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Annual Report
Town of
BARNSTEAD
New Hampshire



"100 Years of Service"

For Year Ending December, 2008

TOWN OFFICE CLOSURES

THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

JANUARY 21, 2009

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

MARCH 18, 2009

APRIL 15, 2009

MAY 20, 2009

JUNE 17, 2009

JULY 15, 2009

AUGUST 19, 2009

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

OCTOBER 21, 2009

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

DECEMBER 16, 2009

Annual Report

Town of Barnstead New Hampshire



Comprising those of the Selectmen,
Fire Wardens, Fire Department,
Trustee of the Trust Funds,
Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk,
Police Department, Highway Department,
Other Departments, Committees, and Commissions



Year Ending December 31, 2008

In Remembrance

The Town of Barnstead wishes to acknowledge the passing of these individuals who have made contributions to our community over the years.

ELVIA HETU, died tragically in an auto accident on July 17. She was the 2001 Barnstead Citizen of the Year. She was the Barnstead School District Clerk until 2006 and was the secretary of the Barnstead School Board and the Barnstead/Alton Cooperative School Board. She was well known for her volunteer work at the Elementary School. She will be sadly missed.

PHYLLIS THOROUGHGOOD, served as a ballot clerk for many years. She provided a discretionary easement so the children of the Town have a place to play baseball.

KARL BAHR, was appointed our Building Inspector from August of 2002 until March of 2005.

We also want to express our condolences to any of the families who have lost loved ones this year whether they are new to the community or have lived here all their lives.

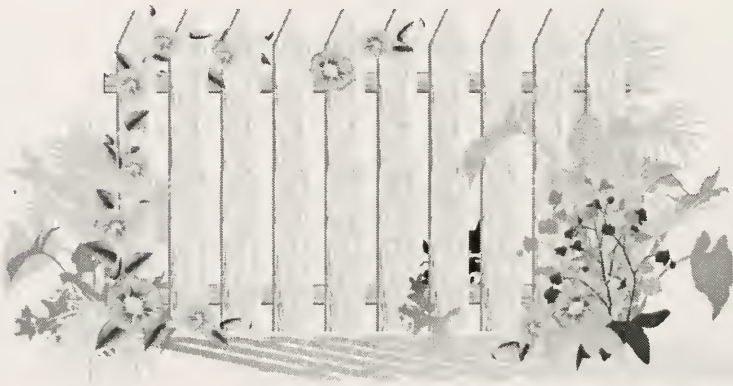


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INFORMATION ABOUT BARNSTEAD

LAND AREA.....	Approx. 42.9 Sq. Miles
INLAND WATER AREA.....	Approx. 2.0 Sq. Miles
ROADS.....	Approx. 89 Miles of Road
POPULATION.....	Approx. 4,601, ranking 77th among towns and cities in NH
1790 FIRST CENSUS TAKEN.....	807 Residents
CHURCHES	Five
LIBRARY.....	Oscar Foss Memorial
SCHOOLS.....	Barnstead Elementary (K-8) & Prospect Mountain High
COUNTY	Belknap
STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 4.....	Kathy Sgambati
STATE REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 5 as of 11/4/08....	Peter Bolster
.....	Laurie J. Boyce
.....	William "Bill" Johnson
.....	Alida I. Millham
.....	James P. Pilliod
.....	Jeffrey St. Cyr
.....	Elaine Swinford
UNITED STATES SENATORS.....	Judd Gregg
.....	Jeanne Shaheen
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE.....	Carol Shea-Porter
ANNUAL ELECTION.....	2nd Tuesday in March
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.....	Saturday following election

Barnstead the Hidden Treasure!



ABOUT THE COVER

2009 marks the centennial year for the Barnstead Fire Rescue Inc. To help celebrate the upcoming event we are honoring their hundred years of service. Pictured are 6 Engine 2, 6 Tanker 1 and 6 Tower 1 in action at a training fire in Farmington, New Hampshire.

State of New Hampshire
Town of Barnstead
Warrant for 2009 Annual Meeting

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Barnstead in the County of Belknap in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Barnstead Town Hall in said Barnstead on Tuesday, the Tenth (10th) day of March, next at 7:00 a.m. of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

1 Selectman	1 year term
1 Selectman	3 year term
1 Treasurer	3 year term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term
1 Library Trustee	3 year term
1 Budget Committee	1 year term
2 Budget Committee	3 year terms
1 Overseer of Public Welfare	1 year term
1 Planning Board	2 year term
2 Planning Board	3 year terms

2. To vote by official ballot on amendments to the Barnstead Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Barnstead Planning Board, as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #1, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To revise Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance – Shoreland Protection Ordinance – to delete the Article as written and replace it with references to RSA 483-B:1-20, Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act and Administrative Rules Env-Wq 1401-1414 as amended.

Warrant for 2009 Annual Meeting

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #2, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To add to Article 2 - Definitions. "Shoreline lot: is any lot adjacent to any public waters as defined by the Barnstead Zoning Ordinance and subject to RSA: 483B The Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act".

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #3, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To amend to Article 4, section 4-2.07 of the Zoning Ordinance "to allow as a matter of right an open deck up to 8 feet wide for all shoreline lots".

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #4, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To revise Article 12, section 12-16 of the Zoning Ordinance – Growth Management Regulation, to change the Sunset date from April 1, 2009 to April 1, 2014.

The second session for the purpose of discussing and voting upon the remaining articles of the Town Warrant shall be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the Barnstead Elementary School.

3. To hear the Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to organize the Town of Barnstead Fire Department in accordance with RSA 154:1, I(b), which provides that the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Fire Chief and further provides that firefighters shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief. In accordance with RSA 154:1, IV, this change, if approved, shall not take effect until one year following approval of this Article.
5. To see if the Town will increase the allocated number of Full-Time Police Officer Positions from the six (6) full-time officers required to

Warrant for 2009 Annual Meeting

minimally operate a 24/7 agency to seven (7) full-time officers. The cost of the additional position including outfitting, training, and the Town Employee Benefit Package could be up to \$67,980 and is not reflected in the current proposed budget figures. (Not Recommended by Selectmen).

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee).
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).
8. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Fuel and Heating Oil Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of meeting the cost of unanticipated gasoline, diesel and heating oil expenses; and to raise and appropriate Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) to be placed in this fund; and furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for an energy upgrade in the Town Buildings as proposed by Atlantic Energy through Public Service of New Hampshire for lighting and fixtures. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for Milfoil treatment of Suncook River and for the divers in Barnstead waters. This will be a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until December 31, 2013. This is a special warrant per RSA 32:3. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

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11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Professional Planner Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19 a for the purpose of being able to retain a professional planner when expertise is required by the Planning Board to investigate technical and complex planning issues and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund; and furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:2. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee).
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the property at tax Map 046 Lot 028, to Melanie Horohov, to be merged with Melanie Horohov's property at Map 046 Lot 027. Melanie Horohov has paid all taxes, interest, costs and expenses owed to the Town in maintaining the property. This property was acquired by tax deed in November, 2003. (Recommended by Selectmen).
13. To see if the Town of Barnstead will vote to accept Beaver Ridge Road to Beaver Pond Road to Hazel Clark Road in Barnstead, NH as a Class 5 Roadway. (Submitted by Petition).
14. We, the undersigned registered voters of Barnstead, hereby request that the Town of Barnstead oversee the care of Forest Road in regards to plowing, sanding and maintenance. (Submitted by Petition).
15. To see if the Town will vote to change the Road Agent's position from an elected position to an appointed position. (Recommended by Selectmen).
16. To see if the Town will vote to change the Welfare Officer's position from an elected position to an appointed position. (Recommended by Selectmen).
17. To see if the Town will vote to change the Treasurer's position from an elected position to an appointed position. (Recommended by the Selectmen).
18. To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$3,123,471 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$3,213,444. This article does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

Warrant for 2009 Annual Meeting

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Selectmen of Barnstead
Gordon Preston, Chairman
James Barnard
Andrew Houle

David Kerr, Vice-Chairman
Philip Grillo

February 17th, 2009

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at Barnstead Parade Post Office, Ctr. Barnstead Post Office, Barnstead Town Hall and Barnstead Elementary School being a public place in said Town, on the twentieth (20th) day of February, 2009.

Gordon Preston, Chairman

David Kerr, Vice-Chairman

James Barnard

Philip Grillo

Andrew Houle

SELECTMEN OF BARNSTEAD

Budget for Town of Barnstead

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		4,700	4,897	5,222	5,222	5,222	5,222
4319	Other		118,450	142,058	134,601	134,601	139,601	139,601
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		164,756	164,756	164,724	164,724	164,724	164,724
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		750	750	750	750	750	750
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		900	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
4414	Pest Control		3,565	5,083	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		7,800	7,800	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		29,965	31,254	33,680	33,680	28,680	5,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		4,259	4,259	4,472	4,472	4,472	4,472
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

Budget for Town of Barnstead

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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	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		15,000	9,239	20,000		13,700	6,300
4550-4559	Library		96,000	96,000	97,000		97,000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3,500	3,500	3,500		3,500	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		11,000	8,325	9,000		9,000	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources							
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes				0		0	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes				0		0	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		15,000	14,244	15,000		15,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		1	2,339	1		1	
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		0	0			0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		16,000	16,000				
4903	Buildings		12,000	0				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		80,000	75,864	50,000		50,000	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

Budget for Town of Barnstead

MS-7 Budget - Town/City of BARNSTEAD FY 2009

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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	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX								
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		90,000	90,000	10,000		10,000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		52,000	52,000	105,000		5,000	100,000
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1		3,148,596	3,030,437	3,213,444		3,123,471	94,973

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 line total for the ensuing year.

Budget for Town of Barnstead

MS-7 Budget - Town/City of BARNSTEAD FY 2009

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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

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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	5 SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	6 SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)	7 BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	8 BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED	
4909	Weich Road Bridge Repair		50,000	50,000					
4903	Pole Barn Hwy		12,000	0					
4909	Grader Repairs - Hwy		20,000	18,914					
4909	Milfoil Suncook River		10,000	6,950	5,000		5,000		
4902	Server & Computer Equip		16,000	16,000					
4903	Energy Upgrade Town Hall				6,000		6,000		
4903	Diesel/Heating Contingency				39,000		39,000	0	
4915	Circuit Rider Exp. Trst				5,000		0	5000	
4915	Parks & Rec Bldg Cap Res		5,000	5,000					
4915	Historical Soc. Bld. Cap Res		5,000	5,000					
4915	Bridge Const. Cap Reserve		10,000	10,000	10,000		10,000		
4915	Hwy Dept. Hwy Equip Cap Res		40,000	40,000					
4916	Lib Computer Supp Exp Tst		2,000	2,000					
4915	Fire Truck Cap Reserve		0	0					
4915	Highway Garage Cap Res		30,000	30,000					
4916	Town Hall Computer Res								
4916	Emer. Preparedness Trust		50,000	50,000	100,000		0	100,000	
4919	Hannah Nutter Br. Non-Laps								
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED					XXXXXXXXXX	165,000	XXXXXXXXXX	60,000	XXXXXXXXXX

Budget for Town of Barnstead

MS-7 Budget - Town/City of BARNSTEAD FY 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		5,000	8,859	5,000
3180	Resident Taxes		0		
3185	Timber Taxes		5,000	3,700	5,000
3186	Payment In Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		85,000	96,591	85,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$02 cents per cu yd)		4,000	3,942	4,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1,000	1,050	1,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		650,000	684,118	650,000
3230	Building Permits		40,000	35,800	35,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		32,000	33,691	32,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			ice storm	20,000
FROM STATE					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		19,634	19,634	19,634
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		190,907	203,078	190,907
3353	Highway Block Grant		151,065	150,545	150,545
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		1,263	26,272	1,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		50,000	50,000	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		100,000	105,834	100,000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		10,000	10,295	10,000
3502	Interest on Investments		30,000	33,725	30,000
3503-3509	Other		90,000	96,749	90,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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Budget for Town of Barnstead

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	3,148,596	3,213,444	3,123,471
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	250,000	165,000	60,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	0	0	0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,398,596	3,378,444	3,183,471
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,559,311	1,429,357	1,429,357
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1,839,285	1,949,087	1,754,114

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

Comparative Statement

12-31-2008		TOWN OF BARNSTEAD		COMPARATIVE STATEMENT		
ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	2008 APPROPRIATION	2008 EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	RECEIPTS & REIMBURSEMENT	OVERDRAFT
4130	EXECUTIVE OFFICE	157,230	160,330	-3,100	34,107	
4140	ELECTION & REGISTRATION	48,905	44,219	4,686	693,606	
4150	FINANCIAL ADMIN.	132,754	127,736	5,018	164,775	
4153	JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE	30,001	17,718	12,283		
4155	PERSONNEL ADMIN.	493,528	506,711	-13,183	255,034	
4191	PLANNING & ZONING	27,812	22,294	5,518	2,097	
4194	GEN. GOV. BUILDING	80,550	67,107	13,443	1,280	
4195	CEMETERIES	5,800	664	5,136		
4196	INSURANCE NOT ALLOC.	38,100	48,353	-10,253	4,600	-5,653
4210	POLICE DEPARTMENT	394,836	374,656	20,180	11,155	
4215	AMBULANCE	420,368	414,115	6,253	102,226	
4220	FIRE DEPARTMENT	211,458	206,045	5,413	124	
4240	BUILDING INSPECTION	33,152	28,201	4,951	35,800	
4290	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	2,001	1,389	612	3,263	
4311	HSB ADMINISTRATION	3,450	2,652	798		
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS	591,505	512,843	78,662	150,546	
4313	BRIDGES	1,500	0	1,500		
4316	HSB STREET LIGHTING	4,700	4,897	-197		
4319	OTHER HWY./ST./BRIDGES	118,450	142,058	-23,608		
4325	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	164,756	164,756	0		
4329	OTHER WASTE DISPOSAL	750	750	0	80	
4411	HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	900	900	0		
4414	ANIMAL CONTROL	3,565	5,083	-1,518	6,041	

Comparative Statement

4415	HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSP.	6,000	6,000	0	
4419	OTHER HEALTH	1,800	1,800	0	
4441	WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	4,965	5,048	-83	
4442	WELFARE DIRECT ASSIST	25,000	26,206	-1,206	3,799
4444	WELFARE INTERGOV.	4,259	4,259	0	
4520	PARKS & RECREATION	15,000	9,239	5,761	
4550	LIBRARY	96,000	96,000	0	
4583	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	3,500	3,500	0	
4589	OTHER CULTURE & REC.	11,000	8,325	2,675	
4723	DEBT SERVICE	15,000	14,244	756	
4790	DEBT SERV/IRS PENALTY	1	2,339	-2,338	259
4902	HWY. GRADER REPAIRS	20,000	18,914	1,086	18,914
4902	POLICE COMPUTER	16,000	16,000	0	
4903	HWY. POLE BARN	12,000	0	12,000	
4909	WELCH ROAD BRIDGE	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
4909	MILFOIL SUNCOOK RIVER	10,000	6,950	3,050	6,950
4915	BRIDGE CAP. RESERVE	10,000	10,000	0	
4915	HWY. DEPT. HVY. EQUIP	40,000	40,000	0	
4915	PARKS & REC. BUILDING	5,000	5,000	0	
4915	LIBRARY COMPUTER TRUST	2,000	2,000	0	
4915	HWY. GARAGE EXP. CAP.	30,000	30,000	0	
4915	HISTORICAL SOC. CAP. RES.	5,000	5,000	0	
4915	EMER. PREPARE EXP. TRST	50,000	50,000	0	
4915	TOWN HALL COMP EXP TRS		1,585	-1,585	1,585
4915	ARCH/PLAN/DESIGN 2007		31,880	-31,880	
	TORNADO/FLOOD DISASTER	132,685	178,335	-45,650	132,685
	TOTAL	3,531,281	3,476,101	55,180	1,678,926
					-76,990

Balance Sheet
December 31, 2008

Assets

Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer:		
Vendor Checking	262,461.94	
Payroll Checking	49,473.36	
Money Market	234,018.63	
Depository Account	721,670.40	
NHPDIP - GF, Utility & Welch Rd Brige	828,707.98	
Impact Fee Account	40,856.85	
Conservation Commission	88,462.40	
Milfoil	250.00	
Recreation Revolving	3,386.51	
Old Home Day	18,062.30	
	<u>18,062.30</u>	2,247,350.37
Office Petty Cash		100.00
Capital & Noncapital Reserve Funds:		
Bridge	76,835.03	
Highway Heavy Equipment	185,298.93	
Fire Truck	36,978.79	
Library Collection Development	10,099.12	
Cistern	3,719.69	
Highway Garage	232,314.76	
Library Computer Support	6,142.88	
Historical Society Building	26,947.40	
Building Maintenance	60,239.91	
Parks & Recreation Building	21,146.38	
Police Safety Building	56,366.74	
Milfoil Prevention	13,467.36	
Emergency Preparedness	520.21	
Town Hall Computer	4,554.75	
	<u>4,554.75</u>	734,631.95
Uncollected Taxes:		
Current levies	918,224.19	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Tax Liens	287,250.95	
Elderly Liens	7,417.00	
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	(40,000.00)	
	<u>(40,000.00)</u>	1,172,892.14
Due from Conservation Commission		8,475.00
Due from Food Pantry		50.00
Due from Capital Reserve Funds		55,000.00
NSF Checks Receivable		3,575.65
Mortgage Receivable		26,121.45
		<u>26,121.45</u>
		<u><u>4,248,196.56</u></u>

