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**Town of New Castle, NH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
For the Year 1999**





**ON THE COVER:**

- Fort Point Light House
- Portcullis at Fort Constitution

**Photos take by:**

James Murphy  
Chief of Police

**Annual Report  
For the Town of New Castle  
Fiscal Year 1999-2000**



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**TOWN OFFICERS  
1998-1999**

Town Clerk	Henry F. Bedford	term exp 5/00
Deputy Town Clerk	Suzanne Shevenell	indef appt
<u>Selectmen</u>	Gene F. Doherty, Chr.	term exp 5/00
	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/01
	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/02
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/00
Deputy Treasurer	Barbara Newman	indef appt
Collector of Taxes	Pamela P. Cullen	term exp 5/00
Deputy Tax Collector	Marcia Whitehouse	indef appt
Chief of Police	James C. Murphy	indef appt
Police Sergeant	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Patrolman	Donald White Jr.	indef appt
Special Police	Dana Cumming	appt exp 5/00
Building Inspector	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Road Agent	Stephen Tabbutt	indef appt
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/00
Health Officer	Roger Epstein	appt exp 1/00
Mosquito Control Board	Darel Fletcher	indef appt
Fire Chief	Richard H. White	indef appt
<u>Fire Wards</u>	William G. Kingston	term exp 5/00
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/01
	Richard White	term exp 5/02
Public Works Supr.	Dan K. Barrett	indef appt
<u>Public Works Board</u>	Walter Liff, Chr.	appt exp 5/00
	Thomas Roy	appt exp 5/01
	Norman Kent	appt exp 5/02
	Bert Palmer	appt exp 5/02
	John Walsh	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Frederick Pitts	appt exp 5/01
Alternate	Reginald Whitehouse	appt exp 5/02
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/02
Ex-Officio/Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/00
<u>Planning Board</u>	Jay Tischler	appt exp 5/01
	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/02
	Etoile Holzaepfel	appt exp 5/00
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/01
	Christopher Russell	appt exp 5/00
	Albert D'Antonio	appt exp 5/02
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Gene F. Doherty	term exp 5/00

<u>Board of Adjustment</u>	Janet Harrigan, Chr.	appt exp 5/01
	Paul Cullen	appt exp 5/00
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/01
	Donald Moore	appt exp 5/00
	Raymond Ambrogio	appt exp 5/02
Alternate	Judith Sawyer	appt exp 5/02
Alternate	Stuart Hume	appt exp 5/02
Alternate	Thomas McCarron	appt exp 5/03
<u>Historic District Committee</u>	Bruce Smith, Chr.	appt exp 5/00
	Barbara Becker	appt exp 5/02
	Joan Lockhart	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Rodney Rowland	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Nancy McArdle	appt exp 5/01
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/02
Ex-Officio/Planning Bd	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/02
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Wm. B. Marshall, III (Acting Chair)	appt exp 5/00
	Irene Crosby	appt exp 5/01
	Elizabeth Hume	appt exp 5/01
	Carol Lincoln	appt exp 5/01
	Brian Mack, Chr.	appt exp 5/02
	Sylvia Marple	appt exp 5/00
Alternate	Norman Flagg	appt exp 5/03
Alternate	Linda Ball	appt exp 5/01
Ex-Officio	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Gene F. Doherty	term exp 5/00
<u>Budget Committee</u>	Raymond Ambrogio, Chr.	term exp 5/00
	Otto Grote	term exp 5/01
	Clinton Springer	term exp 5/02
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/01
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/00
<u>Archives &amp; Record Comm</u>	Eugene Morrill, Chr	indef appt
	Sr. Catherine Colliton	appt exp 5/02
	Fred White	appt exp 5/01
	Mary White	appt exp 5/01
	Christopher Russell	appt exp 5/01
<u>Trustees of the Trust Funds</u>	Russell Cox	term exp 5/02
	Peter P. Gil	term exp 5/00
	Henry F. Bedford	term exp 5/01



Library Trustees

Library Director

Supervisors of Checklist

Recreation Committee

Cemetery Trustees

Barbara Newman

Pamela Stearns

Paulette Semprini

Jane Barrett

Rowena F. Alessi

Ruth Lanham

Marcia Whitehouse

Guy Stearns

William Lanham, Chr

Eugene Morrill

David Merrill

term exp 5/00

term exp 5/02

term exp 5/01

indef appt

term exp 5/00

term exp 5/04

term exp 5/02

appt exp 5/01

term exp 5/02

term exp 5/00

term exp 5/01

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ELECTED POSITIONS AND SALARIES  
FISCAL YEAR 1999**

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

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

## SELECTMEN'S LETTER

This year has been a very busy year for the Town and for the Selectmen. Many issues still remain to be finalized. The year ended on a very emotional wave as we became a "donor" town and were assessed an additional tax to fund the Statewide Property Tax deficit. The Selectmen have been and will continue to be proactive as a member of the Coalition of Donor Towns and through the courts to arrive at, what we hope will be an equitable solution for our residents and residents of other "donor" towns. A Town-wide reevaluation will take place this summer in an effort to stave off any further increases in tax assessments to our residents. We hope you will help us complete this re-assessment by making your home available for inspection when our Town assessor comes to your door.

Representatives of Ocean Properties have met with the Selectmen and inform us that they plan to begin work this Spring if funding and other issues are resolved. We were well prepared for Y2K and did not need to implement any action on or after our New Year began. The use of the Common Building continues to increase, and on the whole residents are taking care of their community building. The use of the Town Common, its beach and recreation areas have also increased this year due to the popularity of our park and its great recreation and playground areas. The Town is finally online with the implementation of our new Web Site developed by Sgt. Doug Cummings. Please visit all of our sites at [WWW.newcastlenh.com/town](http://WWW.newcastlenh.com/town)

On behalf of the Town, we would like to thank the US Coast Guard for their generous transfer of property to the Town for public use to compensate for the taking of recreational acreage in the Common for much needed cemetery space. Development of the Oceanside Cemetery should begin this spring. The University of NH will take title to Coast Guard land adjacent to our recently acquired land to be used to further compliment their oceanographic studies presently in New Castle. As you will note from the above, the Coast Guard is downsizing the Station and its manpower requirements, but will still maintain a very active presence here in New Castle and the Portsmouth area. We wish CWO Rick Loster, CO of the Coast Guard Station, who assisted the Town in so many ways, fair winds and following seas as he departs New Castle this May. We look forward to welcoming BNC Mark Cutter as the new CO of USCG Station Portsmouth.

Both bridges into New Castle will have repairs done over the summer months, with minimal interruption of traffic during this renovation period. The Selectmen approved the utility transfer agreement for the Town from MediaOne to AT & T and also received the completed master plan for Odiome Point State park, available at the Town Hall.

In summary, we thank you for your support, concern, and input over the past year in what was a very difficult time for many of us. We also wish to thank the various Boards, their members and Fire Dept. personnel who volunteer many hours to town matters, and our Town personnel who always strive to serve you, our residents, and our elected officials. At the request of many residents who must work out of town we have changed the meeting time to 5pm. Please plan to attend on Tues., May 9th. We look forward to serving you and the Town over the next year.

Board of Selectmen  
Gene F. Doherty, Chairman  
Robert W. Beecher  
Peter Gamester



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD  
AT THE GREAT ISLAND COMMON  
MAY 11, 1999**

Articles I through III were voted by ballot with the results indicated. Moderator Wayne Semprini opened the polls at 10 AM and declared them closed at 7 PM.

ARTICLE I, Balloting for town officers produced the following results:

Town Clerk (one year):	Henry F. Bedford	374 votes
Selectman (three years):	Peter Gamester	181 votes
	Otto F. Grote	159 votes
Treasurer (one year):	Thomas McCarron	52 votes
	William B. Marshall, III	360 votes
Tax Collector (one year):	Pamela P. Cullen	360 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds (three years):	Russell N. Cox	359 votes
Library Trustee (three years):	Pamela F. Stearns	368 votes
Cemetery Trustee (three years):	William E. Lanham	365 votes
Budget Committee (three years):	Clinton H. Springer	353 votes
Fire Ward (three years):	Richard H. White	355 votes

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

School District Clerk (two years):	Becky L. Wooley	33 write-in votes
School District Treasurer (two years):	Carol C. Allen	20 write-in votes
School Board (three years):	Mary Beth Lambert	201 votes
	Christopher H. Russell	180 votes

ARTICLE II, Zoning Amendment # 1 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 303 YES to 68 NO.

ARTICLE III, Building Code Amendment #1 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 176 YES to 103 NO.

Moderator Semprini convened the business meeting at 2 PM in the Recreation Building at Great Island Common. He welcomed new residents and encouraged their spirited participation in the legislative deliberations of the community. He asked that the meeting recall in a silent moment members of the community who had died during the year previous. He asked approval of rules for the meeting, which included a prohibition of smoking, a requirement that a motion to reconsider be made immediately after the vote at issue, and another that any amendment be submitted in writing. Only registered voters, he said, would be permitted to engage in discussion unless the meeting made a specific exception. A motion to end discussion would require a two-thirds vote, and he said that

speakers would ordinarily be permitted to speak not more than twice on any motion. Following a motion duly seconded, the moderator's rules were ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV, authorizing the Selectmen to establish a boundary between property of the town and that of Harts' Cove Properties, Inc., and to execute documents, including quit claim deeds, to that end was moved and seconded. Selectman Springer reviewed the ancient and tangled history of the boundary, which recent surveys have helped to clarify. The motion was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE V, requiring the selectmen to insist on a perpetual prohibition of gambling as a condition of transfer of property from the town to the developers of Wentworth By The Sea was amended on motion by Selectman Doherty for the Board to read as follows: To see if the Town will instruct its selectmen presently or subsequently serving, from this date forward," not to authorize, sign, or take any further action with regard to the transfer of any property presently held by the Town, or to enter into any further agreements with or between the Green Company, Ocean Properties, Ltd., WW Resort LLC or any other owners, lessors, lessees, or assigns, pertaining to property known as the Wentworth by the Sea, located in the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, until and unless a written agreement is entered into between the Town and the owners/developers of the Wentworth, stipulating that gambling, either by what is known as casino type, slot machines or other kinds of activities of this nature, is forbidden at the Wentworth or on its property notwithstanding any general or special legislation passed by the New Hampshire Legislature unless and until approved by a vote of the New Castle Town Meeting. For the petitioners who had submitted the article, Eugene Morrill urged the meeting to defeat the amendment and to adhere to the originally proposed deed restriction. Others supported the amendment as a reasonable effort to state without ambiguity the town's adamant opposition to any form of gambling at the Wentworth without unduly limiting efforts to facilitate its operation as a hotel. A motion to call the question carried by voice vote, and the amendment was ADOPTED by voice vote. Article V, as amended, was then ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI, discontinuing the Capital Reserve Fund dedicated to the purchase of breathing apparatus for the Fire Department and transferring remaining funds to the Town Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund was ADOPTED by a voice vote.

