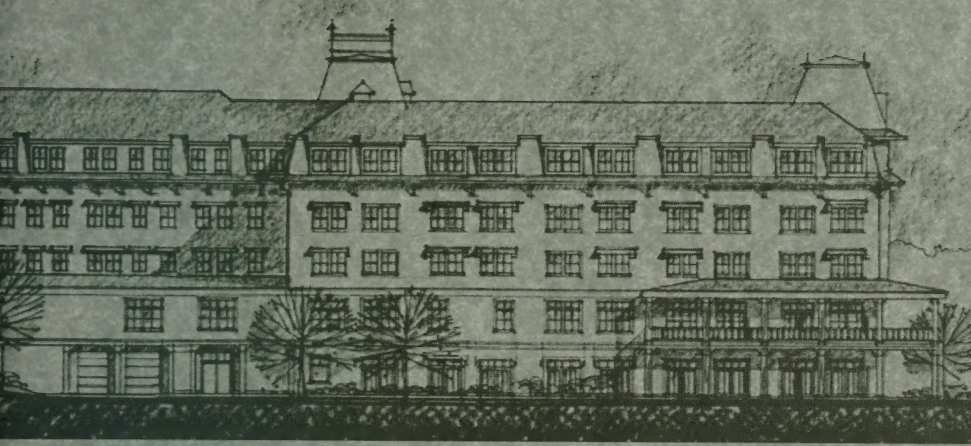


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**Town of New Castle, NH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the Year 2002**



**Town Hall Open House – December 2002  
Elected Officials and Employees**

Left to right: Stephen Tabbutt, Nancy Watters, Robert Beecher,  
Peter Gamester, Barbara Ross, Brad Meade, Pamela Cullen



**Annual Report  
For the Town of New Castle  
Fiscal Year 2001-2002**

**"North Elevation"  
Wentworth By The Sea  
By JSA, Inc.**

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## SELECTMEN'S LETTER

We have the lowest total tax rate in New Hampshire notwithstanding that 58% of our total rate is the State Education Tax. As we write, there are a few bills working their way through the legislature which hold more promise of relief for "Donor Towns" than anything else we have seen for some time. Let's hope!

We shall continue to do everything possible to hold down the Town tax rate which, as you can see on the facing page, is now the smallest part of your overall tax bill.

While the proposed budget for 2004 shows an increase of \$36,000 over last year, that amount will be offset by grants to be received.

Our two major additions – The Wentworth Hotel and the UNH Marine Research Facility – continue to move forward, albeit slowly. As of this writing the planned opening date for the hotel is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We still anticipate another formal UNH presentation to the Town, followed by a presentation to our Planning Board.

The new Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief has replaced the Education Property Tax Hardship Relief which means the State has reduced the amount of relief which New Castle residents can obtain. Claim forms and instructions for the new relief have been received and we shall be pleased to assist anyone who may have questions.

Property owners eligible for relief must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Own a "homestead", or an interest in a "homestead", subject to the education property tax;
- Have resided in such homestead on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for which the claim is made; and
- Had total "household income" of:
  - \$20,000 or less if a single person;
  - \$40,000 or less if married or head of a NH household.

The filing period is May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> and the claim must be accompanied by a copy of your 2002 property tax bill and 2002 Federal income tax return.

Again, we sincerely thank all of you who volunteer your time and talent to keep our Town the special place it is!

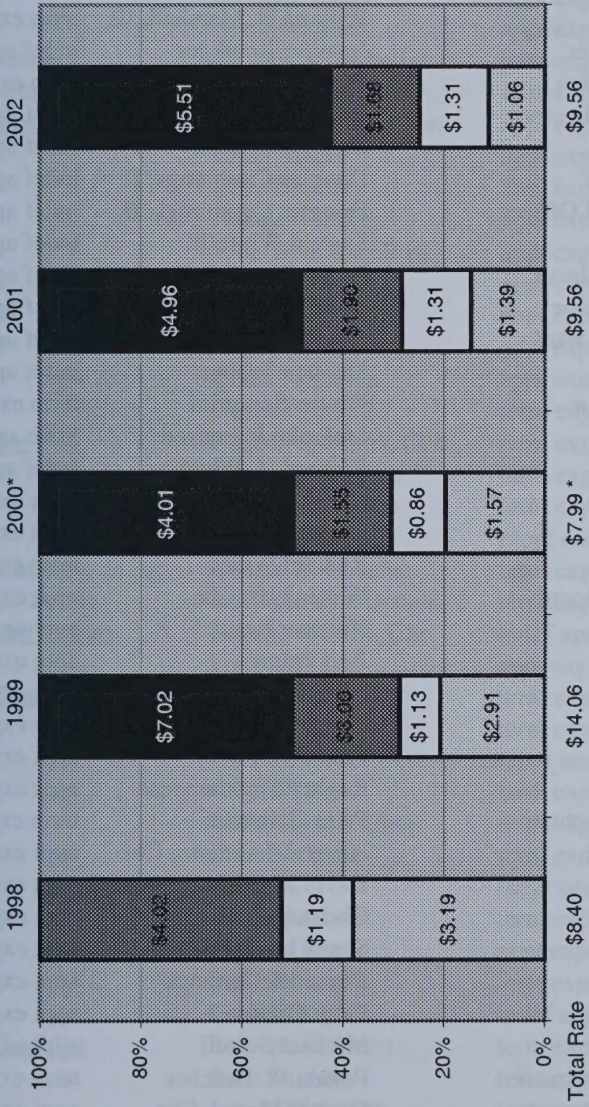
*Board of Selectmen*

Robert W. Beecher, Chairman

Peter Gamester

Charles A. Tarbell

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN  
1998 - 2002



\* Reduction in all rates reflects revaluation of property.

Town
  County
  Local Educ.
  State Educ.

## TOWN OFFICERS 2002-2003

Town Clerk	Nancy Watters	term exp 5/03
Deputy Town Clerk	Louis Klotz	indef appt
<u>Selectmen</u>	Robert Beecher, Chair	term exp 5/04
	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/05
	Charles A. Tarbell	term exp 5/03
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/03
Deputy Treasurer	Jennifer Roediger	indef appt
Collector of Taxes	Pamela P. Cullen	term exp 5/03
Deputy Tax Collector	Barbara Ross	indef appt
Chief of Police	James C. Murphy	indef appt
Police Sergeant	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Patrolman	Donald White Jr.	indef appt
NCFD Lt/Patrolman	David Blanding	indef appt
Building Inspector	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Supt. of Public Works	Brad Meade	indef appt
Road Agent	Stephen Tabbutt	indef appt
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/04
Health Officer	Malcolm Rosenson	State appt
Fire Chief	Richard H. White	indef appt
<u>Fire Wards</u>	Carl Roediger	term exp 5/03
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/04
	Richard White	term exp 5/05
<u>Public Works Board</u>	Walter Liff, Chr.	appt exp 5/03
	Norman Kent	appt exp 5/04
	Bert Palmer	appt exp 5/05
	John Walsh	appt exp 5/03
Alternate	Thomas Roy	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Frederick Pitts	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Reginald Whitehouse	appt exp 5/05
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/05
<u>Planning Board</u>	Albert D'Antonio, Chr.	appt exp 5/05
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/04
	Christopher Russell	appt exp 5/03
	Stuart Levenson	appt exp 5/03
Alternate	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/05
Alternate	Patty Cohen	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Michael Colotti	appt exp 5/03
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/04
<u>Board of Adjustment</u>	Donald Moore, Chr.	appt exp 5/03
	Janet Harrigan	appt exp 5/04
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/04
	Raymond Ambrogio	appt exp 5/05

	Judith Sawyer	appt exp 5/05
Alternate	Sheryl Weston	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Chris Russell	appt exp 5/04
<u>Historic District Committee</u>	Bruce Smith, Chr.	appt exp 5/03
	Barbara Becker	appt exp 5/05
	Nancy McArdle	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Rodney Rowland	appt exp 5/03
Alternate	Richard Yeaton	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Nancy Borden	appt exp 5/05
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Charles A. Tarbell	term exp 5/03
Ex-Officio/Planning Bd	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/05
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Elisabeth Hume, Chr.	appt exp 5/05
	Brian Mack	appt exp 5/05
	Irene Crosby	appt exp 5/04
	Nancy Watters	appt exp 5/04
	Wm. B. Marshall III	appt exp 5/03
	Linda Ball	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Norman Flagg	appt exp 5/03
Alternate	Marsh Carroll	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Diana Appleton	appt exp 5/04
Ex-Officio	Charles Tarbell	term exp 5/03
<u>Budget Committee</u>	Clinton Springer, Chr.	term exp 5/03
	Michael Armitage	term exp 5/04
	Damon Frampton	term exp 5/05
		(appt one year 5/03)
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/04
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/03
<u>Archives &amp; Record Comm</u>	Eugene Morrill, Chr.	indef appt
	Fred White	appt exp 5/04
	Russell Cox	term exp 5/05
	Gene F. Doherty	term exp 5/04
		(appt one year 5/03)
	Gerald Sieve	term exp 5/03
<u>Library Trustees</u>	Paula Carroll, Chair	term exp 5/05
	Joan Lockhart	term exp 5/04
		(appt one year 5/03)
	Mark Gardner	term exp 5/03
Alternate	Barbara Battis	appt exp 5/03
Alternate	Patty Hickey	appt exp 5/03
Library Director	Gene Fox	indef appt
<u>Supervisors of Checklist</u>	Rowena F. Alessi	term exp 5/06
	Ruth Lanham	term exp 5/04
	Jean Woodworth	term exp 5/08
<u>Recreation Committee</u>	Guy Stearns, Chair	appt exp 5/05
<u>Cemetery Trustees</u>	David Merrill, Chair	term exp 5/04
	Al D'Antonio	term exp 5/03
	William Lanham	term exp 5/05

# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTED POSITIONS AND SALARIES

<u>Position</u>	<u>Annual Salaries</u>
Selectman, Chair .....	\$1,700
Selectmen (2) .....	1,600
Town Clerk .....	6,000
Treasurer .....	1,500
Collector of Taxes .....	1,700
Cemetery Trustee (3) .....	100
Moderator .....	75 per election
Supervisor of Checklist (3) .....	100 plus \$50 per election
Trustee of Trust Funds (2) .....	100
Trustee of Trust Funds, Bookkeeper .....	250

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



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD  
AT THE GREAT ISLAND COMMON  
MAY 14, 2002**

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

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

Town Clerk (one year):	Nancy Watters	192 votes
	Will Gleason	104 votes
Selectman (three years):	Peter Gamester	169 votes
Treasurer (one year):	William B. Marshall III	287 votes
Tax Collector (one year):	Pamela P. Cullen	277 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds (three years):	Russell N. Cox	294 votes
Library Trustee (one year):	Mark Gardner	278 votes
Library Trustee (three years):	Paula Carroll	275 votes
Cemetery Trustee (three years):	Bill Lanham	203 votes
Budget Committee (two years):	Michael Armitage	289 votes
Budget Committee (three years):		
Fire Ward (three years):	Richard White	118 votes
Supervisor of the Check List (five years):	Jean Woodworth	300 votes
Town Moderator (two years):	Wayne P. Semprini	314 votes

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

School Board (three years):	Mary Beth Lambert	134 votes
	Debbie Whitman	200 votes

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment # 1 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 264 YES and 83 NO.

