



# Town of Grantham NH



## *2001 Annual Town Report*





## TOWN INFORMATION

### **SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

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7:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
CLOSED FRIDAY

### **TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR**

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PO Box 135    34 Dunbar Hill Road  
Monday—Thursday  
8:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
CLOSED FRIDAY

### **ROAD AGENT**

Phone: 863-9156  
34 Dunbar Hill Road

### **POLICE**

Non-Emergency Phone: 863-3232  
Emergency: 911  
PO Box 704    34 Dunbar Hill Road

### **BURN PERMITS**

Fire Warden Kenneth Barton Sr  
Phone: 863-2907

### **FIRE**

Non-Emergency Phone: 863-5710  
Emergency: 911

### **DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY**

Phone: 863-2172  
PO Box 1580    Main Street  
Monday & Wednesday  
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m.—Noon

### **TRANSFER STATION**

1150 Route 114  
Sunday  
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Monday  
8:00 a.m.—Noon  
Wednesday  
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Friday  
10:00 a.m.—Noon  
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Saturday  
8:00 a.m.—Noon

## **SCHOOLS**

### **GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL**

Phone: 863-1681  
75 Learning Drive

### **SAU #75**

Phone: 863-9689  
PO Box 287    Sawyer Brook Plaza

### **LEBANON JR. HIGH SCHOOL**

Phone: 448-3056  
75 Bank Street—Lebanon

### **LEBANON SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

Phone: 448-2055  
195 Hanover Street—Lebanon

## **OTHER**

### **EASTMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Phone: 863-4240

### **VILLAGE DISTRICT**

Phone: 863-6512



*The Board of Selectmen dedicates this 2001 Annual Report to:*

## *B. Joey Holmes*



Photo: Dunbar Free Library Album

Joey is a true Grantham native  
This has always been her home  
Here is where she chose to live  
And never far did she roam.

Her contributions to this town  
Are given from the heart  
Parading dressed as a clown  
A true sport from the start.

Serving as our Town Clerk  
A position once held by her father  
From her home she did the work  
Never seeming like it was a bother.

A life-long contributor at the Dunbar Free  
She's happy helping patrons of any age  
Among the books is where she'll be  
Ready and waiting to turn the page.

Joey, you are one of a kind  
Unique in every way  
Never hesitant to speak your mind  
People listen to what you say.

The flags you place at Veteran's graves  
Show the quality of person you are  
Families silently thank you as the flags wave  
To them you are a shining star.

Always present at functions of the Church  
Busy as a bee, never sitting still  
For a better volunteer you'd have to search  
She'll do what she can while she's able.

*Thank you, Joey, for taking pride in your town;  
To you, we dedicate these pages*



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*Special thank you to all the departments within Grantham for  
their timely reports, comments and input*



On the Cover

*The new Highway  
Department truck*



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## TOWN FEES

Regulations & Ordinances: Building Codes, Site Plan Review, Zoning Ordinance, Current Use Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, 1993 Master Plan

Non-Residents	\$5.00
Residents	No fee
*Add \$2.00 to cover mailing costs.	

Property Information: Tax payer information. Written request with applicable payment is required.

Grantham & Eastman Information	\$50.00
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Mailing labels are available for a fee of \$20.00 and requesting person must provide 3,000 laser quality labels.

Voter Checklist:

Disk or hard copy	\$25.00
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Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Appeal application	\$75.00
Additional fees of \$4.00 per abutter, applicant & owner.	

Planning Board:

Annexation (merger) application	\$50.00
Additional fees of \$4.00 per abutter, applicant & owner.	

Minor Subdivision (up to 3 lots)	\$50.00
Additional fees of \$4.00 per abutter, applicant & owner.	

Major Subdivision (More than 3 lots)	\$50.00
Additional fees of \$4.00 per abutter, applicant & owner.	
Additional fees of \$10.00 for each site over three (3)	

Building Permits:

New Construction of Residential/Commercial Unit	\$25.00
Manufactured Housing/Additions	\$15.00
Barn/Garage/Shed/Deck/Porch/Renovations	\$10.00



## TOWN OFFICERS—YEAR 2001

<b>Moderator</b> Merle Schotanus, 2002	Jeff Figley David Negron Jane Underhill	<b>Road Agent</b> Joseph Newcomb Jeff Hastings, Assistant
<b>Board of Selectmen</b> William Hutchins, 2002 Michael Hayward Sr., 2003 Constance Jones, 2004	<b>Fire Department</b> Robert Seavey, Chief Doug Demers, Deputy Mike Benoit Chris Palermo Bob Guyette Robin Palermo	<b>School Board</b> Dan McClory Howard Beardslee Holly Molinaro Jeff Fisher Don Gobin
<b>Town Administrator</b> Tina Stearns		<b>SAU #75 Superintendent</b> Dr. Gordon Schnare Kelly Cornish, Admin. Asst.
<b>Administrative Assistant</b> Sarah Barton	<b>Fire Warden</b> Kenneth Barton Sr	<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b> Donna Stamper, 2002 Joann Purdy, 2002 Deborah Cheever, 2006
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b> Rita Eigenbrode, 2003 Cynthia Towle, Deputy	<b>Health Officer</b> Dr. Kenneth Kerwin Board of Selectmen	<b>Town Archivist</b> Lea Frey, 2002
<b>Treasurer</b> Christopher Scott, 2002 David Eigenbrode, Deputy	<b>Historical Society</b> Allen Walker Barbara Mutney Conrad Frey Ella Reney	<b>Transfer Station</b> Chris Palermo, Supervisor Phil Currier, Attendant Linda Roberts, Attendant
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b> Warren Kimball, 2002 Dennis Howard, 2003 T. Ed Buckman, 2004	<b>Hogreeves</b> Larry Kirkpatrick & Nancy Parsons	<b>Trustees of Trust Funds</b> Ted Short, 2002 Connie Howard, 2003 Conrad Frey, 2004
<b>Cemetery Sexton</b> Craig Muir	<b>Planning Board</b> Carl Hanson, 2003 Allen Walker, 2002 Patricia Wells, 2004 Robert Barnes, 2004 Mike Hayward Sr., Sel. Rep. Mike Hayward Jr., Clerk	<b>Welfare Official</b> Board of Selectmen
<b>Conservation Commission</b> Carl Hanson, 2002 Richard Hocker, 2003 Jerry Ellsworth, 2003 Mike Holdowsky, 2004 Jessica Jansujwicz, 2004 Andy Eastman, Alt., 2003 Adele Furdyna, Alt., 2004	<b>Police Department</b> Russell Lary, Chief Jerry Whitney, Deputy Chief Glenn Jenkins, Officer Massad Ayoob, Special Walter Madore, Special Robert Schwartz, Special Todd Lique, Special Teresa Curtis, Secretary	<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b> Conrad Frey, 2004 Bud Hennigar, 2004 Dick Mansfield, 2002 John Clayton, 2002 Peter Gardiner, 2003 Myron Cummings, Alt., 2004 Chick Pillsbury, Alt., 2003 Sarah Barton, Clerk
<b>Custodian</b> Gary Broughall	<b>Recreation Department</b> Gary Broughall, Director Troy Guerin, Asst. Director	
<b>Dunbar Free Library</b>	<b>Reps to the General Court</b> Constance Jones, 2002 Grantham District 3 Richard Leone, 2002 Sunapee District 2	
<b>Trustees</b> Dudley Smith, 2002 Barbara Jones, 2002 Catherine Seavey, 2003 M. Hope Hunter, 2004 John Trethaway, 2002	<b>Rep to NH/VT Solid Waste</b> Arthur Magowan Ed Jenik, Alternate William Hutchins, Alternate	
<b>Librarian</b> Sally Allen B. Joey Holmes, Assistant		
<b>Fence Viewers</b> Michael & Saralyn Carr		
<b>FAST Squad</b> Jill Davis Pat Saisi Jon Davie Scott Johnson Stuart Gillespie Rick Morgan Susan Figley		

*Thank you to the  
Volunteers of  
Grantham. The  
time and effort  
you put forth is  
greatly  
appreciated..*



## RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW

### 1. What is the "Right-to-Know" Law, RSA 91-A?

It is New Hampshire's statute which emphasizes that the business of the Town is the public's business. It makes clear that, with very few exceptions, the public has access to Town records and meetings held in connection with Town Government.

### 2. Who does it cover?

All of us, whether we are elected officials, employees or volunteers serving on Boards of the Town of Grantham.

### 3. What does it cover?

It covers all "meetings." A "meeting" occurs whenever a quorum of a Board, Committee or Subcommittee gathers and discusses or acts upon a matter over which that Board, Committee or Subcommittee has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power. The law also requires that the business of a Board be conducted at a meeting, rather than by telephone, E-mail, or private gathering of individuals.

### 4. If it is a meeting, what does that mean?

- A notice of the time and place of a meeting must be posted at least 24 hours in advance (excluding Sundays and legal holidays) in at least two (2) public places.
- The public is entitled to attend and may record or videotape the proceedings.
- All votes, with the very few exceptions itemized below, must be taken in open session and not by secret ballot.
- Minutes must be taken and made available to the public within 144 hours.

### 5. When can we hold a non-public session?

Rarely. The Right-to-Know Law lists certain limited situations which allow a Board to go into non-public session. Those situations are:

- Dismissal, promotion, or setting compensation for public employees, RSA 91-A:3, II (a).
- Consideration of the hiring of a public employee,

RSA 91-A:3, II (b).

- Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person—however, this cannot be used to protect a person who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee, RSA 91-A:3, II (c).
- Consideration of the purchase, sale, or lease of real or personal property, RSA 91-A:3, II (d).
- Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation, RSA 91-A:3, II (e).

### 6. How do we go into non-public session?

A motion must be made which specifically identifies the statutory category which is the reason for going into non-public session and then a roll call vote must be taken in which each member's vote on the motion must be recorded.

### 7. If we go into non-public session, what then?

- Minutes must be taken just as you would in an open session.
- Decisions can be made in nonpublic session.
- You must stick to the subject which was the reason for going into the non-public session; if there is need to discuss other matters which discussion would be covered by a different exemption, you need to first come out of non-public session and then vote to go back in under that different exception. It is only in this way that a proper record can be prepared for public review.
- The minutes from the non-public session must be made public within 72 hours unless two-thirds of the members, while in non-public session, determine that the divulgence of the information likely would adversely effect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board, Committee, or Subcommittee, or render the proposed action ineffective. Under those circumstances the Minutes may be withheld until those circumstances no longer apply. Action required to sequester.

### 8. Which Public Records are accessible?



The public has access to all records held by the Town except to the extent they may fall under one of the exemptions listed above.

### **9. How quickly do the records need to be supplied?**

If the requested record cannot conveniently be made available immediately, there is a deadline of five (5) business days for complying with the request.

### **10. If there is a question as to whether something is open to the public, what do I do?**

Consult with the Selectmen and they will get advice from Town Counsel, if necessary.

### **11. In what format can the public demand that Town records be produced?**

Most records are available for photocopying but the Right-to-Know Law also extends the right to obtain computer disks of material already in the Town's computers. A reasonable charge can be made to cover the cost of providing the copies or disks. In no case, however, does a member of the public have the right to demand that the Town collect, search for, or arrange information that is not already pulled together for the Town's own purposes.

*This document is intended as a general outline of the "Right-to-Know" Law and for ease of use is somewhat simplified. If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Selectmen.*



## **2001 TOWN MEETING RULES**

1. Non-voters who are not officers of the town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the town votes to permit it.
2. All voters will direct their remarks to the moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify himself or herself.
3. Unless superseded by State law, reconsideration of a vote on any article should be brought up immediately after the vote has been declared. A vote on the issuance of bonds or notes over \$100,000 cannot be reconsidered at the same meeting. The town may also vote to restrict reconsideration of any other vote in the same manner.
4. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot vote when five voters make a written request prior to a voice or show of hands vote on any article open for discussion.
5. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted.
6. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.



## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Here we are again preparing for Town Meeting. It was a short year from May to March...especially when all the required information has to be compiled and finalized in the Town Report by February 11th. This is further complicated by our fiscal year ending June 30th. So, actually, by the time Town Reports are printed and sent out we are only into the first six months of the fiscal year and on the second Tuesday in March we are voting on what we will be spending from July 1st, 2002 fiscal year.

As you can see, we purchased, for \$60,000 from unreserved funds, 41.5 acres of land on Route 114 for the relocation of the Transfer Station. As of this writing, it is in use and the feedback from the public has been very positive. Joe Newcomb and Jeff Hastings, Road Agent and Assistant Road Agent, respectively, traveled far and wide visiting various transfer stations and put their new found knowledge to good use in setting up this new facility. Starting from the ground up, they cleared the land, prepared the site, moved buildings, supervised the concrete work and the new building. Our thanks go to them and also to our new Transfer Station Supervisor Chris Palermo and his assistants Phil Currier and Linda Roberts. The \$90,000 raised and appropriated for this relocation has been utilized well for this new facility. By moving the Transfer Station, the landfill closure has been much simplified.

Speaking of the landfill closure...\$25,000 out of unreserved fund balance was placed in a capital reserve fund for the landfill closure which we are asking to withdraw this year to proceed with the closure. The bids for the closure were opened in January and we were pleased with the prices that came in. According to the bids for construction and the added engineering costs we will be able to close the landfill for \$300,000. This amount will be bonded over a five year period at a cost of ~\$0.25/\$1,000 of assessed valuation. Once the landfill is completely closed it will need to be monitored for a minimum of 30 years so the Selectmen will continue to budget a nominal amount annually for the testing and monitoring. The relocation of the Transfer Station contributed to a substantial reduction in the projected cost of the landfill closure. State authorities gave only "grudging approval" of the original plans to place the Transfer Station over the existing landfill.

As we approach another Town Meeting there still is very little progress being done on the new ball fields. \$25,000 out of unreserved fund balance was placed in a non-lapsing fund for the construction which needs to be used by June 30, 2004. It appears to us that the NH DES approved a wetlands permit with so many stipulations that there is little possibility of getting a ball field built without spending an enormous amount of money. The Board of Selectmen looked into the possibility of restructuring the ball fields and changing the access road to minimize the wetland impact and reduce the amount of land the Town would have to give up to the State in order to get approval. In order to proceed the taxpayers would be looking at an additional \$20,000+ dollars in engineering and permitting fees. It now appears that the Board of Selectmen are between a rock and a hard place. We feel that more than enough money has been spent on the engineering of the ball fields and do not feel comfortable spending any more on engineering fees.

We have had many compliments on the new look at the Town Office Building. Finally, the much needed external face lift was completed including white vinyl siding, a gray metal roof and new windows and doors.

Our thanks go to the residents of Grantham for putting your trust in us to make the right decisions. When a decision is reached on an issue, you can be assured that a lot of thought and research has gone into the process and the welfare of the entire town has been taken into consideration.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*William E. Hutchins*

*Michael J. Hayward, Sr.*

*Constance A. Jones*



## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

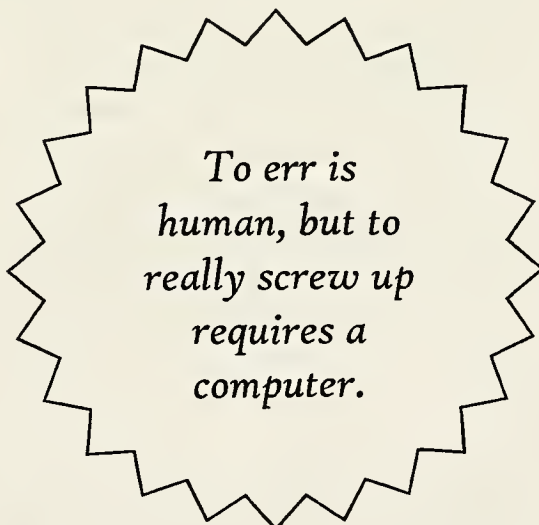
The year 2001 flew by like a whirlwind. The office staff worked very hard to get all of the financial records balanced just in time for the software conversion. Converting software is never an easy task and when you figure in property information for ~2,700 parcels, you can imagine the stress levels and the ratio for errors. The new property tax bills are cleaner looking and easier to maneuver. Hopefully, by the time the July billing comes around the bugs will be worked out of the software and all properties will have the correct information. If you found an error in your property tax information, please alert the office staff so that it can be corrected.

With the increase in the municipal portion of your property tax, I have included a 5-year breakdown of what was budgeted for each department. The tax rate would have increased in year 2000 had the Board of Selectmen not chosen to use \$200,000 of unreserved fund balance money to keep the town portion low. The Department of Revenue Administration recommends that towns retain 5-10% of their appropriations in the unreserved fund balance. The Town of Grantham's recommended balance is \$314,448—\$628,895. At tax rate setting time for the 2001 tax year the balance in unreserved fund balance was \$549,960, therefore the Board of Selectmen voted to use \$49,960 to lower the tax rate. Depending on where the Town comes in at the end of budget year will determine the amount available when setting the rate for 2002. The purpose of retaining a comfortable unreserved fund balance is for emergency use. The Board of Selectmen requested from the Commissioner of Revenue to expend \$54,000 of this money to cover a portion of the cost for the new septic system located at the Grantham Village School. The only way this money can be spent is to have voter approval at Town Meeting or by special permission of the Commissioner of Revenue.

I would like to thank Sarah Barton for her valuable assistance in keeping the town running smooth. She is more than capable of answering questions when I am not available. As always, my door remains open, stop in to say hello or to get an explanation of how a procedure works. I also thank my family for their understanding when a town issue requires my immediate attention; they are extremely supportive of my position. It is a pleasure working for my hometown.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Tina M. Stearns  
Town Administrator*



*To err is  
human, but to  
really screw up  
requires a  
computer.*



## DEPT. BUDGET—FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

Department	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
4130 - Town Offices	99,560	89,508	81,250	89,450	90,395
4140 - Town Clerk/Tax Collector	43,065	49,950	53,211	69,242	62,146
4150 - Financial Admin	34,500	38,187	39,500	40,500	47,360
4152 - Assessing/Tax Maps	10,000	7,600	8,100	16,500	16,500
4153 - Legal	25,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
4155 - Employee Benefits	88,640	106,184	122,062	129,806	137,506
4191 - Planning	3,070	3,425	3,425	3,425	3,425
4192 - Zoning	1,125	1,550	1,600	1,875	2,450
4194 - Town Buildings	44,165	62,350	87,775	73,330	72,110
4195 - Cemeteries	8,510	790	8,050	7,550	8,750
4196 - General Insurance	22,150	24,000	26,000	23,000	12,000
4197 - Regional Assoc	1,160	1,210	1,197	1,197	1,197
4210 - Police	161,920	193,590	220,194	231,604	237,169
4215 - FAST Squad	19,050	20,608	25,862	30,050	18,450
4220 - Fire	52,015	44,350	47,400	55,250	49,535
4311 - Highway	179,760	196,364	192,566	211,760	222,080
4323 - Solid Waste	55,870	73,808	76,318	71,400	133,058
4324 - Solid Waste Disposal	79,700	75,000	111,000	111,000	118,000
4325 - Landfill Monitoring	12,800	25,000	25,000	10,000	5,000
4326 - Sewage Disposal	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
4414 - Animal Control	400	500	300	300	300
4415 - Community Social Services	4,890	5,217	5,305	5,370	5,854
4442 - General Assistance (Welfare)	3,500	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4520 - Recreation	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	6,000
4550 - Dunbar Free Library	92,440	66,122	74,500	82,550	93,014
4583 - Old Home Day	1,500	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
4589 - Archives	500	500	1,000	500	500
4611 - Conservation	500	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,100



# TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT YEAR 2002

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

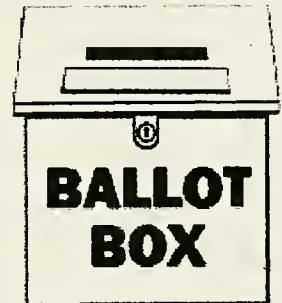
SULLIVAN COUNTY

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grantham, in Sullivan County, in the State of New Hampshire, *who are qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Grantham will be held at the Grantham Municipal Building (Gymnasium) on **Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following subjects. Articles 1 - 4 shall be by ballot at the polls which shall be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The remaining articles shall be considered during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m..

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Selectman	3 years
Town Treasurer	3 years
Moderator	2 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Planning Board	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	1 year
Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	2 years



**ARTICLE 2:** "Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendments to the existing Grantham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Zoning Board of Adjustment?"

**A. AMEND ARTICLE III B 1 c A (III) and III b 2 c a (III) CONCERNING PLACEMENT AND HEIGHT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS** to read: "(III) Within the Business and Business/Light Industrial Districts towers shall be limited to a maximum height of 190 feet. The design and structure of the towers and their antennas shall blend in the natural setting and environment using materials, colors, textures, screening and landscaping to blend with the natural setting and environment."

***Rationale:*** *These sub-ordinances, as written by limited location to over one half mile of each other, do not recognize the advantage of co-location of towers within the approved districts. It would be more advantageous environmentally to have towers located as near to each other as technically feasible rather than to have towers spread throughout the districts. Further, these sub-ordinances*



*do not put any restriction on the height of a tower, put another way, a tower of any height is allowable under the current sub-ordinances. It would be more advantageous to limit the towers to under 200 feet, say a maximum of 190 feet, since towers over 200 feet are required by the FAA to be lighted. Also, the sub-ordinances do not specify the type of construction or the camouflaging of towers to better blend in with the surrounding environment and to minimize impact on the surrounding view shed.*

*(Recommended by Planning Board)*

**AMEND ARTICLE VII, H, 3 (c)** to read: “(c) The denial of the Variance would result in unnecessary hardship if (i) a zoning restriction as applied to the property interferes with the reasonable use of the property, considering the unique setting of the property in its environment; (ii) no fair and substantial relationship exists between the general purposes of the zoning ordinance and the specific restriction on the property; and (iii) the variance would not injure the public or private rights of others.

***Rationale:*** *There are five considerations, which must be voted on by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in the affirmative if a variance is to be granted to an applicant applying for a variance for relief from the Town’s Zoning Ordinances. These considerations currently read as follows:*

- a. That no diminution in value of surrounding properties will be suffered.*
- b. The granting of the Variance would not be contrary to the public interest.*
- c. The denial of the Variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the owner seeking the Variance.*
- d. That, by granting the Variance, substantial justice will be done.*
- e. That the use must not be contrary to the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance.*

*Clause (c) in the five considerations as written above has been declared obsolete by the New Hampshire Supreme Court because it “...has become too restrictive in light of the constitutional protection by which it is tempered”. As of January 29, 2001 hardship was to be considered under new guidelines established by the Court. The Grantham Zoning Board of Adjustment has already complied with this ruling and applied the new guidelines in its decisions since January 29, 2001. The New Hampshire Office of State Planning has recommended that all Towns amend their Zoning Ordinance to conform to the Supreme Court’s ruling.*

*(Recommended by Planning Board)*

**ARTICLE 3:** “Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grantham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 6 years, own the real estate individually, or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$16,400, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$23,400; and own assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of person’s residence.”

***Rationale:*** *To adjust the exemptions in order to prevent hardship to the elderly property owners.*



*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 4: (Petitioned Article)** “To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V highway a right-of-way, commonly known as Yankee Barn Road, beginning at the northerly end of said Yankee Barn Road and extending in a northerly direction for approximately twelve hundred feet (1200’), being more specifically shown on a Plan entitled “Easement and Right of Way Plat for Yankee Barn Road Realty Trust”, prepared by Hathorn Surveys, Inc., which plan is dated January 14, 2002 and being Project No. 164702, which acceptance will be effective upon completion of improvements to the aforesaid right-of-way at the expense of Yankee Barn Road Realty Trust, its successors and assigns, in accordance with applicable Town of Grantham road specifications for Class V highways.”

*By Petition*

*Majority Ballot Vote Required*

**ARTICLE 5:** “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375,000 (gross budget) for the closure of the landfill and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

*2/3 Majority Ballot Vote Required*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 6:** “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$476,595 to defray the cost of **General Government** operations.”

Account Title	Budget 2001/2002	Proposed 2002/2003
Selectmen's Office.....	89,450	90,845
Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	69,242	62,146
Financial Administration.....	40,500	47,360
Tax Maps/Assessing .....	16,500	16,500
Legal.....	12,000	12,000
Personnel Administration.....	129,806	137,506
Planning Board .....	3,425	3,425
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	1,875	2,450
General Government Buildings .....	73,330	72,110
Cemeteries .....	7,550	8,750
Insurance .....	23,000	12,000
Regional Associations.....	1,197	1,197



TOTAL..... 467,875 ..... 476,595

*(majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 7:** “To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$305,154** to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations.”

