute to increased insurance and workman's compensation claims that affect businesses' bottom line. And finally those workers who receive less than a full week of pay or squander their pay on drugs and alcohol, rob their families of essentials they need, by selfishly indulging in reckless behavior.

One indicator of this problem is the growing incidence of reported drug thefts in town. In 2009, Weeks Hospital reported two incidences where drugs and medications were stolen from the hospital. Also, a dozen citizens reported prescriptions drugs stolen from them. Some of these reports are legitimate, but some are fraudulent and filed only to obtain "replacement drugs" from their doctor.

Another indicator of this problem is drug overdoses. In 2009, our rescue squad transported nine patients to the hospital for serious drug overdoses. On several of those

occasions, the hospital requested police officers to be present to assist their staff while they rendered aid to the patient.

Legalization of drugs and controlled substances is not a panacea for this problem. This country legalized alcohol and we still continue to deal with those who abuse alcohol. Despite all the publicity, public service announcements and messages to the contrary, we still contend with drunk and drugged drivers on our roadways. Every year people are killed and maimed by the thousands due to drunk drivers. Almost weekly my officers arrest someone for drunk driving.

The fact is that despite society's best efforts, some people never get the message. Legalizing drugs and controlled substances would only compound the problem, and send the wrong message.

In other activity, officers investigated 192 accidents and issued 618 summonses or warnings for driving offenses. Officers also issued 137 parking tickets in 2009.

In an effort to better serve the community, both full-time and part-time officers completed a total of 600 hours of training in 2009. Officers attended classes in areas as diverse as money laundering, cyber crime, ethics and explosives. Officer Jason Desrochers completed specialized training for working with youths and will be our newest DARE officer (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) in the elementary school. Officer Tim Charbonneau attended police prosecutor school and will be assisting Sgt. St. Cyr and Cpl. Hood in the District and Family Courts. Sgt. Chris St. Cyr attended a two week class in Executive Development at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island.

In February 2009, we welcomed the newest member to the force; Ryan Presby. Ryan came to us from Keene P.D. where he had been hired after graduating from Keene State with a Bachelor's degree in Social Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. Ryan is originally from Bethlehem and wanted to be back in the North Country.

In June, we said good-bye to Rick Ball who left to take a position in Sugar Hill. He will remain on the part-time roster to help us during fair time. Pat Carr returned to full-time status in June to fill the slot vacated by Rick Ball. We are now back to full strength and do not anticipate any further personnel changes in 2010.

In closing, I would like to thank all my officers, both full-time and part-time, for their commitment and hard work all year long for the department and the community. I would also like to express my thanks to my crossing guards Joe Hoey and Dave Webster for their dedication and assistance each school year. Finally, special thanks to my administrative assistant Wendy Houghton for her patience and diligence throughout the year.

It is a pleasure to serve you. Remember to buckle up and drive safely.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief John R. Gardiner

Full-time Officers and Staff
Sgt. Christopher St. Cyr
Cpl. Paul H. Hood
Jason Desrochers
Timothy Charbonneau
Patrick Carr
Ryan Presby

Administrative Assistant
Wendy Houghton

Crossing Guards
Joseph Hoey
David Webster

Part-time Officers
Jason Aldrich
Mario Audit
Richard Ball
Martin Driscoll
Charles Huntington
Charles Lockhart
Alcide Lumnah
Daniel Valdez
Jacob Weber



Firearms Training



New half pipe at Skateboard Park

POLICE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL)

PAL is a national organization that was first started in New York City approximately 80 years ago by police officers as a way to connect with youth. It has grown to a national organization with chapters in almost every state and in several foreign countries. Only three police departments in New Hampshire sponsor chapters. They are Nashua, Manchester and Lancaster.

In the larger cities, such as Manchester and Nashua, police officers are assigned exclusively to work with youth organizations such as PAL. These officers' sole duty is to work with youth as part of a crime prevention strategy and also to serve as role models. Lancaster does not have that luxury of assigning officers to work exclusively with youth. However, all our officers' work with youth, and because of that we can be just as successful. Officers know the community and its citizens, and positive interaction with youth is almost a daily occurrence.



White Mountain Chapter of PAL has been in existence for over five years and we have had several small but successful programs. One highly successful program is archery. Every fall we provide instruction and guidance in the art of archery to approximately 25 to 30 youth. Local kids and others as far away as Pittsburg, NH and Canaan, VT have enrolled in our free program. Students have developed skills, learned patience, plus respect and tolerance for others through the efforts of our skilled instructors.

We have provided remote controlled model planes to the Guildhall Fun Flyers so they can introduce their sport to a new generation that might not otherwise be able to afford to give it a try. We have secured grants and donations to build ramps, rails and half pipes in creating Lancaster's first large successful skateboard park, giving the kids a place to go and burn off excess energy.

Boxing, our newest endeavor, is drawing huge interest in the high school and beyond. Almost two dozen boys and girls are training nightly in the PAL gym in the basement of the Whitefield police station. The space is donated by Bob Stiles and the training is being done by officers of the Whitefield and Carroll police departments.

Currently, I serve as the Director of PAL. But I am not alone in my efforts. We have a Board of Directors whose officers include Peter Riviere, *President*: Larry Barker, *Vice President*: Chris St. Cyr, *Secretary*, and Wes Arita and Joe Hoey as *Members at Large*. Without their vision and efforts our biggest project would not have happened. I am speaking about the ice skating rink, skateboard park, and warming hut, all located behind the court house on School Street.



These selfless individuals have assisted with fund raising, grant writing and arm twisting to guide this project through to fruition. Local businesses, businessmen, civic organizations, foundations and generous individuals have contributed funds, products, equipment and labor to these projects to help them become a reality.

In closing, I would like to thank all my officers, both full-time and part-time, for their commitment and hard work all year long for the department and the community. I would also like to express my thanks to my crossing guards Joe Hoey and Dave Webster for their dedication and assistance each school year. Finally, special thanks to my administrative assistant Wendy Houghton for her patience and diligence throughout the year.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Chief John R. Gardiner



Some of the crew helping with construction of the warming hut at the Skating Rink



PAL new youth boxing program

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



2009 was a busy year for the Highway Department with routine maintenance and upgrades.

The Highway Department continues to ditch and change out culverts on various roads around town.

The Gore Road was completed with a shim and overlay of asphalt. The pavement on Martin Meadow Pond Road had a shim and overlay of asphalt. The pavement on Hartco Avenue was reclaimed in 2008 and a 2" base coat of asphalt was applied in 2009.

Mt Prospect Road was substantially reconstructed. Do to the cost of materials and the extent of work that needed to be done we were only able to complete half of the road. If all goes well we will complete it in 2010.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Donnelly
Highway Foreman



LANCASTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

The Lancaster Transfer Station started out slow on revenues do to low or no money for recyclables and do to the economy, the quantity of recyclables are down. In February the prices started to come back and the Transfer Station's revenue started to come back. Since then the price has been climbing fairly steady.

In 2009 we purchased a new vertical baler that has helped with producing heavier tin can and aluminum can bales. We received a grant for \$3,000.00 from New Hampshire the Beautiful to help pay for the baler.

With the changes in to landfill laws that we can no longer put any electronic with a screen or picture tub in the landfill. That is why we recycled 12.66 tons of electronics.

This year we removed the Freon from 124 refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners and we shipped out 235 used propane tanks.

This year we produced 80 tons of screened (thanks to AM Savage) compost. Looks like 2010 may be a good year with recycling prices climbing steady.

Amount of M.S.W. shipped to Mt. Carberry in 2009	506.88 Tons
Amount of C&D shipped to Mt. Carberry in 2009	398.54 Tons
Total tons of recyclables products at the Transfer Station	871.53 Tons

Total tons of recyclables (871.53) divided by the total tons of M.S.W. (460.93) and the total tons of recyclables (871.53) added together= 871.53 divided by 1,378.41=63%

The <u>budgeted</u> expenditures for 2009 Municipal Solid Waste (M.S.W.) budget which includes the Pay-As-You-Throw bags and house hold garbage is.....	\$78,900.00
The <u>actual</u> expenditures for (MSW) 2009 is.....	\$75,539.61
Uncollected revenues from bag sales.....	\$4,334.00
Unsold PAYT bags on hand.....	\$4,555.00
The <u>actual</u> revenue for the M.S.W. budget was.....	\$68,835.00
Cost to tax payers for (MSW) for 2009 was.....	(\$2,184.39)

The budgeted expenditures for 2009 Demo & Construction Budget which includes the Demo Grinder, Shingles, Freon, House Hold Hazardous Waste, Baling Recyclables and Equipment Maintenance of the loader and skid steer was..... \$187,975.00

The <u>actual</u> expenditures for 2009 Demo & Construction Budget which includes the Demo Grinder, Shingles, Freon, House Hold Hazardous Waste, Baling Recyclables and Equipment Maintenance of the loader and skid steer was.....	\$169,167.00
The <u>actual</u> revenue for the C. & D. budget was.....	\$63,136.12
Cost to tax payers for (C&D) for 2009 was.....	\$106,030.88

