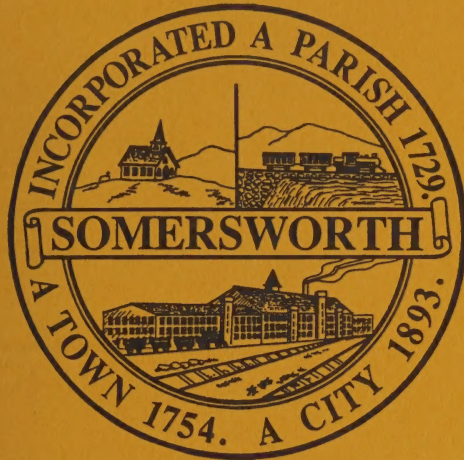


NHamp
F
44
.5696
2004

Annual Report 2004



Celebrating 250 Years
1754 - 2004



Photo courtesy of Bud Jones

SOMERSWORTH, N.H.

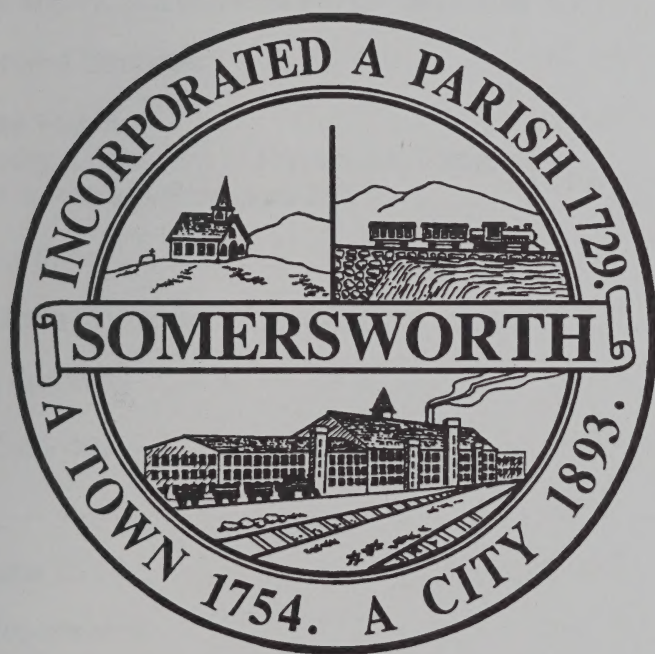
CITY MAYORS

FROM PRESENT TO PAST

James M. McLin	1988 - Present (2004)
John H. Meserve	1985 - 1988
Charles Burkham	1984 - 1985
George M. Bald	1978 - 1983
Arthur G. Porelle	1976 - 1977
Paul E. Spellman	1974 - 1975
Norbert J. Couture	1972-1973
Clyde Coolidge	1968 - 1971
Roland N. Hebert	1966 - 1967
John F. Donovan	1964 - 1965
Robert H. Filion	1960 - 1963
Albert J. Nadeau	1958 - 1959
Edward S. Charpentier	1954 - 1957
Placide J. Laguex	<i>Filled unexpired term</i> July - December 1953
Romeo L. St. Laurent	1946 - Resigned July 1953
Napoleon A. Habel	<i>Filled unexpired term</i> June 1944 - December 1945
Arthur W. Proulx	1944 - Resigned after 6 months
Alfred J. Boucher	1935 - 1943

(Continued on Back inside cover)

Annual Report
2004



New
Hampshire

SOMERSWORTH

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Adopt-A-Spot	13
Bulky Waste	13
City Officials	4
Detail Schedule of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Budget & Actual General Fund - Schedule A-1.	42 - 43
Detail Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses - Budget and Actual General Fund - Schedule A-2	44 - 45
Development Services	26 - 31
Enterprise Funds - Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses Budget & Actual - Schedule E-3	46 - 47
Fire Department	16 - 20
Forest Glade Cemetery	13
Housing Authority	36 - 40
Human Services	34 - 35
Library	16 - 19
Ordinances 2004	5
Police Department	14 - 15
Public Works and Utilities	31- 32
Recreation Department	20 - 23
Resolutions 2004	6 - 7
Year in Pictures	24 - 25

CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR

James M. McLin
Term Exp. Jan. 2006

CITY MANAGER

Douglas R. Elliott, Jr.
Resigned
Interim City Manager
Dean Crombie
Replaced

CITY COUNCIL

Terms Exp. Jan. 2008

Ward 1

William Guilmette

Ward 2

Roger Gagne

Ward 3

Mike Micucci

Ward 4

Todd Marsh

Ward 5

Denis Messier

At Large

Terms Exp. Jan. 2006
Brian Tapscott
Sherie Dinger
Roger Berube
Arvid Wiggin

ASSESSOR

Janis Carruth

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Carroll Seigars

CITY CLERK

Nancy A. Liebson

FIRE CHIEF

Paul Vallee

POLICE CHIEF

Dean Crombie

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Gwen Erley

CITY ENGINEER

David Foster

CITY ATTORNEY

Coolidge Prof. Association

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

John Jackman

LIBRARIAN

Debora Longo

TAX COLLECTOR

Margaret Wagner

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
AND ADMINISTRATION**

James Lane
Heather Briggs, replaced

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES**

Robert Belmore

CITY PLANNER

James Steffen

SCHOOL BOARD

Terms Exp. Jan. 2008

Ward 1

Nancie Cameron

Ward 2

David Littlefield

Ward 3

Brenda Heon

Ward 4

Alan Schlemmer, resigned
Robert Gibson, replaced

Ward 5

Nancy Jo Michaud

At Large

Terms Exp. Jan. 2006
Mark Richardson
James Cowan
Michael Watman
Christine White Marcoux

ELECTION OFFICIALS

Terms Exp. Jan. 2006

WARD 1**Moderator**

George Poulin

Ward Clerk

Henriette Guilmette

Selectmen

Marjorie Goldberg
Virginia Gorman
Elroy Hume

Supervisor of Checklist

Nancie Cameron
Term Exp. Sept. 2005

WARD 2**Moderator**

Arnold Kretschmar

Ward Clerk

Connie Kretschmar

Selectmen

Richard LaBonte
Donald Carr
David Roberge

Supervisor of Checklist

Janet Gagne
Term Exp. Sept. 2002 (*holdover*)

WARD 3**Moderator**

John Meserve

Ward Clerk

Donald Gelinas

Selectmen

Martin Dumont
Jeanne Ambrose
Dorothy Gauvin

Supervisor of Checklist

Antoinette Harvey
Term Exp. May 2005

WARD 4**Moderator**

Lorette Witham

Ward Clerk

Lucille Frechette

Selectmen

Lillian Roberge
Pauline LaBonte
Albert "Jack" LaBonte

Supervisor of Checklist

Vivian Carignan
Term Exp. Sept. 2006

WARD 5**Moderator**

Joanne Demers

Ward Clerk

Mary Brown

Selectmen

Marie Messier
Kathy Leclerc
Marie Ange Messier

Supervisor of Checklist

Raymond LaPointe
Term Exp. Sept. 2008

2004 ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 10-04 Amending Chapter 7, Streets, Highways, Sewers, Sections 7.4, 7.11 and 7.16. 2/2/04.
2. Ordinance No. 11-04 Amending Chapter 8A Sewer Ordinance. 3/1/04.
3. Ordinance No. 12-04 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance. 5/3/04
4. Ordinance No. 13-04 Amending Chapter 22, Subdivision Ordinance. 5/3/04
5. Ordinance No. 14-04 Amending Chapter 22A Site Plan Review Regulations. 5/3/04
6. Ordinance No. 15-04 2004-2005 Budget. 6/21/04.
7. Ordinance No. 16-04 Transfer Between Cost Centers. 6/21/04.
8. Ordinance No. 18-04 Amending Chapter 4 Personnel Rules and Regulations. 6/21/04
9. Ordinance No. 17-04 Amending Chapter 6, Section 6.9.1 Veteran's Tax Credit. 7/19/04
10. Ordinance No. 1-05 Amending Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section F Time Limited Parking, Subsection 5, 15 Minutes. 9/7/04.

2004 RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 17-04 Supporting the New England Patriots Superbowl Effort. 1/20/04.
2. Resolution No. 16-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract with Tri Tech Engineering for Engineering Work to Complete Commercial and Willand Drive. 2/2/04.
3. Resolution No. 18-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for Survey and Engineering Services with VHB, Inc. 2/17/04.
4. Resolution No. 19-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Borrow an Amount up to \$2.5M from the State Revolving Loan Fund for the Upgrade of the Water Treatment Facility. 2/17/04.
5. Resolution No. 20-04 In Opposition to HB 1416. 3/1/04.
6. Resolution No. 21-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering Services to Complete Water Treatment Plant Improvements. 3/15/04.
7. Resolution No. 24-04 Recognizing Melissa Heon. 3/15/04.
8. Resolution No. 22-04 Real Property Revaluation Update. 4/5/04.
9. Resolution No. 23-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Grant an Excavation Permit on High Street. 4/5/04.
10. Resolution No. 25-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the Contract with Elf's Landscaping for One Year. 4/19/04.
11. Resolution No. 27-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for the Purchase of Play Structures at the Pines and Jules Bisson Park. 4/19/04.
12. Resolution No. 26-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept a Grant for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. 5/3/04.
13. Resolution No. 28-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for the Installation of an Irrigation System at Noble Pines Ballfield. 5/3/04.
12. Resolution No. 29-04 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Need. 5/3/04.
13. Resolution No. 30-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Funds and Enter Into a Contract with Office of Energy and Planning/New Hampshire Coastal Program for the NROC Grant. 5/17/04.
14. Resolution No. 31-04 Adoption of City of Somersworth "All Hazard Mitigation Plan". 6/7/04.

