

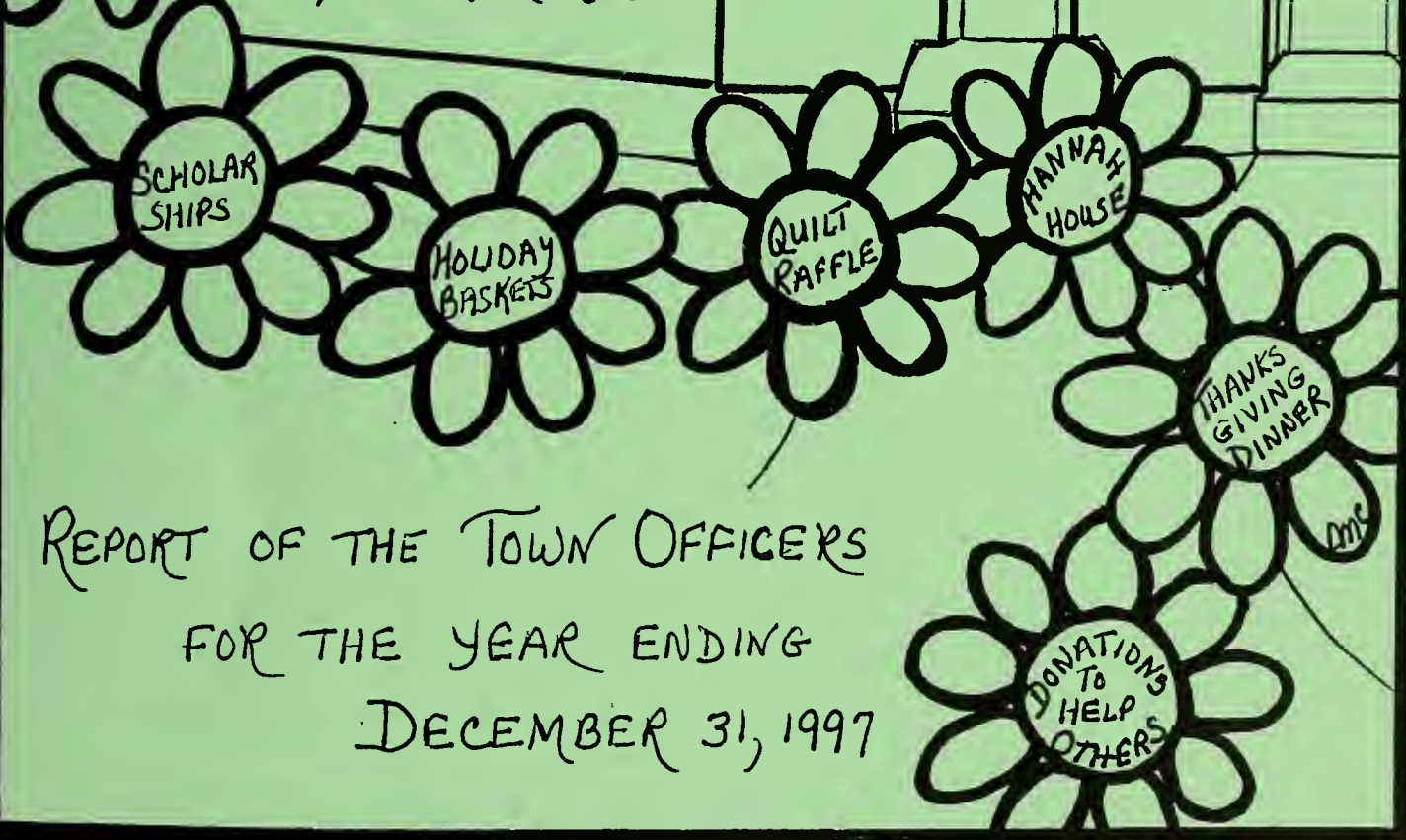
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REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1997

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Dedication



Anna (Nan) Huntley

This year's town report is dedicated to Anna (Nan) Huntley.

Nan and Bill first came to Grafton because relatives lived here and they both fell in love with the town. They purchased their home on Razor Hill in December of 1945 and moved here full-time when Bill retired in July of 1977.

Nan has belonged to many Grafton organizations both before she moved here full-time, attending meetings when she would be in town, and attending full-time once she took residence here.

She has belonged to the Ladies Benevolent Society, The Center Meeting House Guild with the Congregational Church, the Grafton Ladies Fire Auxiliary, the Grafton Crafters, since its inception in 1978 and the Cadagren Knitters.

Old Home Day suppers were cooked by Nan for many years and previous to cooking the meals she would be the hostess and sell tickets at the door.

Nan has been instrumental in coordinating the yearly quilt preparation and stitching the quilts right along with the other women in LBS.

Nan has a wonderful gift of welcoming people to Grafton and making each person feel special. Nan was part of the group that initiated the Grafton Women's Brunch and continues to spearhead the group.

Nan and Bill have been married for 55 years and most of those years have been here in Grafton.

Thank you, Nan, for all you have done for Grafton and its people. You are a very special person!

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TOWN OFFICERS

Bonnie J. Haubrich '98

MODERATOR

Thomas Wamer '98

TAX COLLECTOR

Donna Dugan '99

Catherine Mulholland '98

Chief
Merle Kenyon '99

Elaine Sawyer '98

Deborah Hazelton '98

Pearl Tuttle '98

Geraldine Bassett '98

Anson Smith '98

Louise Gallup '98
Cynthia Senecal '99

Cynthia Senecal '98

FIRE WARDEN

Paul Gove

TOWN HALL SUPERINTENDENT

Louise Gallup

SELECTMEN

Scott Burrington '99

TOWN CLERK

Maureen O'Reilly '98

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Gretchen Over '99
Richard Williams (appointed)

POLICE

Sergeant
Stephen Colburn '98

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Judith Gleason '99

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Judith Gleason '99

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Anna Huntley '00

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

John Babiarz '99

PLANNING BOARD

Gretchen Over '99
Richard Williams '00

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rosalie Babiarz '00

AUDITORS

FIRE CHIEF

Michael Gauthier (1/2 yr)
Peter Baker (1/2 yr)

AMBULANCE CAPTAIN

Michael Gauthier (1/2 yr)
Kathleen Crawford (1/2 yr)

Dorothy Campbell '00

TREASURER

June Burrington '98

ROAD AGENT

Robert Bassett '00

Lorraine Clough '00

Deputy
Norman Daigneault '98

Eleanor Kelley '00

Maureen O'Reilly '00

Betty Stiles '02

Glenn Sliker '00

Francis Lombardi '00

Lorraine Clough '98
Catherine Mulholland '00

Rosalie Babiarz '99

HEALTH OFFICER

John Knott

SELECTMEN'S CLERK

Betty Stiles

SUMMARY OF 1997 WARRANT ARTICLES

1. All officers duly elected.
2. Voted on operating budget of \$568,758. after hearing report of Budget Committee.
3. Voted to add to the following Capital Reserve Funds:

New Fire Truck	\$15,000.
Highway Equipment	10,000.
Property Reappraisal	10,000.
Solid Waste	5,000.
4. Defeated article to appropriate \$25,000. to supplement cost of paving Slab City Road.
5. Voted to raise \$30,000, the first of three installments, which is the Town's share of replacing Sargent Hill bridge. Total estimated cost to be \$450,000.
6. Defeated article to purchase a new highway pick-up for \$23,417.
7. Defeated article to purchase a copier.
8. Voted to add \$3,000. to unexpended balance of \$3,270. from last year to replace library roof.
9. Voted to add \$462. to unexpended balance of \$545. to restore old town records.
10. Voted to clarify the organizational structure of the Fire Department as follows:
 1. The Fire Chief and elected officers to be nominated by the members subject to confirmation by the Selectmen. They shall serve an annual term starting in January.
 2. Members shall be elected by membership with approval of Chief.
 3. Finances and property to be handled pursuant to RSA 154:1-a.
11. Defeated petitioned article to clarify the organizational structure of the Fire Department as follows:
 1. Fire Chief, Captain, 1st Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant to be elected by members. All other officers to be appointed by Fire Chief. All officers to serve an annual term beginning in January.
 2. Members to be elected by membership with approval of Fire Chief.
 3. Finances and property to be handled pursuant to RSA 154:1-a.
12. Voted to retain Fire Department. By petition.
13. Voted to clarify the organizational structure of the Ambulance Squad as follows:
 1. Captain and elected officials shall be nominated by members and subject to confirmation by the Selectmen. They shall serve an annual term starting in January.
 2. Members shall be elected by the membership with approval of the Captain.
 3. Finances and property to be handled pursuant to RSA 154:1-a.
14. Voted to modify the elderly exemptions from property taxes based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: 65 up to 75 years of age, \$10,000.; 75 up to 80 years of age, \$15,000.; 80 years or older, \$20,000. Person must be a resident of NH for at least five years, own

real estate individually or jointly or if property in spouse's name, must have been married for at least five years. Must have net income not more than \$13,400. or if married, a combined income of not more than \$20,000. and net assets shall not exceed \$35,000. excluding residence.

15. Voted to authorize Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, provided it doesn't bind the Town or the Trustees to expend public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of Town meeting. (RSA 202-A:4d)
16. Voted to authorize Police Department to go to the aid of surrounding towns for rendering emergency assistance as requested.
17. Voted to authorize the Ambulance Squad to go to the aid of surrounding towns to render emergency assistance or as requested.
18. Voted to authorize the Fire Department to go to the aid of surrounding towns to render emergency assistance or as requested.
19. Voted to discontinue Sleeper Road from Razor Hill Road to the Brundage Estate Homestead. (3880 feet)
20. Voted to post speed limit signs of 25 MPH from intersection of Rt. 4 and Prescott Hill Road to the first intersection of Slab City Road and Kinsman Highway in it's entirety.
21. Voted to post speed limit signs of 25 MPH on Hardy Hill Road from intersection of Rt 4A to the Enfield town line. By petition.
22. Voted to post Slab City Road as 25 MPH between the north fork with Prescott Hill Road and intersection with Dean Hill Road. By petition.
23. Voted to have Selectmen send a letter to utility companies requesting rights-of-ways be maintained by brush cutting and no herbicides be used within the town. By petition.
24. Defeated petitioned article to study feasibility of withdrawing from SAU 62.
25. Defeated petitioned article to repeal article passed in 1994 prohibiting of consumption or open containers of alcohol on town property.
26. Defeated petitioned article to rescind Article #16 passed in 1996 allowing two floating holidays for employees of the Recycling Center.
27. Defeated petitioned article to change Tax Collector's term to one year from three years.
28. Defeated petitioned article to change Road Agent's term to one year from three years.