ARTICLE VII, raising and appropriating one million, two hundred fifteen thousand eight hundred seven dollars (\$1,215,807), to defray the town's charges in the coming year was moved and seconded. For the Selectmen, Selectman Springer moved to amend the budget by adding a maximum of ten thousand dollars to enable the town to join other communities in a joint effort to oppose taxation recently adopted by the state to fund education. Raymond Ambrogi,



Chairman of the Budget Committee spoke of the Committee's concern in preparing a tight budget and opposed the amendment; he believed the proposed additional legal expense could be funded within expected revenues. The amendment was adopted, and the amended budget in the amount of \$1,225,807 was ADOPTED by voice vote.

There were no reports submitted under ARTICLE VIII.

ARTICLE IX, authorizing the transaction of other business provoked announcements, festive proclamations, and two motions with respect to the conduct of future town meetings and voting. On motion of Etoile Holzaepfel, ADOPTED by voice vote, the Selectmen were urged to consider changing the hour of the business meeting to accommodate more residents whose occupation precluded attendance at afternoon sessions. On the motion of David McArdle, ADOPTED by voice vote, the Selectmen were urged also to investigate the feasibility of opening the polls earlier than the present practice of 10 AM.

Wayne Murray, noting the probable retirement of Richard White as Fire Chief, moved to instruct the Selectmen to investigate the possibility of contracting with Portsmouth for Fire and Rescue service, and to report on this investigation at the Town Meeting in May, 2000. Selectmen Springer reported that the Selectmen had considered such a possibility and would give it further attention in the coming year. The motion was ADOPTED by voice vote.

Moderator Semprini reported that the dry spring had resulted in a state-wide ban on open fires and the scheduled brush burn for the town had to be cancelled.

Selectman Doherty read a certificate of appreciation for Postmaster Joseph Calderera, who is retiring this month. The town responded with a rising vote of appreciation for his warm manner and splendid conduct of the town's postal service.

Selectman Doherty then read a certificate honorably discharging Selectman Springer after a dozen years as a Selectman, which was also greeted with both laughter and sustained applause.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Moderator Semprini declared the business portion of the Annual Town Meeting of 1999 adjourned at 3:45 PM.

A true and correct record of the Town Meeting and Election of Officers of the town of New Castle, May 11, 1999, ATTEST:

Henry F. Bedford  
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OFFICIALS SURETY BONDS IN FORCE  
For fiscal year ending June 30, 1999**

<u>POSITION</u>	NHMA PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TAX COLLECTOR ----- Pamela P. Cullen		\$58,000
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR ----- Marcia Whitehouse		58,000
TREASURER ----- William B. Marshall III		64,000
DEPUTY TREASURER ----- Barbara Newman		64,000
TOWN CLERK ----- Henry F. Bedford		17,000
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK ----- Suzanne Shevenell		17,000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS ----- Henry F. Bedford Peter Gil Russell Cox		86,000
LIBRARY TRUSTEES ----- Pamela Stearns Barbara Newman Paulette Semprini		5,000

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**SCHEDULE FOR TOWN PROPERTY**  
**For fiscal year ending June 30, 1999**

1. Town Hall, land, and building	\$346,900
Furniture and equipment	30,000
2. Libraries, recreation hall, and buildings	1,168,200
Furniture and equipment	225,000
3. Police Dept.	0
Equipment	17,500
4. Fire department, land, and building	190,000
Equipment	340,000
5. Highway department, land, and building	0
Equipment	45,000
Material and supplies	6,000
6. Park, Common, and playground	2,353,700
7. Water supply facilities	396,197
Owned by Town of New Castle	
8. Sewer plant and facilities	118,500
Owned by Town of New Castle	
9. School, lands, and building	769,400
Equipment	
10. All lands and building acquired through Tax collector's deeds	0
11. All other property and equipment	
Cemeteries: Riverside	529,500
Frost	73,300
Prescott	91,300
12. Other	
Other town owned lands and town landings	97,500
Town garage	7,400
Old library building & land	194,000
Other land	<u>998,900</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,998,297</b>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NH  
1999 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

<b>LAND AND BUILDINGS:</b>	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	10.84	163
Conservation Restriction	18.28	7,093
Residential	282.19	112,502,600
Commercial/Industrial	8.83	1,683,200
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<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>320.14</b>	<b>114,193,056</b>
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$13,893,100)	140.88	
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		94,597,700
Commercial/Industrial		431,800
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<b>Total Taxable Buildings</b>		<b>95,029,500</b>
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$4,118,800)		
Public Utilities: Electric		750,870
Mature Wood and Timber		0
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<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		<b>209,973,426</b>
Blind Exemption		
Elderly Exemptions = 2 @ \$50,000 each		100,000
Elderly Exemptions = 3 @ \$75,000 each		225,000
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<b>TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>325,000</b>
<b>NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX</b>		<b>209,648,426</b>
Less Public Utilities		750,870
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<b>NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX</b>		<b>208,897,556</b>



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NH  
1999 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT  
CONTINUED**

**TAX CREDITS:**

Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with VA assist.	0	0
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans their spouses and widows (\$700 each)	1	700
Other War Service Credits (\$100 each)	100	10,000
Other Credits (wood, solar, etc.)		
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<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>10,700</b>

**ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:**

Age 75 - 79 (\$50,000 each)	2	100,000
Over Age 80 (\$75,000 each)	3	225,000
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<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>325,000</b>

## 1999 TAX RATE CALCULATION

	---Municipal Portion---	
Appropriations	1,225,807	
Less: Revenues	671,968	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763	
Add: Overlay	50,914	
Add: War Service Credits	10,700	
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Net Town Appropriation	611,690	
Special Adjustment	0	
	-----	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	611,690	
Municipal Tax Rate		2.91
	---School Portion---	
Net Local School Budget	955,098	
Regional School Apportionment	0	
Less: State Education Taxes	326,801	
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Approved School Tax Effort	628,297	
Local Education Tax Rate		3.00
	---State Ed Taxes---	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)=		
$222,174,752 \times 6.60 \div 1,000$	1,466,353	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		7.02
	---County Portion---	
Due to County	239,425	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,379	
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Approved County Appropriation Effort	236,046	
County Tax Rate		1.13
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Combined Tax Rate		14.06
Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,942,386	
Less: War Service Credits	10,700	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
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Total Property Tax Commitment	2,931,686	
	---PROOF OF RATE---	
New Assessed Valuation		Assessment
State Education Tax	208,897,556	1,466,353
All Other Taxes	209,648,426	1,476,033

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)**

	LEVY FOR	<u>PRIOR YEAR LEVIES</u>	
	1998	1997	1996
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<b><u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 07/01/98:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	0.00	24,141.74	
<b><u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	1,634,759.00		
Inventory Penalties	2,660.00		
<b><u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	2,930.80		
Abatements by Check	10.00		
Prepayment on 12/99 Taxes	1,500.00		
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,778.66	3,244.45	
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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>1,643,638.46</b>	<b>27,386.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	=====	=====	=====
<b><u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	1,623,411.00	24,141.74	
Interest	1,778.66	3,244.45	
Overpayments	2,930.80		
Prepayment on 12/99 Taxes	1,500.00		
<b><u>ABATEMENTS:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	730.00		
Abatements by Check	10.00		
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/99</b>	<b>13,278.00</b>		
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>1,643,638.46</b>	<b>27,386.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	=====	=====	=====
	1997	1996	1995
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<b><u>UNREDEEMED LIENS 7/1/98</u></b>			
	0.00	326.76	
<b><u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	10,260.24		
Elderly	2,806.46		
Interest & Costs	721.88	107.98	
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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>13,788.58</b>	<b>434.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	=====	=====	=====
<b><u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u></b>			
Redemptions	10,260.24	326.76	
Interest & Costs	721.88	107.98	
Unredeemed Liens 6/30/99	2,806.46		
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>13,788.58</b>	<b>434.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK**  
**For fiscal year ending June 30, 1999**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$192,233.50
Dog Licenses	920.50
Dog Penalties	19.00
Marriage Licenses	114.00
Vital Records	84.00
All Other Sources	<u>858.45</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$194,229.45</b>
<b>PAYMENTS TO TOWN TREASURER</b>	<b>\$194,229.45</b>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**  
**For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999**

The following is a balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 1999.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Checking Account	\$ 35,219.13
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	521,129.45
 <b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Checking Account	25,140.90
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$153,271.72

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Marshall, III  
Treasurer

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

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

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

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, at June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position of its proprietary and non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

August 31, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

R.R. Bergeron  
Auditor

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, N H**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,**  
**EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
<b>TAXES:</b>			
Property Taxes	1,634,747	1,634,019	(728)
Boat Taxes	6,000	8,406	2,406
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	6,000	8,512	2,512
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	1,646,747	1,650,937	4,190
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES:</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000	192,061	62,061
Building Permits	6,000	12,506	6,506
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500	1,252	(248)
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	137,500	205,819	68,319
<b>STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:</b>			
Shared Revenue	36,235	36,235	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	13,251	13,251	0
Highway Block Grant	13,137	12,515	(622)
Water Pollution Subsidy	10,308	10,308	0
Other State Funds	2,500	619	(1,881)
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	75,431	72,928	(2,503)
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES:</b>			
Income from Departments	124,000	118,311	(5,689)
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<b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:</b>			
Emergency Management Training	7,500	900	(6,600)
Interest on Investments	15,000	29,995	14,995
Sale and Rental of Property	2,000	2,636	636
Fines and Forfeits	2,000	3,151	1,151
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	12,000	11,573	(427)
Other Miscellaneous Sources	5,000	2,919	(2,081)
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	43,500	51,174	7,674
<b>TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS:</b>			
Capital Reserve Transfer	0	0	0
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,027,178</b>	<b>2,099,169</b>	<b>71,991</b>



