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Town of New Castle, NH ANNUAL REPORT For the Year 2000





ON THE COVER:
Looking out from Pistol Point
overlooking Jones Cove—
Piscataqua River

Photo taken by:
James Murphy
Chief of Police

**Annual Report
For the Town of New Castle
Fiscal Year 2000-2001**

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SELECTMEN'S LETTER

Taxes remain the number one concern in New Hampshire and certainly here in New Castle. As of this writing the State Education tax is an unknown. However, we do know there will be an increase in both the County and Local School tax next year. We continue to do everything we can to minimize your overall property tax bill. Contained herein you will find a Town budget for next year which is less than that for the current year.

It still appears that the Wentworth Hotel project will go forward but the timing, as usual, remains a mystery. At our urging WW Resort, LLC (WW) completed the conditions required to obtain a building permit last November, but has not yet applied for one. This may be because within 120 days of receiving the permit WW must have upgraded the Portsmouth water line which supplies the Wentworth area; winter is not the ideal time to undertake such construction. As you have probably noticed we have permitted some trailer parking and the installation of "nite lites" on the ground floor to discourage trespassing.

The Macomber Room addition to the Rec Building /Library which will provide a meeting/reading room to serve many purposes is nearing completion. You may have noticed the new dormer on the rear of the building which, in addition to opening up the room, provides a nice view of the water. Another project completed during the year is the salt and sand shed behind the Rec Building which protects our road treatment material from the elements. (We certainly picked the right winter to make this improvement).

In anticipation of the West Nile Virus (WNV) paying us a visit we have contracted for a prevention program which provides for:

- a weekly survey of mosquito breeding sites and larviciding (getting them before they can fly) over a 20 week period, and
- emergency street spraying should an infected bird be found or a resident contract WNV.

Recently we were notified that the State plans to repave Route 1B sometime this summer. We will advise you when we receive more specific timing.

Finally, our thanks to all those who volunteer their time and talent to help make our Town the special place it is!

Board of Selectmen
Bob Beecher, Chairman
Peter Gamester
Charlie Tarbell

TOWN OFFICERS

1999-2000

Town Clerk	Henry F. Bedford	term exp 5/01
Deputy Town Clerk	Suzanne Shevenell	indef appt
<u>Selectmen</u>	Robert Beecher, Chair	term exp 5/01
	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/02
	Charles A. Tarbell	term exp 5/03
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/01
Deputy Treasurer	Jen Roediger	indef appt
Collector of Taxes	Pamela P. Cullen	term exp 5/01
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
Building Inspector	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Road Agent	Stephen Tabbutt	indef appt
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/02
Health Officer	James C. Murphy	appt exp 1/03
Mosquito Control Board	Darel Fletcher	indef appt
Fire Chief	Richard H. White	indef appt
<u>Fire Wards</u>	William G. Kingston	term exp 5/03
	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 5/03
	Norman Kent	appt exp 5/02
	Bert Palmer	appt exp 5/02
	John Walsh	appt exp 5/03
Alternate	Thomas Roy	appt exp 5/01
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 5/01
<u>Planning Board</u>	Albert D'Antonio, Chr.	appt exp 5/02
	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/02
	Etoile Holzaepfel	appt exp 5/03
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/01
	Christopher Russell	appt exp 5/03
	Thomas Shevenell	appt exp 5/01
Alternate	Stuart Levenson	appt exp 5/03
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/01

Board of Adjustment

Donald Moore, Chr. appt exp 5/03
Janet Harrigan appt exp 5/01
Paul Cullen appt exp 5/03
Russell Cox appt exp 5/01
Raymond Ambrogi appt exp 5/02
Thomas McCarron appt exp 5/03
Judith Sawyer appt exp 5/02
Bruce Smith, Chr. appt exp 5/03
Barbara Becker appt exp 5/02
Joan Lockhart appt exp 5/03
Rodney Rowland appt exp 5/03
Nancy McArdle appt exp 5/01
Charles A. Tarbell term exp 5/03
Diane McCormack appt exp 5/02
Brian Mack, Chr. appt exp 5/02
Irene Crosby appt exp 5/01
Elizabeth Hume appt exp 5/02
Carol Lincoln appt exp 5/01
Wm. B. Marshall III appt exp 5/03
Sylvia Marple appt exp 5/03
Norman Flagg appt exp 5/03
Linda Ball appt exp 5/01
Clinton Springer, Chr. term exp 5/03
Otto Grote term exp 5/01
Raymond Ambrogi term exp 5/02
Robert W. Beecher term exp 5/01
Roderick MacDonald term exp 5/03
Eugene Morrill, Chr. indef appt
Fred White appt exp 5/01
Mary White appt exp 5/01
Christopher Russell appt exp 5/01
Russell Cox term exp 5/02
Henry F. Bedford term exp 5/01
Gerald Sieve term exp 5/03
Barbara Newman term exp 5/03
Paula Carroll term exp 5/01
Paulette Semprini term exp 5/01
Sally Fay appt exp 5/01
Mark Gardner appt exp 5/01
Jane Barrett indef appt
Rowena F. Alessi term exp 5/06
Ruth Lanham term exp 5/04
Marcia Whitehouse term exp 5/02
Guy Stearns appt exp 5/01

Alternate

Alternate

Historic District Committee

Alternate

Alternate

Ex-Officio/Selectman

Ex-Officio/Planning Bd

Conservation Commission

Alternate

Alternate

Budget Committee

Ex-Officio/Selectman

Ex-Officio/School Board

Archives & Record Comm

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Library Trustees

Alternate

Alternate

Library Director

Supervisors of Checklist

Recreation Committee

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ELECTED POSITIONS AND SALARIES
Fiscal Year 1999/2000**

<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 whole hearted thanks of the community for their civic involvement.

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD
AT THE GREAT ISLAND COMMON
MAY 9, 2000**

Article 1, 2, and 3 were voted by ballot with the results indicated. Moderator Wayne Semprini opened the polls at 10am and declared them closed at 8pm.

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

Town Clerk (one year):	Henry F. Bedford	318 votes
Selectman (three years):	Gene F. Doherty	148 votes
	Charles A. Tarbell	186 votes
Treasurer (one year):	William B. Marshall III	304 votes
Tax Collector (one year):	Pamela P. Cullen	315 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds (Three years):	Gerald D. Sieve	278 votes
Library Trustee (three years):	Barbara E. Newman	289 votes
Cemetery Trustee (three years):	Albert M. D'Antonio	305 votes
Budget Committee (three years):	Raymond Ambrogi	234 votes
Fire Ward (three years):	William G. Kingston	173 votes
	Carl F. Roediger	153 votes
Supervisor of the Check List (six years):	Rowena F. Alessi	318 votes
Moderator (two years):	Wayne P. Semprini	331 votes

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

School District Moderator	Wayne P. Semprini	331 votes
School Board (three years):	Roderick MacDonald	335 votes

ARTICLE 2: Zoning Amendment #1 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 276 YES to 78 NO.

ARTICLE 3: Zoning Amendment #2 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 282 YES to 73 NO.

ARTICLE 4: Zoning Amendment #3 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 248 YES to 101 NO.

ARTICLE 5: Zoning Amendment #4 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 240 YES to 108 NO.

ARTICLE 6: Zoning Amendment #5 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote 229 YES to 113 NO.

ARTICLE 7: Zoning Amendment #6 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 233 YES to 97 NO.

ARTICLE 8: Zoning Amendment #7 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 285 YES to 76 NO.

ARTICLE 9: Zoning Amendment #8 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 266 YES to 92 NO.

ARTICLE 10: Zoning Amendment #9 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 257 YES to 102 NO.

ARTICLE 11: Zoning Amendment #10 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 252 YES to 103 NO.

ARTICLE 12: Zoning Amendment #11 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 278 YES to 68 NO.

Moderator Semprini convened the business meeting at 5 PM in the Recreation Building at Great Island Common, and announced that the polls would remain open throughout the business meeting, but would close at 8 PM. He welcomed new residents and encouraged their spirited participation in the legislative deliberations of the community. He asked that the meeting recall a silent moment for members 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. Noting the possible dependence of Article 14 on Article 13, he asked that the meeting consider Article 14 first. This suggestion was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14, creating a committee to consist of a Selectman, a Library Trustee, and a representative of the Macomber family to plan and oversee construction of a multipurpose room above the Library was moved and seconded. Moderator Semprini reminded the meeting of the multiple interests and contributions of Janet Macomber during her residence in New Castle, and introduced Gail Deaver, Janet Macomber's daughter, who summarized preliminary discussion already held in town and said that Dan Hughes had agreed to serve as the family's representative to the committee under consideration. Following a motion duly made and seconded, the article was ADOPTED by voice vote. Moderator Semprini, on behalf of the town, expressed gratitude to the Macomber family for this generous

addition to the public facilities of the community.

