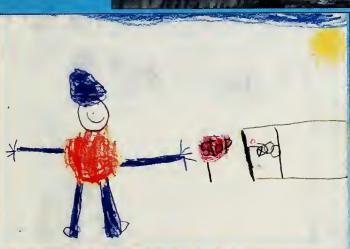
TOWN OF ATKINSON, NH









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Town of Atkinson Office Hours

Selectmen's Office	Police Department Emergency Number
Animal Control	Monday: 7:00 am to 9:00 pm Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Building Inspector &	Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Code Enforcement 362-5761	
Weekdays: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Town Garage 362-4010
Monday: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm	
	Transfer/Recycle Station
Community Center	Wednesday: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday–Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm	
Kimball Library	SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS (held at the Town Hall except when noted)
Weekdays: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm	Board of Selectmen,
Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Mondays at 7:30 pm
Zavar any	Budget Committee,
Fire Department	2 nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Emergency Number	Cable Advisory,
Business Number	2 nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm
	Conservation Commission,
	1 st Monday at 7:30 pm
Tax Collector	Kimball Library Trustees,
Monday: 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm	1 st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (at library)
Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Planning Board,
Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm
•	Zoning Board of Adjustment,
Town Clerks	2 nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm
Monday: 8:30 am to 6:30 pm	
Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm	
	LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
Planning Board &	Atkinson Garden Club
Zoning Board362-5761	Atkinson Historical Society
Weekdays: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Friends of the Kimball Library
	Lions Club
	Tri-Towne Friends
	Women's Civic Club

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Dedication

3 would like to dedicate this year's Annual Report to Charlie McCarthy, part-time Police Officer and Crossing guard.

Charlie has lived in Town since 1954 and has been an employee since 1978. Charlie first came to Town for a ball game and cookout and moved to Town after he married his wife, Joan. He fell in love with a "local girl" and the rural nature of the Town.

When Charlie retired from Western Electric, the Police Department became his "full time work". Residents of Town have known Charlie for his volunteer work and police duties, and several generations of school age children have grown up with Charlie.

Charlie works on 3rd grade projects as an escort to all historical sites—Kimball House, the Cemetery, etc.--in Town and takes part in the school's color contest. He is a fixture in the morning and the afternoon on Academy Avenue, keeping the traffic moving in an orderly and safe manner.

Charlie has a legacy of woodworking projects at Town Hall: ballot boxes, a podium, storage bins and organizers. He is currently working on a project for the Town Clerk.

Even though Charlie does not want any recognition for his work, his dedication to the Town is appreciated and should be recognized.

Barbara Stewart, Chairman of the Board



₩e Remember ... 2003

JOSEPH HOLLAND

Library Trustee

SHIRLEY ANN LOPEZ

Recreation Commission

DAN WALKER

Library Director

Kimball Library Trustees We Remember

It has been a trying year for both the Trustees and the staff of the library with the unexpected death of Dan Walker, our library director in April and Joe Holland our Library Trustee in August.

We mourn the loss of Dan and Joe; we have fond memories of them and their desire to improve the Kimball Library.

Dan and his wife Joanne came from the Pacific Northwest, Oregon, prior to being appointed to his new position here at the beginning of 2002. Dan and his wife were excited to be coming to a small New England town where he could spend time visiting the mountains with their scenic vistas, our sandy beaches, and historic sites that make this region unique.

We remember Dan as a caring and knowledgeable person when it came to the running of the library, and his top priority was building of the new library for the Town. He updated the library materials collection and increased the DVD and audio books in the CD format. The computers were updated, giving the patrons the ability to access material on line and instrumental in bringing the high-speed Internet access through the purchase of the satellite dish in the fall of 2002. This made our computers highly desirable for researching a project for school or just browsing the Internet.

The members of the Trustees and the library staff will always have fond memories of Joe Holland. As a voracious reader, he was always in the library returning books or taking more books out. As a new member of the Trustee of the Library, I could count on his knowledge for help, if I needed it. When it came time to appoint a new library director, he was instrumental in selecting Katie McDonough from the field of applicants. I think this selection was one of his proudest moments as Trustee; I know it was one of ours proudest moments as well.

The Trustees' major mission during the summer months was the appointment of a library director. We received a tremendous response to the job opening from over all parts of the country. Our decision in appointing Katie McDonough as library director for the Kimball Library was unanimous. Katie brings with her a wealth of knowledge from her prior position with the state library, which has help tremendously with the daily operation of running the library. When the time comes, her knowledge in space planning will be beneficial in building a new library.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Woodbury, Chairman

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TOWN OFFICIALS

Representatives to the General Court

The Honorable Natalie F. Flanagan, District 78
The Honorable George D. Winchell, District 78
The Honorable Charles Morse, District 22

2003 ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator		Library Trustees	
Francis G. Polito	2005	Elaine M. Woodbury, Chair	2006
		William Baldwin	2006
Board of Selectmen		Ellen DeRosa	2004
Barbara L. Stewart, Chair	2004	Joan I. Goff	2005
Brian J. Boyle	2005	Kevin Langlois	2004
Philip V. Consentino	2006	Denise Jackson, Alternate Brian Boyle, ex officio	2004
Town Clerk			
Linda S. Jette	2006	Municipal Budget Committee	
		Jame E. Cole, Chair	2005
Tax Collector		Mark R. Acciard	2004
Debra L. DeSimone	2006	Marsha Bassi	2006
		David H. Paquette	2004
Treasurer		Janine M. Sawyer-Standley	2005
Susan B. Coppeta	2004	Frederick Thompson Brian J. Boyle, ex officio	2006
Cemetery Trustees		Brian D. Boylet en omiero	
Donald L. Murphy, Jr., Chair	2005	Raod Agent	
Dale A. Childs	2004	Edward A. Stewart	2005
Bergeron Norris	2006		
		Supervisor of the Checklist	
Code of Ethics Committee		Martha E. MacDonald, Chair	2008
Richard L. Smith, Chair	2004	Virginia A. Busby	2006
Michael J. Mascola	2005	Suzanne Malone	2004
Robert A. Murad	2005		
E. Richard O'Leary	2006	Trustees of the Trust Funds	
Thomas Phaneuf	2004	Dale A. Childs, Chair	2006
		Estelle A. Halchak	2004
		Paul H. McKallagat	2005

2003 APPOINTED OFFICIALS		Code Enforcement Off	ïcer	2004
Di 1987 A AG A Banda		James H. Kirsch	-4	2004
American Disabilities Act Coordianto		Robert J. Jones, Assistar	1[2004
Robert J. Jones	2004	C	1:4	
4 : 10 4 1		Community Center Co		
Animal Control	2004	Norido Yoshida-Travers		
Warren P. Seckendorf, Officer	2004	Conservation Commiss	••••	
Timothy J. Judge, Assistant	2004			2005
Donald L. Murphy, Assistant	2004	N. Scott Kukshtel, Chair		2005
Robin Serratore, Assistant	2004	Tim Dziechowski		2006
Edward A. Stewart, Assistant	2004	Carole L. Hall		2004
D 1 CA1' -44		Peter McVay		2005
Baord of Adjustment	2006	Alice Sambol-Ward		2004
Francis G. Polito, Chair	2006	Paul F. Wainwright		2006
Elizabeth A. McGrath, Vice Chair	2004	Ray Gordon, Alternate		2004
Sanford F. Carter	2005	Michelle R. Veasey, Alt	ernate	2006
William Friel	2004			
Peter A. Lewis	2005	Electrical Inspector		2004
Merle R. Ashford, Alternate	2005	Michael J. DiBartolomeo		
John F. Henrickson, Alternate	2005	David A. Pallaria, Assistant		
David J. Rockwell, Alternate	2005			
Barbara L. Stewart, ex officio		Elderly Affairs Director		
N 44 4		Philip V. Consentino		2004
Building Inspector	2004	77	•	
Robert J. Jones	2004	Family Mediation Rep	resentatives	2004
Howard N. Seckendorf, Jr. Assist.	2004	Debra L. DeSimone		2004
Cable Advisory Committee		Fence Viewers		
Michael Torres, Chair	2004	Maurice R. Collins		2004
David C. Boyle	2004	Susan Killam		2004
John DeFusco	2004	A. Robert Stewart		2004
Howard Epstein	2004			
Richard A. Garafola	2004	Fire Department		
Brian Kaye	2004	Michael E. Murphy	Fire Chief	
Richard Magoon	2004	Kevin J. Landry	Deputy	
Bergeron Norris	2004	Warren P. Seckendorf	Fire Captian	
Barbara L. Stewart, ex officio	2001	Willaim M. Lopez	Lieutenant	
		Andrew T. Cammilleri	Lieutenant	
		Frederick P. Beckwith	EMS Captair	1
		Jennifer Myers	EMS Lieuten	
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Fire Department (Cor	nt'd)	Highway Safety Committee	
Members:		Al Apitz, Highway Department	2004
Albert Apitz	Willaim Baldwin	Philip A. Busby	2004
Daniel Beckwith, Jr.	Brenda L. Boisvert	Fred Childs, Maint. Supervisor	2004
Ryan H. Dame	Joseph Davey	David Consentino, Officer	2004
Joseph DeRosa	Charles D. Earley	Philip V. Consentino, Police Chief	2004
John L. Feuer	Ronald W. Gale	Kevin Landry, Deputy Fire Chief	2004
Abraham Goldstein	David J. Holigan	William Lopez, Highway Depart.	2004
Darrell A. Hollenbeck	Timothy Judge	Michael E. Murphy, Fire Chief	2004
Andrew J. Murphy	Jeffrey M. Murphy	Vic Richards, Town Administrator	2004
Shane Murphy	Robert C. Neill	Edward A. Stewart, Highway Dept.	2004
Nicholas D. Orio	Carroll B. Ray		
John F. Rockwell	Brennan Scott	Homeland Security	
Edward A. Stewart	Donna Sullivan	Michael E. Murphy	2004
Paul A. Sullivan	David Weymouth		
Stephen J. Wooster		Planning Board	
Aaron Antolewicz, Hor	norary Member	Susan M. Killam, Chair	2004
Fire Inspectors:		Nichole Chaney	2006
Charles D. Earley David Weymouth		D. Paul DiMaggio	2005
Forest Warden:		Charles D. Earley	2004
Michael E. Murphy, W	arden	Michael D. Fletcher	2005
Albert Apitz, Deputy		Harold J. Morse	2006
Darrell A. Hollenbeck,	Deputy	Dr. Joseph Guischard, Alternate	2005
Kevin J. Landry, Deput	y	Edwart A. Stewart, Alternate	2006
Donald L. Murphy, Dep	outy	Donna J. Sullivan, Alternate	2006
Edward A. Stewart, De			
David M. Weymouth, I	Deputy	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	
		Willaim K. Ashford	2004
Hazardous Waste Col	lection Day Rep.		
Edward A. Stewart	2004	Police Department	
		Philip V. Consentino	. Chief
Health Officer		William M. Baldwin Sergeant,Exec	
Joseph W. Chamberlain	2004	Diane M. Kinney	
Philip A. Busby	2004	Philip Farrar	_
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Police Department (C	ont'd)	Rockingham Planing Commission				
Patrol Officers:		Representatives				
Richard A. Buco, Jr.	David L. Consentino	Edward Stewart	Paul A. Sullivan			
JoAnne Consentino	Robert Desjardins					
Kevin M. Donnelly	Emmanuel R. Fardella	Safety/JLMC Committee				
Stephen Isola	Karen M. Kinney	Fred J. Childs, Maint. Supervisor				
John R. Lapham	Anthony L. Lopez, Sr.	JoAnne Consentino, Police Dept.				
Gary Lordon	Charles McCarthy	Charles D. Earley, Fire Dept.				
Gerard M. O'Meara	Justin I. Paquette	Linda S. Jette, Town	ı Clerk			
Donald Roberts	Christopher M. Ryan	Patricia E. Macomb	er, Family Mediation			
Vincent Scarvaglieri	Scott W. Wood	Paul Regan, Kimbal	ll Library			
Dispatch:		Vic Richards, Town	Adminstrator			
JoAnne Consentino	Diane M. Kinney	Edward A. Stewart,	Road Agent			
Mary B. Duffy	Gary J. Lordon	Noriko Yoshida-Tra	avers, Community Center			
Directors:		Elaine M. Woodbur	ry, Town Hall			
JoAnne Consentino	. Dispatch Service					
Diane M. Kinney	. Personnel	Surveyor of Wood	& Lumber			
Special Assignments:		John Feuer	2004			
John R. Lapham	. D.A.R.E. Officer	Martin Feuer	2004			
Diane M. Kinney	Scheduling	Edward A. Stewart	2004			
School Crossing Guard	ds:					
Charles J. McCarthy	Mary B. Duffy	Town Forester				
Community Service Of	ficers:	Edward A. Stewart	2004			
William L. Anderson	Roger W. Culliford					
Mary B. Duffy	Anthony L. Lopez, Sr.	Tree Warden				
Richard Magoon		Edward A. Stewart	2004			
Department Chaplains	•					
Pastor Paul Dionne		Town Employees				
Farther Marcel Martel		Vic Richards, Town	Administrator			
		Albert E. Apitz, Highway Department				
Recreation Commission	on	Kathryn M. Burke, A	Assist. Town Clerk			
Cathy J. Thompson, Ch	air 2005	Rose M. Cavalear, I	Deputy Town Clerk			
Shirley Ann Lopez	2005	Fred Childs, Jr. Mai	ntenance Supervisor			
John Mangini	2005	Debra L. DeSimone, Assist. Town Clerk				
Patricia Mangini	2006	Paul Dorman, Electr	rical Inspector			
Noriko Yoshida-Traver		Joshua Dougdale, Highway Department				
Barbara L. Stewart, ex	x officio	Richard J. Durkin, Highway Department				