-
-
15. Resolution No. 32-04 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of the Gravity Sewer from Nash Parkway to Indigo Hill Meadows Sewer. 7/19/04.
 16. Resolution No. 2-05 Authority to File Application to the State Revolving Fund for Water Treatment Facility Upgrade. 7/19/04.
 17. Resolution No. 3-05 Authority to File Application to the State Revolving fund for Wastewater Facility Upgrade. 7/19/04.
 18. Resolution No. 1-05 FY 03-04 Supplemental Appropriation for the Wastewater Enterprise Fund. 8/16/04.
 19. Resolution No. 4-05 Community Development Block Grant. 8/16/04.
 20. Resolution No. 5-05 Committee for Distribution of the Student Activities Fund. 8/16/04.
 21. Resolution No. 6-05 Authority to Sign a Contract for Improvements to Rocky Hill Road. 9/7/04.
 22. Resolution No. 7-05 Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Grant Excavation Permits on High Street. 10/4/04.
 23. Resolution No. 9-05 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Lease Agreement with Internet and Telephone, LLC. 10/4/04.
 24. Resolution No. 8-05 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract Amendment for Engineering Services to Conduct a Pilot Testing Study at the Water Treatment Plant. 10/18/04.
 25. Resolution No. 10-05 Accept Ruel Street. 11/15/04.
 26. Resolution No. 11-05 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. 11/15/04.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul N. Vallee, Chief of Department

The Fire Department had numerous accomplishments in 2004. Our Department handled 897 incidents, an increase of 6 over the previous year and 26 building fires, a decrease of one.

TRAINING

The Annual City Drill was held on September 24, 2004. The scenario, Contaminated City Water Supply. Causing a chain reaction scenario from the school thru the city involving all the chains of command. Participating agencies were AMR, Fire, Police, Public Works, Red Cross, School, DES and Environmental.

The Department has instituted a new monthly training program that is held at the Fire Station for all permanent FF and Call FF's. Various training is covered, such as Decontamination, Aerial Ladder, and Rescue Skills. (Just to name a few).

TRUCK UPDATE

Engine 3, our 18 year old, has been refurbished with new running boards, rust removal with bodywork and a new paint job. The savings were substantial.

FIRE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

The Firefighter Phil Program was a great success during Fire Prevention Month in October at Maplewood and Hilltop Schools. We also had the pleasure of giving tours at the Fire Station to over 300 youths.

GRANT AWARDS

All FEMA money received from 2003 has been spent on Air-Packs, Pagers, and Base station equipment. Everything is in place and operating.

MAJOR FIRES

The City had two major fires in 2004. The first being at 355 Main Street a 12 unit building 4 of which were destroyed. This was a 3 Alarm fire 8 people were displaced with 6 Departments aiding in battling the blaze. The second Fire on July 9, 2004 at 74 South Street destroyed the top of a single family dwelling with significant damage done to displace the family, this was a 2 alarm.

The following incidents occurred during the year 2004:

ALARMS RECEIVED - 897

DAYS OF WEEK	INCIDENTS	STRUCTURAL
Sunday	116	2
Monday	136	5
Tuesday	130	3
Wednesday	125	1
Thursday	114	7
Friday	185	4
Saturday	141	4
TOTAL	897	26

TIME OF DAY	INCIDENTS	PERCENT	STRUCTURAL	PERCENT
0700 to 1800	586	65.328	17	65.384
1800 to 0700	311	34.671	9	34.671
TOTAL	897	100%	26	100%

TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND	2003	2004
Structural Fire	27	24
Outside of Structure Fire	12	13
Vehicle Fire	9	9
Brush/Grass	15	26



Air, Gas Rupture - no fire	7	8
Response & Emergency Medical Service	212	234
Hazardous Conditions (no fire)	173	152
Service Call	131	166
Good Intent Call	86	88
Malicious	17	14
Bomb Scare	2	0
System Malfunction	84	78
Unintentional	108	79
Carbon Monoxide	0	4
Lightning Strike	0	1
Other	8	1
TOTAL	891	897

IGNITION FACTORS	ALL
Intentional	13
Unintentional	25
Failure of Equipment on Heat Source	6
Cause under Investigation	6
Cause Undetermined after Investigation	6
Act of Nature	1
Cause Other	2
TOTAL	59

MUTUAL AID	GIVEN	RECEIVED	AIR VAN
Barrington	0	1	0
Berwick	3	10	1
Dover	3	5	4
Durham	0	1	0
Eliot	0	0	1
Lebanon	0	0	9
Newington	0	0	0
Pease	0	0	0
North Berwick	1	0	2
Rochester	7	3	8
Rollinsford	4	3	2
South Berwick	2	1	2
TOTAL	20	24	29

APPARATUS USAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Engine 1	525
Engine 2	318
Engine 3	31
Ladder	23
TOTAL	897

FIXED PROPERTY USE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Public Assembly	43
Educational	32
Institutional	20
Residential	432
Mercantile/Business	129
Manufacturing	40
Storage	10
Special	5
Unclassified	146
No property Reported	40
TOTAL	897

INCIDENTS BY SHIFT	NO. OF RESPONSES	% OF RESPONSES
A SHIFT	235	26.198%
B SHIFT	200	22.296%
C SHIFT	236	26.309%
D SHIFT	226	25.195%
TOTAL	897	100%

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Complete Annual Inspections	605
% of Buildings Complied With	100%
Violations Issued	110
Hours	207.4

DOLLAR LOSS

Structure	\$219,625
Vehicle	\$33,000
Other	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$253,625

PARTIAL & MISCELLANEOUS INSPECTIONS	NO. OF INSPECTION
Partial Miscellaneous Inspections	106
Re-inspections	36
Oil Burner Inspection	17
Fire Drill	20
Total Hours for Inspections	207.40
Total Hours for Partial/Miscellaneous	57.87
Total Hours for Re-inspection	9.50
Total Hours for Oil Burner Inspection	7.58
Total Hours for Fire Drill	6.69
Combined Hours	289.04
Combined Inspections	784

BREAKDOWN OF STRUCTURE FIRES

Building Fire, 1 & 2 Family Dwelling	1
Building Fire, Multi Family Dwelling	1
Exterior wall fire garage single family dwelling	1
Electrical fire garage business	1
Rug Fire multi family dwelling	1
Dryer fire business/residential	1
Wall fire multi family dwelling	1
Drapes by window multi family dwelling	2
Clothes bedroom fire multi family dwelling	3
Electrical box breezeway fire single dwelling	1
Bedroom mattress fire multi family dwelling	1
Burning candle fire (smoke) multi family dwelling	1
Boy's high school bathroom	1
Burning candle bedroom clothes single family dwelling	1
Vinyl siding melted from car fire single family dwelling	1
Small fire schools	4
Preschool grease fire oven	1
Stove fire multi family dwelling	1
WWTP sludge fire dryer	2
Mobile home fire	2
TOTAL	26

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

The three new trees in the front avenue are doing well. Many of the City's walkers are still enjoying the beauty and quiet of the Forest Glade Cemetery.

Those who have recently lost a loved one, come to visit often. This helps their grief process. We have many visitors coming to look for their ancestors. They want to see the place their grandparents, great grandparents, etc. are buried and take pictures to bring home and keep for future generations.

In 2004, we had 11 burials and installed foundations for markers and monuments. Pre-need lots were sold. A lot of people are planning where they want to be buried and purchasing lots for future needs. The development of the cremation burial site was started during the summer of 2004. There are two black granite benches for people to sit and enjoy the peacefulness around them. We hope to finish this area in 2005.

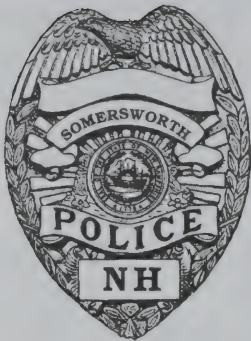
SOLID and BULKY WASTE

How much Solid Waste does Somersworth generate? For fiscal year 2004, Somersworth generated a total of 3,116.37 tons of rubbish and bulky waste (2,261.99 tons of curbside rubbish, 780.24 tons of curbside recyclables and 74.14 tons of metal and appliances). The residents of Somersworth generated 89.62 tons more of waste in fiscal year 2004 than in fiscal year 2003. These figures do not include the leaf and yard waste that is put in the City's compost pile and all the brush that is chipped curbside.

