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GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999



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Dedication

As is the tradition in our town, each year the town report is dedicated to an outstanding member of our community. This year's report is dedicated to Stewart A. Downs, a resident of Grafton for the past 17 years.

Stew has been involved in a wide variety of activities and municipal affairs over the years and remains an extremely active senior citizen in our Town. The Downs began weekending in Grafton in 1972 and moved here permanently in 1983 when they purchased their current home on Route 4.

He was a member of the Grafton Planning board in 1987 and has been actively involved in the following local organizations: Mt. Cardigan Fish and Game Club, Canaan Senior Center, Adopt-a-Highway program, and is a Charter Member of the Grafton Historical Society. Additionally, Stew frequently can be found doing volunteer work for at the Town Transfer Station and on various work projects for the benefit of the town. In 1987 he was named New Hampshire Volunteer of the Year.

Stew was a member of the CCC's during the depression and served his country in the European Theater during WWII. He and his wife Thelma have been married 54 years, and have three children. We thank Stew for his help in the past and wish him and his family all the best for many more years.

Town Officers

Selectmen

Jennie Joyce '02 Dorothy Campbell '00 Frank Neufell '01

Moderator
Bonnie Haubrich '00

Town Clerk
Mary McDow '00

Treasurer
June Burrington '00

Tax Collector
Donna Dugan '02

Road Agent
Robert Bassett '00

Budget Committee

Gretchen Over '02 Anson Smith (A) Chester Martin '01

Police

Chief
Merle Kenyon '02

Matron
Jane Kenyon

Deputy
Norman Daigneault

Trustees Of The Trust Funds

Eleanor Kelley '00 Elaine Sawyer '01 Liz Guaraldi '02

Library Trustees

Judith Gleason '02 Maureen O'Reilly '00 Deborah Hazelton '01

Supervisors Of The Checklist

Eleanor Kelly (A) Betty Stiles '02 Marguerite Conley (A)

Cemetery Trustees

John Babiarz '02 Glenn Sliker '00 Robert Bassett '01

Planning Board

Gretchen Over '02 Richard Williams '00 Margaret Emslie '01 Mauren O'Reilly

Recreation Committee

Cynthia Senecal '02 Rosalie Babiarz '00 Catherine Mulholland '00
Bonnie Haubrich (A) Jack Rochester (A)

Auditors

Rosalie Babiarz '02 Cynthia Senecal '00

Fire Warden
Paul Gove

Fire Chief
Peter Baker

Health Officer
John Knott

Welfare Director
Marian Morse

Ambulance Captain
Jane Kenyon

Town Hall Superintendent
Louise Gallup

Selectmen's Clerk
Pam Grinley

Summary Of 1999 Warrant Articles

1. All officers duly elected.
2. Voted to pass operating budget of \$575,697.
3. Defeated to add to the zero dollars (\$0) to capital reserve funds for fully equipped fire truck.
4. Defeated: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term municipal loan agreement in the amount of eighty-two thousand dollars, payable over a term of five years to purchase a fully equipped new fire truck.
5. Voted to add \$25,000 to the New fire Truck Capital reserve.
6. Defeated to purchase a 1999 International dump truck.
7. Voted to add \$10,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund.
8. Voted to raise \$30,000 to replace Sargent Hill Road Bridge.
9. Voted to add to Capital reserve funds for Solid Waste \$5,000 and Property Reappraisal \$10,000.
10. Defeated to purchase a 1996 Jeep Cherokee Police vehicle.
11. Voted to establish a Capital Reserve fund \$10,000 for new police cruiser.
12. Voted to replace roof on Fire/ Ambulance Station.
13. Voted to purchase a computer for Selectmen's office.
14. Voted to purchase municipal software.
15. Voted to establish capital reserve fund of \$5,000 for new ambulance.
16. Defeated to purchase a new radio for the police cruiser.
17. Voted to install NH Town Clerk and Motor Vehicle Software System.
18. Voted to for \$2,000 for recreation field equipment and field improvement.
19. Voted to paint the public library trim and repair work on windows.
20. Defeated Tax Collectors raise.
21. Defeated Town Clerk raise.
22. Defeated the withdrawal of Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund.
23. Defeated to change to purpose of the Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund.
24. Voted to construct Community Recreation Center on land adjacent to town Offices.
25. Defeated rescind Article #19 of the 1996 Warrant. To revert to the term of one Year for Road Agent.
26. Defeated To see if the Town will vote to repeal SB2, (Australian Ballot) voted In by the Town at the annual meeting In March 1996.
27. Voted to abolishing the Critical Resource Protection Ordinance.
28. Defeated To see if the town will vote to repeal the ban on consumption of Alcohol on town property.
29. Defeated abolishing the Building Notification Ordinance.
30. Voted to establish a seven member committee on public education in the Town of Grafton.
31. Voted retain a parcel of land taken by deed, recorded June 1996.
32. Voted retain a parcel of land taken by tax deed and recorded 12/12/94.
33. Voted the Selectmen to convey real estate liens or property acquired in Default of redemption of tax liens by sealed bid, public auction or in such Manner as justice may require.

Warrant for the Town of Grafton State of New Hampshire 2000

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station in said Grafton on Saturday, the 12th day of February next at 1:00PM to discuss, debate and amend the Town budget and all warrant articles which are listed below, (with the exception of Article #1 which elects officers) to vote by ballot at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 on elected officials and all warrant articles that are listed below.

Polls will be open from 8:00AM to 7:00PM.

1. To choose all necessary officers for the next year ensuing including Selectman (3 years), Town Clerk (1 year), Moderator (2 years), Road Agent (3 years), Treasurer (1 year), Budget Committee (3 years), Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years), Library Trustee (3 years), Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years), Cemetery Trustee (3 years), Two (2) Planning Board Members (3 years), Auditor (2 years), Two (2) Recreation Committee Members (3 years).

2. Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling 595,650.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be 575,697.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Grafton or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

NOTE: This warrant (operating budget) does not include special warrant articles or individual articles.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	29,438.00	
Election, town Clerk, Registration	14,633.00	
Financial Administration	17,000.00	
Reappraisal of Property	3,500.00	
Legal Expenses	10,000.00	
FICA	18,000.00	
Planning Board	2,000.00	
General Government Buildings	8,220.00	
Cemeteries	3,000.00	Amended to 3,800
Insurance	41,000.00	
Advertising and Regional Assoc's.	3,500.00	
Contingency Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>	
	152,291.00	Changed to 153,091.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	55,500.00	Amended to 58,160.00
Ambulance	10,000.00	Amended to 14,000.00
Fire	15,543.00	Amended to 25,543.00
Emergency Management	100.00	
Forest Fire Warden	<u>800.00</u>	
	81,943.00	Changed to 98,603.00

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways and Streets	231,395.00	
Street Lights	<u>2,700.00</u>	Amended to 3,500
	234,095.00	Changed to 234,895.00

SANITATION

Solid Waste	58,000.00
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HEALTH

Health Department	400.00
Mascoma Home Health	<u>4,175.00</u>
	4,575.00

WELFARE

General Assistance	10,000.00
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	7,500.00
Library	3,566.00
Patriotic Purposes	<u>420.00</u>
	11,486.00

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on TAN (Tan Anticipation Note)	30,000.00	Amended to 25,000.00
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TOTAL \$582,390.00 Changed 595,650.00

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty thousand one hundred and eighty two dollars (130,182) for the purchase of a fully equipped fire truck and to authorize the withdrawal of seventy seven thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars (77,915) plus accrued interest to time of withdrawal from the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining amount not to exceed fifty two thousand two hundred and sixty seven dollars (52, 267) to come from general taxation.

Recommend . by Selectmen. Not recommend. by Budget Committee.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty two thousand, one hundred eighty two dollars (132,182) for the purchase of a fully equipped fire truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than fifty two thousand two hundred sixty seven dollars (52,267) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of seventy seven thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars (77, 915) plus accrued interest from the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve created for this purpose and to raise and appropriate eleven thousand nine hundred thirty eight dollars (11, 938) for the first year's payment, plus principle and interest on bonds or notes from general taxation. (Note: The total appropriation for this article is 144,120.)
Written per DRA.

Not Recommend by Selectmen or Budget Committee

5. In the event that Article #4 does not pass, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (25,000) to be added to the already established New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Amended - In the event that Article #3 and Article #4 do not pass, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (25,000) to be added to the already established New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (30,000) for the purpose of replacing bridge #162/139 known as Mill Brook Bridge. Note: Town of Grafton currently waiting for estimate on Mill Brook Bridge destroyed by Hurricane Floyd. Currently renting Bailey Bridge for residents and emergency access.

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (45,000) to be added to the already established capital reserve funds as follows:

10,000.00	Property Reappraisal
10,000.00	New Police Vehicle
10,000.00	New Ambulance
10,000.00	Highway Equipment Fund
5,000.00	Solid Waste

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee

8. To raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (4,000.00) for the purpose of refurbishing and painting the exterior of the Grafton Town Hall, such work to include professional preparation of the clapboards, etc., for painting and the lowering of the entrance corner to permit correct drainage away from the building. (By Petition)

Recommend . by Selectmen. Not recommend. by Budget Committee.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (3,500.00) for the purpose of giving the road agent a cost of living raise.

Recommend . by Selectmen. Not recommend. by Budget Committee.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand six hundred sixty two dollars (3,362.00) for the purpose of giving the selectmen's clerk a raise in salary, to accommodate the Selectmen's Office to be open on Fridays.

Recommend . by Selectmen. Not recommend. by Budget Committee.

Amended to: the sum of three thousand three hundred and sixty two dollars (3,362.00).

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (2,000.00) for recreation field equipment and field improvement.

Not recommend by Selectmen, or Budget Committee.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (1,500.00) for the purpose of finishing the handicap ramp at the Town Hall.

Recommend . by Selectmen. Not recommend. by Budget Committee.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (1,500.00) for the purpose of restoring the three remaining old Town Record Books.

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Amended to: Not recommend by Budget Committee

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (1,500.00) for the purpose of giving the Selectmen each a raise of five hundred dollars (500.00) per year.

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (500.00) for the purpose of giving the Town Treasurer a raise.

Recommend . by Selectmen. Not recommend. by Budget Committee.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (500.00) for the purpose of giving the Town Clerk a raise.

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (500.00) for the purpose of giving the Tax Collector a raise.

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee

18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of establishing a Subdivision Administration Non-Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (500.00) to be placed into said fund, further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to disperse said funds towards the Planning Board's administration of applications of proposed subdivisions of land that come before the Planning Board.

Recommend by Selectmen and Budget Committee

(Subdivision administration includes certified notification to abutters, published notices of hearings in the Valley News, registry fees, filing fees, and any other costs accrued in the administrating of proposed subdivisions of land.)

Amended to: disburse said funds towards...

19. Are you in favor of abolishing the Planning Board as proposed by petition of the voters of the Town of Grafton? (Duties will revert back to the Selectmen saving taxpayers \$2025.00) By petition per RSA 673:18. Amended - Are you in favor of abolishing the Planning Board as proposed by petition of the voters of the Town of Grafton? (Duties would revert back to the Selectmen.) By petition per RSA 673:18

20. Shall we vote to rescind the adoption of RSA 40:13 which allowed official ballot voting on all issues before the Town Meeting so that the use of the official ballot is limited to election of officers and certain other questions? (3/5 ballot vote required)

Note: A vote of yes will repeal the so-called SB 2 (Australian Ballot).

Amended to Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Grafton on March 19, 1996 so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by law? A three fifths (3/5)(majority of those voting on the question shall be required to rescind the provisions of this subdivision except in the case of repeal by charter enactment under RSA 49-D. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculation of the 3/5 majority.

21. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to investigate the possibility of having the 2 acre lot (owned by the town and located on the Recreation Field Access Road) cleared and turned into a parking lot, to alleviate the traffic congestion during functions on the Recreation Field.

22. Are you in favor of changing the term of the Town Clerk from one year to three (3) years beginning with the term of the Town Clerk to be elected at next year's regular town meeting?

23. To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. 3/5 vote required.
Amended to: see if the Town of Grafton will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of the last payment on the Prescott Hill Bridge. 3/5 vote required.

Given under our hands and seal the 28th day of January in the year of Our Lord 2000.

Dorothy M. Campbell

Frank Neufell

Jennie Joyce

A true copy of Warrant— Attest.

