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Town of New Castle, NH

ANNUAL REPORT
For the Year 2003

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For the Town of New Castle
Fiscal Year 2002-2003

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF NEW CASTLE IS DEDICATED TO

GENE MORRILL

During the year Gene Morrill resigned his long held position as Town Historian. That marked the end of an extraordinary period of service to the Town which commenced in 1950.

We have probably missed some of his many contributions but here is a partial list:

School Board Member	1950 to 1956
School District Auditor	1958 to 1960
Town Treasurer	1971 to 1976
Town Clerk	1986 to 1993
Cemetery Trustee	1994 to 1999
Historian	1985 to 2004



In addition, Gene has been a major factor in establishing the Budget Committee, the 1993 - 300th Anniversary Celebration and the Long Range Planning Committee.

The most visible manifestations of his presence are in the graphic touches, beautiful calligraphy, printing and handwriting that appears in many of our official town documents.

Gene, thanks for all you have done for all of us!

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SELECTMEN'S LETTER

We continue to have the lowest tax rate in New Hampshire and hopefully 2003 will be the final year in which the State Education Tax will account for more than half of our tax rate. During the past five years we have been required to send \$6,920,388 to Concord to be spent in other municipalities.

We shall continue to do everything possible to hold down the Town tax rate which, as set forth on the facing page, was again the smallest part of your overall tax bill.

Although there has been no sign of physical change or activity at the UNH Marine Laboratory at Fort Point, the project here in New Castle grinds forward as the University negotiates with the Town of Rye, Seacoast Science Center and State of NH regarding the location and construction of a laboratory facility at Odiorne Point. During the year we will have the opportunity to view and review activity in New Castle which will involve removal of the existing pier and the construction of a reduced size replacement, as well as the design and location of a 5,000 square foot facility needed to support the UNH/NOAA research activities here in New Castle.

During the year we:

Leased the Old Library Building to the New Castle Historical Society for five years at \$1 per year;

Acquired a new town truck for Public Works and a new hose wagon for our Fire Department;

Had all our official land maps updated and done anew;

Bid farewell to Steve Tabbutt and said hello (again) to Chuck Petlick in Public Works, and

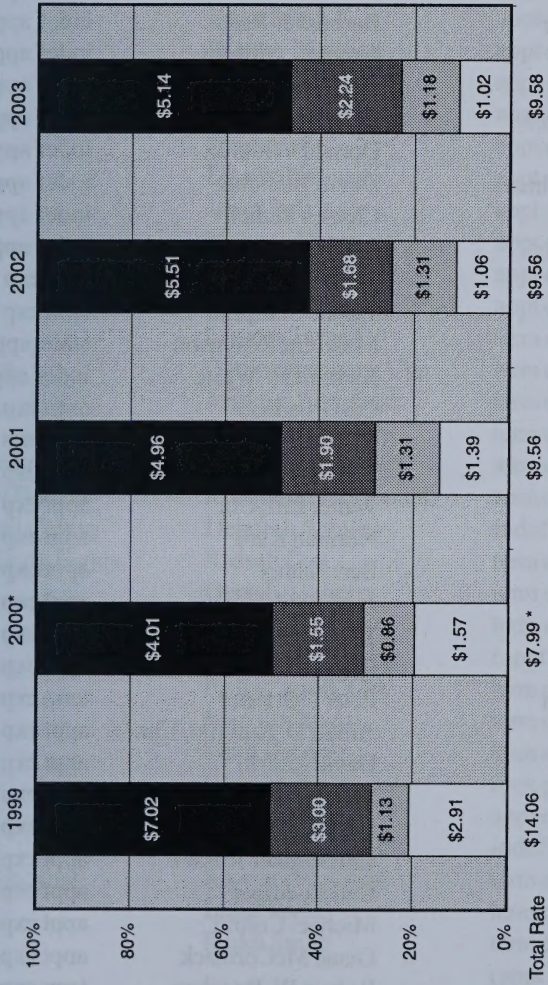
Had visits from Howard Dean and Wes Clark (do you remember them?).

A reminder – the filing period for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is May 1st through June 30th and the claim must be accompanied by a copy of your 2003 property tax bill and 2003 Federal income tax return.

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

Board of Selectmen
Robert W. Beecher, Chairman
Peter Gamester
Charles A. Tarbell

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN 1999 - 2003



* Reduction in all rates reflects revaluation of property.



TOWN OFFICERS - 2003 TO 2004

Town Clerk	Nancy Watters	term exp 5/04
Deputy Town Clerk	Barbara Ross	indef appt
<u>Selectmen</u>	Robert Beecher, Chr.	term exp 5/04
	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/05
	Charles A. Tarbell	term exp 5/06
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/04
Deputy Treasurer	Jennifer Roediger	indef appt
Collector of Taxes	Pamela P. Cullen	term exp 5/04
Deputy Tax Collector	Barbara J. Ross	indef appt
Chief of Police	James C. Murphy	indef appt
Police Sergeant	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Douglas Cummings, II	indef appt
Patrolman	Donald White Jr.	indef appt
NCFD Captain/Patrolman	David Blanding	indef appt
Building Inspector	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Supt. of Public Works	Brad Meade	indef appt
Road Agent	Brad Meade	appt exp 5/04
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/04
Health Officer	Malcolm Rosenson	state appt
Fire Chief	Richard H. White	indef appt
<u>Fire Wards</u>	Carl Roediger	term exp 5/06
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/04
	Richard White	term exp 5/05
	Walter Liff, Chr.	appt exp 5/06
<u>Public Works Board</u>	Norman Kent	appt exp 5/04
	Bert Palmer	appt exp 5/05
	John Walsh	appt exp 5/06
Alternate	Thomas Roy	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Reginald Whitehouse	appt exp 5/05
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/05
<u>Planning Board</u>	Albert D'Antonio, Chr.	appt exp 5/05
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/04
	Stuart Levenson	appt exp 5/06
	Patty Cohen	appt exp 5/04
	Christopher Russell	appt exp 5/06
	Carl Roediger	appt exp 5/06
	Michael Colotti	appt exp 5/05
Alternate	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/05
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/04
<u>Board of Adjustment</u>	Donald Moore, Chr.	appt exp 5/06
	Janet Harrigan	appt exp 5/04
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/04
	Raymond Ambrogio	appt exp 5/05
	Judith Sawyer	appt exp 5/05
Alternate	Sheryl Weston	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Chris Russell	appt exp 5/04

Alternate	Stuart Hume	appt exp 5/05
<u>Historic District Committee</u>	Barbara Becker, Chr.	appt exp 5/05
	Nancy McArdle	appt exp 5/04
	Richard Yeaton	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Rodney Rowland	appt exp 5/06
Alternate	Nancy Borden	appt exp 5/05
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Charles A. Tarbell	term exp 5/06
Ex-Officio/Planning Bd	Diane McCormack	appt exp 5/05
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Elisabeth Hume, Chr.	appt exp 5/05
	Brian Mack	appt exp 5/05
	Dianna Mattoon	appt exp 5/04
	Lorna Robinson	appt exp 5/06
	Diana Appleton	appt exp 5/05
	Linda Ball	appt exp 5/04
	Lisa Williamson	appt exp 5/06
Alternate	Janet Sylvester	appt exp 5/05
Alternate	Norman Flagg	appt exp 5/06
Alternate	Marsh Carroll	appt exp 5/04
Alternate	Wm. B. Marshall, III	appt exp 5/06
Ex-Officio	Charles Tarbell	term exp 5/06
<u>Budget Committee</u>	Clinton Springer, Chr.	term exp 5/06
	Michael Armitage	term exp 5/04
	Damon Frampton	term exp 5/05
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Robert W. Beecher	term exp 5/04
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/06
<u>Archives & Record Comm</u>	Deborah Schulte	indef appt
<u>Trustees of the Trust Funds</u>	Russell Cox	term exp 5/05
	Gene F. Doherty	term exp 5/04
	William Cronin	term exp 5/06
		(appt for one year 04)
<u>Library Trustees</u>	Paula Carroll, Chr.	term exp 5/05
	Joan Lockhart	term exp 5/04
	Mark Gardner	term exp 5/06
Alternate	Barbara Battis	appt exp 5/05
Alternate	Patty Hickey	appt exp 5/05
Library Director	Gene Fox	indef appt
<u>Supervisors of Checklist</u>	Rowena F. Alessi	term exp 5/06
	Leslie Parker	term exp 5/04
	Roddi Smith	term exp 5/08
		(appt for one year 04)
<u>Recreation Committee</u>	Guy Stearns, Chr.	appt exp 5/05
	Elizabeth Fregeau	appt exp 5/04
	Robert Hickey	appt exp 5/04
<u>Cemetery Trustees</u>	David Merrill, Chr.	term exp 5/04
	Michael Boisvert	term exp 5/06
		(appt for one year 04)
	William Lanham	term exp 5/05

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTED POSITIONS AND SALARIES

<u>Position</u>	<u>Annual Salaries</u>
Selectman, Chair	\$2,000
Selectmen (2)	1,800
Town Clerk	7,200
Treasurer	1,700
Collector of Taxes	2,000
Cemetery Trustee (3)	100
Moderator	\$100 per election
Supervisor of Checklist (3)	\$100 plus \$100 per election
Trustee of Trust Funds (2)	100
Trustee of Trust Funds, Bookkeeper	250

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

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD
AT THE GREAT ISLAND COMMON
MAY 13, 2003**

Articles 1 through 15 were voted by ballot with the results indicated. Moderator Wayne Semprini opened the polls at 10am and declared them closed at 7pm.

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

Town Clerk (one year):	Nancy S. Watters	181 votes
Selectman (three year):	Charles A. Tarbell	192 votes
Treasurer (one year):	William B. Marshall III	202 votes
Tax Collector (one year):	Pamela P. Cullen	183 votes
Budget Committee (three years):	Clinton H. Springer	171 votes
Budget Committee (two years):	Damon H. Frampton II	189 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds (three years):	Gerald D. Sieve	178 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds (one year):	Gene F. Doherty	182 votes
Library Trustee (three years):	Mark H. Gardner	188 votes
Library Trustee (one year):	Joan H. Lockhart	203 votes
Cemetery Trustee (three years):	Albert M. D'Antonio	201 votes
Fire Ward (three years):	Carl F. Roediger	203 votes

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

School Board (three years):	Roderick M. MacDonald	188 votes
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ARTICLE 2: Zoning Amendment #1: Section 1.0 AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 166 YES to 20 NO.

ARTICLE 3: Zoning Amendment #2: Section 2.0 DEFINITIONS, Section 2.1 INTERPRETATIONS, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 160 YES to 22NO.

ARTICLE 4: Zoning Amendment #3: Section 4.2, DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, Section 4.2.1. APPLICABILITY OF DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 163 YES to 20NO.

ARTICLE 5: Zoning Amendment #4: Section 4.3 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, Section 4.3.2, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 142 YES to 40 NO.

ARTICLE 6: Zoning Amendment #5: Section 4.3.2, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 151 YES to 29 NO.

ARTICLE 7: Zoning Amendment #6: Section 6.3 MARINAS, DOCKS AND PIERS, Section 6.3.2.2-I, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 157 YES to 22 NO.

ARTICLE 8: Zoning Amendment #7: Section 7.0 NON-CONFORMING LOTS AND USES, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 159 YES to 22 NO.

ARTICLE 9: Zoning Amendment #8: Section 7.1 DEFINITIONS, Section 7.1.4, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 168 YES to 30 NO.

ARTICLE 10: Zoning Amendment #9: Section 7.3 DISCONTINUANCE AND ABANDONMENT, Section 7.3.1, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 166 YES to 27 NO.

ARTICLE 11: Zoning Amendment #10: Section 7.4 CHANGE IN USE, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 153 YES to 33 NO.

ARTICLE 12: Zoning Amendment #11: Section 9.2.9 BUFFER PROVISIONS, Section 9.2.9.2, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 149 YES to 43 NO.

ARTICLE 13: Zoning Amendment #12: Table I DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 155 YES to 40 NO.

ARTICLE 14: Building Code Amendment #1: BUILDING CODE, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 164 YES to 27 NO.

ARTICLE 15: Building Code Amendment #2: Section 13, PERMITS, as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 166 YES to 30 NO.

The polls closed at 7 PM.

