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of the

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

JEFFERSON, NH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

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Jefferson, New Hampshire/Town's "Oldest Citizen"
Phyllis May Rogers Kenison - Age 95
Born March 21, 1914

PHYLLIS KENISON

Wife of Albert Burton Kenison (deceased)
Mother of Dr. John Burton Kenison - Milford, NH
Edward Alvan Kenison - Jefferson, NH
and Roger Alan Kenison - Jefferson, NH
Grandmother to 11 children.
Great Grandmother to 19 children.

Phyllis went into the nursing profession in 1961.
Studied and trained at Hanover Hospital, NH.
Phyllis worked in hospitals and also did private care.
Phyllis has always had a love of craft arts,
oil painting and traveling.



HELEN "MARSHALL" MERRILL

Helen "Marshall" Merrill, born February 15, 1914, married Lee Merrill June 1, 1939, came to Jefferson to live at "Pondicherry Lodge & Farm" on Route 115. Helen held a very strong devotion for Jefferson, and did much town research about it in many categories. She was instrumental in forming the Jefferson Historical Society, acquiring the Original St. John's Methodist Church for the Society's Museum, also receiving possession of the portrait of Jefferson's founding father, Col. Joseph Whipple.

She was an active 10 year member to Mt. Prospect Grange #42, a 70 year member of Starr King Grange #124, plus member to Northern NH Pomona Grange #5, the New Hampshire State Grange and National Grange. Other organization memberships were Pliny Rebekah Lodge #92, Jefferson Historical Society, NH Genealogical Society and a life long parishioner to St. John's Methodist Church.

She was a journalist for *The Littleton Courier* and correspondent for the *Coos County Democrat* newspaper. Also had a passion to present "Show and Tell Programs" to any youth group. Helen helped keep the town's History alive in a most amiable way touching many lives in so many different aspects.

Helen died October 2, 2008 holding the honor of Jefferson's Oldest Citizen from May 28, 2008.

Written by: Rupert and Wilma Corrigan

Rupert E. Corrigan
Wilma C. Corrigan



Photo - Courtesy of Charles Bond

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Paul F. Donovan
SELECTMEN	Bruce Hicks, Chairman Norman Brown Kevin Meehan
TREASURER	Wendy Wells
TAX COLLECTOR	Mary L. Gross
TOWN CLERK	Opal L. Bronson
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Cheryl Meehan Diana Lizak Sally Brooks
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Jeffrey Wiseman, Director
PLANNING BOARD	Ronald Demers, Chairman
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	Kim Perry, Chairman
FIRE CHIEF	Chris Milligan
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS	Jason Call Alden Holmes David Foster
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Deborah Dubois Cheryl Meehan Jeannie Kenison Sally Brooks
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Govatski, Chairman

WARRANT 2009 TOWN MEETING

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the Tenth day of March next, at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year**

****ARTICLE 1 TO BE VOTED ON BY OFFICIAL BALLOT WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN.**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$576,730 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

\$10,000 Dump Closure CRF	\$10,000 Fire Truck CRF
\$30,000 Highway Vehicle CRF	\$20,000 Building CRF
\$20,000 Rt. 115B Reconstruction CRF	
\$5,000 Highway Maintenance & Repair CRF	

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,500 to be added to the Expendable Trust Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

\$25,000 Town Library Fund	\$2,500 Athletic Association Fund
\$ 2,000 Cemetery Maintenance Fund	

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the purchase of a used Fire Truck engine and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$40,000 from the Fire Truck CRF for this purchase. **NO** funds to be raised by taxation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of replacing the roof on the Fire Station and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$15,000 from the Building CRF for this purpose. **NO** funds to be raised by taxation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of road maintenance of Israel River Road/Route 115B and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$30,000 from the Route 115B Maintenance CRF for this purpose. **NO** funds to be raised by taxation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of purchasing forestry fire fighting equipment. These appropriations to come from the fund balance (surplus), these funds were received as a grant from USF&W for this purpose. **NO** funds to be raised by taxation.

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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$483 for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross/Granite Chapter.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Library Fund to include "or new construction for the Jefferson Public Library". (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of such property of the Town as the Selectmen in their sole discretion deem equitable, just and subject to existing laws.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes in accordance to RSA 80:52-a.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand-Nine.

A True Copy: ATTEST

BRUCE HICKS
NORMAN L. BROWN
KEVIN M. MEEHAN
Board of Selectmen
Town of Jefferson, NH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009

Purpose of Appropriations	Approp. Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recom.)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$40,000	\$41,461.89	\$46,000
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	13,000	13,070.30	14,000
Financial Administration	21,000	16,462.96	29,000
Revaluation of Property	13,500	13,200.00	13,200
Legal Expense	10,000	11,177.60	10,000
Planning and Zoning	6,000	4,727.37	8,100
General Government Buildings	15,000	13,392.56	16,000
Cemeteries	18,000	11,890.10	15,000
Insurance	30,000	32,592.82	35,000
Other General Government	10,000	9,861.63	8,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	5,000	3,168.84	4,000
Ambulance	20,000	17,973.90	16,000
Fire	38,000	34,430.42	35,000
Emergency Management	500	255.81	500
Other (Incl. Communications) EMS	2,500	1,135.66	2,500
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			
Airport Operations	830	830.00	830
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Highways & Streets	110,000	118,401.60	112,000
Bridges	5,000	-	5,000
Street Lighting	4,500	4,044.00	4,700
Other/Paving	10,000	10,000.00	10,000
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	80,000	76,044.63	80,000
Solid Waste Clean-Up	10,000	8,005.00	10,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	1,000	850.00	1,000
HEALTH			
Pest Control	500	492.00	500
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	12,000	11,960.00	13,000
WELFARE			
Administration & Direct Assistance	5,000	690.23	5,000
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation	3,000	733.43	2,000
Library	15,000	14,494.23	15,000
Patriotic Purposes	5,000	3,006.00	5,000
Other Culture/Library Committee	5,000	2,031.77	10,000

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CONSERVATION

Other Conservation	6,100	6,100.00	400
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DEBT SERVICE

Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	25,000	32,485.50	35,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	7,000	5,351.26	7,000
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	4,500	4,480.53	5,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	125,000	123,280.00	
Buildings	27,000	33,700.00	0
Other than Building - Shim Israel River Rd.	30,000	29,968.00	0

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Sewer	3,000	1,776.00	3,000
To Capital Reserve Fund	90,000	90,000.00	0
To Exp. Tr. Fund-except #4917	42,500	42,500.00	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$839,430	\$846,026.00	\$576,730

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Library Trust Fund	4	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Athletic Trust Fund	4	7,500	7,500	2,500
CRF Highway Vehicle	3	30,000	30,000	30,000
CRF Dump Closure	3	10,000	10,000	10,000
CRF RT 115B Reconstruction	3	20,000	20,000	20,000
CRF Fire Truck	3	10,000	10,000	10,000
Building CRF	3	10,000	10,000	20,000
CRF Highway Maintenance & Repair	3	10,000	10,000	5,000
Cemetery Maintenance & Repair Trust Fund	4	10,000	10,000	2,000
				\$124,500

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Yr. As App. by DRA	Actual Exp. Prior Yr.	Approp. Ens. FY (Rec.)	Approp. Ens. FY (Not Rec.)
Fire Truck Purchase	5	-	-	\$40,000	
Fire Station Roof Replacement	6	-	-	15,000	
Israel River Road Maintenance	7	-	-	30,000	
Donation to Red Cross	9			483	
Forestry Equipment	8			4,000	
				\$89,483	

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Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ens. Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,852	\$ 9,000
Resident Taxes	-	-	-
Timber Taxes	5,000	24,116	8,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,000	10,152	20,000
Other Taxes/Sewer Fees	3,000	1,776	3,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinq. Taxes	20,000	20,779	20,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu. yd.)	100	111	100
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	195,000	199,968	195,000
Building Permits	30	46	30
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	2,388	3,000
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
	-	-	-
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	8,831	8,831	8,831
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	42,000	48,512	43,000
Highway Block Grant	36,993	36,867	38,893
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	-	-	-
Other (Including Railroad Tax) USF&W PILT		5,684	4,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	1,000	1,282	1,000
Other Charges	5,000	4,731	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	-	10,400	-
Interest on Investments	4,000	2,831	3,000
Other	10,000	13,518	5,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer (Offset)	1,000	850	1,000
From Capital Reserve Funds	182,000	187,573	85,000
From Trust & Agency Funds (War. Art. #6)	15,000	3,190	17,500
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	-	0
Amount VOTED from F/B ("Surplus")	5,700	5,700	4,000
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	0	-	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS	\$390,413	\$456,688	\$474,354

BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Ensuing Year</u>
Appropriations Recommended	\$549,230	\$576,730
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	132,500	124,500
"Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	187,700	89,483
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	869,430	790,713
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	-552,654	-474,354
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$316,776	\$316,359

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND

Current Use (current use value)		
16,857.80 acres	\$	1,554,295
Conservation Restriction Assessment		
40 acres		5,558
Residential 4,122.32 acres		38,111,200
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use		
644.83 acres		2,925,200
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND		\$42,596,235

BUILDINGS

Residential		76,148,600
Manufactured Housing		4,073,000
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use		10,500,900
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		90,722,500

UTILITIES

Public Service Company of		
New Hampshire		1,256,000
Portland Pipeline Corporation		3,142,200
TOTAL UTILITIES		4,398,200

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS **137,716,953**

EXEMPTIONS

Blind (0)		
Elderly (7)		115,000
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		115,000

NET VALUE FOR LOCAL TAX COMPUTATION		\$137,601,953
Less Utilities		4,398,200
NET VALUE FOR STATE TAX COMPUTATION		\$133,203,753

Land tax exempt and non-taxable 8,788.95 acres value \$26,552,400 buildings tax exempt and non-taxable value \$1,445,700.