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN
GRAFTON, NH - 2000**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures	Selectment's Appropriations Recommended	Not Recom- mended	Budget Com Appropriations Recommended	Not Recom- mended
	Prior Year	Current Year					
General Government							
Executive	29,733	29,099	29,099	29,438	-	29,438	-
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	10,859	11,587	11,587	14,633	-	14,633	-
Financial Administration	17,865	17,086	17,086	17,865	-	17,000	865
Revaluation of Property	2,000	3,343	3,343	3,500	-	3,500	-
Legal Expense	12,000	988	988	10,000	-	10,000	-
Personnel Administration FICA	15,000	14,099	14,099	18,000	-	18,000	-
Planning & Zoning	2,000	1,246	1,246	2,000	-	2,000	-
General Government Buildings	8,220	7,840	7,840	8,220	-	8,220	-
Cemeteries	3,000	2,844	2,844	3,000	-	3,000	-
Insurance	43,000	38,915	38,915	41,000	-	41,000	-
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,489	2,904	2,904	3,550	-	3,500	50
Other General Government	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Public Safety							
Police	56,030	54,688	54,688	55,500	-	55,500	-
Ambulance	13,860	10,170	10,170	13,860	-	10,000	3,860
Fire	14,149	10,575	10,575	15,543	-	15,543	-
Emergency Management	100	0	0	100	-	100	-
Other Fire Warden	800	786	786	800	-	800	-
Highways & Street							
Highways & Streets	223,500	223,425	223,425	231,395	-	231,395	-
Street Lighting	3,500	3,466	3,466	3,500	-	2,700	800
Sanitation							
Solid Waste Disposal	58,550	57,151	57,151	58,000	-	58,000	-
Health/Welfare							
Health Officer	400	300	300	400	-	400	-
Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	4,175	4,175	4,175	4,175	-	4,175	-
Administration & Direct Assist.	10,000	7,072	7,072	10,000	-	10,000	-

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN

GRAFTON, NH - 2000

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Appropriations Recommended	Not Recommended	Budget Com Appropriations Recommended	Not Recommended
	Prior Year						
Culture / Recreation							
Parks & Recreation	7,011	6,980		7,500	-	7,500	-
Library	4,045	3,236		3,566	-	3,566	-
Patriotic Purposes	420	403		420	-	420	-
Debt Services							
Int.on Tax Anticipation Notes	30,000	22,315		30,000	-	30,000	-
Operation Transfers Out							
To Capital Projects Fund Bridge	30,000	-		30,000	-	30,000	-
To Capital Reserve Fund	65,000	65,000		70,000	-	70,000	-
SUBTOTAL	670,706	631,014		687,965	-	682,390	5,575
Special Warrant Articles		599,693					
Fire Truck	-	-		52,267	-	-	52,267
Fire/Amb. Roof	8,250	8,250		-	-	-	-
Library Repair	1,250	1,250		-	-	-	-
New Fire Truck	-	-		-	11,938	-	11,938
Recreation Field Equip./Improve.	2,000	1,840		-	2,000	-	2,000
Restoration of Town Records	-	-		1,500	-	-	1,500
Road Agent Raise	-	-		3,500	-	-	3,500
Selectmen Raise	-	-		1,500	-	1,500	-
Selectmen's Clerk Raise	-	-		3,362	-	-	3,362
Selectmen's Computer	1,250	1,250		-	-	-	-
Selectmen's Computer Software	4,950	4,950		-	-	-	-
Subdiv. Adm NonCapital Res Fund	-	-		500	-	500	-
Tax Collector Raise	-	-		500	-	500	-
Town Clerk Raise	-	-		500	-	500	-
Town Clerk Software	2,750	2,750		-	-	-	-
Town Hall Ramp	-	-		1,500	-	-	1,500
Town Hall Refurbishing	-	-		4,000	-	-	4,000
Town Treasurers Raise	-	-		500	-	-	500
	XXXXXX	XXXXXX		69,629	XXXXXX	3,000	XXXXXX

Summary Inventory of Valuation MS-1

	Assessed Valuation	Totals
Value Of Land Only		
Current Use (15,427 acres)	1,320,050	
Residential (10,661. acres)	<u>21,688,050</u>	
TOTAL of Taxable Land		\$ 23,008,100
Tax Exemption & Non-Taxable	511,200	
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential	24,903,250	
Manufactured	<u>1,869,500</u>	
TOTAL of Taxable Building		\$26,772,750
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	754,100	
Public Utilities		
Electric	1,382,625	
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$ 51,163,475
Elderly Exemptions (13)		<u>(177,800)</u>
Net Valuation on which tax is computed		\$ 50,985,675

Revised Estimated Revenues (RSA 21-J:34)

Taxes	
Land Use Change Tax	500
Timber Tax	5,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000
Licenses, Permits, & Fees	
Motor Vehicles Permit Fees	75,000
Other Licenses , Permits & Fees	2,500
State of New Hampshire	
Shared Revenues	5,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	5,000
Highway Block Grant	104,000
Other	0
From Other Governments Charges for Services	
Income from Departments	550
Miscellaneous Revenues	
Sale of Municipal Property	2,000
Interest on Investments	20,000
Other - Refunds	5,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In	
From Trust & agency Funs	<u>600</u>
Subtotal Of Revenues	\$ 250,150
Requested Overlay (RAS76: 6)	\$ 10,000

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	-	1,360	500
Timber Taxes	15,000	18,095	5,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000	52,123	25,000
Excavation Activity Tax	1,800	142	75
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	95,000	106,459	75,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,500	5,722	2,500
From State			
Shared Revenues	5,000	10,583	5,000
Meals & Room Tax Distrib.	10,000	18,376	5,000
Highway Block Grant	99,024	99,024	104,000
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	150	215	-
Flood Control (FEMA)		40,810	-
Other (Including Railroad Tax & Gas Tax)	750	18,371	-
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	331	550	550
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	10,000	4,267	2,000
Interest on Investments	20,000	24,963	20,000
Refunds	2,500	13,041	5,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Trust and Agency Funds	1,500	1,250	600
TOTAL Estimated Revenue	<u>304,555</u>	<u>415,351</u>	<u>250,225</u>

	Selectmen Recommend Budget	Budget Committee Recommend Budget
BUDGET SUMMARY		
Subtotal 1 Appropriations Recommended	687,965	682,390
Subtotal 2 Special Warrant Articles Recom	56,767	500
Subtotal 3 Individual Warrant Articles	12,862	2,500
Total Appropriations Recommended	<u>757,594</u>	<u>685,390</u>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues	<u>(250,225)</u>	<u>(250,225)</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	507,369	435,165

Statement of Appropriation
Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 1999

General Government

Executive	29,733
Electing, Reg. & Vital Statistics	10,850
Financial Administration	17,865
Revaluation of Property	2,000
Legal Expense	12,000
Personnel Administration	15,000
Planning & Zoning	2,000
General Government Buildings	8,220
Cemeteries	3,000
Insurance	43,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,489
Other General Government	2,000

Public Safety

Police	56,030
Ambulance	13,860
Fire	14,149
Emergency Management	100
Other Public Safety	800

Highways and Streets

Highways and Streets	223,500
Bridges	30,000
Street Lighting	3,500

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	58,550
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Health

Administration	400
Health Agencies, Hospitals, & Other	4,175

Welfare

Administration & Direct Assistance	10,000
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Culture & Recreation

Parks & Recreation	7,011
Library	4,045
Patriotic Purposes	420

Debt Service

Interest On Tax Anticipation Notes	30,000
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Capital Outlay

Building Improvements	9,500
Computer & Software	8,950
Improvements Other Than Buildings	525

Operating Transfers Out

To Capital Reserve Fund	<u>35,000</u>
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Total Voted Appropriations \$ 659,672

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures For 1999

Title	Appropriation	Reimbursements Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Un Expended Balance	Over Draft
Executive	29,733		29,733	29,099	634	
Elect, Reg & Town Clerk	10,850		10,850	11,587		737
Financial Administration	17,865		17,865	17,086	779	
Revaluation of Property	2,000		2,000	3,343		1,343
Legal Expense	12,000		12,000	988	11,012	
FICA	15,000		15,000	14,099	901	
Planning Board	2,000		2,000	1,246	754	
General Gov't Buildings	8,220		8,220	7,840	380	
Cemeteries	3,000		3,000	2,844	156	
Insurance	43,000		43,000	38,915	4,085	
Advertising & Reg.Assoc	3,489		3,489	2,904	585	
Contingency Fund	2,000		2,000		2,000	
Police Department	56,030		56,030	54,688	1,342	
Ambulance Department	13,860		13,860	10,170	3,690	
Fire Department	14,149		14,149	10,575	3,574	
Forest Fire Control	800		800	786	14	
Emergency Management	100		100		100	
Highways & Streets	223,500		223,500	223,425	75	
Street Lighting	3,500		3,500	3,466	34	
Solid Waste Disposal	58,550		58,550	57,151	1,399	
Health Department	400		400	300	100	

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures For 1999

Title	Appropriation	Reimburse- ments Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expen- ditures	Un Expended Balance	Over Draft
Health Agency	4,175		4,175	4,175		
Welfare	10,000		10,000	7,072	2,928	
Recreation	7,011		7,011	6,980	31	
Library	4,045		4,045	3,236	809	
Patriotic Purposes	420		420	403	17	
Interest on TAN	30,000		30,000	22,959	7,041	
Restoration/Old Records	525		525	525		
Capital Reserve Funds	35,000		35,000	35,000		
Bridge 173/078	30,000	60,000	90,000		90,000	
Bridge 151/073		31,321	31,321	31,321		
Dry Hydrants	2,686		2,686	1,721	965	
Food Pantry		250	250	242	8	
FEMA	35,879	3,708	39,587	31,391	8,196	
Chapter 17 Funds		12,000	12,000	3,816	8,184	
fire Station Roof	8,250		8,250	8,250		
Computer Software	7,700		7,700	7,700		
Computer	1,250		1,250	1,250		
Library Painting	1,250		1,250	1,208	42	
TOTAL	698,237	107,279	805,516	657,761	149,835	2,080

To The People of Grafton

In regards to the recommendations of the Auditor's Certificate.

Upon investigation we have found that there are direct deposits of Federal UCC's (the bank calls them CCD's) that the Town Clerk doesn't see before they are deposited. Contact was made with the Motor Vehicle Department concerning the voided Motor Vehicle Permits. The DMV said "they do not care how many permits are voided as long as the Town Clerk keeps them in her file and can account for them." (The town is not charged for voided permits.) Contact was also made with the Bureau of Vital Statistics. There is no fine for late filing, payment is accepted when made. If the State feels that is necessary they will send a bill to the town telling us that we are in arrears.

The new Clerk hired in August has a lot of information to learn in a short time. She does keep a record of accounts payable as per request of the selectmen and receipts are kept for any cash or checks that come through the Selectmen's Office. According to DRA, a duplicate record of what the Treasurer receives from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector is not necessary as the Selectmen's Clerk does not see those funds. The Treasurer gives the Selectmen a monthly report of her accounts and a weekly report on the checking and Money Market accounts. Fund accounts for 1999 will be saved on disc and located at the Town Office for anyone interested in viewing them.

The amount of \$3,800.00 allegedly spent for a sander from general funds in August, was, upon investigation, spent in September, as was the rental of an excavator used to help put in the new bridge on Hardy Hill. The expenditure came out of the Highway Budget. Hurricane Floyd destroyed the bridge on Mill Brook Road. A temporary Bailey Bridge was put in the place of the old bridge for residents and emergency access. No funds have been expended at this time for the Brailey Bridge; when expended, it is expected that the funds are to come out of FEMA.

We wish to take this opportunity to invite you to stop by the Town Office, ask questions, and see how your Town is run.

Sincerely:
Your Selectmen

Auditor's Certificate

This certifies Rosalie and Cynthia have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Trust Funds and Cemetery accounts. As usual the receipts and disbursements were meticulous and they find these accounts correctly cast and properly vouched to the best of their knowledge.

Rosalie and Cynthia have volunteered their time again this year. They spent 90 hours each, to complete a full audit.

During the audit of the Town Clerk's receipts they found several differences in the remittances to the Treasurer, which had to be corrected before the audit could be completed. The number of voided Motor Vehicle Permits continues to be excessive. They suggest additional training to improve the accuracy of the Motor Vehicle Permits issued. They also discovered that the state portion of the marriage license fees had not been remitted on time again this year. The reporting form clearly indicates that the Town Clerk has 15 days after the reporting date to remit to the State of New Hampshire. A procedure needs to be put in place to make sure this happens.

With the change in Selectmen's Clerk, the audit of the Selectmen's orders paid ledger involved some training in order for the new clerk to be able to distribute the expenses to the various departments and balance them correctly. At the closing of the year, the accounts were correctly cast and balanced. The new clerk is no longer keeping a journal of receipts as has been done in the past. She claims that the State Department of Revenue Administration told her that it was no longer necessary. Therefore, there was no receipt book to balance against the Treasurer's receipts. As Auditors, they believe that the detailed receipt book should be continued, at least for the Selectmen's receipts. With the change in Selectmen's Clerk, they believe it is time to review and establish a new policy for internal controls.

Items continue to be purchased under general funds, that should be capitol expenditures requiring a warrant article, such as a sander purchased in August, 1999 for \$3800.00 and the Bailey Bridge on Mill Brook Road.

They would also like to see the Treasurer have the ability to retain the computer records in electronic format at the end of the year for future analysis and comparisons.