Here is a list of the recycled items and the quantity for 2009

Cardboard		214.15	Tons
Newspaper		61.50	Tons
Mixed Office Paper		6.40	Tons
Low Grade Paper		104.80	Tons
Tin Cans		6.10	Tons
Aluminum Cans		2.05	Tons
Plastic Jugs		7.30	Tons
Glass		140	Tons
Tires		45	Tons
Scrap Copper		0.33	Tons
Bronzes		0.15	Tons
Scrap Steel		79.91	Tons
Scrap Aluminum		0.33	Tons
Compost		80	Tons
Shingles		78	Tons
Textiles		15	Tons
Paint		3.5	Tons
Propane Tanks		1.15	Tons
Fluorescent Bulbs		0.25	Tons
Batteries		2.25	Tons
Antifreeze		3.5	Tons
Electronics		12.66	Tons
Motor Oil	1800 gals. of waste oil	7.2	Tons

Total Tons 871.53 Tons

Respectful Submitted,
Dennis Patnoe, Supervisor



Photo compliments of Coos County Democrat – taken by Brian Emerson

LANCASTER WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. # NH0100145

During the year 2009 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 2009, the Lancaster Wastewater Facility treated and discharged 296,380,000 gallons of treated wastewater to the Connecticut River with an average discharge rate of 812,000 gallons per day. The months of April and July 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 1,047,000 gallons of treated wastewater into Otter Brook with an average discharge rate of 2,869 gallons per day (design flow >3,500 gpd), the months of July and November with the highest flow. In September 2009 the Water and Sewer department reconstructed Grange filter bed #2 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 #3 in 2010.

Lancaster Water Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #1291010

In 2009 the Lancaster Water Facility produced 173,126,000 gallons of water with an average flow rate of 474,319 gallons per day. The months of November and December were the most demanding. The average annual fluoride concentration was 1.40mg/l and average chlorine residual was 1.25g/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.

Respectfully Submitted

Timmy J. Bilodeau
Chief Operator



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

I think we're actually making headway on our preparations for the "Big One". We have finished our Point of Distribution (POD) plan and are preparing to test it by conducting several drills of different types. This will hopefully show us where we have potential problems before they actually become problems.

With the help of the North Country Council (NCC), funded by a grant they received, we have updated our Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan has to be updated every four years to remain eligible for grants.

We have applied for a grant to update our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This is a detailed set of instructions to be used when we have to push the big red button. The idea being that, if it happens, a lot of our town employees and people who are trained to respond to the "Big One" will be incapacitated, out of town, or... The EOP will give them relatively good instructions on where to go, who to call, what to do, and includes the 800 number for Dial-a-Prayer (not really).

As with most endeavors, there are lots of meetings but they are with people who are easy to work with and actually enjoyable to be around. I appreciate their help and am especially thankful for the support of our Homeland Security & Emergency Management Field Representative Heidi Lawton.

I hope next year goes as well as 2009 did.

Ronald Wert
Emergency Management Director



Photo compliments of Great Northwoods Journal

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 2009, there were just a few minor incidents to inspect.

The committee members for 2009 are:

- Transfer Station: Dennis Patnoe, 788-3200
- Fire/Ambulance: Sam Evans & Bob Hunt, 788-3221
- Police Department: Paul (Skip) Hood, 788-4659
- Water/Sewer Department: Tim Brown, 788-3201
- Highway Department: Clarence (Jug) Dingman, 788-3749
- Col. Town Recreation: Al Pryor, 788-3321
- Town Office: Jean Oleson, Committee Secretary, 788-2306

There are 26 areas that are inspected each year and they are as follows:

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|--|--|
| 1. Police Department | 15. Middle St & North Rd Valve Bldgs |
| 2. Fire Department | 16. Coos Junctions Valve Box Vault |
| 3. Ambulance Building | 17. Col. Town Community House |
| 4. Transfer Station | 18. Col Town Pool & Bath House |
| 5. Main Sewer Pump Station | 19. Col Town Playground |
| 6. Sewer Lagoons | 20. CT Fields, Garage, Snack Bar & Scorers Booth |
| 7. Summer Street Pump Station | 21. Community Camp |
| 8. Main Street Pump Station | 22. Town Garage |
| 9. Industrial Park Pump Station | 23. Water & Sewer Department |
| 10. Water Tank, Industrial Park | 24. Town Hall |
| 11. Water Tank Reservoir (new) | 25. Weeks Memorial Library |
| 12. Water Tank Reservoir (old) | 26. Town Cemeteries |
| 13. Water Treatment Plant | |
| 14. Sand Pit, Salt Shed & Pipe Storage | |

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Patnoe, Safety Committee Chairman

COLONEL TOWN RECREATION

The year 2009 at Colonel Town was extremely busy as usual. The cement public pool building was repainted with the help of Kim O'Connor's WMRHS group. They worked extremely hard to give the building a face lift and spent several hours pulling weeds along the "A" field fence. You probably noticed the snack bar building and dugouts were also repainted. FunRaisers purchased the paint and Jason Foster Painting provided the labor. Improvements were also made to the Community House, the biggest of which was the new front porch floor built in September on the Day of Caring by Public Service, Asplundh, and Dana Southworth. They did a tremendous job!



There was a wonderful turnout for the third year in a row when the baseball/softball parents, players and spectators set aside a special work day to prepare the fields for Opening Day. The FunRaisers worked hard to keep the snack bar staffed throughout the Spring season. Congratulations to the Lou Leaver 11/12 Girls Softball team for, once again, placing second at the New England Tournament held at Colonel Town this summer.



The season programs continue to do well. This year we were excited to add a weekly Salsa Dancing class, taught by Zeanny Egea. Gymnastics classes continue to fill quickly each time enrollment begins. A special thanks to Passumpsic Savings Bank for sponsoring the youth basketball program. The 5th & 6th grade boys won the Bob Lowe Tournament and recently won the Lisbon Tournament. Another season of youth dance classes started in September. There are more than 60 children enrolled in the jazz, modern, ballet, tap, and dance tumbling classes for preschool through 6th grade. The Spring dance recital will be held at the WMRHS auditorium in April. This year's annual Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Rotary Club, were well attended. Fortunately, we were able to hold this fun event outside. The Lions Club sponsored the 48th Annual Window Painting Contest. The Lions Club and Rotary Club always donate time and money to benefit our youth.

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 local businesses. Weeks Memorial Library, for example, scheduled time in the summer for the children to enjoy the library each week. The children enjoyed a visit to the town's fire trucks and ambulances. For the second year in a row, Joy's X-Treme Ice Cream treated them to a free ice cream cone. This summer we took trips to Six Gun City, Storyland and Whale's Tale. This year's annual dance was a luau theme. Thank you to Father Ray for doing a wonderful job as the DJ.



Volunteers are crucial to our organization's success. This year's Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Forrest Hicks. The 11-12 year old baseball teams just wouldn't be the same without him, as he's coached them for 25+ years. For the last four years he has volunteered as our basketball coach for the 3rd & 4th grade boys, as well as the 5th & 6th grade girls and boys. Many times we say that actions speak louder than words. Forrest serves as a wonderful role model for these youngsters through his actions and words. Not only does he willingly provide transportation for children to games and practices, but he sees to it they have everything they need to participate. One day, for example, he bought a pair of sneakers for a child who didn't have any. His kindness and generosity epitomizes the perfect volunteer. 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, coaches and program leaders for another incredible year. Many of our programs, camps, intramural and travel teams couldn't survive without your commitment. Children benefit from the many positive experiences they incur while participating in the many programs we are able to offer. You help make memories that will last.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward & Denise Wood, Directors



The Spending Committee:

Heather Bailey

Andy Cliche

Jackie Schanlaber

Colleen Bosse

Chris Foss

Josh Smith

Sue Chancey

Jeanine LaBounty





Colonel Town Recreation 2010 Proposed Budget

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed Budget	% Change in Budgets
Income						
Community Camp Fees	1,500.00	1,518.00	1,500.00	1,914.00	1,700.00	13.33%
Facility Fees	1,400.00	1,999.00	1,500.00	1,594.50	1,300.00	
Pool Fees	19,000.00	18,336.00	19,000.00	18,309.75	18,300.00	
Program Fees	42,000.00	42,641.80	42,000.00	41,499.85	42,000.00	
Total Fees	62,400.00	62,976.80	62,500.00	61,404.10	61,600.00	-1.44%
Miscellaneous Income						
Checking Interest	225.00	148.34	145.00	96.01	100.00	
Dance Costumes/Shirts					3,000.00	
Donations		2,048.21		10,940.00	3,000.00	
Insurance Reimbursement		30,505.00				
Reimbursement for Non C/T Prog.		9,107.87		8,596.98	8,500.00	
Pool Training Reimbursement		800.00		1,220.00	800.00	
Snack Bar Income	5,700.00	6,867.30	6,600.00	8,500.03	7,200.00	
Total Miscellaneous Income	5,925.00	49,476.72	6,745.00	29,353.02	22,600.00	235.06%
Safe Haven Tuition Town Funding	94,000.00	96,261.93	91,400.00	83,900.51	81,600.00	-10.72%
Operating Income	12,800.00	12,800.00	39,029.00	39,029.00	42,575.00	
Pool Renovation Loan Reimbursement			21,704.36	21,704.36	21,704.36	
Sewer	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	
Water	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	3,700.00	
Total Town Funding	17,000.00	17,000.00	65,333.36	65,333.36	70,479.36	7.88%
Trust Income						
Administrative - Allocation	50,867.40	53,196.82	46,600.00	46,809.75	43,194.62	
Campground - Allocation	1,347.47	1,409.19	1,234.43	1,240.00	1,144.22	
House/Grounds - Allocation	49,571.66	51,841.74	45,412.96	45,617.36	42,094.32	
Pool - Allocation	17,413.47	18,210.99	15,952.61	16,024.49	14,786.84	
Total Trust Income	119,200.00	124,658.74	109,200.00	109,691.60	101,220.00	-7.31%
Total Income	300,025.00	351,892.19	336,678.36	351,596.59	339,199.36	0.75%

Colonel Town Recreation 2010 Proposed Budget

Expense	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed Budget	% Change in Budgets
Appropriations	150.00	100.00	200.00	150.00	150.00	-25.00%
Audit Fee	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00%
Automobile Expense						
Gas	800.00	1,751.46	900.00	1,381.28	1,600.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	467.39	1,000.00	855.24	1,000.00	
Total Automobile Expense	1,800.00	2,218.85	1,900.00	2,236.52	2,600.00	36.84%
Bank Service Charge	-	6.35	-	7.25	-	
Capital Expenditures	-	31,978.26				
Colonel Town's Cemetery Lot	150.00	90.00	150.00	128.00	150.00	0.00%
Community Camp Expense						
Electric	2,069.00	2,085.30	2,200.00	1,975.96	2,200.00	
Maintenance	1,000.00	1,445.08	1,000.00	1,449.88	1,000.00	
Total Community Camp Expense	3,069.00	3,530.38	3,200.00	3,425.84	3,200.00	0.00%
Donations Expenditures						
Equipment						
Equipment - New	1,200.00	978.00	1,200.00	1,343.24	1,200.00	
Equipment Repairs	1,600.00	1,467.22	1,600.00	940.84	1,600.00	
Total Equipment	2,800.00	2,445.22	2,800.00	2,284.08	2,800.00	0.00%
Fuel	16,770.00	14,270.00	16,770.00	13,595.00	16,770.00	0.00%
Insurance						
Disability Insurance	265.00	334.08	340.00	283.01	340.00	
Insurance - Health	13,260.00	13,755.94	16,500.00	18,341.89	16,473.00	
Insurance - Life	265.00	361.55	340.00	282.93	340.00	
Insurance - Work Comp	3,300.00	3,351.05	3,300.00	0.00	3,400.00	
Liability Insurance	4,612.00	5,379.74	5,000.00	2,533.99	5,500.00	
Total Insurance	21,702.00	23,182.36	25,480.00	21,441.82	26,053.00	2.25%
Maintenance						
House and Grounds	8,300.00	8,068.51	9,000.00	6,883.49	7,000.00	
Supplies	1,500.00	1,604.25	2,000.00	1,569.21	1,650.00	
Total Maintenance	9,800.00	9,672.76	11,000.00	8,452.70	8,650.00	-21.36%

**Colonel Town Recreation
2010 Proposed Budget**

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed Budget	% Change in Budgets
Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,964.22	2,000.00	2,466.21	2,400.00	20.00%
Payroll Expenses						
Payroll - Admin	41,080.00	41,870.00	41,870.00	41,870.00	42,313.00	
Payroll - Maintenance	36,000.00	40,119.35	38,000.00	37,904.99	34,000.00	
Payroll - Pool	19,000.00	16,584.27	19,700.00	20,828.99	19,700.00	
Payroll - Programs	7,500.00	9,524.47	8,100.00	8,012.50	8,100.00	
Payroll - Safe Haven	60,000.00	60,621.34	64,038.00	57,882.36	53,400.00	
Payroll Taxes						
Payroll Taxes - Admin	3,143.00	3,203.06	3,203.00	3,203.06	3,237.00	
Payroll Taxes - Maintenance	2,754.00	3,069.13	2,907.00	3,090.53	2,601.00	
Payroll Taxes - Pool	1,454.00	1,268.69	1,507.00	1,593.88	1,507.00	
Payroll Taxes - Programs	574.00	728.62	620.00	612.96	620.00	
Payroll Taxes - Safe Haven	4,590.00	4,637.55	4,899.00	4,428.00	4,085.00	
Unemployment	1,000.00	665.06	1,000.00	2,255.19	2,200.00	
Total Payroll Taxes	13,515.00	13,572.11	14,136.00	15,183.62	14,250.00	
Retirement	5,637.00	6,321.15	5,775.00	6,125.03	6,464.00	
Total Payroll Expenses	182,732.00	188,612.69	191,619.00	187,807.49	178,227.00	-6.99%
Pool Expenses						
Chemicals	2,890.00	2,241.87	2,300.00	2,340.30	2,300.00	
Electricity	3,900.00	4,678.74	4,000.00	4,738.49	4,600.00	
Fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,923.86	2,500.00	
Maintenance	2,000.00	4,811.20	2,300.00	11,674.37	2,300.00	
Pool Renovation Loan - Passumpsic			21,704.36	21,704.36	21,704.36	
Programs	500.00	581.14	500.00	253.29	400.00	
Training		800.00		1,300.00	800.00	
Total Pool Expenses	11,790.00	15,612.95	33,304.36	45,934.67	34,604.36	3.90%
Postage and Delivery	450.00	437.47	450.00	410.96	450.00	0.00%
Printing and Reproduction	300.00	493.50	500.00	194.00	0.00	-100.00%

Colonel Town Recreation 2010 Proposed Budget

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed Budget	% Change in Budgets
Program Expense						
Background Checks/Training	800.00	370.00	300.00	0.00	200.00	
Entry Fee for Trips	2,000.00	2,440.00	1,500.00	1,197.06	0.00	
Dance Costumes/Shirts			-	3,322.63	3,000.00	
Halloween Supplies	850.00	919.18	500.00	481.98	500.00	
Referees	3,500.00	4,300.00	4,500.00	4,011.00	4,000.00	
Refunds		700.00	-	743.00	700.00	
Supplies	2,500.00	2,559.55	2,800.00	2,041.83	2,500.00	
Travel Team	1,000.00	1,651.00	750.00	1,219.90	750.00	
Program Expense - Other	8,300.00	9,256.03	8,500.00	7,901.23	8,000.00	
Volunteer Gifts	500.00	482.79	500.00	412.88	500.00	
Total Program Expense	19,450.00	22,678.55	19,350.00	21,331.51	20,150.00	4.13%
Rec./Conf. Meetings	1,000.00	255.00	1,000.00	250.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Reimbursable Expenses for Non C/T						
Safe Haven Expenses						
Events	2,600.00	4,009.00	2,400.00	3,018.97	2,400.00	
Food	1,500.00	1,043.05	1,300.00	940.33	1,100.00	
Supplies	1,000.00	934.77	1,100.00	903.05	1,100.00	
Telephone	500.00	499.71	550.00	385.97	420.00	
Total Safe Haven Expenses	5,600.00	6,486.53	5,350.00	5,248.32	5,020.00	-6.17%
Snack Bar Supplies	3,500.00	3,328.09	3,500.00	4,334.61	4,300.00	22.86%
Telephone	2,670.00	3,418.78	3,080.00	2,700.08	3,050.00	-0.97%
Trash	1,500.00	1,397.00	1,500.00	1,364.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Utilities						
Electric	6,670.00	6,806.13	7,000.00	8,206.61	8,500.00	
Sewer	1,800.00	2,884.80	2,000.00	2,510.00	2,500.00	
Water	2,400.00	3,023.70	2,600.00	3,704.20	3,700.00	
Total Utilities	10,870.00	12,714.63	11,600.00	14,420.81	14,700.00	26.72%
Web Site	1,172.00	1,175.00	1,175.00	955.00	1,175.00	0.00%
Total Expense	300,025.00	355,926.46	336,678.36	351,439.98	339,199.36	0.75%
Net Income	0.00	-4,034.27	0.00	156.61	0.00	

January 20, 2010

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

The equity markets had a nice rebound in 2009 as the S&P 500 total return was 26.46%. But with the rebound in the equity side came an even tougher market with the fixed or bond portion of our portfolio. In addition to having \$225,000 in bonds mature that were returning 6%, we had a record \$420,000 in bonds called during the year. All of these investments were replaced with securities giving the Trust a much lower yield. This resulted in a dramatic drop in the income in the Trust in 2009.

