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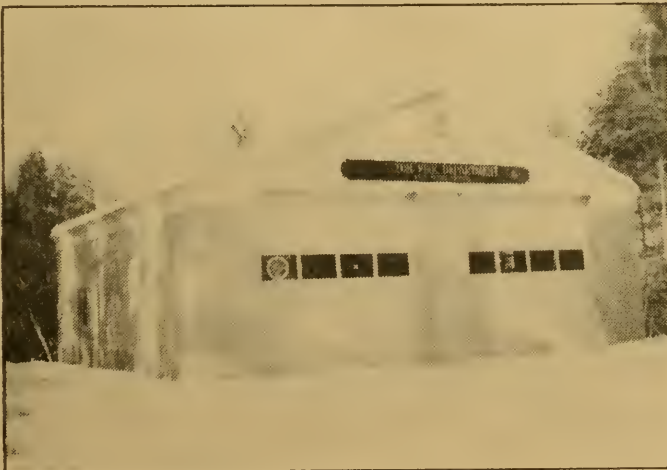
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NEW HAMPSHIRE



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TOWN CLERK
TAX COLLECTOR
TOWN TREASURER
WATER COMMISSIONERS
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF

ALTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

1976

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FIRE ALARM SIGNALS LOCATION

BOX NO.

3	Brush Fire – Repeat three times
4	Alton Bay Fire Station
5	Central School House
6	Town Hall
3-3-3	All Firemen report to respective stations (From 8:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. alarm 3-3-3 is blown by the Lakes Region Mutual Aid for all fire calls)
12	Campground – Across from Chapel
13	Alton Bay – Near Lester Downing Residence
14	Victoria Pier
24	Main Street – Corner School Street
26	Main Street – Wolfeboro Hill
31	Route 140 – Corner Mitchell Avenue
32	Route 140 – Corner Riverside Drive
34	Central Fire Station
36	Opposite White Mountain Power
41	Levy Park
42	Main Street – Foot Rollins' Hill
43	Main Street – Opposite Laundromat
49	Oak Birch Inn
1-1	All – Out Signal
2	Blasts at 7:00 a.m., no school all day
2	Blasts at 11:30 a.m., no afternoon session
2	Blasts at 7:30 p.m., Fire Department Meeting
1	Blast – Water to be shut off in thirty minutes
7:15 Monday night	– Signal 3 – Three times – Fire alarm test

NOTICE

All fire alarms, excluding Box alarms shall be telephoned to the Alton Phone system, No. 1-524-1545. The Central Dispatch operator will sound the proper alarm. State clearly your name, location of residence, and type of fire. By complying with the above, lives, time and property will be saved.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING A BOX

Opening a box does not sound alarm. Pull down handle. Anyone sounding alarm to remain at box to direct fireman. Second alarm to be sounded by order of the Chief engineer only. Test alarm every day at 12:45. Do not sound alarm unless necessary.

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

A. William Heidke
Frederick Perkins
Richard Headley

Term Expires 1977
Term Expires 1978
Term Expires 1979

MODERATOR

Robert A. Reinholz

TOWN CLERK

Gwendolyn Jones

TREASURER

Gladys E. Howe

TAX COLLECTOR

Raymond C. Duncan

AUDITORS

Marguerite Chamberlain

Nancy Drew

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Louis R. Ziegra, Jr.
Archie A. Horne
Sidney Butler

Term Expires 1977
Term Expires 1978
Term Expires 1979

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Smith
Shirley Copeland
Ella Marie Carr

Term Expires 1977
Term Expires 1978
Term Expires 1979

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

George Roberts

Jane F. Sanders

JUSTICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT

Archie A. Horne

LAKES REGION PLANNING BOARD

Thomas E. Fry

Term Expires 1978

George M. Chrisenton

Term Expires 1980

William R. Clough – Alternate

Term Expires 1978

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Robert A. Reinholz – Chairman

Term Expires 1977

John C. Newton

Term Expires 1978

A. Ray Hunt – Clerk

Term Expires 1979

William A. Anderson

Term Expires 1980

Frederick C. MacElroy – Alternate

George Shaw – Alternate

Charles Noyes – Alternate

CHIEF OF POLICE

Charles W. Wheeler

CONSTABLE

Leo MacDonald

HIGHWAY AGENT

Richard Drew

Myron Lamper

BUILDING INSPECTOR

G. Richard Keller

HEALTH OFFICER

G. Richard Keller

FIRE WARDS

David D. Birdsey	Term Expires 1977
Harold A. Clough	Term Expires 1978
Weston E. Alden	Term Expires 1979

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Harold A. Clough

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Marquerite Chamberlain	Term Expires 1978
Alice S. Ziegra – Chairman	Term Expires 1980
Margaret Birdsey	Term Expires 1982

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Russell E. Jones	Term Expires 1977
Elliott Ward	Term Expires 1978
A. Wm. Heidke	Term Expires 1979

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Curtis Meinelt	Term Expires 1977
Sidney Butler	Term Expires 1977
Albert Wilder	Term Expires 1977
Judson H. Downing	Term Expires 1978
Harold A. Clough	Term Expires 1978
Irving Roberts	Term Expires 1978
Harold W. Finethy	Term Expires 1979
Kenneth B. Gilbert	Term Expires 1979
George Shaw	Term Expires 1979
Arnold Shibley	School Board Member
Frederick Perkins – Member Ex-Officio, Selectmen	

PARKS AND PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Robert Jones	Term Expires 1977
A. Ray Hunt	Term Expires 1977
Frank Litch	Term Expires 1978
Robert Witham	Term Expires 1978
Harold Co. leand	Term Expires 1979

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

William R. Clough	Term Expires 1977
John Whitney – Chairman	Term Expires 1978
Irving R. Roberts	Term Expires 1979
Arnold Green	Term Expires 1979
George Christenson – Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1980
Paul Blackadar – Secretary	Term Expires 1981
Richard S. Downing – Alternate	
Roy Kincade – Alternate	
Ellen Blackadar – Alternate	
Richard Headley – Member Ex-Officio – Board of Selectmen	

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Weston E. Alden	Robert Burton
Irving R. Roberts	Special Deputy – Alden Brown
Harlan D. Card	
John Young	
Robert Witham	

LIBRARIAN

Marjorie Mohr

WELFARE OFFICER

A. Wm. Heidke

ALTON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alton, in the county of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year and to elect a Selectman for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.

Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay all necessary charges of the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of Tarvia and the application of the same.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and bridges for the ensuing year in addition to that required by law.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the removal of snow from the Town highways for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 to rebuild and resurface with Tarvia the Town gravel roads so-called, this sum to be raised by taxation.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,670.65 provided the State will contribute the sum of \$11,137.65 for Class V roads so-called.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow monies in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise

and appropriate for the decoration of Soldiers' graves.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for patriotic exercises on Independence Day.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks and Playgrounds, including band concerts.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for the care of trees.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Civil Defense.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Lakes Region General Hospital at Laconia, N.H.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Huggins Hospital at Wolfeboro, N.H.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 to the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,093.00 for the support of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. (By request)

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the support of the New Hampshire Humane Society. (By request)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by Tax Title.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the use as a set-off against budget appropriations in the amounts indicated and further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if estimate entitlements are reduced or any other action taken hereon:

New Police Cruiser	\$ 5,000.00
Town Hall - Rest Rooms	8,800.00

New Highway Building	<u>52,200.00</u>
	\$66,000.00

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve monies in the amount of \$1,500.00 already expended from the Municipal Improvement Fund. Said monies were expended to employ Town unemployed on Town projects during the period of time January 1, 1977 to March 8, 1977.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$4,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Improvement Fund, and to authorize the Selectmen to expend monies from the Municipal Improvement Fund to hire Town unemployed to work on Town projects, such expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of this amount from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Revenue Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of the land owned by the State of New Hampshire. Said land being the land purchased from the B&M Railroad and used as an office for Division 4 of the State Highway Department.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to publish each year a list of all abatements and or changes in evaluation to any and all property owners in the Town of Alton. Said list to be published before the middle of February each year and to be printed in the real estate assessments under abatements. (By Petition)

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,102.50 to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages, as well as the preservation of the natural resources of the Town in cooperation with other Towns in the Lakes Region. (By request)

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for the Town's share in support of the Public Health Nursing Association. (By request)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$853.26 for the continuation of the services to the low income and elderly residents of the Town of Alton, through the Laconia

Area Center of the Community Action Program Belknap/Merrimack Counties Inc.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the construction of a new Public Works Building and to authorize the withdrawal of \$52,200.00 of this amount from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Revenue Assistance Act of 1972, the remaining amount to be raised by long term note.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be set aside in a reserve Fund toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,800.00 for remodeling the restrooms in the Town Hall and authorize the withdrawal of this amount from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Revenue Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to purchase one acre of land at the present Town dump.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 to purchase the land situated adjacent to the Central Fire Station.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the revisions of the Town of Alton Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Planning Board. (This Article is to be voted upon by printed ballots used for Town Officers and not at the Town Meeting. See Ballot for form)

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the East Alton Fire Station, said amount to be taken from Surplus.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from Bradford Jones the land on the letter S Road, known as Lot #17, Map #31 and Lot #36, Map #8; also Railroad Land known as Lot #5-1, Map #32, Lot #6, Map #32 and Lot #3, Map #32.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for assistance to the Town of Gilford for the building of Riley Road.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize it's Fire Department to go the aid of other cities, towns, villages and fire districts within the State of New Hampshire; if voted in the affirmative, the Selectmen hereby petition the call of the organization meeting of the District Fire Mutual Aid System to include said Town.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to have the Road Agent appointed by the Selectmen instead of being elected, as provided in RSA 245:6 and 245:8.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the land located at the southern entrance of Woodlands Road from Leon Young Estate and Bradford Jones as a gift. Said land to be used as a new entrance from Rte. #11-D.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the non-partisan ballot system in years to follow. (By petition)

Article 43. To hear reports of Agents, auditors, committees or officers hereinbefore mentioned chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 44. To transact any other business that may legally come before this said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this tenth day of February 1977.

A.WM. HEIDKE
FREDERICK M. PERKINS
RICHARD HEADLEY
Selectmen

A true copy, attest

A. WM. HEIDKE
FREDERICK M. PERKINS
RICHARD HEADLEY
Selectmen

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT
TOWN OF ALTON, N.H.
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977)
REVENUE SHARING FUND

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Fund Balance

Available Funds, January 1, 1976	(July 1, 1976)	\$ 54,990.95
Add Revenue:		
Entitlement Payments	\$43,349.00	
Interest	<u>3,533.94</u>	
		<u>\$ 46,882.94</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		<u>\$101,873.89</u>
Capital Expenditures:		
Transportation	\$32,801.88	
Public Safety	<u>24,598.84</u>	
Total Capital Expenditures		<u>\$ 57,400.72</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 57,400.72</u>
Available Cash – December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977)		\$ 44,473.17
Less Expenditures:		
Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations Authorized)		
December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977)		
Capital Outlay:		
Environmental Conservation	\$11,030.00	
Total Capital Encumbrances		<u>\$ 11,030.00</u>
Total Encumbrances		<u>\$ 11,030.00</u>
Available Unobligated Funds – December 31, 1976		
(June 30, 1977)		\$ 33,443.17

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Alton, N. H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977).

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Alton, N. H. for the year ended December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977).