Town Employees (Cont'd)

Shirley Galvin, Planning/Zoning/Building Tim Judge, Highway Department Anthony J. luele, Electrical Inspector Yvon LeBlanc, Highway Department Willaim H. Lopez, Highway Department Carol Samowski-Kater, PB Rec. Seretary Susan M. Killiam, *Planning/Building* Jason Landry, Highway Department Sandra M. LeVallee, Bookkeeper Patricia E. Macomber, *Deputy Tax Coll*. Patricia A. Mangini, Deputy Town Clerk Steven Monteith, Highway Department Raymond Morelli, Care of Grounds Virginia Morelli, Care of Grounds Pamela C. Murphy, Fire Dept. Clerk Lori A. Parrillo, Deputy Treasurer Rebecca A. Russo, ZBA Rec. Secretary Gregory J. Schlichte, Highway Department Brennan T. Scott, Highway Department Evie F. Taft, Assist. Town Clerk Noriko Yoshida-Travers, Community Center Elaine M. Woodbury, Assessing Clerk

Kimball Library Staff

Kathleen C. McDonough, *Director*Carolyn E. Birr, *Dir. Children's Librarian*Janince E. Ananian Linda E. Bourassa
Roberta S. Cianci Linda M. Giuffre
Joan Houle Kathleen LaMarre
Laura M. McLaughlin Paul D. Regan

Betty Rollins *Volunteers:*

Nancy Hoffman Allison Lippens Susan McGinley Heather Wolff Rachel Wolff Russell Wolff

ACTV- 20 Production Staff

Erica A. Jordon, Cable Coordinator

Barbara Snicer, Producer

Adele H. Dillon Justin R. Dufresne Susan J. Garrant John V. Geary

Denise Jackson William A. Linnehan
John P. Mangini Kenneth L. Putney
Nicholas Valvanis Raymond J. Viglione
Megan E. Wisecarver Richard B. Wood, Sr.

TOWN REPORT COORDINATOR

Elaine M. Woodbury

Board of Selectmen

2003 was a year of change for the Board. I announced that I would not seek re-election in 2004, due to the increased responsibilities of my career. The Board continues to work on several projects.

The Town revaluation is continuing as scheduled with the Assessor scheduling onsite visits to validate tax card information. In the fall the Assessor completed an analysis of residential sales over the past two years and property values were brought up to 100% of market value.

The curbside recycling program has been a success with several thousand dollars worth of savings to the Town. We have budgeted, for 2004, a continuous TV and computer monitor recycling program. Curbside pick up of household solid waste has also been consistent.

The Board has been working with employees on updating the employee Personnel Handbook. This should make for more efficient management of town affairs.

The Board instituted a Snow Removal Policy and hoped that it would help the Highway Department in its efforts to maintain safe roads in the winter time. One of the most important conditions in the policy was prohibiting objects in the road right of way. The plow drivers need a clear path as wide as the shoulder of the roads.

The Board continues to support and respect the efforts of all employees, staff, and volunteers and the Board appreciates feedback from the residents.

I will miss being a part of the government of the Town, but I will still actively participate in the events of the Town. I look forward to serving the Town again.

I would like to thank all those people who have supported the Board and myself over the years. Without you, we could not have made Atkinson the Town it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stewart, Chairperson

Town Administrators Report

As I began to write this year's report I was proud of the success of our efforts to make waste removal in Town a consistent and money saving endeavor over the past year. I don't think we have had a delay until this past January (2004) when the hydraulics on the trucks became too viscous to operate due to the extreme cold weather.

It has been a good year and, with curbside recycling, residents of Town have saved approximately \$18,000 in tipping fees. We are budgeting for a second recycling bin in 2004 and hope to increase the savings even more. Thank you for your cooperation in making the curbside program a success!

In 2003, we received a FEMA grant for approximately \$11,000 to help defray snow plowing costs, a NH the Beautiful grant for \$5,400 for recycling bins, a Homeland Security grant for \$14,000 for a thermal imaging camera, and a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for \$3,200 for a study of and recommendation for preservation of Town records.

We will be moving forward to upgrade computer software in the Accounting Department and the Building Department to help make the departments more efficient. We have been working on a new Personnel Policy to make sure employees and the Selectmen have better communication and guidelines.

We completed a tax assessment update to property values and brought the state equalization rate from 64% to 100% of market value. We thank the residents for their cooperation during the abatement process and their politeness in dealing with a stressful situation.

We honored Joe DeRosa for 18 years service to the Town and welcomed new Selectman Phil Consentino. Chairperson Barbara Stewart announced she would not run for Selectmen again in 2004 after nine years on the Board and we wish her success in achieving her career goals.

The Lion Club honored its 'Citizen of the Year', Patti Mangini, by installing a new flagpole at the Community Center. There will be other changes at the Community Center when the State of New Hampshire widens Route I21 for the new bridge.

We look forward to another year of serving the residents of the Town with an open door policy.

Respectfully submitted.

Vic Richards,
Town Administrator

2003 Approved Appropriations

General Government		
Executive	\$ 193,125.00	
Elections, Registrations	146,091.00	
Financial Administration	173,566.00	
Computers	26,800.00	
Legal Expense	29,000.00	
Personnel Administration	20,372.00	
Planning and Zoning	15,836.00	
General Government Buildings	66,139.00	
Cemeteries	23,800.00	
Insurance	37,237.00	
Advertising and Regional	5,429.00	
Total General Government	5,727.00	737,395.00
Public Safety		131,393.00
Police	617,698.00	
Elderly Affairs	12,567.00	
Ambulance	22,000.00	
Fire		
	234,684.00	
Building Inspectors	63,237.00	
Homeland Security	1,800.00	
Animal Control	<u>19,434.00</u>	0.71.420.00
Total Public Safety		971,420.00
Highway and Streets		
Highway and Streets	404,754.00	
Street Lighting	26,000.00	
Total Highway and Streets		430,754.00
Sanitation		
Solid Waste Disposal	495,150.00	
Recycling	29,792.00	
Total Sanitation		524,942.00
Health/Welfare		
Administration	11,320.00	
Health Agencies	32,564.00	
Direct Assistance	13,950.00	
Total Health/Welfare		57,834.00
Culture/Recreation		
Parks/Recreation	118,664.00	
Kimball Library	225,221.00	
Patriotic Purposes	3,100.00	
Other Culture & Recreation	32,762.00	
Total Culture/Recreation	02,102100	379,747.00
Conservation		017,111100
Administration	3,355.00	
Total Conservation	<u>5,555.00</u>	3,355.00
Debt Service		5,555.00
Principal - Long Term Bond	102,143.00	
Interest	33,605.00	
Total Debt Service	33,003.00	125 749 00
Total Deut Service		135,748.00
TOTAL 2003 APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 2241 105 00
TOTAL 2003 AFFRORMATIONS		\$ 3,241,195.00

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Value of Land:

 Current Use
 \$ 157,079

 Residential
 342,486,227

 Commerical/Industrial
 14,094,500

Total Taxable Land 356,737,806

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential 480,694,100
Manufactured Housing 40,800
Commerical/Industrial 22,217,500

Total Taxable Buildings 502,952,400

Public Utilities:

 Water
 680,600

 Gas
 208,700

 Electric
 2,396,500

Total Public Utilities 3,285,800

Exemptions:

Blind 30,000
Elderly Exemptions 3,018,750
Physically Handicapped 167,500
Solar/Wind Power 86,766

Total Exemptions (3,303,016.00)

Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed: \$\\ 859,672,990

2003 Tax Rate Computation

Town Portion Gross Appropriations Less: Revenues Less: Shares Revenues Overlay War Service Creidits	\$ 4,088,436 2,355,943 5,205 110,909 52,900			
Approved Town Tax Effort Town Tax Rate		\$	1,891,097	TOWN RATE \$2.19
School Portion				
Regional School Apportionment	9,596,994			
Adequate Education Grant	(691,834)			
State Education Taxes	(3,292,819)			
Approved School Tax Effort			5,612,341	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
Local School Rate				\$6.53
State Education Taxes				
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X \$669,272,252	4.92			STATE SCHOOL RATE
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation - \$856,387,190			3,292,819	\$3.85
County Portion				
Due to County	842,898			
Less: Shared Revenues	(3,235)			
Approved County Tax Effort	 (2,122)		839,663	COUNTY RATE \$0.98
Total Property Taxes Assessed		\$	11,635,920	TOTAL TOWN
Less: War Service Credit			(52,900)	TAX RATE
Total Property Taxes Commitment		\$	11,583,020	\$13.55
PROOF OF RATE				
Net Assessed Valuation			Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (No Utilities)	\$ 856,387,190	\$	3.85	\$ 3,292,819
All Other Taxes	\$ 859,672,990		9.70	8,343,101
Totals		<u>\$</u>	13.55	\$ 11,635,920