Cynthia L. Senecal
Rosalie T. Babiarz
Auditors

Trustees of the Trust Funds

The following additions to capital reserve funds were voted at Town meeting:

Additions to Capital Reserve Funds were as follows:

Tax Reappraisal	\$10,000
Highway Equipment	\$10,000
Solid Waste	\$ 5,000
New Fire Truck	\$25,000
New Police Cruiser	\$10,000
New Ambulance	\$ 5,000

Interest from the Kilton Doctor Fund was expended as follows:

- \$1,187 Medical Expense reimbursement of \$15 each to 86 Grafton residents
- \$1,250 Reimbursement of Grafton's per capita payment to Mascoma Home Health Services
- \$20. safety Deposit Box Annual Rental

The Trustees of Trust Funds meet at the Town Offices. Town residents may present the Trustees with receipted bills for medical, dental, or eye treatment at these monthly meetings or may mail a self-addressed-stamped-envelope to Trustees of Trust Fund, PO Box 299, Grafton, NH 03240. The Kilton Doctor Fund provides for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$15 per person. No bills will be received between December and February meetings. Bills dated after the last December meeting will be accepted at the February meeting and paid for the ensuing year.

Eleanor Kelley 2000

Elaine Sawyer 2001

Liz Guaraldi 2002

Treasurer's Report 1999

Money Market Account:

Balance January 1,1999	195,716.50
Tax Anticipation Loan	400,000.00
deposits from Checking Account	225,000.00
Certificate Of Deposit	408,737.16
Interest Earned 1999	<u>15,687.15</u>
TOTAL	\$1,242,140.81
Transfer To Checking Account	<u>(987,500.00)</u>
Balance December 31,1999	\$257,640.81

Certificate Of Deposit:

Tax Loan	800,000.00
Interest Earned 1999	<u>8,737.16</u>
TOTAL	\$808,737.16
Transfer to Money Market	<u>(808,737.16)</u>
Balance December 31,1999	\$ 0.00

Selectmen:

Sale Of Town Property	4,267.27
Refunds	13,040.70
Fees & Permits	2,123.37
Timber Bond	438.50
Rent Of Town Property	550.00
Perpetual Care	100.00
Insurance Settlement	6,155.67
Trustee of Trust Funds	1,250.00
Donation Food Pantry	300.00
Lease	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 28,235.51

State Of New Hampshire:

Highway Block Grant	99,024.15
FEMA	40,809.93
Rooms & Meals Tax	18,375.75
Revenue Sharing	10,583.48
Refund-Forest Fire	214.92
Administration Cost	<u>12,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$181,008.23

Treasurer:

Transfer From Money Market	987,500.00
Checking Account Interest	<u>538.34</u>
TOTAL	\$ 988,038.34

Treasurer's Report 1999 (cont.)**Received From:**

Balance January 1,1999	258,881.79
Tax Collector	2,015,196.48
Town Clerk	110,033.40
Selectmen	28,235.51
State Of New Hampshire	181,008.23
Treasurer	<u>988,038.34</u>
TOTAL Receipts For 1999	\$ 3,581,393.75
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	(3,363,308.30)
Balance December 31,1999	\$ 218,085.45

Received From:**Tax Collector: Donna Dugan**

Property Tax 1999	998,061.70
Property Tax Interest 1999	19.38
Property Tax 1998	825,247.43
Property Tax Interest 1998	13,728.35
Property Tax 1997	42,764.45
Property Tax Interest 1997	10,639.85
Property Tax 1996	71,689.72
Property Tax Interest 1996	27,368.39
Yield Tax 1999	18,095.43
Yield Tax Interest 1999	4.20
Yield Tax 1998	3,265.85
Yield Tax Interest 1998	363.20
Current Use Change Tax	1,360.00
Current Use Fee	17.32
Overpayments	2,428.95
Excavation Tax	<u>142.26</u>
TOTAL	\$2,015,196.48

Town Clerk Mary McDow

Auto Permits	106,459.02
Titles	456.00
Dog Licenses	1,267.50
Dog Penalties	54.00
UCCLS	1,086.00
Searches & Pages	198.25
Filing Fees	13.00
Recounts	30.00
Marriages	225.00
Postage	2.63
Certified Copies	76.00
Wetlands	10.00
Court Fine	142.50
Town Clerk Fees	<u>13.50</u>
TOTAL	\$110,033.40

Treasurer's Report 1999

Housing Program

Balance January 1, 1999	4,653.00
Balance December 31, 1999	\$ 4,653.00

Recreation Committee

Payments

Telestar Fireworks	100.00
Robert Dorley	500.00
Jean Newman	250.00
Cynthia Senecal	246.52
Country Chronicle	48.00
Bonnie Haubrich	157.06
Kathleen Lund	40.00
Grafton Ledger	38.00
Staggs-Warren	25.92

TOTAL	\$ 1,405.50
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Balance January 1, 1999	\$ 3,059.99
Deposits 1999	2,202.41
TOTAL	\$ 5,262.40
Payments	(1,405.50)
Balance December 31, 1999	\$ 3,856.90

Rails-Trails Account

Payments:

Tilton Landscape	280.00
Albert Decato	105.00

TOTAL	\$ 385.00
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Balance January 1, 1999	\$1,653.77
Deposit 1999	1,000.00

TOTAL	\$2,653.77
Payments	385.00
Balance December 31, 1999	\$2,268.77

June L Burrington, Treasurer

Source of Revenue

Taxes

Land Use Change Tax	1,360.00
Timber Taxes	18,095.00
Interest & Penalties	.00
On Delinquent Taxes	52,123.00
Excavation Taxes	142.00

Licenses Permits & Fees

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	106,459.00
Other Licenses Permits & Fees	5,722.00

From State

Shared Revenues	10,583.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	18,376.00
Highway Block Grant	99,024.00
State & Federal Forest	215.00
Fire Refund Training	.00

Charges For Services

Income From Departments	550.00
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Miscellaneous Revenues

Sale Municipal Property	4,267.00
Interest On Investments	24,963.00
Refunds	13,041.00

Inter fund Operating

Transfers in	
From Trust & Agency Funds	<u>1,250.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 356,170.00

Total of Receipts

1999

Property Tax 1999	860,966.76	Tax Collector will have more
Yield Tax 99	18,051.12	money coming in for 1999
Property Tax 98	778,556.64	
Yield Tax 98	3,265.35	
Received Taxes	151,763.14	
Interest All Taxes	49,395.84	
From State Of N.H	181,008.23	Break down of State Money
Dog License	1,267.50	Block Grant 99,024.15
Fees Stiles & Treas.	2,086.87	FEMA 40,809.93
Fees Town Clerk	2,294.88	Administration 12,000.00
Checking Interest	538.34	Rooms Meals Tax 18,375.75
Trustee's	1,250.00	Revenue Sharing 10,583.48
Auto Permits	106,459.02	Gas Tax Refund <u>214.92</u>
Money Market	987,500.00	\$ 181,008.23
Refunds	13,066.90	
Donations	300.00	
Sale of Town Property	4,267.27	
Perp. Care	100.00	
Overpayment	2,428.95	
Current Use Tax	1,360.00	
Current Use Fee	17.32	
Insurance Settlement	6,155.67	
IRS Deposit CCD	46.00	
Timber Bond	438.50	
Lease	10.00	
Rent of Town Property	550.00	
Excavation Permit	14.40	
• Receipts To 12/31/99	<u>3,173,158.20</u>	
Balance 1/1/99	<u>258,881.79</u>	
• Total as of 11/30/99	3,432,039.99	
Interest Earned		
Certificate Of Deposit	15,687.15	
Money Market	8,737.16	
Checking Account	<u>538.34</u>	
Total Interest Earned	24,962.65	
• Interest Paid on Loan	<u>-22,315.06</u>	
Net Interest Earned	2,647.59	
Raised	30,000.00	
Tax-Anticipation Note	7,684.94	
• Interest		

**Tax Collector's Report
1999**

Uncollected Taxes	Levy 1999	Prior Levies
Beg. Of Year		1998
Property Taxes		778,718.69
Yield Taxes		3,353.95
Taxes Committed This Year	1999	1998
Property Taxes	1,196,562.00	
Excavation Tax	142.26	
Yield Taxes	18,839.86	
Overpayment		
Property Taxes	2,428.95	
Collect.Int.-Late Taxes	23.58	10,805.05
TOTAL Debits	1,217,996.65	792,877.69
Remitted To	Levy For Year	Prior Levies
Treasurer:	1999	1998
Property Taxes	998,061.70	651,352.20
Excavation Tax	142.26	
Yield Taxes	18,095.43	1,692.81
Interest	23.58	3,522.32
Conversion To Lien		136,310.36
Abatements Made:	1999	1998
Property Taxes	16,836.69	
Overpayments	2,428.95	
Current Levy Deed		
Uncollected Taxes - Year End		
Property Taxes	181,886.11	
Yield Taxes	744.43	
Comput Overage	(222.50)	
TOTAL Credits	1,217,996.65	792,877.69

Tax Collector's Report

Debits	1999	
	Prior 1998	Levies 1997
Unredeemed Liens -Beg.Of Year		1996
Liens Executed During Year	136,310.36	71,833.11
Interest & Cost Collected (After Lien Execution)	<u>3,306.85</u>	<u>27,368.39</u>
TOTAL	139,617.21	99,201.50

Credits

Remitted To		
Treasurer:		1996
Redemptions	46,690.79	71,689.72
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	3,306.85	27,368.39
Liens Deeded To Municipality	1,514.61	143.39
Unredeemed Liens Bal End Of Year	<u>88,104.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	139,617.21	99,201.50

**Department Of Revenue Administration
1999 Tax Rate Calculation**

Town Of Grafton		Tax Rates
Appropriations	691,147	
Less: Revenues	(317,032)	
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,976)	
Add: Overlay	9,666	
• War Service Credits	11,500	
Net Town Appropriation	390,305	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		390,305
Municipal Tax Rate		7.66
School Portion		
Net Local School Budget	0	
Regional School Appropriation	1,351,351	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(626,792)	
• State education Taxes	(318,649)	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		405,910
Local Education Tax Rate		7.96
State Education Taxes		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) X	6.60	
48,603,050		318,649
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		6.42
49,603,050		
County Portion		
Due to County	77,720	
Less: Shared Revenues	(748)	
Approved County Tax Effort		76,972
County Tax Rate		1.51
Combined Tax Rate		23.55

Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,191,836
Less: War Service Credits	(11,500)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	1,180,336

Proof Of Rate

	Tax Rate	Assessment
Net Assessed Valuation		
State Education Tax	6.42	318,649
All Other Taxes	17.13	1,191,836

Grafton School Payments

Regional	State Grant	Local tax	Total Rec'd	Bal-Due	Mthly Pymt
1,351,351	(626,792)	724,559	334,879	389,680	55,669

Executive

A T & T	Phone	125.87
Bell Atlantic	Phone	749.51
BMSI	Computer Contract	712.80
Campbell, Dorothy	Salary	2,000.00
Campbell, Dorothy	Reimb. Gift	182.00
Conley, Marguerite	Sup Check List	133.00
CPI Printing	Supplies	34.39
G Neils Co.	Min. Wage Poster	18.47
Gallup, Louise	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Grinley, Pamela	Clerk Salary	5,506.51
Haubrich, Bonnie	Moderator Salary	120.00
Johnson, Robert	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Joyce, Jennie	Salary	2,000.00
Joyce, Jennie	Clerk Salary	2,826.58
Joyce, Jennie	Clerk Assistant	1,859.62
Kopy King	Printing	120.00
Lexis Law Publishing	RSA Updates	413.42
Mascoma Savings Bank	Safety Box Rental	20.00
Mascoma Senior Center	Gift (In Memory)	50.00
McBee	Supplies	43.25
McDow, Mary	Election Official	50.00
Neufell, Frank	Salary	2,000.00
NE Heritage Center	Advertisement	25.00
NH Environmental Services Water	Test	18.00
NHGFOA	Membership Dues	25.00
NH Municipal Association	Reference Books	57.00
New London Copy	Repair/Cleaning	221.00
Pierson, Sandra	Minute Taker	752.00
Postmaster Grafton	Postage	533.00
Quill Corp.	Supplies	153.65
Registry of Deeds	Deed Registration	84.88
Staples Credit Plan	Office Furniture	399.99
	Supplies	162.10
Stiles, Betty	Clerk Salary	3,979.32
Stiles, Betty	S. Check List	123.00
The Country Chronicle	Ads	536.56
The Country Chronicle	Ballots	156.00
The Country Chronicle	Town Report	2,500.00
The Grafton Ledger	Ad	10.00
Twin State Typewriter	Toner	114.00
UVLSRPC	Reference Book	10.00
Williams, Richard	S Check List	123.00
Richards, Mary	Ballot Clerk	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL**\$29,098.92**

Financial		
Burrington, June	Salary	3,000.00
Campbell, Dorothy	Reimb. Supp	14.97
Current	Checks Trustees	44.00
Dugan, Donna	Salary	2,370.00
	Fees	7,445.00
Gemforms	Tax Bills	791.25
Kelley, Eleanor	Mileage	19.00
Kelley, Eleanor	Wages	300.00
Mcbee Systems	Supplies	254.18
NH Municipal Assoc.	Workshop	30.00
NH Municipal Assoc.	Subscription	24.00
NH State Prison Assess.	Cards	32.83
New London Copy	Cleaning	88.00
Philatilic Fulfillment	Stamped Enve	564.05
Plymouth Village Water Ser	Contract	100.00
Postmaster, Grafton	Box Rental	24.00
Postmaster, Grafton	Postage	781.88
Ranspott, Betty	Conference	22.00
Real Data Corp	Supplies	20.00
Register Of Deeds	Deed Processing	536.40
Sawyer, Elaine	Wages	300.00
The Country Chronicle	Ads	72.00
The Grafton Ledger	Ads	42.00
Town of Danbury	Town Lines Survey	100.00
Town of Grafton	Inventory Penalty	10.00
Trustees Of Trust Fund	Perp. Care	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 17,085.56