Balance Sheet
December 31, 2008
Liabilities and Equity

Due to School District	2,550,505.00
Deferred Revenue - <i>Noncurrent Mortgage Receivables</i>	26,121.45
Deferred Impact Fees	40,856.85
Utility Escrow Account	27,873.16
Welsh Road Bridge Account	69,732.83
Conservation Commission	88,462.40
Recreation Revolving	3,386.51
Old Home Day	18,062.30
Milfoil Committee	250.00
Capital Reserve Funds	734,631.95
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	3,559,882.45
Unreserved Fund Balance	688,314.11
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	<u>4,248,196.56</u>



Schedule of Town Property

Land	\$264,325,020.00
Buildings	278,144,300.00
Electric Plants	3,032,893.00
Water Company	1,221,504.00
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$546,723,717.00
Elderly/Blind Exemptions	925,000.00
Certain Disabled Veterans Exemption	243,900.00
Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Net Valuation Which Tax	
Rate for Municipal, County & Local	
Education Tax is Computed	\$545,554,817.00
Less Public Utilities	\$4,254,397.00
Net Rate for State Education Tax	
is Computed	\$541,300,420.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

Category	Acres
Farm Land	1,337.54
Forest Land	14,440.90
Unproductive Land	39.50
Wet Land	1,336.35
TOTAL ACRES IN CURRENT USE	17,117.29
Easements	Acres
Discretionary	7.00
Discretionary Preservation	17
Conservation	389.00

Town Owned Equipment

HIGHWAY

1976 GMC Tanker Truck
1978 Dump Truck
1986 Caterpillar Grader
1987 Ford F8000 Dump Truck
1988 Massey Ferguson Tractor
1995 Caterpillar Backhoe 446
1996 Caterpillar Loader
1999 Chevy Tahoe
2002 Int. Dump Truck W/Plow
1997 (4) Int. Dump Trucks
2003 GMC 1 Ton Truck W/Plow
Five Highway Sanders
Ingram Roller
1997 Gravel Sander
Mobile Radios
Two Rakes
Vermeer Chipper
Mower
1997 Boom Attachment, Sweeper
& Forks for Loader
Leased (2) 6 Wheel Dump Trucks
(returned in September)

PARKS AND RECREATION

Zamboni
Two Snow blowers
Paint Sprayer
Lawnmower
Weedwacker
Sweeper (gas powered)

POLICE

2003 Ford Crown Victoria
2005 Ford Crown Victoria
2006 Ford Expedition 4x4
2007 Ford Crown Victoria
9 Bullet Proof Vests
Fire Arms
9 Pistols
3 Shotguns
1 Rifle
6 Tazers

FIRE/AMBULANCE

1997 Int. Engine/Pumper
2000 Int. Engine/Pumper
2003 Ford Ambulance
1995 Ford Crown Victoria (sent to
auction in October)
2001 Chevy Tahoe (Command
Vehicle)
2007 Heavy Rescue Vehicle

COMPUTERS

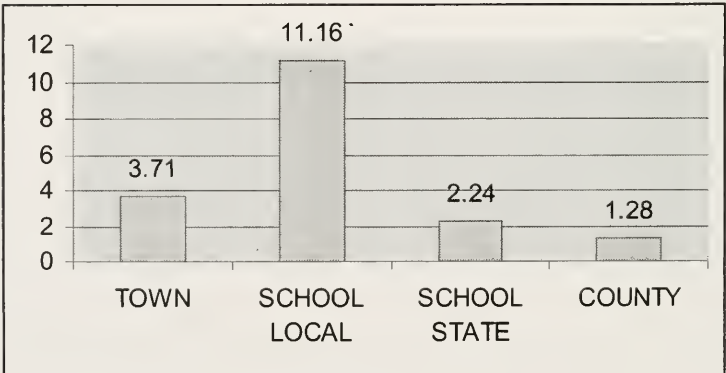
Town Hall		
Work stations	9	
Server	1	
Fire/Ambulance		
Work stations	2	
Laptops	2	
Server	1	
Highway		
Work station	1	
Police		
Work stations	6	
Server	1	
Laptop	1	
Supervisors of the Checklist		
Laptop	1	

Tax Rate Information

Net Town Appropriation	\$2,021,644.00
Approved School Tax Effort	6,087,478.00
State Education Tax	1,223,152.00
County Tax Assessment	700,949.00
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$10,023,223.00
Less War Service Credits	157,100.00
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$9,866,123.00

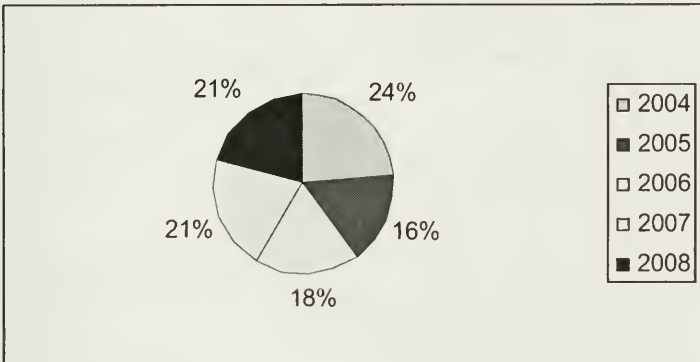
TAX RATE 2008

	\$	% of Rate
School (Local)	11.16	61%
School (State)	2.24	12%
County	1.28	7%
Town	3.71	20%
Total	18.39	100%



Tax Rate Information

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Town	4.07	2.70	2.44	3.81	3.71
County	1.55	1.08	1.20	1.24	1.28
School	12.21	8.76	10.47	11.09	11.16 (local)
	3.01	2.02	2.12	2.26	2.24 (state)
Totals	20.84	14.56	16.23	18.40	18.39
% Increase	0.0		11.4	13.4	
% Decrease		30.1			1



EQUALIZATION RATIO

To find the ratio: $\frac{\text{assessment}}{\text{sale price}} = \text{ratio}$

Yr.	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
%	77.8	96.8	93.6	94.8	97.1

Appropriations

4130 Executive	\$157,230.00
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	48,905.00
4150 Financial Administration	93,154.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	39,600.00
4153 Legal Expense	30,001.00
4155 Personnel Administration	493,528.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	27,812.00
4194 General Government Buildings	80,550.00
4195 Cemeteries	5,800.00
4196 Insurance	38,100.00
4210 Police	394,836.00
4215 Ambulance	420,368.00
4220 Fire & Rescue	211,458.00
4240 Building Inspection	33,152.00
4290 Emergency Management	2,001.00
4311 HSB Administration	3,450.00
4312 Highways and Streets	591,505.00
4313 Bridges	1,500.00
4316 Street Lighting	4,700.00
4319 Highway Other Streets	118,450.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	164,756.00
4326-29 Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	750.00
4411 Health Administration	900.00
4414 Pest (Animal) Control	3,565.00
4415-19 Health Agencies and Hospitals	7,800.00
4441 Welfare Officer	4,965.00
4442 Direct Assistance	25,000.00
4444 Welfare-Intergovernmental Payments	4,259.00
4520 Parks and Recreation	15,000.00
4550 Library	96,000.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	3,500.00
4589 Band Concerts/Old Home Day	11,000.00
4723 Debt Service	15,000.00
4790 IRS Penalty	1.00
4902 Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	16,000.00
4903 Buildings	12,000.00
4909 Improvements Other Than Buildings	80,000.00
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund	90,000.00
4916 To Expendable Trust Funds	52,000.00
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,398,596.00
Local School District Assessment	6,087,478.00
State Education Tax Assessment	1,213,152.00

Town Clerk's Report
January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

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RECEIPTS

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$662,496.01	
Motor Vehicle Titles	1,802.00	
Municipal Agent Fees	<u>17,590.50</u>	
Total Motor Vehicle Receipts		\$681,888.51
Total Boat Registration Receipts	2,376.70	2,376.70
Dog Licenses	4,984.50	
Dog Fines & Penalties	<u>856.00</u>	
Total Dog Receipts		\$ 5,840.50
Vital Record Fees	3,161.00	
UCC Filings	1,050.00	
Clerk's Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>1,397.00</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Fees		<u>\$ 5,608.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$695,713.71

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REMITTANCES TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle	\$681,888.51	
Boats	2,376.70	
Dogs	5,608.00	
Miscellaneous/Vitals	<u>5,840.50</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$695,713.71

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Treadwell
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Report
 Summary of Tax Accounts
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

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Uncollected Taxes:

Beginning of Fiscal Year	2008	2007	2006/Prior
3110 Property Taxes	XXX	952,655.17	-5,476.55
3180 Resident Taxes	XXX		
3120 Land Use Change	XXX		
3185 Yield Taxes	XXX	331.34	
3187 Excavation Tax @.02/yd	XXX	25.00	
3190 Other Charges	XXX		34.00
Interest	XXX	1.12	-27.26
			-1.33

Taxes Committed This Year

3110 Property Taxes	9,878,932.00	2,472.33	
3180 Residents Taxes			
3120 Land Use Change	\$17,050.00		
3185 Yield Taxes	4,369.04		
3187 Excavation Taxes	3,941.98		
3190 Other Charges bad ck	3,815.21	3,128.00	

Overpayments:

3110 Property Taxes	1,828.87	11,775.52	5,698.00
3120 Land Use Change			
3185 Yield Taxes			
3187 Excavation Tax @.02/yd			
Interest		109.11	256.92
352.18	881.64		
3190 Interest-late	7095.94	55,194.37	
3190 Costs before Lien		5,432.50	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$9,917,033.04	\$103,1124.46	\$511.04

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Tax Collector's Report
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

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Remitted to Treasurer	2008	2007	2006/Prior
Property Taxes	8,958,748.86	651691.04	-6175.01
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change	17,000.00		
Yield Taxes	4018.57		
Interest(include lien conversion)			
Penalties			
Excavation Activity	3,941.98	25.00	
Other Charges	3785.00	2,034.00	-220.00
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		328027.75	
Interest	7361.94		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	10393.19	9208.90	2651.00
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes			
Excavation Activity			
Interest		109.11	256.92
Current Levy Deeded		1666.00	
1080 Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	911618.82	5283.44	3,745.46
Land Use Change	50.00		
Yield Taxes	350.47		
Excavation Activity			
Other Charges	30.21	10.00	34.00
Interest	-266.00		222.04
TOTAL CREDITS	\$9,917,033.04	1,031,124.46	511.04

Respectfully submitted,
 Cynthia L. Treadwell, Tax Collector/Town Clerk

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts 12/31/08

****LEVIES OF****

DEBITS	2007	2006	Prior
Unredeemed Liens		158,696.10	41,683.91
Lien Executed During Fiscal Year		328027.75	739.39
Interest & Costs Coll.	8,256.59	9,875.65	12,079.95
TOTAL DEBITS	\$336,284.34	\$169,311.14	\$53,763.86
CREDITS	2007	2006	Prior
Redemptions	117740.71	82395.28	35899.24
Interest & Costs #3190	5,556.59	9,857.65	12125.25
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens 114.00			
Liens Deeded to Municipality		1826.07	1,336.29
Unredeemed Liens Bal #1110	212,873.04	75,232.14	4403.07
TOTAL CREDITS	\$336,284.34	\$169,311.14	\$53,763.85

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

Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Treadwell
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

	General Fund	Conservation	Recreation	Old Home Day	Utility	Weich Rd Bridge	Total
Beginning Balance	2,058,077.25	140,070.19	5,102.68	18,645.17	27,204.44	106,583.39	2,355,683.42
Receipts:							
Tax Collector	9,949,155.86						9,949,155.86
Town Clerk	698,713.71						698,713.71
State of NH	641,038.22						641,038.22
Charges	127,370.72						127,370.72
Miscellaneous	139,620.47	14,552.50	5,550.00	10,868.18		101,724.34	272,315.49
Trust Capital	270.95						270.95
Interest	36,229.03	3,318.99	1.01	370.40	668.72	2,230.90	42,819.05
Tan Loan	1,500,000.00						1,500,000.00
TOTAL	13,092,398.96	17,871.49	5,551.01	11,238.58	668.72	103,955.24	13,231,684.00
Disbursements:							
Sel. Orders Pd.	11,919,358.55					90,805.80	12,010,164.25
Bond Charges	14,244.25						14,244.25
Conservation	14,552.50	6,287.91					20,840.41
Tan Loan	1,200,000.00						1,200,000.00
Parks & Recreation	9,238.50		7,267.18				16,505.68
Old Home Day	3,500.00			11,821.45			15,321.45
Ending Balances	13,160,893.80	6,287.91	7,267.18	11,821.45		90,805.80	13,277,076.14
TD North-Vendor	262,461.94		3,318.79	468.08			266,248.81
TD North-Payroll	49,473.31						494,473.31
TD North-MMA	234,018.63						234,018.63
Northway-Cking	721,670.41	88,462.40					810,132.81
NHPDIP	681,101.99	63,191.37	67.72	17,594.22	27,873.16	119,732.83	909,561.29
Northway-Impact	40,856.85						40,856.85
Total Balance	1,989,582.71	151,653.77	3,886.51	18,062.30	27,873.16	119,732.83	2,310,291.28

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. Terry

Selectmen's Report

Dear Residents of Barnstead,

As we know 2008 has been a hard year for our community. After the flooding in both 2006 and 2007, we had almost record snow falls combined with very high diesel and heating oil prices. The combination put our regular budget under pressure from its inception. Despite this, virtually all the flood damage and the program for enlarging and replacing culverts was completed.

The year was dominated again by weather related disasters when in the late morning of Thursday, July 24, a class EF2 tornado struck our town. The tornado entered on our boundary with Pittsfield and exited on the Alton boundary. The rotational wind was up to 135 mph with a ground speed of between 50 to 60 mph, yet miraculously we had no serious injuries or fatalities; mainly due to luck and the hour the tornado struck. Over 120 houses were damaged and several were subsequently judged to be irreparable. The largest amount of damage to personal property occurred in the areas of Locke Lake which were in the direct path of the tornado.

Despite the severity and scale of the destruction, by Sunday, July 27 all our roads were opened to be at least passable enabling utility, telephone and emergency services to get through. Fortunately, our highway department had recently joined the Municipal Highway Department Mutual Aid System and the Governor, having declared a state of emergency, sent State highway crews and equipment to assist our own department. We also received very welcome help from many volunteers, both from our own citizens, UNH Forestry and the Southern Baptist Emergency Organization that came all the way from Tennessee and Virginia.

Unfortunately, although FEMA reimbursed the Town for 75% of the cost of tornado related damage, non municipal entities and private property damage was not granted any funding. In light of this the Selectmen asked for and received tremendous help from many of our skilled citizens and their machinery to help with the cleaning up. We also received a great deal of help from the community volunteer program at Strafford County Jail.

During the clean up work we also managed to cut and split significant amounts of cord wood which went to the welfare department for the fuel assistance program. We would like to thank both the residents and the Welfare Department for their assistance in providing our volunteers with sustenance during the very hard days of July and August. We hope to continue and possibly extend the program during the summer as there is an enormous amount of work still to be done.

Due to the frequency and severity of natural disasters hitting the Town, the

Selectmen's Report

Selectmen requested Mr. John Blair to accept the position of Emergency Management Director and Mr. Steve Byers as his deputy. They are both eminently qualified for these positions and were almost immediately tested by the major ice storm which struck in December leaving many homes without power for several days with temperature dipping well below freezing. Again, unfortunately this placed an additional burden on our highway department to clear the roads to enable power company crews to begin work. During this widespread outage, together with Alton, we utilized the Prospect Mountain High School as an emergency shelter. The cooperation of the school authorities bodes well if we have future emergencies. The high school can provide heat, food, shelter, and other amenities for large numbers of people.

In addition to the above events and directly related to the national economic woes, we had an unprecedented number of bank repossessions of property and tax liens placed on property within the Town. We also saw the revenue coming to the Town from such things as vehicle registrations, etc. fall for the first time in many years. The reduction in income had the effect of putting further strain on the financial well being of the Town.

On a more optimistic note, the thrift shop, opened by our welfare officer and staffed by volunteers is thriving and helping the whole community in these increasingly hard times. We would urge everyone to support this endeavor.

The Selectmen also began with five of our neighbors to form the Suncook Valley Regional Association. The purpose is to study where financial savings can be made for the tax payers by looking at how we can regionalize many of the services which each town needs to provide. The first benefit was in forming a health group which provides exactly the same benefits to our employees as they already receive and in the case of Barnstead reduced our costs by 13.5%. We feel that future endeavors in the direction of regional cooperation combined with the encouragement of tax positive business and enterprise will be essential towards achieving a stable and affordable tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Barnstead Board of Selectmen
Gordon Preston, Chairman
David Kerr, Vice-Chairman
James Barnard
Philip Grillo
Andrew Houle

Assessor's Report

After completing a sales ratio study the Town decided it was NOT necessary to update all property values for the 2008 tax year. Although the market has gone through a lot of changes over the past year, Barnstead's assessments remain equitable among the different property types. Therefore, the 2008 assessments remain the same as 2007, unless a property had improvements or an error was corrected. The Town will continue to analyze assessment to sale prices annually to determine the need for a valuation update.

In keeping with the State's requirements that towns review their property record data once every five years the Town has contracted the firm of Brett S. Purvis & Associates to perform a review of 20% of the Town on an annual basis. In 2008 town tax maps 36 thru 50 were reviewed for accuracy. All property owners should check their property record cards annually for data accuracy.