2003 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

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Note: * Expenditures include 2003 Warrant Expenditures (2) Warrants were eredited to accounts

FINANCIAL STATEMENT For Year Ended December 31, 2003 (Unaudited)

Assets

Cash in Hand			\$5,489,454.78
Captial Reserve Funds: (as of December 31, 2002) Fire Department Cable Television Building Needs Highway Department Kimball Library Total Capital Reserve Funds	\$	122,749.21 242,839.27 11,570.81 2,687.03 400,000.00	779,846.32
Uncollected Taxes:			
for 2003 End of Year 2002 End of Year 2001 Total Uncollected Taxes	_	324,514.90 82,432.19 187,239.17	594,186.26
Total Assets			\$6,863,487.36
			\$ 0,003,407.30
Liabilities & Fund Balance Accounts Owed by the Town: Current Portion of Long-Term Debt Special Appropriations School District Taxes Payable Outstanding Invoices Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$	130,947.00 111,069.50 ,195,160.00 62,000.00	4,499,176.50
Accounts Owed by the Town: Current Portion of Long-Term Debt Special Appropriations School District Taxes Payable Outstanding Invoices	Ť	111,069.50 ,195,160.00	
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Town of Atkinson Property List

				TOWIT OF ATKINS				700	
					Building	Feature	Land	Total	# of
Мар	Lot	Sub-lot	St. #	Location	Values	Values	Values	Values	Acres
000013	000030	000000	1	ACADEMY AVE	412,900	73,600	214,600	701,100	9.307
000013	000030	000000	1.B	ACADEMY AVE	51,900	-		51,900	
000013	000031	000000	3	ACADEMY AVE	216,800	1,300	394,400	612,500	9.367
000013	(100043	000000		ACADEMY AVE	_	-	108,100	108,100	0.820
000013	000070	000000	21	ACADEMY AVE	303,300	16,400	371,500	691,200	4.500
			a. i	ACADEMY AVE	34,100	18,500		52,600	4.500
000013	000070	000000					***************************************		
6000013	000077	000000	16	ACADEMY AVE	46,700	-	164,300	211,000	0.250
000013	000091	000000		ACADEMY AVE	-	-	118,100	118,100	0 466
000014	000033	000000	27	ACADEMY AVE	185,400	-	119,500	304,900	0.500
000005	000035	000000		BACKLAND		-	39,500	39,500	11.100
000018	000077	000000		BACKLAND-MAPLF AVE	-	-	60,100	60,100	17.430
0000018	000078	000000		BACKLAND-MAPLE AVE			185,600	185,600	66.000
000020	000036	000000		BOULDER COVE RD			656,300	656,300	35.170
000023	000089	000000		BOULDER COVE RD			77,200	77,200	0.510
000023	000090	(00)0(00)		BOULDER COVE RD			27,700	27,700	0.120
						•			
000002	000053	000000		BRUSHWOOD DR		•	68,000	68,000	10 200
000019	000061	()		CROWN HILL RD		•	177,300	177,300	7.360
000010	000006	000000		EAST RD		-	40,200	40,200	1.370
000019	000017	(H)(H)(H)		EAST RD			300	300	0.210
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000019	000080	000000		EAST RD			154,000	154,000	4.070
000007	000204	000000		HAWTHORNE DR	_	_	400	400	0.160
000007	000001	000001		HOVEY MEADOW RD			20,400	20,400	7.000
						-		224,700	31 200
000016	000012	00000	12	INDUSTRIAL WAY	•		224,700		
000003	000031	000000	12	JUNIPER LN	•	_	15,300	15,300	1.110
000009	000090	000000		KELLY LN		-	59,600	59,600	3 020
000018	000035	000000		KNIGHTLAND RD	•	-	147,400	147,400	1 599
000018	000082	(30)(3()()		KNIGHTLAND RD	-	-	15,200	15,200	4.040
000018	000084	000000		KNIGHTLAND RD	-	-	10,400	10,400	2.780
000020	000013	000001		LAKESIDE DR	_	-	234,800	234,800	3.910
000023	000091	000000		LAKESIDE DR			146,700	146,700	0.290
000004	000046	000000		MAIN ST			95,300	95,300	4 200
					-	_			
000004	000050	000000		MAIN ST	212.500	-	203,800	203,800	24 360
000005	000067	()()()()()	4	MAIN ST	213,500	-	176,600	390,100	5.057
000009	000027	000006		MAIN ST	-	-	16,900	16,900	3.480
000017	000013	000000		MAIN ST	-	-	114,100	114,100	1.300
000009	000034	000010		MAPLE AVE	-		153,000	153,000	5.800
000018	000041	000000		MAPLE AVE		_	26,200	26,200	7.200
000018	000058	000000		MAPLE AVE	_	~	1,800	1,800	0 350
000018	000065	000000		MAPLE AVE			25,500	25,500	7.000
000018	000070	000000							
				MAPLE AVE	•	-	19,000	19,000	4 000
000018	000083	000000		MAPLE AVE	-	-	14,400	14,400	3.850
000018	000086	000000		MAPLE AVE	-	-	14,000	14,000	3.740
810000	000088	000000		MAPLE AVE	-	-	500	500	0.100
000018	000109	(300000)		MAPLE AVE		-	170,900	170,900	7.680
000008	(00108	000000		MEDITATION LN		-	74,800	74,800	1.000
000007	000199	000000		MERRILL DR		_	162,400	162,400	5 870
000012	000002	000003		MERRILL DR		_	4,500	4,500	1.800
000003	000019	000000		N BROADWAY			252,500	252,500	57 870
000003	000114	000000							
				N BROADWAY	•	-	10,200	10,200	0 138
000017	000094	000000		OAK RIDGE DR		-	197,200	197,200	4 100
000019	000076	000000		OFF CROWN HILL RD	-	-	2,500	2,500	2.000
000019	000062	000000		PINE KNOLL DR	-	-	42,400	42,400	12.000
000011	000001	000000		POPE RD	22,300	28,600	928,800	979,700	12.500
000012	000002	000000		POPE RD		-	35,300	35,300	29 570
000012	000005	000000		POPE RD	24,700	-	1,218,100	1,242,800	10.000
000012	000007	000001		POPE RD			146,700	146,700	8 250
000012	000008	000001		POPE RD			232,100	232,100	11.670
000012	000012	000000		POPE RD			118,900	118,900	2.440
	000017								
000012		000000		POPE RD	-	•	119,700	119,700	2.600
000017	000007	00001A		POPE RD	•	•	262,200	262,200	8.000
000005	000048	000000		ROBIE LN		-	378,200	378,200	59.190
000016	000019	000000		RTE 111		-	136,400	136,400	1.700
()00002()	000015	000000		RTE 111			156,000	156,000	1.000
000020	000015	000001		RTE III			174,000	174,000	3.400
000020	000035	000000		RTE 111			744,200	744,200	25.200
000003	000108	000000		SAWYER AVE			199,300	199,300	13.980
000004	000013								
		000000		SAWYER AVE		-	155,800	155,800	20 000
000004	000011	000003		SAWYER AVE	•	-	183,700	183,700	48.380
000007	000198	000000		SAWYER/SALEM RD	•	-	114,300	114,300	0.370
000003	000047	000000		SLEEPY HOLLOW RD		-	15,600	15,600	1.210
000023	000040	000000		STICKNEY RD			145,600	145,600	0.270
000007	000123	000000		WALKER RD			129,600	129,600	0.800
000020	000023	()()()()()()		WATERS EDGE			400	400	0.300
000020	000031	000000		WATERS EDGE			41,100	41,100	1.000
000017	000026	000003		WESTSIDE DR					
000013	000020						85,100	85,100	0.550
WWW.1.)	CKNOT TO	000003		WOODLAWN AVE	•	-	43,800	43,800	0.100
				TOTAL	1,046,800	64,800	11,372,500	12,484,100	666,977
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Independent Auditor's Report

MASON + RICH

Professional Association Certified Public Accountants Six Bicentennial Square Concord, NH 03301

May 8, 2003

Board of Selectmen Town of Atkinson Atkinson, NH 03811

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2002 we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The material that accompanies this letter addresses the current status of our prior year's audit findings and recommendations. This letter does not affect our report dated May 8, 2003 on the financial statements of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

MASON + RICH Professional Association, Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

CURRENT LAND USE CHANGE TAX WARRANTS

<u>Findings/Recommendations</u> – The Town in 2001 had a very large number (over fifty Form A-5's) of land use change warrants. Unfortunately, the warrants were not presented to the Tax Collector in a format that facilitated the posting of the warrants on the tax software. We had recommended that the Board include a summary attached to the approved Form A-5's that are given to the Tax Collector. The Summary should list the amount of the tax and map and lot number. This would give the Tax Collector an approved total to reconcile to when the warrants are posted on her software.

Status – We noted that, while the Town had not done any current land use change warrants in 2002, the Town has implemented a process to address this finding.

GENERAL

Finding/Recommendations – GASB's (Government Accounting Standards Board's) Statement #34 will have a wide-range impact on municipal accounting in areas as varied as accounting for the Town's assets (land, municipal buildings, vehicles, and equipment) to the reporting of bonded debt as a liability of the Town's General Fund. Because of these dramatic changes, the Town needs to begin the process now, in conjunction with its auditors, of addressing the accounting and record keeping items that need to be addressed to comply with GASB #34 in a timely manner. We had recommended that the Town begin the process by determining what needs to be done, how and when this will be done and who will be doing the various items that will be required for the Town to be compliant with GASB #34 in 2004.

Status – The Town has acquired depreciation software and begun the initial process of GASB #34 implementation.

MODIFIED ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING – POSTING OF TAX REVENUES AND RECEIVABLES

<u>Finding/Recommendations</u> – In conjunction with GASB #34, the Town will be reporting on the full accrual basis of accounting for financial reporting process. To facilitate this reporting, it is important that the Town's books be maintained on the modified accrual basis, i.e. that taxes receivable and accounts payable be utilized fully on the accounting software package. The Town should institute accounting policies for the recording of the tax warrants as revenues with receipts posted to tax receivables and the ending balance reconciled to the Tax Collector's month end balances. In addition, the full capabilities of the current accounting software need to be utilized for the posting of invoices in the period that the liability was incurred versus the period when the invoice is paid.