**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND – CONTINUED**

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive	35,898	38,339	(2,441)
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	11,767	10,573	1,194
Financial Administration	51,307	53,355	(2,048)
Revaluation of Property	7,500	4,646	2,854
Legal Expense	13,800	11,586	2,214
Planning and Zoning	6,187	8,179	(1,992)
General Government Buildings	19,630	23,603	(3,973)
Cemeteries	8,331	6,061	2,270
Insurance – Unallocated	750	508	242
Other General Government	10,000	0	10,000
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	165,170	156,850	8,320

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police & Animal Control	173,295	163,574	9,721
Ambulance	15,140	15,140	0
Fire	86,028	86,701	(673)
Emergency Medical Services	22,751	11,595	11,156
Building Inspection	73,811	44,094	29,717
Emergency Management	8,715	2,737	5,978
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	379,740	323,841	55,899

HIGHWAYS & STREETS:

Highways & Streets Maintenance	93,241	67,816	25,425
Street Lighting	8,000	7,397	603
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	101,241	75,213	26,028

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND – CONTINUED**

<b>SANITATION:</b>			
Administration	1,425	1,375	50
Solid Waste Collection	30,000	30,885	(885)
Solid Waste Disposal	42,800	35,646	7,154
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	74,225	67,906	6,319
 <b>HEALTH:</b>			
Pest Control	3,435	81	3,354
Health Agencies & Hospitals	10,000	10,000	0
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	13,435	10,081	3,354
 <b>WELFARE:</b>			
Direct Assistance	5,000	0	5,000
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 <b>CULTURE AND RECREATION:</b>			
Parks and Recreation	63,385	90,402	(27,017)
Library	34,864	34,886	(22)
Recreation/Library Building	14,030	12,654	1,376
Recreation Commission	1,075	1,173	(98)
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	113,354	139,115	(25,761)
 <b>CONSERVATION:</b>			
Other Conservation	2,600	189	2,411
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 <b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	87,200	87,200	0
Interest - Long-Term Debt	35,288	35,288	0
Interest - Short-Term Debt	5,500	3,745	1,755
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	127,988	126,233	1,755

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND – CONTINUED**

CAPITAL RESERVES:			
Transfers To Trust Funds	47,500	47,500	0
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:			
County Taxes	236,256	236,256	0
School District Taxes	808,064	808,064	0
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	1,044,320	1,044,320	0
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,074,573</b>	<b>1,991,248</b>	<b>83,325</b>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(47,395)	107,921	155,316
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
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Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses	(47,395)	107,921	155,316
Fund Balance - July 1, 1998	410,438	410,438	0
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<b>Fund Balance - June 30, 1999</b>	<b>363,043</b>	<b>518,359</b>	<b>155,316</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, N H**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999**

	<u>07/01/98</u>	<u>06/30/99</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash & Equivalents	400,075	556,649
Taxes Receivable	21,564	13,278
Tax Liens Receivable	2,908	2,806
Accounts Receivable	29,239	4,738
Due From Other Governments	0	
Due From Other Funds	19,802	14,966
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>473,588</b>	<b>592,437</b>
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 <b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Tax Anticipation Notes	0	0
Warrants & Accounts Payable	63,150	74,078
Due to Other Funds	0	0
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>63,150</b>	<b>74,078</b>
 <b>FUND EQUITY:</b>		
Unreserved Fund Balance	410,438	518,359
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>473,588</b>	<b>592,437</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, N H**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND**  
**EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN**  
**RETAINED EARNINGS**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	44,918	76,295	121,213
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Water Purchases	15,906	0	15,906
Sewerage Assessment	0	47,568	47,568
Personnel Services	6,285	11,624	17,909
Non-Personnel Services	6,696	20,939	27,635
Depreciation (Note 5)	8,354	1,004	9,358
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Total Operating Expenses	37,241	81,135	118,376
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Operating Income (Loss)	7,677	(4,840)	2,837
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	6,525	874	7,399
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<b>Net Income for the Year</b>	<b>14,202</b>	<b>(3,966)</b>	<b>10,236</b>
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Retained Earnings, July 1, 1998	145,641	286,106	431,747
Net Income for the Year	14,202	(3,966)	10,236
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<b>Retained Earnings, June 30, 1999</b>	<b>159,843</b>	<b>282,140</b>	<b>441,983</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, N H**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Investments	164,986	13,424	178,410
Accounts Receivable	683	1,592	2,275
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Total Current Assets	165,669	15,016	180,685
Property, Plant, & Equipment:			
Equipment	13,732	8,610	22,342
Service Lines and Stations	551,230	1,449,484	2,000,714
Less Accumulated Depr	(96,554)	(1,004)	(97,558)
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Total Property, Plant & Equip	468,408	1,457,090	1,925,498
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>634,077</b>	<b>1,472,106</b>	<b>2,106,183</b>
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Deposits and Accounts Payable	2,798	5,091	7,889
Due to General Fund	625	14,341	14,966
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Total Current Liabilities	3,423	19,432	22,855
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Contributed Capital, net *	470,811	1,170,534	1,641,345
Retained Earnings	159,843	282,140	441,983
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Total Equity	630,654	1,452,674	2,083,328
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>634,077</b>	<b>1,472,106</b>	<b>2,106,183</b>
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\* = Contributed by federal, state, and local governments,  
and by developers.

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, N H**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN**  
**FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999**

FUNDS PROVIDED:

Net Income for the Year	10,236
Add Back Depreciation	9,358
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	19,594
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Funds Applied	(11,047)
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<b>* Increase in Working Capital</b>	<b>8,547</b>
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CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:

Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:	
Cash and Investments	(1,050)
Accounts Receivable	(2,896)
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	(3,946)
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities:	
Deposits and Accounts Payable	(7,657)
Other Payables	(4,836)
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	(12,493)
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<b>* Increase in Working Capital</b>	<b>8,547</b>
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**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT - ALL FUNDS  
for fiscal year ended June 30,1999**

BOND PRINCIPAL								
	Original Issue	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance 07/01/98	Paid 07/01/98- 06/30/99	Balance 06/30/99	Due 07/01/99- 06/30/00	Due Subsequently
Sewer System	645,000	5.00%	01/15/06	177,600	22,200	155,400	22,200	133,200
Rec/Library Building	750,000	7.62%	01/15/04	300,000	50,000	250,000	50,000	200,000
Main St. Water Line	150,000	6.40%	01/15/02	60,000	15,000	45,000	15,000	30,000
				<u>537,600</u>	<u>87,200</u>	<u>450,400</u>	<u>87,200</u>	<u>363,200</u>
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BOND INTEREST			
	Paid 07/01/98- 06/30/99	Due 07/01/99- 06/30/00	Due Subsequently
Sewer System	8,880	7,770	23,310
Rec/Library Building	22,650	18,900	37,950
Main St. Water Line	3,758	2,798	2,820
	<u>35,288</u>	<u>29,468</u>	<u>64,080</u>
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**Town of  
New Castle, New Hampshire**

**2000 Budget Presentation**

ACCT#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	1999-2000		1998-1999		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMB APPROPRIATIONS		
		APPROPRIATIONS	ACTUAL EXP	APPROPRIATIONS	ACTUAL EXP	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	
WARR	ART#	PROR YEAR	PROR YEAR	PROR YEAR	PROR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
<b>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS</b>										
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>										
4130-4139	EXECUTIVE	38,659	38,339	41,514	41,514			41,514		
4140-4149	ELEC, REG, & VITAL STATS	11,746	10,573	11,907	11,907			11,907		
4150-4151	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	52,119	53,355	52,310	52,310			52,310		
4152	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	4,500	4,646	39,000	39,000			39,000		
4153	LEGAL EXPENSE	24,800	11,586	23,300	23,300			23,300		
4155-4159	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	0	0	0	0			0		
4191-4193	PLANNING & ZONING	6,906	8,179	10,331	10,331			10,331		
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG	19,712	23,603	19,150	19,150			19,150		
4195	CEMETERIES	14,630	6,061	37,633	37,633			37,633		
4196	INSURANCES	850	508	500	500			500		
4197	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC	0	0	0	0			0		
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	10,000	0	10,000	10,000			10,000		
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>										
4210-4214	POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL	179,980	163,574	180,606	180,606			180,606		
4215-4219	AMBULANCE	15,140	15,140	15,140	15,140			15,140		
4220-4229	FIRE, EMS & HAZMAT	112,000	98,296	101,429	101,429			101,429		
4240-4249	BUILDING INSPECTION	76,925	44,094	81,942	81,942			81,942		
4290-4298	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	22,490	2,737	15,193	15,193			15,193		
4299	OTHER (INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS)	0	0	0	0			0		
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>										
4301-4309	AIRPORT OPERATIONS	0	0	0	0			0		
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>										
4311	ADMINISTRATION	0	0	0	0			0		
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS	83,519	67,816	81,925	81,925			81,925		
4313	BRIDGES	0	0	0	0			0		
4316	STREET LIGHTING	8,000	7,397	8,000	8,000			8,000		
4319	OTHER	0	0	0	0			0		
<b>SANITATION</b>										
4321	ADMINISTRATION	1,625	1,375	1,322	1,322			1,322		
4323	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	34,000	30,885	39,000	39,000			39,000		
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	46,500	35,646	42,700	42,700			42,700		
4325	SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP	0	0	0	0			0		
4326-4329	SEWAGE COLL. & DISPOSAL & OTHER	0	0	0	0			0		
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>										
4331	ADMINISTRATION	0	0	0	0			0		