ARTICLE III: Zoning Amendment # 2 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 232 YES and 97 NO.

ARTICLE IV: Zoning Amendment # 3 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 232 YES and 100 NO.

ARTICLE V: Zoning Amendment # 4 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 269 YES and 62 NO.

ARTICLE VI: Zoning Amendment # 5 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 223 YES and 110 NO.

ARTICLE VII: Zoning Amendment # 6 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 239 YES and 89 NO.

ARTICLE VIII: Zoning Amendment # 7 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 246 YES and 74 NO.

ARTICLE IX: Elderly Warrant Article as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 313 YES and 24 NO.

ARTICLE X: Disabled Resident Article (72:37-c) as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 300 YES and 35 NO.

ARTICLE XI: Veterans Disability Article (72:35-a) as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 299 YES to 30 NO.

Moderator Semprini convened the business meeting at 2PM in the Recreation Building of the Great Island Common and announced that the polls would remain open throughout the business meeting but would be closed at 7PM. He asked that the meeting recall in a silent moment members of the Community who had died in the previous year. He asked for approval of the rules for the conduct of the meeting, including a prohibition of smoking, a requirement that a motion to reconsider be made immediately after the vote at issue and another that any amendment be submitted in writing. Only registered voters would be permitted to engage in discussion unless the meeting made specific exception. A motion to end discussion would require a two-thirds vote, and that the speakers would ordinarily be permitted to speak not more than twice on any motion. Following a motion duly seconded, the Moderator rules were ADOPTED by a voice vote.

ARTICLE XII: On the petition of W. Bradford Greeley and 52 other legal voters of New Castle to see if the Town will vote to hold the Annual Town Meeting at 7PM on the regular day for the meeting in 2003. After a great deal of debate a proposal was made and seconded to revised the ARTICLE to delete the words "in 2003". This amendment was approved after which the revised ARTICLE WAS ADOPTED by hand vote.

ARTICLE XIII: To see if the Town will vote to create a Conservation Fund pursuant to RSA 36-A:5. All of any part of the funds appropriated in any year and any gift of money received pursuant to RSA 36-A:4 may be placed in the Conservation Fund and allowed to accumulated from year to year. The Conservation Commission may expend monies from the Conservation Fund for any purpose spelled out in RSA 36 without further approval of Town Meeting. The ARTICLE was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions RSA 41:14-a (Laws 2001, ch. 187, 2001 Supp), authorizing the Board of Selectmen to acquire land or buildings, provided that they shall receive the recommendation of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and hold two public hearings at 10 days, but no

more than 14 days apart. Pursuant to this statute, 50 registered voters may petition for a Town Meeting vote on any sale or acquisition of land. Once adopted, these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the Town at a duly noticed meeting. The ARTICLE was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE XV: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Court to remove the deed restriction on the old library property at 120 Main Street to allow a use other than a library. And to authorize the Selectmen to lease the former library building to a non-profit New Castle historical organization that will restore the building with private funds. Russell Cox presented an amendment to separate the Article into two (2) sections. This amendment was defeated by voice vote and the ARTICLE was then ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE XVI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to defray town charges for the ensuing year. The ARTICLE was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE XVII: To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others here to fore chosen and to pass any vote in relation there to. The ARTICLE was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE XVIII: To transact such business as may legally come before the meeting. A question was raise about the published day and time of the School Board Meeting. Moderator Semprini indicated the warrant was correct thus the error has no impact on the Election. The ARTICLE was ADOPTED by voice vote.

At 3pm a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The majority of the 189 people in attendance agreed thus the meeting was adjourned. A true and correct record of the Town Meeting of the Town of New Castle, May 14, 2002, attest:

Will Gleason  
*Town Clerk*

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OFFICIALS SURETY BONDS IN FORCE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2002**

NHMA PROPERTY /LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TAX COLLECTOR .....	\$71,000
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR .....	71,000
TREASURER .....	77,000
DEPUTY TREASURER .....	77,000
TOWN CLERK .....	27,000
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK .....	27,000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3) .....	96,000
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3) .....	5,000

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2002**

1. Town Hall, land, and building	\$593,500
Furniture and equipment (Map 13 Lot 8)	30,000
2. Recreation Building (Library) out buildings	7,555,300
Common – land and Oceanside Cemetery	
Furniture and equipment(Map 5 Lot 13)	225,000
3. Police Department	0
Equipment	17,500
4. Fire Department, land, and building	464,000
Equipment (Map 13 Lot 7)	340,000
5. Highway Department, land, and building	0
Equipment	45,000
Material and supplies	6,000
6. Water supply facilities	396,197
Owned by Town of New Castle	
7. Sewer plant and facilities	75,000
Land and building (Map 16 Lot 48)	340,300
8. School, land, and building	1,916,900
Equipment (Map 12 Lot 33)	
9. All other property and equipment	
Cemeteries: Riverside(Map 15 Lot 10)	766,000
Frost (Map 18 Lot 54)	173,300
Prescott (Map 17 Lot 57)	152,600
10. Other town owned lands and town landings:	
Access to Campbell's Island (Map 1 Lot 4)	242,000
Wentworth Road lot (Map 10 Lot 9)	72,600
Town Landing, Laurel Lane (Map 11 Lot 30)	151,700
Sand Pit (Map 12 Lot 3)	293,000
Town garage, land, & cemetery (Map 17 Lot 56)	204,000
Old library building & land (Map 17 Lot 58)	312,800
Land-Walbach (Map 19 Lot 01)	984,000
Other land (Map 16, Lot 50, 51)	429,800
Piscataqua Street (Map 17 Lot 60)	<u>155,200</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,941,697</b>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FY2003 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
<b>LAND AND BUILDINGS:</b>		
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	10.84	\$163
Conservation Restriction	0	0
Conservation Easement (Audubon)	17.82	6,897
Residential	264.694	222,428,200
Commercial/Industrial	8.55	5,522,300
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Total of Taxable Land	301.904	227,957,560
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$30,091,100)	156.433	
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		141,475,100
Commercial/Industrial		3,649,000
		-----
Total Taxable Buildings		145,124,100
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$5,983,700)		
Public Utilities: Electric		927,000
Mature Wood and Timber		0
		-----
Valuation Before Exemptions		374,008,660
Blind Exemption		
<b>ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:</b>		
Age 65 - 74 (\$100,000 each)	4	400,000
Age 75 - 79 (\$150,000 each)	1	150,000
Over Age 80 (\$150,000 each)	0	0
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<b>TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>550,000</b>
 <b>NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE COMPUTATION</b>		
		<b>373,458,660</b>
Less Public Utilities		927,000
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<b>NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX</b>		<b>\$372,531,660</b>
		=====
<b>TAX CREDITS:</b>		
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans		
their spouses and widows (\$700 each)	2	\$1,400
Other War Service Credits (\$100 each)	97	9,700
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<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>\$11,100</b>
		=====

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FY2003 TAX RATE CALCULATION**

	---Municipal Portion---		
Gross Appropriations	\$1,255,851		
Less: Revenues	905,610		
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763		
Add: Overlay	40,105		
Add: War Service Credits	11,100		
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Net Town Appropriation	397,683		
Special Adjustment	0		
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Approved Town/City Tax Effort	397,683		
Municipal Tax Rate			\$1.06
	---School Portion---		
Net Local School Budget	1,041,326		
Regional School Apportionment	0		
Less: State Education Taxes	413,945		
	-----		
Approved School Tax Effort	627,381		
Local Education Tax Rate			1.68
	---State Ed Taxes---		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)=			
353,690,535 x 5.80 / 1000	2,051,405		
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			5.51
	---County Portion---		
Due to County	492,067		
Less: Shared Revenues	3,379		
	-----		
Approved County Appropriation Effort	488,688		
County Tax Rate			1.31
			-----
Combined Tax Rate			\$9.56
Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,565,157		
Less: War Service Credits	11,100		
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0		
	-----		
Total Property Tax Commitment	3,554,057		
<b>---PROOF OF RATE---</b>			
<u>NEW ASSESSED VALUATION</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
State Education Tax	\$372,531,660	5.51	2,051,405
All Other Taxes	373,458,660	4.05	1,513,752
			-----
			\$3,565,157

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
Town of New Castle  
New Castle, New Hampshire

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

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

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

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, at June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position of its proprietary and non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

R. R. Bergeron  
August 29, 2002



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2002**

	<u>6/30/2001</u>	<u>6/30/2002</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>		
Cash & Equivalents	\$658,381	758,721
Taxes Receivable	33,424	25,750
Tax Liens Receivable	5,930	245
Accounts Receivable	0	13,353
Due From Other Funds	19,893	20,231
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>717,628</b>	<b>818,300</b>
	=====	=====
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
Warrants & Accounts Payable	68,272	135,480
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Total Liabilities	68,272	135,480
<u>FUND EQUITY:</u>		
Unreserved Fund Balance	649,356	682,820
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$717,628</b>	<b>818,300</b>
	=====	=====