Status – The Town is in the process of reviewing its accounting software and also reviewing with the auditor the recommendations for change in some of its billing invoicing.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending, December 31, 2003

ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 10, 2004

MOTOR VEHICLE EEE
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES\$1,296,399.90
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES
DOG LICENSES AND UNLICENSED FINES
BOAT PERMIT FEES
TITLE FEES
UCC FEES
MARRIAGE LICENSES 1,080.00
CERTIFIED COPY FEES. 1,140.00
BOAT STATE AGENT FEES
TAX LIEN FEES
BOAT TOWN AGENT FEES
POSTAGE
POLE AND CABLE LICENSE FEES. 30.00
DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT FEES. 10.00
FILING FEES
ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
PAID TREASURER

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jette, Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Financial Statement

For the Fiscal Year

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Type of Tax	2003		2002		2001
Uncollected at the Beginning of the Year		\$	302,414.09		
Property Taxes Timber Yield Taxes		Φ	302,414.09	\$	892.70
Timber Tiera Taxes				T	
Taxes Committed					
Property Taxes	\$ 11,587,402.00				
Land Use Change Taxes	161,900.00				
Timber Yield Taxes	3,149.48				
Overpayments Collected					
Property Taxes	50,447.09		12,831.17		
Interest Collected	2 105 20				164.97
On Taxes	3,195.39				164.87
Total Debits	\$ 11,806,093.96	\$	315,245.26	\$	1,057.57
			CREDITS		
Type of Tax	2003		CREDITS 2002		2001
Type of Tax Collected Fiscal Year Tax	2003				2001
	\$ 2003 11,262,887.10	\$			2001
Collected Fiscal Year Tax	\$	\$	2002		2001
Collected Fiscal Year Tax Property	\$ 11,262,887.10 161,900.00 3,149.48	\$	2002 229,038.85 -		
Collected Fiscal Year Tax Property Use Change Tax Timber Yield Interest & Penalties	\$ 11,262,887.10 161,900.00	\$	2002 229,038.85 - - 12,831.17		164.87
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Collected Fiscal Year Tax Property Use Change Tax Timber Yield Interest & Penalties Convert to Leans (Principal Only)	\$ 11,262,887.10 161,900.00 3,149.48	\$	2002 229,038.85 - - 12,831.17		164.87
Collected Fiscal Year Tax Property Use Change Tax Timber Yield Interest & Penalties Convert to Leans (Principal Only) Abatements on Taxes Property	\$ 11,262,887.10 161,900.00 3,149.48	\$	2002 229,038.85 - - 12,831.17 72,731.98		164.87
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Collected Fiscal Year Tax Property Use Change Tax Timber Yield Interest & Penalties Convert to Leans (Principal Only) Abatements on Taxes Property Overpayments Collected Overpayments Returned Uncollected at Fiscal Year End	\$ 11,262,887.10 161,900.00 3,149.48 3,195.39 50,447.09	\$	2002 229,038.85 - - 12,831.17 72,731.98	\$	164.87

Tax Collector's Liens Report

Liens at the Beginning of the Fiscal Year

2002	2001
	\$163,057.63
\$78,850.61	
3,581.58	24,181.54
\$82,432.19	\$187,239.17
	\$78,850.61 3,581.58

Collected During the Fiscal Year

	2002	2001
Redemptions	\$41,268.60	\$146,791.44
Interest Costs	3,581.58	24,181.54
Abatements	.00	602.77
Liens Deeded	37,582.01	15,663.42
Total Lien Credits	\$82,432.19	\$187,239.17

I hereby certify that the above reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. DeSimone, Certified Tax Collector

Bond Debt Schedule

Purpose: Fire Station Project

Original Amoun \$1,021,425.00 Interest Rate: 4.70% Term: 10 Years First Payment Di 2/1/2000

For Year Ended 12/31/2003	Principal Payments Due	Interest Payments Due	Balance Due \$1,021,425.00
12/31/2000	\$102,143.00	\$54,141.17	\$919,282.00
12/31/2001	\$102,143.00	\$43,259.56	\$817,139.00
12/31/2002	\$102,143.00	\$38,392.26	\$714,996.00
12/31/2003	\$102,143.00	\$33,604.81	\$612,853.00
12/31/2004	\$102,143.00	\$28,804.10	\$510,710.00
12/31/2005	\$102,142.00	\$24,003.37	\$408,568.00
12/31/2006	\$102,142.00	\$19,202.69	\$306,426.00
12/31/2007	\$102,142.00	\$14,402.02	\$204,284.00
12/31/2008	\$102,142.00	\$9,601.35	\$102,142.00
12/312009	\$102,142.00	\$4,800.68	\$0.00
Totals	\$1,021,425.00	\$270,212.01	

Conservation Commission

Treasurer's Summary January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

Bank Account/	Beginning		Intonest	Donosita	XX/:41	ıdrawals	Ending Balance
Description	Balance		Interest	Deposits	WILL	lurawais	Dalance
Banknorth / CD	\$ 46,484.59	\$	442.14	\$0.00	\$	(1,440.24)	\$ 45,486.49
Banknorth / Savings NH Public Invest.	1,700.50		0.86	0.00		(1,701.36)	0.00
Pool	693,634.50	_	5,604.27	0.00		0.00	699,238.77
Totals	\$ 741,819.59	\$	6,047.27	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$	(3,141.60)	\$744,725.26

Treasurer's Summary

For Year Ended December 31, 2003 (Unaudited)

Cash on Hand:

General Account \$4,403,655.98 Investments 1,085,798.80

Total Cash on Hand \$5,489,454.78

2003 Recapitulation

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003 \$5,664,343.83

Income:

Interest \$40,333.98

Receipts submitted by:

 Tax Collector
 \$12,013,061.79

 Town Clerk
 I,360,682.52

 Departments
 260,791.78

 State of NH
 360,528.38

 Grants/Donations
 36,941.00

Total Receipts 14,032,005.47
Police Fund Donations 25,469.00
D.A.R.E. Fund Donations 1,510.00

Total Income 14,099,318.45

Expenditures - General (14,251,739.20)
Police Fund Expenditures (21,459.73)
D.A.R.E. Fund Expenditures (1,008.57)

Total Net Expenditures (14,274,207.50)

Ending Balance - December 31, 2003 \$5,489,454.78

Long-Term Debt Summary

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003 \$714,996.00 Principal Payments (102,143.00)

Ending Balance - December 31, 2003 \$612,853.00

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Coppeta

Treasurer

Statement of Receipts

For Year Ending December 31, 2003

Description	Revenue
Property Tax	\$ 11,803,220.06
Land Use Change Tax	161,900.00
Yield Yax	4,042.18
Penalties and Interest	43,899.55
Business Licences / Filing Fees	1,941.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,319,318.90
Building Permits	86,741.12
Other Licenses, Permits / Fees	39,577.62
Shared Revenue	30,888.00
Shared Meals & Tax Dist.	193,336.03
Highway Block Grant	113,534.67
Other Reimbursement–State of NH	22,769.68
Income from Departments	8,826.10
Police Details	74,148.75
Police Grants	36,941.00
Recreational	25,610.00
Sale of Town Property	2,900.00
Interest from Deposits	40,333.98
Cable Income	59,747.25
Other	2,663.56
Total	\$ 14,072,339.45

Salaries

Abraham Jaanuslina A	¢ 57.00	· · ·	
Abraham, Jacqueline A.	\$ 57.68	Enos, Theresa H.	61.80
Ananian, Janice E.	4,295.40	Fardella, Emmanuel R.	3,061.89
Anderson, William L.	5,186.41	Farrar, Philip G.	47,190.34
Antczak, Nathan J.	856.00	Ferrelli, Patricia A.	25.73
Apitz, Albert E.	22,767.78	Feuer, John L.	937.60
Ashford, William K.	5,535.00	Gale, Ronald W.	2,063.65
Baillargeon, David T.	1,274.00	Galvin, Shirley	36,808.51
Baillargeon, Jessa R.	1,460.90	Garrant, Susan J.	147.68
Baldwin, Willaim M.	18,915.50	Giuffre, Linda M.	5,065.25
Beckwith, Daniel P.	3,060.23	Goldstein, Abraham	742.50
Beckwith Jr., Frederick	4,107.75	Goldstein, Eric A.	2,520.00
Birr, Carolyn	31,086.70	Green, Jeffrey	1,274.00
Boisvert, Brenda Lee	271.90	Holigan, David J.	1,923.03
Bourassa, Linda E.	11,399.08	Hollenbeck, Darrell A.	5,135.84
Boyle, Brian J.	3,250.20	Houle, Joan	15,396.96
Boyle, Sharon	61.80	Isola, Stephen	60,812.92
Bradley, Erin T.	2,872.00	luele, Anthony J.	715.00
Bradley, James A.	1,319.50	Jackson, Denise	1,720.00
Borwn, Mathew M.	30.00	Jette, Linda	
Buco Jr., Richard A.	1,141.00	Johnson, Alizah W.	45,592.60
Burke, Kathryn M.	8,825.69		1,445.40
Busby, Virginia A.		Jones, Robert	16,693.60
	166.50	Jordan, Erica A.	5,096.25
Cammilleri, Andrew T.	5,129.48	Judge, Timothy J.	4,744.40
Cardone, Paul E.	3,360.00	Killam, Susan M.	126.00
Cavalear, Rose M.	1,782.00	King, Amanda L.	1,460.90
Chamberlain, Joseph W.	8,250.00	Kinney, Diane	25,239.95
Childs Jr., Fred	18,399.40	Kinney, Karen	2,579.80
Cianci, Roberta S.	12,749.92	Kirsch, James H.	5,785.90
Cole, Jane E.	306.80	Kolodziejczak, Eric W.	1,319.50
Collins, Maurice R.	57.68	Lamarre, Kathleen	4,469.25
Consentino, David L.	1,509.65	Landry, Jason D.	2,305.75
Consentino, Joanne	29,683.45	Landry, Kevin J.	6,677.88
Consentino, Philip	25,760.39	Lapham, John R.	56,890.20
Coppeta, Susan B.	2,000.00	LeBlanc, Yvon	540.00
Culliford, Roger W.	5,806.58	LeVallee, Sandra M.	43,542.05
Dame, Ryan H.	1,771.12	Lewis, Ashley E.	1,228.50
Davey, Joseph C.	462.82	Linnehan, William A.	1,350.00
DeRosa, Joseph A.	812.50	Lopez, William H.	7,253.13
DeSimone, Debra	33,851.82	Lopez, William M.	3,541.19
Desjardins, Robert	6,495.14	Lopez Sr., Anthony L.	2,895.66
Deyermond, Jullian L.	1,460.90	Lorden, Gary J.	25,862.75
DiBartolomeo, Michael J.	6,875.00	Lynch, Michael J.	1,460.90
Dichiara, Christopher	200.64	MacDonald, Martha	
Dillon, Adele H.	1,360.00	Macomber, Patricia E.	180.00
Donnelly, Kevin M.	19,265.84		2,498.86
Dorman, Paul M.	225.00	Magoon, Richard A.	65.00
Doughty, Gwendolyn		Malone, Suzanne	144.00
Duffy, Mary B.	8.24	Mangini, John P.	1,559.50
Dufresne, Justin R.	2,827.67	Mangini, Patricia	29,194.65
	290.00	McCarthy, Charles	16,487.15
Dugdale, Joshua A.	3,861.00	McDonough, Kathleen C.	16,507.14
Earley, Charles	7,760.58	McHugh, Peter J.	368.40