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	1999-2000		1998-1999		SELECTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMA APPROPRIATIONS		
		WARR APPROPRIATIONS		ACTUAL EXP		ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		
		ART #	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
4332	WATER SERVICES		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4335-4339	WATER TREATMENT, CONSERV & OTHER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>ELECTRIC</b>										
4351-4352	ADMIN. AND GENERATION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4353	PURCHASE COSTS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4354	ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT MAINT		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4359	OTHER ELECTRIC COSTS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>										
4411	ADMINISTRATION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4414	PEST CONTROL		3,441	81	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,441	
4415-4419	HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
4441-4442	ADMIN & DIRECT ASSISTANCE		5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
4444	INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PMTS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4445-4449	VENDOR PAYMENTS & OTHER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>										
4520-4529	PARKS & RECREATION		86,632	104,229	95,312	95,312	95,312	95,312	95,312	
4550-4559	LIBRARY		37,870	34,886	38,473	38,473	38,473	38,473	38,473	
4583	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4589	OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>										
4611-4612	ADMIN & PURCH OF NAT RESOURCES		2,100	189	3,150	3,150	3,150	3,150	3,150	
4619	OTHER CONSERVATION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>										
4711	PRINC - L-T BONDS & NOTES		87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	
4721	INTEREST - L-T BONDS & NOTES		29,468	35,288	23,675	23,675	23,675	23,675	23,675	
4723	INT. ON TAN		5,000	3,745	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
4790-4799	OTHER DEBT SERVICE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>										
4901	LAND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES & EQUIP		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4903	BUILDINGS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BLDGS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

BUDGET

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

FY 2001

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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	1999-2000		1998-1999		SELECTMENS APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS	
		WARR ART #	APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL EXP PRIOR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED
4912	TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4913	TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4914	TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS:								
	WATER		68,250	37,241	51,200	51,200	51,200	51,200	51,200
	SEWER		79,245	81,135	76,905	76,905	76,905	76,905	76,905
	ELECTRIC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AIRPORT		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4915	TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500
4916	TO EXP TR FUND-EXCEPT #4917		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4917	TO HEALTH MAINT TRUST FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4918	TO NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4919	TO AGENCY FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL 1		1,225,807	1,065,304	1,259,758	1,259,758	1,259,758	1,259,758	1,259,758

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## BUDGET

## TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

FY 2001

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ACCT #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	1999-2000		1998-1999	2000-2001
		WARR ART #	EST. REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	ACT REV PRIOR YEAR	EST. REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
<b>TAXES</b>					
3120	LAND USE CHANGE TAXES		0	0	0
3180	RESIDENT TAXES		0	0	0
3185	TIMBER TAXES		0	0	0
3186	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES		0	0	0
3189	OTHER TAXES - BOAT		6,000	8,406	6,000
3190	INT & PEN ON DEL TAXES		6,000	8,512	6,000
	INVENTORY PENALTIES		2,000	0	2,000
3187	EXCAVATION TAX (\$02 PER CU YD)		0	0	0
3188	EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX		0	0	0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>					
3210	BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		0	0	0
3220	MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS		150,000	192,061	170,000
3230	BUILDING PERMITS		9,600	12,506	14,800
3290	OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		1,100	1,252	1,100
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		6,000	0	6,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>					
3351	SHARED REVENUE		8,767	36,235	8,767
3352	MEALS & ROOM TAX DISTR		15,726	13,251	14,000
3353	HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT		12,434	12,515	12,123
3354	WATER POLLUTION		9,946	10,308	9,583
3355	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOP		0	0	0
3356	STATE & FED FOREST LAND REIMB		0	0	0
3357	FLOOD CONTROL REIMBURSEMENT		0	0	0
3359	OTHER - INCLUDING RR TAX		400	619	0
	STATE EDUCATION TAX		12,000	0	0
	CONSERVATION GRANT		0	0	1,000
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>		0	0	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
3401-3406	INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		134,100	118,311	143,350
3409	OTHER CHARGES		0	0	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
3501	SALE/MUNICIPAL PROP		0	0	0
3502	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		20,000	29,995	25,000
3503-3509	OTHER		30,400	21,179	20,400
<b>INTERFUND OPER TRANSFERS IN</b>					
3912	FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		0	0	0
3913	FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		0	0	0
3914	ENTERPRISE FUNDS:				
	WATER (OFFSET)		68,250	51,443	51,200
	SEWER (OFFSET)		79,245	77,169	76,905
	ELECTRIC (OFFSET)		0	0	0
	AIRPORT (OFFSET)		0	0	0
3915	FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		0	0	0
3916	FROM TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS		0	0	0

**BUDGET**

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE**

**FY 2001**

**MS-7**

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>SOURCE OF REVENUE</u>	1999-2000			2000-2001		
		WARR ART #	EST. REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	1998-1999 ACT REV PRIOR YEAR	EST. REVENUES ENSUING YEAR		
3934	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES PROC FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES AMTS VOTED FROM F/B (SURPLUS) F/B (SURPLUS TO REDUCE TAXES  AMOUNTS VOTED FROM FUND BALANCE (SURPLUS)  FUND BALANCE (SURPLUS) TO REDUCE TAXES		0	0	0		
	<b>TOTAL EST REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>		571,968	593,762	568,228		

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 4)	1,259,758	1,259,758
SUBTOTAL 2 SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 5)	0	0
SUBTOTAL 3 INDIVIDUAL WARR ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 5)	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	1,259,758	1,259,758
LESS: AMT OF EST REV & CREDITS (FROM ABOVE, COLUMN 6)	(568,228)	(568,228)
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	691,530	691,530
<b>1 TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1,259,758</b>	
LESS EXCLUSIONS:		
2 PRINCIPLE LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(87,200)	
3 INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(23,675)	
4 CAPITAL OUTLAYS FUNDED FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES	0	
<b>5 TOTAL EXCLUSIONS</b>	<b>(110,875)</b>	
<b>6 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSIONS</b>	<b>1,148,883</b>	
7 LINE 6 X 10%		114,888
<b>MAXIMUM BUDGET IS</b>		<b>1,374,644</b>

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE  
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2000**

ROCKINGHAM, SS

NEW CASTLE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, the 9th of May, 2000, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon Articles I through XII.

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

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

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE II:** Zoning Amendment Number 1 – Section 9.3.2.3 - Historic District Purposes

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, which replaces Paragraph 3, Historic District Purposes, with the following new text?

The purpose of the Ordinance is to preserve and protect the buildings and the historic architectural landscape of the Historic District. The members of the Commission act not only as guardians of this historic architecture, but as advisors to homeowners on the importance of the District and how to best preserve its contents to the fullest.

The ordinance establishing the District and the Commission are the accepted standards, adopted by the citizens of New Castle, to which they want to maintain this District. The members of the Commission and any applicants to come before the Commission will work together to properly interpret the ordinance and thereby preserve, in perpetuity, the important historic landscape of the Town.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE III:** Zoning Amendment Number 2 – Section 9.3.2.17a - Historic District Review Criteria

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, which amends section a of the Review Criteria to read as follows?

New Castle is an historic town with its character reflected in the architecture of the structures that lie within the historic district. The architectural style of the buildings within the district include capes, saltboxes, New Englanders, and colonials. New construction should reflect and respect established architectural traditions within the New Castle Historic District. Contemporary architecture is not allowed in the historic district.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE IV:** Zoning Amendment Number 3 – Section 4.3.2 - Special Exceptions

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No.3, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds the phrase “where and if appropriate” to Section 4.3.2.1, so that the section will read as follows?

**4.3.2 General Requirements**

1. All driveways and parking areas shall be developed in accordance with subdivision regulations and shall contain facilities for night illumination where and if appropriate.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE V: Zoning Amendment Number 4 – Section 6.3 - Marinas, Docks, and Piers**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board, which changes provisions for review of marine facilities as follows?

6.3.1 Marinas, boatyards, yacht clubs, docks, piers, wharves, floats, coastal construction, waterfront walkways, and any related development projects are to be permitted by Special Exceptions which shall be granted only upon review and recommendation by the Conservation Commission to the Board of Adjustment and authorization by the Board of Adjustment prior to any necessary approval by Federal and State regulatory agencies.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VI: Zoning Amendment Number 5 – Section 6.2.2 - Home Occupations**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Planning Board, which limits to 500 square feet the area that may be devoted to a home occupation, limits to three the number of persons who may work at the premises, reduces to four the number of daily vehicle trips associated with the business, and adds a provision clarifying the applicability of relevant district requirements to home occupations?

**Section 6.2.2 General Requirements**

3. Home occupation, whether carried out within a dwelling or in an accessory building must not occupy more than 500 square feet of the gross floor area of the dwelling and must remain clearly incidental and subordinate to the principal residential use.
4. Home occupations must be conducted by the residents of the premises. Not more than a total of three person may work at the premises, two of whom must be residents of the premises. Not more than one nonresident of the dwelling may work at the premises.
7. Home occupations which regularly require delivery from trucks in excess of 30 feet in total length, or which generate an average of more than 4 (four) vehicle trips per day in excess of those normally associated with the residential use shall be prohibited.
8. The sale of merchandise on the premises as a home occupation is prohibited, except:
  - a. the incidental display and sale of items fabricated or produced from the home shall be permitted, and
  - b. the display and sale of agricultural products produced on the premises shall be permitted.
9. A home occupation, whether in a dwelling or in an accessory structure, must not violate any of the requirements of the district in which it is located.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VII: Zoning Amendment Number 6 - Section 6.6 Accessory Apartments**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 6, as proposed by the Planning Board, which replaces present regulations respecting Accessory Apartments and establishes new criteria for granting the Special Exception that is required in all such cases?



### 6.6.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Accessory Apartment provisions of this ordinance, and the somewhat restricted use thereof, is to allow an Accessory Apartment to be established within an owner occupied single family dwelling in such a manner that it will retain it's one-family appearance together with the existing character of the neighborhood and community.

### 6.6.2 Description of an Accessory Apartment

An Accessory Apartment shall consist of no more than one (1) bedroom, a livingroom, a full bath and cooking facilities with occupancy limited to no more than two (2) individuals.

### 6.6.3 Permitted By Special Exception

An Accessory Apartment shall be permitted in all districts as a Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. An Accessory Apartment shall be permitted only if it conforms with the conditions and criteria specified herein.