February 10, 1977

Signed
MARGUERITE CHAMBERLAIN
NANCY L. DREW
Auditors

TOWN BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977
 Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations, and Expenditures of the Previous Year
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Ensuing</u>
	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			1977
			(1977-78)
<u>Sources of Revenue</u>			
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 24,451.16	\$ 24,000.00
Railroad Tax	300.00		
Savings Bank Tax	3,000.00	4,256.91	4,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	11,000.00	14,518.24	14,000.00
State Aid-Water Pollution Projects		38.30	
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	23,095.33	23,095.33	20,945.40
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid	100.00	108.08	100.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	10,000.00	11,062.00	9,000.00
Gas Tax Refund	1,600.00	1,558.53	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance		576.85	
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	600.00	737.50	730.00

Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	1,000.00	3,071.00	2,700.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	39,000.00	53,567.24	50,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	4,000.00	7,077.09	4,000.00
Income From Trust Funds Gilman Tr. Fd. Prin. & Int.	3,031.67	3,031.67	3,000.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds Accd. Int. sewer Acc't	20,810.00	20,810.00	
Municipal Improvement 1/1 - 3/9	800.00	747.51	1,600.00
Fines & Forfeits - Municipal & District Court	3,000.00	2,620.94	2,500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	250.00	195.12	194.00
Resident Taxes Retained	11,000.00	14,790.00	13,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,500.00	2,084.19	1,500.00
Rent of Town Property	4,000.00	4,559.00	4,559.00
Sale of Town Property		884.80	
Income from Departments	3,000.00	2,773.10	3,000.00
Water Dept. Budget	20,962.00	20,273.43	38,694.00
New Highway Bldg.			47,800.00
Bond & Note Issues (Contra) New Tractor Loader	13,400.00	12,000.00	
Dump Land	15,000.00		
East Alton Fire Station	10,000.00		
Land Fill 1976			25,000.00
Revenue Sharing	45,000.00	37,400.72	66,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES			\$337,522.40
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes (Exclusive of County and School Taxes)			351,812.25
TOTAL REVENUES			\$689,334.65

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Recommended</u>		<u>Submitted</u>	
	<u>Previous</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>Without</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	<u>Fiscal Year</u>					
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION						
General Government:						
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 30,950.00	\$ 29,250.00				
Town Officers' Expenses	32,978.00	37,639.00				
Election & Registration Expenses	1,825.00	1,325.00				
Municipal & District Court Expenses	3,300.00	3,300.00				
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	37,376.00	40,948.00				
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	13,200.00	14,200.00				
Municipal Improvement	800.00	1,600.00				
Protection of Persons & Property:						
Police Department	57,950.00	58,779.00				
Fire Department	24,249.00	24,250.00				
Care of Trees	1,600.00	1,600.00				
Insurance	12,000.00	14,500.00				
Planning & Zoning	1,125.00	1,250.00				
Damages & Legal Expense-Including dog damage	10,150.00	6,000.00				
Civil Defense	100.00	100.00				
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)	3,000.00	3,000.00				
Public Health Nursing		2,200.00				
Humane Society	400.00	400.00				
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	31,597.00	31,597.00				
Highways & Bridges: Tarvia	15,000.00	15,000.00				
Town Maintenance-Summer & Winter	79,079.00	85,770.00				

Street Lighting	12,000.00	13,200.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	35,554.00	25,775.00
Town Road Aid	1,682.24	1,670.65
Libraries:	6,035.00	7,585.00
Community Action Program		853.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	5,000.00	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,600.00	9,600.00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled-Soldier Aid	3,000.00	3,000.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, Etc.)	1,350.00	1,350.00
Recreation: Parks & Playgrounds	5,070.00	6,550.00
Public Service Enterprises: Water Hydrants		2,400.00
Municipal Water-Electric Utilities	23,362.00	38,694.00
Cemeteries	7,860.00	7,860.00
Airports Town Road Program	13,000.00	13,000.00
Advertising & Regional Assocs. - Lakes Region Assoc.		1,102.00
Debt Service: $\frac{1}{2}$ Int. Proposed Bond	1,518.00	2,075.00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	52,356.51	32,183.00
Interest-Long Term Notes & Bonds	6,945.00	5,609.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	10,000.00	11,000.00
Capital Outlay: Bicent. Comm.	1,500.00	
Chamber of Commerce	1,700.00	1,700.00
Lakes Region Planning	1,963.00	2,096.00
New Tractor Loader	13,400.00	
East Alton Fire Station	10,000.00	

Municipal Improvement	10,000.00	4,000.00
Police Cruiser	4,600.00	4,727.00
New Public Works Bldg.		100,000.00
New Highway Truck	27,000.00	
Land for New Dump	15,000.00	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds: Fire Truck	5,000.00	5,000.00
State Land		5,000.00
1 Acre Land-Old Dump		1,500.00
Land Adjacent to Fire Station		2,100.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$641,174.75</u>	<u>\$687,337.65</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	Liabilities Forwarded From 1975		Appropriations Received & Total		EXPENDITURES BALANCES		Liabilities Forwarded To 1977
	1975	1976	Reimburse-ments	Amount Available	1976	Unexpended	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries		30,950.00	527.24	30,950.00	30,474.64	475.36	
Town Officers' Expenses		32,978.00		33,505.24	28,057.24	5,448.00	
Election & Registration		1,825.00		1,825.00	2,134.08		309.08
Municipal Court		3,300.00		3,300.00	3,200.00	100.00	
Town Hall & Other Buildings		37,376.00	1,264.50	38,640.50	36,008.80	2,631.70	
Police Department		57,950.00	1,975.72	59,925.72	57,720.20	2,205.52	
Fire Station		24,249.00	638.13	24,887.13	24,165.54	721.59	
Care of Trees		1,600.00		1,600.00	2,213.04		613.04
Insurance		12,000.00	22.00	12,022.00	13,286.73		1,264.73
Planning & Zoning		1,125.00		1,125.00	936.28	188.72	
Health Department-Ambulance		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Municipal Water (Hydrants 2,400.00)							
(Water Dept. 20,962.00)		23,362.00		23,362.00	22,673.43	688.57	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal		31,597.00		31,597.00	6,118.42	25,478.58	
Summer Maintenance		34,235.00	196.50	34,431.50	34,414.66	16.84	
Winter Maintenance		44,844.00	14.00	44,858.00	47,299.82		2,441.82
Town Road Aid		1,682.24		1,682.24	1,682.24		
Street Lighting		12,000.00		12,000.00	12,680.55		680.55
General Expense of Highway		35,554.00	226.20	35,780.20	35,336.39	443.81	
Library		6,035.00		6,035.00	6,035.00		
Old Age Assistance		9,600.00		9,600.00	8,859.73	740.27	
Town Poor		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,904.86	95.14	
Soldiers Aid		3,000.00		3,000.00	567.25	2,432.75	
Parks & Playgrounds		5,070.00	195.50	5,265.50	5,007.94	257.56	
Cementeries		7,860.00	4,878.20	12,738.20	9,978.55	2,759.65	
Damages by Dogs		150.00		150.00		150.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses		10,000.00	136.00	10,136.00	2,416.83	7,719.17	214.68
Social Security		8,000.00		8,000.00	8,214.68		
Pension Plans		5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,089.92	110.08	
Tarvia		15,000.00		15,000.00	11,286.94	3,713.06	

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Road Program						
Article #10 Memorial Day	13,000.00	350.00	7,012.40	350.00	5,987.60	\$
Article #11 Independence Day	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Article #14 Civil Defense	100.00	100.00			100.00	
Article #15 & #16 Hospitals	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Article #17 Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Article #18 Lakes Region Planning Commission	1,963.00	1,963.00	1,963.00	1,963.00		
Article #19 Humane Society	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00		
Article #27 Municipal Improvement Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Article #29 Bicentennial Committee	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,068.00	1,068.00	432.00	
Article #32 Police Cruiser	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,598.84	4,598.84	1.16	
Article #33 New Highway Truck	27,000.00	27,000.00	24,091.22	24,091.22	2,908.78	
Article #34 1976 & 1975-Land for New Dump	25,000.00	15,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
Article #37 New Tractor Loader	13,400.00	13,400.00	13,400.00	13,400.00	11,464.38	1,935.62
Article #38 1976-Art. #35 1974 E.A. Fire Station	24,487.19	10,000.00	34,487.19	24,487.19	24,487.19	10,000.00
Article #39 Capital Reserve Fund-Fire Truck to Trustee of Trust Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Article #28 Municipal Imp. Fund-Exp. 1/1-3/2/76	800.00	800.00	747.51	747.51	52.49	
Interest Temporary Loans	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,631.77	10,631.77	631.77	
Interest Long Term Notes	8,463.00	8,463.00	7,177.02	7,177.02	1,285.98	
Principal Long Term Notes	52,356.51	52,356.51	52,356.51	52,356.51	300.00	
Article #23 1969 Water Project	6,780.00	6,780.00	6,780.00	6,780.00	6,780.00	
Article #1 1970 Sewer Construction Bond & Article #29 1970 Reduction of Bond Issue (Held in Savings Account)	61,331.72	61,331.72	61,331.72	61,331.72	61,331.72	
Article #35 1975 Equipment for New Dump	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Article #37 1975 Reassess Property in Town	44,154.02	44,154.02	31,287.75	31,287.75	1.14	12,867.41
Article #38 1975 New Fire Truck	48,050.00	48,050.00	48,050.00	48,050.00		
School District	275,350.22	899,663.49	614,350.22	614,350.22	279,313.27	\$435,828.02
	<u>\$510,153.15</u>	<u>\$1,259,488.02</u>	<u>\$10,073.99</u>	<u>\$1,779,715.16</u>	<u>\$1,281,799.57</u>	<u>\$68,544.38</u>
						<u>\$ 6,456.81</u>

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 1975	December 31, 1976
	\$	\$
ASSETS:		
Cash in Hands of Treasurer-Town Checking Acct.	\$168,319.52	\$212,033.19
Yield Tax Escrow Accounts	2,318.86	1,907.31
Municipal Improvement Fund-Capital Reserve	13,883.83	22,658.71
Article #28-1969 Warrant (Water)	6,780.00	6,780.00
Article #1 & #29-1970 Warrant (Sewer)	61,331.72	61,331.72
Article #3-1972, Art. #24-1973 Warrants (Cap. Res. Sewer)	64,000.00	64,000.00
Article #26-1974 (Capital Reserve Sewer)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Interest on Sewer Savings Account	23,368.37	9,515.45
Article #4-1972 Warrant (Cap. Res. Fire Truck)	5,000.00	0.00
Article #23-1973 Warrant (Cap. Res. Fire Truck)	5,000.00	0.00
Article #25-1974 Warrant (Cap. Res. Fire Truck)	5,000.00	0.00
Article #39-1976 Warrant (Cap. Res. Fire Truck)	0.00	5,000.00
Urban Planning Fund	167.42	175.98
New Cemetery Account	7,760.44	5,539.55
Revenue Sharing Fund Including Interest	54,990.95	44,473.17
Article #35-1974 Warrant-E. Alton Fire Station	24,487.19	0.00
Article #38-1976 Warrant-E. Alton Fire Station	0.00	10,000.00
Interest-Capital Reserve Fire Truck	1,677.58	1,789.34
Interest-Capital Reserve Sewer	9,201.29	13,969.63
Conservation Commission	8,006.57	8,899.64
Article #34-1975 & 1976 Warrant-Land-New Dump	25,000.00	40,000.00
Article #35 Equipment-for New Dump	13,970.00	13,970.00
Article #37 Reassessment of Town Property	44,154.02	12,867.41
Article #38 New Fire Truck	12,250.00	0.00
Interest on Property Reassessment Savings Acct't.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,628.56</u>
	576,667.76	556,539.66
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Highway Department	312.71	220.96
Police Department	25.00	97.00

New Hampshire Gas Tax Refund	\$	493.02	\$	275.13	\$
Planning & Zoning		1,412.58		1,462.64	
Community House		100.00		130.00	
Fire Department		267.53		255.53	
Town Officers' Expenses		2.90		0.00	
Election & Registration		5.00		0.00	
T. R. A. Unexpended Balance in State Treasury		<u>2,164.45</u>	4,783.19	<u>1,057.75</u>	3,499.01
UNCOLLECTED TAXES:					
Levy of 1976 (Includes Resident Tax)		0.00		190,758.85	
Levy of 1975 (Includes Resident Tax)		165,103.00		290.00	
Levy of 1974 (Includes Resident Tax)		160.00		20.00	
Levy of 1973 (Includes Resident Tax)		<u>713.50</u>	165,976.50	<u>327.00</u>	191,395.85
Unredeemed Taxes		<u>12,031.41</u>	12,031.41	<u>9,315.76</u>	9,315.76
WATER DEPARTMENT:					
Cash in Hands of Treasurer		4,480.94		11,305.94	
Rochester Savings & Trust Co.		25,000.00		11,000.00	
Rochester Savings & Trust Co. - Interest		4,985.71		7,516.15	
Farmington National Bank		16,000.00		30,000.00	
Water Rents Receivable		5,694.01		4,428.71	
Inventory		<u>8,869.69</u>	65,030.35	<u>7,965.00</u>	72,215.80
Total Assets		\$824,489.21		\$832,966.08	
Net Debt & Excess Assets over Liabilities (1976)		46,259.34		(57,231.65)	
Total Assets & Net Debt		<u>\$870,748.55</u>		<u>\$775,734.43</u>	
LIABILITIES:					
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:					
School District		275,350.22		279,313.27	