Salaries (Continued)

		Samowski-Kater, Carol A.	2,580.10
McLaughlin, Laura M.	2,741.25	Scarvaglieri, Vincent	3,025.76
Merry, Matthew R.	93.00	Scott, Brennan T.	3,144.50
Miller, Keith E.	48.00	Seastedt, Tye R.	1,057.90
Monteith, Stephen	120.00	Seckendorf, Howard	12,230.00
Morelli, Raymond	6,982.50	Seckendorf, Warren P.	13,032.86
Morelli, Virginia	4,210.00	Serratore, Robin L.	34.00
Murphy, Andrew J.	290.50	Snicer, Barbara	1,810.00
Murphy, Jeffrey M.	1,958.36	Soave, Daniel R.	1,410.53
Murphy, Michael E.	7,068.38	St. Aubin, Brian	93.00
Murphy, Pamela C.	3,864.00	Stewart, Barbara L.	3,764.62
Murphy, Shane P.	3,016.50	Stewart, Edward A.	32,397.42
Murphy Jr., Doanld L.	1,215.50	Sullivan, Donna J.	6,268.98
Myers, Jennifer J.	2,717.58	Sullivan, Paul	657.86
Neill, Robert C.	180.84	Sylvester, Shirley A.	57.68
O'Meara, Gerard M.	1,386.40	Taft, Evie F.	640.63
Orio, Nick D.	700.92	Valvanis, George N.	1,037.52
Pallaria, David A.	10,745.00	Valvanis, Nicholas	1,349.50
Paquette, Justin I.	39,505.41	Viglione, Raymond J.	210.00
Parrillo, Lori A.	1,250.00	Walker, Dan W.	15,183.95
Perry, Joseph V.	7,547.20	Walsh, Katelyn L.	1,274.00
Pimental, Douglas	1,410.52	Weymouth, David M.	19,147.58
Polito, Francis G.	50.00	White Paul E.	340.00
Putney, Kenneth L.	330.00	Widman, Joseph H.	3,360.00
Ray, Carroll B.	343.00	Wiggin, Dayle L.	261.00
Reardon, Derek J.	1,228.50	Wisecarver, Meagan E.	150.00
Regan, Paul D.	5,233.25	Wood, Scott W.	2,770.99
Richards, Victor F.	56,477.15	Woodbury, Elaine M.	25,726.74
Richardson, Kyle A.	1,410.53	Wooster, Stephen J.	915.04
Rivera, Michael A.	20,000.00	Yoshida, Noriko	11,480.00
Roberts, Donald	595.98		
Rockwell, John F.	539.20		
Rollins, Betty	4,591.10		
Roy, Natalie L.	1,360.14	TOTAL SALARIES	\$1,236,858.33
Russo, Rebecca A.	1,350.00		
Ryan, Christopher M.	29,911.86		

Vender Payment Summary

	2.062.50		
A & C Tire Co.	3,962.58 200.00	Barcelos, George	18.05
A Safe Place	1,200.00	Beacon Electric Sales, Inc.	650.50
Academy of 1st Response, Inc.	I6.86	Beckwith, Dan Beckwith, Fred	20.00
Accurate Title Adamson Industries Corp.	6,466.59	Bees Taxi	259.20 50.00
Additison industries Corp. Adel-XT Computer Co.	22,937.05	Ben's Uniforms	2.040.85
Adirondack Direct	1,266.66	Better Business Bureau	300.00
Advanced Recycling	3,970.15	BFC, Inc.	4,999.34
Advanta Bank Corp.	5,847.84	Birr, Carolyn	506.79
AFLAC	1,463.12	BJ's Wholesale Club	40.00
Ar Filter Sales, Inc.	124.92	Blunt, Steve	190.00
Airgas, Inc.	1,444.81	Bodycote, Nance	19.00
Alcucky, William	788.88	Books on Tape	449.00
Alexander, Pamela	100.00	Boraczek	50.00
Alliance for Community Media	195.00	Boston Globe	641.50
Alltech	719.20	Boston Magazine	54.00
American Library Association	120.00	Boucher, Mark A.	8.67
AMR of Mass., Inc.	24,833.32	Bound Tree Medical, LLC	2,098.86
Amera-Chem, Inc.	57.45	Bourassa, Linda	8.64
Anderson, William	712.72	Boyle, Brian	145.57
Andy's Art & Frame	180.00	Bradley Electrical	100.00
Antezak, Nathan	3,381.20	Brentwood Machine	238.50
Anthem Life	990.45	Breshahan Co.	240.00
Apitz, Albert	139.99	Broadway in Boston	661.00
Apollo Safety, Inc.	124.00	Brodart Co.	1.984.09
Apparel 2000	1,465.36	Brown's River Bindery, Inc.	2,723.00
Apple Books	5,113.01	Brown & Lapointe PA	146.00
Apple Tree Title	180.00	Brox Industries, Inc.	2,329.00
Arakis Publishing/Fire Pro	295.00	Brushwood Veterinary Clinic	643.00
Arch Wireless	1,676.58	Brush Hill Tours	1,355.00
Ashford, William	2,770.54	Buco, Richard	50.00
AT&T	1,433.18	Burke, K	34.20
AT&T Wireless	347.56	Busby Construction Co., Inc.	279,546.72
ATCO International	545.90	Busby, Virginia A.	104.94
Atkinson Academy	347.00	Bushek, David	59.34
Atkinson Cleaning Service, Inc.	12,450.00	Business Connection Printer	593.60
Atkinson Friends of Scouting	100.00	C & D Auto Clinic	1,268.00
Atkinson Garden Club	2,000.00	C & M Cleaning	598.20
Atkinson Graphics	3,034.75	Cabinet Cove	150.00
Atkinson Road Race	200.00	Callahan, Frank	52.77
Atkinson Tax Collector	78,850.61	Cammilleri, Andrew	671.85
Atkinson Village Store	1,535.03	Canterberry Shaker Village	100.00
Atkinson Women's Civic Club	200.00	Carter & Coleman	224.00
Atkinson Youth Baseball	3,000.00	Carver, John	64.08
Atlantic	1,931.85	Car and Driver	10.97
ATM Corp. of America	19.37	Casey Paper Co., Inc.	526.14
Audio Editions	4,093.15	Catch Basin Cleaners	3,500.00
Auto Electric Service, Inc.	1,617.83	Cavendish Corp.	53.40
Avitar Association of NE, Inc.	7,970.02	CCR Data Systems, Inc.	402.85
Award Specialties	345.00	Cen-Com	2,064.25
Baker & Taylor, Inc. Banknorth, NA	10,400.07	Center for Life Magement	7,019.00
Chaff Vending Service, Inc.	446,896.33	Century Copier Specialists	1,711.62
Chamberlain, Joseph	140.00	Cingular Wireless	1,549.06
Charpentier, A.	60.00	Clarion University	39.00
Chase Manhatten Mtg. Corp.	294.60 4,338.98	Clear Financial Services	792.00
Childs, Dale	4,338.98	Coast Maint. Supply Co. Coastal Office Services	819.71 534.00
Childs, Fred	1,433.53	Code Book Store, The	534.00
Chili's	35.00	Cole, Jane	I35.00 53.99
Children's Musium of Portsmouth	700.00	Colonial Auto Body	670.18
CHS	1,500.00	Colonial Ins-Processing Center	4,527.15
	1,500.00	Colonial Ins-1 focessing Center	4,327.13

Vender Payment Summary (Cont''d)

0 1 P 11	23.04	Family Mediation Program	8,468.00
Consentino, David	106.90	Federico, Kathryn	13.00
Consentino, Jody Consentino, Philip	441.45	Fences Unlimited, Inc.	140.00
Conway Association, Inc.	5,413.29	Ferguson, William	6.10
Councilman Electric, Inc.	760.00	Figlioli Welding	850.00
Countrywide	8,146.77	First Response	19.95
Cox, Patricia H.	5.68	Fire Engineering	24.95
CPI Printing Services	1,202.37	Fire Rescue Magazine	27.95
Craven, Sgt. Mike	100.00	Fire Tech. & Safety of NE	137.00
Crimson Tech	522.79	Firehouse Magazine	28.97
Crystal Hills Water Systems	64.50	Firematic Supply Co., Inc.	118.64
Currier Museum of Art	100.00	First Amer. R. E. Tax Service	6,411.01
Dalton & Finegold LLP	130.00	First Responder Newspaper	75.00
Dave's Sporting Goods	467.65	Flag & Gift Conn. Ltd.	1,605.98
Davidson Titles, Inc.	811.85	Flanagan, Patti	180.00
Dayotis, Kathy	451.07	Fleet	2,934.00
DeJana Equipment Co., Inc.	743.00	FNIS R/E Tax Service	222.19
Deleire, Atty. John	50.00	Food	47.00
Demco, Inc.	786.73	Forbes Magazine	20.00
Demoulas Super Markets, Inc.	349.70	Ford Motor Credit Co.	31,733.06
Dept. of Agriculture	2,280.00	Framing Impressions, LLC	42.93
Derbyshire, Traverse	850.00	Freedom Tire, Inc.	477.56
DeSimone, Debra	468.06	Freshwater Farms, Inc.	3,687.92
Devine, Millimet & Branch	3,591.31	Fritz, Susan	7.45
Devoe, Brian	480.00	Frost Motor Inn, The Robert	1,323.00
DiBartolomeo, Tony	1,000.00	Future Supply Corp.	599.50
Difeo's Oil Co. Inc.	11,561.04	Gale Group, The	666.31
Disc-Go Entertainment	200.00	Galeton Products	40.95
Diversified Optical Product, Inc.	10,500.00	Galloway Trucking	2,901.85
Dodge's Agway	535.18	Galls, Inc.	2,850.44
Dodge's Farm & Garden, Inc.	200.29	Galvin, Shirley	240.54 3,000.00
Dodge's Grain Co., Inc.	39.98 341.92	Geary Center, Vic Girl Scouts of Swift Water CN	100.00
Donahue Brothers, Inc. Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella	7,932.61	Girls	19.95
Donnelly, Erin	250.00	Glock, Inc.	19.00
Donnelly, Kevin	36.73	GMAC Mortgage	1,492.00
Donovan Law, Monique	12.16	Goldberg MD, Ronald	150.00
Donovan Equipment Co., Inc.	217.70	GPS Discount.Com	315.54
Donovan, Shaun	273.80	Granite State Designers	120.00
DOR - Wage Reporting Unit	4,928.90	Granz Turf Depot	781.62
Duffy, Mary	67.50	Great Northern Video	7,973.00
Dutra	1,500.83	Greater Salem Caregivers	1,400.00
Dziechowski, Tim	502.84	Green Cab Co., Inc.	207.25
E-Z Cleaners, Inc.	10.00	Green Tree Farm	13,284.00
Eagle Tribune, The	5,786.25	Greenskeeper, The	979.90
East Coast Lumber Co., Inc.	2,782.44	Greenworld	354.00
Eastern Motorworks, Inc.	1,500.00	Groveland Fence, Inc.	2,500.00
Ebsco Info Services	3,880.24	GSG Supply, Inc.	31.75
ECL Rentals	2,041.03	Guevin, Corinne R.	333.27
Eddie's Saw Service	114.25	Guischard, J.	413.80
Elcom Comm Supply, Co.	102.50	Gurick Jr., George	248.90
Elite Escrow & Closing Service	580.00	Hamman, Christina Andereoli	345.00
Emergency Educators Group NH	3,699.00	Hampstead Print & Copy	234.00
Emergency Medical Services	19.95	Hampstead Trophy	110.00
Engine Service Co.	396.06	HAPLR Index	15.00
Evarts, Lisa	1,650.00	Harris Assocociation	100.85
Exeter Flower Shop, The	944.00	Hasago, LLC	4,610.00
Experian	174.95	Health	36.00
Express Financial Services	225.00	Healthtrust	139,601.07
Exxon Mobil Fleet	17,771.54	Hearst Corp., The	24.00
Fairfield, Inc., H. P.	1,431.53	Heartfelt Music	200.00