### 6.6.4 Criteria and Conditions for Special Exception

1. An Accessory Apartment must be contained within a single family dwelling by means of a common wall and not separated by a breezeway.
2. The Accessory Apartment must be designed so that the appearance of the building remains that of a one (1) family dwelling. Any new entrance shall be located on the side or rear of the building.
3. The dwelling to which an Accessory Apartment is added or maintained must be owner occupied and the owner's principal residence. The Accessory Apartment may not be converted to a condominium or any other form of ownership distinct from the ownership of the existing single family dwelling.
4. An Accessory Apartment shall be at least 300 square feet but no more than 800 square feet in size. The size of the Accessory Apartment shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total living area of the dwelling structure in which it is contained.
5. Prior to any change to the existing property related to the construction of, addition to or renovation of any Accessory Apartment a building permit must be obtained from the Building Inspector and such activity shall conform to the requirements of the underlying district and all other conditions for a Special Exception as specified in Section 4.3 of this ordinance.
6. The Applicant shall provide the Board of Adjustment and the Building Inspector drawings and or sketches drawn approximately to scale and adequate to evaluate that the proposed Accessory Apartment meets the criteria specified herein.
7. Adequate off street paved or gravel parking spaces shall be provided consisting of two (2) parking spaces for the primary dwelling and two (2) additional parking spaces for the Accessory Apartment unless a lesser requirement is approved by the Board of Adjustment. Parking provisions shall be consistent with Section 5.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

### 6.6.5 Septic System Certificate

For dwellings not served by public sewer, the owner of a dwelling in which an Accessory Apartment is to be constructed shall provide evidence to the Building Inspector that septic facilities are adequate for the combined waste discharge from the main and accessory dwellings. The Building Inspector may, at his/her discretion, require written certification from a septic system designer, sanitary engineer or civil engineer, licensed in the State of New Hampshire, that states that the septic system is adequate and meets the applicable subsurface disposal regulations of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

### (ON THE BALLOT)

### ARTICLE VIII: Zoning Amendment Number 7 – Section 6.6.6 - Occupancy Permit

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 7, as proposed by the Planning Board, which requires smoke and fire alarms in accessory apartments and provides that both the Special Exception and the Certificate of Occupancy terminate upon a change in ownership of the property?

No Accessory Apartment may be occupied prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit by the Building Inspector and such permit to require and include a current/valid smoke and fire alarm compliance certificate.

Change of ownership of the dwelling shall terminate the Special Exception and the Certificate of Occupancy as an Accessory Apartment. The new owner must obtain a new Occupancy Permit and Special Exception.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE IX: Zoning Amendment Number 8 - Section 9.2 - Wetlands Conservation District**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No 8, as proposed by the Planning Board, which changes the defining terminology, and limits construction, major soil disturbance, and fertilizer use within specified distances of the several defined wetlands areas?

Note: The State of New Hampshire is dropping its terminology Hydric A and Hydric B soils and substituting (A) very poorly drained soils and (B) poorly drained soils, as determined by a certified Soils Scientist.

**9.2.4 District Boundaries**

1. Establishment of a District: The limits of the Wetlands Conservation District are hereby determined to be the following:
  - a. All swamps, bogs, marshes, ponds, and lakes: (from definitions in ordinance book)
  - b. All areas with very poorly drained soils with a preponderance of wetlands vegetation;
  - c. Areas of poorly drained soils, ¼ acre or more in size, with a preponderance of wetlands vegetation;
  - d. Areas of poorly drained soils of any size if contiguous to surface waters including ponds, streams, or tidal waters; and
  - e. Those areas identified as "prime wetlands" on the map dated June, 1986, prepared for the NH Office of State Planning/Coastal Program by Normandeau Associates, which is available for inspection in the Town Hall.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE X: Zoning Amendment Number 9 – 9.2.9 Buffer Provisions**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No.9, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds a new section to the New Castle ordinance incorporating site improvements, review process, pesticides and fertilizers to read as follows?

1. No subsurface wastewater disposal system shall be constructed within 75 feet of any swamps, bogs, marshes, ponds, lakes, tidal water or any very poorly drained soils (Type A Hydric Soil) and poorly drained soils (Type B Hydric Soil).
2. No building or site improvements shall be constructed within:
  - a. Fifty feet from the highest observable tide line of any swamps, bogs, marshes, ponds, lakes, tidal buffer zones or very poorly drained (Type A Hydric) soils;
  - b. Twenty-five feet of any poorly drained (Type B Hydric) Soils:  
(excepting marinas, docks, and piers referenced in Section 6.3)

(Site improvements in this context shall include those that fall under review by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and excluded minor landscaping improvements that do not involve significant disturbance of soil.)

3. Any proposed building construction or site improvements between the reference line (highest observable tide line, RSA 483-B:4 XVII) and 100 feet of tidal waters must be approved by the Planning Board after review by the local Conservation Commission and prior to DES Wetlands submittal.
4. Pesticides and fertilizer use is prohibited within 25 feet of the highest observable tide line of the shoreland and/or wetlands. From 250 to 25 feet, low phosphate, slow release nitrogen fertilizer may be used. (Reference RSA 483-B:9,II).

5. All construction, forestry, and agricultural activities within 100 feet of any wetlands shall be undertaken with special care to avoid soil erosion and siltation of wetlands. The Planning Board, pursuant to its subdivision and site plan review authority, may require an erosion control plan approved by the Rockingham County Conservation District for any project undertaken up gradient of a wetland.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XI: Zoning Amendment Number 10 – 9.2.10 Natural Woodland Buffer**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No.10, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds a new section to the New Castle ordinance incorporating provisions of RSA 483-B:9,V(a), which limits the cutting of trees within Wetlands Districts?

Where existing, a natural woodland buffer must be maintained. Tree cutting is limited to 50% of the basal area of trees, and 50% of the total number of saplings in a 20year period. A healthy, well distributed stand of trees, saplings, shrubs, and ground covers must be maintained.

Stumps and their root systems must remain intact in the ground within 50 feet of the reference line.

The opening for building construction is limited to 25 feet outward from the building, septic system, and driveway.

The opening for accessory structures is limited to 10 feet outward from the footprint.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XII: Zoning Amendment Number 11 – Section 9.2.11 - Remedy for Review**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 11, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds a provision for review of Planning Board decisions about Wetlands issues as follows?

Any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Planning Board made under this ordinance may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as set forth in RSA 676:5.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XIII:** On petition of Daniel Hughes and 32 other legal voters of New Castle requesting that all the facilities at the New Castle Common, including outdoor facilities and the Common buildings (except for the library) shall be made available, upon the request of a New Castle resident, for public gathering to include, but not be limited to, meetings of general interest to New Castle citizens, as well as speeches and “political town meetings” involving major state and national leaders from major political parties? In the event of a political or privately sponsored gathering, additional costs for security, clean up, and sanitary provisions shall be paid for by the organization, or persons sponsoring the event.

**ARTICLE XIV:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a joint building committee consisting of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Library Trustees, and a member at large designated by the family providing funds for the renovation of the second floor of the Town’s multipurpose facility at New Castle Common?

**ARTICLE XV:** Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?

**ARTICLE XVI:** Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?

**ARTICLE XVII:** Are you in favor of the following resolution: "Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in the town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources."?

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

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

**ARTICLE XX:** To transact such business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 20th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand.

A true copy of warrant - attest

Gene F. Doherty, Chairman  
Robert W. Beecher  
Peter Gamester  
Board of Selectmen



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NH  
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999**

	<u>BAL.</u> <u>06/30/98</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISBURSED</u>	<u>BAL.</u> <u>06/30/99</u>
<b><u>PRINCIPAL:</u></b>				
Library Funds	9,526	0	0	9,526
Marchand Fund	4,782	0	0	4,782
Amazeen Trust	2,504	0	2,504	0
BiCentennial Park	836	0	0	836
<b><u>CAPITAL RESERVE:</u></b>				
Land Cleanup	20,000	0	0	20,000
Fire Equipment	30,000	10,000	40,000	0
Town Vehicle & Equip	12,757	30,188	22,731	20,214
New Cemetery	0	10,000	4,434	5,566
Rec-Playground Equip	0	10,155	1,000	9,155
Sewer Depr Fund	287,988	0	0	287,988
Cemetery Maintenance	51,624	800		52,424
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<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>420,017</b>	<b>61,143</b>	<b>70,669</b>	<b>410,491</b>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>				
Library Funds	0	527	527	0
Marchand Fund	575	351	504	422
Amazeen Trust	2,416	112	2,528	0
BiCentennial Park	1,285	139	0	1,424
<b><u>CAPITAL RESERVE:</u></b>				
Land Cleanup	22,455	2,783	0	25,238
Fire Equipment	2,534	346	2,880	0
Town Vehicle & Equip	303	1,169	0	1,472
New Cemetery	0	365	0	365
Rec-Playground Equip	0	600	0	600
Sewer Depr Fund	19,654	20,165	18,087	21,732
Cemetery Maintenance	19,498	3,975	3,975	19,498
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>68,720</b>	<b>30,532</b>	<b>28,501</b>	<b>70,751</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>488,737</b>	<b>91,675</b>	<b>99,170</b>	<b>481,242</b>

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999

	<u>07/01/98</u>	<u>06/30/99</u>
<b>CASH ON HAND:</b>		
NOW Account	(385)	5,159
Savings Account	1,330	1,375
Equipment Fund	314	1,709
Automation Fund	2,096	1,991
Petty Cash	100	100
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<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>10,334</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Town Appropriations	34,539	
Interest: Now Account	103	
Savings Account	46	
Equipment Account	45	
Automation Fund	117	
Donations: Automation Fund	180	
Town Trust	527	
Specified	3,065	
Non-Specified	3,612	
Deposit 7/1/1998	2,000	
Grant for Automation	8,000	
Non-Resident Fees	95	
Fines, Copies, Etc.	473	
Book Club	1,073	
Angel Tree	194	
Used Books and Royalties	299	
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>54,368</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Printed Material	8,951	
Non-Printed Material	719	
Salaries: Director	18,595	
Support Staff	813	
Saturday Hours	936	
Tax Expense	4,442	
Automation	9,169	
Building Cleaning	630	
Office Equip	1,327	
Telephone	1,075	
Misc.	832	
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<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>47,489</b>
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<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>		<b>6,879</b>
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## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Minutes of the annual meeting of May 1999, a report of the Clerk's receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and the annual compilation of vital records are printed elsewhere in this volume.