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
TAXES:			
Property Taxes	\$3,513,478	3,506,588	(6,890)
Boat Taxes	6,000	8,406	2,406
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	9,000	19,236	10,236
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	3,528,478	3,534,230	5,752
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	190,000	240,654	50,654
Building Permits	17,000	31,148	14,148
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,400	1,336	(64)
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	208,400	273,138	64,738
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Shared Revenue	15,909	15,909	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	26,325	26,325	0
Highway Block Grant	13,141	13,231	90
Water Pollution Subsidy	9,221	9,221	0
Other State Funds	4,987	5,818	831
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	69,583	70,504	921
Trust and Agency Funds	2,400	2,543	143
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CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments	73,350	106,213	32,863
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MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:			
Emergency Management Training	0	3,300	3,300
Interest on Investments	25,000	25,900	900
Sale and Rental of Property	2,800	7,136	4,336
Fines and Forfeits	2,100	1,733	(367)
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	5,000	6,257	1,257
Other Miscellaneous Sources	2,500	891	(1,609)
	-----	-----	-----
	37,400	45,217	7,817
	-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,919,611</b>	<b>4,031,845</b>	<b>112,234</b>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Executive	\$42,725	43,693	(968)
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	12,446	10,724	1,722
Financial Administration	54,457	54,654	(197)
Revaluation of Property	8,000	5,700	2,300
Legal Expense	23,300	9,314	13,986
Planning and Zoning	10,869	9,361	1,508
General Government Buildings	15,400	18,909	(3,509)
Cemeteries	37,109	36,927	182
Insurance - Unallocated	500	121	379
Other General Government	10,000	0	10,000
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	214,806	189,403	25,403
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>			
Police & Animal Control	184,575	195,923	(11,348)
Ambulance	15,140	15,140	0
Fire	81,237	82,342	(1,105)
Emergency Medical Services	19,818	12,127	7,691
Hazardous Materials	450	0	450
Building Inspection	13,498	17,385	(3,887)
Emergency Management	9,562	4,992	4,570
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	324,280	327,909	(3,629)
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS:</b>			
Highways & Streets Maintenance	84,281	73,080	11,201
Street Lighting	8,000	6,193	1,807
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	92,281	79,273	13,008
<b>SANITATION:</b>			
Administration	1,470	1,470	0
Solid Waste Collection	42,000	38,090	3,910
Solid Waste Disposal	43,600	38,152	5,448
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	87,070	77,712	9,358
<b>HEALTH:</b>			
Pest Control	15,081	5,227	9,854
Health Agencies & Hospitals	10,000	10,000	0
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	25,081	15,227	9,854
<b>WELFARE:</b>			
Direct Assistance	10,000	7,307	2,693
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION:</b>			
Parks and Recreation	\$83,227	64,245	18,982
Library	43,796	43,736	60
Recreation/Library Building	15,116	13,956	1,160
Recreation Commission	975	846	129
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	143,114	122,783	20,331
<b>CONSERVATION:</b>			
Other Conservation	7,650	8,525	(875)
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<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	87,200	87,200	0
Interest - Long-Term Debt	17,875	17,875	0
Interest - Short-Term Debt	5,000	0	5,000
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	110,075	105,075	5,000
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
Buildings	2,400	1,717	683
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<b>CAPITAL RESERVES:</b>			
Transfers To Trust Funds	47,500	47,500	0
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<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:</b>			
County Taxes	486,955	486,955	0
School District Taxes	702,174	702,174	0
State Education Tax Assessment	1,826,821	1,826,821	0
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	3,015,950	3,015,950	0
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$4,080,207</b>	<b>3,998,381</b>	<b>81,826</b>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(160,596)	33,464	194,060
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
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Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses	(160,596)	33,464	194,060
Fund Balance - July 1, 2001	649,356	649,356	0
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<b>Fund Balance - June 30, 2002</b>	<b>\$488,760</b>	<b>682,820</b>	<b>194,060</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2002**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Investments	\$215,085	(1,513)	213,572
Accounts Receivable	827	4,323	5,150
	215,912	2,810	218,722
Total Current Assets			
Property, Plant, & Equipment:			
Equipment	42,603	8,610	51,213
Service Lines and Stations	559,692	1,535,025	2,094,717
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(129,249)	(6,170)	(135,419)
	473,046	1,537,465	2,010,511
Total Property, Plant & Equipment			
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>688,958</b>	<b>1,540,275</b>	<b>2,229,233</b>
	<b>688,958</b>	<b>1,540,275</b>	<b>2,229,233</b>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Deposits and Accounts Payable	9,893	5,224	15,117
Due to General Fund	5,936	14,295	20,231
	15,829	19,519	35,348
Total Current Liabilities			
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Contributed Capital, net *	470,811	1,256,076	1,726,887
Retained Earnings	202,318	264,680	466,998
	673,129	1,520,756	2,193,885
Total Equity			
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$688,958</b>	<b>1,540,275</b>	<b>2,229,233</b>
	<b>\$688,958</b>	<b>1,540,275</b>	<b>2,229,233</b>

\* = Contributed by federal, state, and local governments,  
and by developers.

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES &**  
**CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	\$47,505	78,774	126,279
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Water Purchases	18,119	0	18,119
Sewerage Assessment	0	48,528	48,528
Personnel Services	5,251	9,561	14,812
Non-Personnel Services	2,275	25,932	28,207
Loss On Water Line Disposition	376	0	376
Depreciation (Note 5)	11,670	1,722	13,392
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Total Operating Expenses	37,691	85,743	123,434
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Operating Income (Loss)	9,814	(6,969)	2,845
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	3,816	153	3,969
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<b>Net Income for the Year</b>	<b>13,630</b>	<b>(6,816)</b>	<b>6,814</b>
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Retained Earnings, July 1, 2001	188,688	271,496	460,184
Net Income for the Year	13,630	(6,816)	6,814
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<b>Retained Earnings, June 30, 2002</b>	<b>\$202,318</b>	<b>264,680</b>	<b>466,998</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

FUNDS PROVIDED:

Net Income for the Year	\$6,814
Add Back Depreciation	13,392
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	20,206
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Funds Applied to New Equipment, net	(55,558)
Funds Provided by Contributed Capital	47,849
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<b>Increase in Working Capital</b>	<b>\$12,497</b>
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CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:

Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:	
Cash and Investments	\$18,509
Accounts Receivable	(422)
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	18,087
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities:	
Deposits and Accounts Payable	5,252
Other Payables	338
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	5,590
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<b>Increase in Working Capital</b>	<b>\$12,497</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT - ALL FUNDS**  
for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002

<u>BOND PRINCIPAL</u>									
	Original Issue	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance 6/30/2001	Paid		Balance 6/30/2002	Due 07/01/02- 6/30/2003	Due Subsequently
					07/01/01- 6/30/2002	07/01/02- 6/30/2003			
Sewer System	\$645,000	5.00%	01/15/06	\$111,000	22,200	88,800	22,200	22,200	66,600
Rec/Library Building	750,000	7.62%	01/15/04	150,000	50,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Main St. Water Line	150,000	6.40%	01/15/02	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0
				\$276,000	87,200	188,800	87,200	87,200	116,600
<u>BOND INTEREST</u>									
	Paid 07/01/01- 6/30/2002	Due 07/01/02- 6/30/2003	Due Subsequently						
				Paid \$5,550	4,440	6,660			
Sewer System	11,380	7,620	3,810						
Rec/Library Building	945	0	0						
Main St. Water Line	\$17,875	12,060	10,470						



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

	BALANCE			BALANCE
	6/30/2001	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	6/30/2002
<b><u>PRINCIPAL:</u></b>				
Library Funds	\$9,626	0	0	9,626
Marchand Fund	4,782	0	0	4,782
Bicentennial Park	836	0	836	0
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE:</b>				
Land Cleanup	20,000	0	0	20,000
Town Vehicle & Equip	79,984	47,500	0	127,484
New Cemetery	5,566	0	0	5,566
Rec-Playground Equip	32,148	0	14,535	17,613
Enterprise Fund - Depr Fund	287,988	0	0	287,988
Cemetery Maintenance	74,822	2,800	0	77,622
Macomber Gift	13,330	0	13,330	0
School Addition	1,074	15,100	16,174	0
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<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>530,156</b>	<b>65,400</b>	<b>44,875</b>	<b>550,681</b>
 <b><u>INCOME:</u></b>				
Library Funds	0	462	462	0
Marchand Fund	113	280	0	393
Bicentennial Park	1,707	0	1,707	0
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE:</b>				
Land Cleanup	30,893	2,911	0	33,804
Town Vehicle & Equip	6,158	6,021	0	12,179
New Cemetery	1,106	382	0	1,488
Rec-Playground Equip	2,739	1,164	3,488	415
Enterprise Fund - Depr Fund	60,434	19,931	47,850	32,515
Cemetery Maintenance	0	3,727	3,727	0
Macomber Gift	858	3	861	0
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>104,008</b>	<b>34,881</b>	<b>58,095</b>	<b>80,794</b>
 <b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	 <b>\$634,164</b>	 <b>100,281</b>	 <b>102,970</b>	 <b>631,475</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

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

A. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures.

The Town does not maintain a record of general fixed assets, and accordingly a general fixed asset group of accounts, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not presented.