Account Title	Budget 2001/2002	Proposed 2002/2003
Police Department.....	231,604	237,169
FAST Squad .....	30,050	18,450
Fire Department .....	55,250	49,160
Forest Fire.....	375	375
TOTAL.....	317,279	305,154

*(majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 8:** “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$482,038** to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation.”

Account Title	Budget 2001/2002	Proposed 2002/2003
Highway Administration .....	209,360	222,080
Street Lights.....	2,400	2,400
Solid Waste Collection.....	71,400	133,058
Waste Disposal .....	111,000	118,000
Landfill Monitoring.....	10,000	5,000
Sewage Disposal .....	1,500	1,500
TOTAL.....	405,660	482,038

*(majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 9:** “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,154** to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations.”

Budget	Proposed
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Account Title	2001/2002	2002/2003
Boarding Animals .....	300	300
Lake Sunapee Home Health .....	3,575	3,754
Meals on Wheels.....	500	500
Kearsarge Council on Aging .....	795	1,000
Southwestern Community Action Program .....	500	600
Town General Assistance .....	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>10,670</b>	<b>11,154</b>

*(majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 10:** “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Culture and Recreation.**”

Account Title	Budget 2001/2002	Proposed 2002/2003
Recreation.....	4,000	6,000
Dunbar Free Library.....	82,550	98,531
Town Archives.....	500	500
Old Home Day .....	2,000	2,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>89,050</b>	<b>107,031</b>

*(majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 11:** “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes.**”

Account Title	Budget 2001/2002	Proposed 2002/2003
Conservation Commission .....	1,100	1,100
Bond Interest.....	0	8,251
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest.....	100	100
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>9,451</b>

*(majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*



**ARTICLE 12:** “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows:”

Account Title	Budget 2001/2002	Proposed 2002/2003
Fire Department Capital Reserve.....	25,000	25,000
Mowers Capital Reserve .....	1,500	1,500
Highway Dept. Equipment Cap Reserve.....	30,000	30,000
Municipal Building Capital Reserve.....	50,000	25,000
Landfill Closure Capital Reserve.....	25,000	0
Radio Console/Accessories CRF .....	10,000	0
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>141,500</b>	<b>81,500</b>

*(majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 13:** “To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created in 1990. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town’s general fund.”

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 14:** “To see if the town will vote to purchase a motor vehicle for the custodial staff and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for this purchase.

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 15:** “To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (\$30,900.00) payable over a term of thirty-six months (36) at a rate of Ten Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$10,300.00) per year to purchase a new 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$10,300.00) for the first year’s payment for that purpose.”

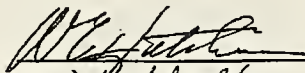
*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

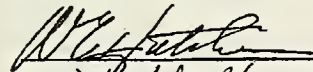


**ARTICLE 15:** "To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

Given under our hands and seal this 13th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two-thousand and two.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Hayward, I  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Constance R. Jones

A True Copy of Warrant

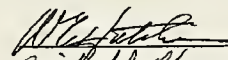
  
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Michael J. Hayward, I  
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Constance R. Jones

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

We hereby certify that on the 14th day of February, 2002,  
we posted an attested copy of the within Warrant:

Town Offices  
Dunbar Library  
Grantham Post Office  
Town Hall  
Grantham Village School

being public places in said town, on the 14th day of February, 2002.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Hayward, I  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Constance R. Jones

Board of Selectmen  
Grantham, New Hampshire



## MS-6 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM

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REVISED 2000STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: GRANTHAM

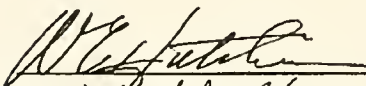
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003**IMPORTANT:**

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) February 14, 2002**GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)***Please sign in ink.*

  
Michael J. Hayward, Sr.  
Constance A. Jones

William E. Hutchins  
Michael J. Hayward, Sr.  
Constance A. Jones

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT



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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
4130-4139	Executive	6	89,450	48,192	90,845	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	6	69,242	39,749	62,146	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	6	40,500	22,849	47,360	
4152	Revaluation of Property	6	16,500	4,828	16,500	
4153	Legal Expense	6	12,000	920	12,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	6	129,806	54,285	147,812	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	6	5,300	1,387	5,875	
4194	General Government Buildings	6	73,330	34,949	72,110	
4195	Cemeteries	6	7,550	3,368	8,750	
4196	Insurance	6	23,000	15,949	12,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6	1,197	1,197	1,197	
4199	Other General Government					
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
4210-4214	Police	7	231,604	136,908	237,169	
4215-4219	Ambulance	7	30,050	15,905	18,450	
4220-4229	Fire	7	55,625	13,723	49,535	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management					
4299	Other (Including Communications)					
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>						
4311	Administration	8	107,560	50,737	135,080	
4312	Highways & Streets	8	101,800	79,709	87,000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	8	2,400	394	2,400	
4319	Other					
<b>SANITATION</b>						
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection	8	71,400	31,756	133,058	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	8	111,000	58,076	118,000	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	8	10,000	2,849	10,000	



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<b>SANITATION cont.</b>						
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	8	1,500	0	1,500	
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
<b>ELECTRIC</b>						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
<b>HEALTH</b>						
4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control	9	300	0	300	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	9	5,370	5,370	5,854	
<b>WELFARE</b>						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	9	5,000	1,266	5,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	10	4,000	1,834	6,000	
4550-4559	Library	10	82,550	39,867	98,531	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	10	2,000	1,873	2,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	10	500	0	500	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	11	1,100	0	1,100	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11	0	0	8,251	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	11	100	0	100	



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DEBT SERVICE cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		85,000	58,525	0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		83,682	83,677	0	
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		90,000	79,724	0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	141,500	141,500	81,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1					1,477,923	

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

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount



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

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	Landfill Closure	4	0	0	375,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	375,000	XXXXXXXXXX

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

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	Vehicle Purchase	14	0	0	5,000	
	Cruiser Lease	15	0	0	10,300	
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	15,300	XXXXXXXXXX



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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
<b>TAXES</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		2,000		2,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		8,500		8,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		21,000		21,000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		5,000		5,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$0.02 cents per cu yd)				
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		410,000		420,000
3230	Building Permits		1,200		1,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		7,250		7,300
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
<b>FROM STATE</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		5,423		5,423
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		56,470		56,470
3353	Highway Block Grant		37,798		37,798
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		10,200		10,200
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		34,000		30,000
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5,000		5,000
3502	Interest on Investments		50,000		50,000
3503-3509	Other		20,000		20,000



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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		21,000		25,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				350,000
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		176,500		
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		49,960		
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			<b>921,301</b>		<b>1,055,191</b>

**"BUDGET SUMMARY"**

<b>SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)</b>	<b>1,472,923</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)</b>	<b>375,000</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)</b>	<b>15,300</b>
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>1,863,223</b>
<b>Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues &amp; Credits (from above, column 6)</b>	<b>1,055,191</b>
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>813,032</b>



## **2001 Town Meeting Minutes**

**Grantham**  
**MAY 12, 2001**

*SS: STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE*

*SULLIVAN COUNTY*

Moderator Merle Schotanus called the 225<sup>th</sup> Grantham Town Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.. He invited the Rev. Howard Beardslee to offer the convocation. Moderator Schotanus brought to our attention the framed flag hanging on the wall. The flag was donated to the Town of Grantham by the Hutchins family in loving memory of Ed, a WWI veteran, who passed away a few years ago. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Troop 60 Brownies. Lea Frey was recognized for being presented an award for Volunteer of the Year by the NHMA at their annual conference of 2000. The Town of Grantham received a second place award for the 1999 annual town report.

This year the town report is dedicated to Ella Reney. Moderator Schotanus asked Selectman Connie Jones to speak to the dedication. Connie said that Ella was the moving force behind the Historical Society and a wealth of information regarding the town and it's inhabitants. Ella epitomizes the true volunteer spirit, which is the life blood of this community. She was a teacher in the old school house that now houses the Town Offices; a library trustee, and a reporter for the Argus Champion. A devoted wife, mother and friend, we thank you for all you have given us. As a side note, this is Ella's 59<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. Ella received a standing ovation from the audience. The moderator recognized Ella Reney to say a few words. Ella said she felt it was nice to be recognized.

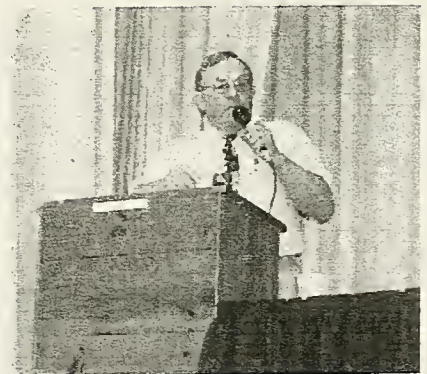
Howard Beardslee, a school board member, was recognized as spokesperson for the Grantham School Board since Carl Hanson, School Board Moderator, could not be present. Howard stated the winners of the election held on May 8, 2001.

The moderator introduced the Town Officers: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Rita Eigenbrode, Selectman Bill Hutchins, Selectman Mike Hayward Sr., Chairman of the Selectboard Connie Jones, and Town Administrator Tina Stearns. Police Chief Russ Lary is manning the video camera, as usual. The Supervisors of the Checklist are Allen Walker, who is retiring this year, Cindy Towle and Deborah Cheever. The microphone runner is Heather Stearns.

Four ballot clerks appointed by the Moderator are Connie Howard, Candy Gosselin, Lorie McClory and Gen Mansfield.

Moderator Schotanus spoke about changes in the 2001 Town Meeting Rules. Rule #3 states that all votes pertaining to appropriations shall be taken by show of hands or ballot. This year all votes pertaining to appropriations shall be taken by hand count.

1. Non-voters who are not officers of the town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the town votes to permit it.



Moderator Merle Schotanus



2. All voters will direct their remarks to the moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify himself or herself.
3. All votes pertaining to appropriation shall be by show of hands or ballot.
4. Unless superseded by State law, reconsideration of a vote on any article should be brought up immediately after the vote has been declared. A vote on the issuance of bonds or notes over \$100,000 cannot be reconsidered at the same meeting. The town may also vote to restrict reconsideration of any other vote in the same manner.
5. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes/no" ballot vote when five voters make a written request prior to a voice or show of hands vote on any article open for discussion.
6. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes/no" ballot when seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted.
7. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.

**This was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Moderator Schotanus stated that Article 1 and Article 2 were voted on by official ballot during the first half of this meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2001. The results are as follows:

**Article 1:** To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Selectmen:

Constance Jones.....3 years.....170 votes

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Rita Eigenbrode.....3 years.....260 votes

Planning Board:

Patricia J Wells.....3 years.....198 votes

Robert Barnes.....3 years..... 73 votes

Trustee of Trust Funds:

Conrad F Frey.....3 years..... 234 votes

Cemetery Trustee:

Thomas E Buckman..... 3 years.....120 votes

Trustee of Dunbar Free Library:

M. Hope Hunter.....3 years..... 228 votes



Adam A Johnson.....2 years.....82 votes

Supervisor of the Checklist:

Donna Stamper.....1 year..... 237 votes

**Article 2:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments to the existing Grantham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by Petition?”

**A. (*Petitioned Article*)** AMEND ARTICLE III A OF THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW RURAL RESIDENTIAL II DISTRICT consisting of all the property located with the Olde Farms Subdivision in Grantham, New Hampshire. “To rezone the Olde Farms Subdivision RRD Rural/Residential District as currently described in the Town of Grantham, New Hampshire, Zoning Ordinance, dated May 11, 1999 from the current Town Zoning minimum lot size of one (1) acre to four and a half (4.5) acres.”

Said zone to include: “All that area starting at the northern most point of Map 216 Lot 10 south along I-89 to the southeastern most point of Map 226 Lot 11; thence westward along the southern boundary of Lot 11, Map 226 and Map 221, to the northern most point of lot 5; thence south along the eastern boundaries of Lots 5, Map 221 and Lots 6, 7, and 8, Map 226; thence west along the southern boundaries of Lots 8-10, Map 226 and Lots 10, 11, 25, and 20, Map 227 to Dunbar Hill Road; thence north along the western boundaries of Lots 20 and 19, Map 227 and Lots 7-10, Map 220; thence west along the southern boundaries of Lots 11, 12, 26, 29, 30 and 31 to the intersection of Croydon Turnpike; thence north along Croydon Turnpike to the most western point of Lot 34, Map 217; thence east along the northern boundaries of Lots 34-40, 4-7, 41-45, and 8, Map 217, and Lots 5, 6, and 10, Map 216 to the intersection of I-89.”

*Rationale: To establish additional Rural Residential District to allow stricter regulations regarding the lot size of property located in Olde Farms.*

(No recommendation by the Planning Board)

**Yes 166 No 74 Passed by Official Ballot**

Moderator Schotanus recognized Selectman Connie Jones to speak about the entire budget and Town tax rate. Connie stated that our local tax rate will be \$2.38 as compared with \$2.43 in 2000 if everything on the warrant passes as written. The municipal tax is the only component that the selectmen have any control over. The local school tax is voted on by the townspeople. The state school tax is dictated by Concord and the county tax rate is decided by county delegation. Regarding the county, Myron Cummings is a member of the study committee that has been looking in to the workings of county government and the ever escalating costs of operations. He represented Grantham extremely well and we owe him a big thank you. A copy of the study committee report is available at the town office.

**ARTICLE 3:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the unreserved fund balance for year ending June 30, 2001 for the purchase of 41.5 acres of land on Route 114.”



*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Moderator recognized Connie Jones to speak to the article. Selectman Jones said that the town will use the money appropriated last year for the transfer station landfill to purchase 41.5 acres across the road from the present transfer station for \$60,000. By relocating the transfer station across the street it gives us much needed room which we do not have at the present location.. Before this land became available the plan was to keep the transfer station on top of the old landfill. This becomes very costly and was adding greatly to the cost of capping the landfill. By moving the transfer station it would decrease the cost of capping the landfill. The purchase would be made with 2000 funds and would have no impact on the 2001 tax rate.

The Moderator recognized Phil Schaefer for comments on the article. He asked for more specific figures on capping the landfill. Connie answered that "if we leave the transfer station where it is we are looking at \$500,000 – 700,000. If this article passes we are asking for \$90,000 to do the actual move and preparation of the new site." Phil Schaeffer then asked for clarification of the costs. He wanted to know by how much the cost would be reduced. Selectman Jones stated it would be reduced by \$300,000. The moderator recognized Rick Morgan who asked what was to become of the old landfill. Do we still have to cap it off and protect the environment from run off? How much would it cost? Selectman Jones responded with \$300,000. The moderator recognized Glenn Carey who asked why it was \$400,000 difference for capping the landfill? Connie stated the State of NH requires that you do special things if you are going to keep a transfer station on top of a landfill even though you've closed it. They do not allow any expansion. The moderator recognized Audrey Sears. She wanted to know if the proposed new site was suitable for a landfill. Connie Jones said yes and that it would be a transfer station and not a landfill. There is a difference.

**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Vote**

**YES 82 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 4:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the relocation of the Transfer Station."

If Article #3 is defeated the intent of the Board of Selectmen is to pass over this article."

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation  
Majority Vote Required*

Moderator Schotanus recognized Selectman Connie Jones to speak on the article. She said that the \$90,000 would be used for site preparation, concrete pads, a shed roof over the compactor, septic system, power, chain link fence and moving the containers and operator station. We would be leaving in a row of trees for a buffer. The Moderator recognized Ken Barton who asked where the entrance to the transfer station would be placed. The entrance would be just beyond the current entrance of the existing Mount Trashmore on the south side of Route 114 going towards Springfield. Selectman Bill Hutchins, recognized by the Moderator commented that moving the transfer station was a good idea considering the strict regulations and high cost of monitoring the transfer station if we kept it on the existing site. The moderator recognized Ray Sears who asked what state this move would leave the old transfer station in. Connie Jones said it would be capped, graded and seeded. The fence would remain around it.



**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Count Vote****YES 90 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 5:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$467,875** to defray the cost of General Government operations."

Account Title .....	Budget 2000/2001	Proposed 2001/2002
Town Offices.....	81,250.....	89,450
Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	53,211.....	69,242
Financial Administration.....	39,500.....	40,500
Tax Maps/Assessing.....	8,100.....	16,500
Legal.....	12,000.....	12,000
Employee Benefits .....	122,062.....	129,806
Planning Board.....	3,425.....	3,425
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	1,600.....	1,875
General Government Buildings.....	87,775.....	73,330
Cemeteries .....	8,050.....	7,550
Insurance .....	26,000.....	23,000
Regional Associations .....	1,197.....	1,197
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>444,170.....</b>	<b>467,875</b>

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Chair recognized Selectman Mike Hayward to speak on the article. Mike said that the slight increase in the budget from last year to this year is for computer system software that is drastically needed by the town office and the tax collector. The next item addressed is the increase in tax mapping and assessing. Rather than waiting to reassess the whole town we will do it over a five year period. We have a mandated retirement increase for the employee benefits that amounts to \$7, 744.

**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Vote****YES 85 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 6:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$317,279** to defray the cost of Public Safety operations."

Account Title .....	Budget 2000/2001.....	Proposed 2001/2002
Police Department.....	220,194.....	231,604
FAST Squad .....	25,862.....	30,050
Fire Department.....	47,400.....	55,250



Forest Fire.....	375.....	375
TOTAL.....	293,831.....	317,279

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Bill Hutchins to speak to the article. He said we have the police budget up 5% due to increase in personnel expenses. The Fast Squad obtained a new defibrillator. The Fire Department increase was due to maintenance on the building.

**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Vote**

**YES 85 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 7:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$399,860 to defray the cost of Public Works operation."

	Budget	Proposed
Account Title.....	2000/2001.....	2001/2002
Highway Administration .....	190,166.....	209,360
Street Lights .....	2,400.....	2,400
Solid Waste Collection.....	76,318.....	71,400
Waste Disposal.....	111,000.....	111,000
Landfill Monitoring.....	25,000.....	10,000
Sanitation (Sewage Disposal).....	0.....	1,500
TOTAL.....	404,884.....	405,660

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Chair recognized Selectman Connie Jones to offer an amendment to this article. The amendment would read "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$405,660** to defray the cost of Public Works operation.". It was seconded by Harold Haddock. Connie Jones spoke to the amended article. Under highways administration we have a second full time hourly employee. The cost of gas and diesel have gone up and because we have another person the cost of uniforms and safety equipment has increased. We are going to be paving the entire length of Cote Road and there is an increase in the cost of sand and gravel. The land fill monitoring has gone down because of the change to CMA engineers, the group that is doing the engineering of the landfill closure. The sewage disposal is an annual, municipal contract with Claremont Waste Water Treatment Facility. This is done on a per capita basis and Eastman sewer customers are subtracted. This expense is mandated by an RSA. Each town must have a facility that will accept the septage.

**Amendment adopted by unanimous voice vote in the affirmative**



Article 7, as amended:

**ARTICLE 7:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$405,660** to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation."

Account Title .....	Budget 2000/2001 .....	Proposed 2001/2002
Highway Administration .....	190,166.....	209,360
Street Lights .....	2,400.....	2,400
Solid Waste Collection.....	76,318.....	71,400
Waste Disposal .....	111,000.....	111,000
Landfill Monitoring.....	25,000.....	10,000
Sanitation (Sewage Disposal).....	0.....	1,500
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>404,884.....</b>	<b>405,660</b>

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Chair recognized Donna Stamper. Donna wanted to know why Cote Road is being paved. Selectman Jones responded by saying that it is the next road on the Road Agent's list. Donna wanted to know about the long term plan and the process for choosing the roads that get paved. The Road Agent, Joseph Newcomb, was not in attendance and therefore could not address this issue. Selectman Jones responded that she did not have a copy of his plan. The Chair recognized Chief Lary. He stated that the part of Cote Road that is unpaved is unsafe. Paving it would make it better to maintain and safer in the wintertime. The Chair then recognized Cindy Towle for a statement. Cindy wanted to know if the people of Cote Road have any say in the paving decision if the majority of the people that live on the road don't want it paved. Selectman Connie Jones responded by saying that if the majority of the people on Cote Road don't want it paved it would be good to let the Selectboard know.

The Chair recognized Lorie McClory who wanted to know if there was any chance that we could start recycling more plastics than we do now. Administrator Tina Stearns said she would check with our hauler. Right now we can only do #1 and #2 plastics.

Moderator Schotanus recognized Donna Stamper. She wanted to know if there were any accidents on Cote Road and directed the question to Chief Lary. He said yes, there were two between Merle Schotanus's old place and Jericho Road. Donna wanted to know if only the trouble spot could be maintained and not pave the whole unpaved section. The Chair recognized Adam Johnson. He stated that he lived off Jericho Road and that the stretch of Cote Road that is unpaved is not all that long. The Chair recognized Cindy Covel. She said that she lives on Jericho Road and she doesn't want that part of Cote Road paved because people fly down that road as it is now and will only go faster if it is paved.

The Chair recognized Selectman Bill Hutchins and he said other factors must be taken into account when paving is considered. The amount of traffic and condition of the road sometimes make it sensible to pave it. Also, we have a long range plan. We look at the roads, what is necessary to maintain them, what the traffic



is and weigh our decisions on this information. The Chair recognized Patricia Wells. Pat asked if there was a way to allow public input, such as a roads committee.

Cindy Towle was recognized and said that she lives at the bottom of Cote Road. The road was paved in front of her house and she had nothing to say about it. People drive faster on pavement and if you pave the whole of Cote Road people will fly down the road. Secondly, if we loose some of the "ruralness" that we all want in this town by paving over dirt and the majority of the people don't want it why do we have to do it. She repeated that she hopes the town doesn't pave Cote Road. The Moderator recognized Ed Buckman to speak on this issue. Ed said his concern is Burpee Hill Road and now that we have a grader to maintain the dirt roads it should be easier to maintain the dirt roads.

The Chair recognized Phil Schaefer. He stated that there were a number of people affected by the paving project. At least for the future, there ought to be notification going out to everybody on the road that is going to be paved, prior to including the road in the budget, so that those people directly affected could come in and express their concerns before we get to Town meeting and we have a vote on a budget item which is actually concealed in the highway line item. For this project, he wished the town would say how many people were going to be affected and what is the cost of the project? Selectman Connie Jones responded by saying that they would definitely establish a road committee. The Selectboard will definitely be talking with the road agent regarding his paving project and his 5 year plan. Prior to this, Connie stated, she had never been to a town meeting where anybody had objected to having their road paved. It will cost \$60,000 so if there are enough people who don't want it paved we can probably do something else with it like buy more sand and gravel.

The Moderator recognized Cindy Covell who stated that if there was a way to amend that article so that we can take that portion of the budget and allocate it for somewhere else other than Cote Road she'd like to do that. The Moderator asked if there were any other comments. Connie Jones asked that if that amount was taken out of the budget what would be used to pay for sand, gravel, equipment and time to do that road as it should be as it should be done. Cindy Covell asked why we couldn't just leave the amount that is normally budgeted for the sand and gravel part and just not pave it. Connie Jones replied that she had no idea what that would cost. The Selectmen conferred and said the cost would be \$60,000.

The chair recognized Harold Haddock who said that the Selectboard heard the comments of the residents of Cote Road. We should now let the Selectboard deal with the problem. There are other places that want paving and we ought to just leave the budget alone at this point. The Chair recognized Chris Paquette. He said before we put the money into a road like Burpee Hill Road, which is a dead end road and only benefits the residents of that road, we need to consider that there are more people using Cote Road. So, as far as the greater good is concerned, it doesn't make sense to me to pave a dead end road versus a more traveled road.

The chair recognized Myron Cummings who said he would encourage the voters not to take any money out of the budget. He has been up there and knows the Selectmen are getting the message. He knows the Selectmen will not pave that road without talking to everybody on it. The Selectmen know they have to be a little more public about what their plans are. The Moderator recognized Donna Stamper. She wanted to go on record as saying she will agree to leave the money in the budget but please do not pave Dunbar Hill Road. The Moderator recognized Cindy Towle. Cindy made a motion to amend Article 7 to leave the money as it is but specify that they don't pave Cote Road with it. The Moderator asked Cindy Towle to



present him with a written amendment to article 7. He then stated that he rejected the amendment on the grounds that an amendment to this article can only increase or decrease the amount that is appropriated for a given purpose. It cannot change the purpose, as this amendment intended. The Moderator ruled that the amendment was out of order.

**PASSED by Majority Hand Vote**

**YES 75 NO 9**

Article 8: It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,670 to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations."

	Budget	Proposed
Account Title.....	2000/2001.....	2001/2002
Boarding Animals.....	300.....	300
Lake Sunapee Home Health.....	3,510.....	3,575
Sullivan County Nutrition Svcs.....	500.....	500
Kearsarge Council on Aging.....	795.....	795
S.W. Community Action Program.....	500.....	500
Town General Assistance.....	5,000.....	5,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>10,605.....</b>	<b>10,670</b>

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Chair recognized Selectman Mike Hayward to speak to the article. He stated that the Health and Welfare budget had a small increase in community social services. Everything else stayed the same.