**AMENDED Warrant for the Town of Grafton
State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Grafton in said state qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance station in said Grafton on Saturday the 31st day of January next at 1:00 p.m. to discuss, debate and amend the Town budget and all warrant articles which are listed below (with the exception of Article #1 which elects officers) **AND** to vote by ballot at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance station on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 on elected officials and all warrant articles that are listed below. **Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the next year ensuing including Selectman (3 years), Town Clerk (1 year), Town Treasurer (1 year), Budget Committee (one 3 year and one 2 year), Moderator (2 years), Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years), Library Trustee (3 years), Auditor (2 years), Cemetery Trustee (3 years), Planning Board (3 years), Recreation Committee (two 3 years), and Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years).
2. To see if the Town will vote to hear a report from the Budget Committee and to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$559,498. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$568,758., which is the same as last years, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Governing Body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. ***Note:** Warrant Article #2 (operating budget article) does not include special warrant articles (#3, #4, #6 and #14; and individual warrant articles (#5, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13).

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$28,468.	
Election, Registration, Town Clerk	11,260.	
Financial Administration	17,415.	
Reappraisal of Property	2,000.	
Legal Expense	15,000.	
FICA	12,000.	
Planning & Zoning	1,000.	
General Government Buildings	8,820.	
Cemeteries	3,600.	
Insurance	48,983.	
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,423.	
Contingency Fund	2,000.	
		\$153,969.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	50,008.	
Ambulance	11,125.	
Fire	14,848.	
Emergency Management	200.	
Forest Fire Warden	800.	
		\$76,981.

HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Highway & Streets	223,500.	
Street Lights	3,500.	
		\$227,000.

SANITATION

Solid Waste	48,000.	
		\$48,000.

HEALTH

Health Department	400.	
Health Agency	4,175.	
		\$4,575.

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	10,000.	
		\$10,000.

CULTURE & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation	5,811.	
Library	4,112.	
Patriotic Purposes	50.	
		\$9,973.

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on TAN	29,000.	
		\$29,000.

GRAND TOTAL \$559,498.00

- 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.) to be added to the already established capital reserve funds as follows:

New Fire Truck	\$15,000.
Property Reappraisal	10,000.
Solid Waste	10,000.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

- 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.) which will be the second of three installments to raise the currently estimated town's share of \$90,000. to replace bridge #173/078 on Sargent Hill Road. The total estimated cost is \$450,000. with the Federal and State's share being \$360,000. and the Town's share \$90,000. This is a 5 year non lapsing fund. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand four hundred sixty dollars (\$23,460). for a new highway 3/4 ton pick-up and 8 foot Fisher plow, receive two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). on trade-in of '86 pick-up with plow and the remaining twenty thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$20,960.) to be raised by general taxation. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND NOT BY BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- 6. In the event that Article #5 is defeated to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) to be added to the already established capital reserve fund for highway equipment. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0.) for the purpose of installing vinyl siding on the Town Hall. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-nine hundred dollars (\$7900.) for the purpose of replacing the water holding tank in the Engine II fire truck. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two hundred dollars (\$4200) for the purpose of a computer and software for the Selectmen's Office. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**
10. To see if the town will vote to establish the position of part-time lifeguard/attendant for Huff Beach during the summer months. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.) to expedite Article #10. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand and twenty dollars (\$1020.) to compensate the Police Chief for his increased expenditure for New Hampshire Retirement insurance, commensurate with the town's saving in FICA expense bringing the Police Chief's compensation to a total of twenty eight thousand and twenty dollars (\$28,020.). **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0.) (\$1.00 per capita in Grafton) to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town's and/or its residents' and businesses' electric loads in the NHMA Pooled Energy Plan in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire. **NOT RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN OR BUDGET COMMITTEE**
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and twenty five dollars (\$525.) to be added to the five year non lapsing appropriation for the continuation of restoration of old town records. (Fund has a balance of \$28.00 at year ending '97.) **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**
15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconvey the following property to William and Dominic Vogt, pursuant to RSA 80:80 III in consideration of the payment of outstanding taxes, interest and fees and to be paid in full by May 19, 1997: Map 12, Lot 1027-3, 3.82 acres located on Turnpike Road
This property was taken by tax collector's deed to the town dated March 31, 1995 and recorded at Book 2252, Page 0369. **RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**
16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconvey the following property to Jeffrey A. Giaccarini, pursuant to RSA 80:80 III in consideration of the payment of outstanding taxes, interest and fees and to be paid in full by May 1, 1998: Map 15, Lot 1064, 58.60 acres located on Kinsman Highway. This property was taken by tax collector's deed to the town dated April 9, 1996 and

17. To see if the Town will vote to designate Height of Land Road as a scenic road pursuant to RSA 231:157 and RSA 231:158 . Such designation to begin at Height of Land Road's intersection with State Route 4 and discontinue at the property boundary of Douglas Hawkings.
To preserve the rural character only portions of trees, shrubs, vegetation and other natural or man made obstructions can be removed from within three feet of the main traveled portion of such designated which interfere with the safe travel upon such road without consent as required by RSA 231:158:II. **BY PETITION**
18. To see if the Town will vote to require the Selectmen of this Town and who have full power and authority under existing State law (RSA 31:39) in their capacity as the Town's Health Officials, to enact forthwith a health regulation prohibiting the landspreading of septage, class B sewage sludge and industrial sludge, including paper mill wastes, from any outside source outside the Town of Grafton to protect the soil, water and air of this Town until necessary safety measures are undertaken by the Selectmen. **BY PETITION**
19. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article #19 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting Warrant dated March 16, 1996, thus reverting the term of Road Agent to one (1) year effective immediately. **BY PETITION**
20. To see if the town will vote to make an ordinance forbidding new paving projects from being started before existing ones are completed. **BY PETITION**

Given under our hands and seal the 23rd day of January, in the year of your Lord nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

Bonnie J. Haubrich

Scott M. Burrington

Selectmen of Grafton

Dorothy M. Campbell

A true copy of Warrant--Attest.

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GRAFTON, N.H.
Budget for Towns Which Have Adopted the Provisions of the Municipal Budget Law**

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Appropriation Prior Year	Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Appropriation Recommended 1998	Budget Comm Appropriation Recommended 1998	Budget Comm Not Recommended 1998
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$27,885.00	\$28,080.00	\$28,468.00	\$28,468.00	
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	8,625.00	8,540.00	11,395.00	11,260.00	135.00
Financial Administration	18,045.00	17,657.00	18,015.00	18,015.00	
Revaluation of Property	2,000.00	1,665.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Legal Expense	15,000.00	14,423.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Personnel Administration (FICA)	14,000.00	10,185.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Planning & Zoning	1,500.00	581.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
General Government Buildings	8,700.00	6,081.00	8,820.00	8,820.00	
Cemeteries	3,900.00	177.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Insurance	50,000.00	42,264.00	48,983.00	48,983.00	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,431.00	3,331.00	3,423.00	3,423.00	
Contingency Fund	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	2,000.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	52,350.00	50,089.00	50,008.00	50,008.00	
Ambulance	10,000.00	8,481.00	8,563.00	8,563.00	
Fire	18,400.00	15,885.00	14,848.00	14,848.00	
Emergency Management	250.00	0	250.00	200.00	50.00
Other Public Safety (Fire Warden)	800.00	547.00	800.00	800.00	
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
Highways & Streets	223,500.00	224,633.00	223,500.00	215,500.00	8,000.00
Street Lighting	3,200.00	3,301.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Disposal	48,000.00	45,132.00	50,578.00	49,000.00	1,578.00
HEALTH					
Administration & Pest Control	500.00	488.00	500.00	400.00	100.00
Health Agencies, Hospitals & Other	4,172.00	4,175.00	4,175.00	4,175.00	

WELFARE								
Administration & Direct Assistance	10,000.00	8,717.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00			
CULTURE & RECREATION								
Parks & Recreation	7,400.00	6,246.00	5,811.00	5,811.00	5,811.00			
Library	4,400.00	3,436.00	4,112.00	4,112.00	4,112.00			
RESTORE OLD RECORDS								
Patriotic Purposes	462.00	959.00	50.00	50.00	50.00			
DEBT SERVICE								
Interest on TAN	30,000.00	28,949.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	29,000.00			1,000.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
To capital projects fund -library roof	3,000.00	6,035.00						
To Capital Reserve Fund	40,000.00	40,000.00						
BRIDGE 173/078								
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$642,220.00	\$580,457.00	\$564,399.00	\$553,536.00	\$10,863.00			

**REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES
1997**

TAXES	
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 1,630.00
Yield Taxes	30,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	38,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	75,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,500.00
FROM STATE	
Shared Revenues	5,253.00
Highway Block Grant	99,867.00
Grants/Forest Fire Warden Training	2,819.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
Income From Departments	331.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Sale of Municipal Property	5,500.00
Interest on Investments	22,000.00
Refunds	10,650.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
Trust and Agency Funds	1,000.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	185,281.00
Fund Balance to be Retained	164,281.00
Fund Balance Remaining to be Used to Reduce Taxes	21,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$327,741.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	ASSESSED VALUATION	TOTALS
VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
Current Use (14961 acres)	1,149,950.00	
Residential (10954 acres)	<u>21,541,950.00</u>	
Total of taxable land		\$22,691,900.00
Tax exemption & non-taxable	647,900.00	
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
Residential	25,702,650.00	
Manufactured	<u>117,750.00</u>	
Total of taxable buildings		\$25,820,400.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	1,231,983.00	
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		
		\$49,744,283.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS (15)		<u>240,000.00</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX IS COMPUTED		\$49,504,283.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION
Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 1997

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$27,885.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,625.00
Financial Administration	18,045.00
Revaluation of Property	2,000.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00
Personnel Administration - FICA	14,000.00
Planning & Zoning	1,500.00
General Government Buildings	8,700.00
Cemeteries	3,900.00
Insurance	50,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,431.00
Contingency Fund	2,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	52,350.00
Ambulance	10,000.00
Fire	18,400.00
Emergency Management	250.00
Forest Fire Warden	800.00

HIGHWAY & STREETS

Highway & Streets	223,500.00
Street Lighting	3,200.00

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	48,000.00
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HEALTH

Health Agencies & Hospitals	4,172.00
Health Department	500.00

WELFARE

General Assistance	10,000.00
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CULTURE & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation	7,400.00
Library	4,400.00
Patriotic Purposes	700.00

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on TAN	30,000.00
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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

To Capital Projects	3,000.00
To Capital Reserve Fund	<u>40,000.00</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$642,220.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1997

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation	Reimburse- ments & Receipts	Total Amt Available	Expenditure	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Executive	\$27,885.00		\$27,885.00	\$28,080.00		\$195.00
Elec., Reg. & Town Clerk	8,625.00		8,625.00	8540.00	85.00	
Financial Administration	18,045.00		18,045.00	17,657.00	388.00	
Revaluation of Property	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,665.00	335.00	
Legal Expense	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,423.00	577.00	
Personnel Admin (FICA)	14,000.00		14,000.00	10,185.00	3,815.00	
Planning Board	1,500.00		1,500.00	581.00	919.00	
General Government Buildings	8,700.00		8,700.00	6,081.00	2,619.00	
Cemeteries	3,900.00		3,900.00	177.00	3,723.00	
Insurance	50,000.00		50,000.00	42,264.00	7,736.00	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,431.00		3,431.00	3,331.00	100.00	
Contingency Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	0	2,000.00	
Police Department	52,350.00		52,350.00	50,089.00	2,261.00	
Ambulance Department	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,481.00	1,519.00	
Fire Department	18,400.00		18,400.00	15,885.00	2,515.00	
Forest Fire Control	800.00		800.00	547.00	253.00	
Emergency Management	250.00		250.00	0	250.00	
Highways & Streets	223,500.00		223,500.00	224,633.00		1,133.00
Street Lighting	3,200.00		3,200.00	3,301.00		101.00
Solid Waste Disposal	48,000.00		48,000.00	45,132.00	2,868.00	
Health Department	500.00		500.00	488.00	12.00	
Health Agency	4,172.00		4,172.00	4175.00		3.00
Welfare	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,717.00	1,283.00	
Recreation	7,400.00		7,400.00	6,246.00	1,154.00	
Library	4,400.00		4,400.00	3,436.00	964.00	
Patriotic Purposes	700.00		700.00	400.00	300.00	
Restore Old Records	462.00	525.00	987.00	959.00	28.00	
Interest on TAN	30,000.00		30,000.00	28,949.00	1,051.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	40,000.00		40,000.00	40,000.00	0	
Bridge 173/078	30,000.00		30,000.00		30,000.00	
Library Roof	3,000.00	3270.00	6270.00	6,035.00	235.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	642,220.00		646,015.00	580,457.00	66,990.00	1,432.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1997

REVENUE FROM TAXES

Property Taxes	\$1,393,915.
Land Use Change Taxes	865.
Yield Taxes	46,294.
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	41,960.
TOTAL	\$\$1,483,034.