Planning Board		
Emslie, Margaret	Reimb. Supplies	35.30
Grafton County	Conservation	27.00
Over, Gretchen	Phone	12.79
NH Municipal Assoc.	Conference	115.00
NHOSP	Workshop	32.00
Pluhar, Stephanie	Minute Taker	521.00
NH State Planning	Fee	3.50
Postmaster Grafton	Postage	106.00
Quill Corp.	Supplies	10.01
Register Of Deeds	Deed Process	52.00
Southwest Reg. Planning		25.55
Staples	Supplies	136.63
UVLSC	Ref. Book	80.00
Valley News	Ads	<u>89.65</u>

TOTAL \$ 1,246.43

Police		
AT&T	Phone	242.60
Baravalle, Todd	Security	88.00
Bell Atlantic	Phone	1,799.11
Brownies Auto Parts	Parts	407.06
Bruce, Jerome	Security	88.00
Business Radio	FCC License	85.00
Colburn, Steve	Salary	4,525.00
Daigneault, Norman	Wages	2,778.14
Evans Motor Fuels	Diesel	433.86
Frank's Services	Repairs	374.50
Galls	Uniforms	566.71
Golden Rule Creations	Public Awareness	195.40
Grafton County Sheriff	Dispatch Fee	4,056.00
Grafton General Store	Gas	755.98
Hewitt's Garage	Gas	582.55
Hewitt's Garage	Repairs	1,770.50
Holiday Inn	Conference	85.00
Kenyon, Jane	Matron	24.00
Kenyon, Merle	Salary	28,020.00
Lexis Law Publishing	RSA Updates	659.11
Liberty Rock Store	Supplies	43.56
Mylott, Cherie	Matron	32.00
National Crime Prevention	Public Awareness	107.07
National Propane	Propane	108.74
Neily, Steven	Security	88.00
Neptune Uniforms	Uniforms	324.90
NH Retirement Systems	Retirement	1,163.71
NH State Prison	Report Forms	71.06
Postmaster, Grafton	Box Rental	28.00
PSNH	Lights	353.86
Rogers, Brian	Cement Work	190.00
Treasurer, State of NH	Printer	20.00
Treasurer, State of NH	Radar Test	20.00
Staples	Supplies	505.26
Upper Valley Humane Soc.	Animal Care	282.00
Wallace Propane	Propane	178.04
Ware, Andrew	Training	280.00
Waterville Valley Conf.	Conference	80.00
Wave Com Paging	Paging Fees	158.00
Welch's Gun Shop	Ammo.	531.50
Wildmeadow Auto Body	Repairs	1,255.20
Wilson, Ellen Marie	Wages	<u>1,330.50</u>

TOTAL

\$ 54,687.92

Fire Department

AT&T	Phone	116.97
Bell Atlantic	Phone	385.42
Bell Herring	Gear	1,674.33
Brownies Auto Parts	Parts	308.79
Canaan Fire Dept.	Foam	50.00
Dead River	Propane	14.02
Dingee Machine Co.	Repairs	241.56
Don's Sales & Services	Generator	2,082.60
Evans Motor Fuels	Gas	24.77
Fire Security Services	Fire Ext. Update	209.75
First Impressions	T-Shirts	145.00
Frank's Services	Inspection	60.00
Frank's Services	Repairs	553.55
Frontline	Equipment	1,491.46
Grafton General Store	Gas	270.64
Hewitt's Garage	Gas	151.71
Hewitt's Garage	Repairs	124.62
Irving Oil Co.	Furnace Repair	184.50
Kibby Equipment	Equipment	58.69
Liberty Rock Store	Supplies	3.60
Nespack	Equipment	256.30
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	Batteries	69.93
Peter Baker	Reimb. Supplies	95.76
Postmaster, Grafton	Box Rental	14.00
PSNH	Lights	1,036.49
PUFCO	Supplies	247.81
Robwen	Diagrams	37.62
RP Johnson & Son	Supplies	71.92
Staples	Supplies	16.52
Town of Hanover	Dispatch Fee	370.00
WS Darley	Gear	<u>190.85</u>

TOTAL \$ 10,559.18

Dry Hydrant

Frontline	Supplies	194.00
Razor Hill Exc.	Excavating	876.84
Red Hed Supply Inc.	Supplies	<u>650.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 1,720.84

Patriotic Purposes

Grinley, Pamela	Reimb. Old Home Day	19.91
Hazelton, Walter	Reimb. Flags/Supplies	363.00
Mcdow, Mary	Reimb. Old Home Day	<u>19.96</u>

TOTAL \$ 402.87

Ambulance

A T & T	Phone	57.17
Bell Atlantic	Phone	192.83
Boundtree	Supplies	424.73
Brownies Auto	Parts	13.25
CCE-DHMC	Training	65.00
Chief Supply	Supplies	160.57
Crawford, Kathy	Training	331.54
Dead River	Propane	7.01
Evans Motor Fuels	Diesel	291.10
Exit 18 Truck Stop	Diesel	53.06
Fire Security Services	Fire Ext. Check	3.00
Fontain Fire & Rescue	Supplies	40.00
Frank's Services	Repairs	45.00
Haubrich, Bonnie	Supplies	18.95
Hewitt's Garage	Diesel	97.25
	Repairs	119.30
Kenyon, Merle	Record Check	15.00
Laliberty, Eileen	Training	247.18
Mercury Medical	Supplies	166.91
Mylott, Ben	Training	20.70
Merriam Graves	Oxygen/Rental	435.74
Moore Medical	O2 Tanks/Supplies	457.48
North Country EMS	Training	326.00
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	Pagers/Repair/Sup	2,392.65
Physic Control Corp	Supplies	124.00
Postmaster Grafton	Postage/Box	48.20
PSNH	Lights	518.77
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	121.15
Sugarloaf A. R. Vehicles	Suction Unit Upgr	215.00
UCVEMS Consortium	Training	1,595.00
Town of Hanover	Dispatch Fee	574.00
Wave Com Paging	Paging Fees	67.22
Wilson Tire	Tires	545.10
Frost, Sean	Training	<u>380.00</u>

TOTAL**\$10,169.86**

Chapter 17 Funds

Dugan, Donna	Data Entry/Training	313.50
Grinley, Pamela	Data Entry/Training	548.25
Huntley, Julie	Data Entry	611.25
McDow, Mary	Data Entry	353.50
Quill Corp.	Fire Proof File/Supplies	1,534.04
Staples	Copier (Partial Pymt)	<u>455.08</u>

TOTAL \$ 3,815.62

Government Buildings**Town Hall**

Bell Atlantic	Phone	485.47
Butterfield, Joe	Windows	980.00
Dickson, Richard	Floor Sanding/Rep.	400.00
Ellis, Lester	Mowing	402.00
Fire Security Services Fire Ext.	Update	8.00
Gallup, Louise	Snow Removal	100.00
	Superintendent	300.00
	Reimb. Supplies	24.37
Irving Oil	Heat	768.66
PSNH	Lights	538.19
RP Johnson & Son	Supplies	<u>3.29</u>

TOTAL \$ 4,009.98

Town Office

AT&T	Phone	28.50
Campbell, Dorothy	Reimb. Supplies	63.05
Canaan Hardware	Door Knob	21.15
Ellis, Lester	Janitorial	180.00
	Mowing/Trash	1,798.00
Fire Security Services Fire	Ext. Update	9.00
Irving Oil	Heat	768.66
PSNH	Lights	819.77
RP Johnson & Son	Supplies	24.38
Staples	Supplies	91.76
Stiles, Betty	Reimb. Supplies	<u>26.12</u>

TOTAL \$ 3,830.39

Insurance

Comp Funds of NH	98 Audit	115.32
Comp Funds of NH	Unemployment Comp	399.53
Health Insurance Trust	Health Insurance	19,847.01
NHMA-PLIT	Prop/Liable/Fleet	<u>18,553.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 38,914.86

School		
Mascoma School District		\$ 1,018,336.22
Refunds		
Overpayments		268.48
Tax Abatements		199.38
Tax Overpayments		4092.90
Timber Bond Refunds		<u>440.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 5,000.76
Money Market		
Mascoma Savings Bank	Transfer	225,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds		
Trustees Of the Trust Funds		65,000.00
County Tax		
Grafton County Treasurer		77,720.00
Interest On Loan		
Mascoma Savings Bank		22,959.45
Tax Lien		
Grafton Tax Collector		136,310.36

Perpetual Care

Visiting Nurse Alliance Of VT/NH	4,175.00
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Regional Associations

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	1,313.00
NH Assoc. Of Assessing Officials	20.00
NH Assoc. Of Chiefs Of Police	75.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	20.00
NH Municipal Association	500.00
NH Road Agents Association	20.00
NH Tax Collectors Association	20.00
Northeast Resourse Recovery Association	50.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Council	<u>886.00</u>

TOTAL	\$2,904.00
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Forest Fire Warden

Cushing, Kenneth	Services	18.34
	Mileage	18.34
Flasko Enterprises	Foam	474.00
	Services	144.86
Gove, Paul	Mileage	62.40
	Repair/Battery	<u>68.25</u>

TOTAL	\$ 786.19
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Street Lights

NH Electric Coop	336.66
PSNH	<u>3,129.48</u>

TOTAL	\$ 3,466.14
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Elections

A T & T	Phone	91.77
Anco Engraved Signs	Ink Stamp	13.75
Bell Atlantic	Phone	473.66
BMSI Computer	Contract	764.20
CPI Printing Services	Supplies	25.00
Department Of Agriculture	Dog Fees	787.50
Dugan, Donna	Assistant Town Cl.	338.00
Girard, Paul	Refund	76.00
Local Govt. Inf. Network	NH Login	25.00
Mcdow, Mary	Salary	2,350.00
	Fees	5,218.00
	Reimb. Supplies	14.99
	Mileage	69.63
National Market Report	Reference Book	49.50
NH Municipal Assoc.	Dues	15.00
NHCTCA	Conference	25.00
Postmaster Grafton	Postage	217.00
	PO Box Rental	24.00
Pierson, Sandra	Delib. Session Minutes	104.00
Ranspott, Betty	Conference	22.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	133.64
Stark & Son Machine	Dog Tags	106.12
The Country Chronicle	Ballots/Ads	136.00
The Grand Summit Resort	Conference	298.00
Treasurer, State of NH	Marriage Fees	114.00
Treasurer, State of NH	Office Supplies	<u>95.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 11,586.76

Cemeteries

Gallup, Terri	Salary	548.02
	Reimb. Gas/Oil	11.95
Sliker, Glenn	Salary	1,862.00
	Reimb. Mower/Repairs	412.52
	Reimb. Gas	<u>10.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 2,844.49

Highway

General Expenses

Airgas	Lease/Supplies	460.09
AT&T	Phone	136.81
Bailey Bros.	Parts	449.86
Beckford Welding	Welding	177.00
Bell Atlantic	Phone	564.20
Brownies Auto Parts	Parts	340.59
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	306.73
Choicepoint Services	Drug Testing	100.00
Cronatron Welding	Welding	260.18
Don's Sport & Power	Supplies	15.50
Donbeck Sales	Parts	723.10
Donavon Equip.	Spinner Motor	214.80
EW Sleeper	Parts	23.92
Fire Security Services	Fire Ext. Updates	79.55
Grappone Industries	Repairs	654.18
Grizzaffis Towing	Jump-start	30.00
Harmon Auto Glass	Windshield	258.18
Health Services/APD	Drug Test	20.00
Hewitts Garage	Inspection/Repairs	638.40
Hirsch's	Work Boots	400.00
Howard P. Fairfield	Blades/Repairs	2,591.33
Iroquois Man. Co.	Parts	148.14
Kenyon, Merle	Reimb. Film Dev.	15.00
Kibby Equipment	Parts	1,407.33
Liberty Rock Store	Supplies	1.99
Lee Hennesey Plumbing	Boiler Repair	80.69
Muncies Superior Inc.	Oil/Disposal Fee	673.01
New England Diesel	Loader Repair	645.37
NHDES Wetlands Board	Permits	84.40
NHMTA Services	Dues	80.00
NH Municipal Trucking	Loader Parts	494.02
Northern Petroleum	Tubes	162.12
Nortrack	Pump Repair	545.61
Pattee Hill Dist.	Welding Equip.	206.00
Pinpoint	Chemicals	396.25
Portland Glass	Windshield	360.55
PSNH	Lights	1,301.90
Sabil & Sons	Parts	2,131.90
SG Reed Truck Services	Repairs	7,366.47
Shaker Valley Auto	Parts	346.53
Staples	Supplies	14.36

Highway (cont.)**General Expenses**

State Of NH	Pit Fees	200.00
State Of NH	Dept. Labor	75.00
The Country Chronicle	Ads	146.00
Valley News	Ads	77.28
White, Steve	Body Repair	100.00
Wilson Tire	Tires	<u>2,356.79</u>
TOTAL		\$ 27,861.13