ADOPT-A-SPOT

Fiscal year 2004 brought some new volunteers. Twenty-six spots were adopted. Because of our adopt-a-spot volunteers and our businesses taking more pride in their landscaping, Somersworth is looking better and better every year. Westwind Gardens and The Landscape Clinic have been very helpful to the Adopt-A-Spot program by accepting our vouchers for flowers and in giving advice on planting. The City wishes to thank everyone who has helped make the Adopt-A-Spot Program a success.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



The members of the Police Department have continued to serve the community throughout this past year. We have many new members of our Department. Sergeant Pratt continues his work as our Housing Officer. Sergeant Pratt maintains and monitors a variety of programs as our Housing Officer. He has assisted in the presentation of these programs to both children and senior citizens living in those facilities he polices.

The Somersworth Police Communications / Dispatch Center has received additional equipment. Through the New Hampshire Department of Safety, we received a new digital radio base station. This equipment replaced an analog radio and we can now communicate with agencies throughout the State. Our Dispatch Center is the primary communication center for both our Police and Fire Departments.

We received a grant funding that allowed us to lease a Harley Davidson Road King and train 4 officers in the safe and proper rider maneuvering. This vehicle was added to our fleet as of April.

Several enforcement grants were utilized this year. The patrols were designed to assist with motor vehicle enforcement. We were successful in logging a variety of arrests. These arrests included DWI, drug possession and many motor vehicle violations.

We continue to deploy officers in differing assignments. Officers have been assigned to bicycle patrol, motorcycle patrol in addition to the standard cruiser patrol.

The radar speed sign continues to appear at various locations throughout Somersworth. This sign serves as a visual reminder. Your speed is displayed as your vehicle approaches.

The Stealth Stat Monitor allows us to document and monitor traffic patterns in Somersworth. The unit collects information on any given area of roadway. Data includes rates of travel and time and travel, as well as counting the number of vehicles. This information assists us by telling us the time of day when speeding is most prevalent.

Coming in 2005 we will see the police cruiser fleet equipped with a voice activated command system. This system is referred to as the Car 54 Project that was designed by University of New Hampshire. The system allows an officer to voice activate emergency components of a police cruiser. Instead of an officer having to manually turn on or off components, a voice command is recognized by Car 54 systems that complete the task without hands on manipulation.

The Somersworth Crime Line is very active. The Crime Line is available at 692-9111. This line allows anyone to leave an anonymous or identified "tip". All information is strictly confidential. We appreciate the many calls placed to this number. You may also reach this Crime Line service via the Internet at crimeline@somersworth.com

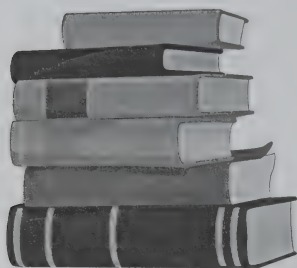
STATISTICS

We responded to 15,280 calls for service in 2004. These calls include a variety of situations. The following is a breakdown of those calls:

2004 City Totals Call Activity Statistics

Offenses Committed	2,683
Felonies	233
Crime Related Incidents	1,782
Non-Crime Related Incidents	2,150
Arrests (On View)	349
Arrests (Based on Incident/Warrants)	439
Summons Arrests	156
Arrests	944
Protective Custody	120
Juvenile Arrests	196
Juveniles Arrests (Handled w/in Dept)	156
Juveniles Arrests (Referred)	22
Restraining Orders	129
Stolen Property Value	\$282,413
Stolen Property Recovered Value	\$125,673
Crime Incidents Involving Domestic Violence	101
Arrests Involving Domestic Violence	86
Motor Vehicle Accidents	396
Motor Vehicle Violations Civil	1
Motor Vehicle Violations Warnings	2,532
Motor Vehicle Violation Arrests	778
Parking Tickets	1,275

PUBLIC LIBRARY



The library staff always strives to provide the best service possible to our patrons. On the suggestion of a patron who moved to another community and returned to Somersworth, we began the SAY program. SAY is an acronym for Somersworth Automatically Yours. Library patrons may chose from a list of over 50 best selling authors, plus add their favorites, and be automatically placed on a waiting list for each new novel written by that author. Over 40 patrons have signed up for this convenient service. The advantage to the library staff is the opportunity to purchase enough books to meet the demand we see from the number of patrons requesting these popular authors. The advantage to patron is the convenience of not having to tell us every time they want to request the new James Patterson or Nora Roberts books.

Did you know you could play a part in determining the books and other materials that are part of your public library? We have many avenues to request books be made available for loan. The New York Times Best Seller list is updated bi-weekly and any book may be requested from that list. We publish a monthly, occasionally bimonthly, list of upcoming novels to choose. The librarian reviews every book request for potential purchase, and recommendations are always welcome.



Poetry and Prose night at your Library

This year, through the Interlibrary Loan program, the library has helped numerous patrons get the book they want to read by borrowing it from another library. We have assisted a student finishing a doctoral thesis, a nursing student getting a license, a mom who needs books for home schooling and just regular students of life who want to keep up-to-date in their field, listen to a special audiobook or read all the novels written by an author. With access to all the university, college, public, special, and high schools in the whole state and most of the country, we will meet your needs to the best of our ability. 1,483 books, audios and videos were borrowed for our customers from other libraries through the hard work and research of library assistant and interlibrary loan librarian, Kathleen Dill. If we had purchased all this material to meet the needs of the community, it would have cost taxpayers approximately \$37,000 based on a conservative \$24.95 per item.

This year the library has provided the community with 224 story times given during morning, afternoon and evening hours. There have been 23 book discussions for adults and children. Library staff participated in the Winterfest, the Somersworth International Children's Festival, and the Pumpkinfest. We hosted 6 Poetry Nights, income tax assistance for two and half months, a property tax rebate assistance workshop, several money and investment programs, and a program about home schooling gifted students. We provide space for tutoring adults and children, and we proctor exams for those continuing their education through long distance educational programs. And we do all this without a formal meeting room.

The library receives many gifts from the community. Over the past two years, the Somersworth Rotary Club has spent over \$1,000 to purchase over 50 books on health, sports, and biographies to help update and improve the collection. The Rotarians have the librarian select the books; they pay for their purchase, and then donate the books back to the library to honor the many speakers the club invites to its regular breakfast meetings. Also, individuals donate money without any recommendations or to use for specific titles. And, donations of new and old books, videos, DVDs, and audiobooks come into the library almost daily. All donations, large and small, are appreciated. Last year, 473 books and other items were donated to the library. If purchased, these items would have conservatively cost the taxpayer \$11,800.

The library provides many with the opportunity to give back to their community through service. Over a dozen individuals have completed specific community service goals at the library. We have seven volunteers in the Adopt-A-Shelf program. These volunteers take a section of the library and keep the books or other library materials in the correct order. We provide a place for those who receive city assistance to pay back the city through work. We have one very dedicated individual who comes to the library weekly for three or more hours to prepare all the library materials for

shelving. The library staff depends on these individuals to do many tasks that keep the building clean, the books and other library materials in good order, and our service to you reliable.

We also receive additional help through work programs that place people at the library, but the participants are paid through other agencies. This year we have had one individual placed on Senior Community Service Employment Program who has worked 20 hours each week assisting with the final stages of the library card catalog database. We had a work-study student this fall who put away returned books and did clerical work. And we had 2 individuals placed here by the city Human Services department to work in return for the city assistance they received. If these individuals had been hired and paid at the lowest rate on the city pay scale, \$18,990 in salary alone would have been added to the budget.

The library has more than 200 items in the growing collection of motion pictures, documentaries and informational DVDs available for loan. The DVD format will allow us to expand the collection with a minimum of space. And we have over 50 audio books on compact disc for listening in the car, doing exercise, and working around your home. The titles available include novels, biographies, and selfimprovement. While not saving any space, most patrons use audio books in their cars, and automobiles are not coming equipped with tape players anymore.

With assistance from the New Hampshire State Library and the Wal-Mart Foundation, we have available for loan, for children, ten bags of age appropriate books for easy selection and checkout. These include books for toddlers, preschool, kindergarten, and early readers. If you're unsure what books are good for your child, these are a great way to start sharing the reading habit with your child. If you're short on time and want an easy in & out of the library, pick up one of these bags for a guaranteed good book.

The annual summer reading and activity program success stems from the efforts of Nancy Polito, the children's librarian. The statewide theme for 2004 was Check Out A Hero! Local artist and owner of JumpGate, Hector Diaz, did the artwork for the program. 'Miss Nancy' had an activity available for grade school students to attend almost every day of the seven-week program. We had 79 children participate, reading a total of 1250 books over the summer. The staff encourages all parents to make summer reading a part of their children's summer activities. Research has found that children lose as much as 50% of the progress made over the school year during the summer. Daily reading can prevent this loss from happening and keep your children ready for the challenges of the next grade they enter in the fall. All the activities are optional; the program is free to all Somersworth school age children, and most of them enjoy seeing the progress they make with a reading log and the opportunity to read just for fun and entertainment. It's a habit that will serve them well for their whole lives.

As of June 30, 2004, the following statistics were reported for the library:

Total Book Collection	51,006
Children's Book Collection	17,484
Audio Material Collection	1,525
Video Material Collection	1,701
Magazine & Newspaper Subscriptions	86
Number of Items Borrowed by Customers	60,074
Number of Library Cards Issued in 2003-2004. . . .	650
Number of People Who Visited the Library	35,776
Children's Program Attendance (231 programs) .	3,048
Reference Questions Answered	7,228
Hours Open Weekly	59.5

MISSION

The Somersworth Public Library will provide the citizens of the City of Somersworth access to the materials and services necessary for their informational, cultural, educational, and recreational needs. The library will actively encourage every citizen to read and appreciate learning. It will also preserve the materials needed to provide future generations with a record of the history and heritage of the City.