REVENUE FROM LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$87,792.
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,099.
TOTAL	\$91,891.

REVENUE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA	\$1,817.
TOTAL	\$1817.

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shared Revenue Block Grant	\$21,709.
Meals & Rooms Distribution	10,202.
Highway Block Grant	99,867.
Housing & Community Development	218,382.
Gas Tax	838.
Fire Warden Training	164.
TOTAL	\$351,162.

REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Income From Departments	\$2,913.
TOTAL	\$2,913.

REVENUE FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

Sale of Municipal Property	\$7,145.
Interest on Investments	24,617.
Rents of Property	331.
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	6,446.
Contributions & Donations	3,150.
Other Miscellaneous Sources Not Otherwise Classified	7,707.
TOTAL	\$49,396.

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Transfers From Trust and Agency Funds	\$1,000.
TOTAL	\$1,000.

TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES	\$1,981,213.
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	312,654.
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,293,867.

**EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive	\$28,080.
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,540.
Financial Administration	17,657.
Revaluation of Property	1,665.
Legal Expenses	14,423.
FICA	10,185.
Planning & Zoning	581.
General Government Buildings	6,081.
Cemeteries	177.
Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	42,264.
Advertising & Regional Association	<u>3,331.</u>
TOTAL	\$132,984.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$50,089.
Ambulance	8,481.
Fire	15,885.
Forest Fire Warden	<u>547.</u>
TOTAL	\$75,002.

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Highways & Streets	\$224,633.
Bridges	58,679.
Street Lighting	<u>3,301.</u>
TOTAL	\$286,613.

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>\$45,132.</u>
TOTAL	\$45,132.

HEALTH

Administration	\$8,481.
Health Agencies & Hospitals	4,175.
Other Health	<u>488.</u>
TOTAL	\$13,144.

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$8,717.
Other Welfare	<u>650.</u>
	\$9,367.

CULTURE & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation	\$6,246.
Library	9,471.
Patriotic Purposes	400.
Other Culture & Recreation	<u>3,529.</u>
TOTAL	\$19,646.

REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Redevelopment & Housing	<u>\$172,187.</u>
TOTAL	\$172,187.

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on Tax & Rev on Anticipation Notes	<u>\$28,949.</u>
TOTAL	\$28,949.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Land & Improvements	\$13,155.
Buildings	<u>12,000.</u>
TOTAL	\$25,155.

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	\$40,000.
Transfers to Trust & Agency Funds	<u>150.</u>
TOTAL	\$40,150.

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Taxes Assessed for County	\$75,295.
Taxes Assessed for School Districts	1,012,842.
Payments to Other Governments	<u>1,126.</u>
TOTAL	\$1,089,263.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$1,937,592.**

TOTAL FUND EQUITY **356,275.**

GRAND TOTAL **\$2,293,867.**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Beginning of Year	End of Year
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & Equivalents	\$421,699.	\$445,318.
Taxes Receivable	248,096.	\$238,909.
Tax Liens Receivable	133,492.	165,391.
Due From Other Govern.	330.	
Tax Deeded Property	<u>12,603.</u>	<u>4,453.</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$816,220	\$854,071.
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due to School Districts	<u>\$503,566.</u>	<u>\$497,796.</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$503,566.	\$497,796.
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$127,622	\$120,628.
Reserve for Cont. Approp	5,804.	
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>185,032.</u>	<u>\$229,843.</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	\$312,654.	\$356,275.
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$816,220	\$854,071.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery accounts and Recreation accounts.

We find these accounts correctly cast and properly vouched to the best of our knowledge.

Cynthia Gallup Senecal
Rosalie Babiarz
Auditor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 01, 1997 - April 11, 1997

Auto Registrations	\$22,297.00
Auto Titles	104.00
Dog Licenses	324.00
Dog Fines	65.00
UCC Processing	214.32
UCC Search	15.00
Certified Copies	36.00
Federal Tax Liens	30.00
Filing Fees	9.00
Election Recount	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$23,114.32

Donna J. Dugan, Town Clerk

April 12, 1997 - December 31, 1997

Auto Registrations	\$65,495.00
Auto Titles	272.00
Dog Licenses	952.50
Marriage Licenses	270.00
UCC Processing	504.00
Pole Petitions	60.00
Certified Copies	126.00
Vital Search	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$67,689.50

Maureen O'Reilly, Town Clerk

Grand Total **\$90,803.82**

**TREASURER'S REPORT
1997**

HOUSING PROGRAM

Joseph Butterfield	\$36,409.71
U.V.L.S.R.P.C.	27,708.62
Lily Pond Mfg. Housing	17,250.00
Dale's Homes	14,000.00
Green Mt. Wells	13,943.75
Jim Dugan	13,743.41
Phelps Construction	11,030.00
Gary Cline	10,000.00
CIT Group	9,800.00
Hurley Electric	5,139.21
Donald Johnsen	2,680.55
Field & Sons	2,100.00
Andy & Sons	1,675.00
Northeast Septic	1,470.00
Francis Lombardi	1,420.00
Enfield Plumbing	800.00
Jeff Johnson	750.00
Christopher Rollins	645.00
Adair Motor Inn	540.00
Rockes Septic	435.00
Freeland Plumbing	245.00
Andrew & Sally Disbrow	150.00
Waldo & Jackie Beckford	120.00
Frank White	80.00
Register of Deeds	52.00
TOTAL	\$172,187.25

Balance January 1, 1997	\$4,527.50
Deposits	218,382.00
Total	222,909.50
Total of payments	<u>172,187.25</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	50,722.25

RECREATION ACCOUNT

Telstar Fireworks	\$1,000.00
Robert Dorley	450.00
Louise Gallup	367.76
Merriam Grave Corp.	112.75
Change for July 4th	110.00
Anthony Bishop	90.00
Nathan Wood	90.00
Big Green Tee's	87.50
Liberty Rock Country Store	58.89
Lorraine Clough	54.24
Kathleen Lund	25.00
Roseanne Kramer	23.89
Grafton General Store	19.14
TOTAL	\$2,570.02
Balance January 1, 1997	\$1,763.99
Income Recreation 1997	2,913.28
Donation Rails to Trails	2,500.00
TOTAL	7,177.27
Payments	2,570.02
Balance December 31, 1997	4,607.25

**TREASURER'S REPORT
MONEY-MARKET ACCOUNT**

Balance January 1, 1997	\$278,085.23
 DEPOSITS:	
Tax Loan	1,000,000.00
Certificate of Deposits	500,000.00
Interest Certificate of Deposit	11,637.78
Interest Money Market	12,034.33
TOTAL	\$1,801,757.34
Transfer to Checking Account & Opened Certificates of Deposits	\$1,462,428.00
 Balance December 31, 1997	 \$339,329.34

**TREASURER'S REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

DEPOSIT	
April 29, 1997	\$200,000.00
April 29, 1997	200,000.00
May 8, 1997	100,000.00
Interest Earned	11,637.78
TOTAL	\$511,637.78
 Transfer to Money Market Account	 \$511,637.78
 BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1997	 NONE

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

**RECEIVED FROM:
TAX COLLECTOR:**

Property Tax 1997	\$1,167,464.98
Property Tax Interest 1997	209.29
Property Tax 1996	283,267.84
Property Tax Interest 1996	15,654.52
Property Tax 1995	22,599.22
Property Tax Interest 1995	5,602.05
Property Tax 1994	48,315.99
Property Tax Interest 1994	19,415.07
Property Tax 1993	36.60
Yield Tax 1997	34,181.78
Yield Tax Interest 1997	53.00
Yield Tax 1996	7,005.65
Yield Tax Interest 1996	944.30
Current Use Tax 1997	865.00
Current Use Interest 1997	17.32
Current Use Tax 1996	1,630.00
Current Use Interest 1996	103.43
Overpayments	929.34
Total	\$1,608,295.38

**TREASURER'S REPORT CONT.
TOWN CLERK:**

Auto Permits	\$87,792.00
Titles Autos	376.00
Dog Licenses	1,276.50
Dog Fine	65.00
UCC's	718.32
Marriage Licenses	270.00
Filing Fees	9.00
Pole Petitions	60.00
Certified Copies	162.00
Federal Liens	30.00
UCC Search	15.00
Election Recounts	20.00
Vital Search	10.00

Total **\$90,803.82**

SELECTMEN:

Sale of Town Property	\$6,689.85
Refunds	15,323.37
Permits	470.00
Fees	617.00
Sale of History Books	455.00
Donations	650.00
Lease	1.00
Perpetual Care	100.00
Rent of Town Property	330.00

Total **\$24,636.22**

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Highway Block Grant	\$99,866.61
Revenue Sharing	21,709.31
Rooms & Meals Tax	10,201.92
FEMA	1,817.00
Refund Gas Tax	837.72
Refund Fire Training	164.09

Total **\$134,596.65**

TREASURER:

Transfer From Money Market	\$762,428.00
TAN Loan	400,000.00
Checking Account Interest	944.78

Total **\$1,163,372.78**

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS:

Refund Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$1,000.00
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Total **\$1,000.00**

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1997

\$137,322.84

TREASURER'S REPORT CONT.

RECEIVED FROM:

Tax Collector	\$1,608,295.38
Town Clerk	90,803.82
Selectmen	24,636.22
State of New Hampshire	134,596.65
Treasurer	1,163,372.78
Trustees of the Trust Funds	1,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1997 YEAR	\$3,160,027.69
LESS SELECTMEN'S ORDER PAID	3,109,367.40
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1997	50,660.29

June L. Burrington, Treasurer

**TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

....Levies of....