**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Vote**

**YES 86 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 9:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Culture and Recreation**."

	Budget	Proposed
Account Title.....	2000/2001.....	2001/2002
Recreation.....	4,000.....	4,000
Dunbar Free Library.....	74,500.....	82,550
Town Archives.....	1,000.....	500
Old Home Day.....	0.....	2,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>79,500.....</b>	<b>89,050</b>

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*



The Chair recognized Dan McClory to make a statement on the article. Dan said he was surprised that we spend \$2000 on Old Home Day, and the recreation budget, which is for all year, is only \$4000. He wondered how long the recreation budget has been budgeted at \$4000 and if there has been any consideration to increasing it. Selectman Bill Hutchins asked if a request had been made to increase the budget by anyone who was active in the recreation department. Dan said he probably should speak to the recreation director. The Chair recognized Cindy Towle to speak about the Old Home Day line. Cindy said we are having Old Home Day this year. The chairpersons this year are Laurie Field and Catherine Cramer. July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup> are the days of the celebration.

**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Vote YES 86 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 10:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Conservation and Tax Anticipation Notes."

	Budget	Proposed
Account Title.....	2000/2001.....	2001/2002
Conservation Commission .....	1,100.....	1,100
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest .....	100.....	100
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1,200.....</b>	<b>1,200</b>

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Moderator recognized Connie Jones to speak to the article. She noted that the amounts asked for this year are the same as last year.

**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Vote YES 82 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 11:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds. These sums to come from fund balance (surplus) for year ending June 30, 2001 and no amount to be raised from taxation."

	Budget	Proposed
Account Title.....	2000/2001 ....	2001/2002
Fire Department Capital Reserve .....	25,000.....	25,000
Mowers Capital Reserve .....	1,500.....	1,500
Highway Dept. Equip. Cap Reserve.....	30,000.....	30,000
Radio Console/Access. Cap Reserve....	10,000.....	10,000
Town Building Capital Reserve .....	25,000.....	50,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>91,500.....</b>	<b>116,500</b>

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*



The Moderator recognized Selectman Mike Hayward to address this article. Mike said the only change from last year's budget to this year is the Town Building Capital Reserve. The Chair recognized Deborah Cheever. Her question concerned the \$25,000 additional in the Town Building Capital Reserve. She wanted to know where the money was coming from. The Moderator recognized Tina Stearns to answer. Administrator Stearns said the money was coming from unreserved surplus, which is when the town comes in under budget at the end of the budget year, which would be June 30, 2001.

**PASSED by Unanimous Hand Vote**

**YES 82 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 12:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the construction of ball fields. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the ball fields are completed or by June 30, 2004, whichever is sooner."

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Require*

Moderator Schotanus recognized Selectman Mike Hayward to speak to this article. He said the town finally got the wetlands permit from the DES so we can start construction on the ball fields. The Chair recognized Connie Howard. Out of curiosity, Connie wanted to know how much the town had spent so far getting the permits. The Selectmen answered approximately \$38,000. The Moderator recognized Sarah Morgan. Sarah wondered where the ball fields were going to be constructed. Tina Stearns got the go ahead from the Moderator to answer. The ball fields will be at the far end of the parking lot via an access road. The moderator recognized Jim Pearce. He asked if there would be two regulation size ball fields. Tina said yes, Little League fields. The Chair recognized Deborah Cheever. Deborah wanted to know if the new field would be ready by the time the old field was closed. Would there always be a usable field. The Chair recognized Dan McClory. He said that there were no definite plans to move the playground to where the old ball field is situated.

**PASSED by Majority Hand Count**

**YES 85 NO 2**

**ARTICLE 13:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of up to fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) to come from general taxation."

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Moderator recognized Connie Jones to propose an amendment to the article. Selectman Jones moved that the amendment read "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to purchase a new Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of up to sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000) to come from general taxation." Charlie Pearce seconded it. The Moderator recognized Connie Jones to speak to the amendment. Connie stated that Joe Newcomb, the Road



Agent, said he made a \$5000 mistake and he needed that \$5000 moved in to make the \$63,000 for a 6 wheel 3500gvw dump truck with a sander, plow and wing. It will be either a International or a Freightliner. We will be keeping the one ton and our present dump truck. Now that we have another man we feel that we need this other dump truck, especially in the winter. The Chair recognized Ed Buckman. Ed wanted to know why we bought the road grader. Isn't the road grader to plow the roads in the winter? Connie Jones answered that we did use the grader this winter because the town didn't have the additional truck. The truck would be more efficient. The Chair recognized Adam Johnson who wanted to know how this amendment would effect the bottom line concerning the budget. Selectman Jones answered 4 cents. Connie Howard was recognized and wanted to know if there was a reason accumulated interest in the capital reserve fund was not being used. There is \$731.81 as of April 30, 2001. Tina Stearns said it was an oversight and that there is no reason not to use that interest. The Moderator restated the amendment and a voice vote was taken.

**Amendment Adopted by Majority Voice Vote**

The Chair recognized Lorie McClory to propose an additional amendment to article 13. The proposed amendment would read "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to purchase a new Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of all money from the capital reserve fund created for that purpose. The balance to come from general taxation. Connie Howard seconded the amendment.

**Amendment Adopted by Majority Voice Vote**

Article 13, as amended:

**ARTICLE 13:** "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to purchase a new Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of all money from the capital reserve fund created for that purpose. The balance to come from general taxation.

**PASSED by Majority Hand Vote      YES 85 NO 3**

**ARTICLE 14:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to purchase a Fire Department Tanker and authorize the withdrawal of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of eighty-one thousand dollars (\$81,000) to come from federal grant monies."

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Moderator recognized Fire Chief Bob Seavey. Bob proposed an amendment to the article. It would read "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to purchase a Fire Department Tanker and authorize the withdrawal of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to accept five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Grantham Volunteer Firemen's Association. The balance of one hundred twenty six dollars (\$126,000) to come from federal grant monies." The proposed amendment was seconded by Myron Cummings. Bob Seavey then continued to speak to his motion. Chief Seavey said that equipment is more



expensive . He also stated that he had applied for grant money from the Fire Act. The long term goal is to have a new 2000 gallon Tanker so more water can be taken to the fire scene, pumped faster and lower the ISO insurance rating from Class 9 to Class 8.

**Amendment Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

Article 14, as amended:

**Article 14:** "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to purchase a Fire Department Tanker and authorize the withdrawal of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to accept five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Grantham Volunteer Firemen's Association. The balance of one hundred twenty six dollars (\$126,000) to come from federal grant monies."

**Passed by Unanimous Hand Vote      YES 86 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 15:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the Landfill Closure and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Selectmen to be named agents to expend."

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this appropriation.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Moderator recognized Mike Hayward to speak to the article. Mike said the money would be used for the ongoing closure of the landfill. The Chair recognized Dick Armstrong. He said he thought the closure was included in the \$90,000 in article 4. Selectman Hayward stated that the \$90,000 was just for moving the transfer station to the new piece of property.

**Passed by Unanimous Hand Vote      YES 76 NO 0**

**ARTICLE 16:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund to the Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund."

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article.  
(2/3 vote required)*

The Moderator recognized Connie Jones to speak to the article. Connie said that the DRA recommends that it be combined so that we just have one fund that covers municipal buildings.

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 17:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of twenty-six thousand forty-six dollars (\$26,046) payable over a term of thirty-six months (36) at a rate of eight thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars (\$8,682) per year to purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand seven hundred seventy-six dollars (\$8,682) for the first year's



payment for that purpose.

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this lease.  
2/3 ballot vote required*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Bill Hutchins to speak to the article. A typo was noticed in the amendment by Donna Stamper who then offered an amendment to correct the error. It read "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of twenty-six thousand forty-six dollars (\$26,046) payable over a term of thirty-six months (36) at a rate of eight thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars (\$8,682) per year to purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars (\$8,682) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The amendment was seconded by Pierce Baugh.

**Amendment adopted by Unanimous Voice Vote**

Article 17, as amended:

**Article 17:** "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of twenty-six thousand forty-six dollars (\$26,046) payable over a term of thirty-six months (36) at a rate of eight thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars (\$8,682) per year to purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars (\$8,682) for the first year's payment for that purpose.

The Moderator recognized Chief Lary to speak to the article. Chief Lary stated that the police department needs two things, personnel and transportation to get the personnel where they have to go. The purchase of this vehicle would lessen the mileage load on the other vehicles especially the four wheel drive cruiser. Mileage accrues at an average of 100 miles per shift.

**Passed by 2/3 Ballot Vote Needs 53 Votes to Pass YES 55 NO 25**

**ARTICLE 18:** It was moved and Seconded "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to collect a motor vehicle registration surcharge, the amount which is set forth in RSA 261:153, V as follows:

*\$5 for heavy vehicles, including mobile home and house trailers, heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross weight exceeds 18,000 pounds, and buses;*

*\$3 for automobiles, light vehicles including trucks, and commercial motorized vehicles including tractor trailers; and*

*\$2 for special use vehicles including all-terrain vehicles, agricultural and farm vehicles, historic vehicles, and 2-wheeled vehicles including moped, motorcycles, and non-motorized car and boat trailers;*

And further, to require the Town Clerk, after deducting \$0.50 from each fee to cover administrative costs, to deposit the remainder into a town reclamation trust fund, which is hereby created pursuant to RSA 149-M:13-a, to be held by the Town Treasurer in a separate account, and to be spent under the direction of the



Selectmen to pay for the collection and disposal of used motor oil, motor vehicle batteries, and motor vehicle tires; any excess in the fund may be used for the recycling and reclamation of other types of solid waste.”

*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article.  
Majority Vote Required*

The Chair recognized Town Clerk Rita Eigenbrode to offer an amendment to correct an error in the RSA number. The amendment should read **ARTICLE 18**: “To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to collect a motor vehicle registration surcharge, the amount which is set forth in RSA 261:153, V as follows:

*\$5 for heavy vehicles, including mobile home and house trailers, heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross weight exceeds 18,000 pounds, and buses;*

*\$3 for automobiles, light vehicles including trucks, and commercial motorized vehicles including tractor trailers; and*

*\$2 for special use vehicles including all-terrain vehicles, agricultural and farm vehicles, historic vehicles, and 2-wheeled vehicles including moped, motorcycles, and non-motorized car and boat trailers;*

And further, to require the Town Clerk, after deducting \$0.50 from each fee to cover administrative costs, to deposit the remainder into a town reclamation trust fund, which is hereby created pursuant to RSA 149-M:18, to be held by the Town Treasurer in a separate account, and to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen to pay for the collection and disposal of used motor oil, motor vehicle batteries, and motor vehicle tires; any excess in the fund may be used for the recycling and reclamation of other types of solid waste.” It was seconded by Charlie Pearce.

**Amendment Adopted by Unanimous Voice Vote**

Article 18, as amended:

**ARTICLE 18**: “To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to collect a motor vehicle registration surcharge, the amount which is set forth in RSA 261:153, V as follows:

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And further, to require the Town Clerk, after deducting \$0.50 from each fee to cover administrative costs,



to deposit the remainder into a town reclamation trust fund, which is hereby created pursuant to RSA 149-M:18, to be held by the Town Treasurer in a separate account, and to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen to pay for the collection and disposal of used motor oil, motor vehicle batteries, and motor vehicle tires; any excess in the fund may be used for the recycling and reclamation of other types of solid waste.”

The Moderator recognized Rita Eigenbrode to speak to this article. Rita stated that in the last budget year approximately 4300 registrations were completed. The \$.50 fee would translate to \$2,150. That would go directly to the General Fund. The Reclamation Trust Fund, if we multiply \$2.50 by 4300, would be \$10,750. This is a relatively painless way to dispose of problem materials.

**Passed by Majority Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 19:** It was moved and seconded “Do you favor the return of the annual town meeting to the traditional second Tuesday after the first Monday in March, to elect all officials and to consider all warrant items, in keeping with the annual school district meeting on that date.”

*By Petition*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND this article.*

*Majority vote required*

The Moderator recognized Ella Reney to speak to this article. Ella stated that she doesn’t think it is the day of the week or the time of the year that determines voter turnout. She thinks it is the issues. Also the School budget meeting is held in March but new officers are not elected until the May town meeting . This creates problems for the School Board. The Moderator recognized Bill Hutchins who said the Selectmen support Ella Reney’s petition. The change to May town meeting did not turn out the way it was anticipated. The Chair then recognized Myron Cummings. He said that he had done some research and found that the legislature changed the law so that now you can have a March town meeting and have a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year. He hasn’t seen any bigger turnout with a May town meeting. The Chair recognized Mike Reney who suggested a paper ballot vote. He was told that there was a request to vote by paper ballot. The

Moderator recognized Jen Mansfield who asked why town meeting couldn’t be on Saturday in March. The Chair recognized Tina Stearns to answer. She said the RSA that pertains to when Town Meeting should be held says “*A meeting of every town shall be held annually on the second Tuesday of March or in accordance with RSA 40:13 if that provision is adopted in that town for the choice of town officers and the transaction of all other town business. A town meeting may be warned by the selectmen, when, in their opinion, there shall be occasion therefore. In no event shall a special town meeting be held on the biennial election day*”. Tina said she could check with town counsel to see if we could have town meeting on a Saturday. The other choice could be starting the business portion of town meeting after the polls close at 7:00pm on Tuesday. People who work could come out for the evening meeting just as they do for the school board meetings. The Moderator stated that he had a petition signed by five registered voters for a secret yes/ no ballot on this article.



Ella Reney



Passed by Majority Ballot Vote

YES 59 NO 21

**ARTICLE 20:** It was moved and seconded "To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

Moderator Schotanus stated that it was time to elect this year's Fence Viewers and Hogreeves. Nominated for the 2001 Fence Viewers were Saralyn and Michael Carr. For 2001 Hogreeves the nominees were Larry Kirkpatrik and Nan Parsons. One ballot was cast by the Town Clerk and the nominees were elected. Alan Walker was presented with a gift from the Town to thank him for his years of service as Supervisor of the Checklist. Ella Reney was called to the front and Tina Stearns presented her with a token of thanks for all she has done for the town.

The Moderator said a few words about Wayne Strycharz, who was not present. The Town thanks Wayne for his many years of being Postmaster at the Grantham Post Office. He served for the past 10 years and during that time the office has grown to the extent that it handles the second largest volume of mail in the area. Only Hanover outranks it. It was due to Wayne's efforts that the lobby hours were expanded from 5pm to 8pm on weekdays and remained open on the weekends. He was always patient and helpful. If you threw your bank deposit in with your outgoing mail, he would go through the mail sack to retrieve it for you and you didn't have a lot of paperwork to fill out.

It is nice that Wayne, Judy and their son's are remaining in Grantham. We wish him success in his new "post" in Lempster. The audience gave Wayne a standing ovation.

There being no further business or reports, Moderator Schotanus declared the 225<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.



Allen Walker & Connie Jones

A True Copy Attest:

*Rita Eigenbrode*  
Town Clerk



## 2001 Summary of Valuation

VALUE OF LAND ONLY	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Current Use (at Current Use Values)	8,438	\$ 465,138
Residential	6,858	51,033,129
Commercial/Industrial	285	1,685,050
 Total of Taxable Land	 15,581	 \$ 53,183,317
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	1,204	( 3,633,700)
 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
Residential		\$184,354,350
Manufactured Housing		225,050
Commercial/Industrial		4,908,300
 Total of Taxable Buildings		 \$189,487,700
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable		( 3,686,800)
 Public Utilities		 \$ 1,989,290
 <b>VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b>		 <b>\$244,660,307</b>
 Elderly Exemption		 \$ 75,000
1 @ \$15,000		
3 @ \$20,000		
 Disabled Exemption (1)		 \$ 179,000
 Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		 \$ 254,900
 <b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED</b>		 <b>\$244,405,407</b>
 <i>Less Public Utilities</i>		 <i>1,989,290</i>
<i>PSNH - \$1,945,858</i>		
<i>NH Electric Coop - \$43,432</i>		
 <b>NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED</b>		 <b>\$242,416,117</b>



## 2001 Tax Rate Computation

Appropriations	1,831,916		
Less: Revenues	1,047,301		
Less: Shared Revenues	3,670		
Add: Overlay	42,472		
War Service Credits	9,000		
Net Town Appropriation	832,417		
Special Adjustment	0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	832,417		<b>TOWN RATE</b>
			<b>3.40</b>
<b>SCHOOL PORTION</b>			
Net Local School Budget	2,677,157		
Regional School Apportionment	0		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0		
State Education Taxes	(1,130,122)		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,547,035		<b>LOCAL</b>
			<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
			<b>6.33</b>
<b>STATE EDUCATION TAXES</b>			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$6.60		<b>STATE</b>
248,231,246		1,638,326	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			<b>6.76</b>
242,416,117			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
Pay to State	508,204		
<b>COUNTY PORTION</b>			
Due to County	1,271,677		
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,750)		
Approved County Tax Effort	1,269,927		<b>COUNTY RATE</b>
			<b>5.20</b>
Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,287,705		
Less: War Service Credits	(9,000)		<b>TOTAL</b>
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	210,428		<b>RATE</b>
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>5,489,133</b>		<b>21.69</b>
<b>PROOF OF RATE</b>			
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	242,416,117	6.76	1,638,326
All Other Taxes	244,405,407	14.93	3,649,379
			<u>5,287,705</u>



## Tax Rate Five-Year Review

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
<b><u>GRANTHAM</u></b>					
Town	2.62	3.72	2.65	2.43	3.40
County	3.12	3.02	2.77	4.22	5.20
Local Education	9.76	9.33	5.85	5.59	6.33
State Education	0.00	0.00	6.68	6.47	6.76
<b><i>TOTAL Grantham</i></b>	<b><i>15.50</i></b>	<b><i>16.07</i></b>	<b><i>17.95</i></b>	<b><i>18.71</i></b>	<b><i>21.69</i></b>
Village District	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.19	1.17
<b><i>TOTAL Eastman</i></b>	<b><i>16.73</i></b>	<b><i>17.30</i></b>	<b><i>19.18</i></b>	<b><i>19.90</i></b>	<b><i>22.86</i></b>

**NEIGHBORING TOWNS****CROYDON**

Town	6.11	1.70	4.19	1.11	3.39
County	2.87	2.53	2.64	4.03	5.40
Local Education	15.59	18.69	2.86	9.10	11.82
State Education	0.00	0.00	6.40	6.31	6.58
<b><i>TOTAL TAX RATE</i></b>	<b><i>24.57</i></b>	<b><i>22.92</i></b>	<b><i>16.09</i></b>	<b><i>20.55</i></b>	<b><i>27.19</i></b>

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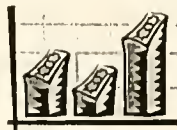
Town	3.33	3.21	3.08	3.48	3.00
County	2.93	3.13	3.01	4.55	5.58
Local Education	14.73	15.41	7.34	7.91	10.82
State Education	0.00	0.00	7.30	7.02	7.21
<b><i>TOTAL TAX RATE</i></b>	<b><i>20.99</i></b>	<b><i>21.75</i></b>	<b><i>20.73</i></b>	<b><i>22.96</i></b>	<b><i>26.61</i></b>

**SUNAPEE**

Town	3.38	3.47	3.39	3.39	3.95
County	2.71	2.71	2.77	4.08	5.28
Local Education	10.05	11.54	6.68	8.11	9.14
State Education	0.00	0.00	6.74	6.68	6.61
<b><i>TOTAL TAX RATE</i></b>	<b><i>16.14</i></b>	<b><i>17.72</i></b>	<b><i>19.58</i></b>	<b><i>22.26</i></b>	<b><i>24.98</i></b>

**PLAINFIELD**

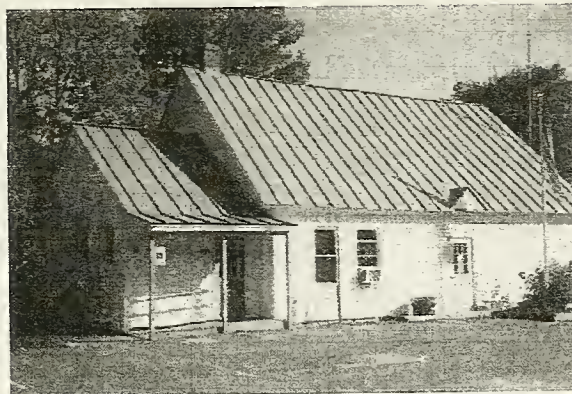
Town	6.05	5.72	6.43	4.71	4.37
County	3.14	3.11	2.77	4.93	5.91
Local Education	26.06	28.17	13.80	14.56	16.59
State Education	0.00	0.00	6.75	6.80	7.88
<b><i>TOTAL TAX RATE</i></b>	<b><i>35.25</i></b>	<b><i>37.00</i></b>	<b><i>29.75</i></b>	<b><i>31.00</i></b>	<b><i>34.75</i></b>





## Schedule of Town Owned Property

207-4	Al Smith Road—Ella Smith Lot	207-5	Route 10 North—Al Smith Corner Lot
209-1	Croydon Turnpike—Wallis Land	210-3	Miller Pond Road—Kimball Land
210-4	Off Meriden Road—Wallis Land	210-5	Croydon Turnpike—Kimball Land
210-6	Croydon Turnpike—Minister Lot	210-7	Croydon Turnpike—Wallis Land
210-8	Croydon Turnpike—Vette Davis Land	210-9	Croydon Turnpike—Minister Lot
210-10	1208 Miller Pond Road—Kimball Land	211-12	Miller Pond Road—Lucius Smith Lot
211-69	12 Tall Timber Drive—School Bus Turn-Around	212-21/22	Route 10 North
212-64	33 High Pond Road	212-81	75 High Pond Road
212-90	45 High Pond Road	213-4	10 Ash Lane
213-53	38 Anderson Pond Road	213-110	39 Shore Road
213-119	400 Road 'Round the Lake	214-44	28 Spring Valley Drive
214-62	19 Spring Valley Drive	215-33	22 Knob Hill
215-132	51 Bright Slope Way	215-137	3 Sugar Hill Road
216-41	Burpee Hill Road—Hastings Cemetery	216-89	16 Bobbin Hill
216-93	8 Bobbin Hill	216-154	1 Robin Lane
216-205	19 Anderson Pond Road	218-2	Croydon Turnpike—School Lot
221-2	Rte 10 North/I-89	221-58	Burpee Hill Road—Brown Cemetery
222-45	10 Fernwood Lane	224-1	17 Brookridge Drive
225-215	35 Walton Heath Drive	226-26/27	Route 10 North—Part of Brookside Park
227-18	Dunbar Hill Road	227-23	New Aldrich Road
233-1	34 Dunbar Hill Road—Town Office/PD/Highway	233-25	Pillsbury Road
233-75	75 Learning Drive—School/FD/Mem. Cemetery	234-142	Springfield Road
235-16	1081 Route 114—Landfill	235-30	1150 Route 114—Transfer Station
236-4	Springfield Road—Old Mill Lot	236-21	Stoney Brook Road—Hill Dale Cemetery
237-5	401 Route 10 South—Dunbar Free Library	237-32/33	Route 10 South—Town Hall Parking Lot
237-61	Dunbar Hill Road—Dunbar Hill Cemetery	243-3	Off Stocker Pond Road
243-9	Stoney Brk/Sanborn Hill—Corner Lot		



Town Office Building—34 Dunbar Hill Road





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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Grantham  
Grantham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Grantham as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Grantham has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Grantham, as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Grantham taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Grantham. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

October 11, 2001

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### ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS***

To the Members of the  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Grantham  
Grantham, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Grantham for the year ended June 30, 2001, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

#### ***Follow-Up To Prior Year Management Letter Comments***

##### ***Town Treasurer (Repeat Comment)***

During our audit of the Town Treasurer's records, it was again noted that the Treasurer does not keep a formal cashbook. Monthly summaries are prepared for the General Fund, but all other funds (Conservation Commission, Library Addition Fund, the Hastings and Holbrook Funds) do not have any formal records maintained, nor are they reconciled on a monthly basis.



*Town of Grantham**Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters*

RSA 41:29 states in part that "the town treasurer shall keep in suitable books provided for the purpose a fair and correct account of all sums received into and paid from town treasury...". Therefore, we recommend that the Treasurer maintain a formal cashbook for all accounts and record all receipts and disbursements therein. We also recommend that the Treasurer reconcile the cashbook to the bank accounts on a monthly basis.