Any taxpayer that feels their property's equalized assessment does not reflect the market value of the property may file an abatement by March 1, 2009. When filling your abatement application only valid arms length transactions may be used as comparables. Foreclosures, bank sales and family sales are not considered valid sales. The abatement applications are available in the Selectmen's office or online at www.nh.gov/btla.

The deadline for filing all exemptions and tax credit applications is April 15 for the tax year applied for. These include elderly and blind exemptions as well as veteran's tax credits. If you feel you qualify for any of these as of April 1, 2009 stop by the Selectmen's office to fill out an application.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Wood,
Real Estate Appraiser Supervisor, CMA
Brett S. Purvis & Associates

**Independent Auditor's Communication of
Reportable Conditions and other Matters
The Mercier Group
a professional corporation**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF
CONTROL DEFICIENCIES AND OTHER MATTERS**

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Town of Barnstead as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Barnstead's internal control.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

In connection with our consideration of Town of Barnstead's internal control as described above, we are pleased by the Town's continued commitment to improving operations. We continue to encourage the use of contract accounting personnel to assist with the development of procedures and with the training of staff as well as management in overseeing critical accounting functions. As noted in our previous letter, development and use of a formal

Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and other Matters

operating plan should focus the attention of staff, management and the governing board on priorities as well as long-range goals and objectives.

Areas of opportunity to focus attention should include:

- tax office research of miscellaneous and credit balances and work on records management.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the organization and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Paul J. Mercier Jr. CPA
The Mercier Group
February 9, 2009

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Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Barnstead, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards that are 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Barnstead, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position there of for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis of the financial statements. Although it is not required to be part of the basic financial statements, United States generally accepted accounting principals considers it required supplementary information.

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

Paul J. Mercier Jr. CPA
The Mercier Group

February 9, 2009

Summary of Receipts

Sources of Revenues

From Local Taxes	\$107,640.71
From State	399,404.91
From State FEMA Grant	241,633.31
From Local Sources, Except Taxes	1,131,242.33
TOTAL	\$1,879,921.26



A new attraction was added to Old Home Day-The Climbing Wall. The picture furnished by The Baysider.

Summary of Payments

General Government

4130	Executive Office	\$160,329.04
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	44,217.22
4150	Financial Administration	127,734.54
4153	Judicial & Legal Expense	17,718.23
4155	Personnel Administration	506,710.25
4191	Planning & Zoning	22,293.55
4194	General Government Buildings	67,105.46
4195	Cemeteries	664.00
4196	Insurance not Allocated	48,352.72

Public Safety

4210	Police	374,655.40
4215	Ambulance	414,114.70
4220	Fire & Rescue	206,044.47
4240	Building Inspection	28,199.39
4290	Emergency Management/Forest Fires	179,723.22

Highways, Streets & Bridges

4311	HSB Administration	2,651.27
4312	Highways & Streets	512,841.98
4313	Bridges	0.00
4316	Street Lighting	4,896.76
4319	Other HSB	142,056.84

Sanitation

4324	Solid Waste Disposal	164,755.27
4326	Septage Agreement	500.00
4329	Stump Dump	250.00

Health

4411	Health Administration	900.00
4414	Pest (Animal) Control	5,083.20
4415	Health Agencies & Hospitals	6,000.00
4419	Other Health Agencies	1,800.00

Welfare

4441	Welfare Administration	5,048.00
4442	Welfare Direct Assistance	26,206.41
4444	Welfare Intergovernmental Payments	4,259.00

Summary of Payments

Culture & Recreation

4520	Parks & Recreation	9,238.50
4550	Library	96,000.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes	3,500.00
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	8,325.00

Debt Service

4723	Debt Service	14,244.25
4790	Penalty/Fees	2,448.19

Capital Outlay

4902	Highway Grader Repairs	18,913.50
	PD Computer Server/Workstation	16,000.00
	Milfoil Treatment Suncook Lake	6,950.00

Operating Transfers Out

4915	Reconstruction Town Bridges Cap. Res.	10,000.00
	Highway Dept. Heavy Equipment Fund	40,000.00
	Parks & Rec. Bldg. Cap. Res.	5,000.00
	Library Computer Support Trust	2,000.00
	Highway Garage Expansion Cap. Res.	30,000.00
	Historical Society Cap. Res.	5,000.00
	Town Hall Computer System Trust	1,585.00
	Emergency Preparedness Exp. Trust	50,000.00
	Milfoil Treatment Cap. Res.	10,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$3,404,315.36

County Taxes	706,178.00
TAN	1,200,000.00
Barnstead School District	7,460,782.00
Transfer to Conservation Commission	14,552.50

Statement of Revenues

TAXES

3120	Land Use Change Taxes	50.00
3185	Yield Taxes	4,369.04
3190	Interest/Penalties on Del. Taxes	99,445.71
3191	Excavation Tax	3,775.96

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210	UCC Filings	1,050.00
3220	Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	17,590.50
	Motor Vehicle Registrations	662,496.01
	Title Fees	1,802.00
	Boat Tax	2,376.70
3230	Building Permits	35,800.00
3290	Dog Licenses	4,984.50
	Dog License Penalty	856.00
	Vital Records	973.00
	Clerk's Misc. Revenues	1,397.00
	Dog Fines	80.00
	Pistol Permits	590.00
3292	Current Use Fees	(16.00)
	Annual Cable Franchise	26,772.85

FROM STATE

3319	Forestry Grant	2,000.00
3350	Shared Revenues Block Grant	42,519.00
3353	Highway Block Grant	150,545.43
3359	Rooms and Meals Tax Grant	203,077.63
	FEMA Grant	183,623.79
	FEMA	58,009.52
3360	Reimburse Forest Fires	1,262.85

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401	Zoning Board Fees	508.00
	Planning Board Fees	1,554.20
	Stump Dump	80.00
	Police Reports	1,466.00
	Ambulance Fees	102,225.64

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MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

3501	Sale of Municipal Property	10,294.80
3502	Interest Bank Accounts	37,929.39
3503	Rent of Town Hall	480.00
3504	Court Fines	1,032.30
	Mortgage Note Receivable	4,600.00
3506	Insurance Claims	6,024.10
	Unemployment Comp.	95.00
	Worker Comp. Prem.	3,259.72
3508	Misc. Rev. NSF Check Fees	100.00
3509	Miscellaneous Revenues	19,934.06
	Maps/Copies	2,741.52
	Ordinance/Subdivision/Master Plan	35.00
	Checklist	150.00
	Refunds	1,139.03
	Reimb. Assistance	3,798.62
	Police Witness Fees	489.04
	Reimb. Police Officer	180.00
	Reimb. Police Special Detail	7,398.05
	Milfoil	49,938.54
	Reimb. Reclaimed Dog Fees	40.00

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER

3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	117,140.81
3916	From Trust Funds	1,855.95

TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS 1,879,921.26

Employee Payroll

SELECTMEN		
BARNARD, JAMES	2,500.00	36,537.85
GRILLO, PHILIP	2,500.00	45,305.13
HOULE, ANDREW	2,500.00	16,158.27
KERR, DAVID	2,500.00	13,967.62
PRESTON, GORDON	2,500.00	
OFFICE STAFF		2,500.00
DREW, ELEANOR	19,918.46	
LOCKE, CAROL	28,193.43	1,494.40
MONTGOMERY, KAREN	31,159.08	1,108.00
SKOWRON, PAUL	29,409.65	1,052.00
TERRY, MARJORIE	31,597.19	
PLANNING/ZONING		
BUILDING INSPECTOR	24,243.52	3,237.00
RICHARDSON, PAUL	15,394.55	10,891.18
VARDARO, PAULA		510.00
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR		
MURPHY, HEIDI	20,372.64	28,134.04
TREADWELL, KATHERINE	1,190.00	1,273.50
TREADWELL, CYNTHIA	36,827.40	4,635.00
		15,729.59
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
CARAZZO, CHRISTOPHER	32,987.20	750.00
DOUCETTE, JAMES	46,036.10	500.00
ENRIGHT, KEVIN	16,156.99	500.00
HOLMES, PETER	487.50	500.00
MOUSSEAU, SHELBY	21,482.55	500.00
		1,153.30
		1,215.10
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)		
MURPHY, MICHAEL		
NIOLET, RICHARD		
PIERCE, HENRY		
TEBBETTS, MICHAEL		
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
SWINFORD, ELAINE		
BEACH ATTENDANTS		
JANNINI, KRISTINE		
LOCKE, TRICIA		
WILLIKENS, JAMIE		
LIBRARY		
BANFILL, CYNTHIA		
BLACKWOOD KATRINA		
CLARK, CARRIE		
CONRAD, SUSAN		
DAVIS, NICOLE		
STACKHOUSE, MARIE		
WELCH, PAMELA		
ELECTION OFFICIALS		
GOSSE, WILLIAM		
CARR, D ANN		
CARR, NANCY		
DRISCOLL, MARGARET		
HAYES, SHIRLEY		
MITCHELL, CONSTANCE		
TARBOX, AUDREY		
EASTMAN, FRANCES		
FORSYTH, JUDITH		

POLICE DEPARTMENT			
BORGIA, KENNETH	62,927.48		3,143.97
CURRAN, JOHN	136.17		5,921.44
CURRAN, MATTHEW	2,236.35		476.21
GROW JR, DONALD	49,870.12		24,111.51
GLIDDEN, TYLER	8,775.20		383.51
HIRTLE, MEREDITH	21,778.04		1,016.12
KELLY JR, ROBERT	38,118.93		7,384.92
LLEWELLYN, PETER	10,364.70		212.96
MCDOWELL, JOSEPH	64,999.65		8,505.02
O'CONNOR, CHARLES	13,563.38		7,090.32
PITMAN, EDWIN	623.20		2,036.73
ROBERTSON, ERIC	14,391.60		568.36
SELUK, STACEY	24,434.40		749.01
YORK JR, DANIEL	4,128.71		81.20
FIRE/AMBULANCE			1,537.49
CONGER, DANIEL	51,040.58		12,043.27
COTTRELL, BRIAN	44,284.33		2,384.45
DOUCETTE, GARY	42,735.99		375.99
REED, MARY	52,587.33		1,560.29
TEDCASTLE, BRIAN	46,906.34		428.28
WEBER, JACOB	40,930.46		843.06
			1,381.05
			666.68
			294.08
CALL/PART-TIME FIRE			11,419.87
BARTELS IV WELLINGTON	13.82		162.64
BILODEAU, SHANE	1,772.92		9,883.65
BOOKER, ERIC	449.72		3,295.34
BREHM, JOSHUA	96.90		501.12
BROWN, GREGORY	15,753.47		2,154.95
DREW JR, JOHN	776.28		415.74
CALL/PART-TIME FIRE (Cont.)			
GREENE, DANIEL			
JENKINS, JASON			
JENSEN, DAVID			
KRAUSE II, GEORGE			
RICKEY, KATHARINE			
ROBBINS, TIMOTHY			
STABILE, NICHOLAS			
TEDCASTLE, JEN			
TILLOTSON-NORMAN, J			
BOYD, RODNEY			
DOUCETTE JR, PAUL			
HALLA, CHRISTOPHER			
HOUGH III, JOSEPH			
KING, PAUL			
LEAVITT, JASON			
MULCAY, SHAWN			
MULCAY, STACY			
MURLEY, DAVID			
O'DONNELL, TRAVIS			
ROBERTS, SCOTT			
ROTT, NICHOLAS			
SAVAGE, AMANDA			
SAVAGE, JOHN			
SHEA, TIM			
SMITH, TIMOTHY			
TASKER, ROSCOE			
TROY, CAROL			
VARDARO, MICHAEL			
VERVILLE, JEREMY			
VERVILLE, RONALD			
VICK, SCOTT			

Statement of Payments

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Vendor	Payment	Vendor	Payment
1-2-3 LOCK-KEY & SECURITY	831.75	ARTHUR BADGER	700.00
2-WAY COMM SERVICE INC	897.00	ATTITASH GRAND SUMMIT HOTEL	804.00
A & L VICK & SON EXCAVATING	1,367.50	AURORA LOAN SERVICES	600.00
ABNER TROPHIES & AWARDS	98.50	AUTOFAIR	1,531.88
ACS FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE	1,600.00	B-B CHAIN	3,903.20
ACTION TITLE SERVICES	2,910.00	B-BOYS AUTO REPAIR	2,162.40
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT	350.00	BARNSTEAD CONSERVATION COMM	14,552.50
ADVANCETEC INDUSTRIES INC	132.00	BARNSTEAD COUNTRY STORE	9,863.90
AFLAC	8,632.92	BARNSTEAD FIRE & RESCUE INC	148,333.04
AIRGAS EAST	892.85	BARNSTEAD MOTOR SPORTS PLUS	992.95
ALEXINA GILLIS	55.00	BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DIST TREAS	7,460,657.00
ALL STATE FIRE EQUIPMENT	1,423.85	BARNSTEAD THRIFT SHOP & FOOD	2,793.66
ALPHACOLOR INC	64.45	BARTON BROTHERS	91.82
ALPINE WEB DESIGN	288.00	BARTON LUMBER COMPANY INC	336.15
ALSTART	520.00	BCEP SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	164,755.27
ALTON MOTORSPORTS COMPANY	586.30	BEAVER RIDGE CONSTRUCTION	3,160.00
AMERICAN FENCES INC	72.00	BECKER TRAINING ASSOCIATES	750.00
AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE	600.00	BEE BEE SHOE STORE	967.95
AMERICAN LEGION POST 42	3,500.00	BELKNAP COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	493.00
AMERICAN THUNDER INC	3,500.00	BELKNAP COUNTY REGISTRY DEEDS	1,058.42
ANTIOCH NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE	200.00	BELKNAP COUNTY RESTITUTION FUND	250.00
AQUATIC CONTROL TECHNOLOGY INC	41,722.50	BELKNAP COUNTY TREASURER	706,178.00
ARNIE'S AUTO REPAIR	34.45	BELKNAP CTY CHIEFS POL ASSOC	35.00
ARROW PAPER CORP	117.89	BEN'S UNIFORMS	520.00

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Vendor	Vendor	Payment
BERGERON PROTECTIVE	CITY OF MANCHESTER NH	66.71
BLUEBERRY STATION	CLARK'S GRAIN STORE	509.40
BOOTLEGGERS FOOTWEAR	CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	150.00
BOSCO BELL STORE	COHEN STEEL SUPPLY INC	1,999.06
BRETT S PURVIS & ASSOCIATES INC	COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM INC	4,259.00
BRITESIDE INC	COMMUNITY HEALTH & HOSPICE	6,000.00
BRUCE & JULIE DIONNE	CONCORD AUTO SPA	25.00
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	CONCORD HOSPITAL	1,096.95
BUTLER ENTERPRISES PROP LLC	CONCORD MONITOR	199.25
CAPITOL ALARM SYSTEMS, INC	CONCORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	215.00
CAROL LOCKE	CORLISS TRUCKING	4,051.50
CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES INC	COUNTRYWIDE TAX SERVICES CORP	1,248.00
CASALE BARNSTEAD REALTY TRUST	CRARY AQUATIC NURSERY	1,610.00
CATHERINE KOWALSKI	CRYSTAL ROCK BOTTLED WATER	903.06
CENTRAL PAPER PRODUCTS CO	CYBERTRON INC	7,563.00
CERTIFIED COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	CYNTHIA GLANCY	400.00
CHARLES PEARSON	CYNTHIA L TREADWELL	279.40
CHASE HOME FINANCE	DALE JONES ADMINISTRATOR	51.45
CHRIS A BELANGER	DAN CHASE	52.14
CHRISTINE A BONOLI	DANIEL CONGER	7.96
CHRISTOPHER PIMENTEL	DANIS SUPERMARKET INC	1,485.92
CIRCLE SELF-STORAGE	DAVE MURLEY	8.00
CITIMORTGAGE INC	DAVID GRIFFITHS	3,200.00
CITY OF CONCORD		

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Vendor	Payment	Vendor	Payment
DAVID J KELLEY	500.00	FIRST BIOMEDICAL INC	5,015.00
DAVID KERR	94.97	FLOTEC INC	301.18
DAVIS FUEL	3,931.17	FORD OF LONDONDERRY	22,498.00
DEVINE MILLIMET ATTY-AT-LAW	1,643.33	FORMSGAL	834.29
DIVISION OF FIRE STANDARDS &	50.00	FRANCIS SULLIVAN	410.95
DONALD F GROW JR	159.97	FRANK VOLPE	2,210.00
DONNA WHITE	828.75	FRED FULLER OIL CO	17,748.43
DONOVAN SPRING CO INC	1,122.23	FUTURE SUPPLY CORP	687.14
DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE INC	542.00	GABRIAL BILE	497.00
E J PRESCOTT INC	12,014.12	GALL'S INC	2,007.49
E W SLEEPER COMPANY	3,348.08	GENESIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	1,500.00
EAGLE POINT GUN/TJ MORRIS & SON	1,143.50	GEORGE KRAUSE II	1,607.50
EARL B CLARK UNIT 42 ALA	607.75	GEORGE ROBERTSON	384.00
EASTERN PROPANE GAS INC	254.50	GERALD GRIMO	300.00
EILEEN MURLEY	56.50	GLOCK INC	150.00
ELAINE SWINFORD	1,117.86	GRANITE FORD	3,811.17
ELEANOR DREW	10.10	GRANITE IMAGE	1,813.35
EMSAR-NORTHEAST EMS	394.76	GRANITE STATE MINERALS INC	18,640.84
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	799.20	GRAPPONE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	118.82
EPSOM GRINDING	20,475.00	GREAT WORKS INTERNET	79.00
EPSOM LAND CLEARING	27,300.00	HARRY ACKERLEY	715.00
ERIC S ANDREWSSEN	3,047.00	HD SUPPLY FACILITIES	34.99
EXACT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	600.00	HEIDI MURPHY	25.41
FEDCO TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT LTD	7,524.00	HENRY PIERCE	29.90