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Appropriations	\$ 869,430
Less Revenues	-608,630
Net Town Appropriations	260,800
Add School Appropriations	2,027,197
Less Adequate Education Grant	-430,471
Less State Education Tax	-293,090
Add County Appropriations	511,500
TOTAL	<u>\$2,075,936</u>
Less Shared Revenues	-3,360
Add Veteran Credit	3,050
Add Overlay	4,873
LOCAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	2,080,499
STATE EDUCATION TAX TO BE RAISED	293,090
TOTAL TAXES BEING RAISED	<u>\$2,373,589</u>

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - local valuation 137,601,953 times \$15.12 per thousand equals 2,080,499, state local valuation less utilities 133,203,753 times \$2.20 per thousand equals 293,090.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES

Property Taxes	\$2,399,925
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,152
Excavation Taxes	111
Sewer Tax	1776
Yield Taxes	24,116
Interest and Penalties	20,779
Land Use Change Tax	1,852

TOTAL

\$2,458,711

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicles	199,967
Building Permits	46
Other Licenses and Permits	2,388

TOTAL

202,401

FROM STATE AND FEDERAL

Shared Revenue	8,831
Highway Block Grant	36,867
Fire Warden Reimbursement 1/2	816
USF & W	4,868
Rooms and Meals Tax	48,512

TOTAL

99,894

MISC. REVENUE SOURCES

Reimbursements	437
Income from Departments	1,702
Interest on Investment	2,810
Coping and Dump Stickers	632
Town Hall Rent	650
Sale of Cemetery Lots	400
Grants	4,000
Sale of 1996 Int'l	10,000
Sale of Scrap Metal	3,746
Insurance Dividends & Claims	-
Town Clerk Fees Reimbursed	4,731

TOTAL

29,108

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Sewer Fund	850
Cemetery Fund	1,200
Library Expendable Trust	1,990
Reclamation Trust Fund	3659

TOTAL

7,699

CAPITAL RESERVE TRANSFERS

Highway Vehicle CRT	123,905
Building CRF	33,700
Route 115B CRF	29,968

TOTAL

187,573

TEMPORARY LOAN

Tax Anticipation Note	687,000
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TOTAL

687,000

TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES

\$3,672,386

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$41,462
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics (9,193 reimbursed clerk fees)	13,070
Financial Administration	16,463
Revaluation	13,200
Planning Board	4,727
Zoning Board	0
Legal Expenses	11,177
Town Hall & Other Government Buildings	13,392
Insurance	32,593
Cemeteries	11,890
Tax Abatements & Refunds	6,321
Other Government Reimbursement	3,540
Taxes Bought by Town	70,827
Whitefield Regional Airport	830

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Dept.	34,418
Ambulance Service	17,974
Police	3,169
Animal Control	492
EMS	1,136
Emergency Management	256

HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Highway Department	118,402
Street Lighting	4,044
Paving	10,000
Bridges	0

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling	76,045
Sewerage Collection and Disposal	850
Landfill Monitoring & Groundwater Plans	8,005

HEALTH

Senior Meals	475
Health Services	11,485

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	690
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Park and Recreation	733
Library	14,494
Library Committee Planning	2,032
Patriotic Purposes	3,006

CONSERVATION

Conservation Commission River Study	5,700
Conservation Commission	400

CAPTIAL OUTLAY

2009 Int't Truck & Plow	123,280
Siding Town Garage	8,500
Siding Town Hall	26,200
Shim Israels River Road	29,968

DEBT SERVICES

Temporary Loans (TAN)	687,000
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	4,481

PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBT

Freightliner Fire Truck	17,486
Interest Long Term Debt - firetruck	3,936
Garage	15,000
Interest Long Term Debt - garage	1,415

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	90,000
Transfer to Sewer Fund	1,776
Transfer to Expendable Trust	42,500

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Taxes Paid to County	511,500
Taxes Paid to School District	<u>1,608,186</u>

TOTAL \$3,724,526

BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS	Begin. of Year	End of Year
Cash and Equivalents	\$597,040	\$ 599,827
Investments	36,824	38,333
Taxes Receivable	259,202	325,910
Tax Liens Receivable	49,790	58,608
Accounts Receivable	1,350	
Other Current Assets -		
Sewer Rents	3,165	3,148
Tax Deeded Property (subject to resale)	<u>5,337</u>	<u>17,678</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$952,708</u>	<u>\$1,043,504</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Warrants & Accounts Payable		821
Due to School Districts	575,568	621,686
Other Payables -		
Performance Deposits		<u>99,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$575,568</u>	<u>\$ 721,507</u>
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Appropriations		
Voted from Surplus		5,700
Reserve for Special Purposes	56,357	77,665
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>320,783</u>	<u>238,632</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$377,140</u>	<u>\$321,997</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$952,708</u>	<u>\$1,043,504</u>

Town of Jefferson, NH

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 964,998
furniture and equipment	181,753
Library, land and buildings	206,097
furniture, equipment, books	94,698
Police Department	2,000
Fire Department, building	280,864
equipment	643,284
Highway Department, Garage	80,000
Equipment	361,311
Parks, commons and playgrounds	97,200
Gravel Pit	7,300
Solid Waste Facility	115,000
Cemeteries	150,200
Deeded Land	115,800
Total	<u>\$3,300,505</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	PRIOR LEVIES	
			<u>2006</u>	<u>2005+</u>
DR.				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				
AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR*				
Property Taxes		\$325,910.02		
Utility Charges		3,148.00		
This Year's New Credits	(\$1,752.22)			
TAXES COMMITTED				
THIS FISCAL YEAR:				
Property Taxes	\$2,370,923.00			
Land Use Change Taxes	7,122.00			
Timber Yield Taxes	24,321.24			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	110.83			
Utility Charges	3,148.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS:				
Credits Refunded	1,752.22			
Interest - Late Tax	412.96	18,302.03		
TOTAL DEBITS	<u><u>\$2,406,038.03</u></u>	<u><u>\$347,360.05</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance.
If not, please explain.

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	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	PRIOR LEVIES	
			<u>2006</u>	<u>2005+</u>
CR.				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	\$2,018,401.36	\$261,159.09		
Land Use Change Taxes	7,122.00			
Timber Yield Taxes	24,116.13			
Interest & Penalties	412.96	18,302.03		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	110.83			
Utility Charges		1,776.00		
Converted to Liens (principal only)	64,849.93			
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	2,638.00	1,273.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	205.11			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes	349,883.64			
Utility Charges	3,148.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	<u><u>\$2,406,038.03</u></u>	<u><u>\$347,360.05</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

DR.	<u>2007</u>	PRIOR LEVIES <u>2006</u>	<u>2005+</u>
UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS:			
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$40,279.14	\$18,328.65
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$70,826.93		
Interest & Costs Collected	726.35	2,018.35	5,273.80
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	<u>\$71,553.28</u>	<u>\$42,297.49</u>	<u>\$23,602.45</u>

CR.	<u>2007</u>	PRIOR LEVIES <u>2006</u>	<u>2005+</u>
REMITTED TO TREASURER:			
Redemptions	\$15,565.69	\$11,825.16	\$15,266.82
Interest and Costs Collected	726.35	2,018.35	5,273.80
Unredeemed Liens End of Fiscal Year	55,261.24	28,453.98	3,061.83
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	<u>\$71,553.28</u>	<u>\$42,297.49</u>	<u>\$23,602.45</u>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? NO

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GROSS
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby certify that during the year ending December 31, 2008, I issued 1,740 auto registrations which I collected for same \$199,978.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I collected 1,723 Reclamation Trust Fund Fees amounting to \$4,785.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 202 Dog Licenses, collecting for same \$1,212.50, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 8 Marriage Licenses, which I reported to the Vital Records Bureau for the State of NH.

I collected \$6.00 for Filing Fees, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

My expenses for postage, supplies, and mileage to meetings were \$249.32.

Respectfully submitted,
OPAL L. BRONSON
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

I hereby certify that in the year ending December 31, 2008, I have received from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Reclamation Trust Fund, Sewer Fund, Lancaster National Bank, and the Conservation Commission and have paid the Selectmen's orders and carried out other transactions as follows, in the succeeding separate accounts to the best of my knowledge.

GENERAL FUND

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 2008	\$ 477,409.36
Received from Tax Collector	2,448,678.72
Received from Town Clerk	205,678.50
Received from Selectmen	326,704.68
Received from RTF Acct. (for disbursement)	3,659.14
CRB Credit	60.00
Tax Anticipation Note Transfers	687,000.00
Interest	2,831.12

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE \$4,152,021.52

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

Disbursements per Selectmen's Orders \$3,725,123.89

2008 GENERAL FUND 12/31/08 BAL. \$ 426,897.63

R.T.F.