Moderator Wayne Semprini called the annual town business meeting to order at 7pm in the Recreation Building at Great Island Common. He introduced himself and explained that next year the public could change the time of the business meeting but before we get started he asked that the meeting recall in silent moment members of the community who died during the previous year. Semprini then led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

The moderator thanked everyone for attending the meeting and he asked approval of rules for the meeting, which included a prohibition of smoking, a requirement that a motion to reconsider be made immediately after the vote at issue, and another that any amendment be submitted in writing. Only registered voters, he said, would be permitted to engage in discussion unless the meeting made a specific exception. A motion to end discussion would require a two-thirds vote, and he said that speakers would ordinarily be permitted to speak not more than twice on a specific issue. This would allow you to make your point and to respond to any responses. The exception would be if you were responding to a question to clarify a point. He encouraged spirited discussion.

The moderator asked for a motion to accept the rules. The Rules were moved and seconded. Motion unanimously ACCEPTED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16:

Semprini read ARTICLE XVI - BOND FOR LAND ACQUISITION. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars for the acquisitions of conservation easements and/or open space land, etc. Semprini explained the wrong printing in the Town Report that the article required a 3/5ths vote and that actually a 2/3rds vote is required to pass. Resident Russ Cox explained the difference in the voting. He asked for a motion and a second. The article was moved and seconded. There being no discussion, Semprini asked for all those in favor by signifying by saying "aye" and those opposed "nay". The article PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 17:

Semprini read ARTICLE XVII on petition of Nancy McArdle and 26 other legal voters in New Castle are you in favor of the following resolution from "New Hampshire for Health Care", etc. A motion was made and 2nd to approve the article. Semprini asked for discussion. Resident Louis Sherfese spoke on his personal experience of medical insurance dilemmas. NH State Senator Bert Cohen spoke that NH was 12 highest state for insurance premiums and now has moved up to the 2nd highest state and that this is a problem for all of us. Resident Louis Klotz stated he had no problem with the concept of the article but did have a problem with how this article is written and the implication that federal employees are getting something for free, and explained the accounting process that escalated the costs. Resident Rus Cox stated that this was a feel good petition but it has no affect and explained that government involvement with medical insurance rates is a poor direction. We should not be encouraging our legislators to medal into this area. Resident Joyce Cowern also spoke on the article. She noted her experience with the health care process in England where the aged were not treated or not treated well because it was not economical. She did not like the government process. Bert Cohen spoke for the 2nd time said that the government is involved and this resolution does not mandate any solution. Cohen talked about SB110 that allows insurance companies to cherry pick. Health insurance affects a lot of us. Resident Greeley said that he had a pleasant experience with the English health care system and noted 40 million Americans without any health insurance. Semprini asked for further discussion and there being none asked for a vote. Article PASSED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18:

Semprini read ARTICLE XVIII. The Chairman of the Budget Committee, Clint Spinger, moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,305,984 as approved by Selectmen and the Budget Committee for the Town's expenses in the coming fiscal year '03-'04. This motion was 2nd. Semprini asked for discussion. There being no discussion, the motion to raise and appropriate \$1,305,984 was PASSED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19:

Semprini read Article XIV to hear reports of agents, officers, committees, etc.

Selectman Chairman Robert Beecher stated that his board had received a request from 40 residents to collect taxes semi annually, this to be determined by the Board of Selectmen. Beecher said that presently the taxes are due once a year on December 1st and this proposal would make one-half of your taxes due July 2003, five months earlier than the normal Dec. 1st payment. Beecher indicated that he was not sure why any one would want to pay a large bill any sooner than it is due. Beecher covered the law and RSA, and explained that he consulted counsel. Beecher asked who would like to pay their taxes sooner than later. No one spoke in the affirmative.

Selectman Chairman Robert Beecher also gave an update on the UNH facility and read a letter and email from Don Sundberg, UNH Vice President for Research and Public Service and President Anne Hart. He explained the gist of the email that UNH had a meeting with DHR and that DHR has strong reservations that Battery Farnsworth be either all or partially torn down and that UNH should look for other sites for the Marine Research Lab.

State Rep Dan Hughes got up and spoke about school funding issues and HB717. He thanked the public for electing him and that he is on the Ways and Mean Committee. He went on to explain two bills, HB608 and 717 and told the audience the difference. The HB717 is the coalition bill. Tomorrow the NH Senate Educations Committee will decide what to do with the two bills. Senator Burt Cohen said he supported HB717.

ARTICLE 20:

Semprini read ARTICLE XX and asked if there was any other business, there being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion PASSED by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

A true and correct record of the Town meeting and Election of Officers of the Town of New Castle, May 13, 2003, ATTEST:

Nancy S. Watters
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OFFICIALS SURETY BONDS IN FORCE
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003**

NHMA PROPERTY /LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TAX COLLECTOR	\$77,000
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	77,000
TREASURER	82,000
DEPUTY TREASURER	82,000
TOWN CLERK	27,000
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	27,000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3)	95,000
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3)	5,000

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003**

1.	Town Hall, land, and building	\$593,500
	Furniture and equipment (Map 13 Lot 8)	30,000
2.	Recreation Building (Library) & out buildings	7,585,300
	Common – land and Oceanside Cemetery	
	Furniture and equipment(Map 5 Lot 13)	225,000
3.	Police Department	0
	Equipment	17,500
4.	Fire Department, land, and building	464,000
	Equipment (Map 13 Lot 7)	340,000
5.	Highway Department, land, and building	0
	Equipment	45,000
	Material and supplies	6,000
6.	Water supply facilities	396,197
	Owned by Town of New Castle	
7.	Sewer plant and facilities	75,000
	Land and building (Map 16 Lot 48)	340,300
8.	School, land, and building	1,916,900
	(Map 12 Lot 33)	
9.	Cemeteries: Riverside (Map 15 Lot 10)	766,000
	Frost (Map 18 Lot 54)	173,300
	Prescott (Map 17 Lot 57)	152,600
10.	Other town owned lands and town landings:	
	Pit Lane lot (Map 10 Lot 9)	72,600
	Town Landing, Laurel Lane (Map 11 Lot 30)	151,700
	Sand Pit (Map 12 Lot 3)	293,000
	Town garage, land, & cemetery (Map 17 Lot 56)	204,000
	Old library building & land (Map 17 Lot 58)	312,800
	Land-Walbach (Map 19 Lot 01)	984,000
	Land-Fort Point (Map 19 Lot 02)	1,115,500
	Other land (Map 16, Lot 50, 51)	429,800
	Piscataqua Street (Map 17 Lot 60)	<u>155,200</u>
TOTAL		\$16,845,197

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2004 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT**

	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
LAND AND BUILDINGS:		
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	10.84	\$163
Conservation Restriction	0	0
Conservation Easement (Audubon)	17.82	6,897
Residential	264.724	221,977,500
Commercial/Industrial	8.55	5,782,300
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Total of Taxable Land	301.934	227,766,860
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$30,091,100)	156.433	
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		145,414,500
Commercial/Industrial		14,979,700

Total Taxable Buildings		160,394,200
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$5,869,800)		
Public Utilities: Electric		927,000
Mature Wood and Timber		0

Valuation Before Exemptions		389,088,060
Blind Exemption (\$15,000 each)	2	30,000
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:		
Age 65 - 74 (\$100,000 each)	4	400,000
Age 75 - 79 (\$150,000 each)	0	0
Over Age 80 (\$150,000 each)	1	150,000

TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS		580,000
 NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE COMPUTATION		
		388,508,060
Less Public Utilities		927,000

NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX		\$387,581,060
		=====
TAX CREDITS:		
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans		
their spouses and widows (\$700 / \$1400 each)	1	\$1,400
Other War Service Credits (\$100 each)	96	9,600
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TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	97	\$11,000
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2004 TAX RATE CALCULATION**

	---Municipal Portion---		
Gross Appropriations	\$1,305,984		
Less: Revenues	953,846		
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763		
Add: Overlay	38,333		
Add: War Service Credits	11,000		

Net Town Appropriation	397,708		
Special Adjustment	0		

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	397,708		
Town Tax Rate			\$1.02
	---School Portion---		
Net Local School Budget	1,289,922		
Regional School Apportionment	0		
Less: State Education Taxes	418,670		

Approved School Tax Effort	871,252		
Local School Tax Rate			2.24
	---State Ed Taxes---		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)= 404,802,283 x 4.92 / 1000	1,991,627		
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			5.14
	---County Portion---		
Due to County	459,935		
Less: Shared Revenues	3,379		

Approved County Appropriation Effort	456,556		
County Tax Rate			1.18

Combined Tax Rate			\$9.58

Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,717,143		
Less: War Service Credits	11,000		
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0		

Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,706,143		
---PROOF OF RATE---			
<u>NEW ASSESSED VALUATION</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
State Education Tax	\$387,581,060	5.14	1,991,627
All Other Taxes	388,508,060	4.44	1,725,516

			\$3,717,143

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

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

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

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, at June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position of its proprietary and non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

R. R. Bergeron
August 29, 2003

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003**

	<u>6/30/2002</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>		
Cash & Equivalents	\$758,721	666,750
Taxes Receivable	25,750	0
Tax Liens Receivable	245	4,367
Accounts Receivable	13,353	6,273
Due From Other Funds	20,231	21,234
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TOTAL ASSETS	818,300	698,624
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<u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
Warrants & Accounts Payable	135,480	86,498
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Total Liabilities	135,480	86,498
<u>FUND EQUITY:</u>		
Unreserved Fund Balance	682,820	612,126
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$818,300	698,624
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
TAXES:			
Property Taxes	\$3,554,057	3,552,490	(1,567)
Boat Taxes	6,000	10,385	4,385
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	11,000	11,189	189
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	3,571,057	3,574,064	3,007
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	234,000	246,270	12,270
Building Permits	20,000	24,085	4,085
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500	1,162	(338)
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	255,500	271,517	16,017
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Shared Revenue	15,909	15,909	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	29,131	29,131	0
Highway Block Grant	14,195	15,300	1,105
Water Pollution Subsidy	8,858	8,858	0
Other State Funds	2,700	1,682	(1,018)
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	70,793	70,880	87
Income from Departments	78,950	110,541	31,591
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MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:			
Emergency Management Training	14,412	10,195	(4,217)
Interest on Investments	20,000	20,889	889
Sale and Rental of Property	10,780	13,679	2,899
Fines and Forfeits	1,400	1,798	398
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	5,000	5,399	399
Other Miscellaneous Sources	2,000	2,575	575
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	53,592	54,535	943
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,029,892	4,081,537	51,645

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$46,986	43,681	3,305
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	12,446	14,290	(1,844)
Financial Administration	59,690	54,129	5,561
Revaluation of Property	20,500	19,724	776
Legal Expense	15,800	5,205	10,595
Planning and Zoning	10,908	7,400	3,508
General Government Buildings	7,000	5,632	1,368
Cemeteries	32,037	29,886	2,151
Insurance - Unallocated	200	123	77
Other General Government	10,000	0	10,000
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	215,567	180,070	35,497
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police & Animal Control	218,803	213,307	5,496
Ambulance	15,140	15,140	0
Fire	116,323	83,324	32,999
Emergency Medical Services	19,941	8,930	11,011
Hazardous Materials	900	734	166
Building Inspection	14,601	19,532	(4,931)
Emergency Management	17,227	10,307	6,920
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	402,935	351,274	51,661
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Highways & Streets Maintenance	75,481	57,638	17,843
Street Lighting	8,000	6,182	1,818
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	83,481	63,820	19,661
SANITATION:			
Administration	1,438	1,438	0
Solid Waste Collection	36,000	35,100	900
Solid Waste Disposal	58,250	48,645	9,605
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	95,688	85,183	10,505
HEALTH:			
Pest Control	11,081	10,700	381
Health Agencies & Hospitals	10,000	10,000	0
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	21,081	20,700	381
WELFARE:			
Direct Assistance	15,000	4,528	10,472
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	\$79,710	74,221	5,489
Library	45,950	45,900	50
Recreation/Library Building	17,287	18,028	(741)
Recreation Commission	1,050	985	65
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	143,997	139,134	4,863
CONSERVATION:			
Other Conservation	7,425	4,909	2,516
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DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	72,200	72,200	0
Interest - Long-Term Debt	12,060	12,060	0
Interest - Short-Term Debt	2,000	0	2,000
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	86,260	84,260	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
Transfers To Trust Funds	47,500	47,500	0
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:			
County Taxes	492,067	492,067	0
School District Taxes	627,381	627,381	0
State Education Tax Assessment	2,051,405	2,051,405	0
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	3,170,853	3,170,853	0
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,289,787	4,152,231	137,556
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(259,895)	(70,694)	189,201
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0
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Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses:	(259,895)	(70,694)	189,201
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002	682,820	682,820	0
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Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$422,925	612,126	189,201
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
June 30, 2003

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Investments	\$174,604	3,875	178,479
Accounts Receivable	1,351	3,592	4,943
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Total Current Assets	175,955	7,467	183,422
Property, Plant, & Equipment:			
Equipment	42,603	8,610	51,213
Service Lines and Stations	620,326	1,537,075	2,157,401
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(140,073)	(7,146)	(147,219)
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Total Property, Plant & Equipment	522,856	1,538,539	2,061,395
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TOTAL ASSETS	698,811	1,546,006	2,244,817
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Deposits and Accounts Payable	3,471	6,602	10,073
Due to General Fund	7,082	14,152	21,234
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Total Current Liabilities	10,553	20,754	31,307
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Contributed Capital, net *	470,811	1,258,127	1,728,938
Retained Earnings	217,447	267,125	484,572
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Total Equity	688,258	1,525,252	2,213,510
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TOTAL LIABILITY & EQUITY	\$698,811	1,546,006	2,244,817
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* = Contributed by federal, state, and local governments,
and by developers.