	1997	1996
Uncollected Taxes:		
Beginning of Year:		
Property Taxes		\$241,459.52
Land Use Change		1,630.00
Yield Taxes		7,005.65
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,399,560.66	
Land Use Change	865.00	
Yield Taxes	46,294.20	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	929.34	
Interest Collected on		
Delinquent Tax:	279.61	13,184.84
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$1,447,928.81</u>	<u>\$263,280.01</u>
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$1,167,464.98	\$88,125.31
Land Use Change	865.00	1,630.00
Yield Taxes	34,181.78	7,005.65
Interest	279.61	13,184.84
Conversion to Lien		3,975.16
		149,359.05
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	117.06	
Yield Taxes	3,182.16	
Overpayments	929.34	
Uncollected Taxes-End of Year:		
Property Taxes	231,978.62	
Yield Taxes	8,930.26	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$1,447,928.81</u>	<u>\$263,280.01</u>

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

.....Levies of....

Beginning of Fiscal Year	1996	1995	1994	1993
Unredeemed Liens Balance		\$83,443.74	\$50,001.14	\$36.60
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	3,975.16 \$149,359.05			
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	3,486.25	5,594.03	19,415.07	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$156,820.46	\$89,037.77	\$69,426.21	\$36.60
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$45,836.60	\$22,585.28	48,315.99	36.60
Interests & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	3,486.25	5,594.03	19,415.07	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	206.35			
Liens Deeded to Town	1,571.77	1,186.02	1,695.15	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	105,719.49	59,672.44		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$156,820.46	\$89,037.77	\$69,426.21	\$36.60

Donna J. Dugan, Tax Collector

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

		Tax Rate
<u>Town of Grafton</u>		
Appropriations	\$642,220.	
Less: Revenues	327,741	
Less: Shared Revenues	5,365.	
Add: Overlay	9,648.	
War Service Credits	<u>11,600.</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$330,362.	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$6.68
<u>*School Portion*</u>		
Due to Regional School	\$1,012,842.	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>10,286.</u>	
Net School Appropriation	\$1,002,556.	
School Tax Rate		\$20.25
<u>*County Portion*</u>		
Due to County	\$75,295.	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>806.</u>	
Net County Appropriation	\$74,489.	
County Tax Rate		\$1.50
COMBINED TAX RATE		\$28.43

AMBULANCE

B&S Industries...supplies	\$218.57
Boundtree Corporation...supplies	\$630.00
Canaan Hardware...supplies	\$79.37
Cathy & Don's Country Store...gas	\$119.48
CCE...training	\$195.00
Evans Motor Fuels...gas	\$232.19
Fire Security Svs...update fire extinguisher	\$40.75
Grafton Ambulance...reimb for training	\$354.00
Hanover, Town of...dispatch fees	\$819.11
Haubrich, Bonnie...reimb for supplies	\$73.70
HCFA Laboratory Program...license	\$100.00
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...repairs, inspect	\$273.25
Kenyon, Merle...Reimb for record check	\$20.00
Kramer, Roseanne...swim instructor	\$137.50
JEMS Communication...magazines	\$299.64
Laerdal Medical Corp...supplies	\$263.50
Training & Education...training	\$295.64
Littleton Regional Hosp...training	\$110.00
McQuillen, Deborah...training	\$75.00
Mercury Medical...supplies	\$172.93
Merriam-Graves...supplies	\$1,773.15
Moore Medical Corp...supplies	\$348.06
Nat'l Registry of EMTs...certification	\$35.00
Physio Control Corp...supplies	\$103.39
Ossipee Mt. Electronics, Inc....supplies	\$131.50
Postmaster of Grafton...postage	\$16.40
R.P. Johnson & Son...supplies	\$5.64
Staples Credit Plan...office supplies	\$646.52
Sudrabin, Stephanie	\$25.00
UCVEMS...training	\$137.50
	\$749.00

TOTAL \$8,480.79

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Knott, John...salary	\$300.00
Knott, John...mileage	\$46.28
Lombardi, Francis...supplies	\$70.00
NH DES.Lab Svs...tests	\$72.00

TOTAL \$488.28

EXECUTIVE

ABC Manufacturing...voting booths	\$682.02
AT&T...phone	\$50.11
Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$744.09
Burrington, Scott...salary	\$2,000.00
Campbell, Dorothy...salary	\$2,000.00
Craftsmen Press...stationary	\$49.00
Donnelly, April...clerk svcs	\$168.00
Enfield, Town of ...advertisement	\$77.00
Gallup, Louise...Ballot Clerk	\$50.00
G. Neil Co...supplies	\$14.99
Grafton Cty Registry of Deeds..rec fees	\$311.25
Haubrich, Bonnie...salary	\$2,000.00
Haubrich, Bonnie...reimb for desk	\$179.95
Huntley, Anna...Supervisor of Checklist	\$129.25
IKON Office Solutions...copier contract	\$532.00
Johnson, Robert...Ballot Clerk	\$50.00
Kelly, Eleanor...Ballot Clerk	\$50.00
Mitchie...RSA updates	\$403.95
NHMA...reference books, workshops	\$210.00
Normandie, Lee...computer svcs	\$447.50
Pierson, Sandi...clerk svcs	\$1,736.00
Postmaster of Grafton...postage	\$700.00
Quill Corp...supplies	\$72.49
Richard, Mary...Ballot Clerk	\$50.00
Soc & Soil Scientists/Northern NE...book	\$8.00
Staples...supplies	\$205.95
Stiles, Betty...salary	\$11,590.00
Stiles, Betty...Supervisor of Checklist	\$124.50
Tuttle, Pearl...Supervisor of Checklist	\$119.75
UVLSRPC...reference book	\$10.00
Warner, Thomas...moderator	\$120.00
Williams, Richards...salary	\$384.60
Your Hometown Messenger...town report	\$2,355.21
ads	\$454.60
TOTAL	\$28,080.21

CEMETERIES

Babiarz, John...reimb seed & equipment	\$86.70
Fox Tree & Landscaping Svc...tree removal	\$65.00
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...gas	\$25.35
TOTAL	\$177.05

ELECTION, REG & TOWN CLERK

Country Chronicle...ads, ballots	\$384.30
DOA, Market & Foods...dog fees	\$367.50
Dorward, Cindy...salary	\$156.50
Dugan, Donna....fees	\$1,221.83
Haubrich, Bonnie...reimb supplies	\$9.28
Nat'l Market Reports, Inc...ref material	\$49.50
Postmaster of Grafton...postage	\$131.00
O'Reilly, Maureen...mileage, supplies	\$125.48
O'Reilly, Maureen...salary	\$2,350.00
O'Reilly, Maureen...fees	\$3,279.00
Quill Corp...supplies	\$70.77
Stack & Son Machinery...dog tags & forms	\$148.29
Staples...supplies	\$28.03
Treasurer, State of NH..vital statistics	\$173.00
Treasurer, State of NH...reference books	\$24.75
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	\$21.00
TOTAL	\$8,540.23

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

AT&T...phone	\$36.92
Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$751.74
Burrington, June...salary	\$3,000.00
Country Chronicle	\$44.00
CPI Printing...supplies	\$95.25
Dugan, Donna...expenses	\$3.00
Dugan, Donna...salary	\$2,370.00
Dugan, Donna...fees	\$7,584.00
Gleason, Judith...wages	\$300.00
Grafton Cty Registry of Deeds...rec fees	\$514.75
Grinley, Pamela...auditor fees	\$144.00
Kelley, Eleanor...wages	\$300.00
McBee Systems...supplies	\$276.40
NHMA...subscriptions	\$10.00
Normandie, Lee...computer svcs	\$489.45
Philatelic Fulfillment Svc Ctr...envelopes	\$541.40
Postmaster of Grafton...postage	\$739.00
Sawyer, Elaine...wages	\$300.00
Staples...supplies	\$113.52
Trustees of Trust Funds..bank charge	\$20.00
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	\$24.00
TOTAL	\$17,657.43

FIRE DEPARTMENT

AT&T...phone	\$66.25
Automatic Fire Prot, Inc...supplies,tests	\$293.95
Baker, Peter...reimb smoker	\$150.00
B&R Garage...clutch repair	\$618.26
Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$476.94
Bergeron Assoc...gear	\$4,258.45
Brownies Auto Parts...parts	\$86.59
Canaan Hardware...supplies	\$83.99
Central Supply...vent kits	\$76.74
Dingee Machine Co...parts	\$38.50
Don's Sales & Svc...chain saw	\$509.95
Fire Barn...equipment	\$200.00
Fire Security Systems...update fire exting	\$69.95
Gall's Inc...supplies	\$168.95
Grafton General Store...gas	\$221.25
GVC Chemical Corp..supplies	\$100.00
Hanover, Town of...dispatch fees	\$819.10
Haubrich, Bonnie...reimb for supplies	\$29.44
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...gas	\$162.62
Hewitt's Grafton Garage..repairs	\$171.00
Irving Oil...fuel oil	\$1,035.00
Meadowood...training	\$60.00
NH Fire Standards & Training..ref material	\$615.75
Nespak, Inc...carbon monoxide detector	\$2,461.45
Ossipee Mt. Electronics...supplies, pagers	\$1,508.23
Postmaster of Grafton...postage	\$32.00
Public Service of NH...electricity	\$1,545.28
TOTAL	\$15,859.64

FOREST FIRE SERVICE

Cushing, Kenneth...training/expenses	\$82.62
Gove, Paul...training/expenses	\$382.10
Jalbert, Paul...training	\$27.51
Kenyon, Merle...training	\$27.51
Williams, Richard...training	\$27.51
TOTAL	\$547.25

OLD FIRE STATION

Phelps Construction...site work	\$640.00
Mulholland, Catherine...reimb slab work	\$1,700.00
Mulholland, Catherine...reimb moving bldg	\$1,000.00
Mulholland, Catherine...reimb lumber	\$4,740.00
Larry & Bob's Construction...carpentry	\$2,220.00
Todd Roberts Slabwork...slab	\$1,700.00
TOTAL	\$12,000.00

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Butterfield, Joe...window repairs	\$242.00
Dead River Co...service	\$76.90
Fire Security Svcs...update fire extinq	\$11.25
Irving Oil Corp...fuel oil	\$690.00
Parker, Donald...mowing	\$840.00
Public Service of NH...electricity	\$770.66
R.P. Johnson & Son...door replacement	\$125.10
Stiles, Betty...reimb supplies	\$32.41
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	\$24.00
	\$2,812.32

TOWN HALL

Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$472.72
Butterfield, Joe...window replacement	\$440.00
Fire Security Svcs...update fire extinq	\$7.50
Gallup, Louise...snow removal, supplies	\$109.53
Gallup, Louise...Town Hall superintendent	\$300.00
Irving Oil...fuel oil	\$828.00
Parker, Donald...mowing	\$410.00
Public Service of NH...electricity	\$565.72
Wallace Propane...propane	\$96.32
	\$3,229.79

POLE BARN

Public Service of NH...electricity	\$39.34
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GRAND TOTAL	\$6,081.45
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT*SUMMER ROADS*