**Tax Collector**

During our audit of the records of the Tax Collector in the prior year, the following conditions were noted:

- Abatements were made without the formal approval of the Board of Selectmen.
- Property taxes were billed in the amount of \$168.11 without a properly approved warrant.
- The remittances were not reconciled with the Town Bookkeeper.
- There were variances noted on the MS-61 form at year-end.

These conditions were corrected in the year 2000-2001.

**Purchase Order Policy**

Though the Town has a purchase order system in place, some required procedures to achieve proper internal control were not followed in the prior year. The following had been noted during our review of the system:

- Of 25 items selected for testing by the auditors, twelve did not have purchase orders for disbursements.
- There was one instance where a purchase order was not approved by the Board of Selectmen.

These conditions were corrected in the year 2000-2001.

***CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS*****Dunbar Free Library**

During the course of the year, the Library had three treasurers, and proper records were not maintained for the Library's accounts; thus additional time was expended by the auditors to reconcile them. In addition, the following conditions were noted during our audit:

- Monthly bank reconciliations were not performed.
- In numerous instances, supporting documentation was not retained for disbursements.

We have met with the newly appointed Treasurer of the Library and have reviewed the position's duties and responsibilities. In addition, we have reconciled the Library's accounts through the end of October 2001 so that the Treasurer has accurate balances from that point.



*Town of Grantham*

*Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters*

During the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Other weaknesses or considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to the applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report which is a matter of public record.

October 11, 2001

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**EXHIBIT C**  
**TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)*  
*General and Special Revenue Funds*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001*

	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$ 562,648	\$ 650,978	\$ 88,330
Licenses and Permits	411,100	471,584	60,484
Intergovernmental	77,142	78,517	1,375
Charges for Services	32,800	39,797	6,997
Miscellaneous	50,000	130,998	80,998
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	<u>37,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>	
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>1,170,690</u>	<u>1,408,874</u>	<u>238,184</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	445,170	376,351	68,819
Public Safety	293,831	277,683	16,148
Highways and Streets	192,566	197,633	(5,067)
Sanitation	212,318	190,639	21,679
Health	5,605	5,550	55
Welfare	5,000	3,893	1,107
Culture and Recreation	76,523	77,206	(683)
Conservation	1,100	474	626
Debt Service	100		100
Capital Outlay	174,800	152,546	22,254
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	<u>93,477</u>	<u>93,477</u>	
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>1,500,490</u>	<u>1,375,452</u>	<u>125,038</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>\$ (329,800)</u>	33,422	<u>\$ 363,222</u>
<u>(Increase) Decrease in Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purposes</u>		(138,316)	
<u>Increase in Fund Balance Reserved for Tax Deeded Property</u>		(5,884)	
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - July 1</u>		<u>837,250</u>	
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - June 30</u>		<u>\$ 726,472</u>	



**SCHEDULE A-2**  
**TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**General Fund**

*Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001*

	Encumbered From <u>1999-2000</u>	Appropriations <u>2000-2001</u>	Expenditures Net of <u>Refunds</u>	Encumbered To <u>2001-2002</u>	(Over) Under <u>Budget</u>
<b>Current</b>					
<b><u>General Government</u></b>					
Executive	\$	\$ 81,250	\$ 74,912	\$	\$ 6,338
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics		53,211	49,976		3,235
Financial Administration		39,500	34,969		4,531
Revaluation of Property		8,100	6,899		1,201
Legal		12,000	5,224		6,776
Personnel Administration		122,062	105,925		16,137
Planning and Zoning		5,025	1,816		3,209
General Government Buildings		87,775	68,619		19,156
Cemeteries		8,050	5,487		2,563
Insurance, not otherwise allocated		26,000	20,709		5,291
Advertising and Regional Associations		1,197	1,197		
Other		<u>1,000</u>	<u>618</u>		<u>382</u>
Total General Government		<u>445,170</u>	<u>376,351</u>		<u>68,819</u>
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>					
Police Department		220,194	212,479		7,715
Ambulance		25,862	25,592		270
Fire Department		47,400	39,612		7,788
Other		<u>375</u>			<u>375</u>
Total Public Safety		<u>293,831</u>	<u>277,683</u>		<u>16,148</u>
Highways and Streets		<u>192,566</u>	<u>197,633</u>		<u>(5,067)</u>
<b><u>Sanitation</u></b>					
Solid Waste Collection		76,318	64,725		11,593
Solid Waste Disposal		111,000	109,293		1,707
Landfill Cleanup		<u>25,000</u>	<u>16,621</u>		<u>8,379</u>
Total Sanitation		<u>212,318</u>	<u>190,639</u>		<u>21,679</u>
<b><u>Health</u></b>					
Animal Control		300	245		55
Other		<u>5,305</u>	<u>5,305</u>		
Total Health		<u>5,605</u>	<u>5,550</u>		<u>55</u>
<b><u>Welfare</u></b>					
Direct Assistance		<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,893</u>		<u>1,107</u>



*SCHEDULE A-2 (Continued)*  
**TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*General Fund*  
*Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001*

	Encumbered From <u>1999-2000</u>	Appropriations <u>2000-2001</u>	Expenditures Net of <u>Refunds</u>	Encumbered To <u>2001-2002</u>	(Over) Under <u>Budget</u>
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>					
Recreation		4,000	4,353		(353)
Library		72,523	72,318		205
Patriotic Purposes			535		(535)
Total Culture and Recreation		<u>76,523</u>	<u>77,206</u>		<u>(683)</u>
Conservation		<u>1,100</u>	<u>474</u>		<u>626</u>
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>					
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		<u>100</u>			<u>100</u>
<b><u>Capital Outlay</u></b>					
Recreational Fields	7,205	25,000	6,845	25,360	
Public Works Backhoe	22,254				22,254
Public Works Grader	12,000	37,000	49,000		
Landfill Closure		99,500	98,634	866	
Fire Department Scott Airpacks		<u>13,300</u>	<u>12,377</u>	<u>923</u>	
Total Capital Outlay	<u>41,459</u>	<u>174,800</u>	<u>166,856</u>	<u>27,149</u>	<u>22,254</u>
<b><u>Other Financing Uses</u></b>					
<b><u>Operating Transfers Out</u></b>					
<b><u>Interfund Transfers</u></b>					
Special Revenue Funds		1,977	1,977		
Trust Funds		<u>91,500</u>	<u>91,500</u>		
Total Operating Transfers Out		<u>93,477</u>	<u>93,477</u>		
<b><u>Total Appropriations</u></b>					
<b><u>Expenditures and Encumbrances</u></b>	<u>\$ 41,459</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,490</u>	<u>\$ 1,389,762</u>	<u>\$ 27,149</u>	<u>\$ 125,038</u>



*SCHEDULE A-3*  
*TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE*  
*General Fund*  
*Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001*

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Unreserved - UndesignatedFund Balance - July 1

\$ 837,250

Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used

To Reduce 2000 Tax Rate

\$ 329,800

Increase In Reserve For Special Purposes

138,316

Increase In Reserve For Tax Deeded Property

5,884

Total Deductions

474,000

\$ 363,250

Addition2000-2001 Budget Summary

Revenue Surplus (Schedule A-1)

\$ 238,184

Unexpended Balance

of Appropriations (Schedule A-2)

125,038

2000-2001 Budget Surplus

363,222Unreserved - UndesignatedFund Balance - June 30\$ 726,472



## Town Clerk's Report

I want to thank the residents of Grantham for allowing me to continue as Town Clerk/Tax Collector for three more years.

As Town Clerk I am able to see the changes that affect Grantham, firsthand. This year, 2001, there has been a steady flow of people moving into and out of town. The revenues collected by the Town Clerk in 2001 increased 7% from the previous year.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is implementing new software that is Windows based and is compliant with the forward tempo of the Town Offices. It will increase the efficiency of service that we provide.

Cindy Towle, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and I welcome your comments and questions at the Town Office.

I hope you all have a Happy and Healthy 2002.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rita Eigenbrode  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

### Town Clerk Revenue July 1, 2000—June 30, 2001

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$458,628.30
Municipal Agent Fees	6,410.00
Dog Licenses	1,865.50
State Dog Fund	960.00
Dog License Fines	286.00
Marriage Licenses	540.00
Vital Certificates	144.00
Copies of Vital Certificates	32.00
UCC Filings	810.00
Wetland Permits	30.00
Election Filing Fees	5.00
Bad Check Fees	100.00
Miscellaneous Fees	616.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$470,426.88</b>



## Tax Collector's MS-61 Report—Year Ending June 30, 2001

DEBITS	Levy for Year of this Report	1999	1998	PRIOR
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES—BEG. OF YEAR:</b>				
Property Taxes		1,208,858.10		
Yield Taxes		10,134.86		
<b>TAXES COMMITTED</b>				
Property Taxes	4,813,205.99			
Yield Taxes	17,733.00			
<b>OVERPAYMENT</b>				
Property Taxes - Overpayments	7,988.83	2,989.11		
Property Taxes - Prepayments	2,122.16			
Tax Lien Cost	1,305.75			
Interest—Late Tax	4,175.09	4,830.73		
Penalty: 2000 Tax Lien	349.25	32.50		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 4,846,880.07</b>	<b>\$ 1,226,846.30</b>		<b>\$ 1,504.95</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>				
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</b>				
Property Taxes	3,990,169.91	1,210,256.89		
Yield Taxes	17,733.00	10,134.86		
Interest	4,175.09	4,830.73		
Penalties	349.25	32.50		
Tax Lien Cost	1,305.75			
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE:</b>				
Property Taxes	1,347.47	812.18		
Yield Taxes				1,504.95
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>	<b>178.68</b>	<b>713.52</b>		
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES—END OF YEAR</b>				
Property Taxes	831,620.92	64.62		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 4,846,880.07</b>	<b>\$ 1,226,845.30</b>		<b>\$ 1,504.95</b>



## Tax Collector's MS-61 Report—Year Ending June 30, 2001

DEBITS				
	Last Year's Levy	1999	1998	PRIOR
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Fiscal Year		42,779.53	21,998.11	5,286.05
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	39,344.71			
Interest & Costs Collected	118.47	2,197.33	2,562.55	844.51
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 39,463.18</b>	<b>\$ 44,976.86</b>	<b>\$ 24,560.66</b>	<b>\$ 6,130.56</b>
CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy	1999	1998	PRIOR
Redemptions	2,022.87	13,501.47	7,908.92	1,543.60
Interest & Costs Collected	118.47	2,197.33	2,562.55	844.51
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		2,752.34		
Liens Deeded to Municipality	452.80	2,142.98	1,826.03	3,307.49
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	36,869.04	24,382.74	12,263.16	6,130.56
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 39,463.18</b>	<b>\$ 44,976.86</b>	<b>\$ 24,560.66</b>	<b>\$ 6,130.56</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE: *Rita Eigenbrode*

DATE: 09/19/2001





## Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Liens

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Liens Year Ended June 30, 2001 (Levies)

Property Owner	Map-Lot	Property Address	2000	1999	98, 97	TOTALS
Aborn, Gage N & Phillis	225-296	13 Eagle Drive	303.73			303.73
Argus Barclay Mellon Invstmnts	213-81	3 Shore Road	118.00	113.03		231.03
Ashbury Properties Ltd.	214-112	11 Bonnie Brae	325.08			325.08
Bard, Rose Marie	226-19	161 Yankee Barn Road	201.36	193.28	176.08	570.72
Barrell, John F & Ruth H	216-195	20 Butternut Road	359.23	342.01	594.34	1,295.58
CEB Living Trust of 10/4/2000	222-148.003	7 Pleasant Drive	2,421.38			2,421.38
Chimene, Kenneth	215-104	7 Granite Way	2,195.25			2,195.25
Chimene, Kenneth	216-98	58 Draper Mill Road	136.45			136.45
Colt, Jr Richard E	226-34	286 Route 10 North	1,756.64	1,660.85		3,417.49
Dance, Samuel	234-120	66 Longwood Drive			288.93	288.93
Delisle Jr., James	215-9.027	827 Covered Bridge Rd	1,248.46			1,248.46
Desjardins Land Corporation	212-117	28 High Pond Road			181.49	181.49
Foster, Julie Irene	222-142.013	13 Pioneer Point		4,289.70	3,855.87	8,145.57
Gallien, Ryan S & Shannon M	221-52	626 Route 10 North	859.57	813.30	729.15	2,402.02
Hendy, Ruth M	234-60	13 Troon Drive	425.41	404.83	201.88	1,032.12
Jacobs, P Darren	222-189	7 Turnbuckle	3,717.15	1,304.73		5,021.88
Kieswetter Jr, Kenneth	223-6	16 Deer Run	301.59	169.82		471.41
Martineau, Peggy R	222-20	19 Fernwood Lane	3,858.05	3,663.23	3,295.34	10,816.62
Mattatuck Surg Assoc	225-44	17 Hummingbird Hill	36.18	210.30	192.42	438.90
Messier, Kenneth J	234-99	34 Greensward Drive	399.79	380.51		780.30
Mikoloski Jr, Henry S	215-137	3 Sugar Hill Road	598.31	568.97	387.57	1,554.85
Miller, Dawn M	221-52.1	Route 10 North	238.46	226.45	205.67	670.58
Paddington, Basil Inc	225-82	59 Troon Drive	3,149.32	2,990.47		6,139.79
Partridge, Edward & Deborah L	236-55	88 Stocker Pond Road	2,164.03	2,045.76	1,121.93	5,331.72
Peters, Alexandria	215-52	30 Butternut Drive	197.95			197.95
Powell, Donna Lewin	234-137	Heath Lane, I-89	1,588.05			1,588.05
Rice, William	213-32	82 Anderson Pond Road	286.65			286.65
Rinaldi, Louise A	211-23	49 Hemlock Lane	639.92			639.92
Rutheny, Eugene	225-142	12 Moose Lane	192.55			192.55
Scanlon, Michael	214-90	73 Whitetail Ridge	1,130.70			1,130.70
Search, Robert D	222-151.004	27 Pleasant Drive	2,560.14	2,431.20	1,119.24	6,110.58
Silk, John D	233-64	50 Longwood Drive	352.82			352.82
State Side Holdings, Ltd	225-273	41 Fairway Drive	285.50			285.50
Stavis, Hillel	214-30	18 Catamount Road	229.01	218.41		447.42
Underhill Jr, Robert K & Jane B	227-15	10 Meadowbrook Road	3,826.92	1,977.10		5,804.02
WGBH Educational Foundation	216-113	30 Draper Mill Road	218.33	208.27	41.04	467.64
Wood, Steven R	226-13	870 Dunbar Hill Road	547.06			547.06
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>36,869.04</b>	<b>24,212.22</b>	<b>12,390.95</b>	<b>73,472.21</b>

*Please note that not all of these lien amounts are currently outstanding.*





## Town Treasurer Report

**BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 2000**

LSB Checking Account	\$ 17,424.08
LSB Repurchase Agreement	897,808.41
New Hampshire PDIP	976,937.57

**BEGINNING TOTAL:** **\$1,892,170.06**

**RECEIPTS:**

From Tax Collector	\$5,264,560.78
From Town Clerk	470,426.88
From Town Office	219,286.76

*Net Interest Earned:*

LSB Checking Account	565.06	
LSB Repurchase Agreement	46,560.07	
PDIP	53,371.76	319,783.65
Refund Payments (Reduction in Revenue)		(5,963.14)
Bank Charges (Reduction)		(35.00)
Miscellaneous Tax Deposit		450.09

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:** **\$6,049,223.26**

**ADJUSTMENTS:**

Bad Check Returned by Bank	(1,245.37)	
Bad Checks Redeposited	331.50	(913.87)

**TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE AND RECEIPTS:** **\$7,940,479.45**

**DISBURSEMENTS PER SELECTBOARD ORDERS:**

Accounts Payable	\$5,151,774.50
Payroll and Benefits	307,497.84
Fed'l Tax 941 Electronic Transfer	88,914.88
Void Checks	(2,598.30)

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:** **(5,545,588.92)**

***End of Year Balance—June 30, 2001:*** ***\$2,394,890.53***

**YEAR END RECONCILIATION: JUNE 30, 2001**

LSB Checking Account	\$ 35,482.74
LSB Repurchase Agreement	\$1,629,098.46
New Hampshire PDIP	\$730,309.33

***Year End Total:*** ***\$2,394,890.53***

*Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Scott, Treasurer*



## Trustees of the Trust Funds

Town of Grantham Trustees of Trust Funds  
Report of the Trust Funds & Capital Reserve Funds for Year Ending June 30, 2001

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1					PRINCIPAL		PRINCIPAL
2	Date of	Name of		Balance	New	With-	Balance
3	Creation	Trust Fund	Purpose of	Beginning	Funds	drawals	End of Year
4	COMMON FUND # 1 Cemetery Care Funds						
5	1900 - 2000	Perpetual Care: Dunbar Hill	Perpetual Care	LSB CD & Stm.	3,000.00		3,000.00
6	1900 - 2000	Perpetual Care: Hilldale	Perpetual Care	LSB CD & Stm.	4,196.91		4,196.91
7							
8		Total Perpetual Care Funds		7,196.91	0.00	0.00	7,196.91
9	1980 - 2001	Memorial Cem. Maint. Funds	Cem. Maintenanc	LSB CD	200.00		15,800.00
10	1989 - 2001	Cemetery Development Fund	Development	2,800.00	50.00		2,850.00
11							
12		TOTAL ALL CEMETERY FUNDS	Common Fund No. 1	25,596.91	250.00	0.00	25,846.91
13							
14		OTHER TRUST FUNDS					
15	1891	Grantham School Fund	Grantham				
16		Sale of Leased Land	School	SA LSB	623.00		623.00
17	1915	Hiram Buswell Fund	Dunbar Library	SA LSB	300.00		300.00
18	6/18/85	Glenn Hudson Mem. Fund	Scholarship Fund	SA/CD LSB	2,985.00		2,985.00
19	1/30/97	JP & MM English Educ. Fnd.	Educ. Excellence	SA/CD LSB	11,248.43		11,248.43
20							
21		TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS		15,156.43	0.00	0.00	15,156.43
22							
23		CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					
24	5/10/90	Fire Department Apparatus	Fire Apparatus	MBIA 0008	9,100.00	25,000.00	34,100.00
25	5/10/90	Town Highway Truck	New Truck	MBIA 0009	10,000.00		10,000.00
26	7/17/93	Office Computer	New Computer	MBIA 0010	1,975.00		1,975.00
27	12/15/95	Mower Fund	New Mowers	MBIA 0012	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
28	3/18/99	GV School Bldg. Fund	Building Fund	SRSB CD	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
29	11/17/98	GV School Bldg. Fund	Building Fund	MBIA 0018	50,000.00	25,000.00	75,000.00
30	12/18/98	Police Dept. Console	Radio Equip.	MBIA 0020	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
31	2/15/00	Town Office Bldg. Fund	Town Office	LSB CD 545	25,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00
32	2/15/00	Highway Equip. Fund	Highway Equip.	LSB CD 544/St	12,000.00	42,000.00	0.00
33							
34		TOTAL TOWN CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		171,075.00	116,500.00	42,000.00	245,575.00
35							

Continue



**Town of Grantham Trustees of Trust Funds**  
**Report of the Trust Funds & Capital Reserve Funds for Year Ending June 30, 2001**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
36	12/27/95 Village District of Eastman	Gen/Pump Maint	MBIA 0007	35,981.00			35,981.00
37	12/27/95 Village District of Eastman	Water Main Main	MBIA 0005	235,000.00			235,000.00
38	9/18/98 Village District of Eastman	Water Syst. Upgr	MBIA 0019	21,223.93		21,223.93	0.00
39	3/29/00 Village District of Eastman	One Ton Truck	MBIA-0022	0.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
40	TOTAL V.D. EASTMAN CRF			292,204.93	4,000.00	21,223.93	274,981.00
41							
42	TOTAL ALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			463,279.93	120,500.00	63,223.93	520,556.00
43							
44	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS						
45	12/15/95 Expendable General Trust	Town Em. Repair	MBIA 0021	15,085.68			15,085.68
46	1/21/97 GV School Expend. Trust	Sch. Em. Repairs	MBIA 0015	28,080.00			28,080.00
47	1/31/00 GV Sch. Spec. Ed. Exp. Tr.	Spec. Education	LSB CD 543	25,000.00	15,000.00		40,000.00
48							
49	TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS			68,165.68	15,000.00	0.00	83,165.68
50							
51	GRAND TOTALS			572,198.95	135,750.00	63,223.93	644,725.02
52							
53							
54							
55							



Report of the Trust Funds & Capital Reserve Funds for Year Ending June 30, 2001

	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
	Name of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL Balance End of Year	INCOME Balance Beg. Of Year	%	INCOME Income During Year	Expended Dur. Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income
1	COMMON FUND # 1 Cemetery Care Funds							
2	Perpetual Care: Dunbar Hill	3,000.00	1,706.61	32%	284.83	86.24	1,905.20	4,905.20
3	Perpetual Care: Hilldale	4,196.91	5,903.86	68%	611.27	103.52	6,411.61	10,608.52
4								
5	Total Perpetual Care Funds	7,196.91	7,610.47	43%	896.10	189.76	8,316.81	15,513.72
6	Memorial Cem. Maint. Funds	15,800.00	920.04	47%	1,008.57	920.04	1,008.57	16,808.57
7	Cemetery Development Fund	2,850.00	661.37	10%	223.12		884.49	3,734.49
8								
9	TOTAL ALL CEMETERY FUNDS	25,846.91	9,191.88	100%	2,127.79	1,109.80	10,209.87	36,056.78
10								
11	OTHER TRUST FUNDS							
12								
13								
14	Grantham School Fund	623.00	0.00		17.38	17.38	0.00	623.00
15	Sale of Leased Land	300.00	0.00		8.36	8.36	0.00	300.00
16	Hiram Buswell Fund	2,985.00	134.60		201.76	250.00	86.36	3,071.36
17	Glenn Hudson Mem. Fund	11,248.43	313.07		749.80	500.00	562.87	11,811.30
18	JP & MM English Educ. Fnd.							
19								
20	TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS	15,156.43	447.67		977.30	775.74	649.23	15,805.66
21								
22	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:							
23	Fire Department Apparatus	34,100.00	9,236.35		2,207.32		11,443.67	45,543.67
24	Town Highway Truck	10,000.00	2,134.62		680.93		2,815.55	12,815.55
25	Office Computer	1,975.00	622.40		145.89		768.29	2,743.29
26	Mower Fund	4,500.00	708.84		278.72		987.56	5,487.56
27	GV School Bldg. Fund	50,000.00	6,494.11		3,675.69		10,169.80	60,169.80
28	GV School Bldg. Fund	75,000.00	4,218.60		3,719.07		7,937.67	82,937.67
29	Police Dept. Console	20,000.00	406.74		1,055.44		1,462.18	21,462.18
30	Town Office Bldg. Fund	50,000.00	464.63		2,792.93		3,257.56	53,257.56
31	Highway Equip. Fund	0.00	223.01		1,977.18		2,200.19	2,200.19
32								
33	TOTAL TOWN CAPITAL RESERVES	245,575.00	24,509.30		16,533.17	0.00	41,042.47	286,617.47
34								
35								

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**Town of Grantham Trustees of Trust Funds**  
**Report of the Trust Funds & Capital Reserve Funds for Year Ending June 30, 2001**

	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
36	Village District of Eastman	35,981.00	4,628.57		2,278.87		6,907.44	42,888.44
37	Village District of Eastman	235,000.00	21,140.04		14,372.76		35,512.80	270,512.80
38	Village District of Eastman	0.00	874.77		1,074.52	1,949.29	0.00	0.00
39	Village District of Eastman	4,000.00	0.00		19.29		19.29	4,019.29
40	TOTAL EASTMAN CAPITAL RESERVE	274,981.00	26,643.38		17,745.44	1,949.29	42,439.53	317,420.53
41								
42	TOTAL ALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	520,556.00	51,152.68		34,278.61	1,949.29	83,482.00	604,038.00
43								
44	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS							
45	Expendable General Trust	15,085.68	2,493.10		986.42		3,479.52	18,565.20
46	GV School Expend. Trust	28,080.00	3,981.05		1,799.00		5,780.05	33,860.05
47	GV Sch. Spec. Ed. Exp. Tr.	40,000.00	500.33		1,855.97		2,356.30	42,356.30
48								
49	TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	83,165.68	6,974.48		4,641.39	0.00	11,615.87	94,781.55
50								
51	GRAND TOTALS	644,725.02	67,766.71		42,025.09	3,834.83	105,956.97	750,681.99
52								
53								
54								
55								



## Cemetery Trustees

Cemetery Trustees, Dennis Howard, Warren Kimball and Francis Mutney met twice between July 2000 and June 30, 2001 to discuss the needs of the cemeteries and prepare the budget. Thomas "Ed" Buckman was elected at the Town Meeting in May replacing Francis Mutney who did not run for re-election. Ed has been elected Chairman of the Trustees for the year 2001-2002. Sexton, Craig Muir has taken care of burials and lot sales as needed working with the Road Agent, Funeral Directors and Monument Companies.