2007 Bank Balance	\$ 8,558.95
2008 Deposits	4,780.00
2008 Interest	86.12

R.T.F. TOTAL CREDITS & BAL. \$ 13,425.07

R.T.F. DISBURSEMENTS

Town Clerk's Commission	
Registrations	\$ 876.50
Tire Removal	2,782.64
Transfer to C.D.	5,000.00
	<u>\$ 8,659.14</u>

2008 R.T.F. 12/31/08 BAL. \$ 4,765.93

R.T.F. CD 12/31/08 BAL. \$ 22,219.87

SEWER FUND

2007 Balance	\$ 11,552.23
2008 Deposits	1,776.00
2008 Interest	55.94

SEWER FUND TOTAL CREDITS & BAL. \$ 13,384.17

SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Pumping Expense	\$ 850.00
Transfer to CD	5,000.00

SEWER FUND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 5,850.00

2008 SEWER FUND 12/31/08 BAL. \$ 7,534.17

SEWER CD 12/23/08 BAL. \$ 27,793.65

CONSERVATION COMM. FUND

2007 Balance	\$ 1,540.04
2008 Interest	4.92
2008 Deposits	1,016.43

2008 CONSERVATION FUND \$ 2,561.39

RED BROOK ROAD PROPERTY BOND

2008 Balance	\$ 99,000.00
2008 Disbursements	99,000.00

2008 R.B. ROAD PROP. BOND 12/31/08 BAL. \$ 0.00

Respectfully submitted, WENDY WELLS

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ended 12/31/2008**

Deposits with Passumpsic Savings Bank		
Cemetery Care	\$ 89,374.86	
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	2,574.49	
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	935.00	
H. Hartley Conservation Fund	1,892.93	
Skating Rink Fund	1,214.45	
Honor Roll Fund	1,759.46	
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	31,017.97	
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Total Deposits with Lancaster National Bank	128,769.16	
Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool		
Capital Reserve Funds:		
#1 Highway Vehicle	41,754.08	
#2 Revaluation	12,595.96	
#3 Dump Closure	133,265.32	
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	4,916.43	
#5 Reconstruction of Rte. 115B	107,656.02	
#6 Fire Truck	68,610.52	
#7 Buildings	62,137.71	
#8 Highway Garage	280.30	
#9 Highway Repair	51,655.10	
#10 Municipal Software	2,459.28	
Perambulating Town Lines	16,477.06	
Town Library Fund	129,093.36	
Athletic Trust Fund	13,536.43	
Cemetery Maintenance	6,309.08	
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Total Funds in PDIP	\$650,746.65	
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2008		\$779,515.81
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2007		<u>\$818,579.03</u>
Expenditures:		
Care of Cemeteries - Town of Jefferson	1,200.00	
White Mtns. Regional H.S. Library	21.64	
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarships	300.00	
CR#7 Buildings - Town of Jefferson	33,700.00	
CR#1 Highway Vehicle - Town of Jefferson	123,905.00	
CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B - Town of Jefferson	29,968.00	
Town Library Fund	1,989.77	
Passumpsic Savings Bank - Charge for Free Checks	14.90	
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Total Expenditures	\$191,099.31	
Additions to Funds		
Interest Earned on Accounts	19,486.09	
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarship Donations	50.00	
CR#1 Highway Vehicle	30,000.00	
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund	10,000.00	
CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B	20,000.00	
CR#6 Fire Truck	10,000.00	
CR#7 Buildings	10,000.00	
CR#9 Highway Repair	10,000.00	
Town Library Fund	25,000.00	
Athletic Trust Fund	7,500.00	
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	10,000.00	
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Total Additions	\$152,036.09	
Net Increase (Decrease) to all Funds		(39,063.22)
Balance as of 12/31/2008		<u>\$779,515.81</u>
Trustees of Trust Funds:		
JASON CALL DAVID FOSTER ALDEN HOLMES		

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

EXECUTIVE

SELECTMEN SALARIES	\$ 4,500.00	
Bruce Hicks, Chairman		
Norman Brown		
Kevin Meehan		
MODERATOR-Paul Donovan	200.00	
ASST TO SELECTMEN - Linda Cushman	22,766.65	
Employer FICA/Medicare	2,085.89	
EXEC. DUES	1,026.89	
EXEC. OFFICE SUPPLY	863.05	
POSTAGE/ENVELOPE	490.82	
EXEC. TELEPHONE	957.67	
INTERNET CABLE	539.40	
OFFICE MACH R&M	1,025.00	
SOFTWARE UPDATE & ANNUAL SERVICE	2,510.00	
TOWN REPORT PRINTING	1,682.00	
EXECUTIVE MISC.	2,813.66	
Total EXECUTIVE		\$ 41,461.03

ELECT, REGIS, VITAL

TOWN CLERK SALARY - Opal Bronson	1,000.00	
SUPERVISOR SALARIES	800.00	
Donald Noyes		
Cheryl Meehan		
Diana Lizak		
Sally Brooks		
Employer FICA/Medicare	137.70	
DOG LICENSES	215.00	
MARRIAGE LICENSE	23.50	
AUTO REGISTRATION	3,498.00	
VITAL RECORDS	37.00	
CLERK RECLAMATION	876.50	
CLERK - UCC FILING	742.00	
TITLE FEES	440.00	
MUNICIPAL AGT FEES	3,576.00	
SUPERVISORS EXPENSES	316.06	
ELEC, REGR, DUES	20.00	
PRINTING BALLOTS	306.00	
POSTAGE	89.43	
MILEAGE - TOWN CLERK	355.82	
MISC EXPENSES	637.29	
Total ELECT, REGIS, VITAL		13,070.30

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

TAX COLLECTOR - Mary Gross	7,000.00
Employer FICA/Medicare	535.50

Town of Jefferson, NH

REDEMPTIONS	35.66	
TAX POSTAGE	1,137.60	
FINAN. ADMIN. MISC.	1,935.77	
TREASURER WAGE-Wendy Wells	2,000.00	
Employer FICA/Medicare	153.00	
TREASURER - POSTAGE/ENVELOPES	485.90	
TREASURER EXPENSE	400.00	
TAX MAP UPDATE	800.00	
AUDIT	1,979.53	
Total FINANCIAL ADMIN.		16,462.96
REVALUATION		
REVALUATION ASSESSING	13,200.00	
Total REVALUATION		13,200.00
LEGAL		
LEGAL GENERAL EXP	1,949.20	
GLIDDEN	5,048.39	
ESTABROOKS	4,180.01	
Total LEGAL		11,177.60
PLANNING		
PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY	2,688.00	
Charlene Wheeler		
Employer FICA/Medicare	205.63	
ABUTTERS AD	143.00	
MISCELLANEOUS AD	100.00	
DUES	1,006.89	
ABUTTER NOTICES	66.97	
POSTAGE/ENVELOPES	74.65	
MISCELLANEOUS	442.23	
Total PLANNING		4,727.37
ZONING		0.00
GEN GOV. BLDGS.		
WAGES GROUNDS	2,344.65	
John Merrow		
Employer FICA/Medicare	179.36	
TOWN HALL - ELECTRIC	982.61	
TOWN HALL FUEL	3,107.39	
REFINISH TOWN HALL FLOOR	800.00	
SERVICE HEATING SYSTEM	810.80	
CONFERENCE TABLE & COFFEE TABLE	1,135.00	
LIBRARY - NEW TOILET	1,946.55	
GROUNDS, FUEL, SUPPLIES	289.07	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,797.13	
Total GEN GOV BLDGS		13,392.56

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CEMETERIES

STARR KING	3,273.00	
INDIAN CEMETERY	445.00	
HILLSIDE CEMETERY	2,384.00	
FORREST VALE	2,866.00	
RIVERTON CEMETERY	820.00	
KILKENNY VIEW	1,740.00	
WENTWORTH REED	225.00	
CEMETERY SUPPLIES	137.10	
Total CEMETERIES		11,890.10

INSURANCES

INSURE WORKS COMP	4,588.00	
PROPERTY LIABILITY	12,006.27	
INSURANCE-HEALTH	15,998.55	
Total INSURANCES		32,592.82

OTHER GOVERNMENT

REFUNDS	1,752.22	
ABATEMENTS	4,569.27	
TIRES REMOVAL	1,909.64	
VITAL RECORDS	384.00	
OTHER GOV. MISC.	1,246.50	
Total OTHER GOVERNMENT		9,861.63

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE WAGES - Charles Huntington	1,388.46	
Employer FICA/Medicare	106.21	
POLICE MILEAGE	929.20	
POLICE SUPPLIES	214.97	
CASA	500.00	
POLICE MISC.	30.00	
Total POLICE DEPT		3,168.84

AMBULANCE SERVICE

AMBULANCE CONTRACT	12,575.00	
UNPAID AMBULANCE CALLS	5,398.90	
Total AMBULANCE SERVIC		17,973.90

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL - Chris Milligan, Chief	2,294.00
Joe Beliveau	106.00
John Bishop	324.00
Christina Corrigan	60.00
Mark Corrigan	480.00
Larry Coulter, Jr.	520.00
Marty Culver	96.00
Eddie Dorr	132.00
Jamie Godden	168.00

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Fred Ingerson	120.00	
Bill Jones	204.00	
Larry Kenison	560.00	
Barry Nelson	308.00	
John Paschal	430.00	
Bill Patnaude	244.00	
John Silver, Jr.	204.00	
Kevin Staines	560.00	
Ed Tibbits	264.00	
Peter Tibbets	128.00	
Larry Wells	560.00	
Jeff Wiseman	508.00	
Employer FICA/Medicare	620.72	
ELECTRIC	1,055.55	
HEATING FUEL	2,103.53	
FIRE-RADIO-PAGER	3,096.18	
TRAINING	410.00	
BLDG. R&M	699.58	
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,509.35	
GEAR	1,510.57	
AIR SYSTEM	871.00	
VEHICLE FUEL	1,627.73	
TELEPHONE	540.06	
FIRE WARDEN	1,609.55	
FD DUES	350.00	
SHOP SUPPLIES	1,293.77	
GEN TRUCK R&M	720.00	
ENGINE 1	141.37	
VAN	593.79	
ENGINE 2	111.60	
TANKER 1	106.89	
COMPUTER & PRINTER	857.38	
MISC.	1,319.84	
Total FIRE DEPARTMENT		34,418.46
EMERGENCY MGMT.		
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION	255.81	
Total EMERGENCY MGMT		255.81
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		
PAYROLL	440.00	
Chris Milligan, Larry Coulter, Jr. Bill Jones		
Employer FICA/Medicare	33.66	
MEDICAL SUPPLY	512.00	
EMS TRAINING	150.00	
Total EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		1,135.66