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Vendor	Payment	Vendor	Payment
HERB TOWLE	120.00	JOSEPH LABRECQUE	775.00
HOLLIE KELLEY	134.60	JULIEN ROBITAILLE	1,566.00
HOLMES FIREWOOD & LOGGING	330.00	JUNE TILLOTSON-NORMAN	28.29
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	720.95	JUSTIN KEATING	291.89
HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL LLC	1,310.00	K L JACK & CO INC	297.50
HOWARD P FAIRFIELD INC	9,716.19	KANSAS STATE BANK	23,827.79
IALEFT	110.00	KAREN GOSSE	2,420.00
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CORP	2,550.00	KAREN MONTGOMERY	200.00
INNOVATIVE MARKETING DISTRB INC	10.00	KATHARINE COOLIDGE RICKEY	20.00
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION	420.00	KEITH L LION	600.00
IRVING OIL CORPORATION	948.72	KENNETH A BORGIA	400.93
IRWIN MOTORS	2,010.10	KERRY & SUSAN GUPTILL	253.90
J & J PRINTING	98.00	KID PINKY	500.00
JAMES A BARNARD	12.99	KIDDER'S REPAIR SERVICE	816.72
JAMES FEGLEY	724.25	KNOXLAND EQUIPMENT INC	1,518.66
JAMES L HALFPENNY	700.00	L & S CONCRETE CUTTING	950.00
JAMES W WILLIAMS	250.00	LABELLE'S SHOE REPAIR	126.00
JEFFREY MARSTON	600.00	LACAL EQUIPMENT CO	430.80
JENNIFER CORREIA	7,441.20	LAKES REG COMM SER COUNCIL	300.00
JENNIFER QUINLIVAN	500.00	LAKES REGION FIRE APPARATUS INC	9,317.13
JIM BARNES	350.00	LAKES REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL	972.00
JOE DARRAH ENTERPRISES	176.00	LAKES REGION PLANNING COMM	3,433.00
JORDAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	7,894.93	LANK EXCAVATING	3,212.00
JOSEPH G MCDOWELL	103.63	LAURA ENGLE	4,120.00

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Vendor	Payment	Vendor	Payment
LAURENT OVERHEAD DOOR	510.60	MCI MEGA PREFERRED	1,620.14
LAURIE FRIED	8.87	MCINTYRE CIR ENTERPRISES INC	1,000.00
LAVALLEE OIL INC	1,149.70	MERLIN	380.00
LAWYER'S DIARY & MANUAL	124.50	MERRIAM GRAVES CORP	607.01
LEO MELANSON	500.00	METROCAST CABLEVISION	120.00
LGC HEALTHTRUST	282,980.46	MICHAEL CASALE	652.41
LGC WCT LLC	36,773.42	MICHAEL HUGGINS	14,719.67
LGC-PLT LLC	43,152.72	MICHAEL MURPHY	16.16
LHS ASSOCIATES INC	3,330.55	MICHAEL STOCKMAN	1,745.00
LIBERTY INT'L TRUCKS INC	7,231.99	MICHAEL TEBBETTS	160.90
LILY POND COMMUNICATIONS	1,021.12	MID AMERICAN SPECIALTIES	83.88
LISA MURPHY & CINDY BOURGEAULT	574.67	MINK HILLS BAND	600.00
LISA PRIZIO	2,600.00	MONIQUE LEMAY-HALVORSEN	1,637.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER INC	27,267.15	MOORE MEDICAL CORP	2,343.53
LOUDON BUILDING SUPPLY INC	1,488.63	MORTON INTERNATIONAL	29,687.58
LOUISE VICK	500.00	MULTIPLEX SPORTS USA	1,004.00
LSI TITLE AGENCY INC	188.00	MUNCE'S SUPERIOR INC	1,930.81
M&M FORD INC	1,750.94	MUNICIPAL RESOURCES INC	1,400.00
MARCOS PAGAN	600.00	N H ASSOC ASSESSING OFFICIALS	20.00
MARJORIE J TERRY	6,298.19	N H ASSOC OF CHIEFS OF POLICE	100.00
MARK HAMER	300.00	N H CITY & TOWN CLERKS ASSOC	40.00
MARY REED	11.98	N H DEPT HEALTH & HUMAN SERVIC	911.11
MAXFIELD'S HARDWARE	1,184.10	N H DIVISION OF FIRE STANDARDS	20.00
MCFARLAND JOHNSON INC	89,081.46	N H ELECTRIC COOP INC	2,473.47

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Vendor	Payment	Vendor	Payment
N H FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	10,550.00	NH DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	92.00
N H G F O A	85.00	NH DIV FIRE STANDARDS/TRAINING	20.00
N H HUMANE SOCIETY	2,565.00	NHMA HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	31,251.01
N H LOCAL WELFARE ADM ASSOC	78.00	NHOEP-PLANNING CONFERENCE	300.00
N H M A	3,306.21	NICHOLAS S KALFAS PHD	165.00
N H RETIREMENT SYSTEM	170,494.31	NICK BONNETT	1,350.00
N H TAX COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION	120.00	NICK ROTT	309.09
NANCY J PAINE	77.11	NORTH BRANCH CONSTRUCTION INC	31,880.00
NAPA - LANDRY	201.42	NORTHEAST EARTH MECHANICS INC	24,734.20
NAPA AUTO PARTS	475.69	NORTHEAST PAGING/UCOM PAGING	415.06
NEBS	.58.57	NORTHEAST SECURITY AGENCY	232.00
NELSON WELDING	3,051.50	NORTHEAST TIRE SERVICE INC	4,912.38
NEW ENGLAND BLUE BOOK	28.95	NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT CO	448.81
NEW ENGLAND EMERGENCY EQUIP	154.97	NORTHWAY BANK	1,214,244.25
NEW ENGLAND POSITIONING	53.00	OFFICE DEPOT	2,638.10
NEW ENGLAND TRUCK TIRE CTR INC	1,660.44	OSCAR FOSS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	28,989.69
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	1,972.14	PAIGE AGENCY	125.00
NFPA	280.41	PATRICIA WATERMAN	35.00
NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	10.00	PAUL A RICHARDSON	2,475.54
NH DEPT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	571.80	PAUL PEARSON	454.37
NH STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY	22,055.00	PAULA M VARDARO	206.06
NHARPC	250.00	PENNICHUCK	242.22
NHCTCA	50.00	PETER LLEWELLYN	90.00

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Vendor	Payment	Vendor	Payment
PETER V & JANICE THOMPSON SR	51.82	ROBERT YOUNG	71.00
PETTY CASH	300.62	ROCHESTER TRUCK REPAIR	913.30
PHIL SABBIA CARPENTRY	80.00	ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY	240.00
PHYSIO -CONTROL INC	1,950.00	ROLAND BUNKER	375.00
PIKE INDUSTRIES INC	119,389.78	ROXANN KRAUSE	182.41
PINARD WASTE SYSTEMS INC	3,444.96	RTZ'S AUTO	1,608.37
PITNEY BOWES CREDIT CORP	324.00	RYMES HEATING OILS	690.98
POSTMASTER	7,078.41	SALMON PRESS INC	387.60
PRETI, FLAHERTY, BELIVEAU &	16,074.90	SAM'S CLUB	842.63
PRICE DIGESTS	119.00	SANEL AUTO PARTS CO	12,518.11
PUBLIC SERVICE OF NH	22,442.95	SCOTT A SAINSBURY	225.00
R W TASKER & SON LLC	71,404.00	SCOTT VICK	25.00
RAELYN M COTTRELL	225.00	SEACOAST REDICARE	665.00
RANDALL TELECOMMUNICATION SER	290.60	SHARE CORP	382.12
RAT ENTERPRISES	450.00	SHAVAR DISPOSAL	300.00
RED'S SHOE BARN	598.47	SHAWN MULCAHY	51.30
RESERVE ACCOUNT	492.00	SHELBY MOUSSEAU	24.24
RICHARD NIOLET	116.33	SHIRTMASTERS	131.80
RICHARD SIMONEAU	151.72	SOURCE4 INC	105.19
RILEY'S SPORT SHOP INC	73.55	SOUTHWORTH-MILTON INC	12,918.57
RITE AID	44.99	SPECIALTY VEHICLES INC	37.24
ROBERT M KELLY	35.10	SPORT SUPPLY GROUP INC	359.85
ROBERT RONDEAU D/B/A	636.41	STAFFORD OIL COMPANY INC	329.90
ROBERT URBAN	600.00	STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	696.60

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STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	15,534.48	THERMAL STOR INC	1,200.00
STANTON GERSON	600.00	THOMAS NORMANDIN	450.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	2,846.52	TIM SMITH	239.00
STATE BOLT & SUPPLY	958.49	TIMOTHY E SHEA D/B/A	370.00
STATE OF N H TREASURER	227.35	TOWN & COUNTRY REPROGRAPHICS	3,020.00
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	6.50	TOWN OF BOW	1,624.80
STATE OF NH CRIMINAL RECORDS	300.00	TOWN OF EPSOM	1,000.00
STATE OF NH STATE TREASURER	4,600.02	TOWN OF PITTSFIELD	3,100.00
STATE OF NH-DMV	153.15	TRACINGS GRAPHICS &	277.84
STEVEN & JACQUELINE LEMIEUX	462.36	TREASURER OF VIRGINIA	255.00
STRATHAM TIRE INC	612.05	TREASURER STATE OF NH	90,524.42
STRYKER MEDICAL	16.22	TREASURER STATE OF NH	2,100.00
STUART MERRILL	544.00	TRI STATE POLICE & FIRE EQUIP	585.40
SUNCOOK VALLEY SUN INC	2,337.53	TRIPLE NICKEL TACTICAL SUPPLY	732.66
SUNFLOWER GARDENS LLC	236.47	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	152,000.00
SUSAN J SIMPSON	500.00	TWIN M SUPERMARKET	55.47
TAMI AND SHELBY MOUSSEAU	419.30	U S POSTAL SERVICE	951.20
TEE'S PLUS	739.11	UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BSC	14,546.04
TERMINIX	440.00	UNION COMMUNICATIONS	7,466.63
TEXAS REFINERY CORP	503.00	UNION LEADER CORP	337.00
THE HIGH RANGE BAND	625.00	UNITED STATES TREASURY	0.47
THE HOME DEPOT SUPPLY	101.85	VALLEY DAM FEED	767.20
THE MERCIER GROUP	7,500.00	VANTASTIC INC D/B/ABODY COVERS	451.00
THE SUPPLY SERGEANT	65.70		

Statement of Payments
Vendor History 2008

Vendor	Payment
VERIZON WIRELESS	2,948.83
VINCENT & CARLOTTA CASALE	1,168.11
W ANGELINI LLC/WILLIAM ANGELINI	52,900.50
W B MASON COMPANY INC	2,689.01
WATER INDUSTRIES INC	126.95
WAYNE DENNISON	764.13
WELLS FARGO RE TAX SERVICES LLC	2,008.00
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	270.85
WHITE BUFFALO TRADING POST	315.14
WHITE CAP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	600.00
WHITE OAK PLUMBING & HEATING	182.70
WHITESBROOK APARTMENTS LLC	300.00
WILLIAM A GOSSE	2,870.00
WILLIAM EVANS	450.00
WINDY RIDGE CORPORATION	312.50
WINNIPESAUKEE VETERINARY	619.20
WOLFEBORO POWER EQUIP CO INC	584.95
WORKSAFE	66.90
XEROX CORPORATION	3,589.08
YANKEE TRUCKS LLC	25.40
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE COMPANY	188.12

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of Barnstead, NH on December 31, 2008

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BARNSTEAD, NH											
Date Began	Name of Trust	Purpose	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008		
			Beginning Balance	New Funds or Additions	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income for 2008	Expenses Losses -	Ending Balance	Total Ending Balance	GRAND TOTAL
1984	Bridge Const.	CR	99,211.48	10,000.00	109,241.48	14,873.47	2,750.08	-50,000.00	0.00	76,835.03	
2004	Hist. Soc. Bldg	CR	20,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	1,420.63	526.77		1,947.40	26,947.40	
2002	Bldg. Maint. Cap	CR	33,639.60	25,000.00	58,639.60	744.36	854.95		1,599.31	60,239.91	
1995	Hwy Dept Hwy Eq	CR	147,231.77	40,000.00	187,231.77	15,282.54	3,534.38	-20,749.76	0.00	185,298.93	
2002	Hwy Garage	CR	180,000.00	30,000.00	210,000.00	17,458.74	4,856.02		22,314.76	232,314.76	
1997	Fire Truck	CR	49,842.09	0.00	49,842.09	0.00	136.88	-14,000.18	0.00	36,978.79	
1997	Library Dev	CR	10,705.77	0.00	10,705.77	0.00	262.35	-869.00	0.00	10,099.12	
1997	Gifted & Talented	CR	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	2,334.98	141.00		2,475.98	5,875.98	
1997	School Disabled	CR	125,929.70	14,000.00	139,929.70	10,363.88	2,526.04	-5,737.55	7,152.37	147,082.07	
1999	Cistern	CR	5,017.23	0.00	5,017.23	0.00	22.41	-1,319.95	0.00	3,719.69	
2003	Lib. Comp. Sup Tr	TR	4,043.43	2,000.00	6,043.43	0.00	99.45		99.45	6,142.88	
2005	Parks & Rec Bld	CR	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	758.67	387.71		1,146.38	21,146.38	
2005	Pub Safety Bld	CR	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	5,014.39	1,352.35		6,366.74	56,366.74	
2005	BES Expansion	CR	410,000.00	100,000.00	510,000.00	28,347.97	10,814.12		39,162.09	549,162.09	
2006	Milfoil Prevention	CR	9,073.78	10,000.00	19,073.78	0.00	223.58	-5,830.00	0.00	13,467.36	
2007	PMHS Gen Maint	CR	3,226.33	10,000.00	13,226.33	0.00	50.51	-3,273.04	0	10,003.80	
2007	Emer Mgt. Fund	CR	293.82	50,000.00	50,293.82	0.00	198.39	-49,972.00	0	520.21	
	TOTALS:		1,166,615.00	\$301,000.00	1,467,645.00	\$96,599.63	\$28,736.99	-151,751.48	82,264.48	\$1,442,201.14	

REPORT OF THE COMMON FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF BARNSTEAD, NH										
Date Began	Name of Trust	Purpose	PRINCIPAL			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008			Total Balance Realized	
			Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income for 2008	Expenses for 2008		Realized Balance
	Common Fund 1	Cem.	27,928.56		27,928.56	1,129.97	39.50	-8,396.70	1,169.47	19,418.28
	Veterans Mem.	TR	351.16		351.16	2,941.50	105.13		3046.63	1,520.63
	Morrison Fund	TR	1,000.00		1,000.00	46.13	12.32		58.45	4,046.63
2004	Bocking Donation	TR	455.93		455.93	172.87	53.56		226.72	514.38
2006	Feuerstein Trust	TR	2,000.00		2,000.00	4.00	135.68		0	2,226.72
2007	TH Computer	TR	6,000.00		6,000.00	4,294.47	\$346.19	-\$1,585.00		4,554.75
	TOTALS		\$37,735.65	\$0.00	37,735.65			-\$1,585.00		\$32,281.39

CR=Capital Reserve

Barnstead Emergency Management Report

Residents of Barnstead,

This year, our Selectmen formally organized our town's response to major emergencies under the Incident Command System. This is Barnstead's participation within the National Incident Management System. The Incident Command System is the customary way that all towns and state government bodies manage their response to natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes, or storms and man-made disasters that include hazardous spills, criminal or terrorist attacks and many, many other events. The National Incident Management System requires all levels of government to adopt the Incident Command System as a condition of receiving federal re-imbusement of disaster expenses.

To help the Selectmen fulfill this requirement, they appointed me, a retired military officer, as the Emergency Management Director and Mr. Steve Byers, past chief of police, as the Deputy Emergency Management Director. Together, we will work to bring the local, regional, state and federal resources to bear upon all town disasters. In order to meet the needs of any incident, we will meld all support personnel and agencies into a common management structure, provide support to operational crews and prevent duplication so that we are most cost effective.

Our short term objectives are to prepare for the next disaster by taking required Federal Emergency Management Agency courses, attending state Emergency Management Agency conferences and courses, and keeping our town plans current. Next, we will exercise our plan to validate that it contains the right information and revise it where necessary.

To help us prepare to aid those who are most vulnerable in Barnstead, we will compile a list of people in town who, if for any reason, may require assistance or checking during a disaster or emergency. In the back of the town report is a Request For Assistance form. Should you choose to participate or if you know of someone who might need help, please complete the lines that apply and return it to the town hall. This information will be kept confidential and will only be used by town personnel for emergency purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

John Blair
Emergency Management Director
Town of Barnstead

The Committee began meeting in May 2008 after being reappointed at the 2008 Town Meeting. It was immediately clear that the current Board of Selectmen and Barnstead Fire Rescue Inc. had an agenda to resolve this matter in a manner that was cooperative and in everyone's best interest. The Committee prepared to take on the role as the sounding and review group and to support both side's work toward what hopefully was an amicable solution to the issues before us.