Patching/Paving

Blacktop	Hardy Hill	33,104.31
Blacktop	Patch/Oil	<u>850.50</u>
TOTAL		\$ 33,954.81

Summer Roads

Albrecht, Steven	Wages	2,775.09
Alltex	Uniforms	950.18
Barker Steel	Bridge Ties	1,995.92
Bassett, Robert	Salary	14,999.92
Cotey & Reney Lumber	Bridge Planks	2,244.22
East Co. Services	Chlor. Flakes	1,120.00
Evans Motor Fuels	Diesel	2,865.62
Frank's Services	Repairs	1,291.00
Grappone Industries	Equip. Rental	8,175.00
Hewitt's Garage	Gas	999.94
Hill, Dennis	Wages	11,901.67
Jalbert, Paul	Landfill	1,925.00
Jalbert, Paul	Wages	10,751.76
McDow, Vincent III	Wages	3,373.98
Melanson, Robert	Gravel	717.50
Phelps Construction	Gravel	1,732.50
RP Johnson & Son	Supplies	994.82
Rumney Sand & Gravel	Crushing	13,750.00
Trumpetto, Charles	Gravel	1,048.75
Twin State Sand & Gravel	Stone	456.96
Usanis, Paul	Gravel	6,692.25
Usanis, Paul	Pit Rental	<u>1,200.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 91,961.08

Winter Roads

Albrecht, Steven	Wages	6,731.51
Alltex	Uniforms	773.15
B & B Chain	Tire Chains	1,282.85
Bassett, Robert	Salary	15,000.08
Evans Motor Fuels	Diesel	6,301.00
Frank's Services	Repairs	1,183.00
Grafton General Store	Gas	7.50
Granite State Mineral	Salt	3,025.39
Hewitt's Garage	Gas	630.42
Hill, Dennis	Wages	12,089.44
Jalbert, Paul	Wages	10,765.65
Kibby Equipment	Blades	1,612.19
McDow, Vincent III	Wages	880.26
NH Municipal Trucking	Parts	815.20
Seliga, Michael	Replace Post	21.30
Seliga, Michael	Wages	1,740.54
RP Johnson & Son	Supplies	225.40
Williams, Richard	Sand	<u>6,562.50</u>
TOTAL		\$ 69,647.38

Library

Bell Atlantic	Phone	393.91
Fire Security Services	Fire Ext. Update	3.00
Gove, Mary L.	Wages	2,040.46
Gove, Paul	Custodian	300.00
Irving Oil Corp.	Furnace Repair	254.90
PSNH	Lights	<u>243.80</u>
TOTAL		\$ 3,236.07

FEMA

Barker Steel	Hardy Hill Bridge	238.05
Blacktop	Hardy Hill Bridge	6,964.73
BMSI	Computer Support	483.34
Fairfield, Howard P.	Hardy Hill Bridge	4,918.00
EW Sleeper	Sander	9,243.00
Joyce, Jennie	Administrative	324.00
Newport Sand & Gravel	Hardy Hill Bridge	6,002.00
NH Municipal Trucking	Hardy Hill Bridge	2,138.00
Staples	Computer/Supplies	<u>1,079.94</u>
TOTAL		\$ 31,391.06

Food Pantry

Cricenties Market	24.65
Evans Motor Fuels	27.98
Grafton General Store	19.07
Herrins	100.00
PSNH	45.00
Shop N Save	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 241.70

Welfare

Bell Atlantic	Phone	102.53
Morse, Marion	Mileage	65.00
	Salary	1,250.00
NH Local Welfare	Workshop	50.00
NHMA	Ref. Book	17.50
NHMA	Workshop	63.00
Registry of Deeds	Deed Processing	17.00
Postmaster, Grafton	Postage	33.00
Case # 1		390.52
Case # 2		15.50
Case # 3		280.10
Case # 4		27.89
Case # 5		83.10
Case # 6		19.48
Case # 7		75.40
Case # 8		1,773.15
Case # 10		653.86
Case # 11		1,280.00
Case # 12		305.08
Case # 13		420.00
Case # 15		25.00
Case # 17		<u>125.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 7,072.11

Solid Waste

A T & T	Phone	144.93
Allstate Poly	Bags	177.00
Arrow Equipment	Equip. Repair	386.53
Bell Atlantic	Phone	377.46
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	54.00
Fire Security	Fire Extin. Check	48.00
Gould Equipment	Oil Basins	239.50
Grafton General Store	Gas	30.37
Grafton Historical Society	Gloves	36.00
Grinley, Edward	Salary	7,797.83
	Mileage	28.50
Jewel	Tire Removal	2,434.80
Joyce, Wesley	Salary	4,155.68
Liberty Rock Country Store	Supplies	10.98
Northeast Res. Recovery	Paper Processing	184.22
Northeast Waste Resources	Hauling/Tipping	35,960.81
PSNH	Lights	1,273.97
Smith, Scott	Salary	3,760.00
Treasure, State Of NH	Certification	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 57,150.58

Property Revaluation

Arthur Moral	Tax Appeals	100.00
Municipal Resources	Property Changes	<u>3,243.20</u>

TOTAL \$ 3,343.20

Legal Expenses

Daniel Crean	Legal Fees	<u>988.21</u>
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TOTAL 988.21

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Mascoma Savings Bank	Social Security	11,002.89
Mascoma Savings Bank	Medicare	<u>3,095.73</u>

TOTAL \$ 14,098.62

General Recreation

1 st Impressions	T-Shirts	189.00
American Playground	Swing Seats	78.00
Canaan Hardware	Supplies	1.30
Dinn Bros	Trophies/Ribbons	94.50
Farnsworth, Darren	Tent Rental	375.00
G & F Chemical Toilets	Rental	679.00
Haubrich, Bonnie	Reimb. Supplies	661.45
J & A Handy Crafts Inc.	Supplies	67.44
Merriam Graves	Helium/Tank Rental	148.07
Oriental Trading	Supplies	175.95
PSNH	Electricity	57.37
Sullivan, Brian	Mowing	1,200.00
Telstar Fireworks	Fireworks	3,000.00
The Country Chronicle	Ads	48.00
Us Toys	Supplies	144.85
Valley News	Ads	<u>60.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 6,979.93

Recreation Land

Canaan Hardware	Supplies	42.77
Haubrich, Bonnie	Supplies	369.80
Senical, Cynthia	Supplies	127.59
White, Frank	Moving Bldg	<u>1,300.00</u>
TOTAL		\$1,840.16

Loan Repaynemt

Mascoma Savings Bank		1,200,000.00
Bridge 151-073 (Prescott Hill)		31,321.00
Restore Old Record Books		525.00
Fire Station Roof		8,250.00
Library Painting		1,207.50
Computer		1,250.00
BMSI Software	Sel. & Town Clerk	7,700.00
Health Officer	Wages	300.00
Highway Insurance		<u>8,555.67</u>
Balance On		
FICA	834.29	
With Tax	1,676.00	
MC	118.32	
Insurance	<u>168.94</u>	
TOTAL		<u>2,792.55</u>
Grand Total Of Selectmen's Orders Paid		\$ 3,363,308.30

Selectmen's Report for the Town of Grafton 1999

The year 1999 has been a year of dedication and hard work for the Selectmen. One of the major accomplishments of the year has been to computerize the Town Office. This initiative involved purchasing the computer, obtaining training for the Selectman's Clerk, the Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector and then putting all of the information from the property cards into the computer. The most exciting day was when we printed our own tax bills and produced our own blotter book.

Our next accomplishment was to create an atmosphere in which townspeople would feel welcome when coming before the Selectboard. We are committed to the people of the town of Grafton and throughout the year have worked hard at finding ways to help people rather than creating obstacles for them. Occasionally circumstances did arise which were beyond our control but hopefully those instances will continue to remain few and far between.

We supported the move of the Town Clerk to another area of the Town Office building. The empty room in the building will then be available for use by visitors to the office for the purpose of meeting, reading and reviewing materials in comfort while at the same time retaining the privacy of the selectman's office.

We allowed the heads of departments to manage their departments, thus eliminating any form of micromanagement. As a result this created more willing and efficient workers. The heads of the departments also had more input and better control over their budgets.

As we move through the year 2000 we hold the united hope that we will be able to continue serving the people of Grafton with the same efficiency, concern, dedication and respect which we have tried to promote throughout the previous year. We would like to thank all that work in any capacity for the Town of Grafton. Thank you especially to Betty Stiles for years of dedicated service as Selectmen's Clerk. We encourage contact and communication with all townspeople. You are welcome to stop at the town office or call with your concerns at any time. We look forward to seeing you and sharing ideas and concerns with you.

Dotty Campbell

Thank you.

Frank Neufell

Jennie Joyce

Ambulance Report 1999

In 1999 the Ambulance responded to 86 emergency calls. The calls were a combination of trauma, medical emergencies, pediatric, obstetrical and stand by calls for structure fires.

The residents of this community are very lucky to have such a skilled and compassionate group of individuals. We are also extremely lucky to have the beautiful ambulance and equipment that the residents of Grafton provide for us with their hard earned tax dollars.

Please join me in personally thanking each and every member of the squad for their unyielding professionalism and dedication.

This year we added two new much-needed members to the roster. Sandi Pierson and Karen Myers will be taking their national registry exam in February. We are all looking forward to working with them.

The regular monthly meeting of the ambulance is held on the third Wednesday of each month. If you or any one you know is interested in joining the ambulance please contact any of the ambulance members.

Respectfully Submitted

Jane E. Kenyon

Captain

Grafton Police Department

1999

Any Emergency Dial 911

This year has been one of a considerable amount of change for the department. The Abanaki Trust of Lexington, Mass was kind enough to donate a computer to the department. This donation has made a great improvement in the day to day functions of the department. We would like to say Thank you for your very generous gift.

Sergeant Colburn resigned from the department this year. Steve's ability to bring calmness to any situation and his willingness to participate at anytime made him a special asset to the department. He will be sorely missed.

The department is accepting applications to add another part-time officer to the force. Anyone interested should contact the department. Hopefully the process should be completed before summer.

We had two more suspected rabies cases this year. It can't be stressed enough how important it is to have your pet vaccinated. It is required that your dog be registered with the Town Clerk in April of each year.

We have seen a decrease in the number of break-ins this year due in part to members in the community reporting any suspicious activity they might observe. Thank you for your help; it makes Grafton a safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Merle Kenyon

Norman Daigneault

**Grafton Police Department
Crime Listing (Summary)
1999**

Arrest	11	Minor In Possession Of Alcohol	1
Transport	4	DUI	1
Juvenile Complaints	5	Traffic Violation	4
911 Hang up	10	Trespassing	7
Alarm	5	Speeding/Warning	41
Civil Standby	9	Speeding/Summons	10
Criminal Mischief	6	Registration Violations	1
Criminal Record Check	20	Drivers License Suspended/Revoked	2
Directed Patrol	68	Non Licensed Driver	2
Drug Offenses	1	Expired Inspection	1
DVP Served	1	Persons-Lost	5
Ambulance Assist	35	Persons-Found	4
Fire Assist	9	Property-Found	2
Follow up	8	Motor Vehicle Accidents	20
Bad checks	8	Pistol	49
Message Delivery	19	Suicide Attempts	4
NCIC Entry	3	Domestic	11
NCIC Cancellation	3	Special Services	30
Repossession	5	Disorderly Conduct	2
Returned Property	5	Parking Complaints	4
Road Conditions	4	Security Checks	63
Sex Offenses	9	Assist other P.D.	18
Noise Complaint	2	Suspicious Vehicle	7
Shots Fired	2	Suspicious Person	4
Snowmobile Complaints	4	Disabled Vehicles	4
Welfare Checks	12	Police Info	33
Assist other Agencies	5	Neighbor Dispute	1
ATV's	7	Civil Matters	12
Burglary	3	Animal	58
Death Investigation	1	Papers Served	31
Reckless Operation	10	Subpoena Served	6
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Lockout	1
Assault	7		
Threats/Harassment	15		
Theft	11	Total	787
Stalking	7		
Vandalism	8		
Runaway	5		

Grafton Fire Department

1999

Response Summary

Structure Fires	5
Chimney Fires	5
Hazardous Material	0
Forest/Grass Fires	3
Vehicle Fires	2
Vehicle Accidents	4
Power Lines Down	3
CO Detections	2
Ambulance Assists	4
Mutual Aid	3(1 to Canaan Sta.: 2 to Danbury structure fires)
Other	<u>3</u> (2 search and rescues: 1 fire at recycling-ctr burn pile)
TOTAL	34

A Brief Summary of the Events

The year 1999 started off quickly for the Grafton Fire Department with a major structure fire at the Neil Kenny residence on January 5th at about 2:30PM when a passer-by noticed heavy black smoke pouring out of the chimney and eaves. The first elements of GFD responded immediately and by 3PM, mutual aid from Canaan, Enfield, Danbury, Bristol and Alexandria were on scene with a fully involved structure fire. Crews battled the fire and frigid conditions until about 11:30PM when the last truck left and a guard was posted. The residence, which was an historic landmark for our town, was destroyed. The cold weather froze firefighters, hoses and pumpers solid, but hoses remained manned. The fire marshal judged it to be a wood stove on the second story which was left unattended. Fortunately, the owners and a guest were away at the time and only the family dog was lost.