ARTICLE 13, a petition article, asking that the facilities and buildings at the Great Island Common be made available for public gatherings, including political meetings, upon the request of a New Castle resident was moved and seconded. The additional expense of such an assembly would be borne by the sponsors. The article excluded the Library from public availability, and Selectman Doherty moved to add the Macomber Room, whose construction was approved in Article 14, to that exclusion. The amendment was ADOPTED by voice vote, confirmed by a hand vote. For the petitioners, Dan Hughes emphasized the limited availability that the article permitted, and the protection to the town guaranteed by local sponsorship of events. He believed that passage would promote free expression and assembly and be consistent with both local tradition and national principles. Opponents, including the Selectmen, maintained that passage would make it difficult, if not impossible, to deny use to groups other than the political parties specified in the article, and might inevitably reduce the availability of the building for the recreational and civic uses to which it was presently dedicated. Clinton Springer proposed an amendment that would have required the prior approval of the National Park service for the use of the Common Building by political groups. After a successful motion to close discussion, the amendment was LOST by a hand vote of 71-53. Donald Moore pointed out that even if the article were to pass the Selectmen would still control access, as they were presently authorized to do; he believed that the present practice gave the Selectmen broad discretion, which ought to be preserved. Following a successful motion to close discussion, the article as amended was LOST by a decisive hand vote.

ARTICLE 15, giving the Library Trustees authority to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated money from governmental and private sources without specific approval by future town meetings was amended, on the motion of the Selectmen, to include the statutory provision that acceptance of such monies must be preceded by a public hearing and may not bind the Town to expend any other public funds. The amendment was ADOPTED by voice vote, and the amended article was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16, providing authority to the Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated funds from private or governmental sources without specific approval of future town meetings, was also amended to include the statutory restriction that such acceptance required a prior public hearing and could not bind the Town to expend public funds. The amendment was ADOPTED by voice vote, and the amended article was also ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17, a resolution supporting establishment of a public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of the State's natural, historic, and cultural

resources, received support from local members of the State's legislature, and from Howard Crosby, who noted the past successes of such efforts. The resolution was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: For the Budget Committee, Raymond Ambrogi moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,259,758 for the Town's expenses in the coming fiscal year. Russell Cox noted that the Selectmen had decided not to use \$15,000, presently in the budget for an access road to the new cemetery, and he suggested that those funds be used as a contingency fund in connection with the proposed construction of the Macomber Room. Following discussion, in which it was disclosed that the suggestion did not involve any change in the total budget, the suggestion was ADOPTED by voice vote, and the motion to raise and appropriate \$1,259,758 was then ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: For the Cemetery Trustees, David Merrill gave a progress report on the planning and early construction of Phase I of the new Oceanside Cemetery. He displayed a plan outlining the probable road and likely sites of approximately 900 graves in the new facility. He thanked retiring trustee Eugene Morrill for his contribution to the deliberations of the trustees and former Selectman Springer for his effort to secure permission to use the land. He announced that the Cemetery Trustees were accepting applications for sites in the new facility and said those wishing space should contact the trustees.

ARTICLE 20: Katherine Frampton asked the Selectmen about the decision to use a gate to restrict traffic on Pit and Neal Lane. Selectman Doherty said the gate would again be closed for the summer months soon, and the present plan was to reopen it about November 1. She said that Town Counsel had opined that such restrictions were within the power of the Selectmen, and that the matter would be reconsidered in the fall.

Selectman Doherty reminded residents that the annual pick-up day was set for May 20 and noted that the location of the new cemetery made impossible the past practice of burning brush and other lawn and garden waste. To a question, she said that the Selectmen would investigate having the Town's rubbish service provide a method of disposing such material in the future.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Moderator Semprini declared the business portion of the Annual Town Meeting of 2000 adjourned at 6:50 PM.

A true and correct record of the Town meeting and Election of officers of Town of New Castle, May 9, 2000, ATTEST:

Henry F. Bedford
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OFFICIALS SURETY BONDS IN FORCE
For fiscal year ending June 30, 2000**

NHMA PROPERTY /LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TAX COLLECTOR	\$58,000
DEPUTY TAX COLLETOR	58,000
TREASURER	63,000
DEPUTY TREASURER	63,000
TOWN CLERK	17,000
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	17,000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3)	73,000
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3)	5,000

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE FOR TOWN PROPERTY**

For fiscal year ending June 30, 2000

1.	Town Hall, land, and building	\$593,500
	Furniture and equipment	30,000
2.	Recreation Building, Library and Common	7,555,300
	Furniture and equipment	225,000
3.	Police Dept.	0
	Equipment	17,500
4.	Fire department, land and building	464,000
	Equipment	340,000
5.	Highway department, land, and building	0
	Equipment	45,000
	Material and supplies	6,000
6.	Water supply facilities	396,197
	Owned by Town of New Castle	
7.	Sewer plant and facilities	75,000
	Land and building	340,300
8.	School, land and building	1,916,900
	Equipment	
9.	All land and building acquired through	0
	Tax collector's deeds	
10.	All other property and equipment	
	Cemeteries: Riverside	766,000
	Frost	173,300
	Prescott	152,600
11.	Other town-owned lands and town landings	
	Town garage and land	204,000
	Old library building & land	312,800
	Other land	<u>2,247,600</u>

TOTAL \$15,860,997

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2001 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
LAND AND BUILDINGS:		
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	28.66	\$7,060
Conservation Restriction	0	0
Residential	265.06	221,089,200
Commercial/Industrial	8.55	5,522,300
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Total of Taxable Land	302.27	226,618,560
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$13,893,100)	140.88	
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		137,029,700
Commercial/Industrial		2,198,500

Total Taxable Buildings		139,228,200
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$4,118,800)		
Public Utilities: Electric		927,000
Mature Wood and Timber		0

Valuation Before Exemptions		366,773,760
Blind Exemption		
Elderly Exemptions @ \$50,000 each	3	150,000
Elderly Exemptions @ \$75,000 each	3	225,000

TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS		375,000
NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX		366,398,760
Less Public Utilities		927,000

NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX		\$365,471,760
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 FY2001 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT
 (Continued)**

TAX CREDITS:

Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans		
their spouses and widows (\$700 each)	1	\$700
Other War Service Credits (\$100 each)	101	10,100

TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	102	10,800
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ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:

Age 65 - 74 (\$50,000 each)	3	150,000
Age 75 - 79 (\$75,000 each)	2	150,000
Over Age 80 (\$75,000 each)	1	75,000

TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	6	\$375,000
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE FY2001 TAX RATE CALCULATION

---Municipal Portion---

Appropriations	\$1,259,758	
Less: Revenues	739,232	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763	
Add: Overlay	48,178	
Add: War Service Credits	10,800	

Net Town Appropriation	575,741	
Special Adjustment	0	

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	575,741	
Municipal Tax Rate		1.57

---School Portion---

Net Local School Budget	893,557	
Regional School Apportionment	0	
Less: State Education Taxes	326,801	

Approved School Tax Effort	566,756	
Local Education Tax Rate		1.55

---State Ed Taxes---

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)=		
222,174,752 x 6.60 / 1000	1,466,353	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		4.01

---County Portion---

Due to County	318,338	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,379	

Approved County Appropriation Effort	314,959	
County Tax Rate		0.86

Combined Tax Rate		7.99
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,923,809	
Less: War Service Credits	10,800	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	

Total Property Tax Commitment	2,913,009	
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---PROOF OF RATE---

<u>NEW ASSESSED VALUATION</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
State Education Tax	\$365,471,760	4.01	1,466,353
All Other Taxes	366,398,760	3.98	1,457,456

			\$2,923,809

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen
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, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

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

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

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, at June 30, 2000, 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 25, 2000
R. R. Bergeron

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
June 30, 1999 and June 30, 2000**