The Trust's market value as of 12/31/2008 was \$2,805,296.39. As of 12/31/2009, the total market value of the Trust was \$3,037,478.32. There was a carryover of income from 2008 in the amount of \$9,591.60 which was disbursed to Col. Town in 2009. Also, unique in 2009 was that the Trust actually disbursed \$459.76 more than it yielded in total income. This will be explained below. The increase in the market value of the Trust for the 2009 was 8.66%, reflecting all income, less expenses having been distributed to Colonel Town Spending Committee during the year. The low interest rate market continues and the outlook for 2010 is the same. As of 12/31/09, the Trust's portfolio is balanced at 49.90% Equities; 48.76% Fixed Income; and 1.34% Cash.

Total income for 2009 was \$116,386.94 representing a total asset yield of 3.83% to ending market value as of 12/31/2009; as compared to income of \$135,804.70 recognized in 2008, a \$19,417.76 decrease or almost 15% down from last year. Distributions for 2009 to the Col. Town Spending Committee totaled \$109,691.60, down from \$115,558.74 last year. As noted above, there was \$9591.60 in undistributed income in 2008 that was distributed in 2009. The net total income was \$99,640.24 in 2009, down from \$118,060.23 in 2008. Expenses of \$16746.70 were deducted from income as follows: Passumpsic Savings Bank management fee of .30% of assets each month of \$8,529.32 and \$3.00 foreign taxes paid; \$7,684.38 in pre-paid accrued interest in purchases of bonds in secondary market (this will be off-set once the interest is received by the Trust); NH State Filing Fee of \$75.00; premium on insurance bond of \$400.00; Probate Court cost of \$55.00. The Probate filing was completed by Passumpsic Savings Bank as part of their management agreement with the Trust.

As mentioned above, the Trust had a very challenging year with the declining yields in the fixed market. In December, there was an opportunity to purchase two NH municipal bonds that were paying a very attractive 5%. As these securities are purchased as soon as they are available, the decision was made to acquire them even though they both required the account to pre-pay accrued interest which totaled \$2,791.67. Because we make our disbursements to Col. Town at the beginning of each month, this pre-payment of accrued interest made the account short by \$459.76. The Trust will balance this shortage against income earned in 2010.

Finally, the monthly income disbursed to Col. Town had to be reduced from \$9100 to \$8435 in order to reflect the decrease in income expected to be earned in 2010. We

hope the market improves so that we can resume the original disbursement level in the near future. We are still 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

Photos compliments of Great Northwoods Journal



LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES 2009

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, Noldy Kembuan 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, 2009 has been a very quiet year. At any time, if anyone happens to see someone doing any inappropriate things, please call one of the Cemetery Trustees listed below. Or report the incident to the Lancaster Police Department immediately. We would greatly appreciate it.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Trustees

Ronald N. Bailey
Michael W. Nadeau
Royce Hutchinson



WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2009



2009 continued to show an increase in library use. Children's book circulation increased by 8%, and adult circulation by 1%. The library's three public computers were kept so busy that the staff is hoping to add at least one more public computer during 2010. Wireless internet capability has been extremely popular. On one recent day, twelve laptop computers were observed at various tables in the library. Our other new program, Overdrive, provides library patrons with access to more than 5000 audio-books which can be transferred to MP3 players or, in many cases, burned to CDs. Access to the Overdrive program involves a quick trip to the library for the code numbers and a computer to access the program.

The Trustees of the Library announced early in 2009 that a grant of \$50,000 for the library's book endowment had been received from the Gladys Brooks Foundation along with a challenge to raise another \$50,000 by the end of 2010 which the Foundation would match. To date, we have raised more than \$45,000 toward that match. The library's goal is to increase the library's book endowment to \$500,000 by the end of 2010.

The schedule for Wingate Hall, the library's meeting room, is usually full with lectures, Adult Tutorial programs, Girl Scouts, Funflyers, Quilters, Spanish and sign language classes, book discussion groups and a weekly knitting circle. The AARP continues to offer free tax service beginning in February. In the children's room the weekly Wonderplay for the littlest children, storyhour, Lego Club and the First and Second graders Book bunch meet regularly. The Weeks Memorial Library Doll Club began its year with a fancy tea in January, followed by meetings every other month. All of these programs are listed on the monthly calendar which can be picked up at the library or viewed on the library's web site at www.weekslib.org.

A library card, free to all residents or taxpayers of Lancaster, is one of the best bargains in town. Not only does it put more than 57,000 books, audio-books, DVDs and VHS tapes, magazines and historical materials at the user's fingertips, but also provides access to other materials world-wide through the interlibrary loan system. Proof of residency is all that is required! Come and register for your card today!



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
09-001	D'Amico Associates	485 Prospect Street
09-002	KRB Group	21 Weeks Road
09-003	Mount Orne Enterprises	246 Stebbins Hill Road
09-004	Allen Bouthillier	35 Hodge Road
09-005	Alan Savage	644 Elm Street
09-006	John Brosseau	61-69 Main Street
09-007	William Finn	28 Mechanic Street
09-008	David Hill	69 Rowell Road
09-009	Ben Southworth	354 Pleasant Valley Road
09-010	Richard & Diantha Rochefort	14 Burnside Street
09-011	Camilla Cadieux	190 Main Street
09-012	Steve Christle	700 Main Street
09-013	Charles Martindill	525 North Road
09-014	Lancaster Snow Drifters	176 Prospect Street
09-015	Lance Whipple	203 Summer Street
09-016	Edward Samson	51 Sand Street
09-017	Southworth Timberframe Inc	25 Governors Terrace
09-018	Richard Bernier	11 Page Hill Road
09-019	T. Virtue & K. Peralta	511 Prospect Street
09-020	Joseph Ackroyd	205 Garland Road
09-021	Leo & Lisa Enos	309 Main Street
09-022	Henry & Eldora Farnsworth	354 Elm Street
09-023	Russell Scott, Sr	15 Woodcrest Lane
09-024	Jon & Tiffany Parks	106 Summer Street
09-025	Kathleen Maurice	8 Page Hill Road
09-026	Mark Keddy & Walter Stone	52 Depot Street
09-027	Lou Perry, Jr	10 Cemetery Street
09-028	Ron Kay	9 Holton Park
09-029	NH Army National Guard	532 Main Street
09-030	FEB Realty, LLC	168 Main Street
09-031	Barry Riddell	187 Pleasant Valley Road
09-032	Wayne & Tricia Frenette	96 Page Hill Road
09-033	William McMann	93 Summer Street
09-034	Robert & Kim Crane	43 Mt. Cabot Road
09-035	Robert Holland, Jr	3 Morel Road
09-036	David Begin	100 Prospect Street
09-037	Edward Driscoll	12 Wolcott Street
09-038	Stanley & Laura Ford	44 Achorn Hill Road
09-039	Ken & Stacey Tetrault	47 Flaherty Road
09-040	Marjorie A. Mourey	26 Pleasant Street
09-041	F B Spaulding	244 Main Street
09-042	Kevin & Mary Lou Smith	52 Reed Road
09-043	Tim & Rebecca More	60 Weeks Road
09-044	Ken & Stacey Tetrault	47 Flaherty Road

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board heard six (6) cases, approved five (5) cases. One Applicant withdrew. The cases consisted of one (1) major subdivision, four (4) minor subdivisions or minor technical subdivisions with lot line adjustments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven D. Young
Chairman

This year the Board held hearings on the following cases:

- Case #713 William Greene.** Applicant requests a minor subdivision to divide an approximately 39-acre parcel into tow lots. An earlier subdivision was approved in 1975, volume 486 page 403, Lancaster Planning Board File #67, however it is not shown on the tax map. Said minor subdivision will result in lot 1 – 5.53 acres (new lot); lot 2 – 5.06 acres (new lot), lot 3 – 115.73 acres remaining lands to include 35.75 acres remaining land of tax map R6 Lot 1. All acreage amounts provided are preliminary estimates. (Tax Map R6 Lot 1, 115 & 119 Lost Nation Road). Review application for completeness and vote on final approval. **APPROVED**
- Case #714 Allen Bouthillier.** Applicant requests to subdivide 5 existing lots (with various lot line adjustments) and create 4 new lots and one lot comprised of the remaining lands. Existing lots: R18 and lot 8 (40acres); R18 Lot 14 (52.8 acres); R18-1 (55 acres); R18-24 (158 acres); and R18 2 (4.7 acres). New lots: 1 (21.23 acres); 2 (12.45); 3 (19.27); existing R18 lot 2 (4.38 acres) and lot 4 remaining lands (256.28). Lands off North Road, Whitney Road and Hodge/Brook Road. Review application for completeness. Decide on date for public hearing. **APPROVED**
- Case #715 Elizabeth & Edward Campen; Jennifer and Laura Baker.** Applicant requests a lot line adjustment/technical subdivision to adjust various lot lines between three abutting parcels with frontage on Grange Road. No new lots to be created. Tax Map R5-3 (200.55 acres); Tax Map R5 Lot 4., 104 Grange Road (63.12 acres) and Tax Map R5 Lot 5 (197.51 acres). Review application for completeness. **APPROVED**
- Case #716 David & Sarah Hill – Stephen & Nanette Deturk Revocable Trust(s).** Applicant requests a lot line adjustment/technical subdivision for property off Pleasant Valley Road and Apple Hill Road. No new lots to be created. Tax Map R14 Lot 18 (14.79 acres) and Tax Map R13 Lot 19 (13.34 acres). Vote to determine if application is complete. Vote on final approval. **APPROVED.**