Because of the election of Jim Barnard and Phil Grillo (former members of the committee) to the Board of Selectmen, two positions were left vacant on the committee. Assistant Moderator Chris Hipkiss was responsible to fill vacancies on the committee, based on the criteria for appointment. Chris advertised for two members as large and appointed former Selectmen Ed Tasker and Frank Sullivan to fill the positions.

The issue of insurance coverage was premier to the Board of Selectmen as that had been a critical issue for BFRI regarding buildings, equipment and deductibles. The Board and BFRI had worked collectively with the Local Government Center and the insurance carrier for the Town to resolve the issue of eligibility of BFRI to be covered under the Town policy as a government entity. In a letter dated June 6, 2008, LGC denied coverage based on their determination that BFRI did not qualify as a government entity. The Board of Selectmen looked at alternatives to find insurance coverage that would provide comparable coverage while saving the Town substantial dollars.

The issue of housing of Town Fire/Rescue personnel began to be pursued by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief in June. The issue of putting municipal funds into a private building seemed to be a stumbling block for the Board, based on the recommendation by the NH Department of Revenue Administration representative. As a result, this issue was not resolved during the year.

By October BFRI and the Selectmen were actively meeting to resolve insurance issues and discuss other issues, including a review of the contracts between BFRI and the Town. Contract revisions on the original document began. In November, BFRI reported to the committee they are actively meeting with the members and working with Study Committee Chairman Paul Vince to draft contract language and time frames for the transfer of authority and financial responsibility to the municipality.

Barnstead Fire Department Study Committee

Our December meeting was short on attendance but those members present were presented a letter by Nick Rott, President of BFRI, addressed to the Selectmen offering a timetable and terms by which BFRI and its members would allow the use of their equipment and facilities until such time as the Town had replaced the equipment or determined it to surplus. BFRI would change its name and charter to reflect a different type of non-profit organization. This would place the full responsibility for all aspects of management of the Fire Department with the Chief and Selectmen.

The Committee submits the following recommendations:

- We encourage the Town to support a warrant article establishing the position of Full Time Fire Chief.
- Support any proposal brought forth to amend or replace the existing management contract with BFRI if both sides are in agreement to the final terms.

Our work has been long and at times tedious over the last three years, but rewarding. Although we cannot take credit for actually bringing the parties to the table to resolve the issues among them we feel the existence of this committee and the feedback we provided helped bring forth change. The credit for resolving the issues goes to the professionalism and dedication of the Board of Selectmen and the officers and members of BFRI. We recognize change is difficult and not without sacrifice but the actions taken by both sides will in the long run improve what is already an outstanding service to the residents and guests to our town.

It is the Committee's position we have completed our work and should dissolve as of the 2009 Town Meeting. Our thanks to the members of BFRI and the current Board of Selectmen for the foresight and vision to work with this committee to develop a resolution to a problem which has caused much anguish and expense to many over the last years.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Vince, Chairman
William Evans, Planning Board
Bruce Grey, Budget Committee
Jim Barnard, Selectman
Frank Sullivan, Member at Large

William Gosse, Secretary
David Murley, BFR, Inc.
John Drew, Barnstead Fire Rescue
Edward Tasker, Member at Large

Barnstead Fire-Rescue and the Town of Barnstead will be celebrating 100 years of organized fire service this year. This accomplishment is recognition of the hard work and dedication of the many members and their families who throughout the years have put the community first in true "Neighbor Helping Neighbor". Thank You!

The year 2008 certainly provided events that will be long remembered. The July Tornado has got to be the worst natural disaster that has targeted Barnstead in years and then we finish out December with the Ice Storm. The Tornado tested our response to a significant disaster that devastated homes and forest for eight miles and cut our Town in half. The Mutual Aid support we received from the members of the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid Association was greatly appreciated. In less than two hours we had over 150 fire and ems personnel providing search and rescue to the complete effected area making sure that all homes were checked and those needing assistance were taken care of. We have read about this type of effort during Katrina but now we have benefited from all the Emergency Preparedness Training that has been held since the events of 911 and the World Trade Center. The Board of Selectmen appointed John Blair the Emergency Management Director for the Town and this now completes the critical management for future natural disasters and other emergencies.

The present economic situation causes concerns for everyone. This is a time when everyone looks to find alternatives to help during these tight times, but please do not put you or your family in danger.

1. Make sure all heating devices are inspected
2. Install smoke detectors, AC powered with battery back-up
3. Install carbon monoxide detectors
4. Only use NH licensed installers for all heating devices
5. Have your wood burning chimney cleaned regularly
6. Call to have a safety inspection of your home
7. Whenever you have an emergency call 9-1-1

The Fire-Rescue is always looking for new members and invites those interested in joining to stop at the station or call to discuss joining this dedicated group. It's a lot of work but the rewards of knowing you made a difference are what make the job all worth while.

WANTED

All pictures, movies, fire department badges, uniforms, fire department memorabilia, newspaper articles about Barnstead to allow us to capture the

Barnstead Fire Rescue

history of the first hundred years of fire service in Barnstead

In closing, I would like to express for the members of Barnstead Fire-Rescue our sincere appreciation for the continued support of the citizens of Barnstead. I personally want to extend my sincere appreciation to each member and their families for the dedication and commitment to our organization and Town of Barnstead.

Barnstead Fire-Rescue Call Statistics 2008

FIRES	SERVICE CALLS	MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
196	43	349	58
TOTAL	646		

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Krause, II, Fire Chief



Fifield home on Shackford Corner Road, July 24, 2008. Photo courtesy of The Baysider.

Report of Barnstead Road Agent

In 2008 the Highway Department had many challenging moments. We started out with record snow fall. Then we slid into the spring months sending the two new trucks back after town meeting. We were then able to purchase four good State trucks, giving us a total of six trucks for the coming year and winter plowing. As we started the summer maintenance program, we were hit by a tornado that closed twenty roads. Next we experienced flash flooding, and six inches of rainfall, all in one week. This was the icing on the cake for us; the ditches were still filled with debris from the tornado and the culverts quickly became plugged causing more damage. We were able to sign up for the public works mutual aid assistance and had Seabrook, Farmington, Loudon and Bow come in and help with the clean up. With mutual aid and sub contractors that we hired, the job got easier everyday.

We would also like to thank the townspeople that volunteered to help out, this made the job get finished much sooner. Also thanks to those of you that help to keep your driveway culverts and ditches cleared and removing tree debris periodically. This is a big help to the highway department. We also appreciate your telephone calls that inform us of hazardous conditions.

I would like to thank my crew, for the dedicated work they have done throughout the year. They have made adjustments and the transition to my becoming the new road agent pleasant. We continue to become a team of one and work together to better the Town as much as possible.

The Highway Crew:

Jim Doucette

Richard Niolet

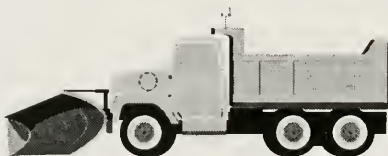
Shelby Mousseau

Tim Smith

Peter Holmes, Part-time

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Carazzo, Road Agent



Annual Report of the Chief of Police
Kenneth A. Borgia

The Barnstead Police Department has completed yet another year of providing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week law enforcement services despite officer recruitment and retention issues that most law enforcement agencies have experienced nationwide. Unfortunately, the amount of work to be done and the number of calls to be answered do not subside when manpower is below minimum requirements. We can look back at 2008 and reflect on having survived a wide array of natural disasters.

From the statistics reported, one can easily see that there are noticeable reductions in several crime categories listed as a direct result of the services provided by this agency. The most marked reductions are in the areas of suspicious activity reports, juvenile matters and animal complaints. During 2008 the Town of Barnstead and its Police Department acquired an Animal Control Officer position. The position has been filled by Stacey Mulcahy who is on call for the Town as needed and can be contacted through the Barnstead Police Department.

The Barnstead Police Department has noted a steady increase in neighbor disputes over the past few years resulting in criminal investigations. Many of the issues being reported can oftentimes be resolved by courteous requests between neighbors themselves rather than resorting directly to law enforcement involvement. One of the best forms of reduction in criminal activity is neighbors helping neighbors.

Some of our anticipated goals in 2009 include an increase in awareness programs and seminars by working with the school and the community to provide a safer environment and the initiation of the Barnstead Police Department K-9 program which will aid the Town in lifesaving efforts.

As dedicated public servants to the residents of and visitors to the Town of Barnstead the sworn and civilian employees of the Barnstead Police Department will continue to provide the professional law enforcement services which the Town has come to know and expect. As always, anyone can feel free to visit the Barnstead Police Department where their questions, comments, and concerns are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth A. Borgia, Chief of Police

**Barnstead Police Department
Year End Statistics**

	2007	2008	+/-
Abandoned 9-1-1 Calls	87	110	+23
Accidents	110	109	-1
Assist Other Agencies	234	418	+188
Alarm Activations	169	172	+3
Alcohol Offenses	26	31	+5
Animal Complaints	207	161	-46
Assaults	41	52	+11
Breaches of the Peace	92	60	-32
Burglaries	42	36	-6
Child Abuse/Neglect	3	8	+5
Civil Matters	85	69	-16
Criminal Mischief	80	54	-26
Criminal Threatening	10	18	+8
Criminal Trespass	32	33	+1
Domestic Disputes	54	42	-12
Fingerprints	123	111	-12
Fraud/Forgeries	11	18	+7
Harassment	28	26	-2
Juvenile Matters	98	52	-46
Lost/Found Property	42	22	-20
Miscellaneous Incidents	288	709	+421
Neighbor Disputes	10	19	-9
OHRV Complaints	19	26	+7
Pistol Permits	55	80	+25
Property Checks	57	36	-21
Sex Offenses	5	7	+2
Suspicious Activity	208	166	-42
Thefts	91	81	-10
VIN Verifications	56	51	-5
Well-being Checks	33	36	+3
Total Motor Vehicle Complaints:	267	173	-94
Total Motor Vehicle Stops:	415	495	+80
Total Arrests:	144	111	-33
Juvenile Related Arrests:	36	10	-26
Felony Related Arrests:	19	15	-4
Dom.Viol. Related Arrests:	26	12	-14
Mtr.Veh. Related Arrests:	29	28	-1
Incoming Phone Calls	12,364	12,555	+191
Window Calls	969	833	- 136
Total Calls for Service	16,411	16,205	-206

Barnstead Police Department Revenues Generated: \$13,155
(Administrative Fees, Pistol Permits, Special Details, Court Fees/Fines,
Town Ordinance Fees/Fines, Grants, Rebates)

Municipal Building Committee

The MBC has been continuing its work by looking into what the building needs are of other Town departments, specifically the Fire and Highway Departments. We asked each department to come up with a physical plan and possible locations for new buildings and/or renovations. There are many factors involved with this planning process.

The MBC feels that input from the departments is critical for the building program and planning process to be able to meet the departments' expectations and needs. The goal of the MBC is to accurately budget for future buildings and to produce durable, energy efficient, economical and green (environmentally friendly) buildings. These projects are still a work in process.

The MBC was asked to look into renovating the existing Town Hall to see what could be done to temporarily add more usable space and increase the comfort level for our employees and visitors. While there are some things that can be done, i.e. using the stage area as office space, the cost vs. benefit needs to be considered as well as preserving any historical features.

The 2008 Town Meeting voted not to pursue a building program for the Town Offices and Police Department at this time. The Town has expended approximately \$90,000 for those plans; the balance of the appropriation has lapsed. The building plans, 70-80% complete, are still workable today with a minor code and compliance review.

The MBC did vote to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to not pursue any building programs this year because of the current economic conditions that all of us are feeling. When the economy returns to a more robust condition, the Town will need to make a serious effort to review and address a Town Building program. Until then, the committee will continue to work on putting together the program. The committee welcomes all input and ideas.

As the Town grows, the Towns' infrastructure will also need to be updated. This includes buildings that house the services the Town provides. If the Town wants to attract new business to help stabilize our tax burden, we must be prepared to invest in our service infrastructure. By implementing these plans, we are telling prospective business that we are investing in ourselves to provide a better environment for them to come to Barnstead to conduct their business; a place that people will want to come to, a destination community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Fraser, Chair
Doug Darrell

Karen Schacht
Tom Whittenburg

Oscar Foss Memorial Library Annual Report

The Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Center Barnstead was once again the place for lots of expected and unexpected events this year.

Under the “expected”: we continue to hold Story Hour on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. with the able leadership of Dawn McCartney. Story Hour continues to be well supported and special events are held throughout the year. We thank Dawn so very much for continuing on and bringing this program to so many of Barnstead’s preschoolers.

The first Wednesday of every month is our Adult Book Discussion. There are always extra books if you are interested in attending. The books are chosen by the group and are much diversified and hold the attention of both men and women alike.

Several Scout troops came to the library to work on their badges. We had another Art Show for the school age children this year and it was immensely successful! Lots of beautiful art work done in charcoals, oils, crayon and more were on display for several weeks in the spring. We had a registration book for patrons to leave comments for all the artists and each and every participant was rewarded with a certificate and a small prize.

Of course, the Summer Reading Program was once again in a HUGE success with 92 participants who read 100’s of books! Once again this year we participated in the CHILIS summer reading program and the theme was G’Day for reading. The children not only read their books, but many tried our “challenge” projects and everyone added to the growing eucalyptus branches and helped feed the koalas. We had Treasure Hunt in the middle of the program with Wildlife Encounters Traveling Zoo. The awards were presented to the participants at a special program at the Town Hall. The house was packed and everyone was thrilled to listen to traditional Australian music and were especially pleased to hear songs that were played on the Didgeridoo.

So there were lots of “expected” events happening at the library and along came the “unexpected.” The tornado in July showed all of us a side of the library that we didn’t even realize. People were lined up for days, actually having to reserve time to use the computers to contact their loved ones, insurance companies, etc. The first day after the tornado, I was greeted at the door by several people who just “needed” to contact family and let them know they were safe. We knew that everyone in town was working

Oscar Foss Memorial Library Annual Report

very hard to help all those in need, but truly did not realize how instrumental the library could be. We not only were able to juggle things around so that people could use the internet for contact, but many people came by to just have interaction with others who had been through it too and get ideas for what to do next.

Next there was the power outage in December. Parts of Barnstead were very lucky and only lost power for a day or less, but many of us, myself included, were without heat, water, stoves and all of the other wonderful things that function on electricity! The Library was one of the very fortunate places that lost power only for a short time, so we also became a hub of activity. Again, the library was filled with townspeople who needed that all important contact with family through the computer. We even had people who needed water and we were happy to oblige and offer our services. Many folks who were without TV and DVD's decided it was a great time to catch up on their reading and came in day after day.

We were all so very pleased to be a part of the group that was able to help get everyone through these two difficult times in Barnstead.

Our staff consists of Pamela Welch, Tina Blackwood, and Cynthia Banfill. I look forward to 2009 as I will celebrate my 25th year at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. It has always been a pleasure and we all look forward to your continued support. Please plan on coming in soon and seeing what the library has to offer. We are here for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan T. Conrad, Library Director



Oscar Foss Memorial Library Accounts
December 31, 2008

<u>Receipts</u>	Operating Acct	Savings Acct
Town Appropriation	96,000.00	10,195.69
Unexpended Appropriation 2007	1,586.00	
Copier/Fines	963.00	1,311.77
Book Sale		628.50
Grants/Gifts	2,179.91	195.00
Interest	7.92	50.32
Totals Receipts	\$100,736.83	\$12,381.28

Expenses

Books	12,429.74	
Maintenance	6,527.04	
Major Equipment	80.73	
Outreach	1,654.33	
Periodicals	996.72	
Telephone	1,393.49	
Staff Development	80.00	
Supplies	1,794.07	
Salaries	61,896.88	
Petty Cash	137.37	
Totals Expenses	\$86,990.37	\$12,381.28

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Fitzpatrick, Chairman
Bruce Marriott, Treasurer
Richard Simoneau
Library Trustees



Report of the Building Inspector

Because of the slowing of the real estate market, only 26 of the maximum 35 new home permits were issued in 2008. The revenue from building permit fees for all construction during 2008 was \$35,800 with a total of 357 permits. During 2008, a total of 655 inspections were performed. The following permits were issued:

New Homes	16
Modular Homes	7
Duplex Homes	0
Mobile Home (Single Wide)	1
Mobile Home (Double Wide Issued '07)	1
New Home (Issued in '07)	1
Total New Houses	26
New Homes (Replacing Existing)	4
Mobile Double Wide (Replacing Existing)	1
In-Law/Parents (Temporary Mobile Home)	1
Additions & Renovations	34
Barns & Outbuildings	4
Commercial (Plumbing & Electric)	4
Decks	16
Demolition	23
Electrical	88
Electrical (Transferred)	11
Fences	2
Fire Cistern	1
Foundation (Replacements)	2
Garages	8
Handicapped Lift	1
Mechanical	15
New Home Permits (Transferred)	10
Perimeter Drains	1
Porches	11
Plumbing	50
Plumbing Permits (Transferred)	6
Renewals	37
Swimming Pools w/Electrical Permit	1

If you are planning to make any structural improvements, additions or electrical and plumbing to your home, a permit is required before work commences.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Richardson, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Barnstead Planning Board Annual Report

Planning Boards in the State of New Hampshire have the responsibility to guide the growth and development of the community. The duties of Planning Boards to accomplish that responsibility include preparing and periodically amending a Master Plan, updating a Capital Improvement Plan to project costs for infrastructure improvement projects, reviewing applications for subdivisions/lot line adjustments/site plan reviews, and establishing any other requirements deemed necessary or helpful to support the development of the town.