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES &
CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
For fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	\$49,070	83,648	132,718
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Water Purchases	13,470	0	13,470
Sewerage Assessment	0	54,830	54,830
Personnel Services	6,221	11,188	17,409
Non-Personnel Services	2,887	14,274	17,161
Loss On Water Line Disposition	1,953	0	1,953
Depreciation (Note 5)	11,506	976	12,482
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Total Operating Expenses	36,037	81,268	117,305
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Operating Income (Loss)	13,033	2,380	15,413
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Investment Earnings	2,096	65	2,161
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Net Income for the Year	15,129	2,445	17,574
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Retained Earnings, July 1, 2002	202,318	264,680	466,998
Net Income for the Year	15,129	2,445	17,574
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Retained Earnings, June 30, 2003	\$217,447	267,125	484,572
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
For fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

FUNDS PROVIDED:

Net Income for the Year	\$17,574
Add Back Depreciation	12,482

	30,056

Funds Applied to New Equipment, net	(63,365)
Funds Provided by Contributed Capital	2,050

Increase (Decrease) in Working Capital	(\$31,259)
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CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:

Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:	
Cash and Investments	(\$35,092)
Accounts Receivable	(207)

	(35,299)
 Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities:	
Deposits and Accounts Payable	(5,043)
Other Payables	1,003

	(4,040)

Increase (Decrease) in Working Capital	(\$31,259)
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT—ALL FUNDS
For fiscal year ended June 30, 2003

<u>BOND PRINCIPAL</u>									
	Original Issue	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance 6/30/2002	Paid		Balance 6/30/2003	Due 07/01/03- 6/30/2004	Due Subsequently
					07/01/02- 6/30/2003	07/01/03- 6/30/2004			
Sewer System	\$645,000	5.00%	01/15/06	\$88,800	22,200	22,200	66,600	22,200	44,400
Rec/Library Building	750,000	7.62%	01/15/04	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
				\$188,800	72,200	72,200	116,600	72,200	44,400
<u>BOND INTEREST</u>									
	Paid	Due		Due Subsequently					
		07/01/02- 6/30/2003	07/01/03- 6/30/2004						
Sewer System	\$4,440		3,330	3,330					
Rec/Library Building	7,620		3,810	0					
	\$12,060		7,140	3,330					

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

	BALANCE			BALANCE
	<u>6/30/2002</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISBURSED</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
<u>PRINCIPAL:</u>				
Library Funds	\$9,626	0	0	9,626
Marchand Fund	4,782	0	0	4,782
CAPITAL RESERVE:				
Land Cleanup	20,000	0	0	20,000
Town Vehicle & Equip	127,484	47,500	71,435	103,549
New Cemetery	5,566	0	0	5,566
Road Race Funds	17,613	0	0	17,613
Water/Sewer Fund-Depr Fund	287,988	0	2,050	285,938
Cemetery Maintenance	77,622	4,400	0	82,022
SAU 50-Special Educ Fund	0	10,000	0	10,000
Conservation	0	100	0	100
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TOTAL PRINCIPAL	550,681	62,000	73,485	539,196
 <u>INCOME:</u>				
Library Funds	0	512	512	0
Marchand Fund	393	275	0	668
CAPITAL RESERVE:				
Land Cleanup	33,804	2,860	0	36,664
Town Vehicle & Equip	12,179	6,151	0	18,330
New Cemetery	1,488	375	0	1,863
Road Race Funds	415	958	0	1,373
Water/Sewer Fund-Depr Fund	32,515	16,926	0	49,441
Cemetery Maintenance	0	4,360	4,360	0
SAU 50-Special Educ Fund	0	303	0	303
Conservation	0	6	0	6
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TOTAL INCOME	80,794	32,726	4,872	108,648
 TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	 \$631,475	 94,726	 78,357	 647,844
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2003**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

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

A. Basis of Presentation

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

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

B. Basis of Accounting

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

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

C. Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

<u>Market values:</u>	<u>June 30, 2003</u>
General Fund	\$586,779
Enterprise Fund	\$146,238
Trust Funds	\$676,760

2. PURPOSE OF FUND AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

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

A. Governmental Fund Types

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

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

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

B. Enterprise Fund Types

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

C. Fiduciary Fund Types

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

D. Account Groups

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

3. TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds consist of the following:

	Reserved For <u>Endowments</u>	<u>Fund Balances</u> Reserved for Specific <u>Purposes</u>
Cemetery Care	\$82,022	\$ --
Library	9,626	--
Capital Reserve	--	185,971
Great Island Common	4,782	668
Recreational Department	--	18,987
Water/Sewer Funds	--	335,380
Special Education	--	10,303
Conservation	--	105
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	\$96,430	\$551,414
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4. ACCOUNT GROUP NOT INCLUDED IN THIS FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fixed Assets

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

5. ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

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

Depreciation

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

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

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

	---Municipal Portion---	
Gross Appropriations	\$1,255,851	
Less: Revenues	905,610	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763	
Add: Overlay	40,105	
Add: War Service Credits	11,100	

Net Town Appropriation	397,683	
Special Adjustment	0	

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	397,683	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$1.06
	---School Portion---	
Net Local School Budget	1,041,326	
Regional School Apportionment	0	
Less: State Education Taxes	413,945	

Approved School Tax Effort	627,381	
Local Education Tax Rate		1.68
	---State Ed Taxes---	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)= 353,690,535 x 5.80 / 1000	2,051,405	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		5.51
	---County Portion---	
Due to County	492,067	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,379	

Approved County Appropriation Effort	488,688	
County Tax Rate		1.31

Combined Tax Rate		\$9.56

Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,565,157	
Less: War Service Credits	11,100	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	

Total Property Tax Commitment	3,554,057	

---PROOF OF RATE---

<u>NEW ASSESSED VALUATION</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
State Education Tax	5.51	2,051,405
All Other Taxes	4.05	1,513,752

		\$3,565,157

Town of
New Castle, New Hampshire

2005 Budget
and 2004 Warrant

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	WARR ART #	2003-2004		2002-2003 ACTUAL EXP PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS — ENSUING FISCAL YEAR —		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS — ENSUING FISCAL YEAR —	
			APPROPRIATIONS			RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
			PRIOR YEAR						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
4130-4139	EXECUTIVE		48,762		43,682	49,350	49,350		
4140-4149	ELEC., REG., & VITAL STATS		14,060		14,290	17,161	17,161		
4150-4151	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		59,947		54,129	64,572	64,572		
4152	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY		17,000		19,724	25,600	25,600		
4153	LEGAL EXPENSE		13,300		5,205	13,300	13,300		
4155-4159	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		0		0	0	0		
4191-4193	PLANNING & ZONING		9,708		7,400	13,742	13,742		
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG		7,300		5,633	8,000	8,000		
4195	CEMETERIES		13,774		29,886	9,000	9,000		
4196	INSURANCES		200		123	200	200		
4197	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC		0		0	0	0		
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		10,000		0	10,000	10,000		
PUBLIC SAFETY									
4210-4214	POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL		226,806		213,306	242,484	242,484		
4215-4219	AMBULANCE		15,140		15,140	15,140	15,140		
4220-4229	FIRE, EMS & HAZMAT		134,413		92,988	124,856	124,856		
4240-4249	BUILDING INSPECTION		14,585		19,532	20,847	20,847		
4290-4298	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		7,345		10,306	17,201	17,201		
4299	OTHER (INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS)		0		0	0	0		
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER									
4301-4309	AIRPORT OPERATIONS		0		0	0	0		
HIGHWAYS & STREETS									
4311	ADMINISTRATION		0		0	0	0		
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		83,361		57,639	55,488	55,488		
4313	BRIDGES		0		0	0	0		
4316	STREET LIGHTING		7,000		6,182	7,000	7,000		
4319	OTHER		0		0	0	0		
SANITATION									
4321	ADMINISTRATION		1,424		1,438	1,537	1,537		
4323	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION		36,000		35,100	38,000	38,000		
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		58,250		48,645	53,900	53,900		
4325	SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP		0		0	0	0		
4326-4329	SEWAGE COLL. & DISPOSAL & OTHER		0		0	0	0		

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	WARR ART #	3003-2004		2002-2003		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMM APPROPRIATIONS	
			APPROPRIATIONS	PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL EXP	PRIOR YEAR	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	CAPITAL OUTLAY									
4901	LAND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES & EQUIP		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4903	BUILDINGS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BLDGS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT									
4912	TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4913	TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4914	TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS:									
	WATER		47,700	36,037	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800
	SEWER		103,550	81,268	103,800	103,800	103,800	103,800	103,800	103,800
	ELECTRIC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AIRPORT		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4915	TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		47,500	47,500	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
4916	TO EXP TR FUND-EXCEPT #4917		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4917	TO HEALTH MAINT TRUST FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4918	TO NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4919	TO AGENCY FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL 1		1,305,984	1,098,684	1,271,414	1,271,414	0	1,271,414	0	0

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

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

ACCT #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR ART #	2003-2004	2002-2003	EST. REVENUES
			EST. REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	ACT REVENUES PRIOR YEAR	ENUSING FISCAL YEAR
TAXES					
3120	LAND USE CHANGE TAXES		0	0	0
3180	RESIDENT TAXES		0	0	0
3185	TIMBER TAXES		0	0	0
3186	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES		0	0	0
3189	OTHER TAXES - BOAT		6,000	10,385	6,000
3190	INT & PEN ON DEL TAXES		6,000	11,189	8,000
	INVENTORY PENALTIES		3,000	4,304	3,000
3187	EXCAVATION TAX (\$.02 PER CU YD)		0	0	0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		0	0	0
3220	MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS		235,000	246,270	235,000
3230	BUILDING PERMITS		17,800	24,085	24,000
3290	OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		1,100	1,162	1,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	SHARED REVENUE		15,909	15,909	15,900
3352	MEALS & ROOM TAX DISTR		30,026	29,131	29,000
3353	HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT		15,506	15,300	14,000
3354	WATER POLLUTION		8,497	8,858	8,100
3355	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOP		0	0	0
3356	STATE & FED FOREST LAND REIMB		0	0	0
3357	FLOOD CONTROL REIMBURSEMENT		0	0	0
3359	OTHER - INCLUDING RR TAX		0	0	0
	CONSERVATION GRANT		49,000	1,682	15,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		83,700	110,541	85,000
3409	OTHER CHARGES		0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	SALE/MUNICIPAL PROP		0	0	0
3502	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		15,000	20,889	15,000
3503-3509	OTHER		23,200	33,646	26,000
INTERFUND OPER TRANSFERS IN					
3912	FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		0	0	0
3913	FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		0	0	0
3914	ENTERPRISE FUNDS:		0	0	0
	WATER (OFFSET)		0	51,166	47,800
	SEWER (OFFSET)		0	83,713	103,800
	ELECTRIC (OFFSET)		0	0	0
	AIRPORT (OFFSET)		0	0	0
3915	FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		0	0	0
3916	FROM TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	PROC FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES		0	0	500,000
	AMTS VOTED FROM F/B (SURPLUS)		0	0	0
	FUND BALANCE (SURPLUS) TO REDUCE TAX		300,000	300,000	200,000
TOTAL EST REVENUES & CREDITS			809,738	968,230	1,336,600