Case #717 Maureen Rainault, Gilbert Rainault & Taylor Ingerson for site plan review. Applicant requests to operate a child daycare center in an area zoned residential. Special exception approved by Zoning Board of Adjustment February 25, 2009. (Tax Map P7 Lot 75, 5 Summer Street; 0.17 acres). **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

Case #718 Jeffrey & Linda Bangs. Applicants request a minor subdivision to divide approximately 12.03 acres into two lots. Said minor subdivision will result in lot 1 – 5.01 acres (new lot); lot 2 – 7.02 acres (new lot). (Tax Map R16 Lot 35, Reed Road). Review application for completeness. Vote on final approval. **APPROVED**

In addition to the above hearings the board discussed and made suggestions to the Route 3 Corridor Study, approved a voluntary merger, signed commercial building permits, approved a request to operate a farm stand on private property, reviewed wetlands permits and worked on revisions to the Master Plan.

The Planning Board consists of 6 full members, a select board representative and 4 alternates. All members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Town Hall. Deadline for submission of an application is 20 days prior to the meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board please contact the Town Office at 788-3391. Your name will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Young, Chairman
Lester Hilton, Vice Chairman
David Rexford
Claude Reed
Joseph Hoey
John Brooks

Leo J Enos, Selectmen's Rep
Andrew Hartford, Alternate
Justin Carter, Alternate
Mark St Pierre, Alternate
Leon Rideout, Alternate
Sandra Doolan, Clerk



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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board was busy in 2009 hearing 10 cases, 5 more than in all of 2008, and all from January to July. The board did not receive any requests for zoning the rest of the year. In addition to hearing zoning requests the board discussed ideas and suggestions for future zoning ordinances and updating the Master Plan. 2009 saw the resignation of long time Zoning Board member and chairman Alan Savage. Thank you Alan for your many years of service. In July of 2009 Becky Newton left the Town of Lancaster employment to take the position of Town Administrator in Grantham, NH. Best wishes to Becky. In October of 2009, Ben Oleson was welcomed to the position of Planning/Zoning Coordinator.

- Case #475 Paula Frank** for a use variance concerning article 5 section 5.01 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to keep "livestock" (1 horse) in an area zoned residential (Tax Map P8 Lot 6, 74 Bunker Hill Street). Pursuant to section 501.b of the Zoning Ordinance, a special exception will be heard immediately following the variance request, if necessary. **DENIED.**
- Case #476 Dana & Sharon Robinson** for an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements pursuant to NH RSA 674:33-a. Applicant requests a "good faith" waiver of the setback requirements to permit a garage closer than 40 feet from the side setback in an area zoned agricultural. (Tax Map R17 Lot 6, 282 Portland Street). **GRANTED**
- Case #477 Maureen Rainault, Gilbert Rainault & Taylor Ingerson** for a special exception concerning article 5 section 5.01 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to operate an adult and/or child care center in an area zoned residential. (Tax Map P7 Lot 75, 5 Summer Street; 0.17 acres). During discussion M. Rainault withdrew her request for an adult day care center. **GRANTED for child day care only, ages 0-12 years old only, between the hours of 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., five days a week, maximum of 10 children on non-school days, maximum of 6 children on school days, with a sign no larger than 2x3, all state permits required, contingent upon Planning Board approval.**
- Case #478 Prasant Patel, Uday Patel & Mike Currier** for a sign special exception concerning article 6.12 for an off premise sign to be placed at 9 Prospect Street, lot zoned commercial (Tax Map P10 Lot 5, 9 Prospect Street, 0.17 acres). **DENIED because the application was filled out incorrectly, "off premise" signage is not allowed and does not stay in character with the Town's sign ordinance. The Zoning Board recommended the following: off-premise signage is only allowed on their own properties, applicants speak to the State Highway re: replacing the sign that was near the corner of Elm and Main Streets; or to provide that type of signage where they felt most appropriate. Applicant can seek out assistance from the Town Manager if necessary, in contacting the State Highway Dept.**

- Case #479** Raymond Dubreuil for a special exception concerning article 6.12 of the zoning ordinance for various off-premise signs of various sizes. Potential placements include on tax map P2-lots 2 and 3 (178-162 Summer Street); and/or tax map P2 lot 7 (250 Summer Street). **GRANTED with the following conditions: letter of permission from landowner to place sign at Tax Map P2 – lots 2 and 3 (178-162 Summer Street); both Summer Street sign and Rte 3 sign are identical dimensions of 2’x6’.**
- Case #480** Lancaster Snow Drifters for a variance concerning article 5 section 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to construct an addition closer than 40 feet from the rear property line in an area zoned agricultural. (Tax Map R16 Lot 1-L1, 176 Prospect Street). **GRANTED**
- Case #481** Charles Martindill for an area variance concerning article 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a porch closer than the required 50 foot setback. Lot zoned agricultural. (Tax Map R19 Lot 44; 525 North Road). **GRANTED.**
- Case #482** June Monahan/Bruce & Edna Wells for an area variance concerning article 5.04 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance to site a 14’x60’ mobile home and a 24’x24’ garage closer than the required 50’ setback. Lot zoned agricultural. (Tax Map R9 Lot 71; 89 Water St, 10.3 acres). **GRANTED**
- Case #483** Mark Keddy/Walter Stone for a use variance to permit a manufactured home on a lot zoned commercial on Depot Street and an area variance to permit a manufactured home closer than the required 15’ front setback. Lot zoned commercial. (Tax Map P 5 Lot 60; 52 Depot Street). **GRANTED to situate the manufactured home 10’ from the pavement/ROW with the condition that the under carriage and towing apparatus be removed.**
- Case #484** Jeffrey Laframboise for an area variance concerning article 5.04 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance to site a 32’x30’ garage closer than the required 50 foot setback. Lot zoned agricultural. (Tax Map R21 Lot 15; 644 Elm Street, 1.75 acres). **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 meeting room of the Town Hall. Deadline for submission of application is 14 days prior to the meeting. 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 (resigned)
 Leon Rideout, Chairman
 James Hammond, Vice Chairman
 Lewis Cassady
 Millard Martin Jr

Allen Bouthillier, Alternate
 George “Skip” Sansoucy, Alternate
 Tricia Frenette, Alternate
 William Potter, Jr, Alternate
 Nona Cordwell, Clerk

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year 2009, the Commission looked over 22 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services wetland permits and letters.

The Conservation Land Stewardship Office of Energy and Planning have updated all conservation easements for 2009. The committee worked with Ammonoosuc Land Trust and signed up one landowner from Lancaster.

The Commission purchased a gas power trimmer for the Heritage Trail Committee for trail improvement.

The Commission hired forester, Greg Ainsworth, to paint and mark all the lines and put in new corner posts on the Town Forest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Crane, Chairman



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HERITAGE TRAIL REPORT

The year started with our annual pot luck dinner together and was followed by a general planning session for the year. All participants are invited to share their goals for the HT. This gets us started on a plan of work for the year.



The trails are fun and find use during the snow months, as well as in warmer weather, with local snowshoe hikes and comradeship during the days of winter. Outings were held in February and March plus a fun time and potluck at Jefferson Meadows. Please watch the local papers for times and places for these events and join in.

At one of our meetings it was decided the committee should have its own commercial grade bushwhacker. The members had volunteered their own for trail clearing. A request was made to town of Lancaster and money was used from the recreation fund for purchasing a new one. We thank the town for this and it was put to use this all summer.

The signs (vandalized) were reinstalled at the start of the River Walk by the Israel River Bridge. Jim Placey spearheaded this effort. They provide a bit of history for downtown Lancaster.

A big event for us was the opening of a new section called the Whitefield Section of the HT Trail. There was an official opening at the Mountain View Grand near the new windmill. The ribbon was cut and a hike followed. The folks at the Mt. View Grand allowed an easement over several miles of their X country ski trail. The key person in this endeavor was George Glidden of Whitefield.

There are now trail descriptions and maps available on the internet for the hikers' convenience. These can be found by logging into the town pages as follows. Go to lancasternh.org and click on Heritage Trail or go to whitefieldnh.org and click All Around Town and then the NH Heritage Trail. This information can be printed to take with you on a hike.