Vender Payment Summary (cont'd)

			204005
Holigan, David	139.94	Lorden, Gary	3,040.97
Home Depot	1,164.14 34,50	Lube King, The Lynn Card Co.	153.05 467.50
Hop Sales & Service	34.30 149.85	MacDonald, Martha	98.59
Hubcap Dist. Inv.	6,147.17	Macomber, Pat	430,38
Insurance Solutions Corp. Inter. Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	175.00	Maguire Pest Control	572.00
Inter. Assoc. of Fire Chiefs Inter. Brotherhood of Police	2,230.00	Maloney, Bill	1,293.98
Inter, Conf. of Police Chaplains	100,00	Mangini, Patti	800.22
Inter, Inst. of Municipal Clerk	120.00	Mangini, Jack	30.00
Interstate Emergency Unit	150.00	Mangini, John	60.00
Interware Development Co., Inc.	4,231,90	Manning, Joshua	142.50
lrwin Motors, Inc.	10,000.00	Manor Motel & Storage	345.28
Jack's Towing Service	310.00	Mason & Rich Professional Assoc.	7,261.00
Jameson's Excavation, Inc.	10,525.00	Mason, Inc., W. B.	344.48
JEMS	28.97	Mass. Horticultural Society	665.00
Jette, Linda	1,030.89	Massamont Insurance Agency	2,500.00
Jones, Robert	111.20	MB Tractor & Equipment	641.01
Jordan, Erica	25.00	McCarthy, Charles	2,359.42
Judge, Timothy	123.50	McDonough, Katie	275.74
Kalman, Sumner	12,044.63	McKinney Artesian Well, Inc.	600.00
Keach-Nordstrom Assoc., Inc.	30,410.15	Medtronic Physio-Control	13,491.00
Kelcourse, Elaine	90.00	Merri Hill Coop	35.00
Kendrick, Charles	8.00	Merrill, Jack	387.20
Kiepper, James	15.00	Merrill & Sons, Inc.	3,810.00
Killam, Susan	552.00	Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union	1,484.00
King Graphics	832.50	Merrimack Valley Hospital	2,304.10
Kingdom Contract Flooring	5,941.00	Metro2000 Internet Services	39.90
Kingston Materials	330.90	MicroTek Solutions	183.50
Kinney, Diane	25.00	Mid-American Specialties	122.54
Kinney's Garage, LLC	10,172.17	MidWest Tape	31.66
KJ's Electric, Inc.	1,294.00	Miller, John	25.00
Knox Co.	678.00	Miller, Keith	189.60
Kotzky, William	343.10	Milsone Jr., John V.	5,390.00
Krikorian, Mary	460.00	Minor Sr., Donald J.	1,315.00
L & D Safety Marking Corp.	3,551.00	MLEFI&AA	170.00
Lab Safety Supply	743.73	Mobility & More, LLC	445.00
Ladies Home Journal Magazine	16.97	Modeletronics	300.00
Laidlaw Education Service	1,050.00	Montequin, Carl	25.41
Lamprey Health Care	1,000.00	Moody, Regina	91.61
Land & Boundary Con., Inc.	927.58	Morelli, Raymond	954.00
Land Trust Alliance	133.00	Morelli, Virginia	20.00
Landry, Kevin	8.28	Morris, Charles	153.20
Law Enforcements System, Inc.	180.00	Mortenson-Dufresne	100.00
LeBlanc, Yvon	2,227.50	Morton Salt	47,039.47
Ledoux, John	41.02	Mother Connection, The	25.00
Leith Flower Shop	55.00	Mount Washington Hotel & Resort	629.50
Lenders Service, Inc.	215.50	Mountain View Grand Resort	352.00
Lessard, James	469.87	Moynihan Lumber of Plaistow	304.45
LeVallee, Sandra	28.80	Mukherjee PHD, Subhash	550.00
Lewis Builders, Inc.	7,510.40	Municipal Emergency Services	1,248.06 37.00
Lewis, Inc., Steven	94.80	Murad, Robert	
Lexisnexis Mattew Bender LHS Assoc., Inc.	887.84	Murphy & Sons, Inc.	1,104.35 201.97
Library Video Co.	5,983.00 25.45	Murphy, Mike	1.997.82
Library Store, Inc., The	632.88	Murphy, Pam Murphy, Shane	62.14
Lindsay Rose Catering	1,120.00	Murphy, Tim	95.00
Lindsay Water Conditioner, Inc.	1,900.00	Nashua Screen Printing, Co.	309.65
Little League Baseball, Inc.	323.00	National Business Furniture	125.85
Lopez, Bill	137.79	National Fire Protection Assoc.	996.03
Lopez, Matt	101.85	National Fire & Rescue	20.00
Loral Press, Inc.	11,679.87	National Fire Sprinkler Assoc.	85.00
Loral Flood His.	11,017,01	radolar rae oprimier rissoe.	05.00

Vender Payment Summary (Cont'd)

National Graphic Supply Corp.	76.82	Photo Stop, Inc.	281.63
National Vol. Fire Council	50.00	Pillbox Pharmacy, Inc.	391.56
Nationwide Retirement Solution	23,753.84	Pitney Bowes	1,930.80
Natural Res. Consult Services	3,141.60	PLA	470.00
NEENAH Foundry, Co.	592.00	Plourde Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	2,087.95
Nemr, George	283.83	Poland Spring Water Co.	1,736.38
Neptune, Inc.	6,657.95	Positive Promotions	409.90
New England Aquarium	600.00	Postmaster - Atkinson	4,493.33
New England Assoc, of Chiefs of Police	50.00	Precision VCR	40.00
New England Assoc. of Town Clerks	20.00	Pregnancy Care Center	500.00
New England Barricade	270.03	Prescott Co., Inc.	135.00
New England Concrete Products, Inc.	1,155.00	Primedia Business	219.00
New England Library Assoc.	350.00	Primex	53,829.72
New England Micrographics, Inc.	4,785.00	Print Management Group	111.92
New England Police Info Network	50.00	Promaco, Inc.	294.48
New England San, Inc.	112.00	Public Service of NH	294.68
New England Smith Library	387.65	Pulsar Alarm System, LTD	2,809.00
Nextel Communications	4,770.73	Qualification Targets	89.74
NH Assoc. of Assessing Official	20.00	Quality Fire Proctection, Inc.	600.00
NH Assoc, of Chiefs of Police	100.00	Quartermaster, Inc.	88.80
NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions	253.00	Quill Corporation	629.74
NH Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	50.00	Radio Shack	29.02
NH Bar Foundation	64.00	RAK Industries	1,127.36
NH Building Officials Assoc.	50.00	RAM Printing	1,883.75
NH Business Review	47.00	Reads Program	35.00
NH Fire Prevention Soc.	22.00	Regan Ford	475.38
NH Firemen's Assoc.	330.00	Regency Title Co.	247.00
NH Health Officer Assoc.	10.00	Register of Deeds	1,861.34
NH Historical Society	50.00	Rehrig Pacific Co.	10,400.00
NH Library Assoc.	165.00	Reliable Fence Co., Inc.	2,900.00
NH Library Trustees Assoc.	30.00	Richards Via	1,405.00
NH Municipal Assoc.	4,816.14	Richards, Vic	183.20
NH Retirement System	35,519.59	Riemitis Communications	1,931.05
NH Town Clerks Assoc.	245.00	Riley's Sport Shope, Inc.	8,324.05
NHEMA	90.00	Ritz Camera	71.47 459.35
NHGFOA	130.00 110.00	RMS	200.00
NHTCA NHTODO Magazine	39.95	Roberts, Tim Rockingham Chief of Police Assoc.	10.00
NNEC-APA	10.00	Rockingham Community Action	1,500.00
North Shore Music Theatre	2,970.00	Rockingham County Attorney	6,755.20
Northeast Resource Rec. Assoc.	1,371.58	Rockingham County Treasurer	842,898.00
Northern Utilities	326.17	Rockingham Planning Commission	5,539.50
Nyberg Purvis & Assoc.	32,218.00	Rockingham Sheriffs Dept.	30.40
O'Donohue, Timothy	3,672.62	Rockingham Visiting Nurse Assoc.	7,038.00
Occupational Health, Inc.	402.00	RSVP	100.00
Old Kerry Spring Water Co.	265.00	Ryan, Sarina	30.00
One Squared Products	257.00	SAD Café. The	5,000.00
One Twenty-five Tools, Inc.	256.38	Sagebrush Tech.	1,509.95
Onyx Environmental Services	16,696.48	Salamander Tech., Inc.	92.00
Orio, Nicholas	405.00	Salem Family Practice	229.00
Pallaria Electric, Inc.	3,184.99	Salem Senior Singers	75.00
Palmer Gas	208.49	Samson Fastener Co., Inc.	324.46
Paquette, Justin	412.27	Sayer, Vivian	50.00
Park View Inn	1,657.20	Scarvaglieri, Vicent	105.00
Parry, Phillip A.	171.58	Schafer, Rick	2,298.28
Patriot Land & Building Maintenance	438.90	Schwaab, Inc.	209.85
PC Connection	70.37	School House Supply	548.72
Pelham Fish & Game	2,400.00	Seacare Health Services	528.00
Pete's Sewer Service	965.00	Seacoast Newspapers	488.45
Pete's Tire Barn	995.00	Seacoast Vacuum	502.20
Philips Med. Systems	520.00	Seckendorf, Howard	14,882.81
Phil's Signs	80.00	Seckendorf, Warren	3,772.05

Vender Payment Summary (Cont'd)