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 4)	1,305,984	1,271,414	1,271,414
SUBTOTAL 2 SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 5)	0	500,000	500,000
SUBTOTAL 3 INDIVIDUAL WARR ARTICLES RECOMMENDED (FROM PAGE 5)	0	41,236	41,236
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	1,305,984	1,812,650	1,812,650
LESS: AMT OF EST REV & CREDITS (FROM ABOVE)	(809,738)	(1,336,600)	(1,336,600)
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	496,246	476,050	476,050
1 TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	1,812,650		
LESS EXCLUSIONS:			
2 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES			(22,200)
3 INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES			(2,220)
4 CAPITAL OUTLAYS FUNDED FROM L-T BONDS & NOTES			(500,000)
5 TOTAL EXCLUSIONS			(524,420)
6 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSIONS			1,288,230
7 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCREASE (LINE 6 X 10%)	128,823		
MAXIMUM BUDGET IS	1,941,473		

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2004**

**ROCKINGHAM, SS
NEW CASTLE**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, the 11th of May 2004, to act upon Articles I through VI. The business session of the Annual Town Meeting will commence at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles VII through XVI. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before seven o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE I:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following year.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Section 9.3.20 Historic District Ordinance—Appeals

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Castle Historic District Ordinance to Amend Section 9.3.20 to read as follows:

Appeals: Any person or persons jointly or severally aggrieved by a decision of the Historic District Commission shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676:5 and RSA 677:1-14. Appeals must be filed directly with the Zoning Board of Adjustment within thirty (30) days of the date of decision of the HDC without the need for the filing of a motion for rehearing with the HDC.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE III: Zoning Amendment Number 2: Section 9.2.9.3 Wetlands Conservation District—Buffer Provisions

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Castle Zoning Ordinance to Amend Section 9.2.9.3 as follows:

Any proposed building construction or site improvements within 100 feet of the “reference line” (the highest observable tide line as defined in RSA 483-B:4, XVII©) must be approved by the Planning Board. Said approval may be granted only after a review and recommendation by the local Conservation Commission prior to DES Wetlands submittal.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE IV: Zoning Amendment Number 3: Section 9.3.2.8(f) Historic District Ordinance – Code of Conduct

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 3, as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Castle Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 9.3.2.8(f) as follows:

Any member of the New Castle Historic District Commission who may have an apparent, potential or actual conflict of interest with respect to any deliberations or matters before the Commission, shall absent himself or herself from their seat at the Commission’s deliberative table while such matters are being considered or acted upon.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE V: Zoning Amendment Number 4: Redistricting

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Castle Zoning Ordinance as follows:

PART 1:
DELETE THE EXISTING SECTION “3.0 Establishment of Districts” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND: REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING TEXT; UPDATE ALL APPLICABLE REFERENCES TO ZONING DISTRICT NAMES ELSEWHERE IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE; REVISE THE NEW CASTLE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY:

3.0 Establishment of Districts

3.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND DESIGNATION OF DISTRICTS

The Town is hereby divided into areas as shown upon the New Castle Zoning Map, dated May 11, 2004, hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

Such areas shall be designated as: 1. Residential District (R-1); 2. Moderate Density Residential District (R-2); 3. Low Density Residential District (R-

3); 4. Planned Unit Development District (R-4) and 5. Mixed Use District (MU). In addition to these, the following overlay zoning districts are designated: 6. Mobil Home Exclusion District (MHE); 7. Historic Overlay District (HD); 8. Sensitive Areas Overlay District (SA); 9. Telecommunications Overlay District (TEL); 10. Flood Plain Development District (FL); 11. Wetlands Protection District (WET);

The Districts referenced above are defined as follows:

3.1.1 Residential District (R-1): The Residential District includes the central densely settled area of New Castle of primarily residential development. Its purpose is to accommodate and support single and two family residential and permitted accessory uses consistent with the developed village center.

The District is bounded as follows: beginning with and including Goat Island, then easterly to include all land between Portsmouth, Cranfield, Main and Ocean Streets and the Piscataqua River; also including all land bounded between Wentworth Rd., Pit Lane and Cranfield Street; also including land with frontage on the following streets: Portsmouth Avenue, Cranfield Street, Laurel Lane, Grist Mill Lane, Davidson St., Walton Rd., Quarterdeck Lane, Mainmast Circle. Excluded from the Residential District is that land designated as the Mixed Use District as defined in Section 3.1.5.

3.1.2 Moderate Density Residential District (R-2): This district is designated primarily for single and two family residential development but with lower development suitability and development density than the Residential (R-1) District. The District is bounded as follows: All land on the easterly side of Wentworth Road located between the northerly boundary of the Great Island Common and Ocean Street; also land on the westerly side of Wentworth Road located between Pit Lane to the north, the R-1 District to the west and the rear lot lines of the lots located to the southwesterly side of Spring Hill Road.

3.1.3 Low Density Residential District (R-3): This district is designated primarily for single family residential development but with lower development density than other residential districts in order to promote a development density that is more consistent with the predominant development pattern in the lesser developed areas of New Castle, including land in proximity to the Great Island Common and Fort Stark.

The Low Density Residential District (R-3) includes the following areas: All land on the easterly and southeasterly side of Wentworth Road extending from and including the Great Island Common, to the rear lines of lots accessed on the east side of Little Harbor Road. The R-3 District shall also include all land north of Ocean Street on the easterly side of

Wentworth Road. It shall also include all Islands within the municipal boundaries except Goat Island, Campbell's Island and Duck's Head Island.

3.1.4 Planned Development District (R-4): This District is intended to permit a variety of uses consistent with and permitted by the defined development plan for this area, including clustered residential and resort/hotel uses as approved by the Town. The Planned Development District shall include the following area: all land on both sides of Wentworth Road between the Rye Town line to the west, and to the R-2 and R-3 District boundaries on the east.

3.1.5 Mixed Use District: (MU) The Mixed Use District is principally a residential district, with certain non-residential uses permitted by special exception. The purpose is to allow traditional village commercial and retail uses such as stores, shops and offices where such uses are of limited scale and are compatible with surrounding residential uses.

The Commercial District is bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point at the center of the intersection of the public highways now known as Cranfield Street and Main Street and thence running North along the center of said Cranfield Street 100 feet to a point; thence turning and running Easterly on a line 100 feet Northerly from Main Street and parallel therewith to and through Atkinson Street to the center of Walbach Street; thence turning and running Southerly 100 feet to the center of said Main Street and continuing 100 feet to a point 100 feet Southerly from the center of said Main Street; thence turning and running Westerly on a line 100 feet from and parallel with the center line of said Main Street to the center line of Cranfield Street, (excepting the present Church properties which shall be designated as residential); thence turning and running Northerly along the center line of said Cranfield Street 100 feet to the point of beginning.

3.1.6 Manufactured Housing Exclusion District (MHE): is the area within the Residential District where manufactured housing is prohibited. The District is defined as follows: extending along both sides of Route 1B from the causeway to the intersection of Main Street and Wentworth Road. The area shall be one lot deep on the south side of Route 1B and shall extend to the Piscataqua River on the north side. (See Section 9.4)

3.1.7 Historic Overlay District (HD): The Historic Overlay District is intended to preserve and protect the buildings and the historic architectural landscape of the historical village center of New Castle. See Section 9.3 for the District boundary definition and related regulations.

3.1.8 Sensitive Areas Overlay District (SA): The Sensitive Areas Overlay District consists of several unique, sensitive properties under the control of governmental entities and which have special historic,

environmental, economic and recreational value to the citizens of the Town of New Castle and the State of New Hampshire. The District is intended to establish attendant use restrictions that encourage the retention of these areas as public parks and recreation areas and limit any potential development to a scale and density consistent with the existing character of use of those properties.

The District shall encompass the following areas: Great Island Common; Fort Stark; the U.S. Coast Guard Facility, including Battery Farnsworth and Fort Constitution and all other land north of Ocean Street on the easterly side of Wentworth Road. It shall also include all Islands within the municipal boundaries except Goat Island, Campbell's Island and Duck's Head Island. (See Section 9.6)

3.1.9 Telecommunications Overlay District (TEL): The Telecommunications Overlay District is established to preserve the authority of the Town of New Castle to regulate and provide for reasonable opportunity for siting telecommunications facilities, and reduce adverse impacts that the siting of such facilities may create.

The District consists of all town owned land within the Town of New Castle except that which is within the New Castle Historic District. (See Section 9.5)

3.1.10 Flood Plain Development District (FP): is defined as the areas subject to flooding and overlays all other districts. The intent is to forbid new construction which would result in a danger to life, or an unreasonable danger to property in the event of flooding whether induced by hurricane or otherwise.

The District consists of those areas so designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its "Flood Insurance Study for the Town of New Castle, N.H." together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary and Floodway maps of the Town of New Castle, N.H., Rockingham County, Community Panel Number 3301350001B and dated August 5, 1986 which are declared to be a part of this Ordinance. (See Section 9.1)

3.1.11 Wetlands Conservation District (WC): the Wetlands Conservation District is designated to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the community by controlling and guiding the use of land areas defined as wetlands.

The District is defined by the existence of jurisdictional wetlands as defined by RSA 482-A and NH Code of Administrative Rules Wt Section 101.

Wetlands include all areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands include, but are not limited to, swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas. (See Section 9.2)

3.2 ZONING MAP

3.2.1 Establishment. Except as noted below, the districts herein defined are located and bounded as is shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of New Castle, dated May 11, 2004, and available for inspection at the Town Hall. A facsimile of the New Castle Zoning Map is provided on the following page of this Ordinance.

3.2.2 Condition-defined Overlay Districts: The boundaries of the Flood Plain Development District, Wetlands Conservation District and Telecommunications Overlay District are defined by the existence of certain conditions determined by site specific mapping and are not depicted on the Zoning Map. See their respective sections in Section 9.0 of this ordinance for further definition.

3.2.3 Interpretation. Where uncertainty exists with respect to the boundaries of a district, the following rules will apply in all districts except the Flood plain Development and Wetlands Conservation Districts:

1. Where a boundary apparently follows a property line, it shall be interpreted as such;
2. Where a boundary line is shown following a street or utility, the boundary shall be interpreted as the centerline thereof, unless otherwise indicated;
3. Where a district boundary line divides a lot, either zoning district shall be interpreted as extending fifty (50) feet into the adjacent district;
4. In cases of uncertainty about a district boundary, and where not otherwise provided for, the Planning Board shall determine the exact boundary.

3.3 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

(Deleted; content combined with Section 3.1)

PART 2:

DELETE THE EXISTING SECTION “4.1 PERMITTED USES” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

4.0 District Regulations

4.1 Permitted Uses

4.1.1 General

The following conditions shall apply to uses in all Districts:

1. **Use:** No building shall be erected, reconstructed or structurally altered nor shall any building or land be used for any purpose other than is permitted in the District in which such building or land is located. Any use not specifically allowed as a permitted use, or as a use permitted by special exception, is prohibited.
2. **Principal Building:** There shall be no more than one (1) principal building on one (1) lot unless expressly permitted by other provisions of this Ordinance.
3. **Federal and State Lands:** The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply and be effective over any area owned by the United States Government or State of New Hampshire in the event that such land is relinquished by the United States Government or State of New Hampshire and transferred by sale or lease or easement to another public body or to a private entity.

4.1.2 Residential District (R-1)

Permitted Uses

1. Single and two (2) family dwelling structures;
2. Manufactured housing as defined in Section 2.3 except in the manufactured housing Exclusion Zone as defined in Section 3.1.6.
3. Garages, workshops, toolsheds, greenhouses and other accessory uses that are customary incidental uses to the principal permitted use provided they are not used for commercial or industrial purposes.
4. Farming or gardening or other agricultural uses, provided that the particular use is not injurious, noxious or objectionable to others residing in the same neighborhood;
5. Churches, schools, parks, playgrounds and open land.
6. Parking of not more than one trailer or camper, owned and used by the occupant of a dwelling for recreational purposes. None shall be occupied without first obtaining a permit from the Selectmen.
7. Customary home occupations as provided in Section 6.2 of this Ordinance.