Alltex...uniforms	\$860.60
Barker Steel...bridge work	\$81.97
Bassett, Robert...salary	\$15,576.84
Blaktop...paving	\$26,746.63
Brownie's Auto Parts...parts	\$67.57
Carroll Concrete...bridge work	\$885.90
Cote & Reney Lumber Co...bridge planks	\$1,337.60
CWS Fence Co...nuts, bolts	\$120.00
Evans Motor Fuels...diesel fuel	\$3,227.70
FC Hammond & Son...bridge lumber	\$42.40
Frank's Svcs..welding, trucking/bridge wk	\$280.00
Fox Tree & Landscape Svc...tree removal	\$680.00
Grappone Industrial...loader edges, etc.	\$526.09
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...gas	\$903.00
Hill, Dennis...wages	\$10,539.96
Kibby Equipment...grader blades	\$511.45
Lamport, Lucille...bridge stringers	\$140.00
Pinpoint...calcium chloride	\$1,083.88
Phelps Construction...gravel	\$665.00
Phelps Construction...bridge work	\$150.00
Provencal, Edward...wages	\$9,479.61
R.P. Johnson & Son...seed	\$23.10
Rumney Sand & Gravel...crusher service	\$15,851.00
Selinga, Michael...wages	\$10,082.34
Usanis, Paul...pit rental	\$1,200.00
Usanis, Paul...gravel	\$12,919.50
	\$114,182.14

WINTER ROADS

Albrecht, Steven...wages	\$2,146.90
Alltex ...uniforms	\$652.70
Bassett, Robert...salary	\$14,423.16
BB Chain Co...chains	\$460.00
Evans Motor Fuels...diesel fuel	\$5,477.80
Frank's Services...dozer work	\$560.00
Granite Sate Minerals, Inc...salt	\$1,202.83
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...gas	\$1,228.28
Hill, Dennis...wages	\$12,172.88
H.P. Fairfield...plow blades	\$1,038.00
John Deere Credit...loader payment	\$12,343.65
NH Mun Trk Equip & Suppl..sander parts	\$525.00
Provencal, Edward...wages	\$11,351.62

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONT.

WINTER ROADS CONT.

R.P. Johnson & Son...calcium chloride	\$999.00
Selinga, Michael...wages	\$5,963.43
Williams, Richard...winter sand	\$6,489.00

\$77,034.25

HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSE

AT&T...phone	\$60.00
Attest Nat'l Drug Testing, Inc.	\$150.00
Barker Steel Co...parts	\$33.32
BB Chain, Inc...supplies, parts	\$781.50
Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$557.56
Bolash, Kevin...welding	\$175.00
Brownie's Auto Parts...parts	\$239.58
Canaan Hardware...supplies	\$407.78
Carroll Concrete...concrete	\$140.00
CIP Printing...forms	\$19.63
Community Care Ctr...drug testing	\$40.00
Donbeck Sales...parts	\$745.01
Don's Services & Sales...parts	\$79.50
Don's Sports & Power...parts	\$16.00
Fairfield, Howard...parts	\$470.00
Federal Surplus Property...supplies	\$5.00
Fire Security Svcs...update fire exting	\$64.20
Frank's Svcs...dozer work	\$120.00
Grappone Industrial...parts	\$771.26
Hennessy Plumbing...furnace repairs	\$179.00
Hersey's Transmission Svcs...transmission	\$925.00
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...repairs	\$328.48
Hirsch's...safety shoes	\$300.00
Joe's Equipment Svcs...repairs	\$32.85
Kibby Equipment...parts	\$509.84
Liberty Rock Country Store...supplies	\$18.01
NHMTS Services, Inc. contract	\$50.00
NH Mun Trk Equip & Supply...plow	\$8,565.00
Northeast Air Gas...lease, supplies	\$510.10
Northern Petroleum...supplies	\$991.25
Northern State Tire...parts	\$17.53
Pinpoint...supplies	\$193.09
Public Service of NH...electricity	\$1,074.63
R.P. Johnson & Son...supplies	\$115.76
Sabil & Sons, Inc...supplies	\$1,051.45
S.G. Reed Truck Svcs...parts	\$2,792.79
Shaker Valley Auto Parts...parts	\$223.19

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONT.

HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSE CONT.

Staples...supplies	.....	\$287.78
Townline Equipment...parts	.....	\$119.05
Treasurer, State of NH...signs, boiler test	.....	\$248.00
Valley News...ads	.....	\$60.24
Wild Meadow Auto Body...paint visor	.....	\$68.60
Wilson Tire...tires	.....	\$3,624.04
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	\$21.00

\$27,182.02

PATCHING & OILING

Blaktop, Inc...hot top, cold patch	980.95
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CUTTING BRUSH

E.J. Owens...rental of mower	\$2,275.00
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CULVERTS

Lane Ballson SPA...culverts	\$2,978.86
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FEMA MONIES

Rumney Sand & Gravel...crusher svcs	\$11,558.25
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SCHOOL

Mascoma School District	\$1,018,611.30
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STREET LIGHTS

N.H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	\$287.28
Public Service of NH	\$3,013.44

TOTAL **\$3,300.72**

INSURANCE

Comp Funds of NH...Worker's Comp	.....	\$8,060.05
Comp Funds of NH...Unemploy Comp	.....	\$401.54
Health Ins. Trust...health insurance	.....	\$13,859.34
NHMA-PLT...property, liability & fleet	.....	\$19,943.00

TOTAL **\$42,263.93**

FICA

Social Security	.....	\$7,486.87
Medicare	.....	\$2,698.16

TOTAL **\$10,185.03**

LIBRARY

Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	.....	\$356.59
Fire Security Svcs...fire exting update	.....	\$3.75
Gove, Mary L....wages	.....	\$2,040.50
Gove, Paul...custodian wages	.....	\$200.00
Jopek, Peter...computer instruction	.....	\$30.00
Irving Oil...fuel oil	.....	\$552.00
Public Service of NH...electricity	.....	\$231.66
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	.....	\$21.00
	TOTAL	\$3,435.50

LIBRARY ROOF REPAIR

Richford, Ray		\$6,035.00
	TOTAL	\$6,035.00

LEGAL EXPENSES

Crean, Daniel...attorney	.....	\$3,183.96
Koury, Donald...attorney	.....	\$84.00
Ransmeier & Spellman...attornies	.....	\$11,155.47
	TOTAL	\$14,423.43

PLANNING BOARD

Donnelly, April...clerk services	.....	\$116.00
Grafton Cty Registry of Deeds...recordings	.....	\$26.00
Kopy King Printing...forms	.....	\$44.00
New London Copy Specialty...supplies	.....	\$99.00
Smith, Anson...reimbursement for postage	.....	\$64.36
Staples...supplies	.....	\$40.49
The Country Chronicle...ads	.....	\$76.00
UVLSRPC...reference books	.....	\$80.00
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	.....	\$35.00
	TOTAL	\$580.85

PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL

Morrill, Arthur...appraisals	.....	\$1,665.00
	TOTAL	\$1,665.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

American Legion...reimb for flags	.....	\$192.67
Bannerman Sign & Prom...flags & markers	.....	\$190.40
Gove, Mary L...Old Home Day expenses	.....	\$8.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES CONT.

Haubrich, Bonnie J...Old Home Day suppl	\$8.45
TOTAL	\$399.52

POLICE DEPARTMENT

AT&T...phone	\$107.98
Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$1,655.05
B.P. Rogers...blue lights	\$25.00
Brownie's Auto Parts...parts	\$26.89
Colburn, Stephen...salary	\$3,600.00
Cook, Dale...police services	\$90.00
Craftsmen Press...supplies	\$42.00
Daigneault, Norman...wages	\$2,953.75
Dave's Starter & Alternator...parts	\$50.00
Evans Motor Fuels...diesel	\$470.12
Federal Surplus Property...supplies	\$20.00
Grafton Cty Sheriff's Dept...dispatch	\$2,017.00
Grafton General Store...gas	\$388.50
Grafton General Store...supplies	\$7.68
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...gas	\$1,476.55
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...repairs	\$1,847.00
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...propane	\$35.00
Kenyon, Merle...reimb for supplies	\$146.30
Kenyon, Merle...salary	\$27,000.00
Kustom Signals, Inc. ...supplies	\$75.00
Liberty Rock Country Store...supplies	\$78.96
Magnetic Tape Connection...supplies	\$66.39
Melnick's...gear	\$65.00
Mitchie...RSA updates	\$386.45
Mobile Comm...supplies, paging svcs	\$62.66
Neptune Uniforms, Inc...uniforms	\$294.45
NH Crime Protection Council...supplies	\$106.99
NH Retirement Systems...pension plan	\$883.18
Ossipee Mt. Electronics...repairs	\$311.83
Pleasant Lake Vet Hospital...animal care	\$170.00
Postmaster of Grafton...postage	\$96.00
Public Service of NH...electricity	\$318.24
Saffo, Lara...legal services	\$216.00
Sharkey's...vehicle repairs	\$617.30
Sheraton Tara Hotel...workshop	\$80.00
Staples...supplies	\$96.62
State of NH...reference books	\$88.00
The Country Chronicle...ads	\$36.00
Treasurer, State of NH...Blazer (\$5.00)	
radar test (\$40.00)	\$45.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.

Wallace Propane...service, propane	\$85.42
Ware, Andrew...wages (\$90.00)	
training (\$200.00)	\$290.00
Wave Comm Paging...paging service	\$101.00
Welch's Gun Shop...supplies	\$179.00
Wild Meadow Auto Body...repairs, paint	\$3,086.35
Wilson Tire, Inc...tires	\$273.96
TOTAL	\$50,088.62

RECREATION

Bill Simone & Assoc, Inc..swing seats	\$227.70
Canaan Hardware...supplies	\$338.10
C&F's Chemical Toilets...rentals	\$851.70
Clough, Lorraine...field director salary	\$150.00
Dinn Brothers, Inc...supplies	\$65.00
Farnsworth, Darien...tent rental	\$300.00
Fellers, Carol...reimb for cedar posts	\$236.25
Kramer, Roseanne...swim instruction	\$137.50
Oriental Trading Co...supplies	\$68.70
Parker, Donald...mowing	\$1,000.00
Public Service of NH...electricity	\$214.46
Telestar Display Fireworks, Inc.	\$2,000.00
The Country Chronicle...ads	\$24.00
The Lumber Outlet...lumber	\$456.00
Treasurer, State of NH...water tests	\$18.00
US Toys...supplies	\$116.85
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	\$42.00
TOTAL	\$6,246.26

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Community Action Program	\$470.00
Grafton County Senior Citizen Council	\$1,236.00
NH Assoc of Assessing Officials	\$20.00
NH Assoc of Chiefs of Police	\$75.00
NH City & Town Clerk's Assoc	\$20.00
NH Health Officer's Assoc	\$10.00
NH Government Finance Officer's Assoc	\$25.00
NH Local Welfare Administration Assoc	\$25.00
NH Municipal Assoc	\$500.00
NH Road Agent's Assoc	\$20.00
NH Tax Collector's Assoc	\$15.00
Northeast Resource Recovery Assoc	\$56.83
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg Planning	\$858.00