B. Basis of Accounting

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

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

C. Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

<u>Market values:</u>	<u>June 30, 2002</u>
General Fund	\$706,007
Enterprise Fund	\$174,403
Trust Funds	\$620,000

2. PURPOSE OF FUND AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

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

A. Governmental Fund Types

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

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

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

B. Enterprise Fund Types

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

C. Fiduciary Fund Types

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

D. Account Groups

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

3. TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds consist of the following:

	<u>Fund Balances</u>	
	Reserved For <u>Endowments</u>	Reserved for Specific <u>Purposes</u>
Cemetery Care	\$77,622	\$ --
Library	9,626	--
Capital Reserve	--	200,522
Great Island Common	4,782	392
Bicentennial Park Care	836	1,707
Recreational Department	--	18,029
Enterprise/Sewer Funds	--	320,503
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	\$92,030	\$539,446
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4. ACCOUNT GROUP NOT INCLUDED IN THIS FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fixed Assets

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

5. ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

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

Depreciation

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

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

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FY2002 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
<b>VALUE OF LAND ONLY:</b>		
Current Use	28.66	\$7,060
Conservation Restriction		
Residential	265.30	221,370,500
Commercial/Industrial	8.55	5,522,300
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Total of Taxable Land	302.51	226,899,860
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$29,613,200)	155.83	
<b>VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY:</b>		
Residential		139,466,000
Commercial/Industrial		2,005,100
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Total Taxable Buildings		141,471,100
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$5,199,700)		
Public Utilities: Electric		927,000
Mature Wood and Timber		0
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Valuation Before Exemptions		369,297,960
Blind Exemption	0	
<b>ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:</b>		
Age 65 - 74 (\$50,000 each)	4	200,000
Age 75 - 79 (\$75,000 each)	0	0
Age 80 & Over (\$75,000 each)	0	0
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<b>TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>200,000</b>
 <b>NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX</b>		
		<b>369,097,960</b>
Less Public Utilities		927,000
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<b>NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX</b>		
		<b>\$368,170,960</b>
		=====
<b>TAX CREDITS:</b>		
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans their spouses and widows (\$700 each)	1	\$700
Other War Service Credits (\$100 each)	98	9,800
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<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FY2002 TAX RATE CALCULATION**

	<b>---Municipal Portion---</b>	
Gross Appropriations	\$1,194,557	
Less: Revenues	729,291	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763	
Add: Overlay	39,404	
Add: War Service Credits	10,500	
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Net Town Appropriation	511,407	
Special Adjustment	0	
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Approved Town/City Tax Effort	511,407	
Municipal Tax Rate		1.39
	<b>---School Portion---</b>	
Net Local School Budget	1,098,128	
Regional School Apportionment	0	
Less: State Education Taxes	395,954	
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Approved School Tax Effort	702,174	
Local Education Tax Rate		1.90
	<b>---State Ed Taxes---</b>	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)= 276,791,124 x 6.60 / 1000	1,826,821	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		4.96
	<b>---County Portion---</b>	
Due to County	486,955	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,379	
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Approved County Appropriation Effort	483,576	
County Tax Rate		1.31
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<b>COMBINED TAX RATE</b>		<b>9.56</b>

Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,523,978
Less: War Service Credits	10,500
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
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Total Property Tax Commitment	3,513,478

**---PROOF OF RATE---**

<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
State Education Tax	\$368,170,960	4.96
All Other Taxes	\$369,097,960	4.60
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		\$3,523,978

**Town of  
New Castle, New Hampshire**

**2004 Budget  
and 2003 Warrant**

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	WARR APPROPRIATIONS		2001-2002		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS	
		ART #	ART #	ACTUAL EXP	ACTUAL EXP	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
				2001-2002	2001-2002	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
				PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
<b>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS</b>									
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
1130-4139	EXECUTIVE			46,986	43,693	48,762	48,762	48,762	48,762
1140-4149	ELEC., REG., & VITAL STATS			12,446	10,724	14,060	14,060	14,060	14,060
1150-4151	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			59,690	54,654	59,947	59,947	59,947	59,947
4152	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY			20,500	5,700	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
4153	LEGAL EXPENSE			15,800	9,314	13,300	13,300	13,300	13,300
1155-4159	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			0	0	0	0	0	0
1191-4193	PLANNING & ZONING			10,908	9,361	9,708	9,708	9,708	9,708
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG			7,000	18,909	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,300
4195	CEMETERIES			32,037	36,927	13,774	13,774	13,774	13,774
4196	INSURANCES			200	121	200	200	200	200
4197	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC			0	0	0	0	0	0
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT			10,000	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>									
1210-4214	POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL			218,803	195,923	226,806	226,806	226,806	226,806
1215-4219	AMBULANCE			15,140	15,140	15,140	15,140	15,140	15,140
1220-4229	FIRE, EMS & HAZMAT			137,164	94,469	134,413	134,413	134,413	134,413
1240-4249	BUILDING INSPECTION			14,601	17,385	14,585	14,585	14,585	14,585
1290-4298	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			17,227	4,992	7,345	7,345	7,345	7,345
4299	OTHER (INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS)			0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>									
1301-4309	AIRPORT OPERATIONS			0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>									
4311	ADMINISTRATION			0	0	0	0	0	0
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS			75,481	73,080	83,361	83,361	83,361	83,361
4313	BRIDGES			0	0	0	0	0	0
4316	STREET LIGHTING			8,000	6,193	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
4319	OTHER			0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SANITATION</b>									
4321	ADMINISTRATION			1,438	1,470	1,424	1,424	1,424	1,424
4323	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION			36,000	38,090	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL			58,250	38,152	58,250	58,250	58,250	58,250
4325	SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP			0	0	0	0	0	0
1326-4329	SEWAGE COLL. & DISPOSAL & OTHER			0	0	0	0	0	0





ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	2002-2003		2001-2002		SELECTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS	
		WARR APPROPRIATIONS	ACTUAL EXP	WARR APPROPRIATIONS	ACTUAL EXP	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
		ART #	PRIOR YEAR	ART #	PRIOR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>								
4901	LAND		0		0	0	0	0	0
4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES & EQUIP		0		0	0	0	0	0
4903	BUILDINGS		0		1,717	0	0	0	0
4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BLDGS		0		0	0	0	0	0
	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>								
4912	TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		0		0	0	0	0	0
4913	TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		0		0	0	0	0	0
4914	TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS:								
	WATER		52,494		37,691	47,700	47,700	47,700	0
	SEWER		84,423		85,743	103,550	103,550	103,550	0
	ELECTRIC		0		0	0	0	0	0
	AIRPORT		0		0	0	0	0	0
4915	TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		47,500		47,500	47,500	47,500	50,000	0
4916	TO EXP TR FUND-EXCEPT #4917		0		0	0	0	0	0
4917	TO HEALTH MAINT TRUST FUNDS		0		0	0	0	0	0
4918	TO NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		0		0	0	0	0	0
4919	TO AGENCY FUNDS		0		0	0	0	0	0
	<b>SUBTOTAL I</b>		1,255,851		1,105,865	1,305,984	1,305,984	1,305,984	0

you have a line item of appropriations from more than on warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

ACCOUNT #	WARRANT ARTICLE #	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT #	WARRANT ARTICLE #	AMOUNT
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS									
									2001-2002 ACTUAL EXP	BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS __ ENSUING FISCAL YEAR __								
ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS								WARR APPROPRIATIONS ART #	2002-2003 PRIOR YEAR	2001-2002 ACTUAL EXP	2002-2003 PRIOR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
4901	CONSERVATION LAND								XVI	0	0	500,000					500,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED									XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	500,000	XXXXXXX			500,000	XXXXXXX	

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Individual warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS									
									2001-2002 ACTUAL EXP	BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS __ ENSUING FISCAL YEAR __								
ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS								WARR APPROPRIATIONS ART #	2002-2003 PRIOR YEAR	2001-2002 ACTUAL EXP	2002-2003 PRIOR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED									XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX			XXXXXXX			XXXXXXX

ACCT #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	2002-2003		2001-2002	EST. REVENUES
		WARR ART #	EST. REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	ACT REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR
<b>TAXES</b>					
3120	LAND USE CHANGE TAXES		0	0	0
3180	RESIDENT TAXES		0	0	0
3185	TIMBER TAXES		0	0	0
3186	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES		0	0	0
3189	OTHER TAXES - BOAT		6,000	8,407	6,000
3190	INT & PEN ON DEL TAXES		8,000	14,508	8,000
	INVENTORY PENALTIES		3,000	4,729	3,000
3187	EXCAVATION TAX (\$.02 PER CU YD)		0	0	0
3188	EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX		0	0	0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>					
3210	BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		0	0	0
3220	MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS		234,000	240,654	200,000
3230	BUILDING PERMITS		20,500	31,148	15,000
3290	OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		1,000	1,336	1,000
311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>FROM STATE</b>					
3351	SHARED REVENUE		15,909	15,909	15,909
3352	MEALS & ROOM TAX DISTR		29,131	26,325	29,131
3353	HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT		14,195	13,231	14,986
3354	WATER POLLUTION		8,858	9,221	8,495
3355	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOP		0	0	0
3356	STATE & FED FOREST LAND REIMB		0	0	0
3357	FLOOD CONTROL REIMBURSEMENT		0	0	0
3359	OTHER - INCLUDING RR TAX		0	0	0
	CONSERVATION GRANT		2,700	5,818	49,000
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>		0	0	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
401-3406	INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		78,950	106,213	78,950
3409	OTHER CHARGES		0		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
3501	SALE/MUNICIPAL PROP		0	0	0
3502	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		20,000	25,900	15,000
503-3509	OTHER		33,592	19,316	26,000
<b>INTERFUND OPER TRANSFERS IN</b>					
3912	FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		0	0	0
3913	FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		0	0	0
3914	ENTERPRISE FUNDS:		0	0	0
	WATER (OFFSET)		52,494	51,321	47,700
	SEWER (OFFSET)		84,423	78,927	103,550
	ELECTRIC (OFFSET)		0	0	0
	AIRPORT (OFFSET)		0	0	0
3915	FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		0	0	0
3916	FROM TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS		0	2,543	0
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
3934	PROC FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES		0	0	0
	AMTS VOTED FROM F/B (SURPLUS)		0	0	0
	FUND BALANCE (SURPLUS) TO REDUCE TAXES		300,000	200,000	0
<b>TOTAL EST REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>			912,752	855,506	621,721

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 4)	1,255,851	1,305,984	1,305,984
SUBTOTAL 2 SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 5)	0	500,000	500,000
SUBTOTAL 3 INDIVIDUAL WARR ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 5)	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	1,255,851	1,805,984	1,805,984
LESS: AMT OF EST REV & CREDITS (FROM ABOVE)	(912,752)	(621,721)	(621,721)
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	343,099	1,184,263	1,184,263
<b>1 TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1,805,984</b>		
LESS EXCLUSIONS:			
2 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(72,200)		
3 INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	(7,140)		
4 CAPITAL OUTLAYS FUNDED FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES	(500,000)		
5 TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	(579,340)		
6 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSIONS	1,226,644		
7 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCREASE (LINE 6 X 10%)	122,664		
MAXIMUM BUDGET IS	1,928,648		

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE  
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2003**

**ROCKINGHAM, SS**

**NEW CASTLE, NH**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2003, to act upon Articles I through XV.

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

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

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE II:** Zoning Amendment Number 1: Section 1.0 Authority and Purpose

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, with the following new text?