AIRPORT OPERATIONS

AIRPORT OPERATIONS	829.50	
Total AIRPORT OPER		829.50

HIGHWAY

PAYROLL - Paul Couture Road Agent	31,255.42	
Frank Gray	14,377.16	
Carroll Ingerson	5,929.68	
Jimney Howland	208.71	
Employer FICA/Medicare	3,960.47	
ELECTRIC	732.70	
BUILDING FUEL	747.08	
GARAGE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	108.62	
PLOWS	5,012.95	
1995 INTERNATIONAL	1,190.47	
2009 INTERNATIONAL	1,402.76	
2002 FORD	3,628.04	
SMALL SANDER	105.17	
BACKHOE	2,856.08	
VEHICLE FUEL	12,596.35	
TELEPHONE	574.17	
RADIO REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	580.80	
HWY CHLORIDE	8,026.40	
HWY ROAD MAINT.	176.50	
HWY SALT	3,807.58	
HWY WINTER SAND	15,035.60	
HWY MAINT. SPLY.	1,638.02	
HWY HIRED EQUIP.	3,363.00	
HWY MISC.	1,087.87	
Total HIGHWAY		118,401.60

BRIDGE WORK

0.00

STREET LIGHTING

STREET LIGHTING	4,044.00	
Total STREET LIGHTING		4,044.00

OTHER HIGHWAY

PAVING ROAD ENTRANCES	10,000.00	
Total OTHER HIGHWAY		10,000.00

SOLID WASTE

PAYROLL - Frank Gray	8,029.44	
Jimney Howland	9,606.51	
Paul Couture	1,393.77	
Employer FICA/Medicare	1,455.77	
TRANSFER STATION ELECTRIC	624.92	
HAUL SOLID WASTE	9,968.14	
HAUL RECYCLING	10,937.62	

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CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS DISPOSAL	5,784.78	
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	18,538.23	
DISTRIST ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	5,938.46	
TELEPHONE	466.52	
TRANSPORTATION OF ELECTRONICS	786.06	
SOLID WASTE MISC.	1,031.79	
NEW BLDG-HEATER, WIRING SUPPLIES	1,482.42	
Total SOLID WASTE		76,044.43
 LANDFILL MONITORING		
LANDFILL MONITORING	6,325.00	
LANDFILL GW TEST	1,680.00	
Total LANDFILL MONITOR		8,005.00
 SEWAGE COLL. & OTHER		
SEWER DISPOSAL	850.00	
Total SEWAGE COLL. & OTHER		850.00
 ANIMAL CONTROL		
ANIMAL BOARDING	492.00	
Total ANIMAL CONTROL		492.00
 HEALTH AGENCIES		
WEEKS HOME HEALTH	5,357.00	
SENIOR MEALS	475.00	
WHITE MT. MENTAL	1,373.00	
TRI COUNTY CAP	900.00	
LITTLETON HOSPITAL	2,205.00	
CALEB GROUP	1,650.00	
Total HEALTH AGENCIES		11,960.00
 DIRECT ASSISTANCE		
ASSISTANCE	690.23	
Total DIRECT ASSISTANCE		690.23
 PARKS & RECREATION		
PARK & REC. ELECTRICITY	163.43	
PARK & REC. MISC.	570.00	
Total PARKS & RECREATION		733.43
 LIBRARY		
PAYROLL - Sue Crafton Librarian	4,221.00	
Joy McCorkhill	1,798.40	
Darcie Call	260.00	
Kate Savage	84.50	
Sally Brooks	52.00	
Employer FICA/Medicare	490.81	
LIBRARY ELECTRIC	474.74	

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LIBRARY FUEL	1,587.32	
TRUSTEE ALLOWANCE	5,000.00	
LIBRARY TELEPHONE	471.46	
LIBRARY MISC.	54.00	
Total LIBRARY		14,494.23
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
MEMORIAL DAY	6.00	
4TH OF JULY	3,000.00	
Total PARTIOTIC PURPOS		3,006.00
OTHER CULTURE		
Library Comm Exp.	2,031.77	
Total OTHER CULTURE		2,031.77
CONSERVATION COMMMISSION		
CONS. COMM. - DUES	175.00	
CONS. COMM. MISC.	225.00	
Total CONSERVATION COM		400.00
CONSERVATION OTHER		
CONSERVATION OTHER	5,700.00	
Total CONSERVATION OTH		5,700.00
PRINCIPAL LT		
TANKER	17,485.50	
GARAGE	15,000.00	
Total PRINCIPAL LT		32,485.50
TAX ANTICIPATION		
TAN PRINCIPAL	687,000.00	
Total TAX ANTICIPATION		687,000.00
INTEREST LT		
TANKER	3,935.92	
GARAGE	1,415.34	
Total INTEREST LT		5,351.26
INTEREST TAN		
INTEREST TAN	4,480.53	
Total INTEREST TAN		4,480.53
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
HIGHWAY VEHICLE	123,280.00	
Total CAPITAL OUTLAY		123,280.00

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CAPITAL OUTLAY		
GARAGE OUTLAY	8,500.00	
TOWN HALL OUTLAY	<u>26,200.00</u>	
Total CAPITAL OUTLAY		34,700.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
RT. 115B MAINT.	<u>29,968.00</u>	
Total CAPITAL OUTLAY		29,968.00
PROPRIETARY FUND		
SEWER FUND	<u>1,776.00</u>	
Total PROPRIETARY FUND		1,776.00
CAPITAL RESERVE		
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	<u>90,000.00</u>	
Total CAPITAL RESERVE		90,000.00
EXPENDABLE TR FUND		
ATHLETIC ETF	7,500.00	
CEMETERY TR FUND	10,000.00	
LIBRARY EXPEND TR	<u>25,000.00</u>	
Total EXPENDABLE TR FUND		42,500.00
COUNTY TAX		
COUNTY TAXES	<u>511,500.00</u>	
Total COUNTY TAX		511,500.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT		
SCHOOL DIST. PYMT.	<u>1,608,186.00</u>	
Total SCHOOL DISTRICT		1,608,186.00
TAXES BOUGHT		
TAXES BOUGHT	<u>70,826.93</u>	
Total TAXES BOUGHT		<u>70,826.93</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$3,724,525.45</u>

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter Road Maintenance

Salaries		
Paul Couture	\$16,006.25	
Frank Gray	8,094.05	
Carroll Ingerson	5,731.92	
Total		\$29,832.22

Summer Road Maintenance

Salaries		
Jean Paul Couture	15,249.17	
Frank Gray	6,283.11	
Carroll Ingerson	197.76	
Jimmey Howland	208.71	
Total		21,938.75

Hired Equipment

Les Bushaw – Chipper	400.00	
Mike Gray & Son Trucking		
Truck & Excavator	945.00	
Central Paving – Trucking	408.00	
Avery's Sweeper	935.00	
Jeffrey Heath – Mowing	450.00	
		3,138.00

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

It has been a strange year in the recycling business. The first three-quarters of the year recycling prices were high. By the end of the year the market had dropped to the point of just covering costs.

Just a reminder the disposal of **mercury-containing products at landfills, transfer stations and incinerators is prohibited**. This means these items may not be disposed of as a solid waste with the "normal" garbage. The ban covers products including: **thermometers, florescent lamps, thermostats, mercury button cell batteries, switches, and relays**. The ban does not include the **recycling** of these items at solid waste facilities. At this point in time these items can be brought to the AVRRDD Transfer Station for recycling.

CPU's are now being collected along with the other video display devices (computer monitors, televisions, liquid crystal displays and plasma displays) greater than 4 inches in diagonal measure. These items are being collected at the Transfer Station for disposal. See the attendants for details.

To assist in the operation of the Transfer Station please pre-sort your garbage and recyclables before you get to the Transfer Station. With the **COOPERATION** of our residents we can continue to be successful cutting cost.

Please continue to keep the operation of the Transfer Station working smoothly by doing the following:

1. if you are not sure where something goes **ask** the Attendant
2. **please** sort your items **before** you get to the Transfer Station this will help keep traffic moving
3. corrugated cardboard flatten, **No Pizza boxes**
4. **light cardboard (cereal, cracker boxes, etc) now go with the corrugated cardboard. This is a change from previous procedures**
5. junk mail
6. newspapers and magazines together

Due to the fact that there is a very limited market for textiles we **NO LONGER** **except** textiles for recycling. There are collection boxes for good clothing in Lancaster, Littleton, and Berlin.

Hazardous Waste collection day is June 6, 2009. Check with the attendants for further details.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Summer Hours (after Father's Day)	Winter Hours (after Columbus Day)
Monday 3:00 to 5:00	Monday Closed
Wednesday Noon to 5:00	Wednesday 3:00 to 5:00
Saturday 8:00 to 5:00	Saturday 8:00 to 5:00

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation.

FRANK GRAY, Transfer Station Officer
JIMMEY HOWLAND, Attendant

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE 2008

In 2008 our departments responded to a combined total of sixty-two calls. Thirty of these calls were for medical emergencies. We responded to two structure fires that resulted in the homes being heavily damaged. These fires were accidental and though property loss was devastating, no one was injured, and the smoke/fire alarms did their job. This past year we also have seen an increase of chimney fires. As the fuel prices rose we looked to alternate sources of heat. Please, as it is stated in our fire safety tips, if you are using alternate heat sources, please use them correctly. If you need advice, installations or usage on any alternate heating source, please contact us.

We also responded to various calls consisting of motor vehicle accidents, mutual aid calls to other towns, and a container fire at the transfer station. It has not been determined what may have started this fire, but everyone needs to make sure all the refuse goes into the proper places. If you are not sure, please check with the attendants.

We all must take fire safety seriously. Each year thousands of people are injured or killed, causing millions of dollars in personal and property damage throughout the country. The statistics are alarming and grim, though we do not have to be one, fire can strike at any time. If we all take a little time to ensure the safety of our homes we can lessen the chances.