Easter Sunday was also a fateful day on Brock Hill Road. High winds stirred up embers from a burn pile of the previous day. The embers ignited a field and winds swept the blaze into a nearby barn. A car in the driveway exploded from the heat, scattering the flames into the adjacent house. All three were fully involved when Grafton firefighters responded to the scene. Again, mutual aid from the 5 nearby towns joined in the effort to save the house. High winds continually hampered efforts to get the blaze under control and this house was also lost. One firefighter from a nearby town was overcome by exertion and treated by the ambulance staff. This family was also away at the time and several pets died in the fire.

A few days after, a cabin fire on Bullock's Crossing was successfully extinguished. It apparently started when a wire in the wall short-circuited. Again, no one was injured and damage was limited to light smoke and water.

The GFD 50th anniversary party got off to a slow start as a call for a brush fire came in 15 minutes before the event was scheduled to start. Since most of the department was already at the station, a timely response allowed us to prevent a major fire from erupting. Drought conditions were very severe this year and burn piles were generally not permitted, however, the careless match or cigarette causes its fair share of threat. We were very fortunate that only 3 brush fires were reported all summer

and were dealt with quickly. The department even had to respond once to the recycling center to get the burn pile there under control.

The department also got some experience in search and rescue with two successful recoveries on the mountainous forest between Rt.4 and Wild Meadow Road. In both cases the victim was recovered unharmed, but dehydrated. In one instance the discovery was made well after dark in a gully. The assistance of the Grafton Police and Canaan K-9 units was invaluable. In late June and early July, two aid calls to Danbury were answered for structure fires. The first was a mobile home that was fully destroyed. The second was a shed that was destroyed, however, the adjacent house was saved.

Fire came to one of our own as the Haubrich Body Shop caught fire on August 21st. Mutual aid from Canaan and Danbury arrived to help contain the blaze to Randy's antique Chevy. Firefighters risked danger to remove volatile chemicals and paints from the immediate area, which probably saved the structure.

The final structure fire was on Razor Hill Road as a cabin in the woods caught fire from an unattended stove. Firefighters arrived in a timely manner to prevent the adjoining forest from catching and limiting the damage to the structure. Aid from Canaan had some problems when their heavier trucks were unable to negotiate a small wooden bridge on the half-mile long driveway. Their assistance, though, is always very valuable to us as we are a small department and few people are in town during working hours.

All in all, we had a fortunate year in that there were no major fire related injuries or deaths. There was one fatality which the fire department assisted the ambulance in performing carbon monoxide checks to rule that out as a cause. It turned out the victim died of natural causes, however even in such cases the entire town is hard hit by the loss.

Our material condition improved considerably with the replacement of the tank on Engine 2, our main piece of fire fighting apparatus. The old steel tank was replaced with a polyethylene one at only a slight reduction in volume and considerable reduction in weight. During the course of this repair, considerable body degradation was discovered, which Dingee Machine repaired at no additional cost to the town.

Members of the community and the department worked together to install Grafton's first dry-hydrants. 3 installations were set up at Sawyer's Greenhouse on Rt. 4, Prescott Hill Bridge, and Hardy Hill Bridge in West Grafton. These were funded in large part through grants and were assembled with volunteer labor and help from the highway department. They are not pressurized lines, but still require a pumper to draft water. These hydrants have already proven themselves to be extremely useful and time saving assets, which will be vital in preserving property and saving lives.

The fire station also has a new look as the roof was replaced with bright red standing seam roofing. The contractor helped us out considerably by moving us up on the schedule after our old roof had blown off in the winds of early spring.

Planning Board Report for Year 1999

With the publication of Grafton's own monthly journal an effort has been made by the Planning Board to reach out to the community it serves through columns relative to the purposes for a planning board and what the board's role and duties are in the town.

December's column in the "Grafton Ledger" detailed the workshop conferences board members attended in 1999. An asset that has always been valuable to the board's functioning, both past and present, these informational workshops are conducted by the Office of State Planning and the NH Municipal Association to assist planning boards in meeting their various responsibilities.

In 1999 the board reviewed and approved ten driveway applications and two applications for minor subdivision of land. Of the subdivisions, F. Neufell submitted the first, located on Kinsmen Highway. M&D Dugan submitted the second, located on Route 4. Both properties were lots within prior subdivisions, the Kinsmen Highway lot most recently in 1998, the Route 4 lot in 1988.

There were no other subdivision applications submitted to the board though a conceptual discussion of annexation, possible re-subdivision, for a lot on Slab City Road continued through out the year.

The Planning Board makes a concerted effort to review all proposed applications fairly and equitably, striving to be consistent with the review process by past boards. Towards this effort the board continues to work on revisions and amendments to the subdivision regulations adopted in 1979.

The board also continued to work with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission towards the identification of Grafton's priorities for natural and cultural resource protection. The NH Land and Community Heritage Commission's final report (Nov. 1999) urged the Legislature to provide funding for this new program annually with 70% of the funds dedicated to grants and loans for municipalities and publicly supported non-profit organizations, and 30% for state agency projects.

With the sudden surge of interest by individuals wanting to serve as alternates on the Planning Board, the board amended its rules of procedures, increasing alternate membership from three to five. Two new members were welcomed to the board at that time.

Lastly, 1999 saw the departure of long-standing Planning Board member Francis Lombardi. Fran, who served as chairman for eight years, has moved to milder climes. His commitment not only to the board but to the Grafton community as well, was greatly appreciated. Fran and Elaine, we wish you health, happiness, and success in all your endeavors!

Report of the Cemetery Trustees 1999

This year the cemetery department has begun the process of clearing the northwest corner of Pine Grove cemetery. Our intention is to clear debris that has been dumped there in the past forty years. The new fence is holding up well, but will need to be realigned in the summer. The realignment is due to ground shifting.

The summer drought caused most of the grasses at the cemetery to turn brown. Due to the lack of rain, we kept the grass higher than normal to protect the lawn from dying.

The equipment of the cemetery department is still holding out well. We anticipate that replacement equipment may need to be bought In 2000 or early 2001.

The trustees thank all those who have worked hard to keep the Cemeteries in a respectable condition.

Respectfully submitted,
John Babiarz, Web Sliker, Bob Bassett

Cemetery Trust Funds Report 1999

Payments:

Payroll 1-May-1999	201.73
Payroll 10-May-1999	176.32
Payroll 24-May-1999	107.20
Mascoma SB Payroll Taxes	158.49
Payroll 7-Jun-1999	114.44
Payroll 21-Jun-1999	76.26
Payroll 12-Jul-1999	76.26
Mascoma SB Payroll Taxes	52.60
Mascoma SB Payroll Taxes	18.46
Payroll 7-Sep-1999	145.38
Mascoma SB Payroll Taxes	<u>46.23</u>
TOTAL Payments	\$ 1,173.37

Balance On January 1, 999	\$ 1,256.31
Deposit 1999	<u>1,300.39</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,556.70
Payments	<u>1,173.37</u>
Balance December 31, 1999	\$ 1,383.33

Town Clerk's Report 1999

Many transitions took place in the Town Clerk's office this past year. The Board of Selectmen allowed the Town Clerk's office to be moved under the Police Station as long as it cost no money to fix and finish. Through many volunteers and donations of time and money we finally did it!

The mail-out registrations are going better than expected. It saves people time instead of coming into the office.

I have worked very hard to accommodate people on off hours as needed and stayed late for the people who needed me to do so.

The best thing about this job is that you get to meet newcomers to town and old friends. There have been quite a few new people and I hope you will get to meet them all.

I thank all those who donated time, materials or money. Grafton is a special place to live.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary McDow

Auto Permits	106,459.02
Titles	456.00
Dog Licenses	1,267.50
Dog Penalties	54.00
UCCLS	1,086.00
Searches & Pages	198.25
Filing Fees	13.00
Recounts	30.00
Marriages	225.00
Postage	2.63
Certified Copies	76.00
Wetlands	10.00
Court Fine	142.50
Town Clerk Fees	<u>13.50</u>
TOTAL	\$110,033.40

Library Report

1999

We purchased 90 books and received 120-gift books. Purchased 15 videos and received 24-gift videos.

Thanks to the Children's Literacy Foundation we received 87 children and youth books.

Total circulation of books and videos

Fiction	948
Non-Fiction	250
Magazines	162
Youth	300
Juvenile	498
Videos Luv Copp	198
Videos Grafton	446

Library Hours

Wednesdays 3pm-5pm and 6:30pm-8pm

Saturday(2nd & 4th) 10am-12noon

Trustees meet 2nd Thursday of each Month

You are encouraged to attend.

Mary L Gove

Librarian

Welfare Department Report

1999

1999 has been a very trying year for this department. The Federal Government and the State has either done away with or cut back on a lot of the programs that they have had for people to use for years. Our State has not written any new laws to help up small towns. The famous words I hear when I answer a call are "The state said for me to call you (the town)". I have had 15 cases that qualified and many that did not. Last year I was able to return to the general fund \$6,105.74 to help off set taxes. This year I have spent that much and the year is not over. I'm trying to do the best I can to keep within my budget. I have been able to refer people to other agencies in the area that have helped with some of the cases.

I would like to thank everyone that donated money to the Food Pantry. By having the funds, I have been able to give vouchers to people for things they can not get with food stamps that are essential items that are needed in everyday life. I hope to be able to continue as your welfare director and to stay within my budget as long as I can.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Morse

**Grafton Public Library Trustees Report
1999**

Cash Balance on Hand	2,378.36
Deposit from CD # 382010346	753.27
98' Interest Ruth Leonard	56.32
98' Interest Barney Flander	61.92
Mildred Braley Trust	457.58
Book Sale	20.00
Book Fines	18.30
Video Fines	25.10
Donation	<u>275.00</u>
TOTAL Receipts & Balance	4,045.85
Less Expenditures	<u>(3,108.88)</u>
Balance On Hand 12/31/99	936.97

**Grafton Public Library Trustees Report
Expenditures**

Books	1,926.86
Magazines	162.74
Videos	186.72
Supplies	71.35
Postage	43.21
NHLTA Trustee Dues	40.00
LUV Coop Membership	103.00
Deborah Hazelton bookkeeping	75.00
Richard Blair Reimb of Purchase	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,108.88
Mascoma Certificate #386009030	
Burnham Fund 1/1/99	\$24,016.64
Withdrew Interest	(1,220.24)
1999 Interest	<u>1,142.37</u>
	\$24,016.64
Mascoma Certificate #382010346	
1/1/99	\$ 3,835.55
Withdrew Interest	(753.27)
1999 Interest	<u>122.96</u>
	\$ 2686.78
Mascoma Savings Account #900047711	
1/1/99	\$ 398.81
1999 Interest	27.47
Deposit From Cd	<u>1,220.24</u>
	\$ 1,646.52

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah Hazelton
Library Trustee/Treasurer

Report of the Education Committee

The Grafton Education Committee was established by vote of the town last year at the town elections. The purpose of the committee, as put forth in the warrant article authorizing its formation, was to evaluate the current state and future possibilities of public education in the Town of Grafton.

The first question the committee addressed was whether the town could legally separate from the Mascoma Valley Regional School District (MVRSD). After conferring with Representative Webber, we learned that there were significant legal barriers to breaking up a regional compact. The process could take five years or more, so that as a practical matter the committee judged that Grafton could not form its own school district.

The committee investigated the possibility of forming a charter school in Grafton. A charter school is a public school governed by its own board of trustees.. Such a school would have significant independence. The committee heard from Dr. Susan Hollins, the superintendent of the MVRSD and a nationally recognized authority on charter schools. Dr. Hollins was supportive of the idea of a charter school in Grafton, and suggested that it could be set up as a Kindergarten through Fourth Grade or K-1, K-2 or K-3 school. Dr. Hollins felt that the school board would be supportive as well since crowding and transportation are ongoing district problems. The committee then investigated the process required in order to establish a charter school in Grafton and took the idea under advisement pending town reaction.

Dr. Hollins also pointed out to the committee that the district was seeking proposals on renovations to the Indian River School (IRS) to relieve crowding there, and that a school in Grafton could obviate that need. If Grafton sent children to its own school, rather than to Canaan Elementary, Canaan would have the space to keep students through the fifth grade, and solve the IRS overcrowding problem. The funds needed for the renovations to the IRS could probably be used to build a small school in Grafton. The building could be for a conventional public school or a charter school. Superintendent Hollins was supportive of village elementary schools.

It is unclear at this printing whether there is still time to propose a Grafton school instead of future IRS expansion. Given the small window of opportunity, the idea of having a Charter school in Grafton is not practicable, as there is not sufficient time to draft a charter and have it approved. However, if the townspeople were so inclined, a public school established in Grafton could be converted to a Charter school at some time in the future.

The committee also investigated the possibility of establishing a small private school in town, and determined that this option would not be in the best interests of the majority of Grafton students.