At most meetings there is discussion about trails needing work and days to accomplish it. We need more volunteers, **before their hair turns gray**, to help and all are always welcome!

Submitted by:
Lawrence Underhill
(phone 788-3239) for information.





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 2009, Caleb Caregivers assisted more than 250+ Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Over \$36,633.50 worth of services were provided **FREE** to clients. Caleb's 62 active volunteers donated over 1,787 hours and drove over 21,814 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. 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 \$2.00 per mile, plus a loading fee of \$3.50, to take a ride in a local taxicab. 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 run 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 **32.5** tons of **FREE** pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Caleb has served over 271 seniors through this project and has helped feed over 713 pets!

Caleb's Project Cool Air, provides air conditioners/fans to seniors that need the appliances during the summer months. Most of the seniors that receive these appliances have COPD or some other health related condition. Caleb is able to offer this service due to the generosity of the Lancaster and Littleton Rotaries. 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 \$205.00 per day.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraisers, donations, appeals 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 2010.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Executive Director

Board of Directors

Larry Berg, President – Whitefield
David Glover, Treasurer – Whitefield
Vicki Gunderson, Clerk - Whitefield
Myra Emerson - Lancaster
Phil Laplante - Littleton
Carl Rod - Jefferson
Gail Tattan-Giampaolo – Maidstone, VT



ANNUAL REPORT - 2009
Riverbend Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Riverbend Subcommittee published a new and expanded *Connecticut River Recreation Management Plan* and *Water Resources Management Plan*, and sponsored a number of presentations to acquaint the public with the findings. Each plan represents many months of deliberation and reaching consensus among people of widely different backgrounds, and includes extensive detail about the condition and health of the river.

The *Water Resources Plan* emphasizes the 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 encourage towns to consider our recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Landowners planning projects near water should check first with the town office to see if a state or local permit is needed. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo and other invasive plants and animals.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. 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.

Bob Elwell, Lancaster representative

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published a major atlas of the Upper Connecticut River Watershed, *Where the Great River Rises*, and provided complimentary copies to area libraries and high schools. In 2009, we completed fund-raising for a major riverbank restoration project at the Colebrook Business Park, where engineered log jams will be used for the first time in the Eastern U.S. to protect the bank from erosion. We also installed log jams in the lower Mohawk River to eliminate the cause of erosion at the business park.

In October, we hosted Governors Lynch and Douglas on a tour of the northern river valley, including Lancaster. In our bi-state meetings, we considered issues as wide-ranging as the economics of farmland conservation to the Northern Forest Center's Sustainable Economy Initiative.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2009, we updated the Byway Map and Guide and an exhibit for the Lancaster Visitor Center. 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 and useful information.

Mary Sloat, Connecticut River Commissioner

COOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

I am pleased to provide the following report and update of the activities of Coos Economic Development Corp. as it affects the Town of Lancaster and residents of Coos County.

My first project update is for the long-standing Lancaster Industrial Park development at the northern border of the town on Route 3.

Efforts to develop a series of lots for the move and expansion of FB Spaulding have been stymied by the rocky and ledgy terrain. Consequently FB Spaulding has purchased and is renovating the former Timberland Machinery office building at the head of Main Street for a much anticipated February opening.

Meanwhile, AB Logging and Excavation has been blasting and extracting stone products from the five lots (about 25 acres) co-joined by FBS' purchase in 2004. This will continue into the near future as AB Logging has affected a purchase of the Spaulding property with the intention of preparing them as buildable lots suitable for development.

Ultimately this should be a profitable approach for the town as interest in development land currently is at an all-time low in the North Country and much of NH. Already water and sewer have been extended so the park could be serviced with additional infrastructure offered to businesses choosing to locate there.

Bear in mind this property was acquired at no cost as part of the EDA-funded reservoir project in the mid 1990s. The grant upgraded water pressure to PAK 2000 on Page Hill Road to improve sprinkler system operation and ensure continued operation and 100 employment opportunities.

The second major activity is within the Lancaster Loan Fund, listed in the town reports as the Lancaster Industrial Fund capital reserve accounts. Approximately \$150,000 is held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and proceeds help fledgling businesses get established, assists existing businesses to expand or with the change in ownership. Businesses assisted have included; Scorpios, Rialto/Spinelli Theaters, Moments of Sendor, Glendon's Chowder House, Evans Block renovations, Lancaster Discount Market, Bert's Repair Shop and Mt. Orne Communications.

CEDC manages applications to the fund and works with the selectboard and town manager, area banks and borrowers to find the most suitable instrument to assist the business venture.

Any business interested in pursuing this line of credit should contact the CEDC director at 788-3900 or stop at the office located in the Old Courthouse at 148 Main Street.

My last and key development topic is the expansion of **wireless broadband** services to the Greater Lancaster area being serviced from the Mount Orne cell tower. Who'd have thought that starting only the third year of service off that tower that some users would be getting "smart phone" and wireless service or that wireless broadband would be more than a hope and a dream?

Testing and expansion of these services has been ongoing with many unintended technical glitches (as well as the opportunity to apply for a major infusion of grant funding from the federal stimulus program) that has slowed roll out but, some community members are enjoying services.

Large poles/small towers (about 90-feet high) are being erected to relay signal and service various residential areas of the communities from Whitefield north to Groveton. With sufficient funding (as of Jan. 27th the stimulus request was denied) the technical issues will be resolved in time. The goal is to provide wireless service to areas not served by high-speed cable connections or Fairpoint DSL.

To put this in context, the many and complex issues involved in bringing wireless service to the North Country is one of the key reasons Verizon left the region to Fairpoint while they pursued a more profitable business strategy in more populated, more easily serviced areas.

Continued work is underway to extend the effective coverage area for cellphones throughout the county but the economic downturn has forced cell carriers to assess their expansion plans for maximum return on their investment.

CEDC's mission is to "promote growth and economic opportunity in Coos County." As an unsecured lender we access alternative funding for business plans and businesses not qualifying for traditional lending. By working with banks and other unsecured lenders we can offer "gap funding" that can move business plans forward.

Feel free to contact me at 788-3900 or drop me an email at cedc@ncia.net or stop by the office from 8:30-2 p.m. daily.

Peter Riviere
Executive Director



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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 continues to be grateful for the support of the town's people of Lancaster. The Street Fair and Olde Tyme Christmas celebrations which have been organized and presented by Lancaster Renaissance continue to grow and bring visitors and business to the area.

The Welcome Center receives guests from afar. We provide information as requested to our visitors, many of whom write notes of appreciation in our guest book, thanking us for our gracious hospitality and information.

The staff at the Welcome Center is always happy to have our citizens drop by for a visit. Please come and see what we have to offer.

Linda Hutchins, secretary



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MT PROSPECT SKI CLUB & TOW



This year the Mt. Prospect Rope Tow put Lancaster on the map once again with an article in The New York Times and The Nashua Telegraph. It seems that simplicity and an unadorned outdoor experience is noteworthy in these times!

This year Mt. Prospect Ski Club also welcomed the WMRHS alpine ski team to its slopes. The length and speed of the rope tow make it possible for our local racers to do some serious training for 1 1/2 hours after school...only five minutes away! Additionally, the natural conditions at Mt. Prospect offer a teaching tool for our competitive skiers. The club is hopeful that we can establish a similar program with area middle schools as well, although access to affordable equipment continues to pose a challenge.

Thanks to our attentive volunteer Mike Kopp, and the continuing generosity of NC Ford, the club has a "new", 1979 Tucker Sno-Cat groomer. Veteran club president and lift man Bill Ghelli was able to sell the '76 Thiokol for the same amount which made the number-crunchers very happy. Phil Wharton lead the effort to locate and install a new Yurt "skin" with the help of Yurtmeister Will DeCoursey and other volunteers the warming hut is now comfortable and well lit with three large windows and a wood stove.

The support of the community and volunteers to numerous to mention here continue to make this a truly "grass roots" organization with a budget we frugal Yankees can be proud of. Thanks to all hands for keeping this beloved and historic enterprise going!

Lucy K. Whyman

Mt. Prospect Ski Club and Tow

Photos by Caleb Kenna



Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce Town Report

The Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce continues to grow and, bringing in a diversity of members from all 12 towns that we represent.

Our dynamic new website www.northerngatewaychamber.org allows updates to be done in-house. This new webpage has greatly increased our number of visitors, and in 2009 we had 638,186 hits.

We have combined the Gateway a 30 page publication designed to draw tourists to our area with our Relocation Guide, which features a comprehensive guide to the goods and services available in our area. 40,000 copies of this publication are distributed throughout the country to welcome centers, hotels, dining and recreational establishments, local realtors and Town Offices. It is also available on our web page.