Regular readers of these reports, a number that is doubtless quite small, will have developed a familiarity with their content. The duties of the Town Clerk do not change from year to year, and there is not much room for originality in a discussion of dog licenses and car registrations. But if the business of my office is ordinarily routine, the people I see each day are not ordinary at all. It is the opportunity to work with and for the pleasant people of New Castle, and not the business I conduct with them, that provides satisfaction. I am grateful for that contact, and for the capable assistance of Suzanne Shevenell as we conduct the town's business.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Bedford

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

“Rights that do not flow from duty well performed are not worth having.”

Gandhi

“It is the mark of good action that it appears inevitable in retrospect.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

The strength of any organization, large or small, are and will always be the members within. No matter how high-tec the world becomes, it is the people that will determine the quality and the scope of service. A computer is great for what it does, but does not feel compassion, know discretion, or feel a duty to serve.

Our strength is who we were and who we are. We honor the past and look forward to the future.

Last year we came a long way to improving our quality of service and still giving the Town of New Castle good value for it's tax dollar.

### **EVENTS**

The summer started with a great deal of media attention with the visit of Governor George W. Bush. For one day, New Castle was the “center of the universe” in so far as the media was concerned. We had crowd control and security issues. The entire event came off without a hitch.

We also welcomed Steve Forbes and Tipper Gore.

Not to be out done, we received a visit from the HMS Bounty. While there were a great many people in town to welcome the Bounty, there were no problems of note.

The Great Island 5K Road Race went off without an incident and we support Guy Sterns and crew whenever we can. They do an outstanding job.

There were several high profile criminal cases that are currently under investigation and we hope to resolve soon.

### **PROGRAMS**

Officer White is off and running with the D.A.R.E. program at the school. Also, we are including several programs in conflict avoidance and child safety. Many of these are new and innovative. We will see what works and what does not.

We plan on our Annual Bicycle Rodeo at the Coast Guard Open House this year.



A program for domestic animal health and safety is in the works, as well as an educational program for people who jog, walk or run after sunset.

We will be working with Crime Line in setting up a Child Internet Safety Program in the schools.

Over the past year we have worked to improve training. Also we have our legal evidence handling procedures up to national standards with improvements that were made.

### **WEB PAGE**

Sgt. Cummings is always working to update our web page. There is a great deal of very useful information and some great links. Please “click on” and check it out at, [www.newcastlenh.com/police](http://www.newcastlenh.com/police)

### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Through the generosity of many of the citizens of New Castle along with several corporations we were able to purchase a defibrillator to place in the police vehicle. The Officers of the Department are trained as either EMT’s or First Responders and will make good use of this gift.

I would like to note that not one cent of taxpayers money was spent on buying the defibrillator.

### **U.S. COAST GUARD**

We have worked several criminal cases with the Coast Guard Station this year, including one for Boating While Intoxicated, which was one of the few cases that were made statewide. We have had an excellent working relationship with the Portsmouth Harbor Station. This association is due to the exceptional leadership of the Commanding Officer of the Station, CWO Richard Loster. Mr. Loster has worked hard with the entire seacoast area to improve public safety on and off the water. Mr. Loster will be leaving this spring. “Fair Winds and Following Seas” to you. You will be missed.

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We wish to thank all who gave to us and assisted us this year:

The New Castle Fire Department gave us of their time to keep our EMS skill levels up to par.

The support of the Selectmen has been solid. Thank you to Selectman Peter Gamester, who worked hard as the police liaison with the Board.

## SYNOPSIS OF POLICE ACTIVITY OF 1999:

Suspicious Activity/Criminal Complaints	302
Total Arrests	36
Medical Emergency(s)/ Assists	21
Alarms	209
Domestic Complaints	27
Mutual Aid Calls	73
Building/Residences Checks	2790
Unsecured Buildings/Residences	56
Assist Other Town Agencies	407
Assist Citizens	201

### Motor Vehicle Activity:

Warnings - speeding	856
Warnings - other	44
Motor Vehicle Summons	271
Radar Patrols	1,031
Parking Complaints	76

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Murphy  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

1999 was a good year for dog licensing! We had only two dog owners that were fined under the Annual Dog Warrant which comes out in June of each year. Our goal this year is **100% voluntary** compliance, so please ensure that your dogs are licensed by April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Coming Soon to our web site under animal control will be an avenue for dog owners to subscribe to a mailing list in order to be reminded of the licensing deadline. Check back frequently to see when the option is available. Only those that subscribe will be notified. If you don't have a computer at home, you may use one of the computers located at the New Castle Library to subscribe to the list.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 436-3800 or email me via the web site.

### ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

<b>1998</b>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Summons</u>	<u>Warnings</u>
January 1 <sup>st</sup>			
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	0	0	0
January 1 <sup>st</sup>			
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	29	13	45
<b>1999</b>			
January 1 <sup>st</sup>			
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	12	0	0
January 1 <sup>st</sup>			
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	67	4	30
<b>2000</b>			
January 1 <sup>st</sup>			
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	2	0	9

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas V. Cummings II, Sgt.  
Animal Control Officer

# FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

## Department Membership

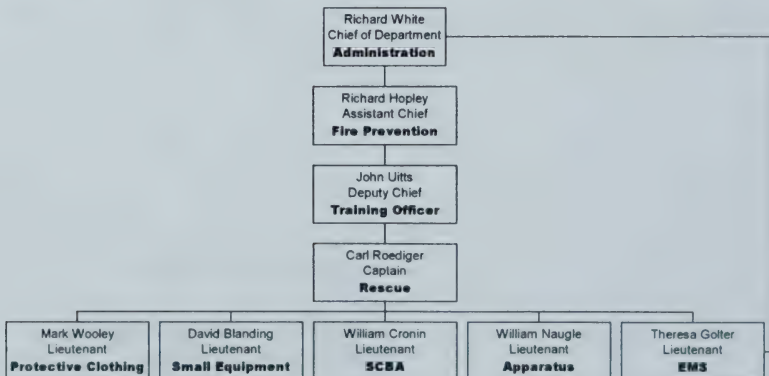
Last year I wrote that the status of the department was strong, and currently it remains strong. However, within six months it may change. We have people retiring, transferring and going off to college. What does this mean? I need to continually discuss recruiting with the citizens of New Castle. I clearly realize for some folks I sound like a broken record. The Town has been supportive with funding for equipment, while the department has consistently shown its professionalism throughout the past years. How does this happen? It is the men and women who volunteer to be firefighters, emergency medical technicians and members who provide support to emergency operations.

While our neighboring towns are wrestling with staffing issues, we have been the exception in the seacoast. What makes us different? The answer is very simple. We provide an organization that people are proud to belong to and an opportunity to grow. We provide professional training, excellent equipment and protective clothing, benefits, challenge, adrenaline rush, a sense of achievement and respect. We provide an atmosphere where new members are welcome; we understand family needs and the human need to socialize with others.

We need people who live in town to join the Fire Department. We will work with you. We will train you and provide you with some of the finest equipment in the fire service. Before you say I don't have the time or I could never do that, please stop by the station and check us out.

## Department Officers

1999 showed substantial change in the organizational structure of the department. Demands of work, family and recreation are placed upon all of us for time and availability within our lives. These very same demands forced reorganization and enlargement of the leadership structure. This was done to ensure that an officer would be present at each emergency call and to spread the non-emergency workload of operating a fire department among many. We have reinstated the position of Captain and added two Lieutenant positions for a total of five Lieutenants. Below is an organizational chart showing the current leadership structure with rank and areas of responsibilities.



## **Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

For the past four years the Town has placed \$10,000 into a capital reserve account specifically earmarked for the replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus also known as SCBA. These are the air systems you see firefighters wear when they enter smoke filled or contaminated environment to protect their lungs. During 1999, the department purchased new SCBA to replace aged units with some as much as 30 years old. The new units are lighter, modular designed, weight is carried on the hips versus the shoulders and contains a rescue breathing feature should the system fail. The modular design allows for retrofit as technology advances versus purchasing new units. When you see our firefighters with “blue air bottles” strapped to their backs, you’re looking at the new SCBA units.

### **Marine EMS Operations**

The department continued the “marine medical intercept” on the “high seas” with United States Coast Guard – Portsmouth Harbor Station. In 1999, together we responded to the Isles of Shoals multiple times to provide emergency medical service. The Isles of Shoals is located in the Town of Rye. However, being 8 miles out to sea, the New Castle Fire Department emergency medical technicians with Coast Guard provides the fastest medical response to the islands. This is an agreed upon response between the New Castle Fire Department, Rye Fire Department and the Coast Guard.

### **United States Coast Guard – Portsmouth Harbor Station**

The Fire Department needs to again recognize the United States Coast Guard – Portsmouth Harbor Station for their support of the New Castle Fire Department. In the past three years, the Commanding Officers have allowed their personnel to volunteer as members on the department while on duty if available. This working relationship has never been better and helps both the Coast Guard and the Town of New Castle in response to emergencies.

At the end of the report each year, I take the opportunity to thank the men and women of the New Castle Fire Department for their dedication in saving lives and protecting property. The support I received during 1999, both personally and professionally, was a humbling experience. I also wish to thank each and every one of you for the support of the Fire Department. I encourage you to just say thank you when you see one of New Castle’s firefighters or emergency medical technicians.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. White  
Chief of Department



## 1999 Report of Incidents

Alarm Activation's	3	Arcing/Down Wires	1
Emergency Medical Aid Call	23	Marine - Search, Rescue, Island Fires, Boat Fires	6
Hazardous Materials	1	Auto Accident	1
Odor/Smoke Removal	2	Public Assistance	3
Structure Fires	2	Refuse Fires	3
Water Evacuation	3	Brush/Grass Fires	2
Mutual Aid to Hampton	1	Isles of Shoals, Rye	4
Mutual Aid to Portsmouth	6	Mutual Aid to Rye	5

**TOTAL ALARMS 66**

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard H. White  
Chief of Department

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

This past year has certainly thrust Emergency Management agencies into the limelight with an active year of natural weather events and the unknown spectre of the Y2K Bug. Happily, I can report that neither of these issues caused any major problems for the citizens of New Castle.