-Adopted 6/3/2003

The Somersworth Public Library was established in 1899 by a vote of the City Council to receive all the assets of the Manufacturers and Village Library, a subscription library, established by the town of Somersworth in 1841 to benefit the community growing around the Great Falls Manufacturing Company.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jerome Lemelin, Chairperson
Trudy Grant
Tammy Heon
Clair Snyder
Thomas Tetreault

STAFF

Debora Longo, Library Director
Kathleen Dill, Library Assistant
Nancy Polito, Children's Librarian
Eliza Warfield, Desk Assistant
Laura Melisi, Desk Assistant
Linda Wheeler, Desk Assistant
Barbara Ashworth, Page
Zuzanna Kaiserova, Page

RECREATION



The Somersworth Recreation Department offers a diversity of programs, activities, trips and events for all ages to meet the ever-changing needs of its community. The Recreation Department supports the wholesome and healthful use of recreational, leisure and cultural activities that encourage health, fitness, relaxation and enjoyment.

Highlights of "Spring Into Recreation" included: **Hop Along the Bunny Trail** held on April 2nd at Millennium Park. Hundreds of children accompanied by their parents enjoyed hunting and gathering colorful Easter Eggs and playing with the Easter Bunny. The **Annual Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run Diamonds Skills Competition** was held on Sunday, May 2nd at Noble Pines. Over 20 girls and boys participated in the competition, with many moving on to the finals in Concord NH. Other children's program for the spring included: **Kiddie Kickers Soccer** for children 3-5, **Little Tykes Fun Station** for children ages 3-5, **Kids On The Move** an after school program for children in grades 1-5. Adult Activities included **Bingo**, **55 Alive Driving Course**, **Senior Exercise**, **Drop in Basketball** and an American Tradition dating back to the early nineteenth century, a six week **"Braided Rug Making"** class. Adults and families enjoyed many of the Spring trips offered such as **Champions on Ice**, **Amesbury Dinner Playhouse**, **Foxwoods** and the **Christmas Tree Shop**.

The warm weather introduced "Summer It Up with Recreation". Exciting summer activities, trips and events are offered for all to enjoy. **Kidz Daycamp** for children grades 1-5 was held at the Noble Pines Playground, Monday



through Friday from 8:30-4:00pm with before and after camp care available. The children took in 8 weeks of field trips, entertainment, theme weeks, art's & crafts, story times, sports, special events and if that's not enough, "Hearts in Parks" a national nutrition, fitness and wellness program. The campers walked from Noble Pines to Walt Disney World and back, charting their overall mileage on a map. They were successful with a Walt Disney celebration upon achieving their goal. **Funshine** camp was held 3 days a week for children ages 3-5 and included field trips, arts & crafts, water play and a pee wee walking program. **TRENDS** Teens Reaching Exciting New Dimensions, speaks for itself; an 8 week teen program was held at Millennium Park, Monday through Friday 9:00-4:00pm. The teens enjoyed a variety of community service and educational projects including environment water testing with the Somersworth Water Department, adventure based field trips and special events. The highlight of the summer for the teens was planning and creating a special event for the Seacoast Big Brother/ Big Sister program. A wonderful barbecue and themed 50's party was held for over 50 people. The Hearts N' Parks program was introduced into our summer camp programs, a national community based program through the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Recreation & Parks Association to bring heart healthy behavior, nutrition and fitness to youth of all ages. Summer 2004 also included the annual **Hershey Track & Field** program. There were 24 girls and boys competing in relays, softball throw, long jump and the 50/100/200/400/1600 meters. Our Hershey competitors trained hard and made Somersworth proud in the regional meet in Hampton and the State meet held at UNH on July 11th. Somersworth celebrated "**Pride Day**" on Saturday, August 20th at St. Laurent Park. The community joined together for a 100 year Anniversary Celebration which included a day filled with food, entertainment, the famous "Snowball Drop", an old fashion penny candy store which celebrated stores from Main Street's past and a spectacular



Musical Fireworks display. Summer activities kept adults entertained and busy with **Bingo**, **Senior Exercise**, **55 Alive Driving Course** and **Drop in Basketball**. Adult and Family Trips included **Red Sox**, **Foxwoods**, **Ogunquit Playhouse**, **Mt. Washington Cruise**, and a narrated **Portland City Tour** by trolley, showcasing diverse history and architecture, and finishing the day with a cruise on Casco Bay around the legendary Calendar Islands. The summer ended with our annual **Senior Picnic**, held Sept. 2 at Millennium Park. Seniors gathered and enjoyed great company, food, music and finished the picnic with dessert and blowing bubbles.

“Fall into Recreation” and *“Winter with Recreation”* offered a variety of recreational and leisure programs and activities for all ages. The ***Fall Youth Soccer*** Program for children 5-12 yrs. old was held every Saturday for 8 weeks. Over 240 players making up 26 teams gathered for scheduled games along with over 60 volunteer parents and coaches assisting the head coach. The ***Kiddie Kickers*** Saturday soccer program for children ages 3-4 years had over 50 little ones participate in drills and stations of creative soccer fundamentals and fun. Many parent volunteers assisted our head coach at this level as well. ***Saturday Morning Basketball*** for children in grades 1-6 consisted of skills and drills to teach basketball fundamentals and then it was games, games and more games. Our head coaches had both the girls and boy's high school team players volunteer their time making for a fun and successful program. ***Saturday Pee Wee Basketball*** was offered in two, four-week sessions. Over 20 Children in each session, ages 3-5 enjoyed basketball fun lead by our head coach and all the moms and dads who also joined in the fun. New in 2004 was our 5-6 grade travel girl's and boy's basketball teams as well as our 5-6 grade annual Rollinsford-Somersworth Basketball Tournament held at the Somersworth High School. Children's Activities for Fall and Winter also included: ***Kids On The Move*** and ***Little Tyke Fun Station***. Adult activities included: ***Bingo***, ***55 Alive***, ***Senior Exercise*** and ***Men's Drop In Basketball***. Adult and Family Trips included



Christmas in The Country at the Steele Hill Resort, Christmas Tree Shop, Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun, Amesbury Playhouse and our Christmas Highlight **Vince Gill & Amy Grant in a “Simply Christmas”** concert at the Verizon Center in Manchester. Our Special Event of the season was the **4th Annual Pumpkin Festival** held on Saturday October 22nd in the Somersworth Plaza. Games, entertainment, spook walks, hayrides and food galore were among hundreds of glowing jack-o-lanterns and thousands of residents, friends, and families enjoying an October evening of fun.

New to our Noble Pines Park and Jules Bisson Park are two exciting play structures. From rock climbing to musical instruments to rides on slides and seesaws; these creative playing and climbing activities offer an adventure that children of all ages and abilities can enjoy together.

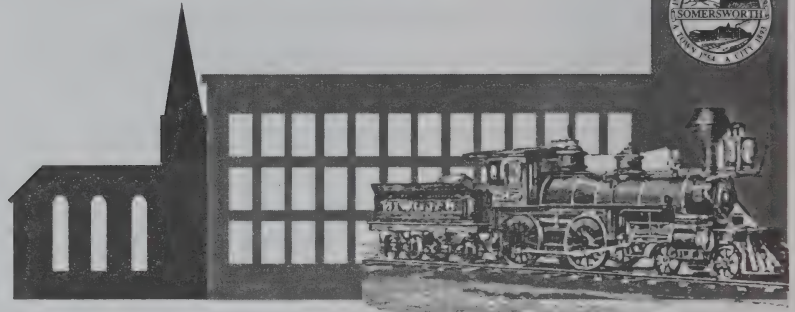
The Benefits of recreation are endless. We encourage all individuals and families in our community to participate in the many recreational opportunities offered through activities, programs, special events and trips. If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions or comments please share them with us.

SOMERSWORTH

1754 - 2004



250
YEARS



OF HERITAGE AND PROMISE

Memories from 2004

Our 250th Year

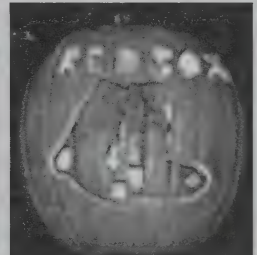


*Officers from left to right: Nate Richardson, Sgt. Matt Duval, Bill Harper and Lloyd Gifford
Photo Courtesy of: Bud Jones*

SOMERSWORTH

1754 - 2004
Memories from 2004

Photos Courtesy of: Bud Jones





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Department of Development Services includes these offices:

Planning & Economic Development
Assessing — Property Tax Records
Building / Code Enforcement.

The Department of Development Services, along with the dedicated service of individuals serving on the City's various land use boards, continues to promote development that ensures Somersworth growth as a premier place for families to live, work, and play.

Planning Board

The Planning Board handles Site & Subdivision Review and consists of 9 members. In the last year the Board has reviewed 16 Site Plans and 23 Subdivisions.