Prohibited Uses

1. Junk yards and scrap metal establishments;
2. Trailer camps, overnight cabins, hotels, motels, rooming and boarding houses, public bathhouses, public dance halls, roller skating rinks, bowling alleys, arcades, moving picture theaters, clubs, societies, gambling facilities or other places likely to cause the congregation of a large number of people except for an ecclesiastical or educational purpose;

3. Public garages, automobile repair shops, truck terminals, gasoline stations, animal kennels other than ones for domestic use, animal shelters or hospitals, livery stables, commercial canneries, rendering plants, abattoir or other businesses or occupations, the general nature of which are noisy, odoriferous, or likely to cause vibrations, fumes, smoke or be otherwise objectionable;
4. Outdoor advertising signs or billboards not connected with a local town business. All outdoor advertising signs not on the premises advertised and all neon and/or flashing signs are prohibited.
5. Buildings, structures, and other devices that exist to restrict access to public or private rights of way, including but not limited to, Gate Houses and automatic or manually operated access control gates.

4.1.3 Moderate Density Residential District (R-2):

Permitted Uses

1. All uses permitted in the Residential District.

Prohibited Uses

1. All uses prohibited in the Residential District shall be prohibited in the Moderate Density Residential District.

4.1.4 Low Density Residential District (R-3):

Permitted Uses

1. All uses permitted in the Residential District except two (2) family dwelling structures.

Prohibited Uses

1. All uses prohibited in the Residential District shall be prohibited in the Low Density Residential District.

4.1.5 Planned Development District (R-4)

Permitted Uses

1. Land in this District may be used as permitted in the Residential District, except that east of Wentworth Road residential structures of two units or more are prohibited, except as provided for in Section 6.1.1 - Special Regulations for the Planned Development District.
2. The provisions of Section 6.1.1 shall govern permitted uses for non-residential development proposals over 7 acres, and for developments previously approved under that Section.

Prohibited Uses

1. Land uses prohibited in this District shall be those prohibited in the Residential District, except as otherwise permitted by Section 6.1.1.

4.1.6 Mixed Use District (MU)

Permitted Uses

1. All uses permitted in the Residential District, including all applicable restrictions;

Uses Permitted by Special Exception

1. Retail stores and shops, professional offices and professional services, which are otherwise compatible with the predominant residential character of the District, provided that such use does not occupy more than 1000 square feet in gross floor area of building space per lot. Determination of residential compatibility shall consider at least the following criteria: parking, traffic and congestion, lighting, noise, odor, smoke, architectural design and operating hours.
2. Bed and Breakfast establishments.
3. Building(s) with more than one principal use per lot.

Prohibited Uses

1. Scrap metal yards, salvage yards or junk yards;
2. Trailer camps, overnight cabins, rooming and boarding houses, bowling alleys, public dance halls, arcades, roller skating rinks, or gambling facilities;
3. The sale or dispensing of beer, wine or liquor to be consumed on the premises.
4. Hotels, motels.

PART 3:

DELETE THE EXISTING SECTION “4.2.1 Applicability of Density and Dimensional Regulations, Table 1 - Density and Dimensional Regulations” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH A NEW TABLE 1 (ATTACHED)

PART 4:

ESTABLISH NEW OVERLAY DISTRICT “9.6 SENSITIVE AREAS OVERLAY DISTRICT” AS FOLLOWS:

9.6 SENSITIVE AREAS OVERLAY DISTRICT

9.6.1 Designation of District: the “Sensitive Areas Overlay District” shall encompass the following areas (see accompanying map): Great Island Common; Fort Stark; the U.S. Coast Guard Facility, including Battery Farnsworth and Fort Constitution and all other land north of Ocean Street on the easterly side of Wentworth Road. It shall also include all Islands within the municipal boundaries except Goat Island, Campbell’s Island and Duck’s Head Island.

9.6.2 Purpose: New Castle is fortunate to have a number of unique, sensitive properties under the control of governmental entities. These properties have special historic, environmental, economic and recreational value to the citizens of New Castle and the State of New Hampshire. The purposes of this district are, therefore:

1. To establish a zoning district and attendant use restrictions that encourage the retention of these areas as public parks and recreation areas and limit any potential development to a scale and density consistent with the existing character of these areas.
2. To ensure that special care is taken to protect these sensitive areas in the event that any of the properties are transferred by sale or lease or easement to another public body or to a private entity.

9.6.3 Permitted uses: Land in this district is subject to all restrictions in the R-3 Low Density Residential District in which they are located but, in addition, are further limited by the terms of this District. The uses permitted in this District shall be limited to single family homes, public parks and playgrounds, including picnic facilities, athletic fields and outdoor ice skating rinks not involving the erection of permanent structures, trails, or interpretive signs. Structures for housing interpretive exhibits related to the inherent historical, cultural or natural features of the site are permitted by special exception.

9.6.4 Density and Dimensional Standards: Density and Dimensional Standards for this district shall be as indicated in Table 1 “Density and Dimensional Regulation, Town of New Castle Zoning Ordinance”

PART 5:

REVISE EXISTING SECTION 7.1.4 TO CLARIFY APPLICABILITY OF LOT SIZE CHANGES ON LEGAL LOTS OF RECORD AND RECODIFY SECTION AS 7.2 IN TWO PARTS; RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS AS REQUIRED:

7.2 GENERAL

7.2.1 Any lot, building, structure or use, enjoying a nonconforming status under Section 7.0, initially adopted March 6, 1973, will not be affected. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to restrict the sale or lease of any such nonconforming lot, building, structure or use by the new owner or lessee.

7.2.2 Any legal lot of record shall not be deemed unbuildable because it does not meet the minimum lot requirements of the ordinance so long as the lot has frontage on a Class V or better highway or a private street approved by the Planning Board and can meet lot requirements regarding sewage and water supply.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE VI: Zoning Amendment Number 5 - Modify HDC

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 5, as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Castle Zoning Ordinance as follows:

MODIFY THE EXISTING BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY, SECTION 9.3.1.2, AS FOLLOWS: (text added shown in bold and underlined)

2. Verbal Boundary Description: New Castle Historic District

The New Castle Historic District boundaries are defined on Maps of the Tax Assessors of the Town of New Castle. The Boundary of the district is described as follows: Beginning at the point where Portsmouth Avenue enters Great Island from the west at the town cemetery, and extending easterly to the intersection with Oliver Street, one lot deep along the southerly side of that avenue and to the Piscataqua River on the northerly side of that avenue. Thence extending northeasterly along Oliver Street including both sides of the street to the intersection with Cape and River Roads. Thence extending southeasterly along River Road to its intersection with Cranfield Street one lot deep along the southwesterly side. Thence extending in two directions: first, southwesterly along Cranfield Street to the intersection with Neals Lane, one lot deep on the southeasterly side of the street and to the Piscataqua River on the northwesterly side; second, northeasterly along Cranfield Street to the intersection with Main Street and thence easterly along both sides of Main Street to the intersection with Wentworth Road, **thence easterly along Ocean Street**, one lot deep on the southeasterly side of Cranfield Street and southerly side of Main Street and to the Piscataqua River on the northwesterly side of Cranfield Street and northerly side of Main Street **and Ocean Street**.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE VII: Bond For Land Acquisition

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

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

The passage of this Article requires a 2/3 vote
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

BALLOT VOTE

ARTICLE VIII:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 154:5 to appoint a fire chief for an indefinite term and to raise and appropriate \$52,343 for salary and benefits to fund the position of a full time Fire Chief for the next year. Note that \$11,107 of this amount will be offset by savings/reductions in the Fire Department budget.

(Recommended by the Selectmen)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

BALLOT VOTE

ARTICLE IX:

Are you in favor of amending the 1994 Warrant Article XVIII which was voted and approved at the 1994 Town Meeting by removing the words "in the Town of New Castle" to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Water and Sewer Department Depreciation Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of holding funds for the

maintenance, repair and replacement of Water and Sewer Department Facilities and further to name the Public Works Board as agents to expend from this fund.

ARTICLE X: Veterans Article (RSA 72:28)

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 for an optional tax credit on taxes due on residential property for a veteran? The optional veteran tax credit will be \$300, rather than \$100.

ARTICLE XI: Disabled Veterans Article (RSA 72:35)

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:35, for an optional tax credit on taxes due on residential property for a service connected total disability? The optional disability tax credit will be \$2,000, rather than \$1,400.

ARTICLE XII: Surviving Spouse Article (RSA 72:29-a)

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a for the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United State or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the US in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28, to receive an optional tax credit in the amount of \$2,000 for the taxes due upon the surviving spouse's real and personal property, whether residential or not, in the same municipality where the surviving spouse is a resident?

ARTICLE XIII:

On the petition of Clinton Springer and 25 other legal voters of New Castle to see if the Town will vote to hold the Annual Town Meeting Business portion at a time designated by the Board of Selectmen on the regular day for the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV:

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

ARTICLE XV:

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

ARTICLE XVI:

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

Given under our hand and seal this 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Four. A true copy of warrant – attest

Robert W. Beecher, Chairman
Peter Gamester
Charles A. Tarbell
Board of Selectmen

TABLE 1
DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATION
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE ZONING ORDINANCE

DENSITY/DIMENSION	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1)	MOD.DENSITY RES. DISTRICT (R-2)	LOW DENSITY RES. DISTRICT (R-3)	SENSITIVE AREAS OVERLAY (SA)	MIXED USE DISTRICT (MU)	PLANNED DEVEL. DIST. (West of Wentworth Rd.)	PLANNED DEVEL. DIST. (East of Wentworth Rd.)	PLANNED DEVEL. DIST. Special Regulations (Section 6.1)
Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling Unit [*'sf' = square feet]	20,000 sf	43,560 sf	87,120 sf	87,120 sf	20,000 sf	20,000 sf for non-clustered residential units;	43,560 sf for non-clustered residential units;	20,000 sf per dwelling unit; 5,000 sf per 500 sf hotel/ apartment unit; 10 acres min. parcel size for non-resid. development
Frontage	100 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.	NA	100 ft.	100 ft.	200 ft. for planned development
Building Setback -Front or Street -Side -Rear	20 ft. 10 ft. 10 ft.	20 ft. 10 ft. 10 ft.	40 ft. 20 ft. 20 ft.	40 ft. 20 ft. 20 ft.	20 ft. 10 ft. 10 ft.	20 ft. 10 ft. 10 ft.	20 ft. 10 ft. 10 ft.	<i>Single Family and Duplex Setbacks:</i> - 20 ft. from street - 20 ft. from another structure - 10 ft. from lot line/ <i>Multifamily Unit Setbacks:</i> - 15 ft. from interior lot line; - 500 ft. buffer to other resid. dist. - 300 ft. buffer to preexisting residential units;
Minimum Lot Depth	NA	NA	NA	150 ft.	100 ft. if two-family resid.	NA	NA	NA
Min. Ground Floor Area (per Unit) -One Fam., 1 Story -One Fam., 2 Story -Two Fam., 1 Story -Two Fam., 2 Story -Commercial Bldg.	900 sf 720 sf 720 sf 500 sf NA	900 sf 720 sf 720 sf 500 sf NA	900 sf 720 sf 720 sf 500 sf NA	900 sf 720 sf 720 sf 500 sf NA	NA NA NA 500 sf	900 sf 720 sf 720 sf 500 sf NA	900 sf 720 sf 720 sf 500 sf NA	NA NA
Max. Building Height	2 1/2 stories above grade, not to exceed 35 ft.	same as RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	same as RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	same as RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	same as RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	same as RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	same as RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	45 feet - 3 1/2 stories

TABLE 1: DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, NEW CASTLE N.H.