SOLID WASTE

Allstate Polyethylene Corp...plastic bags	\$59.00
Arrow Equipment...waste oil burner svc	\$472.50
AT&T...phone	\$60.00
Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$373.29
Burrington, Scott...reimb for tarp	\$8.95
Canaan Hardware...supplies	\$106.52
Carroll Concrete...concrete blocks	\$70.00
Clough, Lorraine...trash removal	\$800.00
Double D & Langlois Electric..baler repair	\$225.72
Eastern Analytical Inc...soil testing	\$416.00
Edward J. Heck & Sons Co...parts	\$59.42
Fire Security Svcs...update fire exting	\$3.75
Frank's Services...dozer work	\$200.00
Grafton General Store...gas	\$12.28
Grinley, Edward...wages	\$7,700.28
Grinley, Edward...mileage	\$18.90
Hewitt's Grafton Garage...gas	\$20.40
Jewell Resources, Inc...tire removal	\$1,390.05
Joyce, Wesley...wages	\$3,759.84
Kachoris, Mark...freon removal	\$143.00
Kellogg, Keith...electrical services	\$75.00
Liberty Rock Country Store...supplies	\$10.48
Martin, Chester...wages	\$117.00
Northeast Waste Svcs LTD,hauling,tipping and rental	\$24,458.18
Public Service of NH...electricity	\$1,310.92
Smith, Scott...wages	\$2,977.00
Treasurer, State of NH...decals (\$98.98) certification (\$50.00)	\$148.98
Wightman, William...wages	\$63.00
Your Hometown Messenger...ads	\$72.00
TOTAL	\$45,132.46

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Bell Atlantic/Nynex...phone	\$326.21
CPI Printing Svcs...forms	\$36.73
Morse, Marian...salary	\$1,000.00
Morse, Marian...mileage	\$16.20
NHMA...workshop	\$50.00
Staples...supplies	\$9.49
Case #1	\$422.30
Case #2	\$44.30
Case #3	\$6.45
Case #4	\$1,738.38

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CONT.

Case #5	.....	\$305.00
Case #6	.....	\$300.00
Case #7	.....	\$371.18
Case #8	.....	\$320.00
Case #10	.....	\$1,567.00
Case #12	.....	\$200.00
Case #15	.....	\$526.03
Case #16	.....	\$185.84
Case #17	.....	\$1,291.70
	TOTAL	\$8,716.81

FOOD PANTRY DONATION

Family Pharmacy...case #11	.....	\$27.72
Grand Union...case #7, #9, #16	.....	\$153.43
NH Electric Coop, Inc...case #14	.....	\$235.93
Public Service of NH...case #13	\$232.92
	TOTAL	\$650.00

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$40,000.00
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COUNTY TAX

Grafton County Treasurer	\$75,295.00
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TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN)

Mascoma Savings Bank	\$1,000,000.00
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RECREATION FIELD BRIDGE

Treasurer, State of NH	\$58,678.70
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INTEREST ON LOAN

Mascoma Savings Bank	\$28,949.30
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TAX LIEN

Grafton Tax Collector	\$149,359.05
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PERPETUAL CARE

Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$150.00
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RESTORE OLD RECORDS

Joseph J. Marotti, Co., Inc.	\$959.00
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REFUNDS

Tax refunds	\$140.92
Overpayments	\$943.62
Motor Vehicle Refund	\$28.00
	TOTAL	\$1,125.54

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 1997

Grafton, like so many small towns, depends greatly on volunteers to get through each day and it is important for us to acknowledge their efforts. Volunteers service our injured and ill, fight our fires, oversee our library, our recreation department, raise money for our town, work in our cemeteries, and so much more. To each and everyone of you the Board of Selectmen say thank-you!

We would also like to thank the Trustees of the Trust Funds for their work and effort. The Trust Fund accounts have been invested and substantial interest has been earned due to a change in investment policies. This requires a great deal of effort and planning on the Trustee's part. The Town applauds you!

The Town of Grafton received the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$283,400. and the quality of many people's lives has been improved. Shelly Hadfield, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, who was hired as the grant administrator, has put in countless hours and effort above and beyond her job description to make this happen. Dick Eldridge, housing specialist, has worked closely with Shelly in moving the program ahead, bringing his housing rehabilitation expertise and wonderful affect to town.

The Prescott Hill bridge opened to traffic at the beginning of November. The final top coat will be added in the spring. The project, with its ups and downs as all large projects have, went very smoothly and caused few problems with traffic.

The library roof has been replaced and the old materials disposed of properly.

We are once again attempting to recycle glass at the Recycling Center. It is crucial that the glass is kept uncontaminated (without rubbish, bags, cardboard, ceramics and safety glass mixed in) or the load is rejected as recyclable. When, and if that happens it will need to be disposed of in the trash compactor. We encourage everyone to recycle--it saves the taxpayers a great deal of money.

The Town Hall saw 2 more new vinyl windows and we are in hopes of replacing a few more next year. The building itself is in need of painting or vinyl siding. This project has been put off too many years and we need to address it before it gets any worse. The building is a great asset to the Town. It is used by many organizations and private citizens.

The newspaper headlines and center of everyone's focus a year and a half ago seemed to be the relationship between the Fire Department and the Board of Selectmen and the direction the two were going. It was a very difficult time for the Town. Since then 5 previous members returned and 1 new member joined. The Department has a strong foundation, good leaders, and the members seem to work together.

The present relationship with the Selectboard is one of mutual respect and cooperation and open communication exists.

The Town Office building received a new front door and all of the downstairs windows were repaired and realigned, hoping to save on heat.

The Selectmen, after soliciting advice from area towns, the Department of Revenue Administration and legal council, took a much more active role in the budget process this year. The Selectmen reviewed all expenditures for the past 5 years, asked all department heads for any special requests, along with the costs involved, then put the budgets together using historical figures, actual needs involved, and incorporating the "wish list" from the department head, with proper justification for the request. The Selectmen met with each department head who wished to meet to review the budget and make changes. The Selectmen then presented the budget to the Budget Committee.

Future goals of the Selectmen include building a long range plan with the Road Agent to address the needs of the roads and bridges of Grafton, to research and develop a CIP (capital improvement plan), and to continue with building, manufactured housing, and junk compliance that the Board committed itself to a year ago.

In closing, the Selectmen wish to thank everyone for their support during the past year.

Bonnie J. Haubrich
Scott M. Burrington
Dorothy M. Campbell

LIBRARY REPORT 1997

Total Circulation of Books and Videos for 1997

Fiction	1027	Juvenile	962
Non-fiction	335	Videos LUD COOP	165
Magazines	198	Videos Grafton	516
Youth	346		

We purchased 136 books last year and received 19 books as gifts.

Library Hours
Wednesday 10 - 11 a.m.
3 - 5 p.m.
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Library Telephone
523-7865

Mary L. Gove, Librarian

**GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
1997**

CASH BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/97 **\$2,323.55**

INCOME

Interest from Library CD	91.31
Mildred Braley Trust	261.02
Video Fines	55.75
Book Fines	47.40
Sale of Old Books	33.75
'96 Interest - Barney, Flanders Act.	48.55
'96 Interest - Ruth Leonard Act.	44.16
Book Refund	<u>6.75</u>

Total Receipts & Balance	\$2,912.24
Less Expenditures	<u>2,543.45</u>
Balance 12/31/97	\$368.79

EXPENDITURES

Books	\$1890.00
Magazine	206.63
Videos	178.66
LUD Video COOP	100.00
Deborah Hazelton (Keeping books	75.00
Video Rack	12.00
Checks	9.16
NHLTA - Trustee Dues	40.00
Postage	<u>32.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,543.45

Mascoma Certificate #38600930

Burnham Fund (1/1/97)	\$24,030.62
1997 Interest	<u>1,325.73</u>
Total	\$25,356.35

Mascoma Certificate #382010346

(1/1/97)	\$3,753.11
1997 Interest	173.75
Withdrew Interest to Checking	<u>-91.31</u>
Total	\$3,835.55

Mascoma Savings Account #9000-47711

(1/1/97)	\$1,056.65
1997 Interest	<u>29.01</u>
Total	\$1,085.66

Deborah Hazelton, Library Trustee/Treasurer

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT
1997**

Once again we pass another year of slow growth in the village of Grafton.

The Dorothy Davis property starts the process of being subdivided. A few small two or three lot projects have been recorded.

The Board received numerous changes in state law regarding land use. The U.V.L.S.R.C. (Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Council) has kept us abreast of proposals in the Upper Valley that may effect us.

Respectfully,
Francis V. Lombardi

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
1997**

The Town received \$1141.45 of trust fund interest income for cemetery care and \$108.35 for the purchase of books for the Town library.

The following additions to Capital Reserve Funds were voted at Town meeting:

Additions to Capital Reserve Funds were as follows:

Tax Reappraisal	\$10,000.
Highway Equipment	\$10,000.
Solid Waste	\$ 5,000.
New Fire Truck	\$15,000.

Interest from the Kilton Doctor Fund was expended as follows:

\$1455	Medical expense reimbursement of \$15. each to 97 Grafton residents
\$1000.	Reimbursement of Grafton's per capita payment to Mascoma Home Health Services

The Trustees of Trust Funds meet at the Town Offices from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Town residents may present the Trustees with receipted bills for medical, dental, or eye treatment at these monthly meetings or by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope to Trustees of the Trust Funds, PO Box 250, Grafton, NH 03240-0250. The Kilton Doctor Fund provides for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$15.00 per person. No bills will be received between December and January meetings. Bills dated after the last December meeting will be accepted at the February meeting and paid for the ensuing year.

Judy Gleason 1999
Eleanor Kelley 2000
Elaine MK Sawyer 2001

**SUMMARY REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR 1997
GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

FUND	Balance 1/1/97	Received 1997	Expended 1997	Balance 12/31/97	Balance 1/1/97	Received 1997	Expended 1997	Balance 12/31/97	Total Prin & Inc.
Kilton Fund Cemetery	\$32,774.71	\$14,454.19	\$0.00	\$47,228.90	\$52,639.95	\$1,816.71	\$2455.00	\$52001.66	\$99,230.56
Funds	\$35,477.28	\$8,272.79	\$0.00	\$43,750.07	\$11,982.78	\$1,141.45	\$0.00	\$13,124.23	\$56,874.30
Library Funds	\$4,472.35	\$799.20	\$0.00	\$5,271.55	\$0.00	\$108.35	\$108.35	\$0.00	\$5,271.55
Capital Reserve									
Highway									
Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$666.08	\$975.14	\$0.00	\$1,641.22	\$21,641.22
Bridge Fund	\$40,577.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,577.69	\$6,711.27	\$2,562.17	\$0.00	\$9,273.44	\$49,851.13
Tax									
Reappraisal Fund	\$7,210.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,210.00	\$402.50	\$804.79	\$0.00	\$1,207.29	\$18,417.29
Solid Waste Fund	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$16,126.82	\$3,014.28	\$0.00	\$1,914.10	\$49,141.10
Recreation Field Shelter	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$4,358.99	\$964.49	\$0.00	\$5,323.48	\$20,323.48
Fire Truck	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$1,544.33	\$1,497.72	\$0.00	\$3,042.05	\$33,042.05

**REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

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

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

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

Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger
Paul C. Gove, Forest Fire Warden

**Forest Fire Warden's Report
Grafton**

1997

Permits were issued for the following: brush, camp fires and incinerators:

Warden Paul C. Gove	159
Deputy Warden, Merle Kenyon	38
Deputy Warden, Ken Cushing	16

Anyone needing a permit can contact one of the above people.