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 674:16 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, and for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the community and the intent of the Town Master Plan, this Ordinance is hereby adopted by the Town of New Castle.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE III:** Zoning Amendment Number 2: Section 2.0 Definitions, Section 2.1 Interpretations

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds wording to the existing text?

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and phrases shall be construed throughout this ordinance to have the meaning defined in this section. Words used in the present tense include the future; the singular use includes the plural and the plural

use the singular. Headings within this ordinance shall not be construed to affect the interpretations of the words and phrases of the sections of the ordinance.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE IV: Zoning Amendment Number 3: Section 4.2 Density and Dimensional Regulations – Section 4.2.1 Applicability of Density and Dimensional Regulations**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 3, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds to the existing wording?

Each structure moved or erected on a lot in the Town of New Castle shall conform to the building density, yard, height, and other dimensional requirements as shown in Table 1-Density and Dimension Regulations following. The regulations in this section are designed to limit the intensity of land usage so as to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of New Castle and the intent of the Master Plan. The regulations state the maximum limit that may not be exceeded.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE V: Zoning Amendment Number 4: Special Exceptions 4.3 - Section 4.3.2**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 4, as proposed by the Planning Board, which changes the sentence “variances may not be granted from there requirements” to variances may not be granted from either the general or specific requirements?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VI: Zoning Amendment Number 5: Section - 4.3.2**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 5, as proposed by the Planning Board, to move current sub-sections 4.3.2.1 – 4.3.2.7 to a new section numbered 4.3.3 and revise the section heading to read “GENERAL REQUIREMENTS”?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VII: Zoning Amendment Number 6: Section 6.3 Marinas, Docks and Piers Section 6.3.2.2.i**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 6, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds a word after the number 100?

The maximum aggregate length of a dock, pier, wharf and float as measured from the seaward face to mean high water line shall be as determined by the Board of Adjustment but may exceed 100 feet only after a finding that unusual circumstances exist.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VIII: Zoning Amendment Number 7: Section 7.0 Non Conforming Lots and Uses**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 7, as proposed by the Planning Board, which revises the section heading to read?

**NON-CONFORMING LOTS, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND USES**

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE IX: Zoning Amendment Number 8: Section 7.1 DEFINITIONS**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 8, as proposed by the Planning Board to delete the current sub-section 7.1.4 and revise the language that 7.1.4 had contained and include it in section 7.0, as shown?

This Zoning Ordinance does not affect any structure, premise or their uses existing at the time the applicable provisions of this Ordinance were originally enacted. However, any change in use must comply with this Ordinance.

Any lot, building structure or use deemed non-conforming as of March 6, 1973 will not have that non-conforming status affected by this ordinance. Nothing in this ordinance shall restrict the sale or lease of any such non-conforming lot, building, structure or use by a new owner or lessee.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE X: Zoning Amendment Number 9: Section 7.3 Discontinuance and Abandonment – Section 7.3.1**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 9, as proposed by the Planning Board, which revises the heading and the section to read?

New heading to read:  
“Discontinuance”



**Section to read:**

Any and all non-conforming buildings, structures, land or uses of the same, which is (are) discontinued or which is (are) partially or wholly destroyed by fire, explosion, storm, tides or other acts of God, may be resumed or restored and operated in its (their) former non-conforming status if the same is done within two (2) years thereafter.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XI: Zoning Amendment Number 10: Section 7.4 Change in Use - Section 7.4.1**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 10, as proposed by the Planning Board, which revises the heading of Section 7.4 and adds the word “structure” to the text of Section 7.4.1 ?

New heading of 7.4 to read:

“Changes to Non-Conforming Lots, Buildings, Structures, and Uses”

7.4.1. No addition, change or expansion to any nonconforming building, structure, lot or use which causes the building, structure, lot or use to become more non-conforming shall be allowed.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XII: Zoning Amendment Number 11: 9.2.9 BUFFER PROVISIONS - Section 9.2.9.2**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 11, as proposed by the Planning Board, to revise the first phrase?

No building or site improvements shall be constructed within:

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XIII: Zoning Amendment Number 12: TABLE 1, DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS**

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 12, as proposed by The Planning Board, by changing each reference to “residential unit” to “dwelling unit”?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XIV: Building Code Amendment Number 1: Section 1 (a)**

Are you in favor of adopting Building Code Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, with an updated change of reference year and adoption of new codes for the town?

The 2000 State Building Code and the 2000 International Residential Code are hereby adopted by reference for the Town of New Castle.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XV: Building Code Amendment Number 2: Section 13 Permits**

Are you in favor of adopting Building Code Amendment Number 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, which adds two new sections to the existing two?

(c) A copy of a building permit must be posted by the applicant at the work site within two business days after it is issued.

(d) Building permits are valid for a period of twelve months after issuance. An extension of six months may be granted at the discretion of the Planning Board after a request is made in writing prior to the permit's expiration date.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XVI: BOND FOR LAND ACQUISITION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars for the acquisitions of conservation easements and/or open space land (including any buildings or structures incidental to such land and including costs associated therewith) for the permanent protection of such land in the best interests of the Town, as the Selectmen deem appropriate, and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisitions of conservation easements or other open space land, and to further authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rates of interest thereon. No bonds or notes shall be issued with a term of maturity of less than ten (10) years and the authority conferred by the passage of this Article shall be non-lapsing until its purpose is accomplished in accordance with RSA 32:7,III,VI.

The purchase of land with funds appropriated pursuant to this Article shall be permitted only if all of the procedural requirements for the purchase of land spelled out in RSA 41:14-a are satisfied, which, among other things, require review and recommendation of both the planning board and conservation commission, followed by two public hearings.

The passage of this Article requires a 3/5 vote.

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE XVII:** On petition of Nancy McArdle and 26 other legal voters of New Castle are you in favor of the following resolution from “New Hampshire for Health Care?”

Whereas New Hampshire pays the 12<sup>th</sup> highest cost of insurance, cost of insurance premiums have increased 45% and many NH residents have no health covers....:

That we, the citizens of New Castle, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government, makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

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

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

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

Given under our hand and seal this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two  
Thousand and Three. A true copy of warrant - attest

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Robert W. Beecher, Chairman

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Peter Gamester

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Charles A. Tarbell  
Board of Selectmen

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE  
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2003**

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Post Office and Town Hall, both being a public place in said Town of New Castle.

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Robert W. Beecher, Chairman

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Peter Gamester

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Charles A. Tarbell

Board of Selectmen  
Town of New Castle  
April 21, 2003



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)  
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

	LEVY FOR 2002	<u>PRIOR YEAR LEVIES</u>	
		2001	2000
<b><u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 06/30/01:</u></b>			
Property Taxes		33,424.00	0.00
<b><u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	\$3,518,203.00		
<b><u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	4,384.11		
Abatements by Check	0.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	6,999.11	3,042.46	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>3,529,586.22</b>	<b>36,466.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	3,485,643.84	33,424.00	
Interest	6,999.11	3,042.46	
Overpayments	4,384.11		
Conversion to Elderly Lien		0.00	
<b><u>ABATEMENTS:</u></b>			
Abatements	6,808.73		
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/02</b>	<b>25,750.43</b>		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>3,529,586.22</b>	<b>36,466.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	2001	2000	1999
<b><u>UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/01</u></b>	0.00	5,929.80	0.00
<b><u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u></b>			
Property Taxes	30,558.75		
Interest & Costs	2,525.45	1,943.65	0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>33,084.20</b>	<b>7,873.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u></b>			
Redemptions	30,314.21	5,929.80	0.00
Interest & Costs	2,525.45	1,943.65	0.00
<b>UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/02</b>	<b>244.54</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$33,084.20</b>	<b>7,873.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK  
 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$241,398.00
Dog Licenses	878.50
Dog Penalties	182.00
Marriage Licenses	315.00
Vital Records	78.00
All Other Sources	793.20
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	----- 243,644.70 =====
<b>PAYMENTS REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	\$243,644.70 =====

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

The following is the balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2002.

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Checking Account	\$52,413.64
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	395,857.72
Bank of New Hampshire Investment Pool	310,148.93
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Checking Account	39,168.94
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	174,402.95

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
 William B. Marshall, III  
 Treasurer



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS  
AND DISBURSEMENTS  
fiscal year ended June 30, 2002**

**RECEIPTS:**

Town Appropriations	\$40,461
Spec Appropriation - Children's Books	3,000
Designated Gifts	16,132
Donations	3,070
Other	1,851

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

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**64,514**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Books & Videos	8,583
Spec Appropriation - Children's Books	2,939
Designated Gifts	18,880
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	19,418
Software, Hardware, & Support	2,872
Operations	2,864
Programs & Arts	168
Other	1,722

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

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**57,446**

**NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH**

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**7,068**

**CASH ON HAND 6/30/2001**

**10,166**

**CASH ON HAND 6/30/2002**

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**\$17,234**  
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## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2002, a report of the Clerk's receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, and the annual compilation of vital records are printed elsewhere in this volume.