The format of the Cemetery Lot Deed was revised to include the names of persons to be buried on the front of the deed as recommended by the state.

It was agreed that when the Trustees receive cemetery maintenance concerns they should be forwarded to the Selectmen in writing. There has been some confusion about the layout of the Memorial Cemetery lots. There is a one foot space between rows and no open space between each lot in a row. This means that corner markers need to be placed within the lot.

The cemetery gates at all cemeteries need to be closed during the winter to protect the gates. Maintenance work in the cemeteries in 2002 will include:

Memorial Cemetery	Repairs to the stonewall and gate posts & improvements to the entrance by making a raised flower bed.
Hilldale Cemetery	Vehicles need to stay within the driveway around the lower curve to prevent damage to the corner lots.

The Trustees appreciate the cooperation and care of our cemeteries by the public works staff, the sexton, and individual families. We want to thank Joey Holmes for placing the flags on the graves of Veterans in time for Memorial Weekend.

Sexton's Report:	7/1/2000 to 6/30/2001	7/1/2001 to 12/31/2001
	0 Cemetery Lots Sold	7
	2 Monument Layouts	5
	3* Burials—Memorial Cemetery	3**
	1+ Burials—Hilldale Cemetery	1++

00-01 * Clyde Currier, Arthur Carver, Rose McCarthy	+ Stanley Moulton
7/1/01-12/01 ** Hugh Reney, Charles Amick and Son	++ Beverly Pillsbury

*Respectfully submitted,*

Trustees: Thomas Buckman, Chairman  
Dennis W. Howard, Bookkeeper  
G. Warren Kimball

Sexton: Craig Muir



## Cemetery Bookkeeper's Report

Balance on Hand—June 30, 2000 \$ 778.35

Old Graveyard Restoration Fund	\$	393.05
Undesignated Fund		<u>385.30</u>

Total Available Funds	\$	778.35
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Receipts:	Interest	\$	.96	<u>.96</u>
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Total Balance & Receipts:	\$779.31
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Disbursements:

NHOGA Dues	\$	7.00
Grantham Historical Society		
Leavitt Cemetery Clean Up		150.00
NHOGA Dues—2001		<u>7.00</u>

Total Disbursements:	<u>164.00</u>
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Balance on Hand—June 30, 2001 \$615.31

Old Graveyard Restoration Fund	\$243.05
Undesignated Fund	<u>372.26</u>

Total Available Funds 6/30/01	\$615.31
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*Dennis Howard, Bookkeeper*



Dunbar Hill Cemetery Blanketed in Snow



## Grantham Historical Society

The Grantham Historical Society had a quiet year. Eight regular meetings were held, every month except the summer months and December. We had a history booth at Old Home Day July 4 with pictures of historical interest and various historical items. We also furnished refreshments for Prof. Jere Daniels' talk on New England towns at a Friends of the Dunbar Free Library meeting.

Numerous photos and historical data were loaned to the library trustees for the 100th birthday commemoration.

Speakers at the monthly meetings included Rep. Connie Jones, Grantham, and Rep. Richard Leone, Sunapee, speaking on state and town issues; Laurie Field and Sarah Barton, outlining plans for the Old Home Day; Tony Hanslin, CEO of Yankee Barn Homes, Grantham, giving the business history; Russell Keat, Grantham, who was at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001; and Kenneth Ryder, Lebanon, the new general manager of the Eastman Community Association. Harold Perkins, Newport archivist, was the speaker at the annual May meeting.

Many items of historical interest have been added to the archives at the town office. Thanks to Wifred Hastings, William Hutchins, Dudley Smith, Dennis Howard, B. Joey Holmes, Geraldine Moulton, Everett Reney, Ella Reney, Cora Campbell, Pat Hanson, Stephen Swensen, Phyllis Forest, Robert Schwartz, and Harold Perkins for their gifts.

Focus of attention this year has been the Grantham Militia Flag donated by Phyllis and Peter Forest. We took the flag to the Textile Museum in Lowell, Mass., in May for evaluation and possible restoration. The museum expert agreed that the flag was a valuable and unique historic artifact that deserved preservation and restoration. Later the museum gave estimates of costs: full restoration suitable for display would cost from \$15,000 to \$18,000; partial restoration, \$2,500, and simple protective wrapping to preserve it, \$600. Since the Historical Society has little money, we opted for the protective wrapping. This means the flag cannot be displayed but will be preserved until funds are available for complete restoration. This flag is truly unique; no other town has anything like it, and it should be restored and displayed at a public location in Grantham. Surely the citizens of Grantham can somehow find the funds.

Historical Society meetings, open to the public, are at 1 p.m., Nov., Jan., Feb., and March; at 7 p.m. April, Sept., and Oct., and the annual meeting, preceded by a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. in May. All meetings are in the Main Street Town Hall.

*Respectfully,*

*Allen W. Walker*  
*Historical Society President*

*Photo by Allen Walker*



Militia Flag in Unpreserved Condition



## Town Archivist

Our Town Archives hours at the Town Clerk's Office have changed from Wednesday afternoons to Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. With this change, the Grantham Historical Society President and the Archives room are available to the public once a week at the Town Clerk's office without interfering with the work of the Town Clerk. We have room to spread out, look at old materials and map and help you trace your family genealogy.

Every year we see an increase of visitors. Not only families from as far away as Arizona, Utah and Massachusetts are coming to the Town Archives, but also Grantham people are adding historical material to our Grantham collections. The materials they bring to us are stored in acid free boxes on shelves built in the Archives Room. The family materials are then placed in individual acid free folders, and/or sorted by organization, buildings, businesses, real estate, schools and Grantham Town events such as bicentennials and old home days. A computer is available also to search for family names on material found in the archives.

Some of the gifts received this year included a 1916 surveyor's map of Draper Mill, an 1850 map by W.M. Hastings, early 1900 photos of the Village school students, a booklet entitled "from Hingham to Hatley" about the Leavitt family by Anne Leavitt, memorabilia of the Howe family, a school bell from the Village school, a photo of 'lumbering in Blue Mountain Park', a short history of 'The Grange in Horse and Buggy Days', an 1893 catalog of the "Free Public Library" and several Grantham Grammar Graduation Programs from the mid 1900's. These are just a few of the items that we are always grateful to receive to complete the history of Grantham in the town archives. With Grantham's growth of today, we realize that today's photographs and memorabilia are just as important to collect as yesterday's. We are happy to receive any present day material of Grantham interest.

This year the Brown River, Records Preservation Sources, in Essex, VT bound another set of annual reports from 1944 to 1950. This is the fourth volume of Town Reports dating back to 1877. These too are available to the public.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lea Frey  
Town Archivist*



Preserving history with the renovation of the  
Methodist Church steeple.



## Road Agent's Report

In 2001 the Highway Department completed the paving of Burpee Hill, lined the ditches with stone and seeded to minimize erosion and spread gravel on the remaining gravel portion of the road.

The old pavement on Cote Road was reclaimed, gravel added and culverts changed in preparation for paving by United Construction which was completed in the Fall.

Culverts were changed on Stocker Pond and Walker Road and the wooden guard rails were replaced on the bridge entering Olde Farms.

At the beginning of the summer we started clearing the site for the new Transfer Station. By renting some equipment and looking at other area transfer stations, we were able to build, at modest cost to the town (most of the material used was excavated on site), what I think will prove to be a smooth running, user friendly Transfer Station. One that when it's up and running should be able to efficiently process many of the recyclables that are not generating any income for the town now.

The new red Freightliner FL-80 truck is in action and has been a great addition to the Highway Department. With two full size trucks it has reduced the time it takes to plow and sand the town roads thereby making the roads safe to drive on. I thank the taxpayers of Grantham for allowing us to purchase this new truck; it is much appreciated.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for making our work here in the Highway Department easier; your support is greatly appreciated.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Joseph Newcomb  
Road Agent*

*Jeffrey Hastings  
Assistant Road Agent*



Looking south on Cote Road.



## Transfer Station Report

### Transfer Station Solid Waste Costs

Month	# of Hauls	Haulage Cost	Tonnage	Incinerator Cost	Total Cost
July	10	2,250.80	117.20	9,376.00	11,626.80
August	9	2,023.02	123.99	9,919.20	11,942.22
September	8	1,798.24	110.95	8,876.00	10,674.24
October	8	1,798.24	110.66	8,852.80	10,651.04
November	9	2,023.02	84.31	6,744.80	8,767.82
December	9	2,023.02	97.71	7,816.80	9,839.82
January	8	1,200.00	90.89	7,725.65	8,925.65
February	6	900.00	67.78	5,761.30	6,661.30
March	6	900.00	71.12	6,045.20	6,945.20
April	8	1,200.00	85.94	7,304.90	8,504.90
May	9	1,350.00	106.75	9,073.75	10,423.75
June	8	1,200.00	118.08	10,036.80	11,236.80
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>\$18,666.34</b>	<b>1,185.38</b>	<b>\$97,533.20</b>	<b>\$116,199.54</b>



Hazardous Waste Day

**Recycling!**



Photo by Nat Duford

The attendant shed on the move.



New hopper being installed



## Police Department Report

***Wherever Law ends, Tyranny begins,***  
*-John Locke, Second Treatise of Government*

As the year of 2001 came to an end, we, the citizens of our great country, went through many changes. Terrorism hit on September 11th and threw this country into a tail spin. As we regain our balance we look for reasons. We had become relaxed. That appears to be the main reason. Don't let that be the Town of Grantham's reason.

I became the Chief of Police in January 1988. When I was interviewed, one of the interests of the town was to have 24 hour patrol. Another interest of the Town was a Police Station. And the third was to hire a Chief that would stay for a long time and maintain professionalism. Well, I have been here ever since and as I start my fourteenth year, I wonder why the town keeps asking for more protection but fails to provide the man power to do the job and its present police officers with a good work environment. I can tell you why. This town has become relaxed. We want the security, but over the years we have gotten relaxed.

As I hope you will agree, we, the citizens of Grantham, are very fortunate. I feel we have probably the best school in the state. Our fire department is well-equipped and our Fast Squad members are well-trained and dedicated individuals. Our police department is blessed with Deputy Chief Whitney and our newest officer, Glenville Jenkins, an honor graduate of the New Hampshire Police Academy.

As we look back over the last year, the Grantham Police Department has covered and investigated almost 700 crime-related offenses and motor vehicle complaints. We have lost over \$58,000.00 in property that was destroyed, damaged or vandalized. We have had the largest variety of crimes in the history of the police department.

The investigation hours alone have kept Deputy Chief Jerry Whitney busy and off patrol for the best part of three months. That is 25% of his working year spent totally on investigations. And we must remember that when an officer's time is tied up on investigations, the other officers have to pick up on his patrol time. This uses overtime hours and puts additional workload on our part-time officers.

In the last year we have had to replace the Police Department Secretary twice. And as you all know, Officer Marshall Osgood went to work for New London Police Department. These problems have been remedied and we are running up to staff.

This brings me to some closing requests. First, we need a new Police Station. I hope that the town will support any endeavors in the future to build this most needed facility. Second, we need to replace the four-wheel drive cruiser. The Tahoe has proven to be a real asset to the department, but with nearly 100,000 miles, it is becoming a liability and safety concern to officers responding to emergencies. Last is the need for an additional officer. As the demands on the town's police department change, the way we need to deal with our calls for service changes as well. The amount of time on investigations is increasing, and because of the combination of an increase in both traffic and population, we need the ability to cover patrol and have someone working on investigations.



In looking at the past hiring of an officer, it is a truly long process. In hiring Officer Jenkins, we first ran advertisements in several papers and on the web site for Police Standards and Jacques Testing Service. This process took about two months. Then we had to schedule the testing and interviews. This placed us another six weeks down the road. Once we decided who we were going to hire, the background investigation took another two months. This means it takes at least five to six months to get an officer hired and then another six months to get the officer through the academy and trained to patrol within the community. If the town agrees to our need for another officer by July of 2003, we will need the funds to begin the hiring process in July, 2002.

As I have seen as my many years as the Chief, Grantham is a sound fiscal community with the desire to provide the departments of the town with the equipment and man power to handle its needs. The Grantham Police Department has and will continue to serve the town in a truly professional manner and we hope that the town will continue to provide the department with the support it needs.

As its population grows, Grantham's need for safety and protection grows. We owe it to our children to provide them with a safe and wholesome community to grow and learn in. The Grantham Police Department plays a vital role in that growth.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Russell E. Lary*  
*Chief*





## Police Department Statistical Report

Records Analysis Report Dated 07-01-2000 - 06-30-2001

## Incidents by Time of Day

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>
1 AM	4							4
2 AM			1			2		3
3 AM		1			1			2
4 AM				1				1
5 AM								0
6 AM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
7 AM	1		1	2	3	1	4	12
8 AM	8	1	3	2	4	4	7	29
9 AM	6	6	2	1	2	1	4	22
10 AM	6	4	3	4	4	3	5	29
11 AM	6	11	8	6	4	4	8	47
12 PM	4	2	5	6	1	2	4	24
1 PM	6	6	8	3	7	11	7	48
2 PM	7	5	3	9	5	9	7	45
3 PM	7	4	7	4	15	12	9	58
4 PM	6	8	6	6	9	11	6	52
5 PM	13	11	5	6	12	11	3	61
6 PM	6	6	14	5	6	11	5	53
7 PM	6	10	3	7	7	9	9	51
8 PM	3	5	6	6	6	6	7	39
9 PM	6	9	4	4	3	6	6	38
10 PM	5	7	3	4	4	4	7	34
11 PM			2	2		4	6	14
12 AM						1	1	2
TTLS	101	97	85	79	94	111	108	675

AGGRAVATED FELONIOUS SEXUAL ASSAULT—2  
 SIMPLE ASSAULT—2  
 HARRASSMENT—1  
 BURGLARY—2  
 HARRASSMENT—1  
 FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING—1  
 THEFT BY UNAUTH. TAKING - FRAUD—2  
 THEFT OF SERVICES—1  
 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-VANDILISM—9  
 FELONIOUS SEXUAL ASSAULT—1  
 PUBLIC NUISANCE—1  
 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE—1  
 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND—1  
 TRANSPORTING ALCHOLIC BEVERAGE—1  
 CRIMINAL TRESPASS—6  
 LICENSES TO CARRY/PISTOL—11  
 UNRULY JUVENILE—2  
 VIOLATION & CONTEMPT OF PROTEC—1  
 BARKING DOG (SUSTAINED PERIODS—4  
 RECKLESS CONDUCT; PLACE ANOTHER—2

SEXUAL ASSAULT - FORCIBLE FONDLING—2  
 CRIMINAL THREATENING—3  
 ATTEMPT TO COMMIT BURGLARY—2  
 SHOPLIFTING—2  
 THEFT; FROM A BUILDING—2  
 THEFT BY UNAUTH. TAKING—2  
 THEFT BY DECEPTION—1  
 ATTEMPT TO COMMIT CREDIT CARD FRAUD—2  
 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED/NARCO—1  
 ISSUING BAD CHECKS—4  
 DISORDERLY CONDUCT—4  
 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED—1  
 DRUNK/INTOXICATED SUBJECT—1  
 RUNAWAY JUVENILE—2  
 CRIMINAL RECORDS, REPORTS—4  
 LITTERING-UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES—2  
 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PETITION—6  
 LITTERING; PENALTIES—3  
 TERMINATION OF TENANCY—1  
 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS—1



## Planning Board

Ronald Shepherd Burpee Hill Road Subdivision Map 221 Lot 61—*Approved*

William & Judy Murray Annexation Map 214 Lots 21 & 22—*Approved*

Charlotte Bisson & John Palmeri Boundary Line Adjustment—*Approved*

Michael & Mary West Annexation—*Approved*

Linda R. & Cynthia Martin Annexation Map 227 Lots 26 & 27—*Approved*

SAU 75/Village School Site Plan for School Addition Map 233 Lot 35—*Approved*

Grantham Indoor Site Plan Review for Two Communications Towers Map 226 Lot 18—*Approved*

Piper & Chris Scalabrin Annexation Map 216 Lots 167 & 168—*Approved*

Lake Sunapee Group Annexation Map 233 Lots 10 & 11—*Approved*

Grantham Indoor Site Plan Review for Snack Bar Expansion Map 226 Lot 18—*Approved*

Charlie & Emily Witham 182 Split Rock Road Boundary Line Adjustment—*Approved*

Paula & Don Yanke Annexation Map 213 Lots 123 & 124—*Approved*

### Building permits issued in 2001—Total = 103

New Construction = 32

Greenhouse = 3

Retail Shop = 1

Addition = 21

Deck = 13

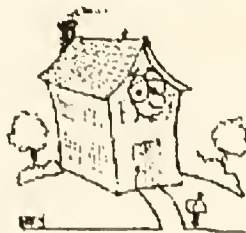
Telecommunications Tower = 1

Garage = 19

Barn = 2

Shed = 10

Duplex Units = 1





## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The UVLSRPC is a non-profit, voluntary association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire and has been serving the Region since 1963. The majority of the Region's residents work, shop, go to school and obtain most other services in one of the Region's three socioeconomic centers: the Upper Valley core of Hartford/Lebanon/Hanover, Sullivan County's Claremont-Newport job center, or the New London/Lake Sunapee area. One of our purposes is to guide, coordinate and promote sound economic growth and development, and prepare, maintain and implement a comprehensive regional plan for these areas. Your community's membership in the regional planning commission provides you with a voice in regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community, such as: where growth should occur and what special places our citizens want protected for future generations; what the responsibilities are of job centers to the surrounding communities that provide homes for their workers; how to allocate federal transportation dollars to best balance the needs of residents with those passing through; and state obligations to our communities when they issue permits that may have significant scenic impacts, or threaten water quality, or change our villages and downtowns.

It has been a busy year for us, with several new initiatives underway. With our economic development partners, we have begun steps to extend the eligibility for increased federal economic development funding that we brought to eastern Vermont this year to our New Hampshire communities in the coming years. The Upper Valley Housing Needs Assessment we coordinated began to answer some important questions about the economic development, land use and social issues interacting with our Region's housing supply, and the November Workforce Housing Summit we initiated as follow-up provided a forum to begin developing solutions. The transportation needs of our busiest population center are being addressed more cooperatively through our assistance with the creation of a public-private Transportation Management Association, and our rural villages will get some help steering federal and state transportation dollars to better meet their needs through our upcoming Rural Village Highway Design Guide. Building on our long history of involvement in the Connecticut River watershed, we are currently involved in watershed protection activities in the Cold River, Sugar River and Mascoma River watersheds in New Hampshire, and the Lull's Brook and White River watersheds in Vermont. The Mascoma River watershed work is coupled with our first comprehensive hazard mitigation planning effort.

In addition to involvement in regional issues, UVLSRPC provides technical assistance to member communities with the development and implementation of local plans. Areas of expertise available include, but are not limited to, land use planning and regulation, transportation planning, emergency management, natural resource planning, mapping, community development and grant administration. Our professional planning staff, data, maps and library regularly provide information, guidance and training to board members and residents of communities such as Grantham. Our work with the Grantham zoning board this year on the issue of telecommunication facilities is typical of the assistance our position at the forefront of today's planning issues enables us to provide member communities. We also serve many area non-profits, such as housing and land trusts, public transit providers, and solid waste and watershed groups.

We appreciate Grantham's participation and support and look forward to continuing to serve your community in the coming years.

*Tara E. Bamford*  
*Interim Executive Director*



## Zoning Board of Adjustment

During the report period the Zoning Board of Adjustment received five requests for variance and one case for equitable waiver of dimensional requirements. Two of these variance requests reflect the growing demand for extending telecommunications networks along major transportation arteries. A request in September 2000 was made to place a telecommunications tower in a district zoned "rural/residential" and a second request was presented for a pair of towers to be placed in a "business" district. The first of these requests was tabled for more information and a series of meetings were held beyond this report period. The second request to build two towers within a short distance of each other was approved.

The nature and complexity of the requests now coming before the Zoning Board reflects the growing pressure for commercial growth—including requests for commercial enterprises in the "rural/residential" district. This is in conflict with the Town's Master Plan under land use: to avoid the encroachment of commercial use into residential areas and to encourage the overall objective to maintain the rural environment. The Zoning Board's goal is to be objective in each case and to balance individual needs with the Town's objectives as spelled out in the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinances.

I would like to thank the members of the Board for the time they have spent in preparing for the meetings and their sage input in the meetings. I would also like to thank our secretary, Sarah Barton, for her long hours in preparation for the meetings and recording the proceedings.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Conrad F. Frey*  
Chairman

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Decision</u>
2000-4	Marie Parsons	Special Exception <i>Waterfront Setbacks</i>	Granted <i>w/ Conditions</i>
2000-5	Gregory & Jennifer Brown SBA/ATC Realty	Variance <i>Land Use &amp; Setbacks</i>	Denied
2000-6	Eastman Comm. Assoc.	Variance <i>Setbacks</i>	Dismissed <i>Adjustments made—not req.</i>
2001-1	Raymond Sanville	Variance <i>Setbacks</i>	Denied*
<i>*Granted an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements which allowed completion of originally permitted building in 1998.</i>			
2001-2	Caren Holliday	Variance <i>Land Use</i>	Denied
2001-3	Yankee Barn Rd Realty Trust ETS Inc.	Variance <i>Tower Construction Restrictions</i>	Granted



## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission welcomed new members Jessica Jansjuwicz who replaced Pete Forest, Alternate Andy Eastman, and Alternate Adele Furdyna. Alternate Richard Hocker was made a full member to replace Jim Berg. The Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank Pete Forest and Jim Berg for their past service to the Conservation Commission.

The Commission saw the majority of activity involving Shoreland Protection cutting. Recognizing that the shorelands of the State of New Hampshire are among its most valuable and fragile natural resources, and that the protection of these shorelands is essential to maintain the integrity and exceptional quality of the state's public waters, the General Court passed the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act in 1991. It became effective in its entirety on July 1, 1994.

The Act establishes minimum standards for the future subdivision, use, and development of the shorelands within 250 feet of the state's public waters (see DES fact sheet WD-BB-34 for an explanation of the Act's jurisdiction). When repairs, improvements, or expansions are proposed to existing development, the law requires these alterations to be consistent with the intent of the Act. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) is responsible for enforcing the standards within the protected shoreland, unless a community adopts an ordinance or shoreland provisions which are equal to or more stringent than the Act. In addition to the standards of the Act, development within the protected shoreland must always comply with **all** applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The full description of the Shoreland Protection Act is included within the Zoning Regulations for the Town of Grantham.

### Treasurer's Report

Conservation Commission NHPDIP	Ending Balance	\$19,512.92
Conservation Commission LSB Savings Acct.	Ending Balance	\$19,666.49
Sherwood Forest NHPDIP	Ending Balance	\$3,642.37
Sherwood Forest LSB Passbook	Ending Balance	\$136.98





## Dunbar Free Library

The Library is open 34 hours each week. On Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, the Library is open from 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Friday and Saturday mornings 9 AM to noon. The Library is closed all day on Sundays and Tuesdays. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2001, 14,920 people came to the Library – about 20% more than in FY2000. There were about 1300 registered borrowers during FY01, 22 were non-residents. All these people took out materials! Circulation for FY01 was 29,828, up from FY00's 26,896. Adults borrowed 21,139 items (13% more) and children 8,689 (21% more).

The InterLibrary Loan program, now administered by Joey Holmes, supplied Grantham patrons with 677 titles (70% more than last year), and lent 200 titles to other libraries (64% more). Thank you to Joey for helping the Library utilize this major resource more effectively!

146 audio books and 100 videos were added to the Library in FY01 along with 1,007 books. The Library has available approximately 117 magazine titles - many of which are gifts, and 6 newspapers. 479 items were withdrawn. There are a total of 18,281 items in the Library today.

During FY00, an average of <4 persons per week used the Library's electronic resources. These include Internet Access, word processing, and the computerized catalog. During FY01, the number of people using these resources more than doubled, to >9 persons/week. During the summer, Internet Access particularly was busy as visitors checked their e-mail!

1,303 people attended programs for children during FY2001 – 25% more than the previous year. Joy Lamont ran the highly successfully Summer Reading Program of 2000 "Reading Cats and Dogs" with 88 children enrolled, a 76% increase. They read 447 books. Throughout the fall, winter and spring, the children's area was filled with children and adults coming for stories and fun activities and projects on Wednesday mornings: daycare and preschoolers one week, families with children from infancy to kindergarten age the next. Many thanks go to Joel and Ada Getman for voluntarily performing the Storytimes!

22 other Volunteers serve regularly at the Library, performing many diverse functions helping the Library provide excellent service. Many thanks and much gratitude are extended to them.