	<u>6/30/1999</u>	<u>6/30/2000</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash & Equivalents	\$556,649	678,117
Taxes Receivable	13,278	19,825
Tax Liens Receivable	2,806	5,260
Accounts Receivable	4,738	5,295
Due From Other Governments	0	0
Due From Other Funds	14,966	22,424
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TOTAL ASSETS	592,437	730,921
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 LIABILITIES:		
Tax Anticipation Notes	0	0
Warrants & Accounts Payable	74,078	100,685
Due to Other Funds	0	0
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	74,078	100,685
 FUNDEQUITY:		
Unreserved Fund Balance	518,359	630,236
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$592,437	730,921
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
TAXES:			
Property Taxes	\$2,931,686	2,962,337	30,651
Boat Taxes	6,000	9,017	3,017
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	8,000	9,084	1,084
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	2,945,686	2,980,438	34,752
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	150,000	216,578	66,578
Building Permits	9,600	12,914	3,314
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,100	920	(180)
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	160,700	230,412	69,712
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal FEMA Grant	6,000	6,000	0
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Shared Revenue	15,909	15,909	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	15,726	15,726	0
Highway Block Grant	12,434	12,434	0
Water Pollution Subsidy	9,946	9,946	0
Other State Funds	12,000	12,117	117
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	66,015	66,132	117
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments	134,100	110,584	(23,516)
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MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:			
Emergency Management Training	15,000	17,461	2,461
Interest on Investments	20,000	51,742	31,742
Sale and Rental of Property	2,300	6,541	4,241
Fines and Forfeits	2,100	2,188	88
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	7,500	7,302	(198)
Other Miscellaneous Sources	3,900	3,267	(633)
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	50,800	88,501	37,701
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TOTAL REVENUES	3,363,301	3,482,067	118,766

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 (Continued)**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$38,659	42,219	(3,560)
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	11,746	10,608	1,138
Financial Administration	52,119	53,743	(1,624)
Revaluation of Property	4,500	10,997	(6,497)
Legal Expense	24,800	20,187	4,613
Planning and Zoning	6,906	9,886	(2,980)
General Government Buildings	19,712	28,938	(9,226)
Cemeteries	14,630	24,206	(9,576)
Insurance - Unallocated	850	434	416
Other General Government	10,000	0	10,000
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	183,922	201,218	(17,296)
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police & Animal Control	179,980	175,563	4,417
Ambulance	15,140	15,140	0
Fire	93,922	94,389	(467)
Emergency Medical Services	16,635	11,772	4,863
Hazardous Materials	1,443	430	1,013
Building Inspection	76,925	49,301	27,624
Emergency Management	22,490	22,385	105
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	406,535	368,980	37,555
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Highways & Streets Maintenance	83,519	76,984	6,535
Street Lighting	8,000	7,405	595
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	91,519	84,389	7,130
SANITATION:			
Administration	1,625	1,227	398
Solid Waste Collection	34,000	35,532	(1,532)
Solid Waste Disposal	46,500	37,694	8,806
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	82,125	74,453	7,672

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 (Continued)**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
HEALTH:			
Pest Control	\$3,441	81	3,360
Health Agencies & Hospitals	10,000	10,000	0
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	13,441	10,081	3,360
WELFARE:			
Direct Assistance	5,000	14	4,986
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CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	71,181	77,680	(6,499)
Library	37,870	37,834	36
Recreation/Library Building	14,726	15,357	(631)
Recreation Commission	725	1,044	(319)
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	124,502	131,915	(7,413)
CONSERVATION:			
Other Conservation	2,100	897	1,203
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DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	87,200	87,200	0
Interest - Long-Term Debt	29,468	29,468	0
Interest - Short-Term Debt	5,000	0	5,000
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	121,668	116,668	5,000
CAPITAL RESERVES:			
Transfers To Trust Funds	47,500	47,500	0
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:			
County Taxes	239,425	239,425	0
School District Taxes	628,297	628,297	0
State Education Tax Assessment	1,466,353	1,466,353	0
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	2,334,075	2,334,075	0
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,412,387	3,370,190	42,197

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 (Continued)**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$(49,086)	111,877	160,963
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses	(49,086)	111,877	160,963
Fund Balance - July 1, 1999	518,359	518,359	0
Fund Balance - June 30, 2000	\$469,273	630,236	160,963

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
June 30, 2000**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Investments	\$174,582	8,511	183,093
Accounts Receivable	636	3,718	4,354
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Total Current Assets	175,218	12,229	187,447
Property, Plant, & Equipment:			
Equipment	36,924	8,610	45,534
Service Lines and Stations	551,230	1,487,176	2,038,406
Less Accumulated Depr	(106,786)	(2,726)	(109,512)
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Total Property, Plant & Equipment	481,368	1,493,060	1,974,428
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TOTAL ASSETS	656,586	1,505,289	2,161,875
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Deposits and Accounts Payable	913	4,950	5,863
Due to General Fund	7,716	14,708	22,424
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Total Current Liabilities	8,629	19,658	28,287
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Contributed Capital, net *	470,811	1,208,228	1,679,039
Retained Earnings	177,146	277,403	454,549
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Total Equity	647,957	1,485,631	2,133,588
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TOTAL LIABILITY & EQUITY	656,586	1,505,289	2,161,875
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* = Contributed by federal, state, and local governments, and by developers.

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES &
CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 2000**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	\$47,474	77,810	125,284
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Water Purchases	17,172	0	17,172
Sewerage Assessment	0	49,111	49,111
Personnel Services	6,489	11,867	18,356
Non-Personnel Services	4,684	20,011	24,695
Depreciation (Note 5)	10,232	1,722	11,954
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Total Operating Expenses	38,577	82,711	121,288
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Operating Income (Loss)	8,897	(4,901)	3,996
 Non-Operating Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	8,406	165	8,571
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Net Income for the Year	17,303	(4,736)	12,567
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 Retained Earnings, July 1, 1999	159,843	282,140	441,983
 Net Income for the Year	17,303	(4,736)	12,567
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Retained Earnings, June 30, 2000	\$177,146	277,404	454,550
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 2000**

FUNDS PROVIDED:

Net Income for the Year	\$12,567
Add Back Depreciation	11,954
Capital Contributed by Town	37,692
	62,213
	(60,884)
* Increase in Working Capital	\$1,329

CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:

Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:	
Cash and Investments	\$4,683
Accounts Receivable	2,078
	6,761
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities:	
Deposits and Accounts Payable	(2,026)
Other Payables	7,458
	5,432
* Increase in Working Capital	\$1,329

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT - ALL FUNDS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 2000

BOND PRINCIPAL

	Original Issue	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance 6/30/1999	Paid		Balance 6/30/2000	Due 07/01/00- 6/30/2001	Due Subsequently
					22,200	133,200			
Sewer System	\$645,000	5.00%	01/15/06	\$155,400	22,200	133,200	22,200	22,200	111,000
Rec/Library Building	750,000	7.62%	01/15/04	250,000	50,000	200,000	50,000	50,000	150,000
Main St. Water Line	150,000	6.40%	01/15/02	45,000	15,000	30,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
				<u>\$450,400</u>	<u>87,200</u>	<u>363,200</u>	<u>87,200</u>	<u>87,200</u>	<u>276,000</u>

BOND INTEREST

	Paid		Due 07/01/00- 6/30/2001	Due Subsequently
	07/01/99- 6/30/2000	\$7,770		
Sewer System	18,900	6,660	15,140	22,810
Rec/Library Building	2,798	1,875	945	945
Main St. Water Line	<u>\$29,468</u>	<u>23,675</u>	<u>23,675</u>	<u>40,405</u>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
for fiscal year ended June 30, 2000**

	BALANCE <u>6/30/1999</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISBURSED</u>	BALANCE <u>6/30/2000</u>
<u>PRINCIPAL:</u>				
Library Funds	\$9,526	100	0	9,626
Marchand Fund	4,782	0	0	4,782
BiCentennial Park	836	0	0	836
CAPITAL RESERVE:				
Land Cleanup	20,000	0	0	20,000
Town Vehicle & Equip	20,214	47,500	24,828	42,886
New Cemetery	5,566	0	0	5,566
Rec-Playground Equip	9,155	6,460	0	15,615
Sewer Depr Fund	287,988	0	0	287,988
Cemetery Maintenance	52,424	1,200	0	53,624
Macomber Gift	0	25,000	0	25,000
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TOTAL PRINCIPAL	410,491	80,260	24,828	465,923
<u>INCOME:</u>				
Library Funds	0	574	574	0
Marchand Fund	422	283	0	705
BiCentennial Park	1,424	123	0	1,547
CAPITAL RESERVE:				
Land Cleanup	25,238	2,461	0	27,699
Town Vehicle & Equip	1,472	484	0	1,956
New Cemetery	365	322	0	687
Rec-Playground Equip	600	807	0	1,407
Sewer Depr Fund	21,732	16,835	0	38,567
Cemetery Maintenance	19,498	4,358	4,358	19,498
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TOTAL INCOME	70,751	26,247	4,932	92,066
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TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$481,242	106,507	29,760	557,989
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire conform to generally accepted accounting principles for local governmental units except as indicated hereinafter. The following is a summary of significant policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures. The Town does not maintain a record of general fixed assets, and accordingly a general fixed asset group of accounts, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not presented.