As our population has grown, now reaching over 1,000 residents, the volume of work in the Clerk's Office has likewise expanded. In the past decade, motor vehicle permits have grown from 923 to 1265, a 37% increase. The number of dog licenses has increased by 44%.

In 1992, there were 700 registered voters in New Castle, now there are 966, a 38% increase. Preparation for elections is more time consuming and a much larger number of voters are voting by absentee ballot.

We make every effort to improve procedures and serve the town with maximum efficiency. Expansion of car and dog registration by mail is progressing and provides a convenience to many of our residents.

My Deputy Louis Klotz and I appreciate the assistance of everyone in the Town Office and give special thanks to Rosemary York, our dedicated volunteer from the R.S.V.P. program in Portsmouth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy S. Watters  
Town Clerk

# POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

“The purpose of all war is ultimately peace.”

—Saint Augustine

“Whatever enlarges hope will also exalt courage.”

—Samuel Johnson

The past year has been busy and interesting, to say the least. There is much activity currently in progress and much more to come.

## ***Wentworth Hotel Project:***

At last, the Wentworth Hotel Project is in progress and there is an end in sight. We are hoping that the hotel will be an asset to the Town as the years go by.

As far as police issues go, we are not sure what is going to happen. There is no doubt that the activity for us will increase, but at what level and intensity, we are not sure. We will give it a year and come back to you with a report with any needs or requests. The management has been great so far as communication with the police and I see no reason that this should not continue.

## ***UNH Project:***

This project looks like it's going to add a great deal to the town. The project manager has addressed the police areas of concern of noise, parking, traffic and security. We do not see this project becoming another “Woods Hole” but something that is in keeping with the character and nature of New Castle. Time will tell, but so far, so good. If this project has any significance effect on police activity, we will again report back to you.

## ***Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT):***

The New Castle Police Department is involved in and very supportive of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT). The team is a collation of seacoast towns that have banded together for mutual aid and protection. We are proud to be a “plank owner” of the team and support the team is its mission of police protection services and homeland security.

The SERT team is the first responding agency to any threats to the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant and Pease Trade Port. In the past year, the team has been involved with events in Hampton, Portsmouth, Newmarket, and Stratham when the incidents have been beyond the capabilities of the local police department. All incidents were handled professionally and happily without injury to anyone involved. We all sleep safer knowing the team can respond to anywhere on the New Hampshire Seacoast with fifteen minutes or less.

We are also working in complete cooperation with the Coast Guard and New Hampshire Marine Patrol in safety and security missions. We must never forget that New Castle is an island town.

***Fire Lieutenant/Police Officer David Blanding:***

We are delighted to have David Blanding as our new Public Safety Officer. David Blanding comes to us from the Coast Guard and is highly qualified in many areas for both police and fire science. The hiring of a multi-skilled person for the Town of New Castle show creative thinking that along with inter-department cooperation can go along a long way to increasing services at little expense to the taxpayer.

***Emergency Medical Services:***

We are proud to announce that Sgt. Douglas Cummings has just completed his certification to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Now 75% of the Police Department officers are EMT's - an incredibly high percentage of which we are extremely proud. We stand ready to assist the Fire Department in their Emergency Medical mission.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF POLICE ACTIVITY

Suspicious Activity/Criminal Complaint	306
Total Arrests	49
Medical Emergency(s)/Assists	47
Alarms	402
Domestic Complaints	23
Mutual Aid Calls	91
Building/Residence Checks	2937
Uncured Buildings/residence(s)	207
Assist other Town Agencies	703
Assist Citizens	309
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Total of Activities	5,074
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Respectfully submitted,

James C. Murphy  
Chief of Police

# REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The town licensed 163 dogs during the year 2002, licenses and fines brought in approximately \$1,067 in revenue to the town. Dog licensing for this year has already started and as most of you are already aware, there is a new procedure for licensing dogs in place. So far, the new procedures have been well received. I'm hoping to achieve 100% compliance this year and avoid having to issue civil forfeitures for unlicensed dogs, so if you haven't already licensed your dog, please do so before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

In 2002, we only had to process and test one deceased bird for the West Nile Virus compared to five in 2001. I'm very happy to report that all tested negative for the disease. As a reminder, the town has taken steps to minimize the community's exposure to this disease; however, the best method is for residents to not allow water to stand for any length of time as this helps breed the mosquitoes that carry the disease. You can obtain more information by visiting the web site of the NH Public Health Department at <http://www.state.nh.us/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 436-3800, ext. 16 or email me via the web site at [www.newcastlenh.org/police/ACO/index\\_aco.shtml](http://www.newcastlenh.org/police/ACO/index_aco.shtml)

## ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
<b>Complaints</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>
Barking	1	7
Bites	1	2
Menace Animal	0	0
Nuisance Animal	0	3
Running at-large	3	3
Vicious Animal	0	1
Unspecified	0	0
<b>Enforcement Action</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
Civil Forfeiture	9	5
Warnings – Other	4	7
<b>Other Corrective Actions</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Correction Notices	0	2
Warnings - Letters Issued	3	2

**Note:** Calls account for any call that involves an animal regardless of a complaint or action taken. Animal calls that do not fit into those categories, such as assistance, concerns, etc. are still tracked through our normal dispatch logs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Douglas V. Cummings,  
Animal Control Officer

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

### *Department Membership:*

The year 2002 saw a change in how the Town provides fire and emergency medical services to your community. In the past, volunteers who received a stipend wage for their services provided these services. This past year a full time Public Safety Officer was hired to benefit both the fire and police departments. David Blanding who is retired from the US Coast Guard and a long time member of the fire department was hired in this position upon his retirement. David joined the Rye Police Department once he retired and become one of their full time police officers. Still a member of the New Castle Fire Department, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant and became an emergency medical technician. When this Public Safety Officer position was being created (New Hampshire certified firefighter, emergency medical technician and police officer) we realized David Blanding had the certifications for the position. Dave works as a Fire Lieutenant on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and as a Police Officer on Sunday.

The primary task as Fire Lieutenant is to handle the daily business of running a Fire Department. This allows the volunteers to focus on training and responding to emergency calls. His duties as a Fire Lieutenant include maintenance on the apparatus, equipment, building and protective clothing. Additionally, he coordinates and participates in teaching fire training both in the classroom and outside drills. He participates in fire prevention with inspections at homes, public buildings, marinas, and the Wentworth Hotel construction. He issues permits for oil burners installations and burning permits. His hours are as follows:

*Monday noon to 5pm & 6 to 9pm*  
*Tuesday 8am to 4pm*  
*Wednesday 8am to 4pm.*

I cannot stress enough the need for new members. Let me be honest with you all. The familiar faces you all have seen responding to emergencies over the many years are getting older. We have a handful of new younger faces who participate; however most of these members live out of town and have a 7 to 10 minute drive into Town. I know I sound like a broken record; however we either find younger people in town to volunteer or the Town will need to look at other avenues to provide fire and emergency medical services. To this end, the Fire Department will embark on a "long range study" of New Castle's fire and emergency medical services. These avenues may include part time pay for members, more full time personnel and I'm sure contracted services. The two most important factors will be cost and level of service desired by the citizens of New Castle. Does this these mean changes will happen soon? No, however I believe you will see gradual change in how fire and emergency medical services are provided. We can stay on the same path as in the past, keeping costs down if we can fill the member needs with volunteers.

### *Wentworth Hotel Project:*

The renovations of old and the construction of new have seen the Wentworth Hotel project come to fruition. This project has been twenty plus years in the making for many serving. The department has had a fire protection engineer on staff during

the design and construction of this project. The department has participated in the review of plans and the construction phase with meetings, inspections and continuous tours of building. Additionally, we have studied neighboring hotels of similar size, costs and services as to the demands placed on the Fire Department. We believe this establishment will increase the number of emergency calls by the department by 35 annually. Additionally, we expect 1 or 2 visits per month providing fire prevention services.

### ***War on Terrorism:***

Locally, the war on terrorism has been quiet, as the general public has been able to deal with this issue on a personal level. I am happy to report that the New Castle Fire Department has not responded to any terrorist type incidents during 2002.

On December 13, 2002, the President announced a smallpox vaccination plan to better protect the American people against the threat of a smallpox attack by hostile groups or governments. This plan is completely voluntary and is broken into three phases as follows.

1. Public health and hospital workers who would be charged with conducting any initial investigation and treatment of a suspected smallpox outbreak.
2. Emergency services and health care workers including the fire service.
3. General public.

This Presidential plan has been widely covered by our local and national press. As implementation of plan begins more information will be made to all. Your fire department will be a part of the overall process.

September 11, 2001, has changed our way of life as we know it individually. The firefighters and emergency medical technicians have hung our country's flag on the front of the Fire Station making a statement "**WE WILL NEVER FORGET**". Each year on September 11<sup>th</sup>, a new flag will replace the old. I hope you will join us in changing of the colors. Thank you for continual support of the New Castle Fire Department.

## 2002 REPORT OF INCIDENTS

### In-Town Incidents

Fuel burner malfunction	1	Water problem	3
Outside fire	2	Emergency Medical Aid	55
Public assist	3	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
Water rescue	1	LPG leak	2
Oil spill	1	Power line down / arcing electrical equipment	5
Smoke removal	2	Hazardous materials investigation	1
Fire alarm system activation	15	Odor of smoke	4
CO detector activation	1	Service call	3

### Mutual Aid Incidents

#### To Portsmouth

Structure fire	1
Station coverage	1

#### To Newington

Structure fire	1
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#### To Kittery, ME

Structure fire	1
Station coverage	1

#### To Rye

Structure fire	1
Station coverage	1
Emergency Medical Aid	1

#### To Pease Air National Guard

Aircraft emergencies	3
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#### To Eliot, ME

Structure fire	1
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### 112 Total Alarms

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. White  
Chief of Department



## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L: 17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost. **However, please note that due to the proximity of our homes in New Castle, burning permits are required at all times, even if it is raining or there is snow on the ground.**

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org) or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES**

## 2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc *	356

(\*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<b>2002</b>	540	187
<b>2001</b>	942	428
<b>2000</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>149</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. White  
Forest Fire Warden

Robert "Bud" Nelson  
Chief State Forest Ranger

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

As we reflect back on the events of 2002, we see a world that continues to challenge our senses. It seems as not a week goes by that doesn't contain a news story about some terrorism related event or new threat. Locally, we have heard about smallpox and anthrax vaccinations against possible biological weapons and potassium iodide tablets in case of radiation exposure. We've even heard of the use of duct tape and plastic sheeting in case of attack.