We are partnering with other organizations to give our membership links to civic organizations throughout the area and produce a network that represents the diversity of the north country.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Board members:

Pamela Gainer, Linda Hutchins, Kathy Hart, John Jaworowski, Chris Croteau, Sally Pratt, , Cindy Normandeau, Rachel Manners, Beth Cape, Barry Normandeau , Steve Bissonnette, Wendy Colby,



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December 4, 2009

Dear Friends,

This year has been an exceptional tough year, not only for our region, but the entire country. We realize that all of our communities have struggled with budgets and the economic hardships of its citizens and we hope that North Country Council has been able to help. We would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year.

We continued to deliver planning services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We are continuing our Community Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. These programs, as well as all the traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, natural resource planning, Brownfields Assessments and transportation planning, will continue to be a focus of North Country Council. Our primary focus this year has been on economic development as we try to respond to the economic downturn in the region. We continued our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. We applied for and received a number of very significant grants from EDA for the region as well as a significant Brownfields Grant from EPA.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that my staff and I 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
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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 2008, the demand response system provided 12,044 and in 2009, 32,750 trips were provided showing a substantial increase in the number of trips provided. The Tri Town Public Transit Systems provided 11,119 trips in 2008 and 11,545 trips in 2009.

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

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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 Administrative Assistant, 2 part time Schedulers/Mobility Managers, 2 full time Drivers, 16 part time Drivers, 1 full time Mechanic, 1 part 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?

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Weeks Medical Center

Home Health & Hospice Services

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 Groveton 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.



2009
White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground
Director's Report

Town of Lancaster

Last night, before I settled down to write this year's Director's Report, I opened the local paper. A feature story was devoted to Eric Hipple, a former Detroit Lion's football player, who lost his 15-year-old son to suicide. The article focused Mr. Hipple's story of tackling his own bouts of severe depression and surviving suicide loss. After reading the article, I had three thoughts. First, we have come a long way toward beating not only the illness of depression, but also the stigma of mental illness. A few years ago, I suspect Mr. Hipple would have hidden his personal struggle for fear of appearing weak or being blamed for his son's death. Today, he is able to use this experience to help others and to reassure all of us that, as the book title says, "Real Men Do Cry". For those of us in the mental health field, this progress is great to see. My second thought was that people reading the article need to know that Community Mental Health Centers like White Mountain Mental Health are here to help. In your community, you do have a place to turn when this kind of crisis strikes your family. My third thought was that our national and state governments are short-sighted in cutting funding for mental health.

To put this another way, it is the best of times for mental health as more people recognize that getting treatment for a mental illness is much like getting treatment for a physical illness; private but not shameful. But it is also the worst of times. This year has been one of the most challenging ever for Community Mental Health Centers in our state and throughout the country. As the State of New Hampshire struggles with a budget deficit, payments to mental health centers are being cut. There is absolutely no subsidy to help mental health centers provide services on a sliding fee scale to those people who clearly need our support, but who are not severely and persistently mentally ill and eligible for State support through Medicaid. In this environment, I am happy to be able to report that White Mountain Mental Health, unlike many mental health centers and private practitioners, has continued to welcome all residents of our communities who come to us for help. Our ability to keep our doors open to everyone is directly related to the appropriations we receive from our towns. Your help is also crucial in allowing us to maintain our satellite locations in Lincoln, Woodsville and Lancaster. In this economy, being able to receive services close to home is important.

Many people have asked me this year if we notice a change in the people seeking mental health care. The answer is a resounding "yes"! People who have never needed mental health care in their lives are experiencing overwhelming challenges. Many hard working residents of the North Country have lost jobs this year. Loss of a job takes away not only income, but also health insurance and, in many cases, self esteem and personal stability. Our children feel the impact of our stress. It is hard to be a nurturing and patient parent when you are trying to come to grips with major losses in your life. Those who have been lucky enough to maintain employment may be working two or three jobs to make ends meet. It is hard to find a person who feels that their emotional and financial status has improved this year. Our referrals are up and both the number of people needing our services and the severity of their situations has increased. We are thankful that our

communities recognize the value of having a resource for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities in their town.

This year White Mountain Mental Health provided **340** hours of service to **79** residents of the town of Lancaster. During the year, we have literally saved lives, including the lives of young people who would otherwise have been lost to suicide. We encourage you to know the following warning signs:

- Appearing depressed or sad most of the time.
(Untreated depression is the number one cause for suicide.)
- Talking or writing about death or suicide.
- Withdrawing from family and friends.
- Feeling hopeless, helpless, strong anger or rage.
- Feeling trapped -- like there is no way out of a situation.
- Experiencing dramatic mood changes or a personality change.
- Abusing drugs or alcohol.
- Acting impulsively or recklessly.
- Losing interest in most activities.
- Experiencing a change in sleeping or eating habits.
- Losing interest in most activities.
- Performing poorly at work or in school.
- Giving away prized possessions.
- Feeling excessive guilt or shame.

Although some suicides occur with no warning, approximately 75% of suicides involve one or more of these signs. Thank you for maintaining a vital resource in your community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane C. MacKay, LICSW
Area Director



Dear Supporting Community,

While the airport was certainly challenged by the recession during 2009, I am happy to report that the all-volunteer airport Commission has continued to manage the airport effectively and frugally, and during 2009 made more progress toward future growth that will benefit all of the North Country.

During 2009 we completed the construction of a new taxiway that improves safety, capacity and hangar access. This \$325,000 project was 97.5% funded by federal and state sources, bringing construction jobs and funds to our region. Because Nelson construction had its crew and equipment nearby for the taxiway project, the Town of Whitefield saved tens of thousands of dollars on the Airport Marsh bridge construction project.

We also completed a feasibility study for an "Instrument Landing System" (ILS) at the airport, finding that such a project is technically feasible. An ILS would further improve safety, and would encourage more commercial operations. The FAA and State of NH DOT have indicated that they would fund 100% of that project if they decide that it meets critical cost/benefit criteria.

The airport continues to be a base for Civil Air Patrol and medical helicopter operations, as well as Angel Flight, which (through locally-based pilots) provides free non-emergency medical flights to patients in need. We also host many visitors, such as parachuting clubs, who bring revenue to area businesses.

Late in the year we were forced to replace the credit card reader and related hardware at the fuel pump, at a cost of nearly \$8,000. Thanks to your support and the Commission's frugal management, we were able to do this without incurring additional debt.

Importantly, during 2009 we worked with a municipal attorney to draft a proposed amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement that established the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority. The purpose of the amendment is to bring the governing agreement into conformance with state law and with the way in which the airport is operating successfully now. The proposed amendment has been reviewed and approved by the New Hampshire Attorney General; a summary and complete copies are available at the offices of all member towns. We respectfully ask for your support of the amendment on your town's warrant.

Looking ahead, during 2010 we expect to begin construction on two projects that will be 100% funded by federal and state contributions: aircraft ramp reconstruction, and construction of a storage building for the airport's snow removal equipment.

A portion of the airport's operating budget comes from Whitefield and other area towns, which fund airport work much like they do other public infrastructure and local transportation improvements and maintenance. In addition, the airport generates income through the sale of fuel, hangar leases, parking fees collected from transient pilots, and donations from businesses and individuals who recognize the value of this unique resource.

We appreciate your support, and encourage you to visit the airport during 2010.

David Hill, Chairman

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
January			
04	Irene Howland	Eldin Howland	Saloma Leighton
08	Edith Ramsdell	Clarence Ramsdell	Noila Thibodeau
February			
16	Woodbury Knowles	Leon Knowles	Marion Drake
24	Elizabeth Houle	Benoit Hachey	Anna Kelly
March			
05	Regis Cronauer	Philip Cronauer	Mildred Weber
14	Ruth Eddy	John Jones	Marjorie Cameron
30	Elizabeth Hunt	William Bean	Janet Holden
April			
13	Winston Emery	Jerry Emery	Katherine Farwell
14	Irene Smith	Anton Adamle	Anna Unknown
19	Harvey Curtis	Richard Curtis	Ila Mackie
22	Fredrick Landon	Fred Landon	Gloria Parres
23	Kathryn Whitman	Ralph Whitman	Emma Galloway
May			
15	Yvonne Youst	Lester Youst	Edith Bair
20	Harry Phillips	Franklin Phillips	Ruth Green
28	Stanley Walther	Stanley Walther Sr	Anne O'Bryan
June			
05	Robert Wheeler	Norman Wheeler	Ruth Collins
14	Deviben Patel	Ranchodgi Patel	Gangaben Patel
15	Elizabeth Gainer	Paul Thayer	Katherine Gilles
19	Jann Simpson	Joseph Brown Sr	Elyn Tilden
30	Eleanor Kimball	Henry Lyding	Julia Brandsema
July			
03	Leona Dunn	Clement Mcallister	Rebecca Boubier
07	Evelyn Marshall	Herbert Burke	Anna Colbroth
27	Dorothy Rich	Edgar Bacon	Mildred Silver
August			
11	Keith Evans	Samuel Evans	Donna Cole
26	Lois Swenson	Leo Savage	Mabel Blake
26	Stewart Foss	Allie Foss	Gladys Lashomb
28	Gladys Crane	Ralph Crane	Huldah Bigger
29	Rita Gray	Alton Lee	Christie Walters
30	Ruth Oley	Unknown Horseaflick	Unknown Sharp
September			
03	Robert Gainer	Linwood Gainer	Emily Rich