1. Fire Safety Is Fire Prevention.

How safe is your home? This can be simple things, such as not overloading extension cords and maintaining our heating systems by having them cleaned and inspected yearly. Burn wood? With the high price of fuel oil, more people are returning to alternate heating sources. Please have your wood stove installation approved and inspected. Keep check on creosote build-up in pipes and chimneys and disposing of wood ashes properly. Do not operate any unapproved, unvented heating system in the home. Never leave combustible items near any heating system. Make sure all vents for any heating system, dryer vents, doors leading to the outside are clear and clean, especially during the winter months. Always use open fire safely and responsibly. We should all have a check list and the entire family can get involved to help make us safer. Have an escape plan and practice it often, make sure everyone knows where the designated meeting place is. Never return into a building that has some type of problem. Knowing what to do during an emergency may have a better ending in a bad situation. For our residents, the fire department, free of charge, is willing to give your home a safety inspection, or contact us with any concerns you may have.

2. Smoke And Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

I cannot stress this enough. Every home should have adequate **Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors**. These are our first defense should something go wrong. These need to be in all living areas. Test all you may have once a month. Change your clocks, change your batteries. Have at least 2 working ABC fire extinguishers easily accessible and know how to use them. If you need help in

installing a detector, or should you need a detector, please contact any member of the department and we would be glad to assist.

3. The Only Number To Call For Fire, EMS, Police Is 911.

Keep this number and all Emergency Numbers posted near your phones. Teach your younger children the necessity of this number and only use when there is an emergency. Never let a small problem become a large one.

4. Make Sure Your House Number Is Visible.

The number issued to your home is your responsibility, please be sure your number is in good condition and visible from the road. This will help us and other agencies find you that much faster should you need that service.

5. Permits For Outside Fires.

In accordance with the laws of New Hampshire Forests and Lands, any outdoor fire requires a written permit, when conditions allow. You must obtain a permit for campfires, and to burn brush. Permits are not required for charcoal and gas grills. Permits are only good for the time they are issued for. No exceptions.

Any type of fire to do with wood requires a permit. No written permit is needed when there is adequate snow on the ground, covering the area completely where you wish to burn in. If you are not sure of the snow requirements, please call a permit issuer first, it might save a lot of aggravation later and it is also a good idea to call a permit issuer and advise us so we can call it into our dispatch center. This lessens the possibility of a well meaning citizen making an unnecessary 911 call.

It is Against The Law to Burn Any Type of Household Trash. This Act is Punishable By Fines. The transfer station will accept all our separated trash. Please call me or a Deputy Warden for any questions you may have.

This past year we found that our 1975 pumper, known as engine one, our first attack engine, has developed a leak in the water tank portion of the truck. We have checked into various methods of repairing or replacing the tank. From all the quotes and ideas we have obtained, being the age (33 years) and material, the tank was constructed out of (steel) a quick, easy fix was not to be had. Total replacement of the tank is close to twenty-four thousand dollars, (\$24,000). We felt this was not truly a good investment for the department or the town, as in the end we would still have a 33 year old truck. With discussion with the board and the members of the department, it was agreed upon to search out the possibility of finding a newer engine. As with the Board of Selectmen, we are asking you, the residents to support warrant article number 5, that will allow the expenditure of \$40,000 from the fire department capital reserve fund to find a replacement engine.

This past year I have chosen to step down as Forest Fire Warden for the town of Jefferson. Being in a multi-position for the town can be very time consuming and I feel it is time to lighten the load. I will still be Chief of the departments, and stay on as a Deputy Forest Warden. Larry Wells, a fire department Lieutenant, and Deputy Forest Fire Warden will be the new Forest Fire Warden. This transition will go smoothly as Larry is well trained in forestry.

Town of Jefferson, NH

Being a member of the departments is much more than just responding to incidents. Our members are residents first, but give up precious family time, which seems to be in short commodity these days, as other activities in our lives are more demanding. These people are dedicated and willing to attend required meetings, train, to accept the call of duty 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, no matter what the weather may be. Thank you members of the JFD and JEMS for your commitment. Be proud people, you serve your community well and strive to give the best possible emergency services we can. I am grateful to be the Chief of such a good group of people. We are grateful for the support we receive from our community and from our Board of Selectmen, and to the past members who helped make the department what it is today.

Thank you to NHDOT District 1 Lancaster, for our fire department dispatching and assistance, Weeks Hospital for our EMS dispatching, to the members of North Pac Mutual Aid, helping us when we need it, and Lancaster EMS for ambulance service.

May we be all safe and have a healthy 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief CHRISTOPHER MILLIGAN

JEFFERSON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Our Firemen's Association fundraisers started out in April 2008 with our Soup, Chowder, Chili cook-off which is held at the fire station. The entries and samplers were many, friendly rivalry abounded, visiting with old friends and making some new. This is a popular event for us and the good folks who attend. Awards and certificate are presented to the entries who place first, second and third in each category which are determined by the tasters. This is a fun way to shake off the winter doldrums and welcome spring and anyone can enter. We will be announcing the date for our next cook-off in the near future, so hone up on your favorite recipe and hope to see you there.

This year we decided that the proceeds raised from this event and raffle items would go to Rob and Sara Beaulieu, whose son Luke is courageously fighting cancer. Luke is the grandson of member Bill and Lorraine Patnaude. All who participated wish the best for Luke and his family.

Our pancake breakfasts once again were well attended. Our July breakfast served 430, and in October we served 370 people. These breakfasts are a lot of work, but also a lot of fun and give everyone a chance so socialize.

We wish to thank the Jefferson Odd Fellows Lodge #103 for the use of the hall and the Jefferson Christian Members for giving up your Sundays at the hall.

Thank you Old Corner Store and crew, The Water Wheel Restaurant and Gift House for your generous donations of food products and supplies. Thank you to all the good folks who donated muffins, beans, doughnuts and other goodies that help make our breakfasts a huge success.

Our August Merlyn Baker Memorial Golf Tournament at the historic Waumbek Golf Course gave us a beautiful day, 22 teams and a good time for golfers and hackers alike. Thank you Larry Fellows and staff for hosting this event. Our hats off to Helen Coulter and Grace Gross for putting on a fabulous meal, to all the people and businesses who donated prizes and gave us sponsorships, thank you. Kevin Staines, Bill Patnaude, Bill Jones, thank you for all your efforts you give that make this event possible.

Each year our Firemen's Association holds fundraisers to fund projects for the betterment of the association, the fire department and the Town of Jefferson. These events would not be successful without the hard work from the members, the generous donations we receive, or the great folks who attend.

Thank you members for your hard work and dedication this past year. I wish everyone to know your efforts are greatly appreciated. May we all have a safe and happy 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
President, MARK CORRIGAN

**JEFFERSON FIRE AND EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES
2008 INCIDENT RESPONSES**

Brush/Grass	2
Chimney Fire	5
Container Fire (transfer station)	1
Haz-Mat	3
Medical Calls (JEMS)	30
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
Motor Vehicle Fire	2
Mutual Aid (to other towns)	6
Smoke Investigation (Possible Building Fire)	1
Structure Fire	2
PSNH Pole/Wires Down	1
Total	<u>62</u>

OFFICER ROSTER 2008

Chief	Christopher Milligan
Deputy Chief	Mark Corrigan
Captain	John Paschal
Lieutenant	Lawrence Kenison
Lieutenant/EMS Officer	Lawrence Coulter, Jr.
Lieutenant	Larry Wells
Lieutenant	Kevin Staines

Membership: 23 JEMS: 4
Emergency Management Director
Jeffrey Wiseman

**NH FOREST AND LANDS
TOWN OF JEFFERSON**

Fire Warden	Christopher Milligan
Deputy Warden	Mark Corrigan
Deputy Warden	Lawrence Coulter, Jr.
Deputy Warden	Lawrence Coulter, Sr.
Deputy Warden	Fred Ingerson
Deputy Warden	Lawrence Kenison
Deputy Warden	Larry Wells