We must realize that preparing ourselves for a possible terrorism event is only one part of our overall personal readiness. Are you ready for that winter storm that keeps us homebound for several days? What about a power failure? Wind event? While the past several years have been relatively mild with respect to hurricane visits, is this going to be "our year"? Do you carry comfort / survival items in your vehicles? You will know what I mean if you've ever been stuck in a snow bank and had to wait for several hours for a tow truck.

Maintaining a stockpile of canned goods and bottled water is always advisable. Try to have spare medications on hand. If you have medical devices, such as, oxygen generators in your home, ensure that they can function when the power goes off. If you have backup batteries for these devices, ensure that they are checked and capable of giving you the protection you need.

You can be assured that the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management and New Castle's Emergency Management team are working closely together to make sure that New Castle is as prepared and informed as possible for any manner of event which may happen. You remain a key cog in the wheel of protection. Have you noticed individuals or activities that appear out of character? We must remain vigilant and report what we have noticed to the authorities. It costs nothing to call. Vigilance on the part of everyone will prove to be one of the most productive intelligence sources. Don't let vigilance become paranoia. Live a normal life. Be safe, be prepared. We'll keep you informed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carl F. Roediger  
Emergency Management Director

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

There were a total of 40 Building Permits issued during calendar year 2002 for various improvements, remodeling projects, additions, and five new homes.

The State of NH had adopted the International Building Code (2000). So, I have asked the Planning Board to change our building code. I have also asked the Planning Board to include the International Residential Code (2000) in the warrant article. I ask you to support these changes.

For those of you that follow these developments BOCA no longer exists. BOCA and the other two major national code groups were all combined into the International Code Council making one Code that covers the entire country.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Petlick  
Building Official

## **PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

The present Planning Board has continued to review the current Zoning Ordinance, Building Code Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Review Regulations and with input from the Selectmen, the Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, the Building Official, Historic District Commission, the Rockingham Planning Commission and the general public and has made changes to some of the zoning ordinances which will appear on the ballot of the up coming May 2003 Town Meeting for your consideration.

During the Year 2002 the Planning Board has stayed informed on the on-going dialogue between the Town of New Castle and UNH's Director of Facilities, Design & Construction at UNH regarding the New Castle Marine Research Facility and Pier.

Mid-Year the Planning Board approved a four unit condominium development submitted and requested by Appleton Wentworth, LLC to be constructed off of Route 1B. Such approval carries several terms and conditions imposed by the Planning Board.

During the year W.W. Resort LLC submitted and requested approval of 18 Extended Stay Units to be constructed within the footprint of the "The Ship" next to the Wentworth Marina. After several meetings the approval was granted with certain terms and conditions set by the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert M. D'Antonio  
Chairman

## PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

Last spring, we replaced the standby generators in the three pumping stations. The old generators were approximately 25 years old and had reached their life expectancy. The new generators are quieter and more energy efficient.

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

During this year, we will continue to install new, state-of-the-art residential water meters. These are more accurate than the present remote meters that are currently being used.

We have now installed 263 meters and hope that all meters will be installed by the end of this year.

We are sorry to report that after more than 10 years, we are forced to increase the sewer rate by 16%. The minimum rates are now as follows: The minimum rate for water: \$34.80 per 15,000 gallons The minimum rate for sewer: \$48.84 per 15,000 gallons (Combination for sewer & water: \$83.64)

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Liff  
Chairman Public Works Board

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The New Castle Zoning Board of Adjustment held five meetings in 2002 and heard four cases. There were two Special Exception requests, one for a pier, granted, and one for a fence taller than 6 feet, withdrawn by the applicant at the hearing.

In Special Exception the Board is determining if prescribed requirements have been met or not. If the requirements are met, the Board must grant the request. If not met, the Board must deny the request.

There were two requests for variances, one for construction within 50 feet of a tidal zone, approved. The other was for a small second floor deck within the 10 feet side setback, approved with some changes.

In variance requests the Board is primarily determining whether or not complying with the zoning ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship considering the purpose of the ordinance terms and the physical characteristics of the lot as compared to other lots of the same size and similarly located.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Moore  
Chairman

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

The town's trust funds totaling \$692,698 at 12/31/02 represented the aggregate of permanent endowments, capital reserves, and temporary escrows established by town votes, gifts, and town departments. The funds are merged into one pool and the aggregate return allocated proportionately. Each fund has separate restrictions on withdrawals of principal or income.

The funds are invested 64% in Government Agency bonds and 36% in bond mutual funds. The Agency bonds yield from 4.95% to 6.75% and the bond funds average yield has been over 5.37%. The income is disbursed annually to the Library, for cemetery maintenance, and for improvements at the Common from the Road Race funds. The income is accumulated in the reserves for town capital requirements including sewer and water capital improvements.

The three trustees meet as needed for investment or appropriation purposes and determine the asset allocation of the investments. Low interest rates currently make it difficult to find attractive rates in individual bonds, hence the recent investment in bond funds with a more diversified portfolio.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell N. Cox  
Gerald Sieve  
Gene Doherty

# CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

## **RIVERSIDE CEMETERY:**

Cemetery Trustee Bill Lanham has completed a new cemetery layout which will accommodate additional cremation lots and a limited number of traditional lots which will be made available by late spring. These lots will be available to those who are presently full time residents and those who have been residents and declared New Castle his or her residence for at least 10 consecutive years.

In the fall of this year a new tool shed was built at Riverside Cemetery to central-ize all tools, equipment, and supplies in one location from which all other town cemeteries will be serviced.

## **OCEANSIDE CEMETERY:**

During this year a major portion of the construction of the new cemetery was completed, all granite posts were installed, curbing was installed at the front entrance, service road leading to the cemetery entrance was paved, the inner road of the cemetery received a final cost of hot top, loam was brought in and placed through out the cemetery including the center island all of which will be hydro seeded in the spring of 2003.

Items to be completed during the year 2003 are the installation of heavy chain between the granite posts, the installation of water spigots, electricity to center island, and flag pole within the center island and the completion of landscaping.

Estimated cost to complete construction of the new cemetery is approximately \$19,000 of which \$12,191 remains as a balance within the FY2003 budget and \$7,000 from trust funds allocated for new cemetery construction.

Keeping within the budget allocation each year for new construction beginning July 1, 1999 thru January 8, 2003, the total cost is as follows:

July 1, 1999	to	June 30, 2000	\$17,016.09
July 1, 2000	to	December 31, 2000	30,872.53
Jan. 1, 1001	to	December 31, 2001	10,022.00
Jan. 1, 2002	to	January 8, 2003	<u>19,863.50</u>

**Total cost as of 01/08/03** \$77,774.12

Respectfully submitted,

David Merrill, Chairman  
William Lanham  
Albert D'Antonio

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees of the New Castle Library are sad to report that Judith Swarden tendered her resignation as Director of the Library effective February 4, 2003. She and her husband plan to return to live in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Judy has been a tremendous asset to the Library and will be sorely missed. She was instrumental in building and diversifying the Library's book collection and developing children's programs. Most notably, Judy's stewardship resulted in a significant increase in the Library's circulation. The Trustees wish Judy well.

On a happier note, the Trustees are pleased to announce that Gene Fox of York, Me. assumed the Director's position on February 4, 2003. Gene and Judy worked together for a period of two weeks before Judy's departure on February 14, 2003. The overlapping work schedule permitted Judy to familiarize Gene with the operation of the Library and resulted in a seamless transition.

Prior to assuming the Director's position, Gene served as the Public Services Librarian at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has a M.L.I.S., Library and Information Science degree, from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts. When not otherwise engaged in library work, Gene writes poetry.

The Library is presently open Tuesdays 1-7, Wednesdays 1-5, Thursdays 9-3 and Fridays 1-5. Ultimately, the Trustees would like to see the hours of operation of the Library expanded further. This possibility is being explored through the Experience Works program which is housed within the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security in Portsmouth, NH. The Experience Works program funds part time positions for qualified older workers who wish to continue participating in the workforce.

The Trustees meet in the Macomber Room at the Library every third Tuesday of the month. The meetings commence at 4PM and typically last one hour. Any resident of New Castle is welcome to attend such meetings to offer ideas and suggestions on improving the delivery of library services to the Town and its residents.

Finally, it must be noted that the operation of the Library would not be possible without the services of the Library's many dedicated volunteers. The volunteers are a key component to the ongoing success of the Library.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Gardner  
Paula Carroll  
Joan Lockhart  
Alternates  
Patty Hickey  
Barbara Battis



# CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission was established for two main reasons. First, for the protection and proper utilization of the town's natural resources and second, for the protection of the watershed resources of the town. Currently, the commission consists of seven regular members and two alternates. The Commission meets every month and schedules extra workshops as needed to handle special projects.

Much of this year's work has been a continuation of projects started in 2001. We continued working with the State on a project studying the effects of beetles imported to control the spread of the invasive plant, Purple Loosestrife. Beetles were released into specific wetlands sites which were monitored and the resulting studies were then turned over to a NH State entomologist. This project should be completed by the end of this summer. Towns throughout NH have been involved with this project and the conclusions derived from this three-year project should help develop methods of controlling the spread of this invasive plant. Once again we are grateful for the financial support of the Great Island Garden Club, which underwrote the cost of this project.