Capital Reserve Municipal Fund	\$ 13,883.83	\$ 22,658.71
Article #28-1969 Warrant (Water)	6,780.00	6,780.00
Article #1 & #29-1970 Warrant (Sewer)	61,331.72	61,331.72
Article #3-1972-#24-1973 Warrants (Cap. Res. Sewer)	64,000.00	64,000.00
Article #26-1974 (Sewer-Capital Reserve)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Article #4-1972 Warrant (Fire Truck-Capital Reserve)	5,000.00	0.00
Article #23-1973 Warrant (Fire Truck-Capital Reserve)	5,000.00	0.00
Article #25-1974 Warrant (Fire Truck-Capital Reserve)	5,000.00	0.00
Article #39-1976 Warrant (Fire Truck-Capital Reserve)	0.00	5,000.00
Article #38-1976 Warrant (E. Alton Fire Station)	0.00	10,000.00
Article #35-1974 Warrant (E. Alton Fire Station)	24,487.19	0.00
Yield Tax (Escrow Accounts)	2,318.86	1,907.31
Interest on Capital Reserve Fire Truck	1,677.58	1,789.34
Interest on Capital Reserve Sewer	9,201.29	13,969.63
Article #34-1975 & 1976 Warrant-Dump Land	25,000.00	40,000.00
Article #35-1975 Warrant-Dump Equipment	13,970.00	13,970.00
Article #37-1975 Reassessment of Town Property	44,154.02	12,867.41
Article #38-1975 New Fire Truck	12,250.00	0.00
Article #37-1976 New Tractor Loader	0.00	535.62
	589,404.71	554,123.01
Water Department (Contra. Account)	65,030.35	72,215.80
New Cemetery Account	7,760.44	5,539.55
Revenue Sharing Fund-Including Interest	54,990.95	44,473.17
Pensions	914.95	1,004.35
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	473.99	0.00
T. R. A. Unexpended Balance in State Treasury	2,164.45	1,057.75
Urban Planning Fund	167.42	175.98
Withholding Tax	1,208.40	1,415.50
FICA	4,691.51	5,119.92
Gift-Barbershoppers to P. & P. - net balance	30.00	30.00
Police Donations	64.73	64.73
Due State of New Hampshire:		
Yield Tax 2% Debt (Collected)	460.15	0.00

	<u>46.71</u>	<u>190.10</u>	<u>190.10</u>
	<u>506.86</u>		<u>131,286.85</u>
	138,004.05		
Yield Tax 2% Debt (Uncollected)			
Long Term Debt:			
Water Department	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,700.00	
Town Road Program	4,573.17	0.00	
Fire Station	2,433.29	1,216.62	
Sewerage Program	20,000.00	0.00	
Mapping	6,600.00	0.00	
Gilman Historical Building	23,333.33	21,666.66	
Revaluation Program	58,000.00	46,400.00	
E. Alton Fire Station	25,000.00	20,000.00	
Fire Truck	0.00	10,000.00	
Tractor-Loader	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>	
	<u>143,339.79</u>		<u>112,983.28</u>
	\$870,748.55		\$798,393.14

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

	<u>Annual</u> <u>Maturities</u> <u>Due</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Interest</u> <u>Due</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Amount</u> <u>for Year</u>
10. Issue of September 17, 1962, \$18,250.00 (Fire Station)			
March 17, 1977		\$ 21.29	
September 17, 1977	\$ 1,216.62	21.29	\$ 1,259.20
29. Issue of June 1, 1967, \$17,000.00 (No. 68 Water)			
June 1, 1977	1,700.00	32.30	1,732.30
36. Issue of November 25, 1974, \$25,000.00 5.85% (No. 137 Museum Building)			
May 26, 1977		633.75	
November 26, 1977	1,666.67	633.75	2,934.17
May 26, 1978		585.00	
November 26, 1978	1,666.67	585.00	2,836.67
May 26, 1979		536.25	
November 26, 1979	1,666.67	536.25	2,739.17
May 26, 1980		487.50	
November 26, 1980	1,666.67	487.50	2,641.67
May 26, 1981		438.75	
November 26, 1981	1,666.67	438.75	2,544.17
May 26, 1982		390.00	
November 26, 1982	1,666.67	390.00	2,446.67
May 26, 1983		341.25	
November 26, 1983	1,666.67	341.25	2,349.17
May 26, 1984		292.50	
November 26, 1984	1,666.67	292.50	2,251.67
May 26, 1985		243.75	
November 26, 1985	1,666.67	243.75	2,154.17
May 26, 1986		195.00	
November 26, 1986	1,666.67	195.00	2,056.67
May 26, 1987		146.25	
November 26, 1987	1,666.67	146.25	1,959.17
May 26, 1988		97.50	
November 26, 1988	1,666.67	97.50	1,861.67
May 26, 1989		48.75	
November 26, 1989	1,666.62	48.75	1,764.12

37. Issue of December 31, 1975, \$25,000.00 5% (No. 142 E. A. Fire Station)

June 30, 1977	\$	\$ 500.00	\$
December 31, 1977	5,000.00	500.00	6,000.00
June 30, 1978		375.00	
December 31, 1978	5,000.00	375.00	5,750.00
June 30, 1979		250.00	
December 31, 1979	5,000.00	250.00	5,500.00
June 30, 1980		125.00	
December 31, 1980	5,000.00	125.00	5,250.00

38. Issue of December 31, 1975, \$58,000.00 5% (Reappraisal of Town)

June 30, 1977		1,160.00	
December 31, 1977	11,600.00	1,160.00	13,920.00
June 30, 1978		870.00	
December 31, 1978	11,600.00	870.00	13,340.00
June 30, 1979		580.00	
December 31, 1979	11,600.00	580.00	12,760.00
June 30, 1980		290.00	
December 31, 1980	11,600.00	290.00	12,180.00

39. Issue of November 2, 1976, \$10,000.00 4.40% (No. 143 New Fire Truck)

June 24, 1977	5,000.00	220.00	
December 24, 1977		110.00	5,330.00
June 24, 1978	5,000.00	110.00	5,110.00

40. Issue of November 2, 1976, \$12,000.00 4.40% (No. 146 Tractor Loader)

November 2, 1977	6,000.00	528.00	6,528.00
November 2, 1978	6,000.00	264.00	6,264.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall & Other Buildings	\$ 139,150.00
Furniture & Equipment	17,000.00
Library, Land & Buildings	73,200.00
Books & Equipment	9,000.00
Harold Gimán Museum	75,000.00
Fire Department, Land & Buildings	107,950.00
Apparatus & Equipment	100,000.00
Highway Dept., Tractor House Shed, Including Place Lot Building & Gravel Banks	19,000.00
Plows & Equipment	18,000.00
Trucks	70,000.00
Grader	50,000.00
Loader & Backhoe	50,000.00
Police Department	
Cruisers & Equipment	15,000.00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	350,000.00
Alton Water Works	150,000.00
Schools, Lands & Buildings	1,307,500.00
Equipment	75,000.00
Other Properties:	
William C. Levy Park	16,000.00
Public Swimming Wharf	5,000.00
Public Boat Dock	15,000.00
Public Beaches, Alton Bay	10,000.00
Public Beaches, West Alton	4,000.00
Bandstands	3,000.00
Bath Houses	30,000.00
Railroad Property	25,000.00
Half Moon Pond Frontage	5,000.00
Blake Land (Hill Pond)	2,500.00
Duncan Land	750.00
Constantine Land	1,500.00
Demitropoulos Land	2,300.00
	\$2,745,850.00

YEARLY REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING December 31, 1976

Motor Vehicle Permits:			
1976	(3126)		\$ 53,105.25
Refunds			<u>- 307.14</u>
			\$ 52,798.11
1975 Permits	(29)		<u>769.13</u>
			\$ 53,567.24
Titles	(707)		707.00
Dog Licenses	(288)		
Male, Female, &			
Spayed Female		\$ 677.00	
1 Kennel		25.00	
Fines		35.00	
2 Replacement Tags @ .25		<u>.50</u>	\$ 737.50
Vital Statistics			
Birth Copies		\$ 18.00	
Marriages & Copies		89.00	
Death Copies		<u>132.00</u>	\$ 239.00
U.C.C. Filing Fees			153.00
Aqua-therm Permits			16.50
Filing Fees			8.00
Miscellaneous Fees			<u>4.00</u>
Remitted to Treasurer, Gladys E. Howe			\$ 55,432.24

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

December 31, 1976

To the Selectmen of the Town of Alton:

Herewith is submitted the Report of the Tax Collector for the Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31, 1976. The report is divided into five parts as follows:

1. Total Receipts for the period from all sources.
2. Balance Sheet for Levy of 1976
3. Balance Sheet for Levy of 1975
4. Balance Sheet for Levy of 1974
5. Balance Sheet for Levies of Prior Years
6. Summary of Tax Sales Acc't as of Dec. 31, 1976

Part 1

TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING FISCAL YEAR

LEVY OF 1976

Property Taxes	\$896,151.79	
Resident Taxes	11,780.00	
Nat'l Bank Stock Tax	195.12	
Timber Yield Taxes	2,074.11	
Interest Collected	12.02	
Penalties Collected	<u>40.00</u>	\$910,253.04

LEVY OF 1975

Property Taxes	\$159,865.26	
Resident Taxes	2,980.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	10.08	
Interest Collected	6,721.71	
Penalties Collected	<u>297.00</u>	\$169,874.05

LEVY OF 1974

Resident Tax	\$ 20.00	
Penalties Collected	<u>2.00</u>	\$ 22.00

LEVIES OF PRIOR YEARS

Property Taxes	\$ 16.50	
Resident Tax	10.00	
Interest Collected	3.36	
Penalties Collected	<u>1.00</u>	\$ 30.86

REDEMPTIONS FROM SALES (ALL YEARS)

Property Taxes	\$ 12,483.86	
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>1,021.32</u>	\$ 13,505.18

TOTAL RECEIPTS REMITTED TO

TREASURER DURING PERIOD

\$1,093,685.13

Part 2
BALANCE SHEET FOR LEVY 1976
DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$1,087,115.52		
Resident Taxes	13,220.00		
Bank Stock Tax	<u>195.12</u>		\$1,100,530.64
Timber Yield Taxes			3,214.72
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,675.04		
Resident Taxes	<u>1,270.00</u>		3,945.04
Interest Collected, Property Taxes			12.02
Penalties Collected, Resident Taxes			<u>40.00</u>
	TOTAL DEBITS		\$1,107,742.42

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$ 896,151.79		
Resident Taxes	11,780.00		
Bank Stock Taxes	195.12		
Timber Yield Taxes	2,074.11		
Interest Collected	12.02		
Penalties Collected	<u>40.00</u>		\$ 910,253.04
Abatements Authorized:			
Property Taxes	5,289.92		
Resident Taxes	<u>300.00</u>		\$ 5,589.92
Uncollected Taxes, Dec.31, 1976:			
Property Taxes	188,348.85		
Resident Taxes	2,410.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	<u>1,140.61</u>		\$ <u>191,899.46</u>
	TOTAL CREDITS		\$1,107,742.42

Part 3
BALANCE SHEET FOR LEVY 1975
DR.

Uncollected Taxes 1/1/76:			
Property Taxes	\$ 161,042.76		
Adjustment '75	<u>255.11</u>		
	\$ 160,787.65		
Resident Taxes	3,580.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	<u>480.24</u>		\$ 164,847.89

Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	\$	124.00	
Resident Taxes		<u>500.00</u>	\$ 624.00
Interest Collected		6,721.71	
Penalties Collected		<u>297.00</u>	\$ <u>7,018.71</u>
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 172,490.60

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$	159,865.26	
Resident Taxes		2,980.00	
Timber Yield Taxes		10.08	
Interest Collected		6,721.71	
Penalties Collected		<u>297.00</u>	\$ 169,874.05
Abatements Authorized:			
Property Taxes	\$	1,046.39	
Resident Taxes		<u>810.00</u>	\$ 1,856.39
Uncollected Taxes, Dec.31, 1976			
Resident Taxes	\$	290.00	
Yield Taxes		<u>470.16</u>	\$ 760.16
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 172,490.60

Part 4

BALANCE SHEET OF LEVY 1974

DR.

Uncollected Taxes, 1/1/76:			
Resident Taxes	\$	160.00	\$ 160.00
Penalties, Res. Taxes	\$	1.00	\$ <u>1.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 161.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Resident Taxes	\$	10.00	
Penalties		<u>1.00</u>	\$ 11.00
Abatements Authorized:			
Resident Taxes	\$	130.00	\$ 130.00
Uncollected Taxes, Dec.31, 1976			
Resident Taxes	\$	20.00	\$ <u>20.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 161.00

Part 5
BALANCE SHEET FOR LEVIES PRIOR TO 1974
DR.