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

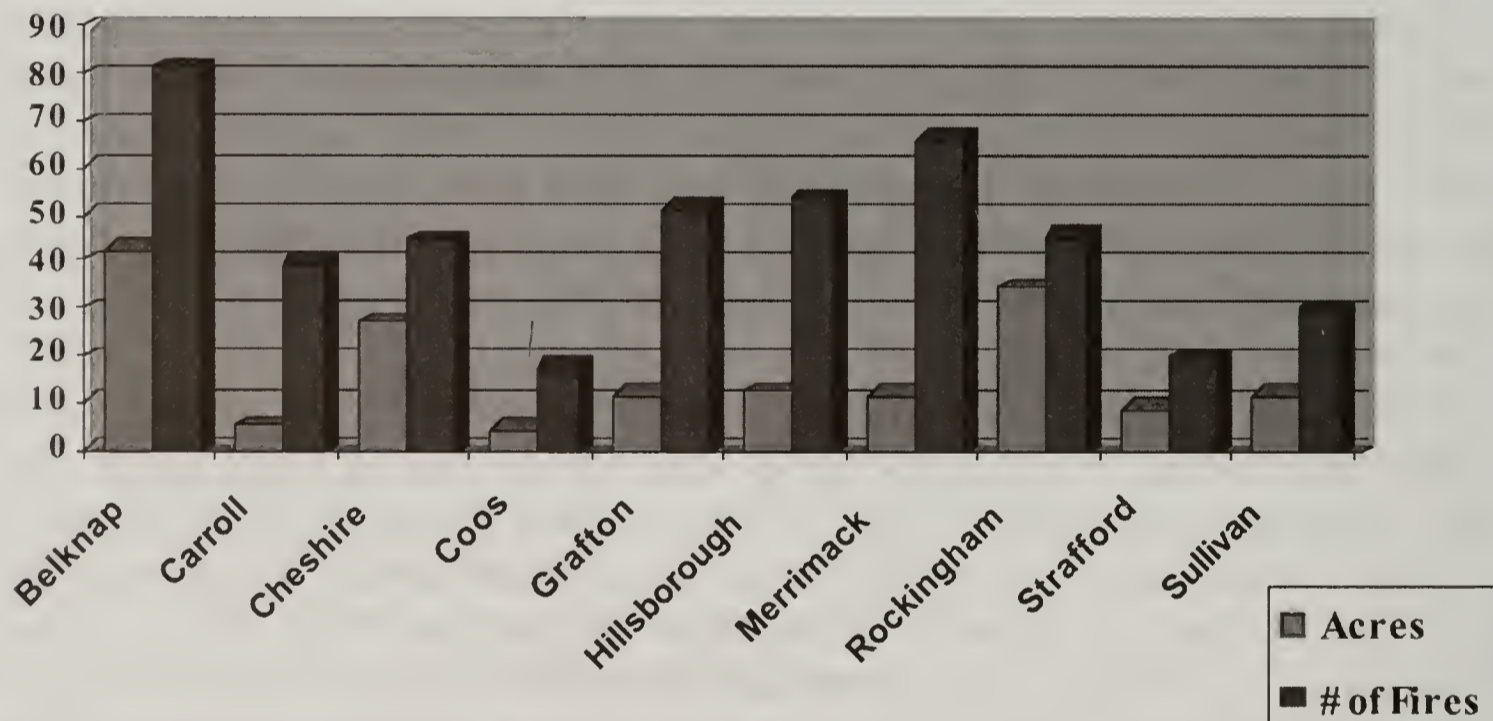
Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2008	455	175
Debris	173	2007	437	212
Campfire	35	2006	500	473
Children	23	2005	546	174
Smoking	36	2004	482	147
Railroad	2			
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc.*	162			

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

JEFFERSON LIBRARY COMMITTEE

During this past year The Jefferson Library Committee has continued to seek information and advice from several sources to help in making decisions concerning the site and design of a new library building.

Committee members have continued to visit libraries that have recently experienced new construction or are in the process of doing so. They viewed the buildings and talked with the librarians at Portsmouth, Barrington, Candia, Ossipee, Conway and Madison.

Public meetings have been held this past year with the following programs:

Terry Knowles of the State of NH Attorney General's office advising us of the legalities concerning monies gifted to the project and the administration of all library money and the role of the non-profit Friends Group as a 501c3 organization.

Dan White and Sarah Winn of the Rural Library Project provided information on how towns smaller than Jefferson have been able to build new libraries.

Joe Marshall presented a power point program covering the progress to date and the time frame going forward. We will use 2009 to complete a design to present to an architect and look to the following year to start a Capital Campaign to raise money.

The committee hired Patience Kenney Jackson, a Library Building Consultant, to evaluate our present building and do a needs assessment and projection for a new building based on a time frame of twenty years.

Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. was hired to do a Wetland Delineation on the town owned site and the results show that construction of a Library building there would require a wetland permit from DES Wetland Bureau and incur additional costs.

David Moulton has offered to give to the town the necessary land for a Library building to be located at the approximate location of the brick building which would be removed. This site is located on Rte. 2, just west of the Bailey Road. (Rte. 116)

Based on size, ease of access, the terrain and wetlands determination, the committee has decided to work with David Moulton and locate the library there.

Expenses to date are \$3,956.37 covering the survey, The Rural Library visit, the needs assessment, wetlands report and small miscellaneous costs.

The Library Committee members welcome questions, suggestions from all residents of the town.

Thank you for your support.

The Jefferson Library Committee

2008 LIBRARY REPORT

Public support for the town's library has continued to be strong. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the library in any way from donations of materials, monetary support, attendance at meetings and fund raising events as well as patronizing the library on a regular basis. We wish to welcome the 42 new patrons who have joined the library during this past year.

There were 304 books, 2 audio tapes and 2 DVDs purchased this year along with the renewal of 5 periodical subscriptions. Library hours were expanded from 12 to 16 hours per week in April and this seems to be working out well.

The new heating system is working well and a new electric toilet was installed in June that is quieter than the previous model. The cataloguing of books is moving along smoothly with the use of a special computer program.

The Friends of the Library group continued to support our library by holding their book sale and also did the Cookie Walk at the Christmas Festival again. Both were successful fundraisers. Our gratitude and appreciation are extended to the members of the Friends for their continued efforts to support the library.

Sue Crafton, our librarian, organized a successful summer reading program for the children. It included a dog sniffing demonstration by DOT Officer Sharon Matson, Crack a Secret Code by Diane Williams, Beneath the Surface (a rock and mineral discussion) by Jim Holmes and a program on Collecting and Analyzing Evidence given by Sgt. Christopher St. Cyr. We wish to thank all of them for helping to make our summer reading program such a success. An Open House held at the Library during the Christmas Festival had Mrs. Santa Claus reading stories to children who stopped by. There is also a Creative Needles Club for knitting and crocheting that will begin meeting at the library in January of 2009. If you are interested in these or would like to see another program be offered, please contact Sue at the library (tel. 586-7791).

We extend our thanks to all who support the library. By your support, you are sharing in the belief that knowledge through reading books is important to an individual's growth and betterment.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH DUBOIS, Trustee Chairman

JEANNE KENISON, Trustee

CHERYL MEEHAN, Trustee

SALLY BROOKS, Trustee

SUZANNE CRAFTON, Librarian

2008 LIBRARY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Acct. Balance as of 12/31/2007 \$946.96

Receipts

Town Budget	\$5,000.00
Donation - Friends of the Library	600.00
Fees - Copies & Overdue Items	36.00
Book Sales	228.47
Total Receipts	\$5,864.47

Expenses

Books (304)	\$4,135.51
Periodicals (5)	86.95
Audio/Video (2 Audios & 2 DVDs)	80.56
Postage and Box Rent	78.60
Membership Dues/Manuals	90.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	490.55
Jaywil Software (Cataloguing)	75.00
Total Expenses	\$5,037.17

Checking Acct. Balance as of 12/31/2008 1,774.26

Savings Acct. (Private Donation)

Balance as of 12/31/2007 509.95

Interest for the year 2.57

Savings Acct. Balance as of 12/31/2008 \$512.52

Library Trustees:

SALLY A. BROOKS, Treasurer
 DEBORAH DUBOIS, Chairman
 JEANNE KENISON, Secretary
 CHERYL MEEHAN, Trustee

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Selectmen upon the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment. The present members are: Kim Perry, Chairman; Jason Call, Vice Chairman, Burleigh Wyman, Cricket Ingerson, Thomas Walker. Alternates are Jennifer Barton.

The Board of Adjustment met as necessary on the second Thursday of each month in the Selectmen's Office. All meetings were open to the public. All hearings and rehearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

The Board held one abutter hearing. One special exception was granted.

During the coming year the Board of Adjustment will continue to deal with variances and special exceptions of the Land Use Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
RITA M. LARCOMB
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Members of the Jefferson Planning Board throughout their deliberations in the past year have tried to keep to this purpose: to avoid scattered and premature subdivision of land and to provide for the harmonious development of the municipality and its environs in general, which will create conditions favorable to health, safety, convenience, and prosperity while avoiding an excessive expenditure of public funds for the supply of public services.

It was with regret that Planning Board Members accepted the resignation of Earl Brooks. The Board expresses its appreciation and thanks for the service he has given to the Town during his years as a member of the Planning Board.

In March, three new members were appointed to the Board, Charles Muller, Susan Griffin, and Vernon Matson. They joined Michael Meehan, Ronald Demers, and Jason Call. Mr. Meehan who had ably served as Chairman for the past year, turned over that responsibility to Mr. Demers who had been serving as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Call assumed the position of Vice-Chairman. Charlene Wheeler continues to serve as secretary to the Board. In November, Isaac Hicks was appointed to the Board as an alternate member. A representative from the Board of Selectmen, currently Kevin Meehan, also serves on the Planning Board. Bruce Hicks had filled that position for much of the year before Mr. Meehan taking over those duties.

During this past year the Planning Board has had six consultations regarding possible subdivision proposals. They have also accepted and considered applications for three additional subdivisions. Many hours have been spent by Board members who are trying to fairly and consistently follow the Land Use Ordinance and the Subdivision Procedures and Regulations in making their decisions.

In May, after a public hearing, the fee schedules for subdivision applications and boundary line adjustments, which had been in place for a number of years, were revised to reflect the increased costs of notices, postage, and clerical work time.

The Board has also worked many hours reviewing the Town's Master Plan and revising the Subdivision Regulations, Policy and Procedures. This is an ongoing process which, then completed, will be presented to the citizens of the Town in a public hearing. The Board has asked for input from Selectmen, the Town's engineer, the Town's road agent, the Town's fire chief, the Town's legal council, Public Service of New Hampshire, and the North Country Council during this process.

The NH Municipal Association, the town's Conservation Commission and the NH Department of Environmental Services were among the resources used by the Board in its decision making process.

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the town office. All meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages anyone who is interested to attend.

RONALD DEMERS
Chairman

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JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ten regular monthly meetings were held at the town office at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. The December meeting was canceled due to holiday conflicts. A field trip to examine the development of a new trail from Route 116 to Mud Pond replaced the regular August meeting.

During the year, three changes in membership occurred. Charter member Marjorie Doan resigned after 18 years of remarkably productive service. She has been a much admired and valued colleague. In April Justin Preisendorfer announced his resignation as member and secretary because of his residence move from Jefferson. His enthusiastic commitment to Commission goals, his ready willingness to accept new responsibilities, and his boundless energy will be significant losses. Sarah Warren became a new member, and her fresh new attitude is a welcome addition.