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October			
15	Virginia White	Frederick Tucker	Charlotte Horan
30	Kathy Bishop	Robert Bishop	Nancy Hurlbert
November			
02	Sanuel Evans	Roger Evans	Etta Ramsdell
09	Cora Graber	Albert Titus	Gladys Garron
10	Cynthia Hammond	Manton Emerson	Esther Annis
16	Patricia Rabida	Peter Rabida	Stella Doiron
23	Arlene Cloutier	Laurence Smith	Rena Pierce
December			
10	Maurice Lambert	Joseph Lambert	Virginia Boissonault
12	Lucille Wentworth	Alfred Demers	Louisa Lemieux
21	Thomas Gratton	Francis Gratton	Helen Eisenkramer
26	Clyde Simpson	Unknown Simpson	Unknown
31	Shirley Truland	Raymond Moulton	Vivian Moran



**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
March 08	Brayden James	Alan Pinette	Samantha Bresette
March 13	Ashlyn Bianca	Robert Roche	Maureen Roche
April 14	Joshua Peter Bennett	John Ford	Aaryn Bennett Ford
April 19	Naomi Ruth	Brett Sutton	Maura Brennan
April 23	Bailey Malloy	Mark Qualter	Erin Qualter
May 01	Sage Madison		Mary Williams
May 05	Collin Adam	Ian Milligan	Leah Milligan
May 31	Chase Michael	Justin Bishop	Kristina Bishop
June 04	Ezra Amad	Joshua Williams	Felicia Williams
June 08	Lucas Cain	Benjamin McGaw	Josie McGaw
June 15	William Henry	Michael O'Loughlin	Rana O'Loughlin
June 17	Wyatt Michael	Benjamin Parsons	Amy Parsons
June 28	Keaton Christopher	Christopher Losarakis	Tricia Bernard
Aug 01	Meryck Joseph	Keven James	Patricia James
Aug 07	Mariah Lee	James Poulin	Carrie Poulin
Aug 07	Emily Lynn	James Poulin	Carrie Poulin
Aug 22	Rowan Delana	Paul Howard	Debra Nelson
Aug 24	Cooper Michel	Christopher Ladd	Julie Ladd
Aug 25	Maren Weeks	John Riff	Stephanie Riff
Aug 27	Parker Zachary	Zachary Colby	Jamie Colby
Sept 04	Maximus Clifton	Sheldon Belanger	Jessica Belanger
Sept 08	Hunter Robert	Jon Parks	Melissa Roscher
Sept 17	Gracie Lynn	Michael Allin	Samantha Allin
Sept 30	MacKenzie Elizabeth	Christopher Foss	Kristen Foss
Oct 08	Sawyer John Swift	Kevin Dewitt	Michelle Dewitt
Oct 13	Ailea Mae	Joshua Dow	Jasmine Dow
Oct 21	Tayah Corrine	Charles Ball	Nicole Samson
Nov 01	Dennis Michael	Dennis Donnelly	Natasha Wright
Dec 17	Preston Herbert	Mark Downing	Christy Downing



**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Date	Name & Residence of Groom	Surname & Residence of Bride	Place of Marriage
Jan 18	Peter M Reynolds Lancaster, NH	Rotina E Johnson Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Jan 23	Joseph R Bigness Lancaster, NH	Elaine V Cruz Lancaster, NH	Northumberland
Feb 04	Scott C Duchemin Lancaster, NH	Karen P Bergman Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Feb 07	Richard L Coulter Lancaster, NH	Jodi L Malenfant Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Feb 14	Matthew R Eddy Clinton, ME	Elizabeth J Ball Lancaster, NH	Northumberland
Feb 23	Thomas P Ryan Lancaster, NH	Aree Ruttanapanya Littleton, NH	Littleton
Mar 14	Wayne E Walker Lancaster, NH	Stephanie L Winget Lancaster, NH	Jefferson
Mar 29	David M Hartshorn Lancaster, NH	Chantalle J Marcoux Belmont, NH	Lancaster
Apr 03	Joaner Napoleon Bloomfield, NJ	Karen A Barrett Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Apr 11	Augustus Dwyer Lacaster, NH	Mildred M Mangini Lancaster, NH	Hudson
Apr 22	Kirk E Schmidt Lancaster, NH	Kathryn E Whitman Lancaster, NH	Lebanon
May 23	Zackary C Colby Lunenburg, VT	Jillian G Foss Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
May 24	Joshua A Dow Lancaster, NH	Jasmine S Dunderdale Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
May 25	Karl D Perkins Lancaster, NH	Tonya S Perkins Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
June 06	Christopher E Ladd Lancaster, NH	Julie M Patenaude Canaan, VT	Lancaster

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June 14	Scott M Barrett Littleton, NH	Dolores L Meeks Lancaster, NH	Rochester
July 04	Scott M Watson Lancaster, NH	Jennifer L Smith Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
July 04	Ricky M Frenette Lancaster, NH	Amy L Ash Newport, NH	Lancaster
July 11	Robert T Scott Lancaster, NH	Amanda R Rancourt Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
July 18	Jeremy E McFarland Lancaster, NH	Jennifer M Szurley Lancaster, NH	W Stewartstown
July 25	Derek A Kenison Lancaster, NH	Sarah R Roscher Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug 08	Justin L Whipple Lancaster, NH	Sierra V Poole Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug 15	Jerry A Kenison Lancaster, NH	Melinda D Egan Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug 28	Bryan M McCauley Gorham, NH	Naomi D Anderson Lancaster, NH	Somersworth
Sept 12	Alan L Reynolds Lancaster, NH	Sheila K Corrigan Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Oct 03	Paul J Arno Lancaster, NH	Melissa C Maccarone Lancaster, NH	Bethlehem
Oct 18	Justin A Remick Littleton, NH	Echo N White Dalton, NH	Dalton
Dec 25	Michael G Huntington Lancaster, NH	Stephanie A Crane Lancaster, NH	Lancaster



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*Executive Councilor
District One*

Report to the People of District One By: Executive Councilor Ray Burton

2009 was indeed the year of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)/Stimulus Funds in New Hampshire!

As of November 4, 2009, \$579,305,870.00 had been allocated in New Hampshire in nine areas: business/community; education; employment; energy; health; housing; safety; technology and transportation. Of that \$181,463,876.00 went to Council District One towns and cities and the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan.

The ARRA money has enabled local, state and county government to work on projects that have been in process and planning for years. For a complete listing of these projects go to: www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm or write to my office.

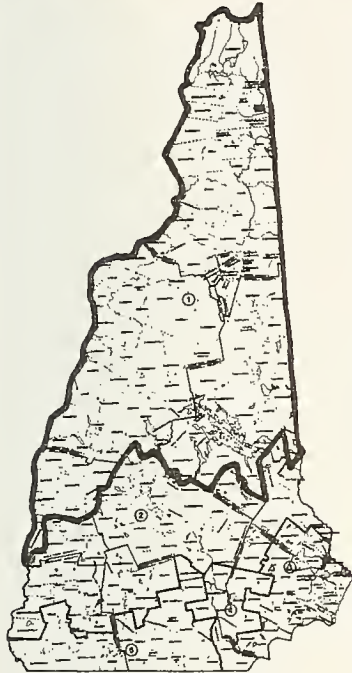
Governor Lynch has now submitted the New Hampshire Transportation Plan to the New Hampshire House and Senate. Highways/bridges, rail, aviation and public projects are among the proposed recommendations. Contact your local State Senator and Legislator for details about what projects you believe to be key ones for your region.

As Councilor, I do not see new revenues being raised in New Hampshire State Government. With the decline in existing revenues leading to cut backs in services, only time will determine what the law making branch has in mind for new dollars. Keep in close touch with your local State Senator and Legislator to make sure costs are NOT passed on to county and local government.

The Governor and Council are required by law to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Governor John Lynch, Attention: Jennifer Kuzma, Appointment Liaison, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 For the current list of what possible appointments might be coming up go to: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>.

There is a constant flow of informational items available at my office: tourist maps, consumer handbooks and the New Hampshire Constitution. Each Monday I send, via e-mail, the schedule of my weekly meetings and other information. Send me your e-mail to be added to the list at rburton@nh.gov or find the schedule on my State House web page at: <http://www.nh.gov/council/district1/schedules>.

Contact my office anytime I can be of help.



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

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

GRAFTON COUNTY:

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

BELKNAP COUNTY:

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

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Lencaster, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Plattsburg, Rendolph, Shelburne, Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford, Whitefield

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Grentham, 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.

13	Corner Main & Railroad Streets
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
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
35	Corner Middle & Stone Streets
36	Corner Middle, Hill & Mechanic Streets
37	North Road (Beyond Hospital)
41	Fire Museum, 30 Park Street
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
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