Uncollected Taxes, 1/1/76:

Property Taxes	\$	203.50		
Resident Taxes		<u>510.00</u>	\$	713.50
Interest Collected		3.36	\$	<u>3.36</u>
TOTAL DEBITS			\$	716.86

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$	16.50		
Interest Collected		<u>3.36</u>	\$	19.86
Abatements Authorized:				
Resident Taxes	\$	370.00	\$	370.00
Uncollected Taxes, Dec.31, 1976:				
Property Taxes	\$	187.00		
Resident Taxes		<u>140.00</u>	\$	<u>327.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS			\$	716.86

Part 6
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

DR.

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:		
	1975	1974	1973
	Prior Years		
(a) Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes of January 1, 1976	\$	\$7,743.87	\$1,682.16
Taxes Sold to Town During			
Current Fiscal Year	10,159.29		
Interest Collected After Sale	78.68	581.31	202.73
Redemption Costs	24.00	34.00	6.00
<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>	<u>\$10,261.97</u>	<u>\$8,359.18</u>	<u>\$1,890.89</u>
	<u>CR.</u>		
Remittances to Treasurer			
During Year:			
Redemptions	\$ 4,779.86	\$6,118.04	\$ 299.69
Interest & Costs After Sale	102.68	615.31	208.73
Abatements During Year			
Deeded to Town During Year	69.99	69.49	65.35
Unredeemed Taxes -			186.25
December 31, 1976	5,309.44	1,556.34	330.54
<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>	<u>\$10,261.97</u>	<u>\$8,359.18</u>	<u>\$1,890.89</u>
			<u>\$2,699.98</u>

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1976 \$ 168,319.52

Receipts:

Raymond C. Duncan, Tax Collector \$1,093,685.13

Gwendolyn M. Jones, Town Clerk:

Auto Permits 53,567.24

Dog Licenses 737.50

Titles 707.00

Miscellaneous Fees 420.50 \$ 55,432.24

State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividends Tax 24,451.16

Savings Bank Tax 4,256.91

Meals & Rooms Tax 14,518.24

Business Profits Tax 11,062.00

Gas Purchases (State Depts.) 6.32

Forest Fire Refunds 336.58

Highway Subsidy 23,095.33

Water Resources 38.30

Forest Land 108.08

Town Road Aid 2,626.61

Gasoline Tax 1,558.53

Rental, Grader 165.00

Old Age Assistance 576.85

Highway Flood Damage 60.00 \$ 82,859.91

Business Licenses & Permits:

Beano Licenses 700.00

Junk Yard License 25.00

Pistol Permits 88.00

Building Permits 842.50

Roadside Permits 4.00

Well Permits 125.00

Sanitary Permits 245.00

Explosives Permit 2.00 \$ 2,031.50

Rent:

Victoria Pier 790.00

Clam Bar 665.00

Shibley's 545.00

Bank, Town Hall 1,900.00

Community House, Alton Bay 295.00

Community House, W. Alton 35.00

Community House, Alton Bay,			
All Saints Chapel	104.00		
Blue Jay	<u>225.00</u>	\$	4,559.00
Income from Departments:			
Highway:			
Smith Point Assoc.	196.50		
Sale, Old Brush Cutter	10.00		
Alton Bay Camp Meeting Assoc.	226.20		
Plowing & Sanding	<u>14.00</u>	\$	446.70
Police:			
Accident, Theft, Fire Reports	210.00		
Parking Fines	34.00		
Police Duty, Reimb.	1,635.50		
Refund to Police Dept.,			
Police Calendar	<u>237.50</u>	\$	2,117.00
Alton Municipal Court			2,620.94
Cemetery Internments			1,650.00
Alton Water Dept., Notes, etc.			3,184.20
Gilman Historical Museum, Reimb.			2,257.12
Revenue Sharing Program			43,349.00
Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance			1,035.00
Temporary Notes			550,000.00
Long Term Note (Art. 38, 1975 Warrant)			10,000.00
Long Term Note (Art. 37, 1976 Warrant)			12,000.00
Farmington Nat'l Bank, Bond Reduction			
Payment, (New Fire Truck)			2,200.00
Farmington Nat'l Bank, Withdrawal,			
Escrow Accounts (\$1,128.29 Tax			
Collector, \$506.77 Reimbursement)			1,635.06
Farmington Nat'l Bank, Withdrawal, Cemetery			
Account (Reimb. Enlargement of Vault)			2,772.66
Farmington Nat'l Bank, Withdrawal, Sewage Acc't.			
(Last Payment on Bond Issue, Art. 40, 1976			
Warrant)			20,810.00
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.,			
Withdrawal (Bal. 1976 Exp.) Reassessment			
Account			31,286.61
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust, Withdrawal			
(Rev. Sharing Acc't. Art. 24, 1975 Warrant)			24,598.84
(New Fire Truck, \$20,000, Art. 32, 1976 War.)			

(New Police Cruiser, \$4,598.84)	
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust, Withdrawal (Rev. Sharing Acc't. New Highway Truck, \$24,091.22) (Equipment, Highway \$8,710.66)) (Art.24, 33, 1976 Warrant) (Art.2, 24, 1976 Warrant)	32,801.88
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust, Withdrawal (E. Alton Fire Station Account, Reimb. 1976 Expenditures)	25,741.94
Trustee of Trust Funds:	
Gilman Historical Bldg. Exp.	
Note, (Principal & Interest) 4,363.90	
Purchase, New Fire Truck 15,800.00 (Art. 38, 1975 Warrant)	
Cemetery Acc't., Misc. Exp. 2,065.54	
Municipal Improvement Fund 747.51 (Art.26, 1976 Warrant)	
Article 27, 1976 Warrant 2,707.58	
Sidewalk Improvement <u>55.69</u>	25,740.22
Miscellaneous Receipts & Refunds:	
3 M Copier	291.07
Sale of Town Histories	48.00
Blue Cross, Blue Shield	402.50
Advertising & Postage, Public Hearings	334.97
Sale of Check Lists	45.00
Telephone Calls, Reimbursements	52.43
Building & Zoning Regulations	101.17
Gilford Police, Reimbursement	8.22
Town Reports, Postage & Handling	.25
Forest Fires, Reimbursement	301.55
Load of Wood, Reimbursement	40.00
Turf, Reimbursement	40.00
Sale of Office Equipment	448.80
Sale of Police Cruiser	426.00
Kendall Ins. Agency, Vandalism Reimb.	948.00
Kendall Ins. Agency, Refund Coverage 1974 Police Cruiser	22.00
Swimming Program, Reimbursement	195.50
Kendall Ins. Agency, Vandalism, Reimbursement	316.50
Legal Expenses, Reimbursement	136.00
Planning Board Reimbursement	30.00

Cement Reimbursement		4.00
Rogers Stationery Store, Refund		6.95
Fuel Oil, Reimbursement		18.53
Nighswander, Lord, Martin & Killkelley Reimb.		7.00
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust, Reimb.		5.00
Belknap Co. Commission, Food Orders, Reimb.		44.91
Alton Conservation Commission	\$	<u>60.00</u>
		\$2,207,468.82
Water Department:		
Jan. 1, 1976-Dec. 31, 1976		
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1976	4,480.94	
Water Dept. Receipts	<u>27,098.43</u>	<u>31,579.37</u>
		\$2,239,048.19
Selectmen's Orders Paid:		
Town Payments	1,995,435.63	
Water Department	<u>20,273.43</u>	\$2,015,709.06
Cash on Hand Dec. 31. 1976		
Town Account	212,033.19	
Water Department	<u>11,305.94</u>	<u>223,339.13</u>
		\$2,239,048.19
Dec. 31, 1976, On Deposit:		
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.		
Town Account, Revenue Sharing Program	\$	54,990.95
Deposits		43,349.00
Interest		<u>3,533.94</u>
	\$	101,873.89
Withdrawals, Reimbursements		<u>57,400.72</u>
	\$	44,473.17
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co		
Town Account, Conservation Commission	\$	8,006.57
Deposits		390.00
Interest		<u>563.07</u>
	\$	8,959.64
Withdrawal, Reimbursement		<u>60.00</u>
	\$	8,899.64
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.		
Water Department	\$	29,985.71
Deposits		1,232.36
Interest		<u>1,298.08</u>
	\$	32,516.15

Withdrawals, Reimbursements		<u>14,000.00</u>
	\$	18,516.15
Farmington Nat'l Bank, Savings Certificate		<u>30,000.00</u>
	\$	48,516.15
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust		
Town Account, Reassessment of Town		
Property	\$	44,154.02
Interest		<u>1,628.56</u>
	\$	45,782.58
Withdrawals, Reimbursements		<u>31,286.61</u>
	\$	14,495.97
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.		
Town Account, E. Alton Fire Station	\$	24,487.19
Interest		<u>1,254.75</u>
	\$	25,741.94
Withdrawal, Reimb. Account Closed		<u>25,741.94</u>
Farmington National Bank		
Town Account, Sewage Project	\$	700.09
Deposits		20,914.98
Interest		<u>762.08</u>
	\$	22,377.15
Withdrawals, Reimbursements		<u>21,529.98</u>
		847.17
Farmington National Bank, Savings Cert.		<u>70,000.00</u>
	\$	70,847.17
Farmington National Bank		
Urban Planning Assistance Program	\$	167.42
Interest		<u>8.56</u>
	\$	175.98
Farmington National Bank		
New Riverside Cemetery Account	\$	7,760.44
Deposits		150.00
Interest		<u>401.77</u>
		8,312.21
Withdrawals, Reimbursements		<u>2,772.66</u>
	\$	5,539.55

Farmington National Bank	
Town Escrow Accounts	2,318.86
Deposits	1,124.97
Interest	<u>98.54</u>
	\$ 3,542.37
Withdrawals	<u>1,635.06</u>
	\$ 1,907.31

Respectfully submitted,
GLADYS E. HOWE
Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books, Vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Municipal Court, Trustee of Trust Funds, Gilman Library, Water Department and Town Officers Surety Bonds for the Town of Alton, New Hampshire, for the year ending December 31, 1976 and find them to be correct in all respects.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE CHAMBERLAIN
NANCY L. DREW
Auditors

February 24, 1977

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Year Taxes:	
Property	\$ 896,151.79
National Bank Stock	195.12
Yield	2,074.11
Resident	11,780.00
Previous Years:	
Property	159,881.76
Yield	10.08
Resident	3,010.00
Interest	6,737.09
Resident Tax Penalties	340.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	12,483.86
Interest, Tax Sales Redeemed	1,021.32
From State:	82,859.91
From County	44.91
Federal Revenue Sharing Program	43,349.00
Dog Licenses	737.50
Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees	3,071.00
Fines & Forfeits, Municipal Court	2,620.94
Rent of Town Property	4,559.00
Income from Trust Funds	6,485.13
Income from Departments	2,773.10
Water Department	3,184.20
Registration of Motor Vehicles	53,567.24
Fire Department	301.55
Police Department	1,975.72
Highway Department	436.70
Temporary Loans	550,000.00
Long Term Notes	22,000.00
Gilman Museum Committee	2,257.12
Conservation	60.00
Insurance Adjustment	1,286.50
Refunds	929.04
Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance, U.S. Treas.	1,035.00
New Fire Truck Debt Reduction (from Fire Dept.)	2,200.00
Withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Fund (Memo)	57,400.72
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Funds	
(Municipal Improvement & New Fire Truck)	19,255.09
Withdrawal from Sewer Savings Account	
(Accrued Interest)	20,810.00

Withdrawal from Prop. Reassessment Savings Account (Memo)	31,286.61
Withdrawal from Cemetery Savings Acc't. (Memo)	2,772.66
Withdrawal from E. Alton Fire Station Savings Account (Memo)	24,487.19
Withdrawal from E. Alton Fire Station Savings Account, Int.	1,254.75
Withdrawal from Yield Tax Escrow Accounts (Memo)	1,128.29
Sale of Town Property	884.80
Non-Appropriated Items	402.50
Town History	48.00
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	\$2,039,149.30

.SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 30,474.64
Town Officers' Expenses (Including Office Help)	28,057.24
Election & Registration	2,134.08
Municipal Court	3,200.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	36,008.80
Police Department	57,720.20
Fire Department	24,165.54
Care of Trees	2,213.04
Gilman Historical Building Expenses	3,589.35
Insurance	13,286.73
Planning Board	936.28
Health Dept., Including Hospitals	3,000.00
Non-Appropriated Items	102.50
Town Dump	6,118.42
Summer Maintenance	34,414.66
Winter Maintenance	47,299.82
Town Road Aid	4,315.34
Street Lighting	12,680.55
General Expense of the Highway	35,336.39
Library	6,035.00
Old Age Assistance	8,859.73
Town Poor	4,904.86
County Poor	44.91
Memorial Day & Other Celebrations (Art. #10 & # 11)	1,350.00
Soldiers' Aid	567.25

Parks & Playgrounds	5,007.94
Old Cemetery	8,286.67
New Cemetery	1,691.88
Damages & Legal Exp. Incl. Dog Damage	2,416.83
East Alton Fire Station	29,235.34
Taxes Bought by Town	10,159.29
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	1,800.19
Social Security	8,214.68
Pension Plans	5,089.92
Conservation	60.00
Yield Tax Escrow	1,128.29
Article #37 (1975) Reassessment	31,287.75
Article #38 (1975) Fire Truck	48,050.00
Article # 17 Chamber of Commerce	1,700.00
Article # 18 Lakes Region Planning	1,963.00
Article # 19 Humane Society	400.00
Articles # 26 & # 27 Expenditures ,	
Municipal Improvement Trust Fund	3,455.09
Expenditures, Sidewalk Trust Funds	55.69
Article # 27 Payment to Municipal Impr. Fund	10,000.00
Article # 29 Bicentennial Committee	1,068.00
Article # 32 Police Cruiser	4,598.84
Article # 33 Highway Truck	24,091.22
Article # 37 Tractor Loader	11,464.38
Article #39. Fire Truck Exp. to Capital Res.	5,000.00
Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance to	
Municipal Improvement Fund	1,035.00
Rev. Sharing Funds to Savings Account	
(Memo)	43,349.00
Interest, Long Term Notes	7,177.02
Interest, Short Term Notes	10,631.77
Tarvia	11,286.94
Town Road Program	7,012.40
Water Works Dept. (Hydrants, \$2,400.00 and	
Water Works Dept. \$1,075.30)	3,475.30
Temporary Loans	550,000.00
Reimb. to Cap. Reserve, Sewer Acc't.	
Long Term Loans	52,656.51
State & County	111,114.82
School District	614,350.22
State Gas	6.32
	<u>6.32</u>
	\$1,995,435.63

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES
TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Selectmen	\$ 3,489.75
Treasurer	993.05
Tax Collector	5,199.32
Town Clerk	4,796.04
Engineer, Bldg. Inspector, Health Officer	14,974.27
Trustee of Trust Funds	972.21
Clerk, Budget Committee	<u>50.00</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 30,474.64
1976 Appropriation \$30,950.00	
Unexpended	\$ 475.36

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Office Expenses	\$ 19,871.45
Tax Collector, Supplies & Expenses	1,574.83
Assessing & Mileage	707.19
Auditors	435.00
Boat Rental	34.20
Advertising	686.43
Printing	1,343.00
Treasurer's Expenses	175.40
Postage	715.65
Association Dues & Meetings	635.85
Title Search	44.00
Updating Tax Map	823.00
Road Research	<u>1,011.24</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 28,057.24
1976 Appropriation \$32,978.00	
Unexpended	\$ 4,920.76

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Moderator	125.00
Supervisors	442.80
Ballot Inspectors	1,308.99
Meals	8.09
Printing & Postage	180.35
Setting Up Booths	<u>68.85</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 2,134.08
1976 Appropriation \$ 1,825.00	
Overexpended	\$ 309.08

TOWN HALL & OTHER BUILDINGS

Custodians	\$ 4,124.64
Telephone	3,931.78
Electricity	5,714.98
Fuel	9,575.32
General Maintenance	4,323.27
Repairs & Improvements	7,243.97
Water	418.50
Snow Plowing	150.00
Janitor Supplies	452.38
Miscellaneous	<u>73.96</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 36,008.80
1976 Appropriation	\$ 37,376.00
Unexpended	\$ 1,367.20

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$ 45,871.28
Tires	647.32
Radio Repairs	370.65
Uniforms	1,107.61
Traffic Equipment	223.77
Gasoline	4,574.12
False Arrest Insurance	265.00
Training	120.00
Mileage	30.48
Office Supplies	236.03
Health Insurance	1,445.58
Chief's Expense	156.60
Cruiser Repairs	886.89
Repairs to Equipment	27.68
Private Duty	1,726.19
Evidence	<u>31.00</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 57,720.20
1976 Appropriation	\$ 57,950.00
Receipts	<u>1,975.72</u>
	\$ 59,925.72
Unexpended	\$ 2,205.52

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Payroll, Firemen & Stewards	\$ 9,302.32
Snow Removal, Alarms	302.48

Forest Wardens	79.10
Association Dues	177.00
Mutual Aid	50.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

Gas, Oil, Anti-freeze	636.90
Bottled Gas	76.28
Office Supplies	15.20
Steward Supplies	193.71
Fire Prevention	3.50
Training Expense	113.76
Training Instruction	315.00
Recharge Extinguisher	8.50
Preplan Program	8.78

REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

Fire Alarm Maintenance	79.50
Repair Plectron & Radios	464.23
Truck Handlite & Batteries	129.44
Grease, Inspection, Tires, Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,496.49
Oil Burner Permits	100.00
Forest Fire Expense	888.05
Breathing Equipment Repairs	97.02
W.A.Fire Station Roof	930.50

FIRE BOAT

Boat Storage	265.50
Dock Rental	125.00
Engine Repair	125.45
Repair Steering, etc.	290.00

NEW EQUIPMENT

Hose	3,942.36
Ziamatic Sets, Smoke Ejector Holders	121.00
Nozzle Holder, etc.	142.48
Chimfex	74.20
Battery Charger	221.00
Combination Nozzle	375.00
Gated 4 1/2" Relief Valve	199.50
Pike Poles (2)	39.00

Hose Clamp Mount	130.00
Wheel Chocks & Brackets	156.00
W.A.Fire Station Equipment	409.33
24 Pairs Mittens	120.00
Radio, Bay Truck	379.00
750 Gallon Booster Truck	<u>1,582.96</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 24,165.54
1976 Appropriation, \$ 24,249.00	
Unexpended	\$ 83.46

TARVIA

Salaries	\$ 689.01
Truck Rental	632.50
Tar	9,445.43
Sand, Screening	<u>520.00</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 11,286.94
1976 Appropriation \$ 15,000.00	
Unexpended	\$ 3,713.06

GENERAL EXPENSE - HIGHWAY

Payroll	\$ 5.42
Mileage & Rental of Road Agents' Truck	1,520.90
Culverts	2,601.96
Fuel, Trucks & Shed	3,999.54
Gas & Oil	2,774.30
Oxygen	123.57
Miscellaneous Supplies	831.70
Cutting Edge Teeth	371.38
Chains, All Vehicles	418.55
Plow Blades, Wing Blades, Grader Blades	1,450.88
Yoke Rake Teeth	329.49
Small Parts & Tools	1,290.90
Tires, All Vehicles	1,016.67
Repairs, All Vehicles & Equipment	9,590.68
Steel Bars & Angle Irons	265.54
New Equipment	<u>8,744.91</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 35,336.39
1976 Appropriation \$35,554.00	
Receipts	<u>226.20</u>
	\$35,780.20
Unexpended	\$ 443.81

HIGHWAY - WINTER

Salaries	\$ 23,918.19
Rental, Outside Equipment	11,615.20
Salt	10,127.39
Cold Patch	283.50
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	908.64
Sand	<u>446.90</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 47,299.82
1976 Appropriation	\$ 44,844.00
Receipts	<u>14.00</u>
	\$ 44,858.00
Overexpended	\$ 2,441.82

HIGHWAY - SUMMER

Salaries	\$ 24,874.85
Beede Waste Oil	2,338.40
Gravel	1,092.31
Cold Patch	2,184.42
Rental of Equipment	2,104.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	<u>1,820.68</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 34,414.66
1976 Appropriation	\$ 34,235.00
Receipts	<u>196.50</u>
	\$ 34,431.50
Unexpended	\$ 16.84

TOWN ROAD PROGRAM

Salaries	\$ 1,679.32
Woodlands Road	1,218.75
Avery Hill Road	<u>4,114.33</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 7,012.40
1976 Appropriation	\$ 13,000.00
Unexpended	\$ 5,987.60

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Rubbish Removal	\$ 956.88
General Care & Supplies	315.31
Levy Park	35.82
Swim Area East	626.23
Swim Area West	19.53

Band Concerts		670.00
Red Cross Program		857.90
Park Benches (2)		8.31
Life Guard		<u>1,517.96</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$	5,007.94
1976 Appropriation	5,070.00	
Receipts	<u>195.50</u>	
	\$	5,265.50
Unexpended	\$	257.56

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$	2,336.00
Assistant		675.00
Books & Other Library Materials		2,052.41
Supplies		289.36
Equipment		276.30
Special Programs & Public Relations		106.14
Social Security		<u>182.59</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$	5,917.80
1976 Appropriation	\$ 6,035.00	
Overexpended	\$	117.20

TOWN POOR

Welfare Officer	\$	286.00
Electricity		641.53
Fuel		1,677.37
Food		114.96
Rent		99.00
Nursing Care		2,000.00
Miscellaneous		<u>86.00</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$	4,904.86
1976 Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Unexpended	\$	95.14

SOLDIERS AID

Electricity	\$	127.15
Fuel		381.65
Medical		14.61
Food		<u>43.84</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$	567.25
1976 Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
Unexpended	\$	2,432.75

TOWN DUMP

Salary & Equipment Rental	\$ 5,125.46
Highway Payroll	231.13
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	294.77
Exterminator	140.00
Site Preparation	282.26
Close out Old Dump	<u>44.80</u>
1976 Expenditures	\$ 6,118.42
1976 Appropriation	\$ 31,597.00
Unexpended	\$ 25,478.58

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$58,592,000.00
Buildings	37,913,350.00
Electric Plants	
N.H. Electric Cooperative	1,601,000.00
Wolfeboro, Town of	105,000.00
Public Service Co. of N.H.	47,000.00
House Trailers	748,900.00
Boats & Launches	<u>487,500.00</u>
TOTAL GROSS VALUATION	\$99,494,750.00
Total Exemptions	194,650.00
Net Valuation	\$99,300,100.00
Tax Rate for 1976, \$11.20	
per \$1,000.00 Valuation	

ALTON MUNICIPAL COURT - 1976

Balance, Farmington Nat'l Bank		
December 31, 1975		\$ 100.00
Court Receipts, 1976		<u>5,480.00</u>
		\$ 5,580.00
Disbursements from Fines:		
N.H. Division of		
Motor Vehicles	\$2,087.00	
N.H. Fish & Game Dept.	184.00	
Witness Fees	150.00	
Breathalyser Test	15.00	
Blood Test	<u>20.00</u>	\$ 2,456.00
Disbursements from Court:		
Witness Fees		\$ 244.80
Court Expenses:		
Telephone	19.96	
Printing	24.60	
Postage	27.20	
N.H. Judge's Assoc. Dues	65.00	
Clerk of Court's Bond	20.00	
Clerk Assoc. Dues	25.00	
Criminal Code	6.00	
N.H. Supreme Court,		
Advance Sheets	<u>8.00</u>	\$ 440.56
		\$ 2,896.56
Paid to Treasurer, Town of Alton		<u>2,583.44</u>
		\$ 5,480.00
Balance, Farmington Nat'l Bank Dec. 31, 1976		<u>100.00</u>
		\$ 5,580.00

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

Receipts:		
25 Entry Fees		\$ 59.55
Disbursements:		
Postage, 25 Small Claims	22.05	
Paid to Treas. Town of		
Alton, N.H.	<u>37.50</u>	\$ 59.55

COURT CASES

Complaints Entered:

Alton Police Department	219
N.H. State Police Department	62
Belknap County Sheriff's Department	11
N.H. Fish & Game Department	14
Other	<u>2</u>
	308

Respectfully Submitted,
ARCHIE A. HORNE
Justice

ALTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

As the years go by, the Ambulance Service seems to grow larger in all ways.