The *Friends of the Dunbar Library* organization provide a different form of Volunteering. Regular annual events –plant sale and cookie walk at least – as well as events such as a periodic Book Sale and special offerings raise additional monies to support the Library's operations. In addition to supporting the children's programming, the *Friends'* money installed Air Conditioning this year. THANK YOU! Town's people are encouraged to volunteer to help with these fundraising happenings – they're much fun!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sally Allen  
Librarian/Director*

*From left to right -  
B. Joey Holmes,  
Bobbi Travis,  
Sally Allen*





## Dunbar Free Library Trustees Report

Your library is dedicated to providing popular materials for adult recreational reading, materials and programs for children to encourage their learning and enjoyment, and to assist in finding information to answer all questions related to work, school, and social life.

The Trustees, paid staff, and volunteers understand first hand the effects of Grantham's population growth. People visiting the library from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001 numbered 14, 828, up 12% from the prior year. July visitors alone totaled 1,800! Circulation of books, tapes, periodicals, etc was 29,920, up 11%. Use of the Internet was up in multiples since access was offered in January, 2000. The number of new patrons was up 19%, to 178.

In response to this increased activity and our high circulation per individual relative to other NH communities, Bobbi Travis was added to the paid staff on a part time basis in May, 2001.

The completion of the library addition in 1999, which added almost 1,200 square feet to bring us to approximately 2,700 square feet, seems like a long time ago. The original 1901 building recently celebrated its centennial. It is clear to us the long range planning process, which has been under consideration during the past year, must address projected future space requirements.

The Friends have once again offered many enjoyable events which have benefited the library to the extent of \$5,053. This gift and others from the Friends have covered the full cost of the central air conditioning we enjoyed so much last summer. Their contributions help to make a very good library an outstanding one.

Landscaping and outside maintenance also stepped up a level. Numerous gardeners, some associated with the Grantham Garden Club, some as library volunteers, some working independently, and others working for the Town have made a huge difference. Thanks to each of you for making the library a source of pride in downtown Grantham.

The Trustees again reviewed proposals to install an inground watering system and found the cost to exceed the expected benefit in a "normal" rain year.

Nancy Kipperman updated our logo to reflect the new building. We thank her for her artistic contribution. It can be seen on your new, indestructible library card.

Terry Beaulieu resigned as a Trustee because of family and professional responsibilities, with Adam Johnson being appointed by the Selectmen to complete her term. Lee Woodworth's term as Trustee ended. We thank her for her personnel expertise and her work as Treasurer.

The Building Fund three-year pledge period ends December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 contributions of \$275,735, have been received against an original amount pledged of \$284,199, strong evidence of the generosity of library supporters.

The paid staff and our very valuable volunteers have worked hard in an attempt to meet ever increased demands, bringing further emphasis to the need for improved long range planning. The Trustees thank them and all others who have supported the library. It is a truly excellent place, thanks to their combined efforts.

As Trustees, we welcome your suggestions on ways to improve existing services and add new ones.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Hope Hunter   Barbara Jones   Cathy Seavey   Dudley Smith   John Trethaway*



## Dunbar Free Library—Treasurer's Report

### Checking Account

Starting Balance on July 1, 2000	\$ 8,199.53
Income	15,608.07
Expense	22,387.74
<i>End Balance on June 30, 2001</i>	<i>\$ 1,419.86</i>

### Convenience Account (A.G. Edwards)

Starting Balance April 17, 2001	\$ 8,800.00
Income	57.37
Expense	0.00
<i>End Balance</i>	<i>\$ 8,857.37</i>

### Savings Account

#### End Balance

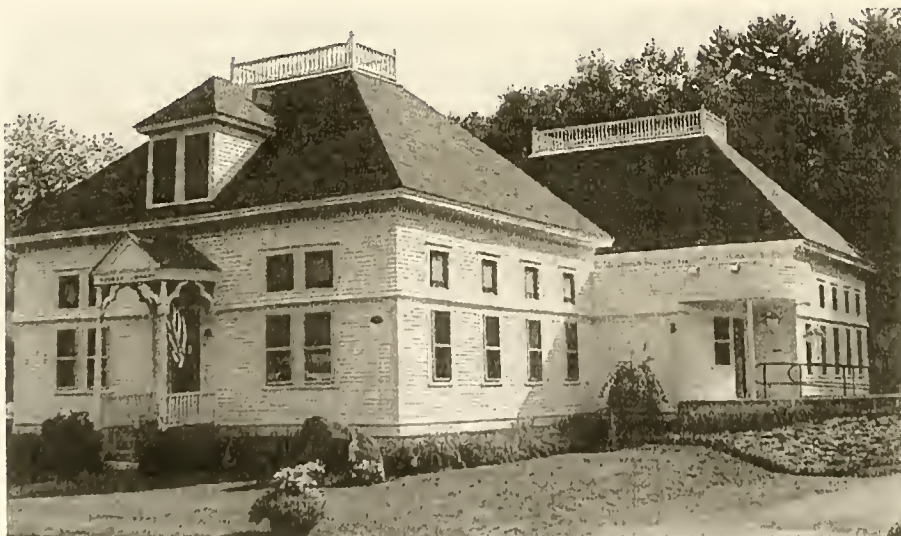
Fines and Lost Books	\$ 2,616.53
Special Account	\$10,344.50
Joyce S. Andrews Memorial Flower Account	\$ 3,357.21
Building Account	\$52,466.89

### Dunbar Free Library—Operating Budget July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

Budget	\$74,500.00
Expenditures	74,281.57
<i>Remainder</i>	<i>\$ 218.43</i>

*Respectfully submitted,*

*John B. Trethaway, Treasurer*





## Health Officer

This year has been one of normalcy with NO uneventful happenings.

All of our Day Care Centers that were inspected for the continued operation were passed.

There were a few septic systems that had failed. These were replaced with no environmental damage.

I attended a Radiation Safety course given by the NH Bureau of Radiological Health—DHHS. I also was asked to attend a workshop sponsored by the Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support and the US Dept of Justice at the NH Fire Academy. The program was to develop a program of training, exercises, equipment grants and technical assistance for all emergency responders. This was to be part of the State's Anti-Terrorism strategy. This was to place NH in a position to accept monies available for this agenda. In 1999 I had attended the CDC US Army Bio-Terrorism workshop.

For the coming year I would like to emphasize the importance of Rabies Awareness. Do not attempt to coax or approach any wild animals. We have fox and raccoon who are known to contract rabies. Bats are also a carrier of the Sylvian strain. If you are a spelunker, ask your physician whether you are a candidate to receive a vaccination. In NH all cats include house cats and all dogs should be vaccinated for rabies and ask your vet to notify you when booster shots are necessary. ALSO, be aware of any dogs or cats that may be acting peculiar. If any doubt, call the animal control officer.

Over the year we have been getting weekly reports as the finding of mosquitoes and birds testing positive for West Nile Virus. So far this has mainly been in the Southern part of the state. However, remember that mosquitoes can travel. Wear long sleeved garments and pants especially in the early AM and evening when they will be out feeding. DEET is an excellent deterrent, BUT read the directions carefully as to the application on children. Remember that there is no way to prognosticate where the infected birds may fly and whether a mosquito may bite them.

The State is recommending that people with private wells have their water tested for lead, arsenic, nitrites, radium, fluorides, etc. and organic chemicals (MtBE) as well as bacteria.

Lyme Disease is still another one carried mostly by the white footed mouse as well as deer and that the Ixodes tick is here in NH. Check children frequently if they are playing in the tall grass and woods. The tick is about the size of a poppy seed.

Have a happy and healthy year and enjoy our wonderful community.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kenneth Kerwin, MD  
Health Officer*





## Emergency Management Director

I have been Grantham's Emergency Management Director (EMD) since February 2001. Myself, along with the Board of Selectmen and the elected town officers are ready to respond to any emergency, natural or manmade to effectively provide for the safety of the lives and protection of property to the citizens of Grantham. Along with the communities resources, we can request additional assistance from the state and/or federal sources.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, we are a changed Grantham and a changed nation.

In April of this year, I attended a three day seminar in Keene NH on emergency management and in June a two day seminar in Lancaster NH on resource management. In October we held a meeting at the town office, along with representatives of the Village District of Eastman. Many concerns of the citizens of Grantham were discussed and a good exchange of ideas and suggestions were accomplished. We are a team with mutual trust and support, working together to make things better.

For so many years I have been disappointed with the patriotism that the American people have shown in this country with respect for our flag and all it stands for. Since September 11th this has all changed and we have all seen how proudly we are of our flag, and I offer the following on the pledge allegiance to the flag.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*F. Robert Osgood  
Emergency Management Director*



*"I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, Under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All."*

Red Skelton perhaps defines the Pledge of Allegiance better than anyone with his following commentary:

I—Me; and individual; a committee of one.

Pledge—Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance—My Love and My Devotion.

To the Flag—Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of freedom; where ever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts: Freedom is everybody's job.

United—That means that we have all come together.

States—Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride, dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country. And to the Republic—Republic—a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern.

An government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

*For which it stands*

One Nation—One nation—meaning so blessed by God.

Indivisible—Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty—Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice—The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All—*For All*—which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.



## Volunteer Fire Department

The members of the Grantham Fire Department would like to thank the people of Grantham for the support they have given the department over the past 49 years.

The members of the department were deeply affected by the World Trade Center disaster on September 11, 2001. Emotions ran the gamut, from anger to a deep feeling of loss. The fire and EMS service is very closely connected and losses of this magnitude made us all go through the grieving process, much the same as if we had lost a family member. Grantham had men and equipment at the ready, waiting for a call from NH Emergency Management directing us to go to New York to help. The call never came, but we decided to raise some money to help the families. We held a "Fill the Boot" day, and raised just over \$3,000 in 3-4 hours, an incredible outpouring of generosity.

The department had another busy year. We responded to 93 calls in 2001. The following is a breakdown of the types of calls.

- ◇ Building/Chimney Fires—10
- ◇ Electrical—2
- ◇ Other Fires: brush, car, trash—10
- ◇ Hazardous Material—5
- ◇ Rescue/Extrication/EMS Assist—27
- ◇ Alarm Activation—15
- ◇ Other: smoke, false alarm—24

One of the concerns of the Department is the number of alarms that take place during the day. Approximately 59% of the alarms happen between the hours of 7AM and 5PM, which a majority of firefighters area at work. Fortunately a core group of firefighters work in town and are able to leave their workplace to assist those in need. We are grateful for the employers that allow their employees to leave work at a moments notice.

We applied for a grant from F.E.M.A. (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for money toward a new tanker, and were unsuccessful in securing the grant. Over 19,000 towns applied for grants, totaling over \$3 billion dollars in requests and only \$100 million dollars was available. We will continue to try to secure grant money to help us stretch our tax dollars and maintain the level of service that we have been able to provide.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robert Seavey*  
*Chief*





## Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

*Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is proud to have served residents in the Town of Grantham this year. The life-changing events of September 11 reminded all of us of the value of our community and our country. Our staff traveled more than 500,000 miles this year bringing care to families, friends and neighbors in this region.*

Here at LSRVNA we spent the year focusing on ways to improve the care that we provide to you. That process took many forms... from assessment of clinical practice standards to ensure a good outcome for the patient and family, to partnerships with other providers to reduce costs, and to investments in technology to improve the care we provide and give us the information we need to make well-informed business decisions.

Several areas are noteworthy. First, our Hospice program cared for 91 patients, the most patients and families since its inception. The Hospice Team, including physicians, clinical staff, support staff and over 50 volunteers worked to ensure that each patient and family received the support they needed to allow their loved one to remain at home until death.

Second, our Pediatric program expanded its services by adding highly skilled nurses who are able to provide the care necessary to keep children at home with their parents and families; children on ventilators, children with diabetes, cystic fibrosis and orthopedic problems. This means the world to families. One father stated "your service has allowed us to be a family again."

Finally, we invested in an exciting new telehomecare program. Our HomMed Sentry units allow the nurse to monitor their patient's vital signs daily, review that information here in our office and notify the physician in time to prevent serious complications.

Part of the mission of LSRVNA is to provide other community benefits for residents in the towns we serve. In addition to charity care we provided:

- Lifeline Personal Response System administration for 248 individuals
- Weekly Parent-Child Support group including transportation and child care for more than 40 families
- Community education programs on CPR, caregiver training, advance directives, parenting, healthcare ethics and more
- Trained 10 Hospice volunteers
- Participated in 8 community and business health fairs
- Provided clinical and business experience, internships or job shadowing for 35 high school, technical school and college students
- Provided meeting room space for outside groups
- Provided medications for needy children
- Provided storage space and distributed food for the Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Provided bereavement support to adults and children through home visits and support groups
- Provided File of Life kits and emergency information to each patient admitted for service



- Provided 20 bicycle helmets for children to prevent injuries
- Provided more than 400 pairs of Tread-mate safety socks to home care and hospice patients as part of our Cozy-Home Safety project

This year 432 residents of Grantham utilized our services. Our Home Care program provided 1129 visits to 87 adults and children; the Hospice program cared for 4 patients and families providing 107 visits. We administered 399 immunizations, provided Life Line services for 6 residents and home telemonitoring for 2 individuals.

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is grateful for your support. The Boards of Trustees and the staff join me in reaffirming their commitment to you to provide the quality home care, hospice and community services you need and expect.

*Respectfully,*

*Andrea Steel  
President and CEO*





## New London Hospital System of Care

To Our Patients, Neighbors and Friends,

Healthcare in America continues to change almost daily, creating challenges that impact medical providers and consumers alike. Everyone is affected, including those of us fortunate enough to live and work in the Lake Sunapee region. Accordingly, 2001 was another year of hard work and adjustment for everyone at New London Hospital, accompanied by satisfaction at what we accomplished and anticipation of the opportunities that lie ahead.

We recognize our challenge at New London Hospital to be three-fold. First, we must build a hospital facility and staff capable of fulfilling the varied healthcare needs of the communities we serve. Second, we must create an environment of trust, care and personal attention that makes us the hospital of choice for all residents within our service area. And third, we must do all in our power to ensure the hospital remains a viable and vital community asset for years to come. We are making significant progress in meeting these challenges, but more needs to be accomplished.

We also recognize that it is our responsibility to keep all interested parties up-to-date on what we have done. What we are planning to do and why. We believe it is up to us to inform people how our actions will make New London Hospital better and why they should utilize the medical services available here. We also believe it is necessary that we maintain an open dialogue with the public, as well as with our medical and support staff—sharing information, listening and responding to questions and concerns.

Our 2001 Annual Report (*available by calling the Office of Development and Community Affairs at 526-5373*) marked the beginning of a new communication outreach effort. In it, we begin to explain why we are proud of the hospital. From its dedicated people to its high tech equipment to its location in the heart of the Lake Sunapee region, New London Hospital truly is *Capable, Caring and Close*. You will be seeing and hearing more from us in the coming months. We hope you find what we have to say about the hospital to be informative and useful.

As always, we thank you for your continued support, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Maureen A. McNamara*  
*President and CEO*

*Douglas O'Mara, MD*  
*Medical Staff President*

*Charles Sebring*  
*Chairman of the Board*





## Kearsarge Area Council on Aging

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (KCOA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed services and programs for area citizens over the age of 55 (and adults under 55 who through disability may need assistance) thus enhancing the quality of their lives. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot.

All years seem to be eventful ones for KCOA, but none more so than 2001. We have completed our strategic planning study and are now in a position to start positive planning for KCOA's future. The first and foremost objective which came to light in our studies was the real need for larger and better-proportioned quarters in which to carry out our mission and the need for a kitchen in these larger quarters. As our numbers have grown, so has the popularity of many of the programs held at the Center, and there has become apparent a need to provide the social and health impetus of a meal served at the Center — not every day, but often. With these requirements needing to be met, the Board of Directors, with a grant from the Upper Valley Community Foundation, undertook to do a Feasibility Study to see what our prospects might be to raise enough money for a Senior Center building. The results were promising, and we are now studying our next step.

With the Feasibility Study in progress, accreditation has taken a back burner, but we are gearing up again to get the final leg of this project finished. Our data base is important to this subject, we have therefore added a part-time assistant to cover this front.

We are working with the ServiceLink headquarters in Concord and Newport as a satellite to be sure that all necessary information is disseminated to those in our towns who need and want it and referrals made where necessary. Representatives of KCOA sit on the Boards of both Merrimack and Sullivan County ServiceLinks.

Programs continue to expand and to be well attended. Computers at the Center are now equipped to turn out graphics, and our workshops are filled with eager artists. Memoir-writing is very popular, as it should be, but has had to be farmed out to a quieter venue! The Courier now prints 1500 copies of its eight-page monthly newsletter which go to individual households, donors, sponsors, town offices and public buildings in the nine towns we represent. The Outdoor Recreation For Seniors program now numbers almost 70 people, about 30 of whom are "regulars." Our "Walk Your Way Through Winter" indoor program is available in six towns.

On the services side, the largest service KCOA provides is, of course, the Transportation Program which has become a model for communities throughout the State. As of November 15, 2001, over 125 drivers for KCOA have logged 32,000 miles of volunteer driving. This number reflects the strong need, not just for visits to the dentist and doctor and hairdresser, but visits to the medical centers at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord Hospital for dialysis, chemotherapy and other therapies. We define "volunteer" as someone who renders a service without pay — some towns refer to drivers as volunteers when they are recompensed for gasoline.

Fund raising is always a bug-a-boo for non-profit organizations, but this year our one big fund raiser was fun. Our giant yard sale combined with a raffle netted about \$6,000 of badly needed income!

We keep in touch with our volunteers by having periodic meetings and receptions, quite often combining the two. Desk volunteers and Drivers were brought together in October for discussion, some pointers and a lot of comraderie.

KCOA is most grateful for the continuing support from the nine-town area it represents, donors to our annual fund drive, foundation grants, the sponsors of our newsletter and individual citizens. Thank you for all your generosity!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Judy and Hugh Chapin  
Co-Chairman, KCOA Board of Directors*



## Southwestern Community Services Inc.

Economic Impact:	\$57,201.80
Direct Assistance to Residents:	\$22,880.72
1% of Direct Assistance:	\$500.00
Total Number of Households Served	34
Total Number of Residents Served	66
Average Benefit per Household	\$672.96
Average Benefit per Resident	\$346.68
Lake Sunapee Area Mediation Program:	\$401.00
Number of Households Enrolled	1
Number of Consumers Enrolled	3
Commodity Supplemental Food:	\$582.12
Number of Households Enrolled	3
Number of Consumers Enrolled	3
Value of Monthly Food Package	\$16.17
Women's, Infant & Children (WIC):	\$2,013.60
Number of Households Enrolled	3
Number of Consumers Enrolled	4
Number of Women Enrolled	1
Number of Children Enrolled	3
Monthly Cost of Women's Food Package	\$41.95
Monthly Cost of Children's Food Package	\$41.95
Case Management:	\$70.00
Number of Households Enrolled	2
Number of Consumers Enrolled	4
Fuel Assistance:	\$15,740.00
Number of Households Enrolled	20
Number of Consumers Enrolled	47
Number of Households Applied	21
Number of Elderly Households Enrolled	5
Number of Elderly Enrolled	6
Average Household Benefit	\$787.00
Weatherization:	\$0.00
Number of Households on Waiting List	7
Adult Disadvantaged:	\$4,074.00
Number of Households Enrolled	2
Number of Consumers Enrolled	2
Welfare to Work	
Number of Households Enrolled	3
Number of Consumers Enrolled	3
Direct Service Amount	\$7,030.00



## Grantham Community Crisis Fund

"Neighbor helping Neighbor", the motto for the Grantham Community Crisis Fund, is an accurate description of what GCCF accomplishes for the Grantham Community. Relying on contributions from private donations, corporations, and community organizations, we respond to needs such as house fires, unemployment or a physical emergency that has put a Grantham person or family in need of immediate help. We are in touch with town and local officials for further references and maintain a contact with local religious organizations for additional support. All our efforts are completely confidential, in order to maintain dignity in difficult situations. This year we have assisted several families and have distributed \$4,900.00 in money and food vouchers.

The Year 2001 consisted of changes in the members of the Grantham Community Crisis Fund. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Nancy Tomlinson as our secretary and want to thank her for a job well done in the past years as our secretary and liaison with the Grantham Village School.

Jodie Mueller, our new chairman, Edie Herrin and Sheara Bailey were accepted as new members joining the committee of Cindy Towle, Deborah Cheever, Noreen Denatalie and Steve Prichard.

A new mission statement was approved and new brochures were printed and distributed in October. In December a mailing of over 150 letters was sent as part of our annual campaign.

The Grantham Community Crisis Fund is extremely grateful for the donations we have received from the townspeople of Grantham. We understand in this year of emotional and financial giving that people want to respond to large organizations' request for assistance. But we would like you to remember that your contribution to our organization is tax deductible (tax id # 5914-05914) and all monies stay in the Grantham community in which the donor and the reciprocate resides.

*Thank you again for your generosity,*

*Cindy Towle  
Secretary*

*Grantham Community Crisis Fund  
PO Box 1220  
Grantham, NH 03753*



## Recreation Department



### BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

#### T-ball

Darryl and Susan Rose coached the T-ball group this year. They focused on how to hit off the T, how to field the ball and the basics of the game. Thanks to them the kids had a great time.

#### Farm team

Glen Jenkins coached the farm team this year teaching the kids how to play their positions correctly. With some focus on hitting, fielding and throwing. Concentrating the fielding on which base to throw the ball too. At this level the kids also begin to hit live pitching done by the coaches. This was some what of a building year with a lot of new players however the team learned a lot and every one had fun. Great job!

#### Softball

3/4 girls softball. Tom Monteleone and Al Molinaro coached the 3/4 Girls Softball team, for the second consecutive year, to a very successful season. Stressing team defense and fundamental knowledge of the game, they led the team to a regular-season record of 10-4 and three victories in the Enfield Tournament for the First Place Medals.

The team consisted of 15 girls from the third and fourth grades, and they played in every game. All the girls got to play an equal amount of innings thanks in part to a chart designed by Elizabeth Monteleone. Attendance and enthusiasm were excellent, and so was the assistance and support of the parents. Keri Hopkins, Les Wardwell and Dave Eigenbrode were great as scorekeepers, base coaches and even umpires. Sugar River Savings Bank sponsored the team with hats and jerseys.

5/6th girls softball. In a word, this years team was remarkable and every coach's dream. With 13 players, every fundamental skill was available in abundance. They embodied tremendous hitting, fielding, throwing, base running, pitching and perceptive insight into the strategy of the game. Through 13 games, the team scored a whopping 290 runs with only 55 runs scored against them. Their schedule included a game with the Lebanon Junior High JV team, comprised of 7th & 8th graders, and was played by the JV rules. The Grantham girls prevailed 26-9.

The team roster was Casey Bard, Kristen Daigle, Victoria Dazet, Gabrielle Dorr, Tessa Figley, Emily Hanson, Jesse Hastings, Courtney Ivey, Chelsea Martineau, Shannon O'Brien, Brittany Rose, Beth Valcourt, and Heather Willis. The coaching staff was comprised of Jeff Figley with help from Jessica Figley, Darrel and Susan Rose and Karen Valcourt.

#### Baseball

Minor League: Grantham had 2 minor league teams in the Kearsarge Valley League this year. The Grantham Blue Jays coached by Tracy Dyke, Troy Guerin, and Gary Broughall had a superb season led by the pitching of Josh Dyke and Devin Mayo. The team went on to win the American League title, but suffered a heartbreaking loss in the play off games. Our hats are off to the young men of the Blue Jays for the effort that they gave during that game.



The Grantham Yankees coached by Fred O'Brien, Dan McClory and Joel Hutchins. The two teams were split very evenly and had great records within the divisions. The Yankees won the playoff championship for the league. Great Job Guys.

Special team: The two minor league teams were combined at the end of the season to play in the Kearsarge Valley Basketball League All Star tournament. This was a team of Grantham boys who played in memory of a friend, James Mellow. Despite a lot of hard work the team didn't win the tournament however they came away with 3rd place and a lot of memories of great fun.

Major League baseball team coached by Kevin Cheever. The Blue Jays fought hard every game and were only defeated by a run or two in many games. Robert Baker and Brandon Mayo were selected to play on the Kearsarge Valley All Star Team. Great Job guys!

## **BASKETBALL**



3/4 Girls Basketball, Wow, what a team. This team not only played exceptionally well, they worked hard during practice and showed amazing dedication. This was a team in every sense of the word. The girls played team defense, holding their opponents to under 10 points a game through the whole season. Coach Troy Guerin says the best part of the team was the smiles. Keep up the good work girls.

3/4 Girls Basketball coached by Nadine Ivey. With a lot of concentration on skills and team work this team played hard and had some fun. Thanks to the dedication of the players, coach and fans they had a good season.