Last fall, Hurricane Floyd paid a visit to the Seacoast and with the exception of scattered limbs blown down and some minor lowland flooding, we escaped any extensive damage. New Castle has been spared from severe weather events over the past few years but that could change at any time. Preparation is the key to coming through any future event with minimum difficulties.

For all of the hype and predictions of doom and gloom, the Year 2000 rollover was primarily a non-event. Utilities and essential services continued uninterrupted. For the New Castle Emergency Management Staff, the evening was cheerfully quiet.

This summer, Seabrook Station will once again demonstrate it's safe operation to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. A series of drills will be held this spring culminating with a graded exercise this June. These exercises will test the response plans not only for the Station, but also for the State, New Castle, and the other towns within the Emergency Planning Zone.

If at any time, you have questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact the Office of Emergency Management, which is located at the Fire Department, 43 Main Street. The business phone number is 436-1132. You may also reach me at my home by calling 436-5939, or by pager at 771-9624.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl F. Roediger  
Emergency Management Director

## BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There were a total of 65 Building Permits issued during the calendar year of 1999 for various improvements, remodeling projects, additions, and 10 new homes. This is one more permit than last year.

We continue to encourage homeowners to ensure your contractor has obtained the necessary permits before starting work. Please apply well in advance of your planned start date to ensure that your required permissions can navigate through the numerous boards when necessary.

Please ensure that the inspections that are required on the bottom of the Building Permit are all signed before you consider the job complete. You paid for these inspections with the "permit" fee. These various inspections help to ensure that the work was done according to code and in a manner that is safe for the occupants. Obviously, any work that is done to current codes helps to enhance the potential resale value of your home.

The Green Company at the Wentworth has it's last home well under construction as you read this. The only remaining question is, "What is going on with the hotel?" As this report is written at the end of February I don't know if the hotel is going to be refurbished or twenty or so houses will take it's place. Time will tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Petlick  
Building Official

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

This past year has been a very active for the Planning Board. Aside from our normal hearing schedule which has been rather active, the planning board has been concerned about ways to control and slow growth within our community. It is the planning board's opinion that over the past number of years because of the projects that have been before us, we have not had a chance to step back and look at our community, what it is, what we like about it, and where we would like to go from here.

It was because of this that we first undertook reviewing and revising our Master Plan. This was done late in 1999 and early into 2000. We now have what we feel is an updated master plan which reflects a vision for our Community. Based on that revision, we have also undertaken the opportunity to review and revise some of the zoning ordinances. This has been done in conjunction with feedback from the Board of Adjustment, the Conservation Commission, the Historic District Commission, and the Building Inspector as well as members of the public. Many of these items will be on the ballot at the 2000 Town Meeting. Many of these revisions are to clean up areas within the Zoning Ordinance that reflect change in the Master Plan and some of them are to clarify and enhance the current Zoning Ordinance.

We expect the review and revisions of the Zoning Ordinance to be continued in the year 2000. We are planning on working with the Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, the HDC, Building Inspector, and Selectmen and also utilizing the Rockingham County Planning Commission to assist with this endeavor.

The Planning Board is made up of seven members and two alternates. One of the members of the Planning Board is a representative from the Selectmen. Over the past year we have lost Dave Reynolds as a member of the board. We would like to thank him for being on the Board and his time spent. Currently we are looking for two alternates to serve on the Planning Board. We welcome any town residents who want to serve as alternates to please let myself or Pam Cullen at Town Hall know. We welcome the opportunity to meet with perspective members and talk to them. We look forward to a productive 2000 and hope that we will continue to serve the needs of the Town of New Castle.

Respectively submitted,

H. Jay Tischler  
Chairman

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

During this year, we will continue to install new, state-of-the art residential water meters. These are more accurate than the present remote meters that are currently being used. We have now installed 120 meters and hope that all meters will be installed by the end of this year.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Liff  
Chairman



## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The New Castle Zoning Board of Adjustment held nine meetings in 1999 and heard a total of nine applications. There were two requests for Variances, both of which were denied. The Board granted five requests for Special Exceptions and one was denied. One application for a Special Exception was judged by the Board to be, in fact, an Appeal from an Administrative Decision, which was granted.

In addition, the Board granted one request for a Rehearing on a Special Exception. This case involved a home occupation carried out in an accessory building and was quite controversial, generating a great deal of public input. The Board voted to affirm its original approval but added 15 conditions.

Both requests for Variances involved attempts to overbuild on small lots' both were denied because the applicants failed to demonstrate unnecessary hardship. Three Special Exceptions for Accessory Apartments were granted. One applicant who was initially denied made design changes and was granted the Special Exception upon reapplication. The remaining Special Exceptions granted were for the home occupation referred to above, and for a residential pier/dock structure.

For the benefit of new residents, and as a reminder to all, the Board strongly recommends that residents who are contemplating a building project become familiar with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance before applying for a Building Permit. If your project will require a Variance or a Special Exception, the Ordinance lists very specific conditions which must be met. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance are available at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Harrigan  
Chairman

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce N. Smith  
Chairman

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT**

As you read this report the new cemetery on the grounds of the Common (World War II Camp Langdon) should be underway. After many months of planning, getting permits, obtaining deeds from government agencies, state permission to enter from Wentworth Road, we the Trustees hope you will see positive results by the end of summer 2000.

It is a large, expensive project to provide a new burial ground for the future of New Castle residents. There is much to be accomplished before lots are sold.

The Trustees are continuing in Riverside Cemetery with the monument cleaning and repair. Further work has been accomplished in securing more cremation plots.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lanham  
David Merrill  
Eugene Morrill  
Cemetery Trustees

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission continues to grow and to be more proactive in defending conservation issues. The Commission now consists of seven regular members and two alternate members. Members also continue to educate themselves by attending workshops and seminars on conservation and land protection.

During the past year the Commission has worked on drafting changes to the town zoning ordinances, clarifying conservation rules governing building sites, site improvements, and fertilizer and pesticide usage in protection areas. The Commission is currently working on an educational letter concerning these protection issues to be sent to all new homeowners whose land abuts a protected area.

In October, the Commission sponsored an educational forum on land preservation and estate planning. Representatives from UNH and the Seacoast Land Trust were the main speakers at the program, which explained options, other than selling to developers to interested participants and those owning sections of land considered developable. This workshop was so successful that a follow-up evening was held a few weeks later.

A questionnaire concerning an inventory of natural resources was mailed to all town residents during the summer. The response was over twenty percent showing that there is a great deal of concern about preserving the natural resources left in our town. The Commission is working with the Rockingham Planning Commission on mapping the results of the inventory.

Efforts at recycling "green waste" continue. A grass clippings drop off day was added to the regular leaf drop off day and the town is gradually building a valuable compost pile. This compost will be used to amend town plantings. If and when the compost pile gets large enough, the resulting organic matter will be available to town residents.

A reminder to all residents that any construction or site improvement in a protected zone must be approved by the Planning Board after review by the Conservation Commission and prior to Dept. of Environmental Services Wetlands submittal.

During 1999, the Conservation processed and reviewed nine "dredge and fill" wetlands application before sending them on to the State Department of Environmental Services.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Marshall, III  
(Acting Chairman)

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The New Castle Library has entered the new millennium having met the long-term requirements by the state and the needs of the residents of New Castle. On January 3, 2000, the New Castle Public Library officially migrated to a fully automated and computerized library. The United Way's Day of Caring volunteers provided the wiring for our project. The town added to our annual budget to support the system. The benefits of the computerization of library functions and records have been a positive transition in procedures for the patrons and the staff.

We will be issuing new library tags this summer that will replace the standing library cards. This is in keeping with newer technology and should prove to be a smooth transition as seen across the country in other libraries.

The library budget was reduced last year, Saturday hours cancelled and buying power limited. Despite this, many donations from local groups and private citizens have allowed us to continue providing new resources and attempting to meet the many requests of our patrons. The generosity is strongly appreciated.

Our volunteers must be commended on their endless source of energy and dedication. They have put in long hours training on computers, cataloguing over 10,000 volumes as well as being an integral part of making your visit a pleasant one. They are a TEAM that works with Jane Barrett and we all benefit from their support.

As the town is growing, so are the space demands put on the library. The school is in the library on Thursday and this program is still going well. Story hours continue to attract more young children monthly. As one can see, the library is a source of community gathering and resources. We urge you to visit the library, use the computers, and take advantage of the numerous services it provides for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Newman, Chairman  
Pamela Stearns  
Paulette Semprini  
Library Trustees



## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND**

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

At the beginning of the fiscal year, the trust funds aggregated about \$490,000. The balance at the end of the year had diminished by about two percent as a result of expenditures to construct the Amazeen Pavilion at the Common, to purchase breathing apparatus for the Fire Department, to survey the new cemetery and the additional land at the Coast Guard Station, and to replace various town vehicles and equipment.

Investments are in securities issued by the United States Treasury or other federal agencies. All securities are held to maturity. Average return in fiscal 1999 was approximately six percent.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Bedford  
Russell N. Cox  
Peter P. Gil  
Trust Fund Trustees

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Supervisors of the Checklist are in session prior to each election. Time, date, and place of these sessions are posted on the town bulletin boards. Notification of upcoming sessions are also published in the Portsmouth Herald.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rowena Alessi, Chairman  
Marcia Whitehouse  
Ruth Lanham  
Supervisors

## ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rockingham Planning Commission operates as one of nine statewide public nonprofit agencies. The Commission serves in an advisory role and provides a wide array of professional planning assistance to its member communities. The Commission is run by a Board of Commissioners representing each of its member communities and appointed by those communities.

During 1999, the Rockingham Planning Commission provided a variety of both regional and specific local assistance. The direct local assistance provided to New Castle during the year included the following.