DENSITY/DIMENSION	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1)	MID-DENSITY RES. DISTRICT (R-2)	LOW DENSITY RES. DISTRICT (R-3)	SENSITIVE AREAS OVERLAY (SA)	MIXED USE DISTRICT (MU)	PLANNED DEVEL. DIST. (West of Wentworth Rd.	PLANNED DEVEL. DIST. (East of Wentworth Rd.)	PLANNED DEVEL. DIST. Special Regulations (Section 6.1)
Minimum Roof Pitch (for principal bldg on lot)	1:3 (see Section 4.2.2.5)	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
Max. Lot Coverage Lot Size:	1:3 (see Section 4.2.2.5) <3500sf; 30%; 3500-9000sf: 1050 square feet or 25% of lot size, whichever is greater; >9000sf: 2250 square feet or 20% of lot size, whichever is greater	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
Max. Living Area per Dwelling	1st: 4000sf of lot 2nd: 50% of lot area lot area above 4000sf: - 25% of area	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
Max. Units per Building	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	4
Max. Non-residential Floor Area	25%	25%	25%	25%	100%	25%	25%	15% of total hotel floor area
Minimum Street Width -ROW -Paved Surface	30 ft. 20 ft.	30 ft. 20 ft.	30 ft. 20 ft.	30 ft. 20 ft.	30 ft. 20 ft.	30 ft. 20 ft.	30 ft. 20 ft.	30 ft. 20 ft.
Min. Parking Spaces per Residential Unit	2	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	SAME AS RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
Max. Poorly Drained Soil portion of Min. Lot Size	25%	25%	35%	35%	25%	25%	25%	25%

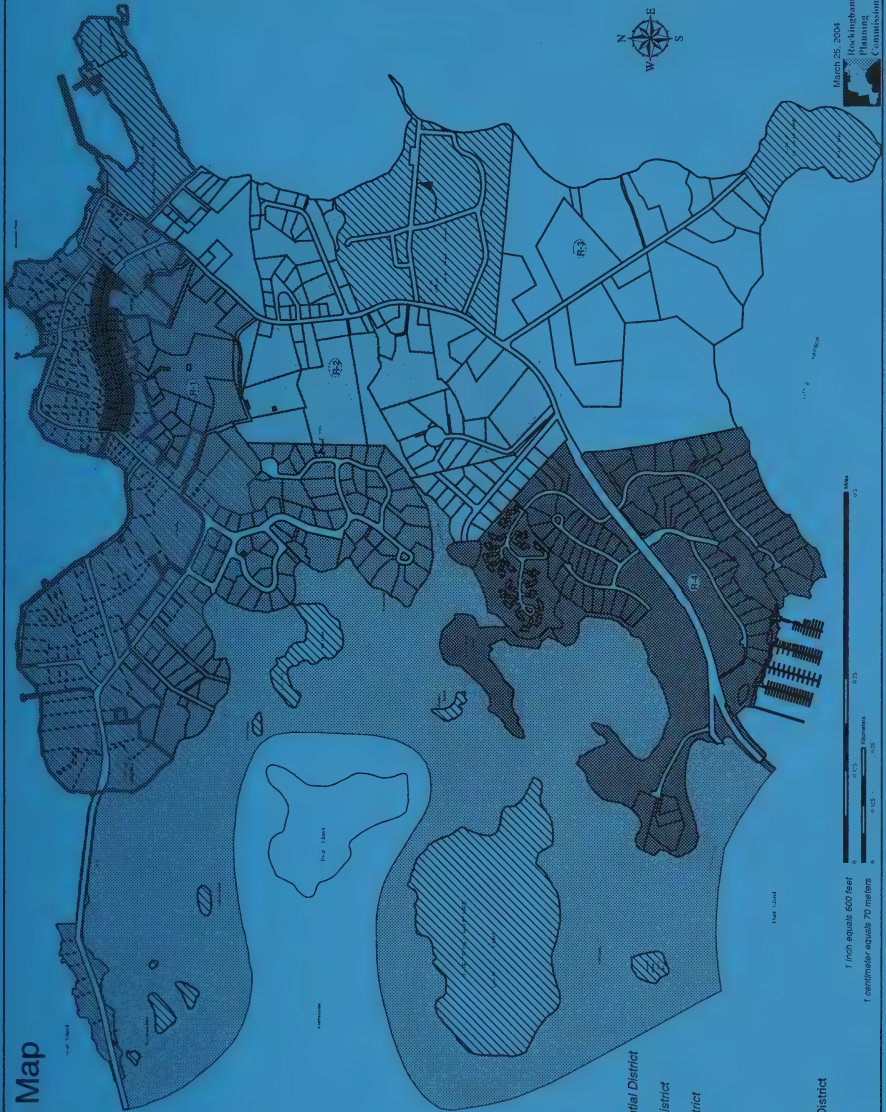
FOOTNOTES:

* refers to the average density of dwelling units per acre; the size of a clustered building lot may be smaller (see Section 6.1.5)
 ** refers to building lot line which may be created, but must be planned for, within a residential cluster development (see Section 6.1.a.2)
 "NA" = not specified or not applicable, "sf" = square feet (see Sections 4.2 and 6.1 for additional explanation)


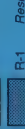
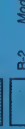
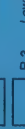
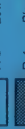

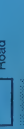
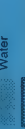
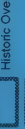

Proposed Zoning Map

With Overlay Districts

Town of New Castle
New Hampshire



Proposed Zoning Districts

-  Mixed Use
-  R-1 Residential District
-  R-2 Moderate Density Residential District
-  R-3 Low Density Residential District
-  R-4 Planned Development District
-  Road
-  Water
-  Historic Overlay District
-  Manufactured Housing Exclusion District
-  Sensitive Areas Overlay District

1 inch equals 600 feet
1 centimeter equals 70 meters



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

	LEVY FOR 2003	PRIOR YEAR LEVIES	
		2002	2001
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 06/30/02:</u>			
Property Taxes		\$25,750	0
<u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$3,558,365		
<u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u>			
Property Taxes	2,764	126	
Abatements by Check	0		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	4,588	2,297	
TOTAL DEBITS	3,565,717	28,173	0
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>			
Property Taxes	3,556,797	25,750	
Interest	4,588	2,297	
Overpayments	2,764	126	
Conversion to Elderly Lien		0	
<u>ABATEMENTS:</u>			
Abatements	1,568		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/03	0		
TOTAL CREDITS	3,565,717	28,173	0
	2003	2002	2001
<u>UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/02</u>	0	0	245
<u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u>			
Property Taxes	3,826	296	
Interest & Costs			0
TOTAL DEBITS	3,826	296	245
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>			
Redemptions			0
Interest & Costs			0
UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/03	3,826	296	245
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,826	296	245

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK
 For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$245,258
Marriage Licenses	135
Vital Records	116
All Other Sources	893

TOTAL RECEIPTS	246,402
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PAYMENTS REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$246,402
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER
 For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

The following is the balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2003.

GENERAL FUND:	
Checking Account	\$79,671
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	400,390
Bank of New Hampshire Investment Pool	186,389
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
Checking Account	32,242
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	146,237

Respectfully Submitted,
 William B. Marshall, III
 Treasurer

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003**

RECEIPTS:

Town Appropriations	\$45,615
Spec Appropriation - Children's Books	3,000
Designated Gifts	881
Donations	3,219
Vail Irrevocable Trust	9,724
Other	1,746

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$64,185
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Books & Videos	13,100
Children's Books	3,895
Designated Gifts	815
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	30,016
Software, Hardware, & Support	1,877
Operations	4,802
Professional Expenses	45
Other	3,215

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	57,765
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NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	6,420
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CASH ON HAND 6/30/2002	17,234
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CASH ON HAND 6/30/2003	\$23,654
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2003, a report of the town clerk's receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, and the annual compilation of vital records are printed elsewhere in this volume.

As many of you who have been in the office recently know, my Deputy Louis Klotz is no longer with our office and we wish him all the best in his busy retirement schedule. We were so pleased that Barbara Ross was available to serve as Assistant Clerk. She has worked for the town since 1991 as the Accountant and fortunately was able to make available a little time in her schedule.

Another change this past year has been a change in our office hours. Instead of Friday morning, we are now open Thursday from noon to 5:00 p.m. which adds an hour to the schedule and makes it more convenient for certain professions such as teachers and hospital workers who cannot get here in the morning.

Revenues did not show the steady increase that we used to see. This is frustrating as the paper work is much more complicated, especially on leased cars and research extended by the failure to provide necessary information on used vehicles in the publications we rely on so that lines outside our office can be quite long. It can be almost impossible to get an open phone line to the Title Bureau or Registration in Concord! We have developed a system for people to leave their titles and fill out a form and leave it with us and we will call when it is done in a day or two.

Behind the scenes, every inch of space in the Office of the Town Clerk is crammed full. Since I have been here I have been working at it and have had wonderful assistance: Brad and Chuck built a series of new shelves in the vault, Barbara made suggestions that turned one stuffed file drawer into six inches of paperwork and in another six months we will have a workable set of files. Thanks also to the office R.S.V.P. volunteer Rosemary York, new Supervisors Leslie Parker and Roddi Smith, Town Historian Deb Schulte, who will be advising what materials can be moved from the vault to the Historical Society and Pam Cullen who is always willing to share her experience and expertise and Moderator Wayne Semprini.

We would like to acknowledge the advice and assistance of Gene Morrill, Supervisors Jean Woodworth and Ruth Lanham.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy S. Watters
Town Clerk

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

“He who would be free must strike the first blow.”

—Frederick Douglas

“The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest scars of war.”

—Douglas MacArthur

Some times we all fear change and sometimes we welcome it. We at the New Castle Police Department very much welcome it with open arms. The past year has been filled with new beginnings, old friends and a mission to serve the taxpayers of New Castle.

The Police Officers are very lucky to be able to work in our small town. Granted, the crimes are not the ones that make newspaper headlines, but in our jobs, we are able to get to know the people of New Castle on a one-to-one basis which creates an environment of service and respect.

POLICE STATION RENOVATIONS

The police station has had some modest renovations that occurred this past year. In the spirit that “we can do anything with nothing” we did something! A little paint and a new carpet has gone a long way to improve our work environment, and to make the station that citizens would feel at ease in and yes..... be a little proud of. Please stop by and check it out.

COMPUTERS IN CRUISERS

With the help and cooperation of Portsmouth Police, we now have NCIC (National Crime Information Center) which is a data base, that provides motor vehicle information instantly to our officers while they patrol New Castle. This is an unbeatable law enforcement tool, allowing us to check on suspicious persons and vehicles, as well as, allowing us to get updates of criminal activity in the seacoast area. This system not only increases the safety of the officer, but the town as a whole. It least, we will know whom we are dealing with and who is in town.

POLICE/EMTS

The New Castle Police Department is unique in law enforcement as most of the officers are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), and several are currently in training for a higher level of medical skills. We do this as a service to the people of New Castle, as it is our mission to preserve life if we get the opportunity. We supplement the New Castle Fire Department in its mission of service and caring.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Every law enforcement agency in the United States is involved in the mission of Homeland Security. After 9-11, we all knew that life would never be the same and police work followed this path. While New Castle is very small, we are in a special position sitting at the mouth of Portsmouth Harbor. We at the police department have developed a close working relationship with the United States Coast Guard and the New Hampshire State Police as well as the New Hampshire Marine Patrol and the Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT). We share information and work together in a cooperative manner for the common good. I realize this does not happen often in government, but again with the right attitude, we can do anything. Also a new satellite dish has been installed, that links New Castle to the rest of the world if the worst ever happens. This link functions for both police and fire and allows communions and important information to all public safety agencies involved. This happened on a state grant and at no cost to the taxpayers.

SEACOAST EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (SERT)

The New Castle Police Department has been an active supporter of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT). There have been emergency callouts that range from barricaded subjects, hostage situations and alerts at Seabrook. The (SERT) team is the first line defense in case of any terrorist incident of a WMD situation. The good news is, yes, this is New Castle, the bad news is yes IT can happen here, just as it can happen any time any place.

THE WENTWORTH HOTEL AND TRAFFIC

There has been without question an effect on New Castle from the Wentworth Hotel in the form of higher traffic volume. We are not sure if this was a "one time" phenomena, because it was new and there were many people checking out the hotel for the first time. No matter. Speeders and traffic issues are by far the number one complaint received at the police department. We will have to deal with this issue in the future and use education and enforcement as our tools.