Martin P. Dumont, Sr., Chairman
Roger Berube, City Council Rep
David Foster, City Engineer
Paul Robidas
Russell Timmons

Francis Vincent, Vice Chairman
City Manager
Ron LeHoullier
Alan Marquis

Historic District Commission

This board consists of 7 members and 3 alternates. The Commission reviews projects located in the District. There were 54 applications in total last year.

Charles Kinney, Chairman
Beth Poulin, Secretary
Liisa Reimann
Monica Zulauf
George Poulin, Alternate

Daniel Vincent, Vice Chairman
Roger Berube, City Council Rep
Sally Goodwin
John Jackman, Alternate

Conservation Commission

This board consists of 3 to 7 members. The Commission reviews all State Wetland Permit Applications -13 were reviewed last year.

Frank Richardson, Chairman
Alan Bryant
Scott Gessis

Imants Millers, Vice Chairman
Pete Eldredge

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The ZBA hears applications for Variances, Appeals to Administrative Decisions, Special Exceptions, and Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements and consists of 5 members and 2 alternates. The ZBA has heard 37 cases in the last year.

Ron LeHoullier, Chairman

Stacy Hall, Vice Chairman

Steven Stout

Roland A. Dumont (Alternate)

Harry Irwin

Kenneth Vincent

Loretta Anderson (Alternate)

Site Review Technical Committee (Planning Board subcommittee)

This Committee reviews site plans prior to Planning Board review.

James D. Steffen, Chairman/City Planner

Dean Crombie, Police Chief or David Kretschmar, Acting Police Chief

Martin P. Dumont, Sr., P. B. Chairman

David Foster, City Engineer

Paul Vallee, Fire Chief

Imants Millers, Conservation Comm. Rep

Strafford Regional Planning Commission Representatives

Roger Berube, City Council Rep.

Francis Vincent, P. B. Vice Chairman

Major Initiatives

Along with the Conservation Commission, the Department continued the natural resources protection effort by holding a Land Conservation Workshop in March of 2004 for interested City residents and officials. The workshop featured two (2) noted speakers on land conservation issues who shared information and provided guidance on land protection benefits, techniques, funding, and creation of an Open Space/Lands Committee. The Department also administered a NROC Land Conservation and Water Quality Monitoring Grant. The grant enabled the City to conduct GIS based natural resource mapping, and volunteer water quality monitoring of Willand Pond and Stackpole Pond.

The City continued its conservation and beautification efforts as Somersworth was recertified as a 2003 Tree City USA community. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four (4) standards: a tree board or department, a community tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Department of Development Services also proposed various land use ordinance amendments, which were adopted by the City Council in May of 2004. These included updating the Zoning Ordinance with new definitions, such as artist studio, auto convenience market, mixed use, motor

vehicle repair garage/station, and shopping center, power center; adding sign requirements for gasoline station canopies, and a new section and regulations on telecommunication facilities. The City also made mostly "housekeeping" changes to the Subdivision Regulations in such areas as specifications of plans, sidewalks and curbing, cul-desac length and revocations of Planning Board approval. Lastly, the Site Plan Review Regulations were amended to tighten-up the noise standards and to add appearance standards to enhance the value and appearance of our commercial corridors.

Community Development

Major development that was approved within the City over the past year included:

Aquarius Pools, Rt. 108 & Willand Drive
6,000 square foot new shop building

NADCO, East Willand Drive
12,500 square foot addition

OMNI Metals, Interstate Drive
8,400 square foot addition

Wal-Mart, High Street
2,995 square foot stock room addition

Fraternal Order of Eagles 1887,
Willand Drive
5,500 square foot social club facility

Salmon Falls Community Credit Union,
Commercial Drive
9,850 square foot two (2) story banking
facility

Pillar Investment Corp., High Street
7,200 square foot retail business addition

"Wash Me Now" carwash, Rt. 108
2,300 square foot three (3) bay automatic
car wash

A.J. Cameron Sod Farms,
Salmon Falls Road & Rocky Hill Road
20-lot cluster residential subdivision

Robert Stackpole,
Commercial Drive & Willand Drive
9-lot commercial/industrial subdivision

Robert Rouleau, Whitehouse Road
3-lot commercial/Industrial subdivision

Cotton Woods (Browne Property), Rt.
16B & Cook Road
39-lot residential subdivision

Aspen Woods
(Wentworth & Frisbie Hospitals property),
Rt. 16B & Rt. 108
39-lot residential subdivision with 2
commercial/industrial lots off of Rt. 108

**Commerce Park Commercial
Subdivision**,
Rt. 108 & Baker Road
10-lot commercial/industrial subdivision

Gator Rock Industrial Park, Rt. 108
12-lot commercial/industrial subdivision

Crazy Cajun Cook House, High Street
Renovate home into a take-out restaurant

**Tri-City Christian Academy & Covenant
Church**, W.High Street & Tates Brook Road
School and recreational fields expansion

Francoeur, David, 438A High Street
2,400 square foot restaurant -"Amato's"

Chaloux Auto World, Interstate Drive
7,200 square foot expansion

Atlantic Mini-Storage Expansion,
Whitehouse Road
24,000 square foot expansion

High Street Retail Complex (Konover),
High Street
123,680 square foot retail building, 6,000
square foot office building & 3,000 square
foot restaurant

Pinewood Medical Center, Rt. 108
4,750 square foot medical facility expansion

Christian Believers Fellowship, Indigo
Hill Road New church and parsonage

Code Enforcement

Building Inspectors Report

This year was the busiest year on record regarding new residential construction. Permits Issued for the Year 2004:

- 678 Permits were issued this year. That is an increase of over 100 permits from last years total of only 570.
 - 309 Building Permits were issued. That is an increase of 30 permits from last year's total of 279.
 - 65 Major Building Permits, up 35 permits from last year.
 - 244 Minor Building Permits, down 5 permits from last year.
 - 209 Electrical Permits, up 23 permits from last year.
 - 92 Plumbing Permits, up 34 permits from last year.
 - 52 Mechanical Permits, up 18 permits from last year.
 - 16 Demolition Permits, up 7 permits from last year.

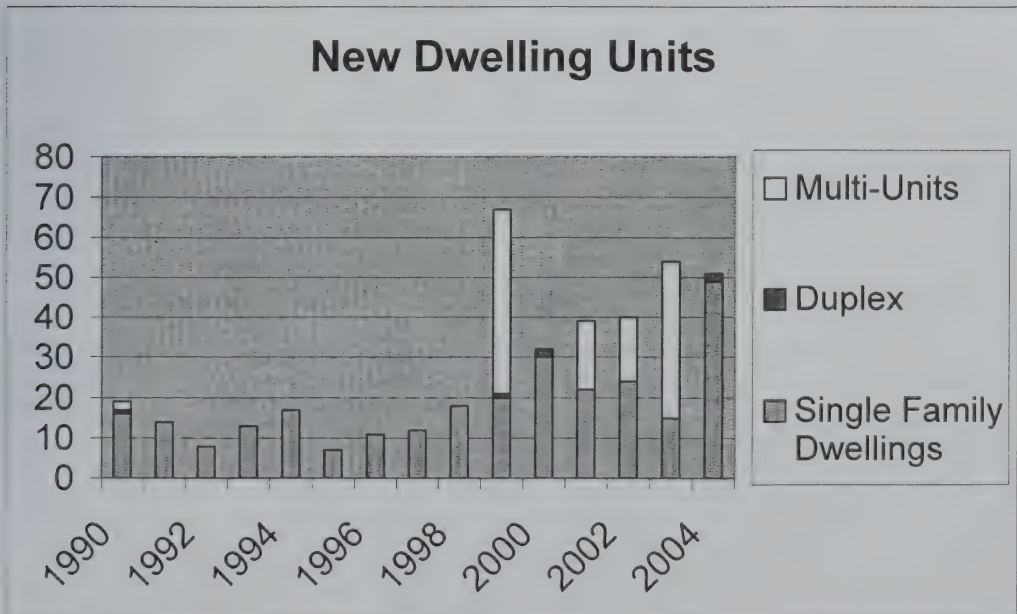
Estimated Total Cost of Building Construction for the year 2004 is:

- Total Building Construction \$11,832,178
- Residential Building Construction \$8,413,359
- Commercial / Business Building Construction \$3,418,819

Building Permit Fees Collected for the year 2004:

- Total Building Permit Fee \$56,597.78
- Residential Permit Fee \$42,141.78
- Commercial / Business Permit Fee \$14,456.00

A comparison of the total new living units for the year 2003 to 2004 reflects only a slight difference. Last year we had a total new units of 54 and



this year we have 53 total new living units, which may lead one to believe that there has been little or no increase in residential building. That assumption would be incorrect. In 2003 an elderly facility located on Maple Street began construction and that facility accounted for over 30 of the living units that were calculated. Only 16 new Single Family dwellings began construction in 2003. Compare that to the 49 Single Family units that began construction in 2004 and you can clearly see the increase in residential building. Approximately 1000 inspections were made by the Building Inspector throughout the City in 2004. Note the housing trend on the attached chart below.

Assistant Building Inspector/ Property Maintenance Officer Report

The City of Somersworth has embarked on an effort to upgrade its residential and commercial structures. The City Council approved the use of the BOCA (Building Officials Code Administrators) National Property Maintenance Code in July of 1997 for the purpose of improving the quality, appearance and maintenance of the City's housing and commercial properties.