B. Basis of Accounting

The accrual basis is used for the enterprise and the fiduciary fund types. Governmental fund types utilize the modified accrual basis whereby revenues are recorded when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred (accrual basis) except for:

- a. Disbursements for inventory items (materials and supplies) which are considered expenditures at the time of purchase.
- b. Prepaid expenses which are not normally recorded.
- c. Interest on long-term debt which is recorded as an expenditure when due.

C. Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

<u>Market values:</u>	<u>June 30, 2000</u>
General Fund	\$656,971
Enterprise Funds	\$161,555
Trust funds	\$489,931

2. PURPOSE OF FUND AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

The Town reports its activities in individual funds to comply with the limitations and restrictions placed on both the resources made available to the Town and the services provided. Individual funds and account groups summarized in the accompanying financial statements are classified as follows:

A. Governmental Fund Types

These funds are intended to provide recurring general services. They are controlled by a budget approved by the voters of the town.

General Fund – used to account for all revenues and expenditures which are not accounted for in other funds or account groups.

Capital Projects Funds – used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

B. Enterprise Fund Types

Water and Sewer Funds – used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the cost of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

C. Fiduciary Fund Types

Trust Funds – used to account for assets held by the Town in a fiduciary capacity. Proprietary type trust funds are reserved as endowments and as such are non-expendable as to principle. Expendable type trust funds are reserved for specific purposes. Receipts and expenditures are governed by statute, local law, or by the terms of individual bequests.

D. Account Groups

General Long-Term Debt – used to account for all long-term debt of the Town.

3. TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds consist of the following:

	Fund Balances	
	Reserved For Endowments	Reserved for Specific Purposes
Cemetery Care	\$53,624	\$19,498
Library	9,626	—
Library Building	—	25,000
Capital Reserve	—	98,794
Great Island Common	4,782	705
Bicentennial Park Care	836	1,547
Recreational Department	—	17,022
Enterprise/Sewer Funds	—	326,555
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	\$68,868	\$489,121
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4. **ACCOUNT GROUP NOT INCLUDED IN THIS FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Fixed Assets

The Town has not maintained a record of general fixed assets and accordingly a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in this financial report.

5. **ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Property, Plant, and Equipment

Various depreciable long-term assets (except services and meters which are expensed) have been fully recorded and accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sewer and water plant assets were constructed or acquired over a number of years from the proceeds of general obligation bonds and federal grants. Historical costs were determined to the extent possible, and the fair value determined in those instances whereby historical cost could not be readily ascertained.

Depreciation

Water Fund assets are being depreciated by use of the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets. The cost of maintenance, repairs, and minor renewals and betterments is charged to income; the cost of major renewals and betterments is capitalized.

Sewer Fund assets, beginning with the year ended June 30, 1996, are not being depreciated. The accumulated depreciation taken prior to that year has been closed out to the Retained Earnings account as of the year ended June 30, 1996. The cost of maintenance, repairs, and minor renewals and betterments is charged to income; the cost of major renewals and betterments is capitalized.

Town of
New Castle, New Hampshire

2002 Budget
and 2001 Warrant

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	WARR APPROPRIATIONS		1999-2000		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS	
		ART #	PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL EXP	PRIOR YEAR	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS									
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
4130-4139	EXECUTIVE		41,514	42,219	42,726	42,726	42,726		
4140-4149	ELEC., REG., & VITAL STATS		11,907	10,608	12,446	12,446	12,446		
4150-4151	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		52,310	53,743	54,456	54,456	54,456		
4152	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY		39,000	10,997	8,000	8,000	8,000		
4153	LEGAL EXPENSE		23,300	20,187	23,300	23,300	23,300		
4155-4159	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		0	0	0	0	0		
4191-4193	PLANNING & ZONING		10,331	9,886	10,869	10,869	10,869		
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG		29,150	28,938	15,400	15,400	15,400		
4195	CEMETERIES		37,633	24,206	37,108	37,108	37,108		
4196	INSURANCES		500	434	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		
PUBLIC SAFETY									
4210-4214	POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL		180,606	175,563	184,576	184,576	184,576		
4215-4219	AMBULANCE		15,140	15,140	15,140	15,140	15,140		
4220-4229	FIRE, EMS & HAZMAT		101,429	106,591	101,505	101,505	101,505		
4240-4249	BUILDING INSPECTION		81,942	49,301	13,498	13,498	13,498		
4290-4298	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		15,193	22,385	9,562	9,562	9,562		
4299	OTHER (INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS)		0	0	0	0	0		
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER									
4301-4309	AIRPORT OPERATIONS		0	0	0	0	0		
HIGHWAYS & STREETS									
4311	ADMINISTRATION		0	0	0	0	0		
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		66,925	76,984	84,281	84,281	84,281		
4313	BRIDGES		0	0	0	0	0		
4316	STREET LIGHTING		8,000	7,405	8,000	8,000	8,000		
4319	OTHER		0	0	0	0	0		
SANITATION									
4321	ADMINISTRATION		1,322	1,227	1,470	1,470	1,470		
4323	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION		39,000	35,532	42,000	42,000	42,000		
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		42,700	37,694	43,600	43,600	43,600		
4325	SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP		0	0	0	0	0		
4326-4329	SEWAGE COLL. & DISPOSAL & OTHER		0	0	0	0	0		

BUDGET

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

FY 2002

MS-7

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	WARR ART #	2000-2001		1999-2000		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS	
			APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL EXP PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL EXP PRIOR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	OT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	CAPITAL OUTLAY									
4901	LAND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES & EQUIP		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4903	BUILDINGS		15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BLDGS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT									
4912	TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4913	TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4914	TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS:									
	WATER		51,200	38,577	53,250	53,250	53,250	53,250	53,250	53,250
	SEWER		76,905	82,711	77,050	77,050	77,050	77,050	77,050	77,050
	ELECTRIC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AIRPORT		0	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	47,500
4916	TO EXP TR FUND-EXCEPT #4917		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4917	TO HEALTH MAINT TRUST FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4918	TO NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4919	TO AGENCY FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL I		1,259,758	1,157,403	1,189,157	1,189,157	0	1,189,157	0	0

BUDGET

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

FY 2002

MS-7

ACCT #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	2000-2001		1999-2000	EST. REVENUES
		WARR	EST REVENUES	ACT REVENUES	ENSUING
		ART #	PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	FISCAL YEAR
	TAXES				
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	9,017	3,000
3190	INT & PEN ON DEL TAXES		6,000	5,983	4,000
	INVENTORY PENALTIES		2,000	3,101	3,000
3187	EXCAVATION TAX (\$.02 PER CU YD)		0	0	0
3188	EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX		0	0	0
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		0	0	0
3220	MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS		170,000	216,578	190,000
3230	BUILDING PERMITS		14,800	12,374	10,000
3290	OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		1,100	1,460	1,400
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		6,000	0	0
	FROM STATE				
3351	SHARED REVENUE		8,767	8,767	8,767
3352	MEALS & ROOM TAX DISTR		14,000	15,726	20,004
3353	HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT		12,123	12,434	13,034
3354	WATER POLLUTION		9,583	9,946	9,221
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		0	117	0
	CONSERVATION GRANT		1,000	0	4,987
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		143,350	80,584	72,350
3409	OTHER CHARGES		0	0	0
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	SALE/MUNICIPAL PROP		0	2,507	0
3502	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		25,000	51,742	25,000
3503-3509	OTHER		20,400	34,251	19,015
	INTERFUND OPER TRANSFERS IN				
3912	FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		0	0	0
3913	FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		0	0	0
3914	ENTERPRISE FUNDS:				
	WATER (OFFSET)		51,200	55,880	53,250
	SEWER (OFFSET)		76,905	77,975	77,050
	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
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	PROC FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES		0	0	0
	AMTS VOTED FROM F/B (SURPLUS)				
	FUND BALANCE (SURPLUS) TO REDUCE TAXES				
	TOTAL EST REVENUES & CREDITS		568,228	598,442	514,078

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SELECTMENTS RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 4)	1,189,157	1,189,157
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	1,189,157	1,189,157
LESS: AMT OF EST REV & CREDITS (FROM ABOVE, COLUMN 6)	(514,078)	(514,078)
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	675,079	675,079
1 TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	1,189,157	
LESS EXCLUSIONS:		
2 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(87,200)	
3 INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(17,875)	
4 CAPITAL OUTLAYS FUNDED FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES	0	
5 TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	(105,075)	
6 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSIONS	1,084,082	
7 LINE 6 X 10%		108,408
MAXIMUM BUDGET IS		1,292,565

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2001**

ROCKINGHAM,SS

NEWCASTLE

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 8th of May, 2001, to act upon Articles I through XII.