THANK YOU

We have fun at our job here in New Castle. God forbid that one had fun at work. It's the people who make the place, and there so many who make this a great place to live and work. We wish to thank Officer Don White who has performed such an outstanding job with the youth of New Castle. Officer White is our person on point with our kids and it's a good fit. Doug Cummings is the longest serving New Castle Town Employee, and has served with integrity and honor for almost nineteen years. It goes to show that loyalty is alive and well in New Castle.

Officer Blanding brings a blend of exuberance and job experience that sets standards for small towns everywhere. Also we wish to thank Brad and Chuck for all their work and cooperation. We all would be lost with out them! Chief Lindsey at the Coast Guard Station is “always ready” and always there for the town. What a great asset he and his crew are to us all. A special thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their support and to Peter Gamester for all the work he puts in as our contact man with the Board. Thank you to the New Castle Fire Department, Chief White, Deputy Chief Roediger, and Lt Golter for keeping our EMS skills current and training with us. And all of you the taxpayers of New Castle thank you.

Here’s to a great summer and a great year.

SYNOPSIS OF POLICE ACTIVITY 2003

Suspicious Activity/Criminal Complaints	244
Medical Assists/Assist FD	77
Total Arrests	44
Alarms	266
Domestic Complaints	22
Mutual Aid Calls	91
Building Residences Checks	2876
Unsecured Buildings/Residences	166
Assist Other Town Agencies	543
Assist Citizens	323

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Murphy
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The town licensed 157 dogs during the 2003 year, which in addition to fines, brought in approximately \$1,170 in revenue to the town. Dog licensing for this year has already started. I'm hoping to achieve 100% compliance this year and avoid having to issue civil forfeitures for unlicensed dogs, so if you haven't already licensed your dog, please do so before April 30th.

This year again, there was only one bird submitted for testing and tested negative for the West Nile Virus in New Castle. Please remember to remove any standing water areas to help prevent the spread of the virus. As a reminder, dogs are not allowed in the commons or beach areas from May 15th to Sept. 15th. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet wherever you travel.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 436-3800, ext. 16 or email me via the web site at www.newcastlenh.org/police/ACO/index_aco.shtml

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Complaints	5	16	5
Barking	1	7	2
Bites	1	2	0
Menace Animal	0	0	0
Nuisance Animal	0	3	0
Running at-large	3	3	3
Vicious Animal	0	1	0
Unspecified	0	0	0
Enforcement Action	13	12	15
Civil Forfeiture	9	5	14
Warnings – Other	4	7	1
Other Corrective Actions	3	4	3
Correction Notices	0	2	3
Warnings - Letters Issued	3	2	0

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

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Cummings
Animal Control Officer

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Over the past year, one of the most frequently asked questions is “What does the Fire Department do?” The following answers that question.

New Castle Volunteer Fire Department Mission Statement

To provide timely and cost effective emergency services for the saving of lives and preservation of property through:

- Prevention
- Education
- Fire Suppression
- Emergency Medical Services
- Rescue
- Hazardous Materials Mitigation
- Natural Disaster Mitigation
- Man-made Disaster Mitigation
- Other Assistance that Benefits the Town of New Castle

Needless to say, the Mission Statement is a live document and changes occur, as does our mission. We usually do not have the luxury to pick and choose what mission we wish to take on. Thirty-four years ago, our primary mission was fire suppression or simply, **“Put Wet Stuff on Red Stuff.”** As our world changes with developments good and bad, so does Fire Department’s mission.

WENTWORTH HOTEL PROJECT

In 2003, we saw the construction and renovation of the Wentworth Hotel complete with the opening in June. The Town has seen this project on and off the table dating back to 1981. Now complete, the Fire Department enters into the operational side of the hotel. During the first seven months of operation, the department responded to the hotel fifteen times for calls such as outside fires, smoke in the building, alarm activation and medical emergencies. We are working closely with hotel management on fire prevention education and inspections. The department has issued eight “Place of Assembly” permits to the hotel. These are venues where fifty or more people may gather for an event or entertainment on the hotel properties.

WENTWORTH MARINA

Each year, the department makes an inspection of the Wentworth Marina. In May 2003, the department spent two days thoroughly inspecting the properties. The department is working closely with marina management and owners to continue a high level repair to provide a safe operating marina. During the summer of 2003, members of the department attended a seminar on marina safety and emergency operations. I can report

that the Wentworth Marina is one of finest marinas on the East Coast paying particular attention to safe operations. The project was done right during the design and construction in 1987.

THE HOSE WAGON

2003 saw the start of refurbishing of our hose wagon. This work includes the purchase of a new 1 ½ ton chassis with the transfer of the body off the 1979 chassis, an enlarged hose reel and new hydraulic system making the truck complaint to current NFPA emergency vehicle requirements. This vehicle has it value on a handful of streets in town with very little water supply for firefighting purposes. The department needs all of its three thousand plus feet of 5 inch diameter hose for the homes with long driveways on Wild Rose Lane. The other significant aspect with the Hose Wagon is mutual aid. Neighboring communities utilize New Castle's Hose Wagon time and again for major fires to move large amounts of water. In turn, New Castle has a need for a ladder truck. The sharing of specialized pieces of equipment such as the Hose Wagon for the use of a ladder truck is good for the mutual aid within the area.

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Each year I have discussed department membership in the Town Report. I cannot emphasize enough the need for volunteers to participate. This department currently has more than fifty percent of its members living outside of town. The in-town members on average are getting older, including myself. The good news is we are recruiting young professionals. This matches the demographics of the area we recruit from. The downside is that many of these people work outside the area and are not available during the weekday for emergency calls. If you're looking for a challenge, self-satisfaction, working with a team and giving back to the community, join the New Castle Fire Department.

We as a community need to realize that combination of the tax dollars and those who volunteer countless hours make this town service ready and available in a time of need. On behalf of New Castle Fire Department, I wish to thank the citizens of New Castle for their continuing support. Please take the time to thank the members of the fire department as I do.

2003 REPORT OF INCIDENTS

In-Town Incidents

Building Fire	4	Fuel Burner / Boiler Malfunction	1
Grass Fire	4	Emergency Medical Aid	53
Severe Weather Stand-by	1	Water Rescue	1
Vehicle Accident	1	Water Problem	1
Flammable Liquid Spill	1	Hazardous Materials Investigation	2
Seabrook Station Standby	1	Good Intent Call	1
Fire Alarm Activation	16	Power Line Down/arcng electrical equipment	1

Mutual Aid Incidents

To Kittery	4
To Greenland	2
To Rye	3

TOTAL ALARMS

97

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. White
Chief of Department

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

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

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

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 3, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carrol	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc.*	67

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	4287
2000	516	149

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. White
Forest Fire Warden

Robert "Bud" Nelson
Chief State Forest Ranger

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2003 was the type of year that you hope for in emergency services. Other than the repeated snowfalls and cold winter temperatures, we escaped the effects of natural calamities. On the national level, there were no major terrorist incidents to report. Despite the relative calm, however, remains the need to be vigilant and prepared.

March 2003 saw a major reorganization in the fight to combat international terrorism with the creation of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This agency resulted from the combination of a number of formerly stand-alone government agencies. Well know agencies such as the Coast Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and a host of others came under the DHS umbrella. While the tasks are daunting, the stakes are even higher. The key to the entire protection plan lies with us. Technology cannot and will never take the place of individual vigilance. When you see something or someone that just doesn't fit or situations that are far from the norm, you must report it to the authorities. You aren't bothering anyone. It is our job. Remember that it really all begins with you.

As in years past, I cannot stress strongly enough that all families need to have their own personal emergency plans in place. What would you do if an emergency situation occurred at home? While on the road? At the beach? This is not meant to provoke any fear or dread but we all know that any situation is handled more easily when there has been some planning accomplished beforehand. You can begin with easy steps – do you have flashlights and spare batteries to handle a power failure at night? There are a variety of locations on the web that provide information on what to procure and how to put a family plan in place. One suggestion is: www.ready.gov

2004 will see an update of the New Castle Emergency Plan as well as the creation of several other specialty plans recommended by the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Management and the federal Office of Domestic Preparedness. As always, we are here to provide for your safety and protection.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl F. Roediger
Emergency Management Director

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

There were a total of 52 Building Permits issued during calendar year 2003 for various improvements, remodeling projects, additions, and 7 new homes.

We continue to encourage homeowners to ensure your contractor has obtained the necessary permits—before—starting work. Please apply well in advance of your planned start date to ensure that your required permissions can navigate through the numerous boards when necessary.

Please ensure that the inspections that are required on the bottom of the Building Permit are all signed before you consider the job complete. You paid for these inspections with the “permit fee.” These various inspections help to ensure that the work was done according to code and in a manner that is safe for the occupants. Obviously, any work that is performed to current codes helps to enhance the potential resale value of your home.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Petlick
Building Official

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

2003 was a very active year.

Applications for minor lot line changes – fencing – construction within the Tidal Buffer Zone – Wentworth parking – review of zoning ordinances – minor subdivision.

Public information meetings and public hearings were held accordingly.

During the past year the Board has studied proposals for certain changes in the Town's Zoning Ordinances and some resulting issues that may arise with change.

Most significant of these proposals is the amendment of present Zoning Districts and the establishment of Zoning Realignment.

Map and summary regarding proposed new Zoning Districts are available at the Town Hall for your review.

The recommended changes will appear on the ballot at the Town Meeting of May 11th, 2004.

I wish to thank the members of the Board, Secretary Anita Colby and the staff at the Town Hall for their support and dedication – many hours – greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert M. D'Antonio
Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The New Castle Zoning Board of Adjustment heard seven cases in 2003.

Four cases asked for variances from the Zoning Ordinance. Four asked for variation from the lot line setbacks; three were granted, one was denied. Two of these cases also asked for variation of the lot coverage provisions; one was approved, the other was denied.

In considering requests for variances, case law has established the criteria the board must consider. This makes our decision on a request very dependent on the characteristics of the property, for instance is it flat or very steep. Also important is the magnitude of the deviation requested from the ordinance, to build say 2' or 9' away from the lot line where 10' is required.

The outcome depends on the facts of that case and local decisions are not precedents for other cases. Each case is an exception. By law the owner's personal situation are not permissible factors in a decision.

There were two Special Exception requests from piers and floats, approved.

There was an Appeal of an Administrative Decision questioning the validity of a decision of the Historic District Commission. The appeal was denied on procedural grounds, allowing the HDC decision to stand.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald A. Moore
Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the residents of New Castle, especially those living in the Historic District: 2003 was a very busy year for your HDC. We held many work sessions and public hearings on projects ranging from new home construction to new front steps and everything in between.

We would like you to know that our mission is to help you with any plans you may have regarding changes you are planning for the exterior of your home, to keep any changes in compliance with the ordinances of the town and ultimately, approve those plans. If you are planning such changes, please feel free to contact me so we may discuss if a work session(s) is appropriate or we can go directly to a public hearing. Remember, we are here to help.

Lastly, we would all like to thank Bruce Smith for his many years of dedicated service and expertise in serving as our chairman from the inception of the HDC. Thank you Bruce.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara S. Becker
Chairman

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

The town's trust funds, totaling \$681,632 at fiscal year end 6/30/03 and \$689,568 at calendar year end 2003, represented the aggregate of permanent endowments, capital reserves and temporary escrows established by town votes and departments, gifts, cemetery lot purchases, and school board reserves. The funds are merged into one pool and the income return allocated proportionately. Each fund has individual conditions for withdrawals of principal or income.

At year end the funds were invested 38% in Federal Agency bonds laddered for maturities and 57% in a bond mutual fund. The individual bonds' yield averaged 5.78% and the bond fund yielded 3.85% for an average of 4.43% Income is disbursed annually to the Library for books, for cemetery maintenance, and for improvements at the Common from Road Race funds. Fire Department and police equipment purchases are disbursed from reserve funds. Income is accumulated in reserves for town capital requirements including sewer and water department needs.

The three Trustees meet as needed for investment decisions or disbursement purposes. The prevailing low interest rates have made it impossible to find attractive individual bond investments. Maturities and calls of individual bonds have resulted in an increase from 36% to 57% in investment in bond mutual funds, and a 1% drop in overall yield.