The Commission, having received a grant from the NH Estuaries Project, has been able to complete the second phase of the Bull Toad Pond project. Working closely with the Rockingham County Conservation District, we have monitored the salinity of the pond (located between Beach Hill Road and the Common) and scientists have studied the area and made recommendations for restoration efforts. Under the direction of Commission member, Linda Ball, who enabled us to get the Estuaries Project grant, more than twenty volunteers have contributed more than 100 hours working various aspects of this project. In order to continue onto the next phase, we are in the process again of looking into grants. There is grant money available which we hope to receive so, hopefully, work in the pond area will commence this summer.

Working with the Selectmen and the Rockingham Planning Commission, the Commission is in the process of up-dating the 1984 Master Plan for the Common to include the Bull Toad Pond area.

The Commission is also investigating restoration of all the salt marshes on the island. At one time, these marshes were probably connected and were filled by tidal waters. With development, access to salt water has become clogged and many of the marshes have become predominately fresh water marshes, thus allowing the influx of invasive exotic plants such as the Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), Cat Tails and Purple Loosestrife. When these wetlands are restored they will again support the native plants that once thrived in the salt marshes. These wetlands provide breeding, nesting and feeding habitats for waterfowl, shorebirds and other wildlife. The Commission, working with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), will be working with landowners and the Town on this project. The restoration of New Castle salt marshes will complete the chain of healthy salt marshes on the Seacoast, following the lead of Rye and North Hampton. The first marsh area to be dealt with is the small

one on River Road. The culvert under River Road that used to allow tidal waters to flow in and out of the marsh is undersized and is filled with sediment. Specialists will survey the property, perform flood and flow surveys, get an elevation survey and then the Town will fill out a Wetlands Reserve Application (WRA) with NRCS to get the ball rolling. We hope that this process will begin as soon as the snow is gone.

The Commission continues to spearhead recycling “green waste” and the Town’s compost pile supplies the Department of Public Works with essential organic amendments to use around the plantings at the Library and Recreation Building.

And, finally, the Commission has dealt with 11 wetlands applications pertaining to building houses or docks adjacent to protected shore lands and wetlands. We have also looked into two possible wetlands violations and we continue to work closely with the State’s Department of Environmental Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hume, Chairperson

## TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

In the 310 years since our incorporation, the official records of the town have been kept by a variety of individuals elected each year to the office of Town Clerk. The first of these was Theodore Atkinson, for whom our Atkinson Street was named. Many of the records are works of art, and reflect the care and pride with which they were kept. Some are difficult to read, because of the quality of ink and paper used in early times. As time went on other records were added in increasing numbers by an ever expanding list of office holders and appointees. Today we have volumes of records compiled by individuals who serve the town in various capacities.

While the volume of record keeping has continued to increase, the storage area needed has not. Perhaps seventy-five per cent of the records retained are those whose retention is not required by law; yet their historical significance gives pause to their destruction.

It is for this reason that I have given my wholehearted support to the effort by the New Castle Historical Society to save the old library. Not only will it become a needed home for the Society, but an ideal repository for the many archives surplus to the needs of the town. Much has to be accomplished before the building is made adequate. Sufficient safeguards for preservation of such materials is necessary, but I believe our townspeople will see that this effort succeeds.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Morrill, Town Historian

## NEW CASTLE MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT

Spring mosquito development in roadside ditches, woodland pools, and red maple swamps was controlled in April and early May of 2002 with bacterium applications. There were sites scattered throughout the town that required control. The woods were very dry in the spring of 2002, as in the previous three springs. The large amount of snow this winter will likely result in a wet spring with above average mosquito breeding. There are several salt marshes in New Castle that provide ideal habitat for mosquito breeding. The salt marshes required periodic attention during the summer and fall months of 2002 due to continual flooding from thundershowers, spring tides, and storm tides. Salt marsh mosquitoes can readily fly three miles from their breeding areas and therefore affect everyone in New Castle. All neighboring communities control their salt marshes.

There were numerous site visits to New Castle salt marshes and freshwater wetlands by state and federal authorities in 2002. The Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission are actively pursuing potential wetland restoration sites. Grace Bottitta from Ducks Unlimited, Inc. has been instrumental in aiding the town's efforts. One of the benefits in restoration projects is the control of mosquito breeding by minnows.

West Nile Virus (WNV) was present in the seacoast in 2002. Portsmouth had its first confirmed dead bird from WNV in September. Statewide, the number of dead birds identified with WNV rose four times the previous year. Nationwide, WNV spread rapidly across the Great Plains and now is near the West Coast. Illinois and Mississippi had severe WNV outbreaks with many human fatalities.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is becoming endemic to the seacoast area. It is alarming that the state had identified native mosquito populations with WNV in 2001 and in 2002. The number of different mosquito species capable of vectoring WNV has grown in the northeast and now includes salt marsh species. As a result of WNV, the number of mosquito control programs statewide and nationwide has increased dramatically.

We have adapted our program to control mosquitoes in catch basins and other freshwater habitats of mosquito species known to vector WNV. One of them, the Asian Bush Mosquito, was found in Portsmouth and Dover in 2002. The CDC in Atlanta advises that mosquito populations be substantially reduced during WNV outbreaks; therefore we have developed an emergency plan for a WNV response that can be quickly enacted, if necessary.

It is important to survey your property for mosquito breeding. A pool cover holding water and leaves can harbor over 100,000 mosquito larvae at any one time. Tires without rims should be covered to prevent rainwater from entering. There are three species of mosquitoes that prefer to develop in tires and small containers holding water and all three are prime candidates for transmitting WNV. Clean out the gutters and prevent them from holding water. Change bird bath water every five days.

Michael Morrison, Entomologist

## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

January 1<sup>st</sup> marked the grand opening of the outdoor skating rink at the Great Island Common. Over 100 people attended the event. Our timing was perfect, as we ran out of hot dogs just as the ice started to sink, due to the warm weather and heavy load! Despite one of the warmest winters on record, the skating rink was a big success. All proceeds for the rink were raised through the Great Island Road Race. Our thanks go out to all who helped plan and implement the rink. In particular, I would like to thank Stu Levenson, Roger Epstein and Bob Stevens.

The Easter Egg Hunt in the spring drew over 90 children, who were thrilled to run around the Common and gather candy filled eggs. In addition, each child received a special gift. Our special thanks go out to Pamela Stearns for helping to coordinate the activities, and the Fire Department, which once again provided transportation throughout the town, for the Easter Bunny.

Halloween proved to be full of Tricks and Treats! Over 100 brave souls had enough courage to enter a haunted Town Hall to collect a bag full of treats. Our thanks go out to Jessica McCormack and friends who provided just the right amount of fright to a wide variety of ghoulish children.

Much of our effort in 2002 went into conducting the Ninth Annual Great Island road race. 1000 people registered for the race including over 60 hearty New Castle residents who ran or walked the 5K course. The Kids Fun Runs were the highlight of the day for many, as over 250 kids from 1 - 12 years of age took part. In appreciation for all of the great Fun Run artwork created by the kids at MHT Elementary School, over 50 MHT students were able to participate in the Fun Runs, free of charge. Once again we are thankful for all of you who were an integral part of the race, through baking food, making a personal donation and/or volunteering your time and resources. We would also like to thank the Police and Fire Departments for all of their effort to ensure the safety of all who participated. Please be sure to join us this October 12<sup>th</sup> for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary race!

The Recreation Committee also gave \$125 each to the Rye Little League and the Rye Recreation Youth Soccer and Basketball programs. Many New Castle children participate in these activities year in and year out. We are very grateful to participate with Rye in these programs, as well as the indoor tennis lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Stearns  
Chairman

## **SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECK LIST REPORT**

The Checklist is maintained by Chairperson Rowena Alessi and by Ruth Lanham and Jean Woodworth. Leslie Parker and Roddi Chambers Smith answered the call for help placed in the Island Items and will be providing back up to Checklist Supervisors. They have already begun learning the process of maintaining the list. Their assistance and computer knowledge are greatly appreciated.

New residents or first time voters may go to the Town Clerk's office and fill out a voter registration card, or they may register at the polling place on Election Day. Registering ahead is always best. In addition, Supervisors of the Checklist publish dates and times that they will be in session to register and update the checklist in the Portsmouth Herald. The dates and times are also posted on town bulletin boards.

Copies of the checklist may be viewed at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rowena Alessi, Chairperson  
Ruth Lanham  
Jean Woodworth

**DEATHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE  
JANUARY 1, 2002 – DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Beard, Jack B.	02/17/2002	Portsmouth, NH
Lincoln, Carol A.	04/16/2002	Portsmouth, NH
King, Linn A.	04/20/2002	New Castle, NH
Bartlett, Arline R.	04/29/2002	Portsmouth, NH
Groton, Richard W.	06/20/2002	Portsmouth, NH
Shea, Leo	07/16/2002	New Castle, NH
Glidden, Norma M.	08/01/2002	New Castle, NH
Cowan, John G.	11/11/2002	Portsmouth, NH
Lomas, Harold E.	12/02/2002	Portsmouth, NH

**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE  
JANUARY 1, 2002 – DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<u>GROOM'S NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Fish, Thomas E. New Castle, NH	Carter, Holly A. New Castle, NH	01/05/2002	Newington
Wright, Stephen M. New Castle, NH	Mitchell, Kimberly F. New Castle, NH	05/25/2002	New Castle
Wiggins, Donald A. Portsmouth, NH	Winn, Beverly A. New Castle, NH	06/09/2002	New Castle





# NEW CASTLE MUNICIPAL OFFICES

## Selectmen's Office

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,

Town Office Fax

431-6710

8 to 2pm

433-6198

## Town Clerk

Mon., Wed., Fri.

431-6710

9 to 1pm

## Tax Collector

Wed., Thurs., Fri.

431-6710

8 to 2pm

## Library

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

431-6773

1 to 7pm

1 to 5pm

9 to 3pm

1 to 5pm

## Fire/EMT's - Emergency

Business Line

Fire Fax

911 or 436-2515

436-1132

430-0162

## Police - Emergency

Business Line

Police Fax

911 or 436-3113

436-3800

436-7710





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