The purpose of a Master Plan is to take input from the community at large and to document the direction the people who live in the community want to see the town headed. Once the desired long-term development of the community is envisioned, infrastructure improvements to support that development can be identified. The Capital Improvements Plan uses the information from the Master Plan to project spending over a 5-year period so that the Selectmen, the Budget Committee and the Town Meeting can budget appropriately and accomplish specific goals while controlling spending. The Planning Board has revised the Capital Improvement Plan during the year 2008, with a committee headed by Phil Grillo.

During 2008 the Planning Board has approved 3 major subdivisions, 0 minor subdivision, 4 lot line adjustments, and 7 site plan reviews for new businesses in town. This created 16 new building lots. The Board still has a major subdivision application before it, which will create 11 new building lots.

In June of 2002, the Planning Board enacted interim measures to control the growth of the Town of Barnstead. In 2001, the number of building permits for new homes jumped from a ten-year average of 9 per year to a total of 137 in one year. Alarmed by this increase, and with the number of building permits for new homes at 87 by the beginning of June 2002, the Board posted a notice to adopt a temporary growth limitation ordinance. This stopped the issuance of building permits until a special election could be held. The voters overwhelmingly supported the limited growth ordinance at the special election in June 2002. With the adoption of the Interim Growth Ordinance, the Planning Board was addressing the issues of overcrowding in the elementary school, high school enrollment, and the strain on municipal services in town created by the unprecedented growth. To continue these growth control measures the Board placed a permanent Growth Control Ordinance on the ballot for the 2003 Town Meeting. This ordinance passed by an overwhelming margin, and has withstood a test in Superior Court. This ordinance allowed the town to limit the number of building permits issued

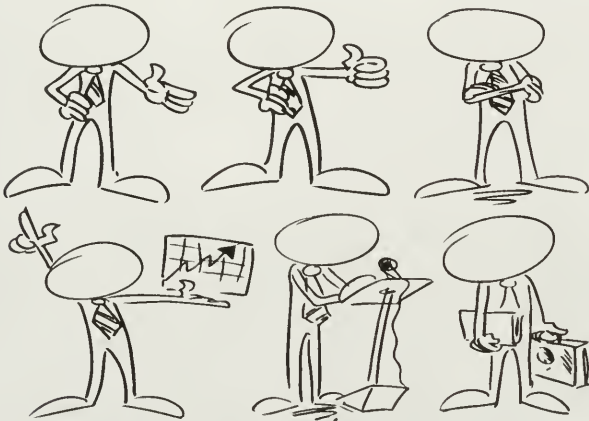
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for new homes each year during the period 2003 – 2009. In 2007, 34 new home permits were issued. This provided a chance to get the infrastructure updated to support the increasing population of the town. So far we have built a new high school, but still need a new Town Hall and Public Safety Complex as well as extensive road improvements to serve the inevitable growth that will come in ensuing years. This ordinance is scheduled to expire on April 1, 2009. There is a question on the ballot to extend the ordinance for 5 years.

During 2008 the Planning Board granted permission to Sanco Energy, LLC to restart the 5 MW generator and add ancillary businesses upon their purchase of the Timco property. During this hard economic time - this business will give great promise to the economic growth of the Town of Barnstead.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Murley, Chairman
William Evans, Vice-Chairman
Michael Kowalski, Secretary
David Kerr, Selectmen's Representative
Andy Houle, Alternate Selectmen's Representative
Amy Jennings, Member
Nancy Carr, Member
Christopher Carazzo, Member
James Fougere, Alternate
Clarke Goodrich, Alternate



Report of the Conservation Commission

The Barnstead Conservation Commission would once again like to take this opportunity to inform the Barnstead community of the various projects and ongoing activities that were undertaken in 2008 on behalf of the Town. As has been typical lately, the year's activities seem to be overshadowed by extraordinary natural events. This year of course it was the tornado. Even today a quick tour around the impacted areas reveals a staggering amount of damage. Unfortunately, we have to report that lands under the control of the Conservation Commission were directly in the path of the tornado, meaning numerous downed and damaged trees like many other spots in town. The damage was in the Cilley Meadows area and primarily on several lots off Province Road. With assistance of David Ladd, a logger who assisted other landowners in town, the damage has been cleaned up and we look forward to the long term recovery of the site.

Other issues addressed this past year included active management of the existing properties under our care and a continuation of our efforts to provide additional land protection projects. As reported last year, we were attempting to identify boundaries and develop management plans for the Grau property off Holmes Road. Progress was made in both fronts and after meeting with a group of neighbors and abutters to the Grau property, it was determined to focus our efforts on active land management which would compliment the wishes of Mrs. Grau, who had donated the land to the Town. We appreciate the thoughtful input of the neighbors and will continue on this front in the future. To that end, anyone wishing to access the property is requested to go in near the Grau property sign on Clapp Road and avoid crossing abutters land.

If it hasn't happened already, we are expecting to finalize a Conservation Easement project off Clapp Road which will add to the land protection efforts adjacent to the Grau property. The long process of appraisals, surveys and negotiating with the land owner have been ongoing for several years and we look forward to completing this process.

As is the case during most years, the Harrison property on Gilmanton Road continues to be a focus for hands-on activities from brush-cutting to maintenance on the cabin. The planned expansion of the trail network was postponed until 2009. We will be looking for volunteers to help out, as described below.

Other Land Protection Projects

Developing land protection projects also continues to be a priority. Happily, we are in preliminary discussions on a parcel adjacent to the Harrison prop-

Report of the Conservation Commission

erty, a high priority region for land protection. In addition, we are looking for potential protection projects in the vicinity of the Cilley Meadows region and in the North Barnstead Road and Holmes Road areas. We would be pleased to followup with any inquiries from landowners to discuss the available options for land protection without any commitment on their part. If you are curious about the advantages of protecting your land please contact the Commission Chair, Jim Fougere at your convenience.

Membership/Volunteer Help

As always we are looking for one or two members to join the Commission, however this year we are hoping to start a list of names and email addresses of folks in town who would be willing to work on specific projects for a day or so but don't want to commit to regular meetings, etc. For instance, if trail work or a beach cleanup was planned, an email message would be sent out to the group about a week ahead of schedule to establish volunteers, plan for equipment needs and set a firm schedule. This works in other towns and currently we don't have the time or personnel on the Commission to accomplish all we would like to. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the Town Meeting. Come join us and help out if you can.

Also, anyone interested is welcome at our regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the Town Hall. Please feel free to contact Jim Fougere with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Fougere, Chairman 269-4264
Commission Members Alternates

Bill Carpenter Dick Bickford
Joe Bushinski Ed Tasker
Holly Bickford
Norm Fortier



Conservation Commission Treasurer's Report

BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/08	78,395.08
Total Deposits:	
Town of Barnstead	14,552.50
Total Interest	1,802.73
Total Expenses	(6,287.91)
BALANCE 12/31/08	88,452.40
NH Public Investment Pool	61,675.11
Town of Barnstead	0
Interest	
BALANCE NHPI 12/31/08	63,191.37
TOTAL BALANCE 12/31/08	151,653.77

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. Terry, Treasurer



Upper Suncook Lake from the Harrison Property Furnished by D. Murley

Report of Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

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

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

Report of Town Forest Fire Warden
and State Forest Ranger

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

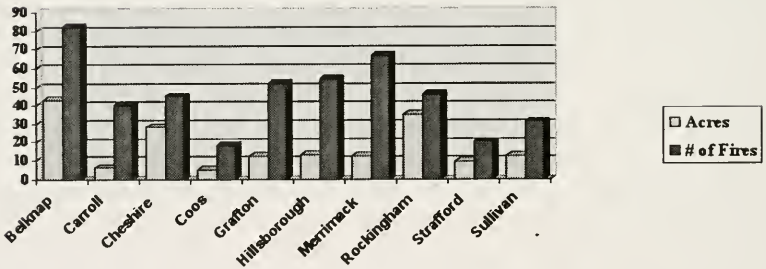
(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)
(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the
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2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

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



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Total Fires

Total Acres

Arson	2	2008	455	175
Debris	173	2007	437	212
Campfire	35	2006	500	473
Children	23	2005	546	174
Smoking	36	2004	482	147
Railroad	2			
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc.*	162	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

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Solid Waste District
www.bcepsolidwaste.com
A Message from the District Committee

The Committee has avoided increasing taxes for the 10th consecutive year, 2009. While each town's share has changed slightly do to population changes, the total taxes collected by the District haven't increased since 1999. Prices for recyclables stayed strong through most of 2008, resulting in an end of year cash surplus of \$118,596.88. The market for recyclables, however, evaporated in late 2008, likely due to the general downturn in the economy. The Committee expects the market to come back slowly during 2009; however the District will see a much reduced revenue stream from the sale of recyclables during 2009.

You may recall that the District was required to change the way it uses its vehicle scales during most of 2008. The change addressed a violation of NH Weights & Measures rules, but also created an economic hardship on both the District and the residents who were using the scales. At the end of June, 2008, Governor Lynch signed into law, legislation which changed the Weights & Measures requirements and allowed the District to revert to its original practices.

Comments from the public are always welcome. The District Committee meets the last Thursday of each month (except Nov. & Dec.) at the District facility at 7:00 PM. The Public is invited.

Tonnage Comparisons	2005	2006	2007	2008
Garbage	2,311.2	2,557.9	2,466.0	2,566.8
Demolition	1,108.6	993.7	876.3	997.6
Tires	<u>77.7</u>	<u>114.5</u>	<u>72.2</u>	<u>99.9</u>
<i>Total Waste</i>	<i>3,497.5</i>	<i>3,666.1</i>	<i>3,414.5</i>	<i>3,664.3</i>
Cardboard	173.2	194.1	238.5	275.4
Newspaper	104.2	109.0	90.8	89.1
Mixed Paper	287.6	315.7	426.9	426.2
Aluminum Cans	14.9	15.9	17.8	18.0
Tin Cans	43.1	43.2	42.7	42.6
Plastic	61.9	62.0	63.8	66.8
Auto Batteries	*	*	*	*
Scrap Metal	530.1	640.5	428.5	343.1
All Other Materials	<u>97.2</u>	<u>^276.0</u>	<u>^215.0</u>	<u>^232.0</u>
<i>Tons Recycled</i>	<i>1,312.2</i>	<i>1,656.4</i>	<i>1,524.0</i>	<i>1,493.2</i>
Total Tons Shipped	4,182.4	5,322.5	4,938.5	5157.5

* Batteries included with scrap metal for 2004 forward

^ Crushed glass weight added 2006 forward

BCEP
Solid Waste District

Tax Benefit	2005	2006	2007	2008
Recycling Revenue	111,681.21	160,211.81	172,768.83	197,184.41
Avoided Tipping Fees	56,447.95	117,525.00	99,060.00	97,058.00
Total Tax Savings	\$168,129.16	\$277,736.81	\$271,828.83	\$294,242.41

Trivia: Annual cost in taxes to operate the District for 2009 is \$36.27 per resident.



Report of the Health Officer

January until August 2008

It was a privilege to serve the Town in this capacity for three years and I have agreed to serve as the Deputy Health Officer to assist Bill Evans, our new Health Officer.

There are many challenges in this department with tornados, floods, and mosquitoes to name a few. By and large, the townspeople cooperate and comply with the laws of our State which makes this job go smoothly. Working with our fine Chief of Police and officers gave me a greater appreciation and understanding of their profession.

I hope you will give your full cooperation to Mr. Evans as he discharges his duties in Health and Public Safety Matters.

I responded to the following health issues:

- 5 Septic System Failures
- 2 Abandonment of Apartment, hazardous living conditions
- 2 Landlord/Tenant Dispute
- 4 Unhealthy water/land issues
- 3 Hazardous or unsanitary lifestyle of private residence
- 5 Applications for foster/day care

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Normandin, Health Officer



Barnstead Parks & Recreation Volunteer Committee

First and foremost, the current members of the Parks and Recreation Committee ask all to join us as we extend our utmost appreciation for the dedication and tireless efforts provided by Tony Bugieda, Chris Carazzo and Mary Jane Dascoli. Thanks to all of you for making our Parks and Recreation programs fun for all children and their families.

In keeping with the philosophy of offering programs for all, your current committee was thrilled with the large turnout of kids playing soccer in the fall of 2008. Over 150 kids from kindergarten through the sixth grade participated. Practice fields, including the Parade grounds, were filled daily. Games were hosted by New Durham Parks and Recreation.

Basketball season draws a different challenge for our community. With over 170 kids participating, lack of gym space presents difficulty in offering practice time to the 12 teams. Attempts are made to squeeze practice time in whenever the opportunity arises at the BES gym. Barnstead is part of a coalition of communities which take turns hosting games on Saturdays.

We are working on opening the ice rink and offering some different programs in addition to Soccer and Basketball. The summer concert series will continue this summer on the Parade grounds along with one at the Town Hall.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee would appreciate any ideas, suggestion and assistance as we plan for future recreational opportunities for our kids and adult. Please contact us via the Barnstead website at www.parksnrec@barnstead.org.

Finally and most importantly, we would like to recognize the contributions of our many volunteer coaches. Because of them, our kids are the beneficiaries of learning good sportsmanship and teamwork, the joy and frustration of learning new skills, and thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to play. Without them, there would be no program. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kriete, Chairman
Peg Simoneau, Treasurer/Secretary
Judy Chase
David Chase
Hollie Kelley
Rick Simoneau

**PARKS AND RECREATION
TREASURER'S REPORT**

BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/08	5,035.97
Total Deposits TD North	5,550.00
Total Expenses	(7,267.18)
Balance 12/31/08	3,318.79
NH Public Investment Pool	
Balance on hand 1/1/08	66.71
Interest	1.01
Balance 12/31/08	67.72
TOTAL BALANCE	3,386.51

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. Terry, Treasurer



Barnstead Old Home Day

The weather was comfortable, the sizeable crowd had a wonderful time, the shows and exhibits were great, the entertainment was awesome: Barnstead Old Home Day 2008 was a fantastic success!

The day started with a very well attended 5K road race. Weather conditions were perfect for the race. This race has become very popular with area runners because it is a fast course and a well-organized event.

The pancake breakfast this year was presented by Barnstead Fire Rescue and it was completely sold out. The food was excellent and the price was right. Lines snaked around the Parade Grounds all morning, as people waited for their breakfast.

A lively auction with auctioneer George Twigg really got the morning events off to a dynamic start. This year we were fortunate to have a large number of donations. This auction has become an important fundraising event for Old Home Day.

This year's kids' games were very popular and included ring toss, beanbag toss, water balloon crush, egg walk, saltine whistling and face painting. The jailhouse saw a number of people arrested who then had to sing a song or pay a dollar to earn their freedom. Arrestees included the police chief, a selectman and the reporter who covers Barnstead events for The Baysider newspaper!

The dunk booth is always a popular item. Thanks to the various town officials who agreed to sit on the seat in the dunk booth! New this year was a very popular activity – a rock-climbing wall. Kids and adults alike had the opportunity to practice their climbing and repelling skills. There wasn't a minute that the wall was open that there wasn't someone enjoying the challenge.

Afternoon entertainment was provided by The River Band and by Wayne from Maine. Both entertainment acts were very well attended. Following the professional entertainment, Barnstead's own talented musicians presented a Talent Show and Karaoke singing session. We have a lot of enthusiastic karaoke singers in this town and the singing continued for more than two hours!

This year's Citizen of the Year Award went to Frances Jeanne Eastman. She is an extremely active member of our community, and a well-deserving recipient of Barnstead's Citizen of the Year.

Barnstead Old Home Day

A police dog demonstration was provided by a member of our own Barnstead Police Department, Officer Rob Kelly. The show highlighted the skills of two police dogs trained for tracking missing persons, identifying concealed drugs and assisting police personnel. Following the show, Officer Kelly introduced the dogs to the crowd handshakes and petting.

The Canoe and Kayak Race was greatly expanded this year, with more entries than ever before and terrific prizes for the winners. The beautiful weather provided perfect conditions for the race.

The evening dinner was presented by the Suncook Valley Sno-Riders this year and it was a sell-out! Dinner featured barbequed steamship round roast beef and Flanders bean hole beans. Delicious!

The band East Bay Jazz Ensemble provided a delightful band concert of big band classic music that was very much appreciated by the large evening crowd. The day ended with a fantastic fireworks display that was a colorful and exciting conclusion to a full day of fun!

Many thanks to all the volunteers and to the dedicated Old Home Day Committee:

Ginger Sargent, Co-Chair and Mark Sargent, Co-Chair, Jennifer Beck, David Brown, Jerrissa Brown, Sandy Burt, Tom Frangione, Ron Fitzpatrick,



Andy Houle, Jill Jacque, Amy Jennings, Jim Kallgren, Ken LeGrow, Dana McCausland, Eileen Murley, Chris Ruggieri, Paula Vardaro

Barnstead Old Home Day Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand 1/1/2008	1,421.35
Total Deposit	10,868.18
Total Expenses	11,821.45
Transferred from NH Public Investment Pool	7,000.00
Transferred to NH Public Investment Pool	7,000.00
Balance 12/31/2008	468.08
NH Public Investment Pool	
Balance 1/1/2008	17,223.82
Transferred to TD North	7,000.00
Interest	370.40
Transferred from TD North	7,000.00
Balance 12/31/2008	17,594.22
TOTAL BALANCE	18,062.30

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. Terry, Treasurer



Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist have had a very busy and challenging year. To start the year we had to have the checklist ready for the January 8, 2008 Presidential Primary Election. We had three other elections throughout the year. In March, we had the combined Town and School Election; also we had to be in attendance for the Town and School Meetings.