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

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

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Section 9.3.2.14(b) Historic District Regulations –Application Procedure

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, which replaces section (b) with the following new text?

There is a \$100 application fee to cover internal costs. In addition, the applicant is responsible for required legal notices and may be responsible for other outside costs incurred by the Town.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE III: Zoning Amendment Number 2: Section 10.3 Board of Adjustment - Rules of Procedure

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds a new section which reads as follows?

There is a \$100 application fee to cover internal costs. In addition, the applicant is responsible for required legal notices and may be responsible for other outside costs incurred by the Town.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE IV: Zoning Amendment Number 3: Section 6.3 - Marinas, Docks, and Piers

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board, which replaces the present regulation with the following text?

6.3 Marinas, Docks, and Piers

6.3.1 Marinas, boat yards, yacht clubs, and permanent or seasonal docks, piers, wharves, floats, and their accessory structures shall be permitted only by Special Exception. Request for a Special Exception under this provision shall be made to the Board of Adjustment prior to applicants filing for approval by federal and/or state regulatory agencies. Special Exceptions under this section shall be granted only after review and recommendation by the Conservation Commission to the Board of Adjustment. However, the Board of Adjustment is not bound by the decision of the Conservation Commission.

6.3.2 Such exceptions shall be found by the Board of Adjustment to comply with the requirements of Section 4.3-Special Exceptions, and the following review criteria:

- A. General. In reviewing applications for Special Exceptions under this section, the Board of Adjustment shall balance private property interests with the public's interest in its tidal shore by fostering the right of people to the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic qualities of their environment and protecting the public health, safety and general welfare as it may be affected by any of the projects described in 6.3.1 above.
- B. Specific Review Criteria. The specific review criteria with respect to docks, piers, wharves and floats are:
 - 1. All docks, piers, wharves and floats must be designed to minimize visual impact and to avoid degrading the environment;
 - 2. All docks, piers, wharves and floats must be designed so as not to represent a hazard to navigation, including that of fishing craft, small pleasure boats and kayaks, or to obstruct public rights of passage or access;
 - 3. All docks, piers, wharves and floats must be designed so as to minimize to the greatest extent possible, any impact on the value of abutting properties;
 - 4. Only one dock, pier, wharf or float is permitted for each property;

5. A dock, pier, wharf or float must not be located within 20 feet of any abutting property lines on land or the imaginary extension of these lines over the surface waters of any abutter to the property from which it is proposed to have a dock, pier, wharf, or float. To the degree practicable, these structures should be located in the center of the owner's property and the imaginary lines extended over the surface waters from the center of that property;
6. The maximum permissible width of a dock, pier or wharf is 6 feet. The maximum area of a float is 400 square feet;
7. The maximum permissible height of a dock, pier or wharf is 5 feet above mean high water except where the possibility of extreme storm tides requires a higher level;
8. The property from which it is proposed to establish docks, piers, wharves or floats must have a minimum of 60 feet of tidal shoreline frontage;
9. In determining the maximum allowable length of a pier, the Board of Adjustment shall consider the property's shoreline frontage, the visual impact of the proposed pier, avoidance of damage to the environment, the width of the waterway, the location of the proposed docks and piers on the waterway, the length of the neighboring docks and piers and the protection of neighboring property values. The maximum aggregate length of a dock, pier, wharf and float as measured from the seaward face to mean high water line shall be as determined by the Board of Adjustment but may exceed 100 only after a finding that unusual circumstances exist.
10. All structures constructed under these criteria shall be maintained. Maintenance shall be such that the structure shall conform to reasonable safety standards. Failure to maintain the structure for five years in a condition that is functional and intact constitutes abandonment. The owner will be obligated to restore or remove the abandoned structure.

C. Requirements for Marinas: Marinas shall be permitted subject to a finding that all of the following conditions are met:

1. The marina is a part of a planned unit development consisting of at least ten acres of land and at least 1,000 feet of shoreline;
2. It is designed so as to result in the least amount of alteration of water area;

3. Supporting marine facilities such as winter storage yards are located inland;
4. Pilings or cribbings are used to elevate marine structures rather than solid fill;
5. Pump out facilities for boat sewage are provided and connected to the municipal sewer system.

(ON THE BALLOT)

**ARTICLE V: Subdivision Regulation Amendment Number 1:
Section 11.1 – Schedule of Fees**

Are you in favor of adopting Subdivision Regulation No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, which replaces Section 11.1 with the following text?

An application filed for major subdivision (more than three lots) shall be accompanied by the filing fee of \$500 plus \$100 per lot (or dwelling unit in the case of a cluster development). An application filed for minor subdivision (three or fewer lots), or pre-application for design review, shall be accompanied by the filing fee of \$250. In addition, the applicant is responsible for required legal notices and may be responsible for other outside costs incurred by the Town.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE VI: Building Code Amendment No. 1: Section 1(a) Building Code

Are you in favor of adoption of Building Code No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, to change Section No. 1 to read?

(a) The 1999 BOCA National Building Code, and associated references, is hereby adopted by reference for the Town of New Castle.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in accordance with RSA 72:39-b, ©, in the Town of New Castle based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$100,000; for a person 75 years of age or older, \$150,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least five (5) years. In addition, the owner or owners must have a net income not greater than \$25,000 if single or \$50,000 if married, and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the town will vote to expend the balance of approximately \$2,400 (Two thousand four hundred dollars) in the Bicentennial Park Trust Fund established in 1977 on capital improvements in the Town's new two acre park by the Coast Guard Station.

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 (Three thousand dollars) to be expended by the Library Trustees for purchase of children's books for the New Castle Public Library.

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

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

Given under our hand and seal this 16th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and one.

A true copy of warrant - attest

Robert W. Beecher, Chairman
Peter Gamester
Charles A. Tarbell

Board of Selectmen

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2000 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
LAND AND BUILDINGS:		
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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Total of Taxable Land	320.14	114,193,056
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$13,893,100)	140.88	
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		94,597,700
Commercial/Industrial		431,800

Total Taxable Buildings		95,029,500
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$4,118,800)		
Public Utilities: Electric		750,870
Mature Wood and Timber		0

Valuation Before Exemptions		209,973,426
Blind Exemption		
Elderly Exemptions @ \$50,000 each	2	100,000
Elderly Exemptions @ \$75,000 each	3	225,000

TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS		325,000
NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX		209,648,426
Less Public Utilities		750,870

NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX		\$208,897,556
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 FY2000 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT
 (Continued)**

TAX CREDITS:

Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans		
their spouses and widows (\$700 each)	1	\$700
Other War Service Credits (\$100 each)	100	10,000

TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	101	10,700
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ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:

Age 65 - 74 (\$50,000 each)	2	100,000
Age 75 - 79 (\$75,000 each)	3	225,000
Over Age 80 (\$75,000 each)	0	0

TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	5	\$325,000
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2000 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	

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	

Approved School Tax Effort	628,297	
Local Education Tax Rate		3.00
	---State Ed Taxes---	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)=		
222,174,752 x 6.60 / 1000	1,466,353	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		7.02
	---County Portion---	
Due to County	239,425	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,379	

Approved County Appropriation Effort	236,046	
County Tax Rate		1.13

Combined Tax Rate		14.06

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,942,386	
Less: War Service Credits	10,700	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	

Total Property Tax Commitment	2,931,686	

---PROOF OF RATE---

<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
State Education Tax	\$208,897,556	7.02	1,466,353
All Other Taxes	209,648,426	7.04	1,476,033

			\$2,942,386

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000**

	<u>LEVY FOR</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>PRIOR YEAR LEVIES</u> <u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 06/30/99:</u>			
Property Taxes	(\$1,500.00)	13,278.00	
<u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u>			
Property Taxes	2,970,437.00		
<u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u>			
Property Taxes	15,304.66		
Abatements by Check	3,497.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	4,640.46	1,020.51	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,992,379.12	14,298.51	0.00
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$2,948,435.28	5,872.00	
Interest	4,640.46	1,020.51	
Overpayments	15,304.66		
Conversion to Lien		7,406.00	
<u>ABATEMENTS:</u>			
Abatements	4,173.37		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/00	19,825.35		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,992,379.12	14,298.51	0.00
	1998	1997	ELDERLY
<u>UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/99</u>			
	0	0	2,806.46
<u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$8,000.19		
Elderly			2,453.82
Interest & Costs	322.39		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$8,322.58	0.00	5,260.28
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>			
Redemptions	\$8,000.19		
Interest & Costs	322.39		
UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/00			5,260.28
TOTAL CREDITS	\$8,322.58	0.00	5,260.28

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK
 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2000**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$217,200.00
Dog Licenses	942.50
Dog Penalties	254.00
Marriage Licenses	190.00
Vital Records	30.00
All Other Sources	882.40

TOTAL RECEIPTS	219,498.90

PAYMENTS REMITTED TO TOWN TREASURER	219,498.90

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER
 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2000**

The following is a balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2000.