1. Completed updating the Town's Assessors maps and converting to GIS (Computer mapping) format that can be updated and stored electronically. The update includes subdivisions and other changes that have occurred in parcel boundaries over the past five years. Prepared printed composite map of the Town shows all parcels.
2. Incorporated annual changes to the New Castle Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations and printed copies for distribution.
3. Met with Conservation Commission at their request to provide information on wetlands buffers.
4. Worked with Town Conservation Commission and others to identify land and property that have local importance for protection under the proposed state Land and Community Heritage Program; incorporated these properties into the RPC regional data base of potential future conservation priorities.

In addition to assistance provided specifically to New Castle, the Town benefited from the Commission's regional planning activities, including education and training for land use board members, general regional land use and transportation planning and land conservation and resource protection efforts, and the review of developments with regional impact.

This year, regional activities relevant to New Castle included: (1) monitoring of the biennial regional transportation project selection process; (2) the preparation of a regional open space plan which included identification of high priority natural and cultural resources in the Town and region; (3) initial organization assistance to the Seacoast Land Trust.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene F. Doherty  
Rockingham Planning Commissioner

## TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

In the Town Report for the year 1985, I submitted my first report as Town Historian. Now, fifteen years later, I would like to review some of the events that have marked the closing of the twentieth century in New Castle.

1985: resignation of our friend and tax collector for many years, William (Bill) Priestley, replace by Joanne Arsenault; retirement of Reginal Whitehouse as Fire Chief, replace by Richard White; Retirement of Linne O'Brien, town clerk, replace by Eugene Morrill.

Necrology: Gladys Barker, former librarian of many years; former cemetery trustees Walter Hayden and Harlan Talbot.

1986: numbering of our homes on town roads; resignation of Selectman John McCarthy to devote full time to his law studies, replace by Douglas Woodward; start-up of the Wentworth Hotel Project with construction of twelve residences and dredging of Little Harbor for a 219 slip marina.

Necrology: farewell to our Town Treasurer, John Cabana who died in office; and Anna White, life-long resident and historical contributor.

1987: Resident Tax discontinued; property assessments increased from 43% to 100%; Wentworth Hotel property sold again, this time to the Henley Group; Andrew Schulte retired as selectman, Clinton Springer and Carol Allen elected selectman and town treasurer, respectively; plans underway for acquisition of new library and recreation building at Great Island Common; old World War II recreation building at the Common, where we had held our town meetings and other local events for several years, destroyed by fire.

Necrology: Robert (Bob) Kennedy, former fire chief.

1988: for the first time in our history, town meeting held in the fire station, former town hall having been converted to municipal office use.

Necrology: Ivory Kimball, former Cemetery Trustee.

1989: for the second and last time, annual town meeting held in the fire station; construction underway on new library-recreation complex at the Common. Albert D'Antonio re-elected selectman.

1990: first town meeting held in the newly completed Recreation Building at Great Island Common; Library moved from old building on Main Street to new quarters at the Common; Pamela Cullen hired to assist Joanne Arsenault.

Necrology: Richard (Dick) Tabbutt, Road Agent for thirty years.

1991: Retirement of Admin. Assistant Joanne Arsenault; William Marshall elected town treasurer; Stephen Tabbutt elected Road Agent; final report of the Long Range Planning Committee;

Necrology: Oldest resident Pauline MacDonald, 99.

1992: Retirement of Selectman Albert D'Antonio, replaced by election of Charles Petlick; Barbara Ross hired as finance secretary; Marcia Whitehouse elected tax collector; general election in November had 89% voter turnout.

Necrology: Edward Stringham, chairman, public works.

1993: Henry Bedford elected town clerk, replacing Eugene Morrill; Dannie Barrett appointed public works superintendent; tricentennial celebration of town's incorporation; events included pancake breakfast, public ceremonies, banquet, installation of fifty-year time capsule in the foundation of the town hall, and dance on May 29<sup>th</sup>; parade and firemen's muster on July 24; picnic with special music, ending with fireworks on August 18.

Necrology: David Picket, former trustee of trust funds; Henry Greenberg, former chief of police.

1994: Gene Doherty elected selectman, replacing Peter Gamester, who resigned Feb. 22, after eighteen years in office.

1995: Richard Covern elected selectman replacing Charles Petlick; Pamela Cullen elected tax collector; town voted to establish cemetery at Great Island Common; for the first time in its history the vote for general expenses of the town exceeded one million dollars.

1996: Clinton Springer re-elected to third term as selectman.

Necrology: Dorothy Becker, former town clerk for many years.

1997: Gene Doherty re-elected to second term as selectman; James Murphy appointed chief of police, replacing Acting Chief Douglas Cummings; town acquired new police and fire vehicles; negotiations with federal officials for lease of portion of Coast Guard land at Ft. Constitution for recreation use as substitute for land sought for cemetery at Great Island Common.

Necrology: Carol Kennedy, former school nurse.

1998: Robert Beecher elected selectman; town voted to convey section of Wentworth Road in front of hotel contingent upon relocation of Route I-B to its north side.

Necrology: William Priestley, former tax collector for many years; Charles Clark and George Pitts, former school board members who serve the town in several other capacities.

1999: Peter Gamester returned to board of selectman; town obtained former Coast Guard land adjacent to Wentworth Road and Ocean Street, received word to proceed with construction of new cemetery at the Common; property taxes doubled as New Castle became a "Donor town" for educational funding in other towns resulting from supreme court decision.

Necrology: Janet Macomber, former town historian.

I must end this report with the observation that there have been many other local events that space will not allow here, particularly the demise of so many of our citizens, besides those listed, whose lives touched us in so many ways. We are the richer for their former presence among us, and their deeds will be remembered for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene W. Morrill, Town Historian



## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Besides routine recreational issues, The Recreation Committee was responsible for conducting four events in 1999.

For the first time in 1999, the Recreation Committee was responsible for organizing and funding the activities at the Town Picnic. Despite rainy weather, the events were a big success. We would like to thank Jennifer Rumph and the special events sub-committee for all their hard work.

The Easter Egg Hunt in the spring drew over 90 children who were thrilled to race around the common and gather candy filled eggs. Each child also received a special gift. Our special thanks go out to the Fire Department once again this year, as they provided transportation for our special visit from the Easter Bunny.

Our Halloween Trick or Treat at the Town Hall was also a big hit. Our thanks go out to Barbara and Bill Kingston who helped a very spooky Count Dracula distribute over 100 bags of candy to a wide variety of goulish children.

Much of our effort in 1999 went into conducting the Sixth Annual Great Island Road Race. One thousand people from throughout the Seacoast and beyond, registered for the race including 70 hearty New Castle residents who ran or walked the 5K course. The Kids Fun Runs were the highlight of the day for many, as over 250 kids from 1 to 12 years of age took part. In appreciation for all of the great Fun Run art work created by the kids of MHT Elementary School, over 50 MHT students were able to participate in the Fund Runs free of charge. Once again we are thankful for those residents throughout town who were an integral part of the race, through baking food, making a personal donation, and/or volunteering their time and resources.

All told, over \$10,000 was raised by the 1999 race. The bulk of this money is being used to create and maintain a seasonal skating area at the Common. Additionally, money from the race will continue to fund special recreational events.

The Recreation Committee also gave \$100 each to the Rye Little League and the Rye Recreation Youth Soccer and Basketball programs. Many New Castle children participate in these activities year in and year out.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Stearns  
Chairman



**RECORD OF BIRTHS**  
**JANUARY 1, 1999 – DECEMBER 31, 1999**

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> <u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Helen Lowe Wheeler	04/23/1999 Portsmouth, NH	Robert Wheeler Katherine Wheeler
Samantha Lillian Prial	05/18/1999 Portsmouth, NH	Gerard Prial Kellie Prial
Paul August Holloway	08/25/1999 Portsmouth, NH	Paul Holloway Robin Holloway
Emily Splaine McKenna	11/05/1999 Portsmouth, NH	Christopher McKenna Robin McKenna
Jacob William Morin	12/12/1999 Portsmouth, NH	Gary Morin Mary Morin

**DEATHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE**  
**JANUARY 1, 1999 – DECEMBER 31, 1999**

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Robert S. Wildes	04/07/1999	Florida
Janet E. Macomber	09/22/1999	Portsmouth, NH
Elinor C. Rand	11/09/1999	Portsmouth, NH
Erik E. Cogswell	11/10/1999	Epping, NH

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE JANUARY 1, 1999 – DECEMBER 31, 1999

<u>GROOM NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>BRIDE NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Patrick R. White New Castle, NH	Kendra P. Dilorenzo Newmarket, NH	01/17/1999	Nemasket, NH
Otto F. Grote New Castle, NH	Jacinthe L. Levesque New Castle, NH	05/29/1999	New Castle, NH
Edward W. Marudzinski New Castle, NH	Dianne M. Durkin New Castle, NH	08/14/1999	Rye Beach, NH
Ralph E. Morang New Castle, NH	Susan J. Morse New Castle, NH	09/04/1999	New Castle, NH
Glenn M. Betts Kittery, ME	Julie L. Trueman Kittery, ME	05/22/1999	New Castle, NH
Patrick L. Donahue PortOrchard, WA	Angela I. Mondazzi Andover, MA	06/12/1999	New Castle, NH
James R. Atkins Newmarket, NH	Leah M. Hanscom Newmarket, NH	08/21/1999	New Castle, NH
Glenn F. Whitehouse So. Berwick, ME	Jennifer C. Raymond So. Berwick, ME	08/29/1999	New Castle, NH

## NEW CASTLE MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Selectmen's Office	431-6710
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,	8 to 2pm
Town Clerk	431-6710
Mon., Wed., Fri.	9 to 1pm
Tax Collector	431-6710
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	8 to 2pm
Library	431-6773
Monday	1 to 7pm
Wed., Thurs.	11 to 5pm
Fire/EMT's – Emergency	911 or 436-2515
Business Line	436-1132
Police – Emergency	911 or 436-3113
Business Line	436-3800
Police Fax	436-7710
Town Office Fax	433-6198
Town web site	<a href="http://www.newcastlenh.com/town">www.newcastlenh.com/town</a>