Canton Auto Cumily	1,814.63	TMDE Calibration Lab, Inc.	245.00
Senter Auto Supply Septic Tech	264.75	Tour of Distinction, Inc.	50.00
Serratore, John	11,484.60	Tower Publishing	241.50
Seton Identification Prod.	110.98	Town of Atkinson	37.60
Sexual Assault Support Service	525.00	Town of Plaistow	25,000.00
Shaheen Guerrera & O'Leary	38.26	Toys "R" Us	530.83
Sherwin-Williams	271.89	Trans Continental Title Co.	137.96
Sheridan, Thomas	65.98	Trans Medic	40.00
Shine, William	10.00	Transamerica R.E. Tax Service	12,818.81
Shopper, Inc., The	358.17	Traynor Glass Co.	312.45
Sign Center	1,555.00	Treasurer, State of NH	1,866.33
Sil Fitness, Inc.	355.45	TRHS PTSA	275.00
Silver Cloud Inns	686.64	Trombly Bus Lines	6,970.00
Silvestri Corp.	340.00	Trustees of the Trust Fund	430,000.00
Simmons College	150.00	Tucker Library Interiors	6,455.00
Sirchie Print Labs, Inc.	106.59	Two Way Communications Service	669.75
Sirois Brothers	1,472.25	Union Leader	453.06
Skelley Motor Co.	78.70	United Airlines	335.50
Sleeper, E. W.	1,561.78	United Business Machines	5,404.15
Smith Equipment, Inc.	214.00	United Divers, Inc.	670.20
Smith's Fire Equipment, Inc.	365.50	United Paper & Novelty Co.	71.20
Snicer, Barbara	32.29	Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.	53,037.13
So. NH Hazardous Materials	5,000.00	University of NH	90.00
So. NH International Medicine Assoc.	400.00	Uptack Plumbing	26,757.79
Sonhegan Valley Aqua Culture	320.00	US Postal Service	10,000.00
Spartan Motors, Inc.	69.61	Valvanis, George	60.00
Springlook Landscaping, Inc.	466.00	Verisign, Inc.	75.00
Staples	9,495.88	Verizon	21,420.19
Starsound Music, Inc.	950.00	Verizon Arena	3,390.00
State Line Pet, Inc.	858,64	Verizon Wireless	780.32
State of NH	222.00	Vesona, Anthony	1,794.90
State of NH - Treasurer	50.00	Viking Office Products	405.94
Stewart, A. Robert	53,373.06	Village Vinyl, Inc.	2,675.00
Stewart, Barbara	219.60	Walako, Susan	50.00
Stewart, Joshua	153.00	Walker, Dan	143.58
Stewart, Edward	27,558.48	Wall Street Journal	319.00
Stewart, Meghan	250.00	Walnut Ridge Water Co., Inc.	10,338.90
Stickney, Warren	1,729.10	Washington Mutual	4,532.45
Strawbery Banke Museum	250.00	Waste Management of NH	493,127.69
Sullivan Tire Co.	1,030.20	Waterous Co.	424.69
Summit Signs	525.00	Wayne Co., Lee	694.76
Sunoco	4,228.94	Weber Accessibility System, Inc.	354.15
Sunoco A-plus Store	300.00	Webster, K & Pratt, John	146.46
Sweeney, Richard	18.41	Wells Fargo	664.00
Tamarack Tree Service	5,400.00	Westville Grand Rental	2,999.07
Tape Services, Inc.	211.28	Westville Supply, Inc.	2,387.84
Taylor Rental	92.40	Wheeled Coach Ind., Inc.	24.97
Terra Map	4,100.00	Wickson Industies	7,651.50
Thompson Publishing Group	426.00	Widman, Joseph	249.82
Thomson, West	77.00	Wildfire	30.00
Thor Electronics	487.00	Winchell, Eugena	90.00
Timberlane Babe Ruth Baseball	300.00	Winward, Richard	24.08
Timberlane Community Band	300.00	Wood & Son, Inc.	1,980.00
Timberlane Destination Image	75.00	Woodbury, Elaine	524.86
Timberlane Fastbreak Basketball	300.00	Woodworkers Warehouse	565.95
Timberlane Hockey Boosters	100.00	Yoshida, Noriko	6,003.10
Timberlane Music Dept.	360.00	Zagorski, C.	50.00
Timberlane Regional School Dist.	9,451,225.00		
Timberlane Ski Team	25.00		
Timewise	231.22	TOTAL	¢ 12 511 400 00
		A O I / III	<u>\$ 13,511,498.80</u>

2003 Summary Report of Atkinson, NH Trust Funds

For Year Ending December 31, 2003

			Principal	ipal			Income	ıme		Grand Total
	Trust	Balance	New	With-	Balance	Balance	Income	Expended	Balance	Principal &
Name Of Fund	Purpose	Beg Year	Funds	drawals	End Year	Beg Year	2003	2003	End Year	Income EOY
Summary Cemetery Funds	spun									
Common Trust #1	P.C.	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,046.72	\$106.14	\$0.00	\$5,152.86	\$7,152.86
Common Trust #2	P.C.	\$750.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$750.00	\$2,309.80	\$46.09	\$0.00	\$2,355.89	\$3,105.89
Common Trust #3	P.C.	\$1,185.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$1,185.00	\$2,356.19	\$53.34	\$0.00	\$2,409.53	\$3,594.53
Common Trust #4	P.C.	8900.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$900.00	\$1,677.78	\$38.82	\$0.00	\$1,716.60	\$2,616.60
Common Trust #5	P.C.	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,494.00	\$42.08	\$0.00	\$1,5,6.08	\$2,836.08
Common Trust #6	P.C.	\$3,000.00	80.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,672.88	\$145.70	\$0.00	\$6,818,58	\$9,818.58
Common Trust #7	P.C.	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$7,500.00	\$17,725.89	\$379.97	\$0.00	\$18,105.86	\$25,605.86
Common Trust #8	P.C.	\$1,100.00	80.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$674.68	\$6.72	\$0.00	\$681.40	\$1,781.40
Common Trust - IP	P.C.	\$14,130.00	80.00	\$0.00	\$14,130.00	\$18,037.12	\$257.70	(\$550.00)	\$17,744.82	\$31,874.82
Campbell, Ruth G.	P.C.	\$500.00	80.00	80.00	\$500.00	\$703.78	\$0.00	80.00	\$703.78	\$1,203.78
Total Cemetery Funds		\$32,365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,365.00	\$56,698.84	\$1,076.56	(\$550.00)	\$57,225.40	\$89,590.40
Summary Town Poor Funds	Funds									
Todd, William E. (Fund Town Poor	Town Poor	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,791.08	\$77.14	80.00	\$2,868.22	\$3,868.22
Whittaker, Ada (Fund) Town Poor	Томп Роог	\$500.00	80.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,395.43	\$38.57	\$0.00	\$1,434.00	\$1,934.00
Total Town Poor Funds	ds	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,186.51	\$115.71	\$0.00	\$4,302.22	\$5,802.22
Summary Capital Reserve Funds	erve Funds									
Atkinson Fire Dept.	Cap. Res.	\$85,000.00	\$30,000.00	80.00	\$115,000.00	\$37,749.21	\$948.25	80.00	\$38,697.46	\$153,697.46
Atkinson Cable TV	Cap. Res.	\$198,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$198,000.00	\$44,839.27	\$1,962.08	\$0.00	\$46,801.35	\$244,801.35
Atkinson Bldg. Needs	Cap. Res.	\$0.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$0.00	\$11,570.81	\$27.05	(\$11,597.86)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)
Atkinson Highway	Cap. Res.	\$2,317.57	\$0.00	80.00	\$2,317.57	\$369.46	\$43.07	80.00	\$412.53	\$2,730.10
Atkinson Library	Cap. Res.	\$0.00	\$411,597.86	(\$11,571.00)	\$400,026.86	\$0.00	\$2,210.93	80.00	\$2,210.93	\$402,237.79
Total Canital Beserve Funds	Funds	\$285.317.57	\$441,597.86	(\$11,571.00)	\$715,344.43	\$94,528.75	\$5,191.38	(\$11,597.86)	\$88,122.27	\$803,466.70
Total Capital Inc.										

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of our knowledge and belief. Respectfully submitted.

This summary has been provided for the annual report. The complete, detailed Trustees report will be available at the Selectmen's office after March 1, 2004.

Dale Childs,

Trustee of Trust Funds

Kimball Library

For Year Ending December 31, 2003

Savings Account Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003 Receipts: Memorial Donations Non-Specific Gifts Greeting Cards Sales Interest	\$	2,455.00 200.00 161.50 9.80	\$	4,888.14
Total Receipts Transferred to Building Fund Certificate of Deposit		-2,000.00		2,826.30
Paid Rutolo Associates - Fund Raising	_	-3,350.00	_	-5,350.00
Ending Balance - December 31, 2003			\$	2,364.44
Origional Certificate of Deposit Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003 Interest	\$	110.29	\$	13,438.73 110.29
Total	_		-	13,549.02
Transfer to Building Fund Certificate of Deposit			\$	(13,549.02)
Ending Balance - December 31, 2003			_	0.00
Building Fund Certificate of Deposit Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003 Receipts: Transferred from Original Certificate of Deposit	\$	13,549.02	\$	19,938.62
Transferred from Savings Account Interest		2,000.00 323.91		
Total Receipts	_			15,872.93
Ending Balance - December 31, 2003			\$	35,811.55
Thomas P. & Charlotte E. LeBosquet Book Fund Certificate of Deposit (Family Bequest - Use of Interest Only)				
Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003 Interest Withdrawal of Interest			\$	50,554.62 1,138.96 00.00
Ending Balance - December 31, 2003			\$	51,693.58

Kimball Library (Cont'd)

Checking Account			
Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003			\$ 5,522.43
Receipts:			
Book Fines	\$	3,927.84	
Video Fines		3,205.05	
Copier Use		1,293.67	
Lost Books, Book Sales, New & Non-Resident Cards		850.98	
Ruth Campbell Fund Grant		1,750.00	
Donations		250.00	
Total Receipts	_		11,277.54
Expenditures:			
Books		1,293.12	
Video's, CDs, DVDs, Tapes		3,331.24	
Museum Passes		2,525.00	
Children's Programs		300.00	
Return to Endowment Fund		1,600.00	
Miscellaneous		1,062.25	
Total Expenditures			10,111.61
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002			\$ 6,688.36

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Goff, TreasurerBoard of Trustees