GENERAL FUND:

Checking Account	\$21,145.95
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	656,970.75

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Checking Account	21,539.26
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	161,555.20

Respectfully Submitted,

William B. Marshall, III
 Treasurer

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS
Fiscal Year June 30, 2000**

RECEIPTS:

Town Appropriations	\$37,545
Donations	8,719
Other	2,319

TOTAL RECEIPTS	48,583

DISBURSEMENTS:

Books & Videos	11,755
Salaries & Salary Taxes	25,179
Automation	7,463
Equipment	1,907
Other	2,349

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	48,653

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(70)
CASH ON HAND 6/30/1999	10,334

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2000	\$10,264
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Minutes of the annual meeting of May 2000, a report of the clerk's receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and the annual compilation of vital records are printed elsewhere in this volume. As a result of changes made by the state's bureau of vital records, our summary may be less inclusive than formerly.

The nature of the clerk's business does not change much from year to year, but the volume has risen substantially in the recent past. The clerk's receipts provide a rough indication of that change; they have gone up more than 120 percent in the eight years I have served as clerk. Although there are several possible explanations for that phenomenon, I can claim no personal credit. And the task, in any case, is not to explain, but rather to serve efficiently the residents who have furnished those growing totals. To that end, the mail renewal program for automobile registration has been of major assistance.

Individuals, too, have assisted. I continue to be grateful to Gene Morrill, who taught me about the town and its governance, and to several deputy clerks who have offered suggestions as well as dedicated service. I have enjoyed my association with the able staff in the town's office and with elected officials, who serve the town well. I cannot close my term as Clerk without thanking the residents of New Castle for their patience and tolerance as the traffic in the office has mounted, and for their confidence and support during my tenure.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Bedford
Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT

“The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government.”

—Thomas Jefferson

“Taxes are what we pay for civilized society.”

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

In New Castle, we enjoy a level of support that is seen in few small New England towns. We take pleasure in our Town, and working in and around the island community that is unique. This is truly a law enforcement environment, that at times, is a challenge and many times a delight. We are very happy to be here and very proud to serve.

Sergeant Cummings was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for courage at a shooting incident in Rye last fall. His swift actions assisted in making a dangerous situation safe for all involved.

The entire department has been trained on the use of the (AED) Automatic External Defibrillator.

Officer White did an outstanding job with DARE this last school year. We feel that this is an important program in assisting the children of New Castle in their life experiences and resistance to drugs.

Our annual bicycle rodeo has become a major event and in cooperation with the Coast Guard hope to be bigger and better than ever.

We welcome Chief Mark Cutter of Station Portsmouth Harbor and he has turned out to be a friend and a real asset. Chief Cutter has worked hard to build community relations with the Town. The idea of partnerships was no more evident in the Food Drive that the Coast Guard and New Castle Police supported and organized. The drive was a real team effort and was wildly successful.

I spent some time this winter at the Police Academy in Concord training new recruits and found it to be rewarding. I also brought back new and exciting innovations for training our own officers.

Our main enforcement efforts for this year will be on traffic and speeding enforcement. This by far, is the number one complaint that we receive at the Police Department, and will address this situation in more aggressive posture.

We are looking forward to a great summer and outstanding year. Our budget requests reflect the guidelines that were given to us by the Budget Committee and attempt to give the taxpayers good value for their tax dollar.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Peter Gamester our liaison with the Board, for all their support and guidance. We also want to thank Dan Barrett and his crew for all their hard work, and the Fire Department for keeping our EMT's training current.

SYNOPSIS OF POLICE ACTIVITY FOR 2000

Suspicious Activity/Criminal Complaints	286
Total Arrests	44
Medical Emergency(s)/Assists	20
Alarms	229
Domestic Complaints	23
Mutual Aid Calls	77
Building/Residence Checks	2501
Unsecured Buildings/Residences	153
Assist other Town Agencies	385
Assist Citizens	187
 Motor Vehicle Activity	
Warnings – speeding	733
Warnings – other	36
Motor Vehicle Summons	176
Radar Patrols	953
Parking Complaints	55

Respectfully submitted

James C. Murphy
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

In 2000, we started processing and tracking Animal Complaints & Enforcement through a separate software program called *Petwhere*. This new program allows for better licensing, processing, and tracking of animal complaints and the action taken. Requests account for any calls that involve an animal regardless of a complaint or action taken. Animal calls that do not fit into those categories, such as assistance, concerns, etc. are still tracked through our normal Dispatch Logs.

Dog Licensing for this year has already started, and we are hoping to achieve 100% compliance this year and avoid having to issue civil forfeitures for unlicensed dogs. If you haven't licensed your dog please do so before April 30th. This past year 155 dogs were licensed in town and with fines included, brought in over \$950 in revenue to the town.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 436-3800 or email me via the web site at www.newcastlenh.com/police/aco/

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Bites</u>	<u>Enforcement</u>	<u>Warning/Correction</u>
1999					
January 1 st					
December 31 st	67	N/A	N/A	4	30
2000					
January 1 st					
December 31 st	76	9	5	6	25

Note: Due to a change in software, statistics indicated by N/A were not available for breakdown comparison for the year 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas V. Cummings, Sgt.
Animal Control Officer

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Department Membership

Again, I will start this annual report discussing the single most important issue that confronts the Town as it pertains to the Fire Department. Membership, Membership, Membership! As I have discussed in past reports, we have seen members leave the department this past year. The reasons for leaving are retirement from the fire service, job transfer out of the area, cost of living and change in priorities. To combat this decline in membership, we have a full court press on to advertise our message that the New Castle Fire Department needs members. We have done the following to encourage growth:

- ❖ We have had coverage on with three newspapers, two radio stations and one television station on membership and demographic concerns.
- ❖ We have made “public service announcements” on five of the seven local radio stations. These have aired during shows as “Imus in Morning” and “New England Patriots Football.”
- ❖ Should you call, 436-1132, the fire department business line, we now have voice mail discussing membership and how to contact us.
- ❖ We have made “public service announcements” in two local newspapers.
- ❖ We have made changes to the Town of New Castle web page allowing people to inquire about membership and leave their name, address and phone number and a message.
- ❖ We are currently constructing New Castle Fire Department web page.
- ❖ We are currently designing posters promoting membership at the New Castle Fire Department.
- ❖ We are also developing a department brochure.

I am happy to say that we have reaped some fruits for our efforts, however not nearly enough. ***Not one resident has become a member, as a result of our recruiting campaign.*** People who have joined or want to join live out of town. We screen potential new members as to where they live and work, how would they be able to contribute and what might their response time be to respond to a call in New Castle. Based upon the screening process new recruits are either hired or thanked very much for their interest.

We are desperate for young people who live or work in town to become firefighters. Staffing during the weekday has become the most difficult to fill positions, leaving us with short staffing for both fire and emergency medical calls. Our average response to call within town is seven (7) minutes; for many years we averaged five (5) minutes. Additionally, I have requested from the Board of Selectmen, that any new employees for the Town be required to become firefighter / emergency medical technician as part of whatever job they are hired for. This request would help weekday coverage during our most difficult staff time.

We clearly understand that the demographics of our town does not make it easy to recruit members for a volunteer fire department. However, we can not succeed in our efforts to provide a fire department twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, then we will have to look at hiring full time staff to fill the voids. The Town of New Castle has a responsibility to provide a fire service with an acceptable response time to its citizens.

Department Operations

As you can see from the report of incidents below, even though we are a small town of one (1) square mile, we experience a diversity of different types of calls. This is a reminder that we must be ever ready to deal with the unexpected. CO detectors and LP detectors are becoming the norm in our homes along with smoke detectors. The fire department purchased a four- (4) gas meter to deal with different types of emergency calls. A vehicle rolled over on its side leaving the driver trapped inside. The fire department had to stabilize the vehicle and extricate the driver all the while providing medical treatment inside the vehicle during extrication. A seventy- (70) foot pleasure boat caught on fire at the mouth of harbor. The boat was equipped with a suppression system and was towed to the Coast Guard Station. New Castle firefighters check for extension of the fire, while EMTs provided medical treatment to the passengers.

Will the Town see Wentworth Hotel renovations in the upcoming year? The department must start to prepare and train for emergency calls during construction period. There will be a transition period from construction to occupation of the hotel. Special equipment must be purchased; high-rise fire training along with training on the building's life safety system will take place.