September 9, we had the State Primary Election and on November 4, we had the General Election. Prior to these elections we held public sessions, as per state law. There was much work to be done on the checklists as we added so many new voters this year, meaning many extra work sessions for us. The November 4 election alone brought in 230 new voters. We also have had some people move out of town and of course we had to go through a process to remove them from the checklist.

We also have many people moving from one place to another in town, which means many address changes. We do strive to be diligent with our obligation to keep the checklist up dated and it is an on going work in progress.

We are always happy when there is a good turn out of voters on election days. It shows that you, the voters, are exercising your right to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Forsyth
Marjorie J. Terry
Frances J. Eastman
Supervisors of the Checklist

PLEASE VOTE!

Barnstead Historical Society

At the first meeting of the year on April 24, the Barnstead Historical Society discussed ongoing projects. Then, as a presentation, members related stories of childhood memories, particularly of Barnstead but, also, other regions as well. We wonder how many in town can remember the old town plow or grader chugging through the snow, making its loud sputtering noise and, on occasion, actually working like it should.

On June 26, a slide presentation was featured about the history of the Congregational Church of North Barnstead. Ethel McConaghy, daughter of Rev. William McConaghy, a long time summer pastor of the church, made the presentation. Additionally, there was a slide presentation about the Snackity Meeting House by Martha Kennedy. Martha discussed the removal of the building, board by board, from the Barnstead/ Strafford area on Barn Door Gap Road and its reconstruction at its present site at Concord Academy in Concord, Mass.

For Old Home Day, women's clothing of the 1880's was displayed as well as dance cards from many dances held at the Town Hall during that era. Pictures of some of the early bands were shown as well as some of their musical instruments. Some vintage automobiles and other artifacts were also on display.

In September some of the members went to Concord, Mass. to tour the Snackity Meeting house. Although the building has been renovated, expanded and updated, the original parts of the old building remain intact. A very old, worn, painted sign labeled: "NO. STRAFFORD and BARNSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCH" was conspicuously displayed in the entryway and many of the original pews were still being used. Later we toured the Louisa May Alcott house and saw where she wrote many books, to include *Little Women*.

On October 9, Twink Merrill led us on a tour of the old cemetery in the Parade. Twink told of the sad and harrowing plights of Civil War veterans that are buried there. We viewed the gravesites of Dr. Jeremiah Jewett who wrote *The History of Barnstead*, and of many early settlers who were initially buried near the Parade Church and were reinterred at the current site. Twink showed the large obelisk that is the gravesite of Rev. Enos George who was one of the most noteworthy citizens of Barnstead in the mid 1800's. Later, a pot luck dinner was held at Roger and Bea Nelson's vintage home in North Barnstead.

Barnstead Historical Society

Bill Walker continues to enhance and improve his computer based genealogical records of Barnstead. Betsy Webber and Susan Fraser have volunteered to assist Bill in making instructions on how to utilize his records of the families of the town when the program becomes available for use in the town library.

A question was presented to the group on what is the oldest standing house in Barnstead. If anyone has any ideas of what that building might be, please contact a member of the society.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Pitman, President, Barnstead Historical Society



Center Barnstead Fire Co. Circa the early 50s

Barnstead Milfoil Control Committee

The Suncook River treatment was the major focus of our effort in 2008. The 2007 treatment appeared to be initially very successful, but a large amount of re-growth occurred. The result of the '07 treatment and follow-up work produced a complete map of silted and heavily silted areas of the Suncook River based on the location where milfoil re-growth was observed. From past efforts of the BMCC and the Suncook Lake, it has been determined that plants in these silted areas have higher survival rates and require follow-up efforts. The 2008 BMCC program focused on these specific locations with a research project to control and study the re-growth locations in cooperation with UNH and DES.

The 08 program compared two different treatment concentrations in the different silted areas to the effectiveness of the herbicide to kill the plants. Both treatments were followed after 8 weeks with a follow up treatment. The results were better than expected. The higher dose in heavy silted areas was much more effective than the standard dose. Very few plants survived and those that did were experienced significant damage. The follow up treatment turned out to be very important. It appears to be the best method to produce the most effective removal of the variable milfoil plants. The second dose killed all surviving plants by what we observed by mid-October. Hopefully this method will prevent re-growth in heavy silted areas that is occurring in the Suncook Lakes.

During the summer of 09, a section that was missed needs to be treated. The BMCC has the funds to do this treatment but is asking Barnstead for \$5000 to ensure divers are available to support the treatment, monitor its progress and completely check the river for any re-growth or missed plants and remove them by hand. From the exciting results of last year, we hope that there will be little re-growth but really won't know until divers go below the surface to check.

We have been fortunate to have started the milfoil eradication program in 2005. Since then, the State of NH has invested \$95,000 assisting Barnstead with a serious infestation. The State has no funds available this year for most milfoil treatments, so it speaks well that Barnstead is ahead of the other towns on this issue.

The BMCC wants to thank all who support this effort to remove this milfoil plant from the Suncook River. Your support greatly assisted our efforts. The words we keep hearing is that the fishing is really coming back in the river and many different species are being caught. The river is now easy to kayak and canoe and a place where the water way can be truly enjoyed once again.

Barnstead Milfoil Control Committee

The BMCC would also like to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of the Suncook Lakes Association, which continues to spend numerous man-hours on their lakes

to control milfoil re-growth in heavy silted areas. Their divers also assisted in the inspection and initial assessment of Locke Lake and the Suncook River.

Barnstead Milfoil Control Committee

Ed Neister – Chairman

Jim Fougere – Assistant Chairman

Pam Miller – Survey Specialist

Dave Crane – water support

Dave Juvet – Information Officer and activity recorder

Brian White – Dive Master

Dot Wenblad



Barnstead-In-Bloom

Barnstead-In-Bloom is a volunteer group that was founded in the spring of 2003. We have now been through five full growing seasons and we hope that all of the residents of Barnstead are pleased with the results of our efforts.

The 126/28 triangle is coming along better with each passing year. We have seen the profusion of pansies that continue to bloom without being replanted and we are very pleased to have them do so well in that spot. We have met our goal of planting some Black Eyed Susan's along the sides of the lilies which are in the middle. The yellows look so bright and sunny in the summer. This year we planted the ends with some red petunias but were not quite as happy with those as we thought we'd be. We are hoping to maybe plant dark purple ones this year. We again planted the yellow marigolds along the sides and they do seem to thrive down there. We do have the occasional problem of cars driving over the triangle but they haven't done too much damage yet.

It seems that each year the soil tells us what it likes the best and what grows the best there. Since we were able to afford the mulch this year, the plants held the water much better and the maintenance was a little less demanding.

We skipped the mums this year as we felt that there were still plenty of lilies and marigolds to supply color. This enabled us to save a little on our budget. Speaking of budgets, we fully understand that the town is in need of making the budget stretch as far as possible (we are taxpayers, too). These are not easy times for anyone and we know that what we do is more of a luxury than a necessity. We do not know what the future of our gardening efforts will be but we do know that town hall and the triangles at the Parade & 126 have looked a little better, given our town a brighter face to outsiders and supplied us all with some pride. We have decided that we will not solicit donations because that is not something that we have the time or interest in. If there is some money to plant, then we will try to continue to volunteer our time to do that. If there is not any money, then we totally understand that there are other more important things to be done. I guess we don't yet know what the next year will bring but we certainly have enjoyed our time with Barnstead-In-Bloom and thank you all for the support and encouragement you have shown to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Allen

On behalf of Barnstead-In-Bloom

Overseer of Public Welfare

It has been a busy year in the Welfare Department, with the very cold winter, the tornado and the ice storm.

As the new Overseer of Public Welfare, I have worked hard to streamline the office work that goes along with this job. I have made myself available almost 24/7. One of the biggest efforts was to move the food pantry out of the town hall. Once this was done and we had moved to our new location at Bosco Bell with the thrift shop, we have been able to serve the people of Barnstead more effectively. The Thrift shop has had the most unbelievable support of the people of Barnstead. The community has come together providing donations of time, money, food, clothing and assorted household items.

Thank you to the People of Barnstead! If you need to reach me, please call me at 235-1895.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Swinford
Overseer of Public Welfare



State Representative Report

As I prepare this report, I am no longer your State Representative for Barnstead. After fulfilling my third term, I decided that I needed to move forward in another direction. Serving the citizens of Barnstead over the past 6 years has been a pleasure and I have learned a great deal in the process. Thank you to all who supported me.

Your new representatives are listed below. Congratulations to our new representative Elaine Swinford, who resides here in town. I think that it is important to have a rep from each town and I am pleased that Barnstead will have its own voice at the State House.

Elaine Swinford (Barnstead) ~ 776-0274

Peter Bolster (Alton) ~ 776-1622

William Johnson (Gilford) ~ 524-8949

Laurie Boyce (Alton) ~ 875-7371

Alida Millham (Gilford) ~ 524-1278

Jeffrey St. Cyr (Alton) ~ 875-5473

Jim Pilliod (Belmont) ~ 524-3047

You all should feel free to contact any of these Representatives regarding State issues that are important to you. They are all your representatives and they are elected to represent you in Concord.

There are many challenges facing the State and not the least of which is the State budget that is presently being worked on. I continue to hear that the budget problems that NH faces are due to the national economic downturn. Do not believe it. The problems that NH faces with its budget are due to the 17% increase in spending and the padded revenue estimates from the last budget. Hopefully the lesson will be learned and there will not be any large increase in this budget. The State needs to focus on less spending so that there will be no reason to raise taxes.

I have a last note of caution for all of the fishermen and hunters in the state. Pay close attention to HB559 which intends to make the Fish & Game Department an advisory board only with no policy making authority or power to approve or deny requests for spending Fish & Game funds on various projects. I fear that this is an attempt to dissolve the Fish & Game Department.

Thanks to so many of you for your support and friendship. It's been a pleasure serving you.

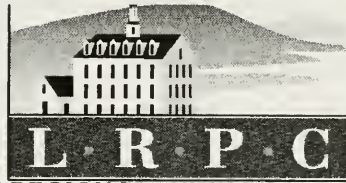
Respectfully submitted,

Janet Allen

Former State Representative

Belknap/District 5

Lakes Region Planning Commission



LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lakes Region continues to grow and evolve. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established to provide area communities and region with the capability to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazard planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region. Below are some of the focus areas and services provided on behalf of the town of Barnstead and the region in the past fiscal year.

- ❖ Conducted a Smart Growth Assessment for the town, in cooperation with the planning board.
- ❖ Distributed many copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulation books to member planning boards at considerable savings.
- ❖ Organized and hosted three public Municipal Law Lectures, in cooperation with the NH Local Government Center, where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning, and other municipal issues.
- ❖ Developed a website of electronic documents to facilitate the outreach/education component of the *Innovative Land Use Guide* project, completed by the nine regional planning commissions and the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- ❖ Developed an update of the top regional transportation priorities, in cooperation with area communities, and submitted them to the NHDOT for review and consideration.
- ❖ Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development.

- ❖ Presented testimony to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation to retain all Lakes Region projects in the state's Ten Year Plan.
- ❖ Completed and distributed the 2008 Development Activity in the Lakes Region report on Lakes Region residential and commercial development trends. Prepared and distributed a new development survey for 2008-2009.
- ❖ Staff became qualified by the NH Housing Finance Authority to help communities implement the new Workforce Housing Law
- ❖ Awarded \$50,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Lakes Region. An approved CEDS will provide communities with access to EDA funding for infrastructure and economic development projects.
- ❖ Planned and coordinated the 22nd annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region with 1,500 households from 23 communities participating at 8 collection sites. An estimated 19,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations.
- ❖ Received funding assistance from the NH Department of Environmental Services to conduct the first phase of the Lakes Winnepesaukee Watershed Management Plan. Project partners include Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association, the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, and the North Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Council.
- ❖ Secured funding from the NH Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to prepare all hazard management plans for Lakes Region communities.
- ❖ Completed an overhaul of the LRPC website, www.lakesrpc.org, added many new features to facilitate access to on-line images for each municipality, recent publications, latest news, etc.
- ❖ Convened six Commission meetings that featured a diverse range of topics: NH Rail Transit Authority, the Downeaster, NH Rail Service, and Next Steps; Watershed Management and Steep Slope Protection in the Lakes Region; Incentives for Housing, Smart Growth, and Conservation; Transportation Plans/Projects; Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act: Its Future and Current Status.

**Marriages Registered for the
Town of Barnstead, New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name/Surname of Bride & Groom	Residence
02/22/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Reardon, Charles L. Carson, Eva T.	Chelsea, MA Barnstead
03/03/08	Londonderry	Blier, David M. Kelleher, Julie M.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
04/05/08	Whitefield	Kelley, Scott B. Noonan, Kathleen E.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
05/03/08	Manchester	Bassett, Timothy D. Loiselle, Kelly A.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
05/17/08	Plymouth	Lakevicius, Jeffrey C. Gagne, Ashley R.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
06/03/08	Northwood	Shampney, Jeffrey L. Whiteley, Tiffany M.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
06/21/08	Chichester	Daniels, Robert O'Brien, Kayla	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
07/26/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Blockside, John W. Hume, Kathleen	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
07/26/08	Gilmanton	Blaisdell, James R. Hawkins, Amy B.	Barnstead Barnstead
07/27/08	Barnstead	Ellis, Leo W. Brewster, Vicky L.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
08/02/08	Barnstead	Nickerson, John H. Sweet, Deborah J.	Barnstead Barnstead
08/16/08	Merrimack	Hug, Brian M. Palmer, Jennifer M.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
08/16/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Hayes, Chad M. Hughes, Emily H.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
08/23/08	Pittsfield	Martin, Michael A. Roy, Danielle M.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
08/31/08	Chichester	Proulx, Jason M. Peters, Jacqueline G.	Barnstead Barnstead
08/31/08	Lakeport	Beaton, Derek S. Gravilla, Carrie E.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
09/06/08	Henniker	Williams, Ronald C. Keller, Karen F.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
09/06/08	Derry	Schiavoni, Gerald A. Cotto, Alyssa M.	Sandown Ctr. Barnstead
09/09/08	Wolfeboro	Dearborn, Andrew R. Burrows, Rebecca L.	Barnstead Barnstead

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Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name/Surname of Bride & Groom	Residence
09/13/08	Chichester	Carter, Keith D. Kidder, Jennifer	Ctr. Barnstead Barnstead
09/20/08	Gilford	Jensen, David Price, Bobbi Jo	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
09/27/08	Concord	Dinterman, Robert W. Paluch, Suzanna M.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
09/27/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Marston, Christopher A. Locke, Crystal L.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
10/03/08	Hampstead	Leitner, Eric W. Millette, Jessica C.	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead
10/11/08	Barnstead	Pinto, Seth R Crowley, Nicole A	Barnstead Barnstead
10/18/08	Meredith	Drolet, Glendon L Smedberg, Eliza A	Barnstead Barnstead
10/31/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Smith, Bruce S. Nosik, Iryna N	Ctr. Barnstead Ctr. Barnstead

Civil Unions Registered for the
Town of Barnstead, New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2008

Date of Union	Place of Union	Names of Participants	Residence
09/13/08	Pelham	Julia Chase Dumont, Catherine	Ctr. Barnstead Pelham

Births Registered for the Town of Barnstead
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

BIRTH DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
01/07/08	Concord	Paquette, Dakota Rae	Paquette, Jason	Chioccola, Christina
01/10/08	Concord	Burt, Ryder Karl	Burt, Ezra	Burt, Adrienne
02/01/08	Concord	Broadbent, Avery Rose	Broadbent, Troy	Broadbent, Erin
02/07/08	Concord	Henry, Laney Archer Nicole	Henry, Jason	Henry, Hilary
02/10/08	Dover	Hardy, Collin Terry	Hardy, Eric	Hardy, Rosalyn
02/17/08	Concord	Pio, Myelle Kay	Pio, Natanael	Pio, Kendra
03/13/08	Concord	Maxwell, Selah David	Maxwell, David	Maxwell, Megan
03/16/08	Concord	Crumrine, Amelia Elizabeth	Crumrine, Thomas	Crumrine, Heidi
03/19/08	Concord	Gardner, Michael Warren	Gardner, Michael	Gardner, Amanda
03/20/08	Laconia	Masci, Allysyn Nevach		Masci, Nicole
03/29/08	Concord	Brandt, Noah Thomas	Brandt, Michael	Brandt, Katherine
04/23/08	Concord	Croft, Colton Albert	Croft, Thomas	Croft, Tammie
04/24/08	Concord	Harding, Paige Rose	Harding, Scott	Harding, Veronica
05/14/08	Concord	Jackson, Jacoby Israel	Jackson, Jerome	Jackson, Joyce
05/21/08	Concord	Webb, Kloece Mae	Webb, Justin	Webb, Jessica
05/22/08	Concord	Davis, Riley Austin	Davis, Shelby	Cutter, Rhonda
05/27/08	Concord	Rue, Trevor Allen		Rue, April
06/02/08	Manchester	Hug, Brennan Christopher	Hug, Brian	Palmer, Jennifer
06/12/08	Concord	Warren, Kiralee Michelle	Warren, Christopher	Warren, Amy-Lynne
06/12/08	Concord	Barr, Haelee Rose	Barr, Travis	Barr, Jennifer
06/16/08	Dover	Wilson, Savannah Paige	Wilson, Scot	Wilson, Courtney