Paul C. Gove, Warden

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997

The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department has had a very productive year both in rebuilding the camaraderie amongst the members, working on the equipment and apparatus, maintaining and continuing the construction of the station. The members have established a good relationship and are working well together under the direction of the new Fire Chief, Peter Baker.

Peter was nominated and elected by unanimous vote of the membership to fill the vacancy of Michael Gauthier. Peter brings 13 years of fire fighting experience to the Town of Grafton, having served in the Unity and Enfield Fire Departments. Peter has certification as a New Hampshire Level I fire fighter, 1st Responder, Auto Extrication, Off Road Extrication, JAWS of Life, Hazmat Awareness, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Search & Rescue, Incident Command, as well as many in-house training seminars. Peter has also been appointed as Deputy Fire Warden of Grafton.

The Department has purchased new fire fighting gear which ensures the safety of fire fighters at the scene. A carbon monoxide detector was purchased by the Department and membership training by the Fire Chief has taken place. Other training this year has been on the foam unit and pump and hose training. The members also took part in 3 controlled burns in Grafton for training experience.

This spring there were 7 members of the Fire Department who took all or parts of the New Hampshire Level I Fire Fighting course. To date we have 4 new Level I certified members.

Some of the major repairs this year were repairs to nozzles, foam unit, Engine II clutch, heater core, extensive electrical work and the water pump replaced on the Tanker.

Presently the water storage tank which holds approximately 750 gallons of water is leaking. Since this is our main piece of apparatus responding to the scene it will require replacing. After completing this replacement the engine should service Grafton for many years.

The Fire Department can always use new members. Please contact Peter Baker, Chief, for information and application. (523-9293)

Calls

structure	2
chimney fires	1
motor vehicle accidents	3
gas detector activations	2
mutual aid	3
chimney cleaning	6
vehicle fire	1
ambulance assists	many

Peter Baker, Chief

GRAFTON LADIES AUXILIARY
1997

The Grafton Ladies Auxiliary is a private, self sufficient organization whose purpose is to support the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance services of Grafton. That support comes in different forms such as purchasing much needed supplies and equipment, providing food, hot and cold drinks at the fire scenes, sponsoring a yearly Fire Warden supper for other New Hampshire Fire Wardens, the yearly Firemens' Supper (with the volunteer firemen helping serve the food) and supplying refreshments at various fire and ambulance training sessions.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month April through November.

In 1997 the members of the organization were very busy. The members are putting together the local telephone directory and the directories will be ready for sale in March. The members normally print a new directory every 2 years. The directory contains all Grafton residences' phone numbers and paid ads from local and area businesses. The directory is set up and then the Mascoma Regional High School Technology class graciously prints it under the direction and assistance of Dan Huntley.

This year the Ladies Auxiliary, with the help of the Fire Department members, sponsored breakfasts for the public in August, September and October. The turnout was good and the breakfasts delicious. The members are in hopes of starting them again after the holidays.

This year the Auxiliary purchased 2 SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) masks, a new Chief's helmet, fire fighting gloves, fire fighting boots, 2 kitchen hood exhaust fans for the fire station, supplied refreshments for the fire fighters at the fires and training in town, and supplied paper goods for the firemen's use, replaced the heater core on one of the engines, and sponsored lunch for state fire personnel using the Grafton Fire and Ambulance station for instructor training.

New members are always welcome--there needs be no direct fire or ambulance affiliation. If you have a few hours, time to bake cookies or help in any way, come join us!

Bonnie J. Haubrich
Secretary

CEMETERY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT
1997

Opening checking account balance January 1, 1997	\$2,348.16
No activity in checking account (non interest bearing account) through December 31, 1997	
Balance as of December 31, 1997	\$2,348.16

CEMETERY REPORT 1997

The Cemetery Department has continued its austerity program. We are very fortunate that there are people who volunteer their time. Because of their caring, the Cemetery Department has saved a considerable amount of money. Further, the equipment seems to be holding up better than expected.

For the coming year, we will start selling lots in the eastern part of Pine Grove Cemetery. We are also looking to develop the western corner to have a cremation garden under the pines.

The older cemeteries will need additional work of filling graves and sunken depressions. We invite public input on our ongoing efforts. We would like to thank all the volunteers and community service workers for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
John Babiarz and Web Sliker

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT 1997

Snow and ice storms started out 1997 and kept the road crew busy plowing, sanding and digging ice with the backhoe. The grader was used many times in winging back the roads and works very well.

When spring rolled around mud season was the worst in a long time. The highway crew hauled gravel and graded to fill in mud on Wild Meadow Road, Mill Brook Road, Sargent Hill Road, Kilton Pond Road, Turnpike Road, Lower Meadow Road, Height of Land Road, Spectacle Pond Road, Hardy Hill Road, Grafton Pond Road and Kinsman Highway.

Maintenance was done on the roads during the summer including grading, raking, cleaning culverts and grading roads.

The gravel crusher came back to town twice. We had 5800 yards crushed in the spring and 4200 yards crushed in the fall for Spring of '98 use.

Roads graveled with crushed were Kilton Pond Road, Kinsman Highway, Turnpike Road and many other short sections of other roads. Crushed gravel seems to make a big difference on road maintenance as roads hold up a lot better and the highway crew will continue doing this.

The Highway crew ditched many of the tar roads this year and will finish the other tar roads in 1998. All the ditching was given to taxpayers who asked for it.

New culverts were installed on Sargent Hill Road, Razor Hill Road, Turnpike Road and Height of Land Road.

The Highway crew did a major road project on Prescott Hill Road. This consisted of cutting trees, stumping, digging up the old pavement and gravel and putting in a new base and crushed gravel and shimming the existing pavement. We also did a road project on Island Road to make it easier for plowing and hauling winter sand.

Blacktop, Inc. paved again this year on Prescott Hill Road, Public Works Road and Common Road at Grafton Center.

The Highway crew also did more calcium chloride for dust control, stockpiled winter sand, cold patched and got ready for winter which started early and kept the crew very busy plowing and sanding ice storms.

The Highway employees and Road Agent would like to thank all the people in Grafton for their support in 1997.

Robert Bassett, Road Agent

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT 1997

MEDICAL, FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCY DIAL 911

1997 has been a year of growth for your department. We were able to acquire grants to attend The New England conference on community policing and also the statewide workshop on domestic violence. We have sent out mutual aid agreements to all surrounding departments, Canaan, Enfield, Orange, Danbury and Springfield and have worked very hard to keep up a strong line of communication with those departments.

The Highway Safety Agency of New Hampshire was kind enough to provide the department with twenty-five bicycle helmets and in June we held a bicycle safety day. The helmets were given to any child that requested one.

Dogs continue to be a problem. If you own a dog it must have a current rabies vaccination and if it is over four months old it must be registered with the Town Clerk in April of every year. Dogs are required to be under the owner's control at all times.

We at the police department would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance throughout 1997. We would like to encourage people to report any unusual activity that they might observe. The members of the community continue to be our greatest asset.

Sincerely,
Merle A. Kenyon
Chief of Police

**GRAFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
YEAR-END ACTIVITY FOR 1997**

COMPLAINTS

Ambulance/Fire assist	48	Criminal trespass/mischief	38
House checks	185	Criminal arrests	5
Animal complaints	91	Death investigations	2
Funeral details	3	Disorderly conduct	7
Messages delivered	51	MV Accidents	
Missing persons	12	Minor	11
Assists to other departments	113	Personal injury	6
Suspicious persons/vehicles checked	67	MV Summonses/warnings	170
Vehicles towed	12	Assisted motorists	29
Road hazard/utility problems	46	MV/VIN checks	58
Domestic	62	Alarms answered	19
Assault	1	Civil matters	75
B&E/thefts	19	Police community relations	100
Bad checks	9		
Total 1,250			

<u>Cruiser mileage</u>	Jeep	15,619
	Plymouth	1,583
	Truck	5,434

Total man hours 3,004

Merle Kenyon, Chief of Police

**GRAFTON RECREATION
1997 REPORT**

Recreation had a very busy 1997. In April we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Several children attended. The annual rabies clinic was also held. There were a large turnout of dogs and cats.

In May we had a successful Rummage Sale.

In the month of June we had a profitable Bike-A-Thon. We had a couple of grown ups this year biking. Several other children and teenagers also.

Our July Celebration was held on July 5th. There were many events going on; a Flea Market and music by Bob Dorley in the evening. Our famous fried dough was a sell out. Thanks to all the people who helped to make this day a huge success.

Last of July and first week in August we had swim lessons. Roseanne Kramer did these lessons. Ropes were put out this year. There was a lot of trouble at the beach this year. Do you know where your children are and what they are doing all day and evening? Hope next year will be better.

The Committee had a couple of months off. Then back to work. October we had another successful Rummage Sale. This sale is for the Christmas and Halloween parties. Had our Halloween party. Several children turned out. Fun

was had by all who attended. December brought the year to an end. Had our Christmas party. Tree, piñata and a story. Pictures were taken with Santa. All the children received a present, popcorn balls and candy reindeer canes. Candy reindeer canes were given out with L.B.S. (Ladies Benevolent Society) boxes and to senior citizens in Canaan.

The Grafton Recreation Committee would like to extend thanks to all those in our community and surrounding towns for all your support and donations made throughout the year.

Louise Gallup, Chairman
Lorraine Clough
June Burrington, Treasurer

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT 1997

1997 presented us with a few changes at the Recycling Center. A second demolition container was added due to the requirements at the Lebanon Landfill. They no longer allowed us to co-mingle certain types of demolition materials. The burn pile was moved allowing safer and better visibility and travel from the recycling shed and for appearance sake.

The Town is once again attempting to recycle glass. People are asked to place the glass into the barrels outside the glass bin and the Recycling Center attendants will place it into the glass bunker. Once contamination occurs the glass is then rejected and necessitates putting it into the trash compactor. It is imperative that contaminated glass (window glass, plates, ceramics and pottery) not be put in the bunker. Please help us achieve this.

The Recycling Center belongs to the Townspeople and is one to be proud of. If you have something to dispose of and don't know where to put it please ask one of the attendants to assist you.

We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us to make a better and safer environment by recycling and saving the Town money by doing so.