The faces of the membership has changed and diversity of the calls continue. However, the members continue to answer the calls for help without hesitation. I wish to thank the membership for their hard work and dedication. You, the members give me an overwhelming sense of pride. None of this would happen without the total support of the citizens of New Castle. Thank you!

2000 REPORT OF INCIDENTS

In-Town Incidents

Chimney fires	2
Boat fire	1
Grass fire	1
Emergency Medical Aid	46
Search for missing person	1
Motor vehicle rollover with extrication	1
EMS standby	2
LPG leak	1
Oil spill	1
Power line down / arcing electrical equipment	2
Smoke removal	1
Hazardous materials investigation	1
Fire alarm system activation	27
Sprinkler system activation	1
CO detector activation	2

Mutual Aid Incidents

To Portsmouth

Structure fire	3
LPG tanker rollover	1
Station coverage	7

To Rye

Structure fire	2
Station coverage	4
Fire alarm activation	1

To Newington

Structure fire	1
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To Pease Air National Guard

Aircraft emergencies	2
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Total Alarms **111**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. White
Chief of Department

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There were a total of 39 Building Permits issued during calendar year 2000 for various improvements, remodeling projects, additions, and four new homes.

This department has once again reverted to the historical method of handling building permits and various code enforcement issues. By that I mean, it is again a part time position. Hopefully, you won't notice any significant deterioration in service. Inspections and related functions are generally handled after my normal working hours.

I have asked the Planning Board to update the Building Code that the Town enforces to the 1999 issue of the BOCA Code. We have been using the 1993 issue of BOCA for many years. The home insurance industry places quite a bit of "weight" on the most current code that a Town uses to enforce building regulations. So, in an effort to place the Town in a more favorable position relative to home owner's insurance, I ask you to support this change in the Building Code portion of the Zoning Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Petlick
Building Official

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

In keeping with the spirit of previous Planning Boards the present board has continued to review and revise some of the zoning ordinances. Those proposed revised or changed ordinances will appear on the ballot of the May 8, 2001, Town Meeting for your consideration.

With input from the Selectmen, the Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Building Official, Historic District Commission, the Rockingham Planning Commission, and the general public, we shall continue to review and, if necessary, revise ordinances.

We acknowledge and thank the past chairman of the Planning Board, H. Jay Tischler, for his many years of service to the town. His leadership and guidance during years of difficult decisions, were and are appreciated.

At the November 29, 2000, Public Hearing, the Planning Board approved the site review plan of the applicant W.W. Resort L.L.C. for the renovation, additions to, and preservation of the existing historic Wentworth Hotel. Complete text, plans, and related documents are on file at the Town Hall.

I wish to thank all of the members of the Planning Board for their time and dedication while serving the needs of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert M. D'Antonio
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 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 130 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.

Residents now have the option of applying for a separate water meter for outdoor water usage. This can be for watering the lawn, washing vehicles, etc. Water pumped through this secondary meter will only be charged for the water used; not for sewer usage, since no sewer is involved in this venue. All costs for this separate meter are borne by the resident. Applications and full instructions are available at the Town Hall. An application must be filed and accepted prior to installing the second meter.

Once again, we have kept the rates the same for the past several years, 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 issued 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Liff
Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The New Castle Zoning Board of Adjustment held five meetings in 2000 and heard four cases.

There were three requests for variances. One was for expansion of a residence with a zero side lot line. The zero side lot line was previously approved by the ZBA when a centuries long separate ownership of a two family residence was to be recorded. This variance was approved.

Another variance was to allow a play structure within the side setback. This was approved with the condition the structure be moved by a specified date, as was intended by the owner.

The other variance request was for expansion of a non-conforming house to allow raising the roof within the front set-back, rebuilding a garage which presently has a one foot side setback and has a flat roof, but also adding a new room and peaked roof above the rebuilt garage. The board approved raising the main roof, rebuilding the garage, adding a peaked roof to the rebuilt garage, but did not approve adding a room above the garage with a peaked roof above that room.

There was a Special Exception application for a pier for a residential property on the Piscataqua River which was approved.

Even though New Castle is an island community and piers, boats, and lobster traps have been here for hundreds of years, Special Exception requests for piers are increasingly controversial.

A Special Exception is a zoning procedure specified in the Zoning Ordinance. There are certain permissible uses which require careful scrutiny to ensure that a proposal complies with the terms of the ordinance, particularly when the terms are subjective and open to interpretation.

The Special Exception procedure delegates to a panel of citizens, rather than to a single individual, the responsibility of making the subjective judgments.

In making those judgments the ZBA can only pass judgment on whether the applicant has complied with the allocable requirements specified in the Zoning Ordinance. The ZBA has no authority to impose its or anyone else's personal judgment of desirability or lack of desirability.

If citizens feel the specifications for piers or other uses permitted by Special Exception should be changed, those feelings should be passed on to the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Moore
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, walls or fences, you will, with some exceptions, need HDC approval before you start. In order to minimize any delays or inconvenience due to the permitting process, we recommend that you contact the HDC early in your planning stage so that we may guide you through the process. The Historic District Ordinance charges the commission with reviewing all exterior alterations and new construction within the district to “reflect and respect established architectural traditions.” Recognizing the breadth of this charge and in an effort to outline some specific criteria for review, the commission has developed its guide entitled “Review Criteria – New Castle Historic District.” Copies of this guide are available at the town offices and is recommended reading for anyone contemplating projects which may require HDC review. A map showing the district is available at the town office.

In the process of obtaining a HDC permit, particularly if the project is of any magnitude, we advise that the applicants initially schedule a work session with the board where we can informally review the proposed project and determine where any issues might develop in the actual permitting process and hopefully resolve them prior to the formal permit hearing.

As to the formal permit process, the applicant first needs to obtain an application at the town office. The completed application along with a full and detailed description and plans must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the next scheduled HDC meeting. HDC meetings are normally scheduled for the first Thursday of each month.

Currently costs involved in notification and the required legal notices are borne by the applicant. However, a proposed ordinance to be voted on at the next town meeting would adjust the amount of these fees and require that they be paid at the time of application for the permit.

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

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY:

The Cemetery Trustees are presently in the process of up-dating the existing site plan of Riverside Cemetery for the sole purpose of establishing the number of possible traditional and cremation gravesites from areas never before designated for burial purposes.

Once the number of gravesites are established and their exact locations are so noted on the up-dated plan, such burial sites will be made available to New Castle residents and their immediate families.

OCEANSIDE CEMETERY:

Last year the trustees were able to accomplish the development of phase one of the new Oceanside Cemetery including an asphalt interior road, loaming, and hydro seeding for a total cost of approximately \$47,349.

Cemetery Trustees would like it to be known that considerable savings in cemetery development were made possible by the generous donation by Jean Sawtelle, of over 3000 cubic yards of appropriate fill. The Cemetery Trustees would like to thank Jean Sawtelle for her generosity.

When weather permits, granite control markers, line posts, and entrance posts will be installed along the easterly boundary of the cemetery. Black wrought iron fencing will be installed between said granite line posts. State law requires that all cemeteries in the State of New Hampshire have a fence and gate.

Water spigots will be installed within the new cemetery serviced by a water source from within the Common. Trees, shrubs, and ground cover will also be planted.

The trustees are in the process of completing a plan of Phase One of the new cemetery, showing the various areas that will accommodate traditional and cremation burials.

Applications "requesting to be notified" when lots are available are at the Town Hall.

Cemetery Trustees are presently in the process of establishing in printed form, rules and regulations by which cemeteries in New Castle will be governed and or managed. Such publication will carry an insert outlining in detail the various lot sizes, and purchase price, which will include yearly maintenance/perpetual care.

The Trustees plan to be able to accommodate individuals here in New Castle interested in purchasing a cemetery lot(s) sometime in late spring or early summer.

Respectfully submitted,

David Merrill, Chairman
William Lanham
Albert D'Antonio

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The New Castle Library continues to meet the long term requirements of the state and the needs of the residents. The wonderful donation from the Macomber family has enabled the construction of the second floor room. The overall plan is for the room to be open in late spring. Additional monies are currently being raised that are needed to furnish and equip the Macomber Room. We thank you for your patience with any inconvenience during construction. It has been well worth it when one considers the tremendous benefit this room will be to the town. Janet Macomber would be very proud of what is being constructed in her memory.

The new library tags have been distributed to most residents. The system is working well and state of the art as far as other libraries operate.

Volunteers are an integral part of the operations and success of the library. As our society becomes more and more mobile, we have been short handed during the winter months. We encourage any resident to volunteer, regardless of background. The training exists and the environment is uplifting. The town was built on community involvement and needs to continue. Please contact Jane Barrett at the library if you are interested.