An important new relationship with the Planning Board has been established. Charles Muller was accepted as a new member of the Planning Board while retaining his Conservation Commission membership. This link will certainly produce a new level of communication and coordination between these two town organizations.

Special presentations to the Commission included:

- Two members from the Bethlehem Conservation Commission spoke about HB 1429 which would establish additional guidelines for private landfills.
- DES representatives Ted Walsh and David Neils discussed recent research concerning the Israel River watershed. In addition Ted presented the annual report of data collected by the Israel River Volunteer Advisory Group.
- Bob Ball, representing DES, conducted a training program regarding water sampling protocols for 2008 Israel River sampling. In addition to Commission members, others from the Israel River Volunteer Advisory Group were included.
- Steve Walker, representing the state, presented a summary of current procedures for monitoring conservation easements.
- Justin Preisendorfer presented findings of the Stag Hollow Brook fluvial geomorphic study conducted by Field Geology Services. The issues identified in the study were high water temperatures, excessive sedimentation, fragmented habitat, low physical habitat complexity and risk of future avulsions on the brook.

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Several educational workshops related to Commission concerns were attended by members:

- NH Wildlife Action Plan training session
- Saving Special Places Conference
- The Greening of the North Country
- NH Watershed Conference
- Annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions
- Bethlehem Energy Fair

The commission sponsored two well attended UNH workshops held at the town hall. A Volunteer Lake Monitoring Workshop was presented by DES and included lake ecology, monitoring procedures and shore line protection changes for 2008. A UNH workshop on Hayfields as Habitat included demonstrations using fields of two Commission members.

The Commission assisted DES permit evaluations of two roadway brook crossings.

Interested Jefferson residents are welcome at any Conservation Commission meetings and are encouraged to contact any member with questions or suggestions. Members are Dave Govatski, Bob Ball, Charles Muller, Jeannie Leone, Sarah Warren, Bill Fischang and Winnie Ward.

**ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL
REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

The AVRDD 2008 budget apportionment for our member municipalities totaled \$467,000. A surplus of \$354,510.56 from the 2007 budget was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of \$112,489.44 being billed to the member municipalities. The proportionate share of the credit for the Town of Jefferson was \$8,967.34 reducing your gross apportionment of \$14,905.79 to \$5,938.45. Preliminary reconciliation of the 2008 budget shows a surplus of approximately \$271,152.28 being available to credit toward 2009 apportionments.

Our Materials Recycling Facility marketed a total of 1,674.40 tons of recyclables, for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, representing \$142,132.63 of marketing income to the District.

For calendar year 2008, our Transfer Station received 2,605 deliveries from District residents for a total of 724.26 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris. In addition, our 232 commercial accounts delivered 357.07 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris and 1,130.18 tons of wood. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 2,037.39 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 189.93 tons of scrap metal, 256.55 tons of leaf and yard waste and 121.20 tons of brush which was chipped with the District owned chipper. In addition, 363 refrigerators/air conditioners; 391 propane tanks; 4,534 tires; 16,294 feet of fluorescent bulbs; 362 pounds of ballasts and 42.81 tons of electronics were recycled. We also received 2,235 gallons of waste oil from our residents which was used in our waste oil furnace to heat the recycling center. Transfer Station recycling income totaled \$26,355.87. The Recycling Center and Transfer Station are operated, under contract with the District, by FERCO Recycling, Inc. of Berlin.

Election of officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 2008: Linda Cushman of Jefferson was re-elected Chairman; Yves Zornio of Gorham was re-elected Vice Chairman and Clara Grover of Errol was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other District Representatives are: Raymond Holt of Dummer, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Richard Lafleur of Berlin, Paul Grenier for the Coos County Unincorporated Places, Erik Gagne of Milan, Winston Hawes of Northumberland and George Bennett of Stark.

In June, the District conducted its seventeenth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 265 households participating. The project was funded through the District Household Hazardous Waste Fund with a \$15,000 payment from the Mt. Carberry Landfill Budget. No assessment was made to the District communities. In addition, a grant from the State of New Hampshire

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reimbursed the District at fourteen cents (\$.14) per capita. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the District Transfer Station.

2008 was the sixth year of operations for the AVRRDD-Mt. Carberry Landfill. Since purchasing the landfill in December 2002, no assessments have been made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry Landfill operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. The landfill is operated, under contract with the District, by Cianbro Corp.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON E. GAUTHIER
Executive Director

**NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL, INC.
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Bethlehem, NH**

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year, we have continued to deliver planning services throughout the region as you will see in this report. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We continued our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. We applied for and received two very significant grants from EDA for the Coos Economic Action Plan and a second grant to implement the plan. We also are concluding the Sustainable Economic Initiative that we have been overseeing with the Northern Forest Center. These are major economic planning efforts in which we will bring over two million dollars into the region for economic development activity. We continue to promote our Community Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. These programs, as well as all the traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning, Brownfields Assessments and transportation planning, will continue to be the focus of North Country Council. Please take the time to look over this 2008 Annual Report and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our Staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN ENGLISH
President

MICHAEL KING
Executive Director

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE BY RAY BURTON, COUNCILOR DISTRICT ONE

As I start my 31st and 32nd years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressmen can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma, Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm.

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like at rburton@nh.gov.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,
RAY BURTON

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

73 Main Street • Lancaster, NH 03584 • Phone: 603-788-4477 • Fax: 603-788-4407

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, at your 2008 Town Meeting, \$1,035.00 in funding from the Town of Jefferson to help support its Community Contact Division.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year July 2007 - June 2008:

<u>Services Provided</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Fuel Assistance	40	\$30,300.00
Weatherization	1	3,282.00
Electrical Assistance	21	9,492.00

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF JEFFERSON HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$43,074.00 IN ASSISTANCE.

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. We are depending upon funding from your town and others countywide.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Jefferson's past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Sincerely,
AMY NELSON
Lancaster Community
Contact Manager

NORTH COUNTRY ELDER PROGRAMS
SENIOR MEALS/SENIOR CENTERS
ALZHEIMER'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES
SERVICELINK
TRICOUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

On behalf of North Country Elder Programs, I would like to respectfully request funding in the amount of \$475.00 for the Senior Meals Program to be included in the upcoming Town of Jefferson budget process.

During the time period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (Fiscal Year 2008) we served Jefferson residents a total of 2,995 home delivered meals. The Senior Meals Program in Fiscal Year 2008 was able to prepare and serve 140,676 meals county-wide to senior citizens in need of nutritional assistance.

As evidenced in the figures above, the current need for hot, nutritious meals to the frail and home-bound is paramount and is likely to be amplified as the population continues to age and require nutritional assistance that is offered by the Senior Meals Program.

The Town of Jefferson's past support for this community-based program has been greatly appreciated and I welcome your questions and comments pertaining to this request for funding. Please call our administrative offices at 752-3010, Monday through Friday, and I'd be glad to speak with you.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

PATRICIA STOLTE, Director
North Country Elder Programs

JEFFERSON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The Jefferson Athletic Association had an active and successful 2008. Over the past few years, our main focuses have been on youth athletics, community events, and facilities maintenance and improvement. This year the JAA stepped up and helped facilitate popular soccer and basketball programs at the Jefferson Elementary School along with our direction of the ski program. Baseball and softball participation was the largest in many years, with our town fielding four strong teams which produced many all-star players. Fourth of July activities were very well-attended, with good weather, fun games and activities, and a great fireworks display capping a great evening.

Limited work was done on the new ball field. The outfield started to green up throughout the summer, but more seed may be needed. Some materials have already been donated for a backstop and dugouts. No expenditures were made from the Athletic Trust Fund during 2008.

The Jefferson Athletic Association appreciates the community support we receive. Countless individuals and businesses have contributed time, money, materials, and expertise to our programs and projects. If you have any ideas or can contribute in any way, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Call

JAA Checking

<u>Account Activity</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Starting balance 1/1/08			\$3,700.70
Ski Program (Cannon Mt.)	\$1,262.00	\$1,262.00	
Skating Rink Maintenance		400.00	
Office & Postage	22.40		
Soccer Program	154.21	360.00	
July 4th Sales Profit		150.00	
Basketball Sweatshirts (donations)	300.00	300.00	
Baseball/Softball:			
Registrations		1,680.00	
Food Sales Profit		100.00	
GNW League	1,131.90		
Umpires	700.00		
Equipment	535.96		
Cal Ripken (IDs)	17.50		
Portable Toilet	250.00		
Totals:	4,773.97	3,852.00	
Balance as of 12/2008			\$2,778.73

MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Road, Whitefield, NH 03598

January 2009

Dear North Country Neighbors,

As we endure difficult economic times, you should be proud of the work done by the all-volunteer crew that runs the Mount Washington Regional Airport. As a local taxpayer – and non-pilot, by the way – I know I am.

Factors that affected the nation affected airport users, as well. The continued rise of fuel prices in 2008 led to a modest decline in air traffic for the year. That said, our volunteer manager aggressively managed inventory and retail pricing to maximize our returns as prices increased. Fuel sales accounted for more than 78% of our operational revenue.

In 2008, we laid the groundwork for increased hangar development at the airport. Such development pays double benefits to our communities. First, the airport collects rental fees for the land private hangars occupy. This, combined with transient parking fees, represents 7% of our general operating budget income. In addition, airport property taxes account for more than \$13,000 in support of local and county governments, with little, if any, impact, and to pay for local schools, with no impact whatsoever.

Support from the state, which is based on and generated by fees paid by airplane owners, coupled with reimbursements, contributed nearly 2% of our operating budget. Donations and miscellaneous income represented more than 3%.