The BOCA National Property Maintenance Code was then in it's 37 th year as part of the national standards of code requirements related to the protection of the public health, safety and welfare in all existing buildings and properties. The current edition in use in Somersworth is the 1996 version of the code.

Since the adoption of this code there has been over 1800 inspections conducted resulting in substantial improvements in the quality and appearance of some of the properties involved. Improving the quality and appearance of the properties increases the net worth of these properties thus increases resale values for property owners. This program benefits the City, property owners and residents/tenants alike.

The following are some statistics since the initial adoption of the Property Maintenance Code. The activity log records that there was 413 complaints/concerns received and investigated in 2004. This resulted in over 1600 inspections of these properties to obtain compliance. The length of time on some projects to obtain compliance is over one year. Most conclude within 30 days. It is a steady process that ends in compliance.

Assessing

City Assessor functions and responsibilities are provided by Janis M. Carruth and Wil Corcoran. The company provides data collectors and appraisers certified by the NH State DRA to perform the various functions required of them over the course of the year.

The Assessing Office provides the following functions.

1. Adequately manage and maintain exemptions and credits, current use management, timber and gravel yield taxes, and other statutory assessing obligations;
2. Perform field inspections to collect data for all new construction and properties with active building permits;
3. Perform field inspections on all properties which have transferred during the contract period, and verify the circumstances surrounding all sales;
4. Perform field inspections and other studies to review all abatement requests;
5. Meet with taxpayers wishing to discuss their valuations;
6. Meet with the City Administration and/or Board of Assessors.

Respectfully submitted
Department of Development Services

Robert M. Belmore, Director
Sheila Gowen, Planning Secretary
Jack Kenyon,
Code Enforcement Officer

Kerrie McCarthy,
Development Services Clerk
Carroll Seigars, Building Inspector
Jamie Steffen, Planner

PUBLIC WORKS and UTILITIES

The Public Works and Utilities Dept is diversified and includes the following divisions: Engineering, Water, Wastewater, Cemeteries, Solid Waste, and Recreation. Public Works is ever changing to meet the needs and demands of the City within budgetary constraints. It is important that the assets of the City be maintained. " The significant problems we face today cannot be solved with the same level of thinking we were at when we created them" Albert Einstein. For the past five years the Public Works Department has been working on an asset management plan. This year the finance dept. has become an important part of the program. This includes a detailed mapping system of all our infrastructure's, which includes storm drains, water distribution, sewer collections, streets, sidewalks, parks and recreation equipment, street signs, water treatment facility and wastewater treatment facility. The mapping includes many other features, which are utilized by all departments throughout the City. As we move forward this information will be readily available to the residents of Somersworth.

As we map our infrastructure, we can look at its current condition and the best way to maintain and extend the life of each infrastructure. It also allows us to look at critical infrastructures throughout the City to help us focus on the financial budget and maximize our dollar in maintaining it and in expanding our infrastructure. This information allows us to prioritize many projects throughout the City with overall goals in mind. For example, when a street has been completed, we can look at the infrastructures and their conditions. This would include water, sewer, drainage, private driveways, private utilities, traffic flow, and sidewalks in the evaluation of the upgrade of the road. Therefore, when we budget for a road to be reconstructed or resurfaced we try to maximize the opportunity to upgrade all assets located in that road upgrade. This past year the budget for road resurfacing was non-existent, which created a difficult time in prioritizing.

The Public Works and Utilities Department is much different than it was years ago. It deals with all aspects of emergency management, homeland security and natural disasters, and is involved with the Fire department, Police Department, and Ambler services. It works with different organizations throughout the City such as the Main Street programs, participates and involves events city wide such as Downtown Business Enhancement day, Children's Festival, Pride Day, Pumpkin Fest, Lions Club, Baseball and Softball leagues, and Christmas parade.

Public Works work very closely with businesses and development. It provides the utilities such as water and sewer, reviews plans for new developments, and inspection of the infrastructures and maintaining records, also overseeing the industrial discharges and monitors them through permits, and protects the water system through monitoring and backflow prevention program.

The Public Works and Utilities Dept is held to tremendous amount of government regulation. An example is the new wastewater treatment plant permit and upgrades costing 12 million to meet the new permit compliance and replace antiquated equipment.

There are new requirements for drinking water standards and we are looking at investing 4 million dollars in the upgrade and protection of our water system. We have several other new compliances that we need to meet as we move forward; such as the EPA storm water 2, CMOM, GASB 34, superfund site and our underground storage tank monitoring.

The Public Works Dept is constantly working on deficiencies and evaluating more effective solutions in prioritizing and carrying out projects. Our goal is to be courteous and respectful to all, provide the service necessary under our financial limit and manpower limit and invest in a community that we are all proud to live in.

HUMAN SERVICES



The Human Services Department provides basic and emergency assistance to applicants who are unable to provide for themselves. In addition we make referrals to other assistance programs, assign job search, put unemployed adults to work in our Workfare program and seek

reimbursement from state and federal programs, as well as from assisted individuals who are back on their feet.

Housing costs continue to be our biggest expenditure. Rents have been climbing while pay rates stay the same. In addition, we continue to receive requests for assistance with utilities, food and medication. New applicants have increased this calendar year. Each applicant participates in a complete budget review to determine where expenses might be trimmed and guidelines are given for future expenditures. We are still hopeful that the SHARE fund program will open a branch in Somersworth in the next year or so. Several other programs are available to assist homeowners with repairs and low-cost loans. Information is available in our office.

We continue to work closely with federal, state and local agencies to provide referrals for assistance thus reducing City expenditures. Caseloads at our local district office of NH Dept. of Health and Human Services, continue to run very high which tends to slow down the approval process for all applicants, creating a longer period of time applicants will need City assistance.

Strafford County Community Action provides fuel and electric assistance for low-income households. Grants can be applied to rent payments in households where heat is included in the rent. The Electric Assistance Program offers substantial discounts on electric bills to low-and fixed-income residents.

The Food Pantry at the First Parish Church on West High Street serves residents of Somersworth, Rollinsford and Berwick with both food and household necessities. Shelters such as My Friends Place, Crossroads House, New Generation and the Strafford County Emergency Shelter have all been critical in providing overnight housing for our clients during periods of eviction and homelessness, thus reducing City expenditures for emergency housing.

We encourage all residents to help their community by donating cash, food or household items, and/or volunteering their time to our food pantry, Community Action or the overflow shelter. In addition, any group willing to step forward to do Christmas Food Baskets would be greatly appreciated this year. Our Fire Dept. does an outstanding job with Christmas presents for our children but food is another area where assistance would be welcome.

Gwen L. Erley
Human Services Director

HOUSING AUTHORITY

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
Public Housing	<p>169 units of family and elderly housing for low and very low income.</p> <p>Albert J. Nadeau Homes - Bartlett Avenue: 56 Units - Family</p> <p>Edward S. Charpentier Apartments - Franklin Street: 49 Units - Elderly</p> <p>R.H. Filion Terrace - Washington Street: 64 Units - Elderly</p>	<p>Approx. \$258,957 per year in rental subsidy above tenant rents received.</p> <p>Maintenance and operations budget of over \$914,892 per year.</p> <p>\$4,000,000 total agency budget & \$20,000,000 in total assets.</p>	<p>Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) approximately \$26,020 per year.</p> <p>In the overall budget each year, there is approx. \$1,000,000 spent into the local economy with 74 staff positions, maintenance supplies, contractors and vendor payments, etc.</p>	<p>PILOT is determined by a Cooperation Agreement between the City and the SHA. Amount is Total Tenant Rents - Utility Costs x 10% (Actual water, sewer, trash collection and sand and salt bills are paid in full).</p> <p>Welfare Savings: City Welfare and the SHA cooperate on almost a daily basis to most effectively serve the needy. It has been calculated that every family that the SHA houses in its programs could save City Welfare \$15,000 per year in benefits paid.</p>
P.H. Modernization (CIAP)	Capital improvement grants to R/R family and elderly units.	<p>1996: \$175,000</p> <p>1997: \$195,000</p> <p>1998: \$412,000</p> <p>1999: \$275,312</p> <p>2000: \$264,162</p> <p>2001: \$269,308</p> <p>2002: \$255,796</p> <p>2003: \$210,659</p> <p>2004: \$243,741</p>	Most funds are spent locally as a result of competitive bidding. Some contracts go to non-local contractors, but 80% stay in the region.	These funds are granted on a formula basis. These funds end up fueling the local economy by being contracted to local construction firms, architects, plumbers, roofers, electricians, etc.
COPS Program	Cooperative effort with the City of Somersworth to provide a police officer in the housing developments.			
Community Gardening Program	In cooperation with UNH Extension Services. We provide 16 4x8 foot community gardening plots to be cultivated by Albert J. Nadeau Homes residents.			
Safe Haven/Police Mini-station	In conjunction with the COPS program, the SHA applied for and received a Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation Program Grant and a State of NH Byrne Grant to establish the Youth Safe Haven Program which is aimed at assisting development children with school work and keeping them out of the criminal justice system.	\$150,000 per year	After school program held on Monday through Friday at the Albert J. Nadeau Homes. 43 children are enrolled between the ages of 6 - 18.	
Preservation Park & Smokey Hollow Common	42 Units of elderly and family low income housing.	<p>Approx. \$433,140 per year in direct subsidy.</p> <p>Total budget of project contributes an additional \$403,575 per year in maintenance, upkeep, vendors, contractors, and etc.</p>	Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$34,748 per year.	