We would also like to thank the Highway crew and the Recycling Center employees for all their efforts.

on behalf of Edward Grinley, Manager
Grafton Board of Selectmen

**GRAFTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1997**

The Township of Grafton Historical Society has had a very eventful year. We have taken title of the Pine School on Cherry Hill Road, one of the last standing town school buildings. We are proceeding to plan restoration for this structure.

The new museum building has taken shape, encompassing a portion of the old fire station. Plans are underway to develop the museum.

The continuing Christmas auctions, plus donations and other activities have supplied the funds to allow the society to accomplish our goals.

Respectfully,
Francis V. Lombardi

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Annual Report
1997**

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.) mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as the household hazardous waste collections and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Our economic development program for communities in Grafton County has certainly grown this year! The program is fully staffed and funded for two years. In order to qualify for certain State funds, it was necessary to create a new organization, the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV). Governed by its own board, EDCUV contracts with the UVLSRPC for staff and office space. EDCUV offers community development services, individualized business assistance, and a revolving loan fund, with financing available to businesses in the \$15,000 to \$50,000 range. It has been exciting getting EDCUV up and running. This would not have been possible without your support and the dedicated work of our Economic Development Coordinators. Please give us a call to find out how EDCUV can assist with your community development needs or specific business requests. Our Commission looks forward to a long and productive partnership with EDCUV.

Thanks are also due to both Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. In New Hampshire, the Department of Environmental Services and the regional planning commissions are putting together a statewide

environmental program which will require that certain specific tasks be completed in every region, but also allow some funds to be used on regional environmental priorities. Details are still being worked out. A work plan will be finalized in early 1998. This is great news! It enables our Commission to continue our commitment to environmental programs.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Grafton residents, staff and board members have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1997, our work specifically for the Town of Grafton included.

- Provided soils information and County Soil Resource Report.

- Assisted with questions regarding creation of a lot with no access.

- Hired a housing rehabilitation specialist.

- Administered housing rehabilitation program.

- Developed capacity grant application to create a revolving loan fund in lower Grafton County.

- Met with Selectmen to discuss economic development needs and to introduce them to economic development programs in the region and state.

- Provided a packet of information about potential funding sources.

- Traveled to Concord to help research grant funding sources for a children's center.

- Contacted Head Start to determine minimum requirements for establishing a program.

- Created a new regional economic development corporation, Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV), to assist the town and local businesses.

- Located information about potential grant sources for community recreation program

- Compiled area and population data for the Upper Valley Land Trust.

- Provided population statistics for the Town.

- Assessed environmental impacts of US Route 4 realignment and rehabilitation in the vicinity of Tunnel Road.

- Kept the Town updated on potential grant funding sources.

- Began update of two-page economic initiative summary to be made available on the Internet and in brochure form.

- Maintained geographic information system data for Grafton.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Grafton in the coming year.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1997

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present the following reports and financial statements. We hope they will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operations and assure citizens that their County tax dollars have been expended wisely.

During FY 1997 funds received exceeded the budget by \$419,841.91 for a total of \$16,649,986.91 actual County revenues. This was primarily due to the receipt of Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, given by the Federal Government to partially offset the cost of serving a disproportionate share of Medicaid recipients at the Grafton County Nursing Home. The actual Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment was \$372,125. Actual expenditures totaled \$15,778,961.80, which was \$451,183.20 less than had been budgeted.

The bottom line for FY 1997 shows that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$871,025.11, leaving the County in a sound financial position at the end of its fiscal year. The Commissioners feel extremely proud of this financial picture, which exemplifies good management by all County department heads, both elected and appointed.

Grafton County experienced some major occurrences during FY 1997, some of which were: the hiring of a fund manager for the Grafton County Regional Economic Development Council; union activity was defeated in both the Sheriff's Department and the Nursing Home; the Grafton County Nursing Home entered a float in the 4th of July parade; construction of a new parking lot for Nursing Home employees; the Nursing Home received a deficiency free survey; family court began in July 1996; there were some repairs and painting done to the farm buildings; Charlie Page retired in May, 1997 from the Grafton County Farm after 38 years of service; Grafton County had all underground fuel tanks replaced in June, 1997: The Commissioners held their regular meetings in each of the three districts, with meetings being held in Bristol, Littleton and Lebanon.

All other County departments were extremely busy during FY 1997. The County Treasurer continues to do an excellent job investing County funds and investment income exceeded the County budget figure by \$49,330.02. The County Attorney performs well in his office and the number of backlogged cases has been reduced drastically. His relationship with law enforcement agencies has improved the overall operations of that office. Once again, the activity in the Sheriff's Department through Dispatch, increases with activity, yet remains as effective and efficient as always. Carol Elliott, Register of Deeds, and her staff also continue to be overwhelmed with work and do an excellent job to generate a great deal of revenue for Grafton County and the State of New Hampshire.

For FY 1997, the Commissioners concluded with preparation of the FY 1998 County budget, which was adopted by the County Legislation Delegation in late June.

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners holds regular weekly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the County Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public, with interested citizens and members of the press are encouraged to attend.

Call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 to confirm date, time and schedule.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to staff members, elected officials, other agency personnel and the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Barbara B. Hill, Chair (District 1)
Steve Panagoulis, Vice-Chair (District 3)
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
Annual Report 1997

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to support the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community based long term care services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 49 older residents of Grafton were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services, offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center. These individuals enjoyed 784 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 1,216 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 223 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 129 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 646 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Grafton residents in 1997 was \$13,001.61.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older resident so Grafton were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Grafton community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
Statistics for the Town of Grafton

October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 49 Grafton residents (out of 131 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service	Unit(1) Cost	Total Cost of Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	2,000	x \$4.90	\$9,800.00
Transportation	Trips	223	x 7.01	1,563.23
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x 3.11	0
Social Services	Half-hours	129	x 12.75	1,638.38
Activities		182	N/A	

Number of Grafton Volunteers: 9 Number of Volunteer Hours: 646

GCSCC cost to provide services for Grafton residents only	\$13,001.61
Request for Senior Services for 1997	1,236.00
Received from Town of Grafton for 1997	1,236.00
Request for Senior Services for 1998	\$1,275.00

Notes:

1. Unit cost for Audit Report for October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997.
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State Programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 124%, Contributions 12%, In-Kind donations 20%, Other 1%, Friends of GCSCC 2%.

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

Report to the Town of Grafton

We are very grateful for the continued support Grafton provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.
- Our VNA staff from the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provides skilled services for people who: are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness or disability; require long term care; need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Grafton.

The following services were provided in the Town of Grafton during the past year.

	Visits 7/1/96- <u>6/30/97</u>	
Nursing	316	Hospice/VNH Program
Physical Therapy	56	Volunteers: hours 83 hours
Social Services	1	Volunteers: Families served 4
Home Health Aid	59	Family Support Services
		Families 9
Homemaker	<u>27</u>	Individuals 30
	459	Maternal Child Health Services:
		Well Child Clinic Visits 19
		Children 11
		Home Visits 104
		Dental Visits 2
		Women Infant Children
		Clients 36
		Clinic Visits 263

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION 1997

1997 has been a landmark year for NHMA because it marks the first time since NHMA was formed in 1941 that membership includes all 234 of New Hampshire's towns and cities. This truly reflects the mission of your organization to "connect communities" so that we are heard with a common voice.

In 1997 we trained over 4,000 local officials and employees in workshops, seminars, job site visits and our annual conference. We also finished implementing much of the feedback we got from members in the membership survey to evaluate current services and tell us how to improve services to members.

NHMA has taken a leadership role in the electric rate deregulation by creation of NHMA-PEP, a pooled energy program and partnering with George N. Sansoucy Associates to structure this electric aggregation effort in a timely fashion as the New Hampshire power market finally opens up to competition. NHMA has also opened its WEBSITE, www.nhmunicipal.org, to communicate with members and the public in the ethernet. In 1998 we hope to add password capacity so we can use this as more of a "closed system" of member communication.

Your Association's Health Trust service center has had some difficulties in its product pricing and claims but, in spite of these issues and stiff competition, it continues to serve over 23,000 local government and school employees. The Property-Liability risk management service center declared another record dividend and instituted the PLT 2000 program designed to reduce FY 98 costs to members and rates in the next two years.

This 1998 budget request comes at a time when New Hampshire has a strong economy and when it is more critical than ever that all communities unite on major issues. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
John B. Andrews
Executive Director

**MARRIAGES
1997**

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Bride & Groom	Residence at Time of Marriage	Person Performing Marriage
July 19, 1997	Claremont, NH	Matthew Richard Petrin Valorie Jane Mercier	Grafton, NH Claremont, NH	Pastor Mary E. Seals
August 23, 1997	Campton, NH	Richard Maynard Downing Kathryn Elizabeth Davis	Grafton, NH Grafton, NH	Reverend Joseph Delio
Sept. 27, 1997	Grafton, NH	Robert John Moran Janice Marie Lavoie	Grafton, NH Grafton, NH	David Bradley Justice of the Peace
Oct. 25, 1997	Danbury, NH	Phillip Andrew Gibbs Gretchen Lynn Wells	Grafton, NH Grafton, NH	Reverend George Peterson
Dec 6, 1997	Grafton, NH	Mark Moody Evelyn Cody	Grafton, NH Grafton, NH	Merle Kenyon Justice of the Peace

**BIRTHS
1997**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
January 4, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Hope Desirae Morris	Thomas Edward Morris	Synthia Marie Buzzell
March 5, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Michaela Sofia Selinga	Michael Stephen Selinga	Karen Ann Janhunen
March 5, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Tristan Fox Williams	Christopher Richard Williams	Melissa Jean Fox
March 17, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Kyle Kenyon Hall	Julio Enriquez Hall	Traci Ann Costa
March 21, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Ryan Robert Paterson	Brian Robert Paterson	Bobbi Anne Nowlen
June 11, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Brooke Marie Pushee	James Dean Pushee	Danielle Marie Rogers
Sept. 3, 1997	Grafton, NH	Lindsay Elaine Dugan	Martin James Dugan, Jr.	Donna June Finney
Dec. 8, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Barrett Thomas Morse	Christopher Hill Morse	Denise Ann Monearty

**DEATHS
1997**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
April 5, 1996		John Gordon		Raymond W. Gordon	
January 2, 1997	Grafton, NH	Arthur Farrington Clark	79	Edward S. Clark	Edwina Farrington
Jan. 15, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Robert William Prosser, Jr.	49	Robert William Prosser, Sr.	Beatrice Wilbur
Feb. 24, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Richard Kenneth Del'Etoile	84	Alfred Joseph Del'Etoile	Sidonia Elise Lamontaine
May 27, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Roger Ernest Warcup, Sr.	86	Walter J. Warcup	Ida Gordon
Aug. 8, 1997	Grafton, NH	Grace Elsie Cushing	86	Hollis Edward Dunn	Sadie Phinney
Aug. 12, 1997	Manchester, NH	Rita A. Smith	63	Arthur Lafreniere	Jeanette LaCourse
Aug. 18, 1997	Grafton, NH	Ruth G. Kinville	74	Louis Dionne	Hattie Gilman
Sept. 12, 1997	Grafton, NH	Francis Kinville	77	Gilbert Kinville	Emma Charbonneau