As local taxpayers, you honored commitments you made earlier this decade to provide a portion of support for the airport through town appropriations. Many of you recognize the important role our airport plays in the transportation infrastructure in the North Country infrastructure. It is a critical access point for tourism, real estate development, commerce and emergency response.

More than 27% of the amount contributed by towns went to cover debt incurred by the Town of Whitefield many years ago when it built a self-service fuel facility at the airport. The foresight shown by the town in making this capital improvement is paying off, as fuel sales are a strong contributor to the airport's bottom line.

Of the remaining town contributions, nearly 75% went to capital improvement projects that are part of the state's comprehensive transportation plan. This money – \$9,712.85 – represents what's called a sponsor share, which is matched dollar for dollar by the state and at a rate of 38 to one by FAA funds generated by commercial air travelers nationwide.

Over the past several years, our ability to get \$39 in capital improvement money for each dollar we raise has led to the infusion of millions of dollars into our economy. This represents jobs that went to New Hampshire residents—including those from our contributing towns, as well as products purchased from local businesses.

We expect to continue bringing such investments into the North Country. But we can't do it alone. We count on your continued support at your town meeting, and we welcome your participation at our meetings – as a volunteer airport leader, if you wish, or as a member of the public.

As I step down after several years at the helm – or, as pilots say, the controls—I want to express my heart-felt thanks to my fellow volunteers, our local and state government leaders, our airport users and you, the residents that help us build a vibrant and accessible North Country that can withstand any challenges that come our way.

Respectfully yours,
DAVID WILLIS, Chairman



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Weeks Medical Center
Home Health & Hospice
Services



*Cathy Bishop and Pamela Willey
successfully completed their Hospice and
Palliative Care Nursing Aide Certification
which will allow them to better serve
our communities.*

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Jefferson and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Jefferson residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; licensed home health aides; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care . . . focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, an increasing number of hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.



CALEB INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

38 King's Square, Suite 9
Whitefield, NH 03598

The Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a not-for-profit organization which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern New Hampshire communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for seniors (60+), by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

In 2008, Caleb Caregivers assisted more than 311 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Over \$52,013.66 worth of services were provided **FREE** to clients. Caleb's 84 active volunteers donated over 2,666 hours and drove over 37,295 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments and running errands is one of the most requested services through Caleb. This year, Caleb volunteers drove an additional 11,113 miles compared to 2007. This was due to the fuel crisis scare. Seniors that were driving themselves could not afford the gas and turned to Caleb for assistance. Many of Caleb's trips were local, but some of our trips took us to DHMC, North Conway, Manchester, Concord, White River Junction, St. Johnsbury and Boston. It costs \$2.25 per mile to take a ride in a local taxicab, and Caleb's rides are provided **free of charge**.

Transportation is only **one** of the services that Caleb volunteers provide. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork, computer training and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This state program is available, every other month, to New Hampshire seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to seniors, who are totally homebound. Caleb volunteers also assist with the Pet Food Project, which has grown by leaps and bounds. Since this project began in October of 2002, Caleb has distributed over **27** tons of **FREE** pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Caleb has added another service to its list. It is called Project Cool Air. With funding received from the Lancaster and Littleton Rotaries, Caleb purchased and distributed air conditioners/fans to seniors that needed the appliances during the summer months. Most of the seniors that received these appliances had COPD or some other health related condition. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home. The average cost of nursing home care is \$185.00 per day.

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There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraisers, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Jefferson for their support and for making it possible for us to continue our mission of serving seniors in need. The \$1,650 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2009.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact one of the Board Members.

One other note for 2008 - Caleb received funding from AARP which was to be used to enhance Caleb's visibility. Caleb decided to use that funding to create a new logo and brochure. The new logo represents Caleb's mission. The hands in the logo represent the volunteer lending a helping hand. The heart represents the volunteer giving from his heart and the house image represents keeping the client living in his own home. Caleb is excited to have a new image, a new look!
Hands - Heart - Home

Neighbors helping neighbors is what Caleb is all about, and it is what North Country residents are all about, too!

Respectfully submitted,

BOBBIE GAUDES
Executive Director

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WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND

2008 Director's Report

Each year this report provides town residents with a summary of the services we offer in your community, as well as an overview of our accomplishments and challenges during the past year. But perhaps even more importantly, writing this report gives us a chance to publicly thank you for your confidence in our organization as demonstrated by your financial support. The money we receive from our towns is absolutely crucial in allowing White Mountain Mental Health to offer expert mental health services at a discounted rate based on our sliding fee scale. For our developmental services program, Common Ground, town funds assist us in offering the kinds of supports that are not funded by other sources; dental care is one good example. So, let me begin this year's report with an enormous "thank you" for recognizing the value of mental health and developmental services to the residents of your community.

It is impossible to read a newspaper or turn on the television without being reminded of the dismal state of our economy. During times like these, mental and emotional symptoms increase dramatically. Mentally healthy people develop anxiety and depression as they face job loss, dwindling savings and an uncertain future. It is common to "self medicate" with alcohol as a way of coping with these feelings. Children who live in a family under stress may begin to experience problems at school as they react to the changes they see in their parents. For families supporting a member with a significant developmental disability, the ability to deal with the special needs of that family member can be compromised when the family is under economic and emotional pressure. Our services offer assistance in facing these challenges.

This year we are especially proud and excited to be able to offer the first Child Telepsychiatry Program in the region. Children and their families meet face-to-face with Dr. Craig Donnelly, Director of Child Psychiatry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, via a television connection at our Littleton office. With the flip of a switch, a service that had previously been unavailable to children in the North Country is now available. Thanks to your support, families have access to one of the finest Child Psychiatrists in the country. The initiation of this service was made possible by a large federal grant. Continuing to be able to offer this service on our sliding fee scale to low income families is made possible by town support.

We offer an array of high quality services that are available to everyone in the community. You may never need to access most of these services, but their availability is critical. Our core services include:

- 24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
- Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties

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- Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
- “Full-life” supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services
- Individualized home placements for more than fifty persons with developmental disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

Service Statistics:

- **In 2008, 25 residents of the town of Jefferson received 249 hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate on our sliding fee scale.**
- **106 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
JANE C. MacKAY, LICSW
Area Director

NEVERS-TOWN OF JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was established in 1981 by the family of Wilbur and Gurda Nevers in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. It is available to any Jefferson high school senior wishing to advance in higher education in any field. Any student wishing to apply for the scholarship may request an application from the Guidance Department at the White Mountains Regional High School.

The Scholarship Committee consists of the Library Trustees, Librarian, and the Town Clerk. This year scholarships were awarded to Ross Conway and Robert Arnesen who will be attending Unity College, David Cameron attending Springfield College, Paige Davidowicz attending U Maine, and Kyle Suva attending UNH.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Nevers family and to all that have contributed to their scholarship fund. Donations to the fund may be sent to the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of the Jefferson Trustee of Trust Funds, Jefferson, NH 03583.

Respectfully submitted,
DEBORAH DUBOIS, Library Trustee Chairman
SALLY BROOKS, Library Trustee
JEANNIE KENISON, Library Trustee
CHERYL MEEHAN, Library Trustee
SUZANNE CRAFTON, Librarian
OPAL L. BRONSON, Town Clerk

ENMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2008 was the twenty-fifth year for the Scholarship honoring the late Charles and Dorothy Enman who were both active and highly regarded in the Jefferson Elementary School. The fund was able to provide scholarships to Jessica Gray, Jessica Dobson, and Roger Goyette.

Any Senior who is a resident of Jefferson attending either high school or private school, regardless of location and planning on continuing his or her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

I would like to again thank all that have donated to the fund.

Donations may be made by taking or sending checks to Marietta Ingerson, checks should be made payable to the Charles Enman Scholarship Fund.

The Jefferson Library Trustees choose the scholarship recipients.

Sincerely,

Marietta Ingerson

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Savage, Kayleigh Pray	03/22/2008	Littleton, NH	Savage, David	Savage, Katherine
Stanley, Lacey Jo	08/14/2008	Littleton, NH	Stanley, Edward	Stanley, Ashleigh
Perry, Samuel Louis	10/13/2008	Littleton, NH	Perry, Louis	Perry, Bobbi-Jo
Pilotte, Chase Nicholas	11/11/2008	Littleton, NH	Pilotte, Nicholas	Pilotte, Christine

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Beaton Sr., Paul	01/22/2008	Lancaster, NH	Beaton, Phillip	Newell, Reta
Gray Sr., William	04/24/2008	Jefferson, NH	Gray, Dewey	Cass, Mildred
Winther, Miriam	04/30/2008	Jefferson, NH	Long, George	Gilkey, Ada
Reed, Sylvia	09/14/2008	Lancaster, NH	Holmes, Wyeth	Hurlbutt, Clara
Mealey, Barbara	10/26/2008	Lebanon, NH	Davern, Bernard	Collins, Mable

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Date of Marriage	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage
06/03/2008	Smith, Jeffrey R.	Jefferson, NH	Martin, Michelle R.	Jefferson, NH	Jefferson, NH	Berlin, NH
06/07/2008	Boyko, David J.	Jefferson, NH	Smithers, Tamsen L.	Jefferson, NH	Jefferson, NH	Gorham, NH
06/21/2008	Dupont, Joseph D.	Jefferson, NH	Manuel, Christie L.	Whitefield, NH	Jefferson, NH	Jefferson, NH
07/19/2008	Roberts, Christopher D.	Jefferson, NH	Challinor, Heather H.	Jefferson, NH	Jefferson, NH	Lancaster, NH
08/30/2008	Cote, Jacob M.	Jefferson, NH	Eastman, Lindsay R.	Jefferson, NH	Lancaster, NH	Bartlett, NH
10/18/2008	Crawford, Charles E.	Norfolk, VA	Hicks, Katie L.	Jefferson, NH	Jefferson, NH	Jefferson, NH

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