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments	37 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Tax Credit Program.	<p>Approx. \$344,776 per year in direct subsidy.</p> <p>Total estimated projected costs for year \$300,000</p>	Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$19,000 per year.	<p>This brand new complex opened in June of 2004 under the ownership of Jeff, Pat and David Francoeur.</p> <p>This complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.</p>
Queensbury Mill	24 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.	<p>Approximately \$275,904 per year in direct subsidy.</p> <p>Total projected costs for year \$260,082</p>	Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$13,077 per year.	This renovated complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.
Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program	Over 183 total elderly and family Vouchers to assist renting in private apartments.	Approximately \$1,328,330 per year in direct subsidies paid to private landlords in the region.	<p>All landlords are responsible for their own local tax payments. The vast majority are fully taxable properties, with a few landlords (non-profits) which may make their own arrangements with the City.</p> <p>It is impossible to assess the total taxable property made viable by this program, but the subsidies allow owners to keep properties up to standards and operating better than without the Certificates and Vouchers.</p>	This program allows the most flexibility to families, elderly and landlords. Lease arrangements are between the private landlord and the participant, with the SHA role being the administration of the subsidy and monitoring the quality of the apartments.
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	<p>Since 1975</p> <p>Competitively awarded grants have been received almost every year for Public Facilities and Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation.</p> <p>Completion of \$287,000 for emergency assistance to the Oak Hill Mobile Home Park for water and sewer renovation, and \$315,000 for the Hills Area.</p> <p>Awarded \$500,000 in CDBG funds for the Downtown Initiative Program for the renovation of 2 buildings within the Downtown Somersworth creating commercial and rental units.</p>	Approx. \$21,600,000 in direct grants have been received.	These monies go towards projects which improve the living conditions of low/moderated income residents of Somersworth. The funding has also provided for handicapped access to public facilities. This program has allowed many residences and buildings in Somersworth to be renovated to decent standards that wouldn't have been possible without the funding.	<p>These projects are administered by the SHA following approval by the City Council.</p> <p>Increase in taxes for each unit rehabilitated.</p> <p>\$9,500 per unit is awarded to qualified property owners. These funds are loaned at ½ of prime lending rate. The funds that are paid back are used for further property rehabilitation and downtown revitalization.</p>

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<p>Congregate Elderly</p>	<p>Federal program providing services for 20 elderly residents to prevent premature institutionalization.</p>	<p>Approx. \$129,696 per year awarded to provide services, meals, and service coordination to 20 seniors residing in public housing.</p>	<p>No direct payment, but Every resident we serve in its program would cost the country taxpayers over \$40,000 per year were they to go to the local nursing home.</p> <p>We have approx. 20 participants in this Congregate Program, and have placed several elderly on this program directly from a nursing home. Program participants provide him/her with the services needed to remain independent.</p>	<p>This program is cost effective and humane. We are able, even with the cost of housing subsidies, to keep an elderly person from being unnecessarily institutionalized for program costs (including housing subsidy, services, coordination and administration of about \$8,000 per year.</p> <p>The Charpentier Apartments of the Public Housing Program, is one site for the Congregate Program. Other locations include Queensbury Mill Apts located on Market Street and the Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments located on Maple Street Ext.</p>
<p>Flanagan Center</p>	<p>Gym and Meeting Spaces provided for the Strafford County Head Start Program, the Early Education Program, City Recreation, Somersworth and other area schools, the Somersworth International Children's Festival and other civic organizations.</p>	<p>Since 1972, the SHA has provided free use to the City for this facility.</p> <p>The SHA pays all staff costs and all utility costs for this facility. These costs result in lower PILOT payments to the City but have resulted in substantial savings in recreational, social, and civic user costs.</p>	<p>All costs are borne by the SHA out of operating subsidies.</p> <p>Private groups pay \$25.00 per hour to rent the facility.</p>	<p>It would cost the City in excess of \$1,000,000 to construct its own recreational facility plus vast operational funds.</p>
<p>Somersworth Early Learning Center</p>	<p>Approx. 125-130 children (Center is fully accredited)</p>	<p>Approx. \$806,948 from USDA, Title XX, the United Way, fundraising, and private clients.</p>	<p>Provides a clean, comfortable center for children of families who must work. Because of funding sources, the Center is able to provide a sliding fee scale for parents who must work but cannot afford daycare prices (approx. 20% of the daycare enrollees required these special payment arrangements).</p>	<p>This is one of the few Centers in the area that provide care for newborn infants (around 6 weeks of age).</p> <p>Provides 2 meals and 1 snack per day that are nutritionally sound (USDA guidelines).</p>
<p>Strafford County Nutrition</p>	<p>Meals on Wheels (Home Delivered recipients): Approx. 230 persons per day.</p> <p>Congregate Meals (3 sites): Approx. 180 persons per day.</p>	<p>Approx. \$739,402 per year from USDA, Title XX, Title IIIIC, and anonymous donations.</p>	<p>Provides for the nutritious meals and the staffing that is required to service elderly disabled persons in Strafford County who are homebound or are for some reason unable to make themselves a nutritious meal.</p>	<p>2,300 meals per week are served in Somersworth, Dover, Rochester, Farmington, Milton, Rollinsford, Durham, Strafford, Madbury, Lee, Barrington, Middleton and New Durham.</p>

PROPOSED PROGRAMS: 2005

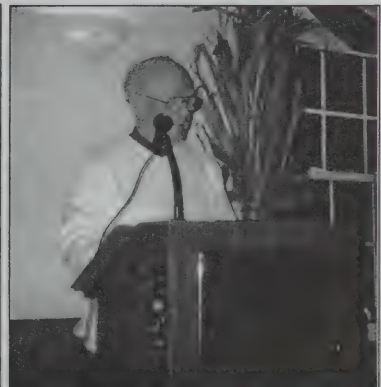
Downtown Initiative Program: Renovation of Somersworth's Downtown. SHA will purchase two buildings located in downtown Somersworth. After rehabilitation, these building will contain 9 residential and 4 commercial units. The buildings will be renovated to revitalize its downtown area. SHA is the City's agent for CDBG. Proposed projects: \$1,628,216. This development has been delayed due to delays in funding at the State of New Hampshire.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The SHA is proud to be the Management Agent for the new Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments located on 191 Maple Street in Somersworth, NH.

Owners Jeff, Pat and David Francoeur have developed this new 37 unit enriched housing for seniors citizens and handicapped individuals under the Low Income Tax Credit Program. The Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments provides living assistance programs to qualified individuals such as shopping, housekeeping, and coordination of medical and social services with an on-site coordinator.

This complex was named for the former Somersworth Housing Authority Executive Director, Albert "Jack" LaBonte, who, after 44 years of service to the community and private sector, retired in 1993. Jack continued to serve the community after retirement as a member of the State Committee on Aging, Board Member of the Community Action Program, Strafford County Committee on Aging and the Somersworth Community Development Corporation. Jack was also the recipient of the State of New Hampshire Vaughn Award in 2002.



*Jack LaBonte,
Former Ex. Director, SHA*

SAYING GOOD-BYE

On December 31, 2004 Joseph Couture, Executive Director of the Somersworth Housing Authority said good-bye after 32 years of service.

With over 130 people in attendance at his retirement party held at Great Bay Catering, Joe bid farewell to housing and the community to start a new venture in Florida with his wife, Debby (Kennedy). Joe came to the Authority

in 1972 as Social Service Officer, and continued up the professional ladder when in 1974 he became Administrator of Community Services. In 1981 Joe was promoted to Assistant Executive Director, and upon the retirement of Jack LaBonte in 1993, Joe assumed the title of Executive Director.

Since 1977 until his retirement in 2004, Joe had also been the Community Development Director for which he gained some \$22 million in CDBG funds and \$14 million in Capital Grant Funds.

Joe was instrumental in developing into apartments the old Commercial School on Green Street and the old Greek Church and Chandler School. It was also under Joe's leadership the development of the Queensbury Mill Apartments, a 24 unit elderly and disabled housing complex under the Low Income Tax Credit Program. Joe also secured the funding for the Somersworth Early Learning Center, an accredited Child Care Center servicing 130 children.



*Retiring Ex. Director of the
Somersworth Housing Authority.
Joseph and Debbie Couture*

Professional Associations include former President of the NH Associations of Housing Authorities, Secretary of the Great Falls Development Corporation, member of the NH Housing & Community Development Council, past Board Member of the Somersworth Main Street Program, and the Somersworth Chamber of Commerce. Joe also won the Housing Award of Excellence from the Tri-State Directors Association in 1997.

Elizabeth Salinger, former Finance Director for the Authority, assumed the position of Executive Director upon Joe's retirement. Beth has been with the Authority for 25 years, and brings with her experience in Community Development Block Grants, Financial and Housing related fields.

*Elizabeth A. Salinger, Executive Director
David L. Roberge, Chairman
Joan A. Lynch, Vice Chairman
John Meserve, Commissioner
Dean Crombie, Commissioner
Kate Mooney, Commissioner*

This page intentionally left blank.