We would like to express our appreciation for the service of Gerry Sieve, who resigned in January due to a change in residence.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell N. Cox
Gene Doherty
William Cronin

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

All previous planned improvements to Riverside Cemetery have been completed including hot top to the new tool/equipment shed. Cemetery Trustee Bill Lanham is in the process of completing an up-dated plan of the cemetery that will indicate burials that have taken place since the early 50's.

OCEANSIDE CEMETERY

The installation of chain between the existing granite posts has been completed. Water to the 4-yard hydrants, within the cemetery, will be completed this spring as well as the electricity to the new flagpole installed last fall. This spring signs will be installed at the cemetery entrance indicating the time of year the cemetery will be open and or closed and that all activity within the cemetery must be strictly cemetery business.

Cemetery lots are available and have been designed to accommodate traditional, combination of traditional and cremation, and strictly cremation burials. Applications for purchase of cemetery lots are available at Town Hall. The purchase of cemetery lots at Oceanside Cemetery are only available to those individuals who presently reside in New Castle as permanent residents, and such right shall include his/her immediate family, and such right is extended to those who previously resided/lived in the Town of New Castle for at least ten (10) consecutive years.

Respectfully submitted,
David Merrill, Chairman
William Lanham
Albert D'Antonio

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Last year the Trustees set a goal of expanding the hours that the Library is open to the public. As many of you know, this goal came to fruition. On July 5, 2004, the Library began operating on Saturday's from 9-1. Gene Fox, our Librarian, reports that the Town has responded quite favorably and enthusiastically to this new time slot. There are many members of our community who are unable to take advantage of the Library during the week on account of their work schedules. Likewise, the Saturday hours appear to be appealing to families with younger children. The Library is presently open Tuesday 1-7, Wednesday 1-5, Thursday 9-3, Friday 1-5, & Saturday 9-1. Ultimately, the Trustees would like to see the hours of operation of the Library expanded even more.

Recently, Sam Asano, New Castle resident and President of Cablynx, Inc. out of Woburn Massachusetts, installed a WI-FI system at the Library (wireless internet service). This service is free of charge to residents of the Town of New Castle. Feel free to bring your WI-FI enabled lap top computers to the Library. All one needs to do to access the system is to request one of the daily passwords issued by the Library.

As a reminder, the Library has museum passes that may be checked out. At this time the Library maintains passes for the Courier Art Gallery in Manchester and the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne State Park in Rye, NH.

Gene Fox has been diligently expanding the Library's book collection, including books on tapes and CD's. The video library is growing as well. As usual, input from residents as to future acquisitions is always appreciated. Gene is exploring the possibility of developing a web site for the Library. Such a project is significant, but would offer an invaluable service to the Town. One of the components of the web site could include accessing a list of the Library's collection on line. Links to other Library related resources will be considered as well.

The Trustees meet in the Macomber Room at the Library every third Tuesday of the month. The meetings commence at 4:15 PM and typically last one hour. Any resident of New Castle is welcome to attend such meetings to offer ideas and suggestions on improving the delivery of library services to the Town and its residents.

Please keep an eye out for special events, which the Library sponsors from time to time. Such events have included poetry readings and lectures. These events are typically advertised in the local papers and on the sandwich board at the entrance to the Commons.

Finally, it must be noted that the smooth and successful operation of the Library would not be possible without the services of the Library's numerous and devoted volunteers. The volunteers are an integral component to the continuing success of the Library. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Library Trustees

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission's most important job is to be the guardian of the town's natural resources. Statistics show that rapid growth in New Hampshire has already drawn heavily on the state's natural resources. The state's future resource base is largely dependent on land use decisions made at the local level.

With this in mind, the Conservation Commission has established two ad hoc committees. These committees fall under the jurisdiction of both the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen. Data compiled by these committees will provide useful information for the town's future land use discussions.

In September, the first subcommittee was established to work with the Seacoast Land Trust (SLT) to establish a set of criteria which can be used to rank the natural resources of the island. These criteria will then be used to produce geographic information system (GIS) maps showing the co-occurrence of important resource features.

The second subcommittee is working with UNH to compile a state-mandated natural resource inventory (NRI) for New Castle. The NRI will help identify and conserve natural features such as woodlands, wetlands, scenic views and wildlife habitat, as well as historic sites, thereby encouraging the incorporation of these resources into every level of town planning. These features, along with others, including soils, topography, government and conserved lands, will be part of the Commission's NRI/GIS mapping projects to be completed this year.

GIS has come into common use within the last ten years. It is a computer based tool that aids in the management, analysis and display of geographic information. Digital maps showing features of interest can be produced from GIS data. In the first round of the NRI mapping project, the Commission has produced two digitized aerial photos of the island to be displayed in Town Hall and the Library.

Working with grant money from the NH Estuaries Project, preparation for the restoration of Bull Toad Pond area continues. Sites where debris and fill were discovered have been flagged by Commission members so that scientists from the NH Coastal Program can assess these areas for cleanup efforts. The first phase of controlling invasive and noxious plant species around the pond began during the summer of 2003. A portion of the area was sprayed and, after observation and assessment of the area during the next growing season, the second phase will be determined. Replanting of the dune grass, further spraying, mowing, and long-term monitoring are all planned for the restoration process.

The Commission continues to spearhead efforts to recycle green waste for the town's compost pile. The organic amendments which result from this composting process are used by the Department of Public Works to fertilize town plantings.

There have been twelve wetlands applications brought before the Commission this year. The applications have been for residential or dock construction along protected shore lands and/or wetlands. In other actions, several wetlands violators have been cited by the NH Department of Environmental Services. The Commission continues to work closely with the DES.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hume, Chairperson

TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

This will be my nineteenth and final report to you as Town Historian. I am please, however, that the position will continue in the capable hands of Deborah Schulte, a native daughter of New Castle.

The work dates back to the early 1970's when many of the old town records were retrieved from storage in a remote corner of the town hall. At that time the selectmen established what became known as the Archives & Records Committee to restore and preserve this priceless heritage of the town. The late Janet Macomber was appointed town historian, and with the help of volunteers the records were restored and arranged in the vault at the town hall.

With the exception of two short periods in the 19th century, the collection includes all records of the town clerk dating back to 1693. In addition there are many records of other town officials. Some are bound, while others are loosely arranged.

Over the years other items of social and historic value have been added, with the result that the vault is unable to contain them all. The latter have been moved to a storage room on the second floor.

It is my hope that items not part of the official records of the town, or not required by law to be retained by the town, may be turned over to the recently formed New Castle Historical Society as soon as they have proper facilities for their maintenance and preservation.

It is my recommendation that a committee be appointed to prepare an inventory of all records and items presently held, including those on the second floor.

State law and regulations require that certain records be retained by the town; disposition of others is at the discretion of town officials. Regulations for records disposition are on file with the town historian and town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Morrill
Town Historian

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Last year was an interesting one for the skating rink. One of the snowiest winters in a long time, challenged our volunteers right to the end. Despite the challenges, there was plenty of skating for all. We want to thank all our volunteers, and in particular Chet Fessenden, for all of their dedication and hard work.

The Easter Egg Hunt in the spring drew over 100 children, who were thrilled to run around the common and gather candy filled eggs. Each child also received a special gift. Our special thanks go out to Pamela Stearns for helping to coordinate the activities, and the Fire Department, which once again provided transportation throughout town, for the Easter Bunny.

Halloween proved to be full of Tricks and Treats! Over 100 brave soles had enough courage to enter a haunted Town Hall to collect a bag full of treats. Our thanks go out to Rachel Schwartz and friends who provided just the right amount of fright for all the children.

Much of our effort in 2003 went into conducting the Tenth Annual Great Island road race. 1000 people registered for the race including over 60 hearty New Castle residents who ran or walked the 5K course. The race generated close to \$8,000, which will be put toward building a new playground at MHT Elementary School. Once again, the Kids Fun Runs were the highlight of the day for many, as over 250 kids from 1 - 12 years of age, took part. In appreciation for all of the great Fun Run artwork created by the kids at MHT, over 50 students were able to participate in the Fun Runs free of charge. Once again we are thankful for all of you who were an integral part of the race through baking food, making a personal donation, and/or volunteering your time and resources. We would also like to thank the Police and Fire Departments for all of their effort to ensure the safety of all who participated. Please be sure to join us on October 10th for this year's race!

For many years, New Castle residents have been welcomed into Rye Recreation programs. This year we have formalized our agreement with the town of Rye. Rye offers a wide variety of programs for all ages. If you have an interest please contact Rye Recreation (964-6281) to get a full schedule of programs.

A healthy 2004 to all!

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Stearns
Chairman

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST REPORT

There were many changes for the supervisors of the checklist during 2003. The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) resulted in the revision of our state election laws. New procedures for registering voters were implemented. Verification of a resident's age, domicile, and citizenship is required in order to become a registered voter. By 2006, HAVA mandates the establishment of a statewide database of registered voters. Our process for registering voters in New Castle is increasingly guided by computer technology.

There were also changes in supervisors: two new supervisors were appointed to replace two elected supervisors. In October, 2003, Ruth Lanham resigned her position as supervisor of the checklist after nearly 5 ½ years of service. And, sadly, in December, Jean Woodworth passed away following more than 1 ½ years of service. Leslie Parker and Roddi Chambers Smith, who had been volunteering their help to the supervisors during the year, were appointed to fill the shoes of Ruth and Jean. We acknowledge the contributions of Ruth and Jean and are grateful to them for their service.

Some things remained the same in 2003. New residents or first time voters may still register with the town clerk during regular office hours. In addition, voters may register at elections or with the supervisors of the checklist at posted sessions (see the checklist or watch legal notices in the newspaper). Changes to the checklist, such as party affiliation, address, or name, can also be made with the town clerk. Copies of the checklist are posted in the Town Hall and in the post office.

Respectfully submitted,
Rowena Alessi
Leslie Parker
Roddi Chambers Smith

**BIRTHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2003 – DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>BIRTH DATE</u>	<u>BIRTH PLACE</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u> <u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>
Lindsay, William H	05/01/2003	Burlington, VT	Lindsay, William Lindsay, Rachel
Hyer, Kerstin Anne	05/06/2003	Portsmouth, NH	Hyer, Frank Hyer, Kimberly
Pinciario, Sophia A	05/13/2003	Portsmouth, NH	Pinciario, Donald Pinciario, Anne
Barbini, Isabella	06/07/2003	Exeter, NH	Barbini, Denis Barbini, Leslie
Brant, Rhianna M	07/09/2003	Portsmouth, NH	Brant, Kenneth Brant, Kathryn

**DEATHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2003 – DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Sunila, Edward E	04/07/2003	Portsmouth, NH
Rathgeber, Charlotte	04/17/2003	Portsmouth, NH
O'Leary, Joseph A	05/01/2003	Portsmouth, NH
Sheenan, William J	05/03/2003	Rye, NH
Brothwell, Charles R	05/27/2003	New Castle, NH
Staley, Marjorie N	06/24/2003	Portsmouth, NH
Skipper, David A	08/22/2003	Dover, NH
Brink, James A	09/22/2003	Exeter, NH
Elkin, Martin I	09/22/2003	New Castle, NH
Dalla Mura, Elizabeth	10/23/2003	Portsmouth, NH
Woodworth, Jean A	12/17/2003	Hampton, NH

**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2003 – DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>GROOM'S NAME</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Donovan, Michael	Black, Tricia A	05/25/2003	New Castle
Poulin, Steven G	Martin, Wendy K	09/13/2003	New Castle
Horgan, Robert W	Darche, Katharine L	09/20/2003	New Castle
Cullen, Jeffrey W	Pedroni, Gina M	11/01/2003	New Castle

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NEW CASTLE MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Selectmen's Office

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,
Town Office Fax

431-6710

8 to 2pm

433-6198

Town Clerk

Mon., Wed.
Thurs.

431-6710

9 to 1pm

Noon to 5pm

Tax Collector

Wed., Thurs., Fri.

431-6710

8 to 2pm

Library

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

431-6773

1 to 7pm

1 to 5pm

9 to 3pm

1 to 5pm

9 to 1pm

Fire/EMT's – Emergency

Business Line
Fire Fax

911 or 436-2515

436-1132

430-0162

Police – Emergency

Business Line
Police Fax

911 or 436-3113

436-3800

436-7710

Boston Post Cane Recipient

The Board of Selectmen have awarded the
Boston Post Cane to

Frederick White