In 1970 when we first formed as an official group, we had a total of six members and an ambulance housed under the town hall. Now in 1977 we have a membership of 16 trained and dedicated people, and own our building. Our calls in our first year numbered only 17. In the past year, we had 176, almost a call every other day. The calls were up 47% over the previous year, and our mileage was up 67% to 7,250 miles.

Through the generous donations of the people of Alton and New Durham, we have been able to provide this service. Without your help we could not survive.

This coming year we must ask for a great amount of help. Our goal is to purchase a new ambulance. In the past year there were several occasions when we had two calls at the same time and were hard pressed to cover both. We intend to keep our present ambulance as a backup unit, but we do need a more modern vehicle. With your help and a lot of work on our part we hope to achieve this goal.

Thank you for your help in the past, and remember our motto: "Help us to help you."

CHARLES E. LAPOINTE
President
Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service

ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This past year the Alton Police Department has covered 128 larcenies in comparison to 75 during the year 1975. It should also be noted that the number of juvenile cases are also on the increase. Vandalism in Alton is also another problem that is on the increase.

In 1975 120 burglaries were reported and I am pleased to report that this dropped to 77 reports in 1976.

As of January 1, 1977 the Alton Police Department along with every Police agency in the state of New Hampshire must file a monthly Uniform Crime Report to the State Police Crime Report Unit, thus placing an additional work load on the Department.

Our Alton Police Officers are continuing to take courses at St. Anselms College in Manchester and also attend courses that are sponsored by the N. H. Police Standards & Training Council.

The Alton Police Department would like to thank the people of Alton who have cooperated in reporting suspicious activity in the Town. We ask that you continue and by so doing we may hope for a decrease in the crime rate, as a result.

On behalf of the Alton Police Department, I would like to extend thanks to the Selectmen, the Sheriff's Department, the New Hampshire State Police, the Fish & Game Department, all special Officers and to all Alton residents for their fine cooperation during the year 1976.

The following is the list of activities for the Alton Police Department for the year 1976:

Man Hours	9,287	Special Detail Hours	577
Office Hours	1,159½	Hours in Court	162½
Criminal Investigation Hrs.	569½	Complaints Answered	1,272
Other Investigation Hrs.	226½	Accidents Covered	116
Accidents Reported	141	Traffic Details	115
Criminal Arrests	51	Parking Violations	31
D. W. I.	17	Summons	180
Motor Vehicle Arrests	194	Warnings	307
Checkups	695	Suspensions	12
D. E. Tags	204	Radar Checks	2,055
Relays	110	Escorts	10
Messages Delivered	129	Untimely Deaths	9
Camp Checks	7,644	Building Checks	16,137
Doors/Windows Unlocked	130	Aids Rendered	3,252
Aids to Other Depts.	648	Breaking & Entering	77
Larceny	128	Animal Complaints	275
Animals Killed	14	Ambulance Assists	80
Fire Assists	27	Missing Persons	13
Missing Persons Located	13	Abandoned Vehicles	6

Stolen Vehicles	2	Recovered Vehicles	1
Bad Checks	20	Drug Cases	13
Vandalism	61	Juvenile Cases	41
Pistol Permits	53	Vehicles Towed	4
Attempted Armed Robbery	1	Reported Rape	1

ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1976 COURT CASES

Speeding	44	Unreasonable Speed	10
Unsafe Tires	8	Failure To Yield	2
Passing At Intersection	1	Stop Sign Violation	2
One-Way Street Violation	4	Solid Line Violation	20
Uninspected Motor Vehicles	25	Misuse of Plates	4
Unregistered Motor Vehicles	7	Passing On Right	1
Operating After Suspension	5	Reckless Operation	2
Operating Without A License	15	Improper Left Turn	1
Excessive-Unnecessary Noise	7	Passing School Bus	1
Towing Trailer Without Lights	5	D. W. I.	17
Operating Motor Vehicle With- out Lights	3	Assault	4
Operating Over-Width Vehicle	1	Bad Checks	3
Oper. Motorcycle w/out Eye Protection	4	Burglary	6
Oper. Motorcycle w/out muffler	1	Theft By Deception	1
Oper. Motorcycle w/out proper Headgear	1	Conspiracy	1
Leaving Scene of Accident	1	Forgery	1
Obstruction To Driver's Mechanism	1	Criminal Trespass	3
False Name to Police Officer	1	Criminal Mischief	1
Possession Stolen Property	3	Disorderly Conduct	2
Theft Unauthorized Taking	4	Public Intoxication	5
Conspiracy To Commit Forgery	1	Cruelty To Animals	1
Contributing To Delinquency of Minor	1	Illegal Possession	3
Sale of Alcoholic Beverage to Minor	1	Knowingly Present	5
Possession Of Loaded Pistol w/out Permit	1	Indecent Exposure	2
Sale of Controlled Drug	1	Totals:	
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	1	Motor Vehicle Cases	194
		Criminal Cases	51
		Total Court Cases	245
		Respectfully submitted,	
		CHARLES W. WHEELER	
		Chief of Police	

REPORT OF THE TOWN ENGINEER

In a recent newspaper article the growth rate of New Hampshire was forecasted to increase by 25% by the year 1990, an increase at the rate of 1.9% per year. Although the bulk of the growth in the state would be to our south, construction in the Town of Alton supports this projection. 29 permits for houses and 5 for mobile homes puts the town at 1.7% in this category.

In all, 155 building permits were processed for a stated value of \$1,058,000. The average house carried a value of \$21,500. and the average mobile home \$7700.

State sanitary permits, subdivision approvals and general planning indicate that this rate of growth will continue through the coming year.

The Health Department issued 67 permits for new sanitary systems, repairs to existing systems and for installation of new wells. Besides the minimum standards aspect the information has already been and will continue to be helpful in planning, particularly on smaller lots.

Well water and surface water sampling continues as a matter of course. Where pollution has been determined, discontinuance of use and corrective measures have been the endeavor.

Removal or repairs to dilapidated buildings also comes under the Health Department and this program has been continuing. Inspection of restaurants in cooperation with the state Board of Health was started this fall and will continue into the spring.

The fire station in the East Alton section of town became a fact this year and is presently in service. The construction cost at this time is \$29,750. with another \$1500. anticipated for the installation of the floor that will complete this phase of the building.

Another item of interest is the weed removal at the town beach this year. A limited program sufficient to hold the growth of aquatic milfoil from the swimming area will be continued. The initial cost was \$425. and involved the State Water Resource Board, Fish and Game Dept., University of N.H. and EPA indirectly.

As for a land fill site, test pits were dug at a number of prospective locations around town. Alton, to say the least, does not lack for water, either surface or subsurface. Considering this factor, the convenience of a location yet desired separation, cost and availability of land, and the economics of developing the site itself the search continues at the time of this writing.

Finalization of a mobile home/trailer park criteria, perambulation of town lines, review work as requested by the Planning Board, and coordinating some of the state, federal and regional agency programs balanced the time schedule.

Respectfully submitted, G. RICHARD KELLER
Town Engineer

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

George B. Roberts, Jr.

State Representative

Alton, Barnstead and Gilmanton

Belknap County, Dist. #4

On January 5, 1977 I was re-elected to my second term as Speaker of the House. My first term as Speaker was devoted to applying management techniques and tight fiscal control to improve the effectiveness of the Legislature while reducing its operating costs. I will endeavor to continue these efforts during my second term while calling on the Legislature to more fully meet its responsibility of the overseeing and auditing an ever-expanding executive bureaucracy.

The Legislature met this year in a controversial special session to consider a number of issues of immediate statewide importance. Among these was HB4, (Laws of 1976, Ch. 57) which required that every group insurance policy issued by a carrier licensed by the state include mental health coverage equivalent to the coverage for physical illness. This legislation modified an earlier bill passed in the 1975 regular session by reducing out-patient benefits and increasing the ceiling on long-term benefits thereby providing innovative mutual health coverage while avoiding prohibitive costs of the earlier legislation.

Meeting in Special Session allowed the Legislature the opportunity to capture 2.3 million dollars in Medicaid funds by providing for transfer of state funds to match the federal grant.

Important advances were made during the Special Session in the areas of education and consumer protection. SB57 established an incentive program for students from New Hampshire who seek a post-secondary education. The program administered by the Post-Secondary Commission makes loans of \$100 to \$1500 available to students entering their freshman year. Many graduating high school seniors in our district applied for and received loans under this program.

SB44 passed during the Special Session has made significant strides in the area of consumer legislation. That law prohibited any public utility from levying fuel adjustment charges without approval from the Public Utilities Commission. Approval can only be given after a public hearing conducted at least 10 days prior to the first day of the month in which the charge is to be levied. It also established a Legislative Utilities Consumer Council consisting of four members of the Senate to supervise activities affecting utility consumers as well as promoting consumer education.

Of particular interest to my constituents are two bills I sponsored

during the Special Session. In response to complaints from many constituents concerning the excessive noise on Lake Winnepesaukee due to high power motor boats, I sponsored HB18 (Laws of 1976, Ch. 6) providing for a statewide maximum noise level for all outboard engines used on New Hampshire lakes and rivers. Many residents of the area appeared before House Committees to testify in support of this legislation that Rep. Leary and I introduced.

In addition I introduced HB7 (Laws 1976, Ch. 43) which allowed municipalities in the Winnepesaukee River Basin to apply to the Water Supply and Pollution Commission for federal aid in the construction of branch sewer lines. Ultimately, all of the sewerage in this area will be piped to a regional treatment center. 75% of the program cost involved will be funded by the federal government.

In the current 1977 legislative session a number of bills are being considered that will affect the citizens of our district. I will be introducing legislation designed to have the state assume the cost of maintaining and education foster children that live within the district. At the direction of the Alton town meeting I will also endeavor to pass legislation that will require mobile home owners who have moved into the community since the filing deadline for property taxes to pay their proportional share of the local taxes for that year.

I will be co-sponsoring a bill drafted by the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office designed to protect citizens when they buy a used car or mobile home or when they buy into a retail franchise. Other legislation I am sponsoring will more clearly define which roads the towns are obligated to maintain. In addition, I am considering legislation that will facilitate arrangements by landowners to have private roads plowed. I will also continue to watch over the restoration of Shellcamp Pond Dam, a project which was initiated by legislation which I sponsored in the last session.

The job of state representative carries other responsibilities beyond considering and sponsoring legislation. Last year I had an opportunity to respond to many constituent requests. I am also happy to report that many of the people from our district visited the New Hampshire Legislature and my office as well as testifying before committees during the Special Session. I encourage this type of participation and would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm my belief that government should be responsive to the people. Consistent with this belief, I am working to coordinate a schedule whereby your executive councillor, state senator and I will conduct open office hours in the district to meet with residents and discuss local concerns.

In the meantime, if you have any questions concerning state government or if I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me at my office toll free at 1-800-562-6236 or call me at

my home at 267-8151 at any time. If I am not immediately available, you can leave your name and telephone number and I will return your call. If you live in the Pittsfield exchange (435), you can call toll free by dialing 271-3861.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. ROBERTS, JR.
State Representative
Alton, Barnstead and Gilmanton
Belknap, Dist. No. 4

THE HAROLD GILMAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Early in 1976 the Committee was busy cleaning and sorting the numerous artifacts preparatory to placing them on display. During this period the interior of the Museum was completed as designed by G. Richard Keller, Town Engineer.

Through the untiring efforts and advice given us so generously by Charles Shields and Fred Costello, a bedroom, dining room and living room were set up. In addition various display cases were arranged with Revolutionary articles, clocks, lamps, pewter, guns, etc.

The Museum opened to the public on August 15th and closed October 13, 1976. During that time approximately 400 individuals availed themselves of the opportunity to view the displays on Wednesdays, Saturdays of every week and once a month on Sundays. The Committee is indeed grateful to its many friends who volunteered their time to act as hostesses during the Museum hours.

On October 24, 1976 a second successful auction was held at the School Gymnasium. Charles Shields again donated his services as auctioneer and helped us realize a sizeable sum which assisted greatly in liquidating a large portion of our debt to the town.

The Museum will be open again in 1977 from July to October.

MRS. MILDRED LANE, Chairman
ELLIOT W. BURBANK
MISS ANNA HAASE

MRS. CLIFFORD MOONEY
CHARLES SHIELDS
Selectman, Ex-Officio

ALTON - ALTON BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

During 1976 the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce prepared and had printed another brochure. It contains the names of many of the businesses, accommodations and attractions in the area. Also, pictures, useful information in addition to a map of the Town of Alton.