**Detail Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 - Schedule A-1**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive <u>(Negative)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property taxes	\$ 13,470,120	\$ 13,470,120	\$ -
Resident taxes	70,000	72,870	2,870
Interest, penalties and other taxes	<u>216,400</u>	<u>91,580</u>	<u>(124,820)</u>
Total Taxes	13,756,520	13,634,570	(121,950)
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor vehicle permits	1,350,000	1,447,581	97,581
Dog licenses	-	7,827	7,827
Business licenses, permits and fees	<u>91,000</u>	<u>83,855</u>	<u>(7,145)</u>
Total Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,441,000	1,539,263	98,263
<u>Intergovernmental</u>			
City:			
Shared revenues	392,348	392,348	-
Highway block grant	183,521	178,928	(4,593)
Railroad tax	807	-	(807)
Landfill grant	-	2,224	2,224
Business profit tax	345,446	345,446	-
Payment in lieu of taxes	61,053	18,817	(42,236)
Other	<u>1,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,193)</u>
Sub-total City Intergovernmental	984,368	937,763	(46,605)
School:			
State adequacy grant	5,186,298	5,186,298	-
Medicaid reimbursement	95,000	99,435	4,435
Building aid	200,601	200,621	20
Catastrophic aid	34,000	72,657	38,657
Vocational aid - Transportation	97,731	138,206	40,475
Tuition	999,075	857,828	(141,247)
Other	<u>1,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,875)</u>
Sub-total School Intergovernmental	<u>6,614,580</u>	<u>6,555,045</u>	<u>(59,535)</u>
Total Intergovernmental	7,598,948	7,492,808	(106,140)

(continued)

**Detail Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 - Schedule A-1 (Continued)**

(continued)

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from departments	\$ 250,000	\$ 273,523	\$ 23,523
Building rental/use	-	4,305	4,305
Hydro lease	80,000	89,787	9,787
Play zone lease	-	9,885	9,885
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Charges for Services	330,000	377,500	47,500
<u>Interest Income</u>	125,000	34,687	(90,313)
<u>Other Revenues</u>			
Sale of town property	15,000	(4,900)	(19,900)
Went Douglas lease	21,000	21,000	-
Miscellaneous	-	2,400	2,400
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Other Revenues	36,000	18,500	(17,500)
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Use of fund balance	550,000	550,000	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Other Financing Sources	550,000	550,000	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 23,837,468</u>	<u>\$ 23,647,328</u>	<u>\$ (190,140)</u>

**Detail Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 - Schedule A-2**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>General Government</u>			
Mayor/council	\$ 31,300	\$ 28,059	\$ 3,241
City manager	173,257	172,189	1,068
City clerk	114,111	108,838	5,273
Elections	11,291	11,616	(325)
Assessing	100,217	89,731	10,486
Finance	209,018	206,994	2,024
Tax collector	152,076	157,635	(5,559)
Administration	150,000	136,685	13,315
Planning and zoning	232,949	237,899	(4,950)
Economic development	35,700	33,045	2,655
Municipal building	131,989	124,591	7,398
Civic promotions	24,066	18,688	5,378
	<u>1,365,974</u>	<u>1,325,970</u>	<u>40,004</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police administration	280,682	297,636	(16,954)
Police patrol	1,050,777	1,049,176	1,601
Investigation	201,272	199,067	2,205
Police support	222,355	208,647	13,708
Traffic	44,966	41,570	3,396
Prosecution	80,950	80,493	457
Fire administration	132,548	131,493	1,055
Firefighting	920,902	930,640	(9,738)
	<u>2,934,452</u>	<u>2,938,722</u>	<u>(4,270)</u>

(continued)

**Detail Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 - Schedule A-2 (Continued)**

(continued)	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Highways and Streets</u>			
Engineering	\$ 118,768	\$ 119,553	\$ (785)
DPW administration	806,682	839,753	(33,071)
Snow removal	61,115	60,464	651
Street maintenance	85,199	83,912	1,287
Street cleaning	9,839	7,617	2,222
Drains	19,600	12,264	7,336
Equipment acquisition	90,819	81,908	8,911
Equipment maintenance	51,146	54,759	(3,613)
Solid waste collection	136,500	119,126	17,374
Street lights	100,706	95,841	4,865
Buildings and grounds	33,000	31,172	1,828
Code enforcement	104,559	104,179	380
Cemetery	17,022	12,911	4,111
Total Highways and Streets	1,634,955	1,623,459	11,496
<u>Health and Welfare</u>			
Health	44,000	41,000	3,000
Human services	335,575	339,605	(4,030)
Total Health and Welfare	379,575	380,605	(1,030)
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Public library	283,321	280,915	2,406
Recreation	156,426	164,903	(8,477)
Total Culture and Recreation	439,747	445,818	(6,071)
<u>School Department</u>	14,146,844	14,164,280	(17,436)
<u>Debt Service</u>			
<u>City</u>			
Principal	\$ 132,175	\$ 164,486	\$ (32,311)
Interest	272,793	230,822	41,971
<u>School</u>			
Principal	523,440	523,440	-
Interest	279,593	279,593	-
Total Debt Service	1,208,001	1,198,341	9,660
<u>Intergovernmental Assessment - County</u>	1,585,920	1,476,281	109,639
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Transfers (out)	142,000	142,000	-
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 23,837,468</u>	<u>\$ 23,695,476</u>	<u>\$ 141,992</u>

Enterprise Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 - Schedule E-3

	Final Budget	Water Fund Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Positive (Negative)
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 964,033	\$ 1,087,429	\$ 123,396
Total Operating Revenues	964,033	1,087,429	123,396
Operating Expenses:			
Operating expense	744,942	763,702	(18,760)
Debt service	130,000	173,333	(43,333)
Miscellaneous	63,386	-	63,386
Total Operating Expenses	938,328	937,035	1,293
Nonoperating Income and (Expenses):			
State grants	40,000	39,741	(259)
Interest income	3,000	1,314	(1,686)
Interest expense	(68,705)	(50,410)	18,295
Total Nonoperating Income and (Expenses)	(25,705)	(9,355)	16,350
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	-	141,039	141,039
Operating Transfers:			
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ 141,039	\$ 141,039

Enterprise Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 - Schedule E-3 (Continued)

Sewer Fund			Solid Waste		
Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Positive (Negative)	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Positive (Negative)
\$ 816,254	\$ 1,143,830	\$ 327,576	\$ 266,000	\$ 340,175	\$ 74,175
816,254	1,143,830	327,576	266,000	340,175	74,175
726,876	749,245	(22,369)	266,000	296,668	(30,668)
44,354	44,354	-	-	-	-
-	111,268	(111,268)	-	-	-
771,230	904,867	(133,637)	266,000	296,668	(30,668)
60,000	23,172	(36,828)	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
(5,024)	(4,585)	439	-	-	-
54,976	18,587	(36,389)	-	-	-
100,000	257,550	157,550	-	43,507	43,507
(100,000)	(100,000)	-	-	-	-
\$ -	\$ 157,550	\$ 157,550	\$ -	\$ 43,507	\$ 43,507

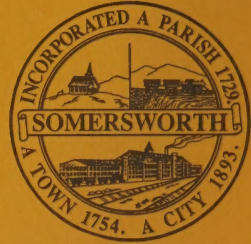
CITY MAYORS

FROM PRESENT TO PAST (Continued)

Clement P. Roy	1934
Peter M. Gagne	1923 - 1933
Fred H. Brown	1914 - 1922
Paul LaBonte	1912 - 1913
Thomas J. Dougherty	1909 - 1911
Benjamin F. Hanson	1905 - 1908
Freeman A. Hussey	1904
John N. Haynes	1902 - 1903
Haven Doe	1901
Arthur J. Seavey	1898 - 1900
Benjamin F. Hanson	1897
Christopher H. Wells	1894 - 1896
Franklin N. Chase	1893 <i>(first mayor when Somersworth became a city)</i>

City of Somersworth

Service Directory



Adopt-A-Spot Program	692-4266
Auto Registration	692-9555
Betterment Assessments	692-9555
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates	692-9511 or 692-9512
Blocked Storm Drains	692-4266
Building Permits and Inspections	692-9522
Compost Facility	692-4266
Council Agenda Information	692-9511 or 692-9512
Dog Licenses	692-9511 or 692-9512
Elections/Voter Registration	692-9511 or 692-9512
Emergency Welfare Assistance	692-9509
Historical Reference Questions	692-4587
Library Information	692-4587
Marriage Licenses	692-9511 or 692-9512
Museum Pass Reservations	692-4587
Pay Per Bags / Bulky Waste Stickers	692-9511 or 692-9512
Police	692-3131
Road Repairs	692-4266
Property Maintenance Inspections	692-9521
Property Taxes	692-9555
Recycling Info	692-4266
Resident Taxes	692-9555
Service Agency Referrals	692-9509
Sewer Backups	692-4266
Snow Ban Info	692-9131
Street Light Problems	692-4266
Traffic Light Problems	692-4266
Trash Info	692-4266
Water Main Breaks	692-9523
Water / Sewer Bills	692-9523
Water / Sewer Payments	692-9555