The Maude H. Trefethen School continues to enjoy the library on Thursday afternoons. The library budget is limited and we have been fortunate to receive donations to purchase books for the children.

The library continues to be a meeting place for many in town. We encourage you to visit our facility and make use of the many resources. Audio and video demands have increased and we are attempting to keep pace with the requests.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Newman, Chairman
Paulette Semprini
Paula Carroll

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

The trust funds of the town include permanent endowed funds and capital reserves established by vote of the town 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 (principal and accumulated interest) aggregated about \$480,000. The balance at the end of the year had increased to more than \$550,000 as a result of early gifts for the addition of the Macomber Room at the Recreation Building, prudent management of the capital reserve fund for vehicles and equipment, interest income, and unspent proceeds from the road race.

Investments are in securities issued by the United State government or its agencies. All securities are held to maturity. Average return for fiscal 2000 was about 5.5 percent.

After two terms on the Trustees, Peter Gil stepped down and Gerald Sieve replaced him. The Trustees are grateful to Peter for his service during more than six years.

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
Gerald Sieve

TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

My appointment as town historian fifteen years ago brought with it a realization that the title didn't quite fit the need for which the job was created a few years previously. What the selectmen realized then was the need to provide for the organization, preservation, care, and maintenance of the town's records. The historian function was of secondary importance. My principal concern has been to fulfill the need first stated, but the mission is complicated, given inadequate space and facilities for the task.

I am amazed at the rate our records have grown. Many are of secondary importance, and are held for temporary periods in accordance with records disposition schedules established by the State of New Hampshire. Others, such as our official, historic records, are held permanently.

Over the years we have acquired many other records of a historic nature which are of such vital interest to the town and its people that they deserve safekeeping. For example: genealogical records, old pictures and photographs, documents, manuscripts, books pertaining to local people and events, memorabilia, newspaper clippings and the Ivan Meloon Records, to name but a few. Items of this sort come to us in ever increasing numbers. Those of most historic value are stored in a small, fire resistant vault adjoining the town clerk's office. The vault also contains the town clerk's records, and is shared by supervisors of the checklist, public works department, trustee of trust funds, planning board, board of adjustment, and selectmen. All are vital to ongoing operations of the town, yet they add to the problems of space and records management.

A secondary storage area has been developed in a room on the second floor of the town office building. I have described this in previous reports. It has three major deficiencies: no heat, no electricity, and a long and tiresome stairway leading up from the first floor. The lack of lighting and heat renders this area virtually unusable for working purposes during the winter months.

The question of what to do with the second floor of the old town hall, and how to meet space needs for future town administration was not addressed at the time of major renovation and restoration of the building in the 1980's. Left vacant and unused was a spacious room stretching across the width and half the length of the building.

Try as some may to limit the increase and scope of local government, we must recognize its inexorable growth over the years. Fifty years ago we had three selectmen who met weekly in this building; conducted the town's business, maintained their own records without clerical help, keeping paperwork to a minimum. At first they met in the present office of the town clerk; later they met upstairs in the room we now use for storage (but it was heated and lighted then).

We had a chief of police who had no office, no cruiser, and whose beat was the local streets and the front porch of the Wentworth Hotel. He kept no records as far as we know. His successor had a small office located in the room now occupied by the town clerk; his records were kept in a large desk in a corner there. The tax collector and town treasurer had office hours along with the selectmen, and their records were maintained at home. The town clerk's office was in her home, and all of her current records were kept there. The planning board and board of adjustment were just being hatched; their eggs had been laid and nurtured earlier. The town's historic records were stored in a large safe where the selectmen met, and in cardboard boxes that had been gathering dust for the previous fifty years.

As we enter the new millennium, we have a town government that has grown steadily: more departments, boards, committees, meetings, functions . . . And more employees; all operating in office space shrinking steadily as additional personnel and equipment have been introduced, and all generating an ever increasing volume of records and documents. Storage facilities for supplies are woefully lacking. In the past, records were copied or reproduced by means of carbon paper. Many used to be kept in ledgers; now they are generated by computers which spew them out in volumes that would shock officials of yesteryear.

Progress, it seems, comes not without cost and some pain. Perhaps it is time for the town to re-evaluate, or even reorganize, its administrative operations; to look into current use and future needs, and to allocate adequate space for fulfillment of its mission within existing facilities if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene W. Morrill
Historian

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Besides routine recreational issues, the Recreation Committee was responsible for conducting three events in 2000.

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 Pamela Stearns for helping to coordinate the activities, and the Fire Department which once again 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 Jane Bruno who helped two very spooky Witches distribute over 100 bags of candy to a wide variety of ghoulish children.

Much of our effort in 2000 went into conducting the Seventh Annual Great Island road race. 1000 people from throughout the Seacoast and beyond, registered for the race including over 60 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 - 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 Fun 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. We would also like to thank the Police and Fire Departments for all of their effort to ensure the safety of all who participated.

All told, over \$10,000 was raised by the 2000 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 \$125 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. We are very grateful to participate with Rye in these programs, as well as the indoor tennis lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Stearns
Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission serves as a regulatory body concerning protected wetlands and shorelands. The Commission consists of seven regular members and one alternate member, and meets once a month, more often when workshops or public hearings are scheduled.

Residents planning construction or site improvements in a protected zone must get approval from the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board before applying for a permit from the State Dept. of Environmental Services. It is important that new residents be familiar with the Town's Zoning Ordinances, especially those specifically concerned with wetland buffer zones.

The Commission dealt with five wetland permits in 2000, two of them involving construction of docks. The complexity of dealing with docks and piers has led members of the Conservation and Historic District Commissions, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeal to write appropriate regulations and rules concerning docks and piers. These new regulations will be among the Town Warrant Articles to be voted on at the May 2001 Town Meeting.

The Commission has applied for a grant from the Estuaries Project that would pay for an evaluation and assessment of Bull Toad Pond. Situated on Town property, this small pond is located along Beach Hill Road next to the Common just behind the Town beach. It is a spring-fed pond and the Commission attaches great importance to preserving natural freshwater resources.

Another project involving wetlands is a program dealing with Purple Loostribe. The Commission hopes to be working with the State's entomologist on a three-year study of methods of eradicating this pretty but harmful invasive plant.

Commission members working with Cemetery Trustees, the Great Island Garden Club and the Arborist from the Urban Forestry center will be forming a "tree committee" to recommend appropriate trees for the new cemetery grounds.

Efforts at re-cycling "green waste" continue to be successful. This past year, under the auspices of the Commission, grass clippings and leaves were dropped at the Town's compost pile on the Common. For the first time, the pile produced enough organic compost to amend the soil around trees at the Library/Recreational Building on the Common. Ladies of the garden's club Civic Projects Committee, working with the Town's Public Works department, carried out this project. It is hoped that eventually this compost pile will be productive enough so that residents may have access to it as well.

Last, but hardly least, the Commission continues to work on the natural resource inventory mandated by the State. With the help of the Rockingham Planning Commission, members are working to map the results of this inventory.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Mack, Chairman

RECORD OF BIRTHS
JANUARY 1, 2000 – DECEMBER 31, 2000

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Hickey, Gavin William	02/18/2000 Portsmouth, NH	Hickey, Robert and Patricia
Frampton, Vivian Mae	03/08/2000 Portsmouth, NH	Frampton, Damon and Theresa
White, Aaron Michael	07/27/2000 Portsmouth, NH	White Jr, Donald and Jennifer
Bunnell, Georgia E. R.	08/18/2000 Newburyport, MA	Bunnell, Jeffrey and Heidi
Cohen, Lea Ellen	11/09/2000 Portsmouth, NH	Cohen, Scholz-Cohen, Burt and Patricia

DEATHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2000 – DECEMBER 31, 2000

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Cullen, Mary A.	03/23/2000	Florida
Sawtelle, Joseph G.	05/02/2000	Portsmouth, NH
Sawyer, Margaret B.	09/23/2000	Portsmouth, NH
Kelly, Emmitte W.	10/31/2000	Burlington, MA

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2000 – DECEMBER 31, 2000

<u>GROOM'S NAME</u> <u>AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u> <u>AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Caruso, Peter J. Charlestown, MA.	Ball, Allison M. New Castle, NH.	06/16/2000	Portsmouth, NH
Gamester, J. Scott Woburn, MA	Baumert, Tracy L. Woburn, MA	09/30/2000	New Castle, NH
Fiandaca, Michael A. Saint Marys, GA	Reynolds, Elaine P. New Castle, NH	12/12/2000	Portsmouth, 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