These brochures have been distributed to the rest areas and toll booths in the State of New Hampshire. Large numbers have gone to the various shows in which the State participates. Others have been sent to Canada for display in the New Hampshire-Vermont booth. Several hundred were mailed to those who requested them.

The usual number of 10,000 activity schedules and 75 posters were distributed throughout the area. Organizations that would like to have their events listed on the 1977 activity schedule should contact the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible.

It seems to be the consensus the Chamber provided an attractive program of activities during the summer season beginning with a canoe race Memorial weekend and the fireworks display Labor Day weekend rounding out the season.

The Chamber is always concerned with providing good entertainment for the area. Any activity, to be a success, requires much "behind the scenes" planning and the cooperation of many during the event.

The Chamber of Commerce is deeply grateful to the members of the United Associations of Alton and others who are obviously aware of our efforts.

The 3rd annual Christmas Party was, as always, a huge success with an abundance of refreshments. Our sincere appreciation to all who responded so generously to our call for cookies etc.

Again, we thank the Alton Police Department and everyone who cooperated so willingly on many occasions.

Respectfully submitted,
GLADYS E. HOWE
Secretary

TRUSTEES REPORT GILMAN LIBRARY

Gilman Library continues to progress. Its circulation increased by 12% in 1976. Two new services were added; a Community Calendar of Town Events and a paperback collection.

The Librarian and Chairman of the Board of Trustees participated in Alton's Right to Read Community Council. Lines of communication between the School and Library were strengthened. The Library Staff and School Personnel worked together to acquaint the school children with the facilities of the Library. The School Staff cooperated with the Library by publicizing the Library's Summer Children's programs.

Ten well attended story hours were held during the summer. The Children's Summer Reading Club included forty-two active members.

As a Bicentennial project, Marjorie Mohr, Town Librarian and Jean Roberts, School Librarian set up a special shelf to accommodate the Gilman Library's collection of books on New Hampshire history. A set of books containing New Hampshire's State and Provincial papers from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries was placed at the Library by the Selectmen. The Gilman Library agreed to house this collection so that citizens of Alton may have access to them. Arrangements were also made to acquire copies of microfilmed early Town of Alton records from the Genealogical Society of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

In the late Fall the Staff and Board of Trustees conducted a Community Survey. Its purposes were: to determine if there was community support for an increase in the hours the Library is open to the public; to determine if there is community support for having the Library's unfinished basement room completed; and to determine what types of programs and services the public would like to have the Library undertake. Approximately ten percent of the Town's population responded to the survey. Of those responding 88% were in favor of an increase in hours and 95% were in favor of completing the basement room so that a wider variety of programs and service may be offered at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY M. SMITH
Chairman of Trustees

ALTON COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT

January 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

Cash Received for Rental of Building	\$	295.00
Donation from All Saints Mission		104.00
West Alton Community Center		<u>35.00</u>
NET TOTAL	\$	434.00

TOWN OF ALTON - TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS - 1976

INCOME

Balance, Farmington National Bank		
December 31, 1975		\$ 8,788.58
Income From Investments		11,456.31
Savings Bank Interest on Investments		
Dividends		262.80
Withdrawn from Capital Reserve Accounts:		
Municipal Improvement		
Fund	\$ 3,455.09	
Fire Truck Fund	<u>15,800.00</u>	19,255.09
Withdrawn from Savings Account:		
Oliver J. M. Gilman, .		
Cemetery Fund	83.00	
Oliver J. M. Gilman,		
Lyceum Fund	230.00	
Harold S. Gilman, Fund		
Historical Building	704.80	
Minerva B. Sanborn	1.00	
Horace Carpenter	<u>5.00</u>	1,023.80
New Funds Created:		
Rene Luz	50.00	
Leslie R. Barnes	50.00	
Wayne E. Barnes	50.00	
Alphonse Tanguay	100.00	
Addition to Nehemiah &		
Arthur Durgin	<u>100.00</u>	350.00
Addition to Capital Reserve Funds:		
Municipal Improvement Fund,		
Article 27, 1976 Warrant	10,000.00	
Federal Government Unem-		
ployment Reimbursement to		
Town of Alton	1,035.00	
Fire Truck Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>	16,035.00
		<u>\$57,171.58</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Town of Alton:	
Care of Cemetery Lots	1,572.00

Spring Cleaning	\$	35.00	\$
Water Bill		131.11	
Service & Supplies		51.95	
Cleaning of Stones		100.00	
Fertilizer, Lime & Peat Moss		131.68	
Sod		<u>43.80</u>	2,065.54
Municipal Improvement Fund		3,455.09	
Lewis E. Avery, Sidewalk Fund		55.69	
Article 38, 1975 Warrant		<u>15,800.00</u>	19,310.78
Expenses, Gilman Historical Building			4,363.90
Library Trustees:			
Palmer Book Fund		51.00	
Gilman Book Fund		200.00	
Wheeler Library Fund		<u>250.00</u>	501.00
Ralph Jardine Scholarship Fund, Rick Rines		50.00	
Kelly Brown Scholarship Fund, Debra Dodge		<u>100.00</u>	150.00
Gilman Lyceum Fund			730.00
Pauline Kimball, Care Kimball Cemetery, South Alton			10.00
Sharon Howard, Plants & Flowers, Riverside Cemetery			45.00
Gladys Duncan, Flowers, Avery and Jones Lots			30.00
Deposited to Savings Banks Accounts of Trust Funds:			
Merchant Savings Bank, Manchester		22.00	
N. H. Savings Bank, Laconia		53.00	
Manchester Federal Savings & Loan, Manchester		651.50	
Manchester Savings Bank		652.77	
N. H. Savings Bank, Concord		1,695.69	
Amoskeag Savings Bank		<u>825.62</u>	3,900.58
Capital Reserve Accounts:			
Municipal Improvement Fund		11,035.00	

Fire Truck Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>16,035.00</u>
		47,141.80
Balance, Farmington Nat'L Bank,		
Dec. 31, 1976		<u>10,029.78</u>
		\$57,171.58

Respectfully Submitted,

LOUIS R. ZIEGRA
 ARCHIE A. HORNE
 SIDNEY BUTLER

Report of Alton Trust and Capital Reserve
Funds other than Cemetery Care Trusts.
December 31, 1976

	PRINCIPAL		INCOME	
	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
1904 June 4	\$ 510.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00
1928 Feb. 27	2,000.00	2,000.00	200.00	200.00
1973 Nov. 16	2,500.00	2,500.00	250.00	250.00
1928 Feb. 14	5,000.00	5,000.00	722.74	730.00
1936 May 2	1,000.00	1,000.00	138.01	55.69
1968 Nov. 2	1,000.00	1,000.00	121.44	486.67
1936 May 2	5,000.00	5,000.00	687.84	3,883.29
1966 Oct. 31	710.96	710.96	82.19	50.00
1968 June 28	1,000.00	1,000.00	115.63	100.00
1973 Aug. 11	2,200.00	2,200.00	236.80	518.62
1969 Apr. 30	36,591.03	36,591.03	4,226.55	4,363.90
1969 Aug. 26	644.44	644.44	89.54	516.44
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				
1944 Dec. 29	13,883.83	13,883.83	12,229.97	2,707.58
				22,658.71

1973	Town of Alton, N. H.	15,000.00	5,000.00	1,677.58	911.76	15,800.00	1,789.34
Dec. 3	Fire Truck						
1973	Town of Alton, N. H.	84,000.00	84,000.00	9,201.29	4,768.34		13,969.63
Dec. 3	Sewer Fund						

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1976

No.	Shares	Balance Beginning Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
100	12/31/76	\$ 6,232.84			\$ 6,232.84	\$ 370.00	\$
262	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	10,399.92			10,399.92	618.32	618.32
400	Pittsburg National Bank	10,681.85			10,681.85	712.00	712.00
182	The Southern New England Tel. Co.	9,843.98			9,843.98	546.00	546.00
137	State Street Boston Financial Corp.	5,389.00			5,389.00	328.80	328.80
354	New England Merchants National Bank	7,426.06			7,426.06	495.60	495.60
32	J. P. Morgan & Co. (Stock Dividends)					57.60	57.60
1500	Investors Stock Fund, Inc.	33,006.50			33,006.50	873.75	873.75
458	Manufacturers Hanover Corp.	9,362.83			9,362.83	824.40	824.40
165	Campbell Soup Co.	5,411.47			5,411.47	224.40	224.40
462	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.	10,210.38			10,210.38	665.28	665.28
5	American Tel. & Tel. Co. \$4.00 Conv. PFD	250.00			250.00	20.00	20.00
134	Commonwealth Edison Co.	5,989.14			5,989.14	318.25	318.25
3	Northern Illinois Gas Co. \$1.90 PFD					5.72	5.72
150	The Chase Manhattan Corp.	5,155.33			5,155.33	330.00	330.00
250	Public Service Co. of N. H. 11% Div. Series PFD	6,250.50			6,250.50	504.06	504.06
271	Public Service Co. of N. H. Common	7,929.50			7,929.50	687.52	687.52
410	Bank of America	11,701.13			11,701.13	647.80	647.80
515	International Tel. & Tel. Co.	15,101.31			15,101.31	1,158.76	1,158.76
1125	American International Group, Inc. Common	4,117.50			4,117.50	303.75	303.75
150	General Motors Corp.	12,208.91			12,208.91	832.50	832.50
116	Crum & Forster \$2.40 PFD	5,300.00			5,300.00	278.40	278.40
990	Champion Spark Plug Co.	12,096.89			12,096.89	653.40	653.40
				Dividend Income	11,456.31		11,456.31
				Bank Interest	262.80		262.80
					\$194,065.04		\$11,718.11
							\$11,718.11

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ALTON WATER WORKS

December 31, 1975

December 31, 1976

ASSETS

Cash:

In Hands of Treasurer \$ 4,480.94
 Interest 4,985.71
 Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co. 25,000.00
 Farmington National and Savings Bank 16,000.00

\$11,305.94
 7,516.15
 11,000.00
30,000.00

\$50,466.65

Water Rents Receivable

5,694.01

\$59,822.09

Adjustment (subtract)

34.63

4,428.71

Inventory

8,869.69

7,965.00

Total Assets

\$64,995.72

\$72,215.80

Excess Assets over Liability

(61,154.52)

(70,483.50)

Total Assets & Net Debt

*\$ 3,841.20

\$ 1,732.30

LIABILITIES

Farmington National Bank Notes

\$ 3,529.20

Adjustment 1966 Town Report error

312.00

*(Not carried for year 1976)

\$ 3,841.20

\$ 1,732.30

ALTON WATER WORKS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1976

Balance January 1, 1976

Cash in Hands of Treasurer	\$ 4,480.94
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.	25,000.00
Farmington Nat'l & Savings Bank (Savings Accounts)	16,000.00
Interest	4,985.71

Receipts 1976:

Water Rents	\$ 25,257.30	
Interest, Water Rents	138.48	
Interest, Savings Acc't	2,530.44	
Water Connections & Disconnections	296.00	
Reimb. on Office Equipment	99.99	
Repair Service	56.66	
New Services	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>29,628.87</u>
		\$ 80,095.52

Expenditures 1976:

Materials Purchased	2,839.05	
Reservoir & Pumping Station Expenses	7,055.19	
Repairs to Meters & Services	2,727.55	
Office Supplies	295.01	
Mileage & Expenses	1,512.00	
Labor & Equipment Rental	2,330.77	
Social Security & Insurance	73.57	
Notes Paid to Town	2,000.00	
Interest on Notes	108.90	
New Mains & Services	<u>1,331.39</u>	<u>20,273.43</u>
		\$ 59,822.09

Analysis of Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1976

In the Hands of the Treasurer	11,305.94
Interest	7,516.15
Farmington National & Savings Bank	30,000.00
Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.	<u>11,000.00</u>
	\$ 59,822.09

ALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The annual report to the people, of a departments past year should reflect the activities, accomplishments and statistics of the department. We feel that the annual report should also clarify areas of the departments operation that might not be fully understood by Individuals not closely associated with the department. In this report we will attempt to show the need of the seemingly never ending training our personnel undergoes. This will be done by both explanation and a short example. Training in the fire service might better be called practice, it is not simply teaching a fire fighter to do a certain job, but to practice this skill until the function can be performed under any degree of stress, many times with hazard to his own life, with hazard to a fellow fire fighter or the life of a fire victim. He must practice until his performance in a given situation is virtually automatic regardless of weather, crowds or location. Lets use as an example one of the most vital and highly skilled positions in the fire service that of pump operator, and lets place him in a position that is not that unusual or even extreme.