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BIRTH DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
06/18/08	Concord	Caldwell, Katie Marie	Caldwell, William	Burns, Jennifer
06/27/08	Concord	Biron, Cameron David	Biron, Peter	Calderone, Christine
07/02/08	Concord	Eldredge, Shane Walter	Eldredge, Brian	Eldredge, Robyn
07/03/08	Dover	Capsalis, Sophia Grace	Capsalis, Michael	Capsalis, Kristie
07/03/08	Concord	Sanborn, Alexander Clayton	Sanborn, Anthony	Sanborn, Sara
07/03/08	Concord	Taylor, Aidan Jonas	Taylor, Duane	Taylor, Danielle
07/05/08	Concord	DeLuca, Ava Grace	DeLuca, Gregg	DeLuca, Heather
07/06/08	Concord	Doyle, Nora Ann	Doyle, Jeremy	Doyle, Kerri
07/16/08	Rochester	Greenwood, Taylor Marie	Greenwood, Todd	Morris, Rebecca
07/30/08	Concord	Kharitonov, Natalia Maria	Kharitonov, Maxim	Bleckmann-Kharitonov, Karen
08/06/08	Concord	Clark, Joshua William	Clark, Darryl	Clark, Courtmie
08/06/08	Concord	Pratt, Aaron Joseph	Pratt, Thomas	Rossignol, Carol
08/11/08	Concord	Rose, Samuel Dale	Rose, Jason	Rose, Emily
08/14/08	Concord	Brunell, Hayden Warner	Brunell, Kory	Brunell, Valerie
08/17/08	Concord	Collins, Austen Joseph	Collins, Christopher	Collins, Sheri
08/19/08	Concord	Williams, Caden Leo	Williams, Deven	DesFosses, Angela
08/19/08	Concord	Lagraize, Kenneth Paul	Lagraize, Scott	Lagraize, Tara
08/19/08	Concord	Sullivan, Logan William	Sullivan, Daniel	Sullivan, Audrey
08/20/08	Concord	Ouellette, Bryanna Pearl	Ouellette, Roy	Pearl, Emily
08/29/08	Concord	Cook, Joshua Lucas	Cook, Gregory	LaFleur, Nicole
08/29/08	Laconia	Brown, Jayden Michael	Brown, Jarrod	Goodwin, Stacia
09/04/08	Concord	Meehan, Dawson Patrick	Meehan, Andrew	Meehan, Katie

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BIRTH DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
09/23/08	Rochester	Hodgman, Jenna Nicole	Hodgman, George	Davenport, Denise
09/28/08	Concord	Woods, Braclynn Avery	Woods, Charles	Woods, Laura
10/04/08	Concord	Merfeld, Liam James	Merfeld, Todd	Finochiaro, Laurie
10/05/08	Laconia	Shaw, Jeremiah Marvin	Shaw, Micah	Shaw, Juleigh
10/08/08	Concord	Vignola, Molly Faith	Vignola, Joseph	Vignola, Allyson
10/11/08	Concord	Drake, Molly Isabel	Drake, Sean	Drake, Tanya
10/16/08	Concord	Krauchunas, Annika May	Krauchunas, Scott	Krauchunas, Meredith
10/18/08	Concord	Mountain, Alexa Marie	Mountain, Ryan	Davis, Nicole
10/22/08	Concord	Murray, Elias Corban	Murray, Robertson	Murray, Christina
10/29/08	Lebanon	Blaisdell, Connor James	Blaisdell, James	Blaisdell, Amy
11/10/08	Concord	Piscatello, Richard	Piscatello, Timothy	Miller, Sarah
11/12/08	Concord	Colby, Hannah Elizabeth	Colby, Brandon	Waterhouse, Amy
11/25/08	Barnstead	Burt, Naomi Joy	Burt, Adam	Burt, Emily
11/26/08	Concord	Long, Noelle Terry	Long, Michael	Long, Marissa
11/28/08	Rochester	Pappaceno, Blake David	Pappaceno, Derek	Pappaceno, Christy
11/28/08	Concord	Gamache, Sophia Rose	Gamache, Christopher	Gamache, Kelly

Deaths Registered in the Town of Barnstead
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
01/16/08	Concord	Boston, Harriet	Young, Benjamin	Lakeman, Edna	N
01/18/08	Concord	Davis, Mary	McAdams, Francis	Timmons, Elizabeth	N
03/14/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Rawnsley, Francis	Rawnsley, Justin	Gesel, Veronica	N
04/19/08	Concord	O'Sullivan, Jr. Edward	O'Sullivan Sr. Edward	Considine, Kathleen	N
04/25/08	Concord	Parker, Ruth	VanKleek, Edward	Parker, Georgia	N
05/21/08	Manchester	LaRose, Joseph	LaRose, Alphonse	Allarie, Severine	Y
05/22/08	Concord	Doucet, Jeannette	LaMarche, Domina	Champagne, Louise	N
05/23/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Obrotka, Marjorie	Hercules, Murvel	Debus, Eileen	N
06/03/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Corliss, Helen	Ambrose, Watson	Ordway, Helen	N
06/17/08	Concord	Marquis, Dianne	Pooler, Howard	Richards, Irene	N
07/08/08	Milford	Phillips, Ceiland	Phillips, Jesse	Young, Josephine	N
07/10/08	Concord	Desousa, Robert	Desousa, Carlos	Lopes, Noemia	N
07/15/08	Concord	Davis, Erlma	Otis, Lewis	Brady, Gladys	N
07/17/08	Barnstead	Hetu, Elvia	Knox, Walter	Gordon, Alice	N
07/25/08	Concord	Antonelli, Dennis	Antonelli, John	Paige, Jean	Y
09/07/08	Concord	Thoroughgood, Phyllis	Young, Benjamin	Lakeman, Edna	N
09/20/08	Barnstead	Belanger, Michael	Belanger, Rene	Blair, Dorothy	N
10/12/08	Epsom	Gerlack, Dorinda	Come, Alfred	Deslayries, Georgianna	N
10/15/08	Boscawen	Brown, Mildred	Appleby, Hugh	Golding, Avis	N
11/15/08	Concord	Wilkinson, Elizabeth	Fieldsend Sr., Forrest	Stone, Marguerite	N
12/09/08	Concord	Bahr, Karl	Bahr, John	Cullinane, Agnes	Y
12/21/08	Concord	Smith, Dean	Smith, George	Davis, Ellen	N
12/26/08	Ctr. Barnstead	Corliss, Stanley	Corliss, Charles	Tilton, Helen	Y
12/29/08	Concord	Lilley, George	Lilley, William	Manchester, Mary	N
12/30/08	Concord	Heywood, Roberta	Cotton, Joseph	Hallett, Ruth	N

State of New Hampshire
Town of Barnstead
Warrant for 2008 Annual Meeting

To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

			Vote
2 Selectmen	3 year terms	James Barnard	516
		Andrew Houle	485
2 Planning Board Members	3 year terms	William Evans	704
		Philip Grillo	680
1 Planning Board Member	1 year term	Nancy Carr	write in
1 Library Trustee	3 year term	Richard Simoneau	898
1 Overseer of Public Welfare	1 year term	Elaine Swinford	862
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term	Karen Montgomery	901
2 Budget Com.Members	3 year terms	William Haynes Jr	840
		Danielle Krause	write in
1 Road Agent	3 year term	Chris Carazzo	419
1 Supervisor of Checklist	6 year term	Judith Forsyth	900
1 Town Moderator	2 year term	William Gosse	959

To vote by official ballot on amendments to the Barnstead Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Barnstead Planning Board, as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #1, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To revise Article 2, Definitions. To change "Public Boundary Line" to "Reference Line".

PASSED 572 YES 362 NO

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #2, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To add Article 2, Definitions. "Business- Activities of buying and selling; trade; commercial dealings, commercial enterprise industrial establishment".

PASSED 586 YES 446 NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of question #3, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To add to Article 4-2: Other lot requirements of the Zoning Ordinance "Rear setback thirty (30) feet from the rear lot line."

PASSED 571 YES 460 NO

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4. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #4, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To make substantial revisions to Article 9 of the Zoning Ordinance which defines the functions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

PASSED 541 YES 468 NO

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #5, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To revise Article 12-12 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow unused building permits to be put back into the annual allocation or surplus.

PASSED 662 YES 376 NO

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #6, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To revise Article 14 of the Zoning Ordinance to add permitted and non permitted uses in Suburban Districts to Table 1 permitted uses.

PASSED 511 YES 484 NO

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of question # 7, amending the Barnstead Code of Building Regulations, Town of Barnstead, NH, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To change Section 2-2.05 of the Barnstead Code of Building Regulations to reduce the size of exempt structures from 250 square feet to 200 square feet as adopted by the International Building Code 2003.

FAILED 402 YES 633 NO

3. To hear the Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$3,330,972) gross budget, for the construction and original equipping of a Town Municipal Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Three Million Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$3,330,972) of bonds or notes in accor-

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dance 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 and other terms thereon. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 III. (2/3 ballot vote required). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3.(Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommend by Budget Committee).

FAILED 89 YES 276 NO

5. To see if the Town will vote to organize the Town of Barnstead Fire Department in accordance with RSA 154:1, I(b), which provides that the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Fire Chief and further provides that firefighters shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief. In accordance with RSA 154:1, IV, this change, if approved, shall not take effect until one year following approval of this Article. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

FAILED VOICE VOTE

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of purchasing a modular/trailer to provide housing for the full-time operations of the Barnstead Fire-Rescue. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee).

FAILED VOICE VOTE

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$100,000 to furnish adequate temporary housing for the municipal employees of Barnstead Fire Rescue as required by the State Fire Marshall and the town's insurance company. This warrant article is submitted as a special warrant article pursuant to RSA 32:3 and RSA 32:10. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee).

FAILED VOICE VOTE

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$39,279.00) for the second year's payment of the lease for the 6 Wheel Highway Dump Trucks. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

FAILED VOICE VOTE

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of repairing Welch

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Road Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED VOICE VOTE

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for the purpose of completing the pole barn at the Highway Department to house the Highway Vehicles and to authorize the withdrawal of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED VOICE VOTE

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (73,630.00) for the purpose of making necessary repairs to the Town Grader and to authorize the withdrawal of Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$73,630.00) from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).
AMENDED TO \$20,000

PASSED VOICE VOTE

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for milfoil treatment of Suncook River and for the divers in Barnstead waters. This will be a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until December 31, 2013. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED VOICE VOTE

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the existing computer server and workstations at the Police Department. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED 130 YES 71 NO

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Parks & Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This is a special

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warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED

VOICE VOTE

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Historical Society Building Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED

VOICE VOTE

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED

VOICE VOTE

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED

187 YES 63 NO

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be placed in the Library Computer Support Expendable Trust Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED

VOICE VOTE

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

FAILED

111 YES 136 NO

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee).

PASSED

164 YES 109 NO

Frances (Jeanne) Eastman



Jeanne has worn many hats over the years in Barnstead. She was the Town Clerk for 16 years and Tax Collector for 17 years. She has been a Supervisor of the Checklist for 30 years. Jeanne was a rural carrier for the Center Barnstead Post Office for 20 years before retiring in 1988.

At 81 she is still very active in the community. She is the treasurer for the Barnstead Historical Society and the deputy treasurer for Barnstead Parade Church. She is the clerk of the Riverview Cemetery. She is a member of the Night Hawk

Hollows and the Comet Club. She makes hats and booties for the newborns at Concord Hospital.

She and her two daughters, Jean Terry and Judy Forsyth play major roles in the voting process for the Town as Supervisors of the Checklist.

As her daughter Jeannie wrote in her nomination letter "At 81 years old, she runs circles around her family. She is pretty hard to keep up with."

Emergency Assistance Request

Request For Assistance (During Town Emergencies)

1. Name: _____

2. Address: _____

3. Telephone: _____

4. Special Considerations: _____

(Example: Medical or physical conditions, Mobility limitations or any other reason you may wish to be looked after during a town emergency)

NOTES

2009 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Offices will be closed for the following:

New Year's Day	Thursday	January 1
Presidents' Day	Monday	February 16
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25
Independence Day	Monday	July 3
Labor Day	Monday	September 7
Veterans' Day	Wednesday	November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday	November 26
	Friday	November 27
Christmas Eve	Thursday	December 24 1:00 p.m.
Christmas	Friday	December 25
New Year's Day	Friday	January 1, 2010

Reminder: On the third Wednesday of every month we are closed to the public.

2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	Fiscal year begins
January 21	First day to file declaration of candidacy. Period ends February 1.
February 3	Last day for petitioning Selectmen to include an article in the warrant
March 1	Last day to file application for an abatement for 2008 tax year
March 10	Town Meeting (elections)
March 14	Town Meeting (business portion)
March 21	Annual School District Meeting
April 1	All property assessed to owner this date
April 15	Last day to apply for current land use, tax exemptions and credits
May 15	Last day for taxpayer to file report of all timber cut
August 1	Last day for the town to file current use applications at Registry of Deeds
December 15	Equalization study to DRA
December 31	Fiscal year closes

TOWN OFFICIALS, BOARDS,**BOARD OF SELECTMEN 269-4071**

Gordon Preston, Chairman *2009
 David Kerr, Vice-Chairman *2010
 John O'Neil (resigned 4/8/08) *2010
 Philip Grillo (appointed 4/22/08) 2009
 James Barnard *2011
 Andrew Houle *2011

Meetings: Tuesday 6:30pm-9:00pm
 e-mail barntownhall@metrocast.net

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR 269-4071

Paul Skrowron (left 8/6/08)

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE 269-4071

Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm
 Tues. 8:30am-9pm

Karen Montgomery, Sel. Sec. ext. 104
 Eleanor Drew, P/T Clerical ext. 103
 Marjorie Terry, P/T Clerical ext. 102
 Carol Locke, Assessing Clerk ext. 101
 e-mail assessorsofc@barnstead.org

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLL. 269-4631

Cynthia L. Treadwell ext. 107 *2010
 e-mail townclerk@barnstead.org
 H. Murphy/Mary Clarke, Deputy ext. 108
 Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. 9am-4:30pm
 Tues. 9am-7:00pm

OSCAR FOSS LIBRARY 269-3900

Susan T. Conrad, Director
 Pamela Welch, Assistant
 Mon. 2pm-8:00pm
 Tues. & Wed. 10am-5:00pm
 Thurs. 5pm-8:00pm
 Fri. 2pm-5:00pm
 Sat. 9am-12:00pm

BUILDING INSPECTOR 269-2299

CODE ENFORCEMENT
 Paul Richardson, ext. 110
 Tues. Evenings 6:30-9:00pm
 Thurs. & Fri. 3pm-5:00pm

MODERATOR

William Gosse *2010

PLANNING BOARD 269-2299

David Murley, Chairman *2010

Meetings: 1st Thurs. of the Month
 Work Session: 3rd Thurs. of the Month
 Paula Vardaro, Planning Board, ZBA
 and Building Inspector's Sec. ext. 109

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Francis J. Eastman *2012
 Judith Forsyth *2014
 Marjorie J. Terry *2010

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Karen Montgomery, Treasurer *2011
 Stuart Merrill *2009
 Roland LaBrecque *2010

HEALTH OFFICER

Thomas Normandin (resigned 8/21/08)
 William Evans 776-7221

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**FIRE & RESCUE 911**

George R. Krause II, Chief
 Emergency 911
 Non-Emergency
 Station 1 - Parade 435-6691
 Station 2 - Center 269-4121

FIRE WARDEN

George R. Krause II

POLICE DEPARTMENT 269-8100

Kenneth Borgia, Chief
 Emergency 911

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 269-2091

Christopher Carazzo, Road Agent *2011

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Board of Selectmen (first 8 months)
 John Blair (appointed 9/9/08) 269-4071
 Steven Byers Deputy Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

James R. Fougere, Chairman

Meeting: 1st Wed. of the Month

ASSESSING OFFICE 269-4071

Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm
 By Appointment with Rod Wood

TREASURER 269-4071

Marjorie Terry ext. 102 *2009

Mary Corliss, Deputy

Monday 8:45am-4:30pm

Tuesday 8:45am-5:30pm

6:00pm-9:00pm

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ronald Fitzpatrick *2009

Bruce A. Marriot *2010

Richard Simoneau *2011

ZONING BOARD 269-2299

Mark Sargent, Chairman

Meetings: 3rd Mon. of the Month

PARKS AND RECREATION

Christopher Carazzo, Chair. 269-4071

OLD HOME DAY 269-4071

Mark & Ginger Sargent, Co-Chairmen

Meeting: 2nd Wed. of the Month

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Paul KJ Landry, Chairman *2010

Catherine Kowalski (fill in) *2010

William Haynes *2011

Wellington Bartels IV *2009

Bruce Grey *2009

Danielle Krause *2011

AUDITOR Paul Mercier**OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Elaire Swinford (cell# 235-1895) *2009

By Application & Appt. 269-4071

BCEP (SOLID WASTE DISTRICT)

Earl H. Weir, Dist. Admin. 435-6237

Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. 8am-4:00pm

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