3/4 boys basketball team coached by Dan McClory and Chris Paquette had a building and learning year in 2000/2001. The team consisted of only eight players, two 4th graders, five 3rd graders and one 2nd grader. The year started with a bang when Andrew Watt made a basket at the buzzer to send the first game into overtime. The boys learned a lot during the year, especially those who had not played organized basketball before. These boys gave it all they had each and every game and always kept things in perspective. They not only learned the game of basketball but they learned how to be part of a team and display sportsmanship.

The year culminated with the Kearsarge Valley tournament. Once again the boys gave their coaches and fans 110 percent and came close to advancing in the tournament. At the annual basketball dinner each boy received a trophy and a certificate outlining their accomplishments. A number of these boys are again playing on the 3/4 team during the 2001/2002 season and all their hard work last year is paying off. As of this writing they have played six games and won all six. Great job guys, keep up the good work.

3/4th boys basketball team coached by Gary Broughall and Tracy Dyke. This group of experienced player was made up of primarily 4th graders with 3 third graders. The teams record in the Kearsarge Valley League was 9 and 3 leaving them in second place for the 2001 season. All of the loses were to the same team. Hard work and exceptional dedication carried them through the season.

5/6th girls basketball team. Coaches were Paula and Scott LaPlante. We focused this season on developing the skills and fundamentals of basketball. Our intention was to teach the girls what they would need to know in order to compete at higher levels. We also concentrated on fostering a sense of sportsmanship in



the players. We expected the girls to give 100 percent and to have fun. Winning was not our focus this year.

This team worked very hard and became a very strong defensive team by the season's end. This was considerable feat considering we had girls who hadn't ever played the game before. Hopefully this team will get the opportunity to play together in the future and can bring their team defense to the next level.

We would like to thank all of the girls for making this a great season. We would also like to thank the parents for all of their support. Without their support, a program like this would not be possible. Thank you to all of the officials and to Rosie and Becca Bard for running the clock and keeping the book for us.

5/6 boys basketball Phil Masterson and John Buchanen coached the 5/6 to a 7 wins no losses regular season and then for the third time in a row went undefeated in the tournament bringing them to 1st place in the Kearsarge Valley league again. This team kept fans on the edge of there seats at the Hanover Invitational tournament over February vacation. Playing in the 6th grade division with a team comprised of two 6th graders and nine 5th graders spectators watched as this team narrowly missed the win by one point to Lebanon. A spectacular performance.

Hanover Basketball tournament. Grantham entered four teams this year, 3/4 girls and boys and 5/6 girls and boys. All four teams made it to the finals in their brackets. All four final games were played on a Saturday afternoon with all the teams playing back to back. The excitement mounted. At one point the tournament director Hank Tenney asked me if the entire town of Grantham was in the gym. The teams ended with 3 championships and one runner up. What a great show of town spirit and support.

Karps Classic. Two Grantham boys were chosen to join forces with 3 Sunapee and 2 Andover players to form a League team. This A Division team won first game against Hartland VT to get into the finals and were defeated by Brattleboro VT team on this single elimination tournament. Great effort guys.

## **SOCCER**



The school year started with a very different twist this year. With the delayed construction of the addition to the school our coaches found our soccer fields dug up and unusable. However as this town often does someone stepped up to solve the problem.

Thank-you Eastman for the use of your fields. Then Sept. 11th threw us another curve.

Despite all of that Craig Lassiter and Doug Cheney worked with the 3rd and 4th graders and James and Maribeth Hagan worked with the 1st and 2nd graders concentrating on the fundamentals and skills of the sport. Players and coaches had a great time and learned a great deal in the process. Thank-you all for your efforts.

### *Note from the Recreation Directors*

The support and dedication of the people of this town to our children and our programs makes us proud to live here. Our top priority is sportsmanship and on many occasions our fans have been called the most supportive fans in the area. Thank-you all for your efforts and remember to thank your referees, umpires, score keepers, coaches, all the many volunteers and sponsors, we could not do it with out their help.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Gary Broughall*  
*Recreation Director*

*Troy Guerin*  
*Asst. Rec. Director*



## Old Home Day

*Photos by Sarah Barton*



A big THANK YOU to Laurie Field for all of her hard work towards the enjoyment of the children and adults of the Town of Grantham. Her efforts and organizational skills are to be admired.



Chris Palermo helping out at the dunking booth.



Clowns on Parade!



Selectmen being driven through the Old Home Day parade.

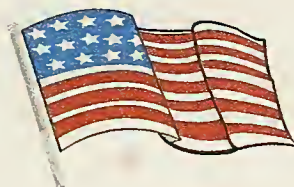


The fire trucks all shined for the parade.

This year at Old Home Day, the town was introduced to Miss Grantham Rec. We may have to begin holding a pageant for this honor but it would be extremely hard for anyone to win over this beauty!

Is it Miss Grantham Rec or Miss Grantham Wreck?!

Many thanks to Phil Masterson for being such a great sport!





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## State Representatives Richard C. Leone & Constance A. Jones

Sullivan County District II

Grantham-Springfield-Sunapee

Looking back over the first year of the present term, the education funding issue still monopolizes and impacts the function of state government at many levels. In our area, the method of taxation is still a paramount issue. By some, it's considered a tax war, and we wonder when we will reach an equitable solution. In any event, the issue tends to supersede other important aspects and needs of state government. It also has an adverse effect upon county government as costs are shifted from the state to make up for the tight revenue sources. The education funding issue begs for a solution, but the legislature has been unable to reach one. The issue is complex, and it may take several more years before we do.

Grantham and Sunapee are also what we call state property tax "donor" towns which contribute to the state education fund. Springfield is on the fringe of becoming one as the amount increases. The property tax vehicle may become overused and abused. Not only is our county demanding our property tax dollars, but the state is beginning to find ways to tap us as well.

The state educational funding issue is basically driven by what is considered to be the individual cost of an adequate public education multiplied by the total number of students statewide. This presently translates to an amount in excess of \$860 million per year obligation. It is substantial and it is a challenge because by law this has to be paid first before most all other state obligations. This can and does have a profound impact on other state agency budgets. Unless either a constitutional amendment (difficult to obtain) to reduce the obligation or an equitable tax policy is developed to deal with the problem, in all probability, the issue will continue to haunt the entire state.

In June of this year, the legislature through HB 170 chose to make the statewide property tax permanent, raise the BPT and BET. The intent was to prevent the state from going to a statewide income tax, consumption (sales) or possibly gambling as a revenue source. Much to the disappointment of many of us who feel the statewide property tax is oversubscribed, the House of Representatives by a margin of nine votes elected to favor the statewide property tax over the other broad-based sources.

It is also the responsibility of the county delegation to vote on the county budget. Conversely, the tapestry of the state budget's woes is closely woven with the counties. It is particularly so in Sullivan County. Proportionately, our three towns — Grantham, Springfield and Sunapee, pay a high portion (35.6%) of the county expenses with 12.5% of the population. For instance, a close review of the county section of the local tax bills in all three of our communities reveals that it is larger than the town government portion. This is partly because county assessments are based upon equalized valuation, only. The other reasons appear to be that of the state shifting costs, especially in the social services to the counties, and last but not least, Sullivan County needs to find ways to improve its efficiency of operation.

The 10-year redistricting issue is upon us again. The 2000 census determines the legislative districts for the next 10 years. Although, Grantham +74%, Springfield +19% and Sunapee +19% had population increases totaling over 1,400 people, the county as a whole lost one delegate, mostly due to the population decrease in Claremont. Sullivan County will now have 13 state delegates. Presently, the configuration is under discussion. We have the sufficient number to justify at least two reps. Hopefully, this will allow us to maintain the two-rep coverage for the towns of Grantham, Springfield and Sunapee. They are contiguous, on the Interstate, and have many other commonalities.

There are many issues to be dealt with between now and June. Please feel free to contact me by phone 763-9933, by fax 763-5062, or by email [rcle@nhvt.net](mailto:rcle@nhvt.net). If you need a copy of a bill, please let me know. The same goes for



making a contact with any department or agency. Constituent service is part of our job so please don't hesitate to call.

It is a pleasure to serve such a great area and all the wonderful, hardworking and sincere people in it.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Richard C. Leone  
Sullivan District #2*

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Sullivan County District III

Sunapee-Cornish-Springfield-Plainfield-Grantham

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Community:

The first year of my second term in the Legislature passed much too quickly, and it appears that not much has been accomplished as far as our ever present dilemma of education funding. We are starting this new year at about the same place where I came in three years ago.

Those of us who are on the "donating" end feel very strongly that the "Broad Base Property Tax" must go. On the other hand those "receiving" have not realized the insidiousness of this broad base tax and will not until they land on the other list which is growing year by year. It is very interesting to note that towns that do receive, still pay higher and higher property taxes...I wonder why?

The property tax not only bears the burden of education funding but the extra weight of the county tax levied on all our towns in Sullivan County. If this keeps up, our municipalities will find it hard to finance the necessities. I can assure you I have been and will continue to be very vocal in defeating this onerous tax.

I believe we have well over 400 Bills to work on this session. Unfortunately, these will be, by in large, eclipsed by the ever present heated debate over education funding. Criminal Justice and Public Safety, my committee, will be taking up issues relating to DNA testing, possession of deadly weapons in a safe school zone, the plea of guilty but insane, an extended term license to carry a concealed firearm and the applicability of the stalking statute to minors, to name a few.

The redistricting issue, as of this writing, is still not settled here in Sullivan County. I have no idea which towns I will be aligned with the next term. As usual, in politics, logic has no standing. I would be very happy keeping my five towns but I know that is not possible. The three towns that I represent in the northeast corner have grown in population sufficiently to warrant two (2) representatives. However, the powers that be, seem to feel that splitting us up, makes good sense.

As before, I welcome your comments and questions. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Connie Jones  
PO Box 975  
Grantham NH 03753  
863-8395*



## District #1 Executive Councilor—Raymond S. Burton



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The Governor and five member Executive Council are very much like an elected "Board of Directors", who along with 294 Commissioners and Directors, administer the laws and budget as passed by the New Hampshire General Court (House and Senate).

We perform a variety of Executive Branch functions, such as, general supervision of all state departments and state expenditures, pardon matters, eminent domain, state contracts and leases, public waters, the planning of the Transportation 10-year plan, and confirmation of the Governor's nominations to the Judicial Branch of your NH State Government (for a complete explanation, please contact my office).

As we look into the immediate future, I would encourage all citizens to be in contact with all of use in your elected representative bodies, at the local, state and federal levels. We cannot truly represent you if we do not know of your ideas, concerns and aspirations.

If you are interested in serving on a volunteer commission or board, please contact my office at 271-3632 or Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments and Governor Shaheen's Liaison to the Council at 271-2121. The District Health Councils are always looking for members; if interested, please call Lori Real at 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4235 and request a packet of information about what this key planning process is all about. All of the Governor and Council appointments to Boards and Commissions are listed in the Webster System at [webster.state.nh.us/sos/redbook/index.htm](http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/redbook/index.htm).

We need to work our NH Congressional Delegation in Washington. Senators Judd Gregg and Bob Smith and Congressmen Charlie Bass and John Sununu all have strong and powerful committee assignments and are well connected to do more for NH. We need to let them know what is needed for our localities and regions, so ring their bell...Senator Gregg at (603) 225-7115; Senator Smith at 1-800-922-2230; Congressman Bass at (603) 226-0249; and Congressman Sununu at (603) 641-9536.

It is a pleasure to serve you. Please contact my office for a listing of toll free 800 numbers and a copy of the newly printed NH Constitution. Also know that I am ready to assist you, your town and region.

*Raymond S. Burton*



## Vital Statistics

## RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT, TOWN OF GRANTHAM, JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001

DATE of BIRTH	NAME of CHILD	NAME of FATHER	NAME of MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
January 2	Turner, John Patrick	Turner, David	Turner, Barbara	Lebanon NH
January 13	Brown, Clarisse Paige	Undercoffler, Jay	Brown, Leslie	Lebanon NH
February 3	Miller, Jillian Evans	Miller, Stephen	Miller, Kristen	Lebanon NH
February 6	Vosinek, Tyler Walter Aaron	Vosinek, Nicholas	Vosinek, Alycia	Lebanon NH
February 8	Rogers, Alexis Jewel	Rogers, Charles	Rogers, Tammi	Claremont NH
February 18	Thompson, Ethan John	Thompson, John	Thompson, Denise	Lebanon NH
February 27	Chickering, Nathan Scott	Chickering, Mark	Chickering, Jennifer	Lebanon NH
March 7	Rezendes, Heath Anthony	Rezendes, Farley	Rezendes, Kristine	Lebanon NH
March 8	Matte, Alexis Grace	Matte, Keith	Matte, Christine	Lebanon NH
March 9	Hastings, Madeline Michaela	Hastings, Michael	Lariviere, Celina	Lebanon NH
March 21	Wyatt, Bruce Howard	Wyatt, Colby	Wyatt, Amy	Lebanon NH
March 27	Kimble, Connor Edward	Kimble, Andrew	Kimble, Laura	Lebanon NH
April 20	Nolan, Emmah Danae	Nolan, Daniel	Nolan, Rachel	Lebanon NH
May 3	Johnson, Rosemary Lynne	Johnson, Adam	Johnson, Sarah	Lebanon NH
May 8	Brown, Loren Patterson	Brown, Stephen	Brown, Edith	Lebanon NH
June 3	Williams, Nathan Allan	Williams, Allan	Williams, Lana	Lebanon NH
June 4	Kronenwetter, Shaun Joseph	Kronenwetter, John	Comeau-Kronenwetter, Mary	Lebanon NH
June 6	Eberhart, Regan Mae	Eberhart, Steven	Eberhart, Laurie	Lebanon NH
July 7	Williams, Jenna Marie	Williams, Mark	Williams, Jacqueline	Lebanon NH
July 13	Czarnecki, Maia Grace	Czarnecki, John	Lestina, Lisa	Lebanon NH
July 31	Lower, Kimberly Mae	Lower, Richard	Lower, Shannon	Lebanon NH
August 1	Bigatel, Clark Richard	Bigatel, Todd	Bigatel, Heather	Lebanon NH
August 7	Ten Haken, Graham J	Ten Haken, Tom	Ten Haken, Jean	Lebanon NH
September 13	Carr, Thomas Joseph Kerins	Carr, Michael	Carr, Saralyn	Lebanon NH
September 30	Sleeper, Emerson Cote	Sleeper, Shawn	Sleeper, Kimberly	Lebanon NH
October 7	Daly, Brian Joseph	Daly, Michael	Daly, Jennifer	Lebanon NH
October 10	Diebold, Erin Madeline	Diebold, Robert	Diebold, Jacqueline	Lebanon NH
October 16	Hudson, Avery Martin Jurkowski	Hudson, David	Hudson, Cynthia	Lebanon NH
October 24	Irvine, Bryce James	Irvine, Scott	Irvine, Kendra	Lebanon NH
November 8	Filiault, Brady Alexander	Filiault, Keith	Filiault, Jennifer	Lebanon NH
November 26	Keller, Rose Eleanor	Kreis, Donald	Keller, Jennifer	Lebanon NH
December 8	Nadeau, Sophia Elisabeth	Nadeau, Nils	Nadeau, Christina	Lebanon NH
December 13	Brochu, Sydney Elizabeth	Brochu, E.	Brochu, Michelle	Lebanon NH
December 20	Compton, John Robert	Compton, Robert	Compton, Kelley	Lebanon NH
December 21	Grigsby, Claire Elizabeth	Grigsby, Greg	Grigsby, Erin	Lebanon NH
December 22	Perriello, Anthony John	Perriello, James	Perriello, Natalie	Lebanon NH
December 23	Laidlaw, Oliver Zimmermann	Laidlaw, Michael	Zimmermann, Susan	Lebanon NH

I certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Rita Eigenbrode, Town Clerk



## Vital Statistics

### RESIDENT DEATH REPORT, TOWN OF GRANTHAM JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001

DATE OF DEATH	NAME & SURNAME of DECEASED	PLACE of Death	NAME of FATHER	NAME of MOTHER
January 4	Linthwaite, Glenice L.	Lebanon NH	Downs, Unknown	Burrill, Ruth
February 3	Mellow, James A.	Grantham NH	Mellow, Andrew	Rowland, Susan
June 23	Cole, Priscilla A.	Lebanon NH	Cole, Donald	Kimball, Muriel
August 12	Sturgis, Carol A.	Grantham NH	Avery, Herbert	Anderson, Alma
August 28	Reney, Hugh S.	New London NH	Reney, Donas	Barton, Margaret
November 2	Birkland, Bjarne J.	New London NH	Birkland, Bjarne	Johnson, Bertha
December 6	Pillsbury, Beverly O.	New London NH	Wilder, Leon	Colcord, Margaret

I certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Rita Eigenbrode, Town Clerk*

### RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT, TOWN OF GRANTHAM, JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
April 14	Lambert, David A.	Canaan NH	Symkowicz, Racquel M.	Grantham NH
May 5	Georgia, Jeffrey D.	Grantham NH	Beach, Mary K.	Etna NH
May 5	LaValley, Steven E.	Grantham NH	McDonald, Jessy M.	Grantham NH
May 12	Blackinton, Jeffrey D.	Grantham NH	Quimby, Brandy L.	Grantham NH
June 28	Mazza, Anthony T.	New York	Swensen, Amanda J.	South Carolina
June 30	Barton, Michael D.	Grantham NH	Adams, Crystal J.	Claremont NH
June 30	Thompson, Jay	Grantham NH	Whitcomb, Laura J.	Grantham NH
July 7	Jamback, Robert J.	Grantham NH	Baker, Susan C.	Grantham NH
July 14	Osgood, Shane R.	Grantham NH	Blanco, Grace G.	New York NY
July 21	Sanchez, John A.	Littleton CO	Fraidstern, Wendy M.	Littleton CO
August 18	Sullivan, Michael C.	Grantham NH	Fasano, Dana M.	Melrose MA
August 18	Dotter, Aaron L.	Grantham NH	Campbell, Kira M.	Grantham NH
August 26	White, Lawrence G.	Grantham NH	Grimes, Lois A.	Grantham NH
September 8	Fabry, Scott A.	Grantham NH	Bruno, Tracey L.	Grantham NH
October 6	Pillsbury, Alden H.	Grantham NH	Moulton, Mary E.	Enfield NH
October 20	Shapard, Roy T.	Grantham NH	Dowd, Lisa M.	Grantham NH

I certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Rita Eigenbrode, Town Clerk*







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# Grantham Village School Annual Reports









## School Board Report

The March 2001 the annual school district meeting was an historic one. It was the first one with a five-member board and Terry Dorr's last one after over six years of service on the board. Over 240 residents attended the meeting.

The residents overwhelmingly supported the school district appropriating money for a building addition that would add four new classrooms, a cafeteria and remodel some of the existing space. A building project of \$860,000 was approved 204 to 39.

The last year has been a challenging one for the board due to the building addition and the search for a new principal. The building addition got off to a slow start due to the large amount of snow that we had and some land use issues with the state. The building project was not completed on time, however, school started on time using the space that was available. The selectmen agreed to let us use the gym for the sixth grade and other classes used existing space while their classrooms were finished. The school staff did a wonderful job under less than ideal conditions. The building project did come in at the \$860,000 that Baybutt Construction quoted.

During the construction process we encountered some unanticipated obstacles and expenses. During a review of the septic system it was discovered that part of the 1994 addition was built over the leach field. In order to rectify this the old system was shut down and plans were made to install a new septic system. The cost of this new system was partially paid for out of money that the school board had appropriated at the end of last year, the balance was paid out of the town budget. Other areas where we had unanticipated expenses included upgrading the fire alarms and furnace. All of these expenses were paid for using the existing school budget and the building trust fund.

The end result is a beautiful new addition, if you have not taken a tour please stop by and do so. The cafeteria has been used by a number of different organizations for meetings and events, including the Breakfast with Santa, which had a great turnout. I would like to thank the staff, the students, the parents and town officials for their patience and cooperation during this project.

The ongoing uncertainty with how the state will mandate we pay for education still exists. The school board remains committed to providing the children of Grantham a quality education while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The statewide education tax was implemented in 1999 at which time the total education tax rate was \$12.53 per thousand dollars of assessed value, in 2001 the total education tax rate was \$13.09 or 4.5 percent higher than 1999. The school and the staff is well prepared to continue on the track that it has established as being one of the top grammar schools in the state.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank you for all of your support over the last year.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Daniel McClory  
Chairperson*



## Superintendent's Report

This has been a busy year for the Grantham School District—a time of change, of growth and of new beginnings. Along with the excitement that comes with change, we have also experienced the frustrations, the anxieties and the expense that accompanies them. Still, I think it is safe to say that the Grantham Village School has made positive growth in the past year, and shows no indication that it will rest on its laurels any time soon.

The big news, of course, has been the new construction at the Grantham Village School. This construction has added approximately 7220 square feet, bringing the size of the building to 18,000 square feet, not counting the gym and shower room areas that are owned by the town. The building project has provided us with additional classrooms, a new cafeteria and kitchen, and renovated offices and workspace. The excitement of the new space was blunted somewhat by the late completion of the new classrooms, but the consensus has been that it has been well worth the wait.

The timing of the new addition couldn't have been better. When school opened on September 21 additional students had joined us, bringing the enrollment of the Grantham Village School to 190 students—our highest enrollment ever. Because these students are not all in one class, the staff rearranged some classes, creating a 2/3 combination to reduce the size of second grade. Although we have only grown by one additional student since September, we are still trying to determine if this sudden growth is an indication of an overall trend, or whether it was an isolated coincidence.

Grantham has experienced a relatively high turn over in staff over the past few years, including the resignation in June of Principal Judy Pellettieri. As with all changes in staff, the new staff members will bring new strengths and new directions, but despite the changes in personnel, the staff of the Grantham Village School remain committed to providing an excellent academic program in a friendly, open, and supportive environment. We continue to make progress toward our goal of high academic standards for the Grantham Village School. While state and local assessments are up in most areas this year, school staff continues to work toward improvement in all content areas for all children.

All of these changes have costs, of course, and some of those appear in the budget for 2002 – 2003. Expenses driving the budget include a temporary increase in debt service as we begin the payments on the five-year bond for the new addition, additional time for some employees to cope with additional students, and salary and benefit increases for staff.

Not all expenses can be attributed to Grantham Village School. A major factor driving the increase of the budget is the increase in high school tuition from \$7996 to \$9008 per student. This has resulted in a 10% increase in high school tuition. This increase is due for the most part to declining enrollment of high school students in the towns of Grantham, Plainfield and Lebanon. Another major factor contributing to the increase in the budget is the cost of high school special education. Grantham is responsible for high school transportation and for special education placements outside of Lebanon High School. Out of district placements and special education transportation costs have increased dramatically this year, driving that segment of the budget up by approximately 88%.

Throughout the budget process, the Grantham Board has kept tried to maintain a balance between keeping expenses as low as possible and providing a quality program for its students. We feel that the resulting budget is a fair compromise that protects the integrity of the educational program while keeping costs down.

Education, like all important endeavors, requires a variety of hands and minds, working together toward common results. In Grantham we are very fortunate to have a strong, positive collaboration between school and community. On behalf of the Board, students and staff of the Grantham School District, I would like to thank the Grantham community for its continued support of high quality education for its children.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Gordon E. Schnare, Ed. D.  
School Superintendent*



## Principal's Report

As the new principal of the Grantham Village School I would like to express to you how excited and proud I am to be here. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and warm welcome.

Grantham Village School is happy to welcome new staff to our school; Ms. Bechta, Ms. Cathey, Mrs. Musica, Mr. Rice and Mrs. Carey. At this time I would also welcome back Mrs. Bartlett.

After a somewhat hectic start to the school year, the students and staff have settled into a beautiful and much needed addition. With a current enrollment of 191 students we appreciate the additional space. Please visit any time and take a tour.

All of us at Grantham Village School set high standards for all students and continue to strive for higher academic achievements by analyzing our pedagogy, curriculum and assessment data. Each year the teaching staff carefully reviews the results of the state testing, NHEIAPs (New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program). The results of this analysis provides the teachers with invaluable information to guide future instruction. We are very proud of our academic achievements as evidenced by our most current testing results.

With ongoing staff development, assessment analysis and community involvement we will continue to work on the Grantham Village School goals;

- \* To continue our work developing and maintaining safe school practices and procedures.
- \* To continue to align curriculum to the NH Frameworks.
- \* To assess student progress in a meaningful way for students, staff, parents and community
- \* To strengthen the partnerships between school and community.