A private home on fire in the early evening hours! The first truck has arrived on the scene, hose lines are laid and the pump operator has charged the lines and the attack on the fire is started. Now what does the pump operator do and what are some of the possible happenings that can occur for this man to handle. First he is one of the most highly visible person at a fire because he is out front, by a big red truck with lots of flashing lights, people seem to naturally gather near a fire truck, so our operator has crowds of people around, many giving well meant advice, his radio is crackling a variety of orders both to him and others, a distraught mother maybe grabbing his arm and screaming, my child, my baby, I can't find him. I think he is still in the house. Now amidst all this and probably more, our pump operator must do his job with as little chance of failure as his training and practice can provide him, he can not be rusty and unsteady like the occasional bicycle rider, he must control hose line pressures, know what lines go where, monitor out going and incoming water supply and pressure, maintain a reserve supply of water to protect other fire fighters if withdrawal becomes necessary for any reason, he must monitor his radio for changes in orders, start or stop water flow or change pressures on lines as ordered, have a working knowledge of hydraulics to be able to provide proper pressures to lines of varying lengths to adequately supply the amounts of water needed, monitor the operation of the truck motor, be aware of the position of all equipment on his assigned vehicle and be able to direct others to this equipment when asked. This is one job, one man, the variables

he may encounter can not be counted, another job another man to be as efficient and responsible as the next, and the next, with the Utopia being all men being able to do all tasks in the fire service.

We hope the preceding has given some insight to the need of constant training or practice, so we of the fire service may better serve.

We would note at this time that the men of the department have raised and paid to the Selectmen the first two installments on the part of the purchase price they agreed to assume at town meeting, this amounts to \$6,000.00 of the \$13,000.00 total promised.

The new Mack was delivered in April and has proved its worth at several fires already.

Our sincere thanks and the departments to the Alton Police Department for their fine cooperation in making our job easier. Our thanks to the Ambulance Service for their help both at fires and their aid in training some of our personnel.

Following please note department statistics for 1976.

Total number of Alarms	74
Total Alton Alarms	60
Total Mutual Aid Alarms	14
Fire and Emergency Calls Breakdown	
Structure	12
Chimney	5
Woods and Brush (not included in Forest Fires)	7
Car and Gas Wash Down (vehicle accidents)	8
Flooded Oil Burners	1
Town Dump	1
Lost Persons	1
Rescue	6
Special Service	8
Electric Wiring	1
False Alarms	10
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	60
Forest Fires (4.0 acres)	3

Average Response Time 2.4 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BIRDSEY
HAROLD CLOUGH
WESTON ALDEN

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	246	85.87
Town	3	4.00

CLARK M. DAVIS
District Fire Chief

HAROLD CLOUGH
Forest Fire Warden

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	BIRTHPLACE
Jan. 3	Colin Thomas Farrell	Gault Macalister Farrell	Phyllis Virginia Bowes	Rochester, N. H.
Jan. 15	Daniel Norman Hillsgrove	Norman Walter Hillsgrove	Catherine Susan Goodrich	Rochester, N. H.
Jan. 17	Meghany Robert Gray	Robert Anthony Gray, Jr.	Deborah Jean Barton	Concord, N. H.
Jan. 28	Brandt Elayne Tilton	Donald R. Tilton	Diane V. Sample	Laconia, N. H.
Feb. 15	Scott Kenneth Duntley	John David Duntley	Sharon Lee Lewis	Rochester, N. H.
Feb. 16	Eric Gordon Sanders	Gordon Robert Sanders	Nancy Ann Lacroix	Laconia, N. H.
Mar. 2	Kelly Jean Fair	Ronnie Kent Fair	Mary Frances Chase	Wolfeboro, N. H.
Mar. 7	Allisa Jean Rief	John Earl Rief	Suzanne Margaret Blackstock	Laconia, N. H.
Mar. 15	Angela Marie Sinclair	Lawrence Arthur Sinclair	Lynda Pauline Elliott	Rochester, N. H.
April 7	Jessica Lynn House	Randi Allen House	Sharon Lee Dore	Wolfeboro, N. H.
April 14	Tonia Marie Joy	Kevin Clavin Joy	Barbara Mae Gerlack	Concord, N. H.
April 20	Windy Lee Thompson	William Mark Thompson	Ruth Iwadell Colbath	Rochester, N. H.
June 10	Jennifer Eva Hurst	Stephen Albert Hurst	Eva Marie Blunden	Laconia, N. H.
July 8	Sara Ellen Wyatt	Robert Arnold Wyatt	Sandra Louise MacDonald	Laconia, N. H.
July 9	Erik Anders Widerstrom	David Frederick Widerstrom	Lois Ann Christiansen	Dover, N. H.
July 10	Danielle Lee Decatur	Stephen Hazlewood Decatur	Theresa Louise Loanes	Laconia, N. H.
July 13	Donald Lawrence Lissau, Jr.	Donald Lawrence Lissau	Nancy Lynn Burdeau	Rochester, N. H.
August 16	Ryan Lee Higgins	Robert Lee Higgins	Shirley Ann Beaupre	Rochester, N. H.
August 26	Barbara Ann McKenney	David John McKenney	Linda Marie Watson	Laconia, N. H.
Sept. 8	Amy Thayer Smith	David Steven Smith	Maureen Ellen Black	Rochester, N. H.
Oct. 29	Erica Asenath DeLuca	Edward Charles DeLuca	Audris Erica Reinholz	Laconia, N. N.
Dec. 19	Gary Leon Noyes, Jr.	Gary Leon Noyes	Terri Ann Rollins	Laconia, N. H.
Dec. 30	Erika Lynn Fenton	Peter Wesley Fenton	Susan Dianne Bascom	Concord, N. H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	By Whom Married & Official Station
Jan. 3	Farmington	N. H. Robert A. Scott Susan L. Clough	N. H. Farmington, N. H.	Rev. Robert E. Allten Minister
Jan. 17	Portsmouth, N. H.	Ralph Lawrence Drew Geraldine Marion Landry	N. H. Portsmouth, N. H.	Violet A. Murray Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	Alton, N. H.	Barry Kahn Jean A. Regan	N. H. Alton, N. H.	Gwendolyn M. Jones Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	Alton, N. H.	Kenneth O. Taylor Arleen R. Locke	N. H. Concord, N. H.	Rev. Dwight V. Meader Minister
Feb. 14	Wolfeboro, N. H.	C. Russell Noyes, Jr. Doreen Lynn White	N. H. Alton, N. H.	William W. Stickle Priest
April 3	Farmington, N. H.	William Mark Thompson Ruth I. Colbath	N. H. Alton, N. H.	Rev. Robert E. Allten Minister
May 22	Wolfeboro, N. H.	Leon Hillsgrave Shirley A. Stavroboulos	N. H. Alton, N. H.	Rev. Dr. Roger A. Plummer Minister
May 22	Ctr. Ossipee, N. H.	Kennard S. Lang Marleen D. Nitz	N. H. Meredith, N. H.	Rev. Linwood C. Potter Minister
June 19	Tuftonboro, N. H.	Robert Charles Moulton, Jr. Nancy Jean Stockman	N. H. Alton, N. H.	J. Kenneth Bryant, Jr. Minister
June 26	Alton, N. H.	Dana A. Aylward Carol L. Downing	N. H. Middletown, Mass.	Rev. Armond A. Furgion R. C. Priest
July 3	Pittsfield	Lee Arthur Hillsgrave Kathleen Gail Blackey	N. H. Alton, N. H.	Christopher Drew Minister
July 10	Alton, N. H.	David Douglas Dodge Donna Mae Pearse	N. H. Alton, N. H.	Ronald Connellissen Justice of the Peace

Aug.	7	Alton, N. H.	Donald L. Estes	Alton, N. H.	Lawrence Heath
Aug.	14	Alton, N. H.	Kathryn G. Gaudettee	Alton, N. H.	Minister
Aug.	28	Alton, N. H.	Gary Norman Lance	Alton, N. H.	Rev. Dwight V. Meader
Aug.	29	Alton, N. H.	Mary Ann McKenney	Alton, N. H.	Minister
Sept.	9	Alton, N. H.	William Spear Holway	Alton, N. H.	Everett E. Pender
Sept.	25	Alton, N. H.	Shirley Dale Jones	Alton, N. H.	Minister
Sept.	25	Alton, N. H.	William T. Messier	Alton, N. H.	Rev. Dwight V. Meader
Oct.	24	Tamworth, N. H.	Barbara Ann Leighton	Alton, N. H.	Minister
Nov.	26	Alton, N. H.	Leo E. Boucher	Alton, N. H.	Rev. Dwight V. Meader
Dec.	4	Alton, N. H.	Pauline Kimball	Alton, N. H.	Minister
			Steven C. Pitchford	Snyder, N. Y.	Rev. Dwight V. Meader
			Tamara E. Rand	Boothbay, Maine	Minister
			Roy D. Sample	Alton, N. H.	Rev. Dwight V. Meader
			Sue A. Lewis	Boothbay, Maine	Minister
			Peter D. Hayes	Wolfeboro Falls, N. H.	Rev. Dr. Roger A. Plummer
			Barbara A. Bald	Alton, N. H.	Minister
			James E. Lord	Warner, N. H.	Horation J. Chase
			Linda Sue Emerson	Alton, N. H.	Minister
			John R. Bishop	Meredith, N. H.	Rev. Dwight V. Meader
			Wendy L. Paine	Alton, N. H.	Minister

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALTON, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Jan. 2	Clara Bonney Dunbar	Alton, N. H.	82	Laconia, N. H.
Jan. 12	Jean R. Hall	Alton, N. H.	64	Alton, N. H.
Jan. 31	Nellie Jones Earle	Farmington, N. H.	85	Rochester, N. H.
Feb. 13	Edna S. Jeffs	Alton, N. H.	78	Alton, N. H.
Feb. 15	Adjutor Turgeon	Somersworth, N. H.	93	Alton, N. H.
Feb. 16	Albert W. Welch	West Alton, N. H.	88	Laconia, N. H.
Feb. 17	Andrew Urquhart	Alton, N. H.	81	Wolfeboro, N. H.
Feb. 19	Alice M. Clark	Alton, N. H.	95	Laconia, N. H.
Feb. 29	Wayne E. Barnes	Alton, N. H.	44	Holyoke, Mass.
Feb. 29	Leslie Jean Barnes	Alton, N. H.	39	Westfield, Mass.
Mar. 17	Emily K. Barnes	Alton, N. H.	71	Wolfeboro, N. H.
Mar. 19	Arthur J. Picard	Alton, N. H.	84	Alton, N. H.
April 3	Dana K. Franklin	Alton Bay, N. H.	52	Laconia, N. H.
April 14	Mary C. Goodell	Farmington, N. H.	71	Hanover, N. H.
May 5	Alice R. Blythe	Alton, N. H.	70	Wolfeboro, N. H.
May 21	Winifred L. Perkins	Alton, N. H.	85	Rochester, N. H.
June 11	Doris C. Marcell	Alton, N. H.	66	Alton, N. H.
June 25	Della Jane Berry	Alton, N. H.	91	Alton, N. H.
July 2	Anna Chamberlain	Alton, N. H.	78	Bedford, N. H.
July 9	Kenneth Wellington Chamberlain, Jr.	Alton, N. H.	77	Alton, N. H.
July 17	Florence Collins	No. Hollywood, Ca.	65	Alton, N. H.
July 19	(Lissette) Lucy (Braunfeld) Stoffert	Reading, Mass	91	Alton, N. H.
Aug. 1	Henry G. Chapman	Alton, N. H.	70	Wolfeboro, N. H.

Aug.	12	Lottie L. Walton	Alton, N. H.	79	Wolfeboro, N. H.
Aug.	12	Herbert E. White	Alton, N. H.	67	Everett, Mass.
Aug.	24	Ralph Otis Scribner	Gilford, N. H.	38	Alton, N. H.
Sept.	2	John W. Stafford	Alton, N. H.	85	Alton, N. H.
Sept.	18	Bessie A. Colburn	E. Rochester, N. H.	68	Rochester, N. H.
Oct.	26	Carrie S. Griffin	Alton Bay, N. H.	96	Epsom, N. H.
Nov.	11	Harold W. Loveren	Alton Bay, N. H.	82	Alton Bay, N. H.
Nov.	28	Beatrice Walker	Alton, N. H.	88	Alton, N. H.
Dec.	15	Napoleon Melanson	Alton, N. H.	84	Wolfeboro, N. H.