Much discussion also centered around how the town could assist home schooling families, and whether there was any way for the town to provide supplemental educational opportunities for all students in town. These could be

in the form of summer school or after-school activities for the town's children. The committee discussed whether text books could be purchased for the town library, whether a computer for free Internet access could be installed for educational purposes, and other ideas which were considered possibly helpful to all Grafton students, but perhaps especially useful to home schooling families.

At this point the committee felt the need for guidance from town residents. A telephone survey in October was followed by a survey published in the November Ledger, but the results were sparse. The committee obtained a good sized sample by conducting another survey on Sunday at the transfer station. The results showed that the town does not support the idea of establishing a school in Grafton by a margin of about 60% to 40%. The most common reason given by residents for not wanting a school in Grafton was the additional tax burden this would bring. No attempt had been made to inform respondents to the survey that there existed a favorable opportunity to start a school with minimal tax implications. The majority of the respondents believed that the town's efforts should be channeled toward support of the MVRSD, and the possible provision of after-school activities for the town's children and help for home schooling families.

The survey showed that the town has a generally low opinion of the high school, a generally favorable impression of Canaan Elementary school, with the Indian River School holding an intermediate position. Given that result, and the expressed desire that the town should do what it can to support the MVRSD, the committee felt that it would be well to explore what, if anything, the town could do to support the high-school in its mission. There has not been time to explore this line of inquiry, but several ideas have been mentioned: a system of volunteer home work tutors could be established, an idea that has worked well in towns throughout the country; perhaps summer and after-school programs designed to spur academic achievement could be put in place; maybe volunteers could be organized to go into the high-school to perform tasks that teachers normally perform, but that divert time and energy from the job of teaching.

A number of other issues of concern to at least some Grafton residents have not been addressed at all by the committee, for lack of time. These include the problems created by bussing the younger students together with the older ones, a concern both as to behavior and as to scheduling. The need for and lack of sufficient pre-school options, as well as the feasibility of having a full day kindergarten are also issues that have not been explored.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Grafton Education Committee

Liz Guaraldi, Joyce Kelty, Lisa Knott, Frank Neufel,

Karel Pluhar, Dave Rienzo, Anson Smith

Grafton Recreation Committee

1999

The Recreation Committee met in February with the members of the Friends of the Grafton Community to discuss long-term goals and mutual concerns. It was agreed by all that an open line of communication between the two groups would benefit both organizations and the Town of Grafton and will enable the groups to better attain their goals.

A new twist was added to the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was decided to request contestants appear on the Recreation Field adorning an original design Easter Bonnet. The Easter Bonnet judges (John and Janet Sullivan) were present and awarded cash prizes to the winners and Grafton rumor has it that there was a sighting of Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny that gorgeous day in April. Following the Easter Bonnet contest the children spread throughout the field in quest of the 300 candy filled Easter eggs and the golden eggs with the "special prizes."

In May the Committee invited the townspeople to join them in a "Work Day". The Committee appreciated the help and expertise of the 4 young people (Jason Clough, Keary Morse, Matt and Andy Collins) who showed up that day to help paint, tear down the horseshoe pits and clean up the tot yard. Hopefully when the group meets again next spring more of the townspeople will take part in cleaning and improving their recreation field. The next event in May was "come Fly a Kite and Have a Picnic with the Grafton Recreation Committee." Although the sky was not filled with kites those of us who did show up with our kites (about 9 young and old) had an excellent time. The judges (Maryanne Guaraldi and John Bassett) awarded ribbons to each participant and everyone was filled with excitement in anticipation of next year's kite day.

June brought the annual Bike-A-Thon, which was not very well attended, but those who did ride received very worthwhile gifts and lots of refreshments at each stop. It was suggested that next year adults ride the course and perhaps the younger people staff the start and stop lines. (The riders in this year's event thought this would be a great idea.)

The annual July Celebration brought more new ideas and activities. The food, crafts, flea market and activities were provided with enthusiasm. The duck race, pie judging, triathlon, tractor pulls, children's games and the new "Needle in a Haystack", were just some of the day's events. The weather however, did not cooperate and the fireworks could not be shot due to excessive wind factors, but the Recreation Committee made the best of the situation and pulled together with the Firemen's Auxiliary and Firemen to host the fireworks and food concession a week later. Once again, Grafton saw an excellent display.

In August the Recreation Committee sponsored a Street Dance which was held in the Fire and Ambulances Station parking lot. A DJ spun everyone's requests and the Recreation Committee stretched fried dough, and sold ice cream and soda. The Recreation Committee is in hopes of sponsoring this event again next summer.

October came upon us quickly and the annual Halloween party and Jack-O-Lantern Contest took place. Children and adults enjoyed the costume parade

(Judges: Eleanor Kelley and Michele Gallup had their work cut out for them with such fine costumes), donuts on a string, children's games, refreshments and then a hay ride from the Town Hall to the Fire and Ambulance Station provided by Blue Mint Farm and driven by Nancy White where participants displayed their Jack-O-Lanterns and the judges) Ginny Sliker, Sandi Pierson, and John Wilson) awarded cash prizes for the 3 categories.

At Present the Committee members are in the midst of planning the annual Christmas party and are in hopes that Santa Claus will once again honor us with his presence.

The Recreation Field and the equipment on the field were in need of some overdue repairs and improvements and the Committee worked very diligently this spring and summer to accomplish some of these goals. The basketball court had loam spread and grass seed planted as well as some areas in the baseball diamond. The tot yard received some facelifts, including paint on the tot toys, new swing seats, new teeter totter seats, paint on the rabbit planters, plants, and repairs and paint to the picnic table. The benches were repaired and painted and the horseshoe pits were dug out and sand replaced. The Grafton Garden Club once again planted "Marion's Garden" at the flagpole and it was magnificent with color and blossoms all summer.

The Committee, at present, have determined the improvements and repairs to be addressed in the near future to be to move the concession from the back of the field to the front of the field due to the excessive vandalism to the building's placement and to utilize it more frequently with the events now taking place on the field, more leveling and seeding and new fence around the horseshoe pits.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Cynthia Senecal and Matt Nichols for the endless hours, gifts and monetary donations they have given on behalf of the Recreation Committee. It was not unusual on Matt's day off to see him and Cynthia on the Recreation Field working on a project or two. Rosalie Babiarz is a Rock of Gibraltar and always there when you need a hand. Louise Gallup remains the steadfast of the group and is always there with granddaughter, Becky, to support our endeavors and provide us with lunch. Catherine Muholland's fund raising efforts have afforded the Committee to build a bank account to address some of the goals set by the group and she should be applauded for these efforts. It takes countless hours of planning to provide these events for the people of Grafton to enjoy and the Recreation Committee has committed their time and energy to make this possible. When you meet one of these people in town please let them know what they are doing is worthwhile or better yet come and get involved in what we are trying to do.

Thank you for your time, donations and support throughout the year. You all do make a difference!

Bonnie J. Haubrich
Chairman

Friends of Grafton Community Center

1999

The Friends of Grafton Community Center is a non-profit tax-exempt organization whose sole purpose is to raise money for the building of a community center in Grafton. This center would serve as a focus of supervised and safe activities for the Grafton children and youth. Plans for the building to date include a combined basketball court/entertainment room, base for the Grafton Twin State Judo Club.

Mascoma Saving Bank has awarded us a grant of \$1,900.00.

We have lost one of our pillar members this year. Charlene Bowen a was mother, wife, and friend, who devoted her time and new found energy for our children and future children of this community to have this center. Her leadership was unknown to most. To this committee she is truly missed and we will move on and complete what she has started

Road Agents Report

1999

Plowing sanding, digging ice and thawing culverts started 1999 out for the highway crew that kept us busy right into mud season. We had a mild mud season, which gave us a chance to grade and rake the roads. We hauled crushed gravel and leveled out many of the roads throughout the year. Ditching was done on some of the paved roads during the summer. Those roads done included, Neil Lane, Turnpike Rd, Wild Meadow Rd., and Orange Pond Rd. Materials dug out during the ditching was given to residents to have it for fill. The paving project for 1999 was done by Blacktop Inc., it included, top coating the new section of Slab City Road and Barney Hill Road. Paving was also done on Dean Hill Corner, and Barney Hill Extension, shimming was done on 3/10 mile of Slab City Rd. A wetlands permit was done by the Road Agent for Hardy Hill Bridge, with the project being started mid August. We took out the existing bridge, dug out footers poured concrete and installed a 34' structural steel arch culvert which raised the road surface by 8' after hauling in 3,000 yards of gravel and fill. Tropical storm Floyd interrupted Hardy Hill projects in September by washing out many of our roads, such as Riddle Hill Road, Wild Meadow Road, and Millbrook Road. We had to deal with both major and minor washouts. The Road Agent and Emergency Management applied for FEMA funds to help repair these sites. In November the highway crew helped with installing dry hydrants, crushing the metal container at the recycle center minor repairs at the town offices and plowing of all parking lots. We stock piled winter sand, maintained equipment and trucks, had gravel crushed, installed sanders to get ready for winter along with all the daily tasks required. I Thank my crew for the good work done throughout 99 and all the people of Grafton for their support.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert J Bassett

Recycling Report 1999

In 1999 we have had a few changes. We are still trying to explore ways to process our glass, so we can recycle it again. As its weight and volume adds up in the compactor. We have added a Goodwill Box down at the center, for added convenience of the people. It seems to have been the right choice.

I would like to remind people the more we recycle the less we ship out to be put into a landfill. So let's recycle together not against each other.

I would like to close by saying Thanks to the people who come down and try to take the extra step to recycle, more than we do. And to the employees Wes Joyce and Scott Smith.

Ed Grinley
Recycling Center Manager

Grafton Historical Center 1999

1999 was a busy year for the group we focused most of our efforts towards the museum next to the Town Office building, getting it insulated sheetrocked and painted. We hope to open it up in the spring. We will have a lot of artifacts on display for people to view. Some people will remember some, and some will be amazed. And there's always an interesting story some will tell about them.

Our funds to operate on came from our two Antique Auctions we hold a year, and our Christmas Auctions in the fall. Our Bake Sales at Mascoma Savings Bank. Membership Dues. Our next project after the Musuem is open will be the Little Red School House. Located on the corner of Cherry Hill and Route #4.

If you have some Artifacts or some interesting stories to tell us about the town. Come to one of our meetings or see one of the members.

If you're interested in becoming a member or would like to come to a meeting. We meet the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Town Office Building at 7:PM.

If you haven't been to one of our fund-raisers then you're missing a lot. Some surprises and some wonderful cooks.

A special Thank you to the Grafton 4-H Club boys and their leaders for helping with our auctions. And also for offering excellent food at these events.

Ed Grinley
President

Grafton Ladies Auxiliary

1999

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

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

In 1999, the members of the organization were very active. The members are presently putting together the local telephone directory and hopefully the directories will be ready for sale in March. The members print a new directory every 2 years. The directory contains all Grafton residences' phone numbers (information taken directly from the Bell Atlantic telephone book) and paid ads from local and area businesses. The directory is set up and then the Mascoma Regional High School Technology Education class prints it under the directional assistance of Dan Huntley.

This year's events included sponsoring the Open House in honor of the Fire Departments 50th Anniversary, the spring Fire Warden's supper in April, along with two rummage sales and bake sales. Also food concession at the July Celebration, breakfasts in the months of June and July, the Fireman's Supper, the annual Christmas Party for members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Department and Ambulance Squad and also providing refreshments at fire scenes.

This year the Auxiliary purchased plaques to honor past member of the Fire Department at the 50th Anniversary, fire fighting gloves and boots, rechargeable flashlights, fire fighting foam, tool boxes, nozzle holder, high lift jack, sawzaws, a new SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus), pagers, Glassmaster saw, 24' extension ladder, coffee pot and paper goods for the Fire and Ambulance station. Chris Williams, on behalf of the Ladies Fire Auxiliary, wrote and presented a grant application to the Mascoma Savings Bank and we were awarded a check in the amount of \$100. Chris also requested a grant from the Brundage Fund and we received a check in the amount of \$2000, which was used to purchase the SCBA unit. The Ladies Auxiliary has been the recipient of memorial donations this year on behalf of Edwin Morse, Nan Huntley, Clarence Humbarstone and Margaret Warcup. These donations are always greatly appreciated and support a very worthwhile organization. We extend our sincere appreciation to those directing the donations and to those rendering these donations.

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

Bonnie J. Haubrich
Secretary

Report of Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger 1999

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Departments and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit laws and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Divisions of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

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

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

Fire Statistics

1999

(All Fires Reported through December 10, 1999)

Totals by County

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	271	50
Rockingham	218	111
Merrimack	213	115
Belknap	139	66
Cheshire	131	28
Strafford	98	26
Carroll	81	17
Grafton	70	18
Sullivan	62	17
Coos	18	3.25
Totals	1301	452.25
1998 totals	798	442.86

Causes of Fires Reported

Debris Burning	352
Miscellaneous*	279
Smoking	188
Children	176
Campfire	161
Arson/Suspicious	54
Equipment Use	43
Lightning	42
Railroad	6

*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV)

State Forest Ranger Douglas miners
Warden Paul C Gove

Forest Fire Warden's Report for Grafton

1999

Permits were issued for the following, brush, camp, cooking, and incinerators

Warden Paul C Grove	111
Deputy Warden Merle Kenyon	16
Deputy Warden Ken Cushing	6

Anyone needing a permit can contact one of the above.

Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.
Mascoma Home Health Services Branch
1999

Continued changes in our nation's health-care system mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community-based agencies, such as our Mascoma Home Health Services Branch. We are very appreciative of the continued support that the Town of Grafton provides to help us meet the home care, hospice, and family support service needs of people in your community. We offer services that help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; we promote community wellness, and we provide important services to families at risk:

- Town funds help provide care for people who require necessary services but are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.
- Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community people of all ages and all economic means use our Mascoma Home Health Services Branch.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.
- Our clinical staff provide skilled services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long-term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

The Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provided the following services in the Town of Grafton during the past year:

Visits(July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999)

Skilled Nursing	388	Family Support Services	
Physical Therapy	99	Families	10
Speech Therapy	11	Individuals	15
Occupational Therapy	7	Home Visits	31
Medical Social Worker	7		
Home Health Aide	347	Well Child Clinics	
Total Visits	859	Children	20
		Clinic Visits	20
Hospice VNH Volunteers		Dental Clinic Visits	13
Families Served	1		
Hours	11	WIC Programs	
		Clients	41
Maternal and Child Health		Clinic Visits	142
Children	11		
Home Visits	63		

On Behalf of people we serve in your community, thanks for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,
 Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH

New Hampshire Municipal Association 1999

1. In 1999, NHMA and its affiliated Trust had over 5,000 local officials and employees attend training programs at the 48th annual conference. Most of these programs were at no cost or minimal cost.
2. NHMA was successful, after years of effort, in getting a true Home Rule amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution on the election ballot in November of 2000. The budget which your dues funds contains money to fund a public education campaign on the importance of this measure and to ensure it isn't confused with the efforts of other on the court" and legislature" roles in the adequate education issue.
3. Speaking of the education issue, NHMA did not take a position on the source of funding enacted by the State. an issue which can't help but have a split of members' opinions...but NHMA was very effective in representing members' interest on the issue. For Example:
 - \$4,600 was distributed to communities to pay costs associated with the administration of the State's tax, including a minimum of \$12,000 per member. This alone returned 10 to 25 times the annual NHMA dues to most members.
 - DRA's budget has funds to pay for computer hardware/software changes for members.
 - The State, and not members, is administrating the applications for hardship relief from the State's tax.
 - The Statewide property tax has a "sunset" provision requiring it to be re-evaluated in the next two sessions as the cost of an adequate education becomes better defined; the impact of the tax on the economy is better understood and, legal and political issues about the tax are resolved.
 - The Statewide property tax is as low as it could possibly [and politically] be...you'd recall that some Legislators pushed for a much higher rate.
 - No other municipal-side revenue sharing was used to meet the State's commitment.
 - Of all the public sector organizations working in Concord, NHMA was recognized as providing its member's ad the media with the most up-to-date and complete information on what was happening on the issue.
 - NHMA convened, hosted and chaired a group of municipal finance, assessing and tax experts, various State officials, labor, education leaders, other associations and bond counsel to "brainstorm" the practical problems [and solutions] arising from Legislative delays in enacting an education financing solution. This resulted in several emergency laws, which made it possible for municipalities and school districts to conduct reasonably normal budgeting, bond payment and finance operations.
4. NHMA's Legal Services staff has filed an unprecedented number of amicus briefs in support of member's legal positions and, in an unusual move, entered a case at the Superior Court level on sludge which, if lost, would have cost members millions of dollars in pre-treatment expenses.

5. NHMA's Health Trust has entered into a new five-year contract with Anthen Blue Cross-Blue Shield that helps make its coverage, offerings and prices more competitive in a health and employee benefits marketplace; that seems to be "melting down" for municipal consumers. Its CY 2000 rate increases are some of the lowest available. The Health Trust also added a vision option and is exploring Long Term Care.

6. NHMA's Property-Liability Trust after trying very hard to convince the workers' compensation fund to enter into a collaborative agreement to jointly serve members, has approved the offering of an Integrated Benefits Management® program. In cooperation with the Health Trust, the new program will bring member's added value through managed care workers' compensation coordinated with disability coverage and sick leave management. In addition, the Trustees declared a \$750,000 dividend in September and instituted a 3-year price freeze.

7. NHMA's Legislative Policy Process continues to be the most grassroots and member-based of any New Hampshire association and suggestions of members for legislation for 2000/2001 will be solicited this spring. These will be presented to several committees of local officials for consideration as policy recommendations. The recommendations of these committees will be voted on by NHMA's member municipalities next fall.

8. NHMA's "800" lines give any local official in all member municipalities quick access to staff experts in personnel, property-liability claims, municipal law, legislative affairs, communications, employee wellness, Right-to-Know, etc. If your NHMA staff may not always know the answer to your question, but we're a good place to start.

9. NHMA, is a member State municipal league of the National League of Cities. As a member of NHMA, your community is considered an indirect member of NLC and eligible for special NLC conference registration rates. More important, NLC represents the interests of all cities and towns in Washington on issues such as cell tower placement authority, the allocation of radio wave frequencies [ask your local police or fire chief about the interference issues]. Community Development Block Grants, Community Policing Grants, transportation funding, environmental cleanup and other vital Federal-local issues.

10. The NHMA dues structure is a formula that considers both the Population and Equalized Value of each member. There are minimum and maximum dues to ensure both an equitable base of support and that no one member bears an inordinate share of the dues. It was developed 20 years ago and was patterned after the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Formula.

NHMA is ending this Millennium with 100% membership. We encourage you to join for 2000 to enter the next Millennium as strong an organization as ever existed for New Hampshire cities and towns. RSA 31:8-a specifically authorizes the Governing Body to pay NHMA dues and expenses of attending its meetings. If I can answer any questions about NHMA or its services or if you would like a visit about membership, please don't hesitate to call me at 1-800-852-3358 or www.nhmunicipal.org

John B. Andrews Executive Director

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission 1999

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 26 New Hampshire and 3 Vermont communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental, and social growth throughout the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans, and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), reviews of local development applications, mapping, community development, grantsmanship, and grant administration. In addition, ongoing regional initiatives, such as our regional transportation planning program and household hazardous waste collections, and special regional projects, including the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, the Cold River watershed planning study, the Connecticut River boater education project, and the community-based inventory of cultural and natural resources were undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. Our Commission has enjoyed close collaboration with the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, the Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and the Upper Valley and Quechee chambers of commerce, and looks forward to a continued productive partnership.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the Region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and other nonprofit organizations.

In 1999, some examples of our work specifically for the Town of Grafton included:

- Continued work with local groups in town to finalize list of important natural and cultural resources which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commission.
- Prepared an index of zoning standards and provisions for the NH communities in the region.
- Produced map of SAU 62 towns to assist with school bus routing.
- Produced GIS soils map for Planning Board.
- Discussed with Planning Board subdivision application notice requirements and update of regulations.
- Met with the Planning Board to discuss local planning issues and present "Planning Board Basics" video.

Our Commission appreciates Grafton's participation and support, and we look forward to serving the community in the coming year.

UNH Cooperative Extension-Grafton County

1999

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments who provide the funding and support for this educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire. With an Extension Officer in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists we serve the entire state.

Our education programs are designed to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of a volunteer advisory council. Our current programs focus on:

- Dairy and Pasture Management
- Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management
- Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship
- Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting and Family Financial Management
- Positive Your Development
- Water Quality Education
- Family Lifeskills Program (LEAP/LIFT)
- After-School Program

The Extension Staff of seven works out of North Haverhill but we travel to all areas of the county. Three other grant-funded staff members provide programs through satellite offices in Plymouth, Littleton, and Lebanon. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office/home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. Volunteers help expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners program, 4H Clubs, and the Coverts Project. Our work is supported by an office staff of three.

Here are some ways that local residents benefited from the work of Cooperative Extension. Residents receive a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting upcoming events as well and looking at some of the research that affects individuals, families and communities. Parents receive our aged-paced newsletters, Cradle Crier and Toddler Tales, that chronicle the early years of a child's life. Research on soils and nitrates has reduced the amount of fertilizers being applied to local farmlands, thereby reducing the chances of runoff into local streams, rivers or water supplies. Forest management plans help local landowners and those employed in the forest industry preserve the beauty of our local woodlands that draw thousands of tourists to our area. Youth across the country work with adult volunteers learning important life skills through our 4H program. UNH professors are evaluating an after-school project in North Haverhill. The information from this project will help to improve other local after-school programs. Water Quality events around the country allow residents an opportunity to learn how they can help keep their water clean and how agencies across the state are working toward that goal. Families with limited resources have access to nutrition and financial education to help them stretch their food

dollars, thereby providing a more balanced diet for our young children. Cooperative Extension staff serve as resources to residents and agencies throughout the county. Homeowners concerned about their plants, trees and grounds get quick identification and control guidelines. Communities interested in improved decision making receive support from Cooperative Extension. Agriculture Businesses receive help with business plans, marketing, computer usage and diversification.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. You can reach us; by phone (603) 787-6944; fax (603) 787-2009; email grafton@unhce.unh.edu at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>

We believe that our job is to provide residents of your community and Grafton County with the education and information they need to make informed decisions to strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah B. Maes
Extension Educator and County

Office Administrator Report to the People of District One 1999

It is a pleasure to report to you as one of your elected officials serving on the five-member Executive Council within the Executive Branch of your NH State Government. This five-member elected group acts much like a board of directors for your very large NH State Government carrying out the law and budget as passed by the NH House & Senate and signed into law by the Governor. We also act upon gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of your Government, State Supreme Court, Superior Court, Probate Court, District Court all are nominated by the Governor. The Council must hold a posted public hearing and then a vote to deny or confirm the nomination is held. Persons interested in serving on a volunteer board of commission should contact Kathy Goode at the Governor's Office 271-2121.

Respectfully submitted
Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. Annual Report 1999

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 1999, 49 older residents of Grafton were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center.

- Older adults from Grafton enjoyed 465 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 968 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Grafton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 88 occasions by our lift-equipment buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 264 visits by a trained social worker.
- Grafton's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 403 hours of volunteer services.

The cost to provide Council services for Grafton residents in 1999 was \$13,070.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Council very much appreciates Grafton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Respectfully submitted
Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.
Statistics for the Town of Grafton
October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999

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

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service	X	Unit (1) Cost	=	Total Cost of Services
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	1433		\$5.31		\$7,609.23
Transportation	Trips	88		\$8.48		\$746.24
Adult day Service	Hours	4		\$4.57		\$18.28
Social Services	1/2 Hours	264		\$17.79		\$4,696.56
Activities		384		N/A		

Number of Grafton Volunteers:6. Number of Volunteers Hours 403.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Grafton Residents only	\$ 13,071.31
Request for Senior Services for 1999	\$ 1,313.00
Received from Town of Grafton for 1999	\$ 1,313.00
Request for Senior Services for 2000	\$ 1,350.00

Note

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999.
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State programs 44%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14%, Contributions 19%, In-Kind donations 19%, Other 2%, Friends of GCSCC 2%.

1999 Births

Child's Name	Date of Birth
Lahaye, David Edwin Henry	2/17/99
Gravel, Benjamin Alan	3/13/99
Williams, Garrett Samuel	3/27/99
Tupper, Even David	4/26/99
Smith, Ethan Richard	6/23/99
Evans, Garrett Charles	8/25/99
Tetreault, Rosemary Louise	9/28/99
Joyce, Raymond Wesley	10/11/99
Stone, Kerrigan Mae	11/01/99

Father's Name	Mother's Name
Lahaye, David	Lahaye, Linda
Gravel, Scott	Gravel, Jill
Williams, Chris	Williams, Melissa
Tupper, David	Tupper, Kamala
Smith, Richard	Smith, Mary Ann
Evans, Garrett	Evan, Lana
Tetreault, Bernard	Tetreault, Beth
Joyce, Darryl	Joyce, Dennis
Stone, Kenneth	Stone, Michelle

1999 Marriages

Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage
Roy, Roger	Grafton NH	Carrigan, Heather	Grafton NH	Manchester	Manchester
Garbeck, Matthew W	Grafton NH	Krause, Iori M	Grafton NH	Grafton	Grafton
Evans, Donald A	Grafton NH	Roberts, Ann M	Grafton NH	Grafton	Grafton
Joyce, Darryl W	Grafton NH	Duquette, Denise R	Grafton NH	Grafton	Grafton
Leva, Brain J	Grafton NH	Connley, Peggy S	Grafton NH	Grafton	Grafton
Stone, Peter W	Grafton NH	Davis, Cheryl K	Grafton NH	Grafton	Grafton
Harris, Richard J	Grafton NH	Paradis, Lea S	Grafton NH	Grafton	Grafton
Jopek, Peter A	Grafton NH	Disco, Anna	Grafton NH	Grafton	Grafton

1999 Deaths

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Sargent, Avis	3/21/99	Sargent, Frank	Cole, Myrtle
Bowne, Charlene R	4/16/99	Smith, Carlton	Haskins, Nancy
Fagan, Francis J	5/15/99	Fagan, Alyre	Richard, Alvina
Chambers, Charles W.	7/10/99	Chambers, Frank	Unknown, Helen

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