Both students and teachers continue to benefit from our strong community involvement Through the efforts of the Grantham Parent Teacher Group and the numerous GVS volunteers school events and school programs are

The BEST SCHOOLS Team has applied for a grant from the Department of Education. This money will be used to pay for data base design, assessment and summary of the community survey collected last year. This data will assist Grantham Village School In setting goals to maintain and Improve communication between school and community.

Many thanks to all of the people working behind the scenes who play an essential role in making Grantham Village School the special place that It is. With the support of the staff, parents, community and school board members I look forward to a rewarding and productive year.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deborah Trottier  
Principal*



## **NHEIAP 2001**

The Grantham Village School NHEIAP state test results are as follows:

### **Third Grade Math**

Advanced	4%
Proficient	43%
Basic	48%
Novice	4%

### **Third Grade Writing Score**

7.3 out of 12  
(State average 5.9)

### **Third Grade L/A**

Advanced	26%
Proficient	35%
Basic	26%
Novice	13%

### **Sixth Grade Math**

Advanced	13%
Proficient	35%
Basic	39%
Novice	13%

### **Sixth Grade Writing Score**

9.3 out of 12  
(State average 7.1)

### **Sixth Grade L/A**

Advanced	9%
Proficient	30%
Basic	61%
Novice	0%

### **Sixth Grade Science**

Advanced	0%
Proficient	17%
Basic	52%
Novice	30%

### **Sixth Grade Social Studies**

Advanced	4%
Proficient	39%
Basic	30%
Novice	26%



## Village School—2001-2002 Staff

Deborah Trottier .....	Principal
Kathie Hale .....	Administrative Assistant
Jacqueline Atherley .....	Kindergarten
Heidi Bartlett .....	Kindergarten
Sue Jaggard .....	First
Lynn Wallace .....	Second
Denise Buckman .....	Third
Rob Crutchfield .....	Second/Third
Deebee Bechta .....	Fourth/Fifth
Stacy Musica .....	Fourth/Fifth
Susan O'Brien .....	Fourth/Fifth
Ashley Douglas .....	Sixth
Rob Rice .....	Sixth
Janet Cathey .....	Art
Wanda Clark .....	Music
Diana Conine .....	Library
Velma DeGoosh .....	Food Service
Roger Dontonville .....	Ph Ed/Health
Nancy Edgar-Howard .....	Reading
Bridget Fisher .....	Paraprofessional
Susan Dame .....	Special Education
Mikiko McGee .....	Special Education
Karen Moon .....	Paraprofessional
Sarah Morgan .....	Paraprofessional
Mary Richard .....	Paraprofessional
Deloris Netzband .....	Guidance
Piper Scalabrin .....	Nurse
Oliver Renehan .....	Custodian
Diane Carey .....	Part-Time Custodian

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### *Grantham Village School Enrollment*

	<u>September, 2001</u>	<u>January, 2002</u>
Kindergarten	28	29
Grade 1	22	22
Grade 2	24	23
Grade 3	27	28
Grade 4	29	28
Grade 5	31	31
Grade 6	29	30
Total	190	191



## Grantham Tuition Students

### Grade 7

Baker, Robert  
Bard, Casey  
Brewer, Donald  
Cendron, Sebastien  
Chaput, David  
Congdon, Jonathan  
Daigle, Kristen  
Dorr, Garielle  
Durkee, Lindsay  
Hanson, Emily  
Hutchins, Travis  
Lamont, Ryan  
Masterson, Nathan  
Mayo, Brenden  
McGee-Scalabrin, Hannah  
Montmagny, Elizabeth  
Moulton, Jacqueline  
O'Brien, Shannon  
Rose, Brittany  
Roy, Lawrence  
Russell, Emily  
Schmidt, Lisanne  
Smith, Justin  
Valcourt, Beth  
Webber, Johanna  
Willis, Heather

### Grade 8

Buchanan, Jenna  
Butler, Joshua  
Carmichael, Mary  
Clary, Austin  
Daigle, Matthew  
Daigle, Meghan  
Davidson, Daniel  
Dupuis, Jessica  
Fisher, Jared  
Hastings, Shaun  
Hastings, Jacalyn  
Hastings, Michael  
Kimball, Kori  
LaBelle, Lana  
Muir, Cortni  
Ordway, Stephen  
Patterson, Ajay  
Shepherd, Max  
Smith, Amanda  
Stearns, Heather  
Wilson, Amanda  
Young, Felicia





## Grantham Tuition Students

### Grade 9

Baker, Abigail  
Chaloux, Christopher  
Clark, Daniel  
Conine, Sarah  
Covill, Eric  
Dazet, Timothy  
Dobson, Ashley  
Dorr, Samuel  
Fisher, Jessika  
Hale, Allison  
Martineau, Paige  
Masterson, Nicholas  
Michelson, Rae Ann  
Moulton, Theodore  
Pelletier, Amanda  
Shepherd, Cameron  
Wells-Bogue, Jack  
Whippie, Noah

### Grade 10

Bailey, Chelsea  
Brewer, Ellie  
Cheney, Abbie  
Collier, Nathan  
Creasey, Justin  
Curran, Robert  
Dearing, Timothy  
Dyer, Gregory  
Eigenbrode, Michael  
Figley, Morgan  
Gilson, Curtin  
Jarvis, Jamie  
Kelley, Ryan  
Knowles, Julia  
LeJeune, Jennifer  
Longway, Danielle  
Negron, Ashley  
Rappaport, David  
Stauffer, Laurie  
Webber, Richard

### Grade 11

Bard, Rebecca  
Beadle, Sean  
Brown, Larry  
Clary, Margaret  
Gilson, Andrew  
Hale, Lindsay  
Hibbs, Jeremy  
Hill, John  
Jordan, Marisa  
LaBelle, Devon  
Mellow, Erin  
Partridge, Andy  
Pedata, Patricia  
Spinelli, Carolin  
Stauffer-Laurie  
Valcourt, David  
Valcourt, Douglas  
Wenz, Sarah  
Winchester, Laura

### *Grade 12—Class of 2002*

Barron, Janine  
Carmichael III, Donald  
Connelly, Adam  
Dearing, Christopher  
Feeney, Julia  
Hanson, Ian  
Jordan, Ryan  
LeJeune, Danielle  
Lozeau, Kevin  
Palmer, Kaitlin  
Rodizza, Dominic

Brown, Christina  
Chaloux, Jason  
Covill, Kimberly  
Dobson, Amanda  
Filiault, Seth  
Hoisington, Adam  
LeClair, Thomas  
Lozeau, Kenneth  
Martin, Colby  
Patton, Michael  
Weis, Mandy





2000 SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES

Grantham School District Meeting

March 13, 2001

Moderator Carl Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., in the Grantham Municipal Building.

Moderator Carl Hanson referred to the Proposed Rules for the 2000 School District Meeting and asked the District to adopt them by vote.

Motion made by Carl Hanson to adopt the Proposed Rules for 2000 School District Meeting as provided. Seconded by Dick Armstrong.  
The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator Carl Hanson wanted to point out by statue that because a bond issue was involved in Article 1, a 2/3rds majority vote was needed by written ballot. The ballot box would be open for at least one hour.

Motion made by Joy Gobin to adopt Article 1 as written. Seconded by Warren Kimball.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$720,000.00) for the construction of a school addition at the Grantham Village School, for equipment and furnishings, architectural fees, site development, professional service fees, and any items to and/or necessary for said construction; such sum to be raised by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes on the credit of the Grantham School District in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA Chapter 33 as amended; to authorize the Grantham School District to invest said monies and to use the interest earned thereon for said project; to authorize the Grantham School Board to obtain, accept and expend all Federal, State, or any other aid that may be available; and, authorize the Grantham School Board to determine:  
the time and place of payments of principal and interest, the rate of interest, the provisions for the sale of notes and/or bonds, and all other matters in connection therewith. (Recommended by the Grantham School Board) (2/3-ballot vote required).

Building Committee Chair person, Joe Clark gave a presentation concerning the Grantham Village School building addition.

Jamie Smith asked what security measures will play into this addition, i.e., security locks, doors, etc. Baybutt representative, Rob Parsons answered their main goal is to control access as much as possible and can be as sensitive as need be to security measures.

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Judy Pellettieri.

Judy Pellettieri stated that all doors are locked except the main front door during the day. The secretary's window will help monitor flow and be an additional safety feature.

Moderator recognized Ellen Morey.

Ellen Morey asked how many students we have now, versus the number of students coming in the future? Will it be a factor in considering the need of a building addition?



Dan McClory replied that the need for the addition was program driven not enrollment driven. The student numbers have varied from 160-175 within the last five years.

Moderator recognized Denise Buckman.

Denise Buckman asked where will we put the 2nd kindergarten class if we need to?

Judy Pellettieri replied that the four additional classrooms would be used as follows: 1 - Multi purpose room for art, music and health, 2 - Buckman's classes would be made into small offices, 3 - 2nd 6th grade class would be needed and 4 - extra kindergarten class if needed.

Moderator recognized Dick Armstrong.

Dick Armstrong asked how many additional people can the school handle comfortably?

Judy Pellettieri replied 30 to 50 students. The cafeteria would hold 100 students each session. The program aspect of the addition was the main focus. New programs have been added that require tremendous space. It is important to align the curriculum so that it is consistent. It becomes difficult when you have to restructure constantly. It is a quality of education issue.

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Phil Schaefer.

Phil Schaefer asked if the student population was fairly level. He noted that the Lebanon schools suffered from over population and if there was a real squeeze and need, could we accommodate the students we usually send up there to the 7th grade

Terry Door addressed Mr. Schaefer's concerns by informing him that the Grantham Village School had a . AREA agreement with Lebanon that could only be revised with the input of all towns involved. There was no existing time frame on that agreement.

Moderator recognized Joel Hutchins.

Joel Hutchins asked what "Loss of Public School Distinction" meant?

Gordon Schnare informed Mr. Hutchins that the State sent out a questionnaire and one of the questions was "Do you have adequate space?". If you check no, you acquire a Loss of Public School Distinction. You have one year to correct the situation.

Joel Hutchins asked with the Concord school funding crisis, is this an appropriate time to look into an addition?

Dan McClory informed Mr. Hutchins that the donor town status has nothing to do with this.

Motion was made to call the question.

The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.



Vote on Article 1 commenced at 8:00 p.m.

Moderator resumed meeting at 8:23 p.m. leaving the ballot voting open until 9:05 p.m.

Motion made by Jeff Fisher to postpone voting of Articles 2 and 3 until after the ballot count.  
Seconded by Kevin Cheever.

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Dan McClory.

Dan McClory asked that a large gratitude of thanks be extended to all the people on the building and public relations committee.

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Bill Connally.

Mr. Connally asked if Articles 2 and 3 were voted down, would it affect Article 1?

Dan McClory stated that it would have an impact if Article 3 were to fail. Appropriations were to be made for a \$720,000.00 bond. The district would have to scale down somewhere. If Article 2 were to fail, there would be no impact on Article 1.

Motion made by Dan McClory to vote on Article 2 and 3 prior to result of Article 1 ballot.

Moderator Carl Hanson stated that a motion was already made to shelve Articles 2 and 3 which put Article 4 on the front burner.

(Somebody in the audience stated that was in violation of Rule #2 of the Proposed Rules).

Moderator Carl Hanson stated that only was meant if an article was being passed over indefinitely. These articles were only being postponed.

Motion made by Jeff Fisher to move to reconsider vote to postpone consideration of Articles 2 and 3.  
Seconded by John Epstein.

The motion was adopted by an affirmative show of 93 hands and a show of 11 hands in opposition to reconsider vote to postpone consideration of Articles 2 and 3.

Motion to reconsider vote carries.

Bob Barnes asked what will happen if we pass Articles 2 and 3 and do not pass Article I?

Dan McClory stated that acceptance by vote of Article 1 will be amended contingent upon approval of Article I.

Moderator Carl Hanson asked if you are in favor of postponing discussion of Articles 2 and 3 until we know the outcome of the vote of Article 1, please signify by voice vote.

Motion defected.



Motion to adopt Article 2, as written, was made by Cindy Covell. Seconded by Peggy Allison.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a school addition at the Grantham Village School and to authorize the transfer and use of that amount from the June 30, 2001 fund balance for this purpose. This amount is equivalent to the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund. (Recommended by the School Board).

Jon Epstein made a motion to amend Article 2 to read "contingent upon approval of Article 1." Seconded by Bill Jarvis

After much discussion was had, a motion to amend Article 2 to read "contingent upon approval of Article 1" was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Connie Howard.

Connie Howard asked if the \$7,000.00 will be from the old bond or the new bond?

Dan McClory addressed her concern by stating that the interest earned on the proposed bond will be accumulated before the actual payment of the proposed building addition and the Board just needed the approval of the voters to spend the interest.

Connie Howard asked if the \$7,000.00 was all that was to be made in interest on a \$720,000.00 bond?

Dan McClory replied that \$7,000.00 of interest was based on a 2 month estimate.

Moderator Carl Hanson asked if there was any further discussion to be had. All those in favor of passing Article 2, as amended, please show by a voice vote.

Article 2 was adopted as amended by unanimous vote.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a school addition at the Grantham Village School and to authorize the transfer and use of that amount from the June 30, 2001 fund balance for this purpose, contingent upon approval of Article 1. This amount is equivalent to the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund). (Recommended by the School Board).

Motion was made by Warren Kimball to accept Article 3. Seconded by Merle Schotanus.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) to partially pay for expenses related to a building program at the Grantham Village School and to authorize the withdrawal of \$140,000.00 from the Capital Reserve established for that purpose at the Grantham Village School District Meeting on March 2, 1993. (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion was made by Bill Connally to amend Article 3 to read "contingent upon approval of Article 1 and change 1993 to 1997." Seconded by Marsha Clayton.



Dan McClory made a motion to amend Article 3 to read as “ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$142,000.00) to partially pay for expenses related to a building program at the Grantham Village School and to authorize the withdrawal of the balance of the Capital Reserve established for that purpose at the Grantham Village School District Meeting on March 2, 1997, contingent upon the passing of Article 1. (Recommended by the School Board) Seconded by Terry Dorr.

After further discussion, Moderator Carl Hanson asked all in favor of adopting Dan McClory’s motion to amend Article 3, please do so by voice vote.

Motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Article 3 as amended is adopted.

Moderator Carl Hanson took a brief break at 9:05 p.m. to count the votes on Article 1. Discussions to continue on Article 4.

At 9:17 p.m. Moderator Carl Hanson informed voters that Article 1 passed with a 2/3rds majority vote with 204 in the affirmative and 39 in opposition, with a total, of 243 votes cast.

Motion was made by Victoria Smith to adopt Article 4 as written. Seconded by Fred O’Brien.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will raise and appropriate Two Million Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty—four Dollars (\$2,837,800.00) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the District. This article includes the amounts described in Article 6, but does not include funds requested in any of the Other warrant articles. (Recommended by the School Board).

Connie Howard asked that the Board clarify which amount was correct, the \$2,837,844 in written form or \$2,837,800 in numerical form?

Motion was made by Dan McClory to amend Article 4 so that the language would read \$2,837,000 in both written and numerical form. Seconded by Bob Barnes.

The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Article 4 was amended to read as follows: To see if the District will raise and appropriate Two Million Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,837,800.00) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the District. This article includes the amounts described in Article 6, but does not include funds requested in any of the other warrant articles. (Recommended by the School Board) .



Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Cindy Towle.

Cindy Towle asked if she were to make an amendment to make a numerical change to Article 6 was it necessary also to make that numerical change in Article 4.

Moderator Carl Hanson stated that would have to wait until Article 6 was up for discussion. The School Board did a brief presentation on the budget.

Questions were asked about the increase in the High School tuition and reported by Jeff Fisher that GVS would not know the answer to that until after a March 28, 2001 meeting of the High School.

Bob Barnes asked why the salaries and health insurance increases from lines 36 and 38 were three times as high.

Terry Dorr explained that employees have moved into bigger benefit packages (i.e., from a single person to family benefit packages) and with the cost of rising health care, it added up to a much higher sum.

JoAnn Purdy asked why a zero amount was spent on the 1999 special education expenditure line and the actual expenditure line now reads \$24,000.

Terry Dorr explained that when a Grantham child moved into the Lebanon district we were still responsible for the costs of that persons special education needs.

Cindy Covell asked why on line 24 the \$5,000.00 voted in last year for the music program was no longer there? Wasn't that part of the budget for this year?

Joy Gobin asked why there was now a zero balance for the music program?

Dan McClory explained that they felt the building addition took precedent over the music program and the Board felt they had other cost issues and they wanted to keep the budget at reasonable increases. They felt that without the building addition there might not even be a place to have music.

Motion was made by Joy Gobin to amend Article 4 to add \$5,000 to the school budget for the music program to read "\$2,842,800.00". Seconded by Pete Gardiner.

Louise Vallieri, Coordinator of Friends of Music, explained that at times, Mr. Wiltshire, the music teacher, gave free lessons for children who could not afford to take music lessons and that regular fund-raising was being done. The \$5,000.00 goes towards instruments, music stands, lessons, and music sheets.

Jeff Figley asked if parents were still responsible for the cost of music lessons.

Dan McClory replied most definitely, stating that it would take a lot more monies than \$5,000.00 to cover the cost of music lessons.

Motion was made to accept the amendment to Article 4 to add an additional \$5,000.00 for the music program.

Article 4 was adopted by unanimous voice vote to read as follows: To see if the District will raise and appropriate Two Million Eight Hundred Forty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,842,800.00) for



the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the District. This article includes the amounts described in Article 6, but does not include funds requested in any of the other warrant articles. (Recommended by the School Board) .

Paul Dorr asked for an explanation from Judy Pellettieri regarding the reading recovery program and why it is being expanded.

Judy Pellettieri stated that the reading recovery program was a part time position that serviced first graders literacy. The school has found that there was a need in the K—6 for reading recovery recourse, reading decoding and comprehension. They have been turning down students so that they could move on to another group of students.

A motion was made to end discussion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Article 4 was adopted by unanimous voice vote as amended.

Motion was made to adopt Article 5 as written.

To hear the reports of agents, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Motion was made by Lori McClory asking to adopt Article 5 as written and if there were any questions, please refer to table for written reports. Seconded by Joy Gobin.

Article 5 was adopted by unanimous voice vote. Motion made by Cindy Covell to adopt Article 6 as written. Seconded by Cindy Towle.

To determine and appoint the salaries of the Grantham School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers and agents of the District as follows: Board Chair .300; 4 Board Members at \$200 per individual . \$800; School District Treasurer .500; School District Clerk .100; Moderator .50; Supervisor of the Checklist .25 per meeting. (Recommended by the School Board).

Motion made by Cindy Towle, in writing, requesting amendment to Article 6 to read: "Supervisor of the Checklist .25 per supervisor, per meeting." Seconded by Lori McClory.

Motion made by Paula Dorr to amend amendment from "\$25 per supervisor, per meeting" to "\$50 per supervisor, per meeting".

Moderator Carl Hanson took a hand vote. Motion to amend amendment was not passed with 19 against \$50 increase to 11 in favor of.

Motion made by Cindy Towle requesting amendment to Article 6 to read: "Supervisor of the Checklist .25 per supervisor, per meeting." was approved by unanimous voice vote.



To determine and appoint the salaries of the Grantham School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers and agents of the District as follows: Board Chair \$300; 4 Board Members at \$200 per individual - \$800; School District Treasurer - \$500; School District Clerk \$100; Moderator \$50; Supervisor of the Checklist \$25 per supervisor, per meeting. (Recommended by the School Board).

Motion was made to accept Article 7 as written. Motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Figley to adjourn meeting at 9:57 p.m. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*School District Clerk*

*MARY BETH WATT*





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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the School Board  
Grantham School District  
Grantham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Grantham School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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. We believe that our audit provides a *reasonable basis for our opinion*.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Grantham School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Grantham School District as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Grantham School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Grantham School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

August 28, 2001

*Plodzik & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*



**SCHEDULE A-1**  
**GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**General Fund**  
*Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001*

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Estimate</u>
<u>School District Assessment</u>			
Current Appropriation	\$ 1,338,058	\$ 1,338,058	\$
<u>Other Local Sources</u>			
Earnings on Investments	1,000	6,213	5,213
Miscellaneous		7,081	7,081
Total From Other Local Sources	<u>1,000</u>	<u>13,294</u>	<u>12,294</u>
<u>State Sources</u>			
Adequacy Aid (State Tax)	1,048,518	1,048,518	
School Building Aid	<u>34,969</u>	<u>38,548</u>	<u>3,579</u>
Total From State Sources	<u>1,083,487</u>	<u>1,087,066</u>	<u>3,579</u>
<u>Federal Sources</u>			
Medicaid	<u>20,000</u>	<u>8,217</u>	<u>(11,783)</u>
<u>Total Revenues</u>	\$ 2,442,545	\$ 2,446,635	\$ 4,090
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance Used to</u>			
Reduce School District Assessment	<u>134,763</u>		
<u>Total Revenues and Use of Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$ 2,577,308</u>		



**SCHEDULE A-2**  
**GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**General Fund**  
*Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001*

	<u>Encumbered From 1999-2000</u>	<u>Appropriations 2000-2001</u>	<u>Expenditures Net of Refunds</u>	<u>Encumbered To 2001-2002</u>	<u>(Over) Under Budget</u>
<b>Current</b>					
<b><u>Instruction</u></b>					
Regular Programs	\$ 4,501	\$ 1,751,066	\$ 1,575,454	\$	\$ 180,113
Special Programs		<u>86,242</u>	<u>124,978</u>		<u>(38,736)</u>
Total Instruction	<u>4,501</u>	<u>1,837,308</u>	<u>1,700,432</u>		<u>141,377</u>
<b><u>Support Services</u></b>					
Student		64,113	65,519		(1,406)
Instructional Staff	1,050	73,508	68,903		5,655
<b><u>General Administration</u></b>					
School Board		18,581	15,015		
<b><u>Executive Administration</u></b>					
SAU Management Services	749	111,564	116,833		(4,520)
School Administration	851	112,782	111,647	2,013	(27)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	8,250	82,432	99,075		(8,393)
Student Transportation		85,345	86,224		(879)
Other		<u>25,751</u>	<u>22,611</u>		<u>3,140</u>
Total Support Services	<u>10,900</u>	<u>574,076</u>	<u>585,827</u>	<u>2,013</u>	<u>(2,864)</u>
<b><u>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</u></b>		<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,644</u>	<u>86,550</u>	<u>(87,194)</u>
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		105,000	105,000		
Interest - Long-Term Debt		<u>8,138</u>	<u>8,138</u>		
Total Debt Service		<u>113,138</u>	<u>113,138</u>		
<b><u>Other Financing Uses</u></b>					
<b><u>Operating Transfers Out</u></b>					
<b><u>Interfund Transfers</u></b>					
<b><u>Special Revenue Fund</u></b>					
Food Service		8,786			
<b><u>Trust Funds</u></b>					
Expendable		<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>		
Total Operating Transfers Out		<u>48,786</u>	<u>40,000</u>		<u>8,786</u>
<b><u>Total Appropriations</u></b>					
<b><u>Expenditures and Encumbrances</u></b>	<u>\$ 15,401</u>	<u>\$ 2,577,308</u>	<u>\$ 2,444,041</u>	<u>\$ 88,563</u>	<u>\$ 60,105</u>



**SCHEDULE A-3**  
**GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**General Fund**

**Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001**

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**Unreserved - Undesignated**  
**Fund Balance - July 1**

\$ 145,463

**Deductions**

Unreserved Fund Balance Used to Reduce  
 2000-2001 School District Assessment  
 Increase in Reserve for Special Purposes  
 Total Deductions

\$ 134,763

2,760

(137,523)

\$ 7,940

**Addition**

**2000-2001 Budget Summary**

Revenue Surplus (Schedule A-1)

\$ 4,090

Unexpended Balance

of Appropriations (Schedule A-2)

60,105

2000-2001 Budget Surplus

64,195

**Unreserved - Undesignated**  
**Fund Balance - June 30**

\$ 72,135



## SAU 75 / Grantham Village School Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance as of July 1, 2000		\$ 141,131.21
Plus:		
Town of Grantham	\$ 2,386,576.00	
State of New Hampshire	68,146.78	
Food Service Income	22,591.46	
Other Income	6,342.40	
Interest Income from Lake Sunapee Bank	<u>6,230.69</u>	
Subtotal of Income	\$ 2,489,887.33	
Minus:		
Expenditures	\$ 2,548,703.72	
Bank Balance as of June 30, 2001		\$ 82,314.82

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Tammi Rogers, Treasurer*









GRANTHAM TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY ☞ MARCH 12, 2002

10:00 A.M.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING (GYMNASIUM)  
75 LEARNING DRIVE

POLLS OPEN 10:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.

GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

TUESDAY ☞ MARCH 19, 2002

7:00 P.M.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING (GYMNASIUM)  
75 LEARNING DRIVE