2003 CURRENT USE REPORT

Current Use Value	2,316	1,105	850	1,016	2,248	2,125	15,035	13,855	85	1,248	2,192	1,757	89	1,890	2,414	1,213	2,144	1,613	69	1,558	1,552	1,901	4,349	2,003	396	1,274	2,353	3,616	2,459	24,094	2,924	408	2,435	5,525	78	1,822	138	184	168
	69	↔	↔	\$	↔	↔	∽	↔	↔	69	↔	↔	↔	↔	€>	\$	€9	\$	↔	\$	↔	↔	↔	↔	€>	€)	↔	\$	S	↔	↔	↔	69	∽			69	∽	\$
No. of Acres	5.45	2.60	2.00	12.10	5.29	5.00	79.00	32.60	0.20	12.00	18.00	14.42	4.50	16.86	16.00	20.20	13.36	20.96	0.55	9.73	15.35	15.60	28.83	18.00	8.12	12.00	15.60	21.27	16.30	85.35	6.88	7.00	23.50	13.00	6.50	30.43	7.43	7.23	6.45
Wetland										2.00			4.50	4.00				2.00			2.00			3.00	5.12					14.50			13.00		6.50	13.30			1.00
Managed Pine																																							
Managed Hardwood																		3.96														7.00					7.43	7.23	5.45
Unpro- ductive																4.90																							
Unpro- Pine							70.00								16.00			15.00		9.73			28.83	15.00			15.60	21.27	16.30				9.00			9.62			
Unman. Hardwood																15.30	13.39																			7.51			
Unman. Other Wood										10.00	18.00	14.42		11.86							13.35	15.60			3.00	12.00													
Farm Land	5.45	2.60	2.00	12.10	5.29	5.00	00.6	32.60	0.20					1.00					0.55											70.85	6.88		1.50	13.00					
Sub Name	Ashford, Merle & Theresa	Ashford, Merle & Theresa	Ashford, Merle & Theresa	Atkinson Farm, Inc.	Brown, Gordon P.	Brown, Gordon P.	Brown/Lang Invest.	Brown/Lang Invest.	1 Brown/Lang Invest	Duston, Thomas	Duston, Thomas	Feuer, Martin	Gaffney Revoc. Tr.	Haskin, Dennis	Judkins-Israel, Judith	I Killam, Dean	Killam, Dean B.	Killam, Dudley B. Jr.	Kutzelman, George	Kutzelman, George	Lang, Deborah	Lathrop III, John M.	LeBlanc, Ronald	Lemay, Norris	Lemay, Norris	Lemery, Betty	Lemery, Betty	Lewis, Daniel	Lewis, Christine	Lewis, Peter	Lewis, Peter	Meadowsend Timberlands	1 Page, Christopher R.	Pernokas, Arthur	Post, David F.	Schafer, Rick A.	Schafer, Rick A.	Schafer, Rick A.	Schafer, Rick A.
Lot Su	91	92	93	19	21	26	87	6	6	18	-	106	11	37	45	20	6	20	39	40	40	33	130	17	65	14	3	121	9	23	36	121	131	41	46	12	13	21	22
Map L	∞	8	∞	-	13	13	13	16	16	11	16	18	2	14	6	11	11	Ξ	6	6	18	6	∞	Ξ	91	7	∞	3	3	2	2	22	8	4	2	16	16	91	16

2003 CURRENT USE REPORT

	Farm Other Land Wood	Farm Land	Farm Land rr, Rick A.
13.			
		nily Realty Tr.	Stewart Family Realty Tr.
	3.00 13.		Still, Anita 3.00
4.00	.4	Still, Anita 4.0	Still, Anita
	1.76 9.	1.76	Tombarello, Claire 1.76
50	10.20		Tombarello, George
		Williams, Walworth	
5.50	5		
37	0.37	orth	Williams, Walworth
00	15.00		
00 29.00		ibeth 22.00	ibeth 22.00
00	19.00	Wood, Richard 19.00	
35 175.47	239.35 175.	239.35	



Budget Committee

This has been a frustrating year for a Budget Committee, which vowed to bring in a level-funded budget for 2004. We were inundated with increases, which weren't even thought about last April when we held our first meeting.

Before we ever started meeting with department heads in September, last year's base budget was up by more than \$60,000 through warrant articles adopted by the voters in March, 2003.

There are other pressing obligations, which must be included in the 2004 budget. For the past few years, the town has been preparing to comply with the new accounting system implemented by the state, and this is the year we are must have that system in place, at a cost of \$35,000 for software, installation and training. Our Community Center will have a new handicapped accessible door in order to comply with the Help America Vote Act, which requires proper access for handicapped voters.

We need to maintain our buildings. The Rockwell Building and the Community Center both need a new roof, at a total estimated cost of about \$25,000. The increased cost of four elections (\$11,000) and the \$20,000 increase in the Waste Disposal Contract are additional burdens this year. The total budget reflects an increase of 5%. Without the items just noted, the budget would be up 1%.

It's not all bad news. Although it hasn't been audited, the 2003 revenue is anticipated to be substantially larger than estimated. That revenue can go to reduce the tax impact.

Two final things to remember: (1) The Town's expenditures represent 17% of your total tax commitment; (2) It takes roughly \$800,000 to increase (or decrease) your tax rate by \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Cole, Chairman

WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2004

State of New Hampshire Town of Atkinson 2004 Town Meeting Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Dyke Auditorium of Atkinson Academy on Saturday the 31st day of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to deliberate upon the articles included in the warrant, starting with Article 2004-3.

You are also notified to meet on Tuesday the ninth of March 2004, at 7:30 o'clock in the morning in the Atkinson Community Center, to vote by official ballot on the election of town officials and on all warrant articles. By vote of the Selectmen, the polls for the meeting will remain open from 7:30 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:30 o'clock in the evening:

Article 2004-1 Choose officers for the coming year.

Article 2004-2 Zoning Amendment—Atkinson Board of Building Codes of Appeal

An Amendment which will put the Town in compliance with RSA 674:51 & 673:1 which would require the local legislative body (Town Meeting) to establish a "building code board of appeals". The Town will be in compliance by adding a new Section 1300 to the Building Code to read as follows:

Section 1300

Under the provisions of RSA 674:51 & 674:34, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall act as the Atkinson Building Code Board of Appeals.

Article 2004-3 Operating Budget

Shall the town of Atkinson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three Million Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-six Dollars (\$3,417,976). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Three Million Two Hundred Forty-one Thousand One Hundred Nine y-Five Dollars (\$3,241,195) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Atkinson or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: this warrant Article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article. (Majority vote required).

Article 2004-4 Roads

To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct Hemlock Heights, Chase Island, Conley Road, Water's Edge, and Meadow Lane and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for this purpose. All work to be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-5 Salt Application on Roads

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Warrant Article 37, 1980 Town Meeting, and Warrant Article 24, 1992 Town Meeting, which restricted the use of de-icing salt and encouraged the use of sand, and to allow the Road Agent to determine the best application of sand, salt and ice melt to provide public safety while protecting the environment. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2004-6 Modify Elderly Exemption

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions under the provisions of RSA 72:27-a and RSA 72:39-b from property tax in the Town of Atkinson, based upon assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75: \$100,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80: \$150,000; for a person 80 years of age or older: \$200,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$29,700 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$38,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$100,000, excluding the value of the person's residence and the value of a minimum single family lot or 2 acres, whichever is greater." New exemption qualifications become effective April 1, 2004. (Currently, the exemption for 65 to 75 is \$57,500; for 75 to 80 is \$86,250; and for older than 80 \$115,000 and the net asset limit is \$60,000 or less, excluding the value of the person's actual residence and the value of a minimum single family lot or 2 acres, whichever is greater.) (Majority vote required)

Article 2004-7 Modify Disabled Exemption

Shall the Town modify an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$15,000. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, had in the calendar year preceding April I a net income from all sources, of not more than \$29,700 if single and \$38,500 if married, own net assets not in excess of \$100,000, excluding the value of the persons actual residence and up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance. (The Exemption needs to be modified because the state law has done away with the residency requirement of five years) (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-8 Modify Veterans' Exemption

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:27-a and RSA 72:28 for an optional veterans' tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit? The veteran's tax credit is up to \$250, rather than the \$100. There are 371 veterans. To go to the full \$250 credit would mean \$55,650 in additional taxes or an additional \$.065 per \$1,000. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-9 Modify Veterans' Service Connected Disability exemption

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:27-a and RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for a service-connected total disability? The optional disability tax credit is up to \$2,000, rather than \$1,400. There are 10 total disabilities. To go to the full \$2,000 credit would mean \$6,000 in additional taxes or less than an additional \$.01 per \$1,000. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-10 Library Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), the sum to come from the December 31, 2003 Fund Balance, to be added to the Library Capital Reserve. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Article 2004-11 Purchase of Work Vehicle for Cemetery Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) and to authorize the Cemetery Trustees to purchase a work vehicle (similar to the John Deere Gator) for the maintenance of the cemeteries. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-12 Code of Ethics Amendment—Procedure for Submission of Petition

Shall the Town adopt the following amendment to the Atkinson Code of Ethics Ordinance as proposed by the Atkinson Code of Ethics Committee? This amendment would change the procedure for submitting a petition or correspondence with the Code of Ethics Committee. This will assure privacy between the person submitting a petition or requesting information.

Proposed change is as follows:

Section VII, Paragraph A (2)

<u>Delete the first sentence</u> "The petition must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, who shall promptly forward the sealed envelope to the Code of Ethics Committee."

Replace with the following sentence—The petition shall be mailed to the Atkinson Code of Ethics Committee at P.O. Box 224, Atkinson, NH 03811-0224. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2004-13 Close Out Building Needs Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to close out the Building Needs Capital Reserve which was established for the purpose of developing parking for the Town of Atkinson on land adjacent to Town Hall owned by the Timberlane Regional School District. Said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal to be deposited into the Town's General Fund. The purpose of this Fund has been accomplished and the balance is approximately Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$11,600), principle and interest. (Majority vote required)

Article 2004-14 Library Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$11,600) into the Library Capital Reserve. If Article 2004-13 is defeated, this article is void. (Majority vote required) (*This is the amount of the estimated balance in the Building Needs Capital Reserve, Article 2004-13*)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Note: The following two articles, Article 2004-15 Fire Department Fire Truck Lease Purchase and Article 2004-16 Fire Department Reserve Fund Withdrawal, will fund the purchase of a Quint ladder fire truck. The total cost of the truck is \$444,947 of which \$289,847 will be funded with a lease purchase and the remaining \$150,000 funded from the Capital Reserve. Both articles must pass for the truck to be acquired.

Article 2004-15 Fire Department Fire Truck Lease Purchase Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a Quint truck for the Town of Atkinson to be used by the Atkinson Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-three Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$63,903) for the fiscal year 2004 lease payment. Total cost of the vehicle is Four Hundred Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$444,947). The lease contract will contain a non-appropriation clause. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-16 Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund Withdrawal

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to purchase fire equipment for the Quint Fire truck. Said sum to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Article 2004-17 Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles as determined by the Board of Engineer's capital plan. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget article. If Article 2004-15, Fire Truck Lease, and Article 2004-16, Fire Department Capital Reserve Withdrawal, both pass, this article is void. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-18 Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County

To see if the Town will vote to support the services of the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County and raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for this purpose. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required) (*The Center provides a safe environment for the evaluation of child abuse and exploitation*)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-19 Greater Derry/Greater Salem Regional Transportation Council

To see if the Town will vote to support the services of the Greater Derry/Greater Salem Regional Transportation Council and raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for this purpose. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required) (*The Council provides transportation services for elderly, disabled, and transit dependent residents*)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-20 Employee Benefit Package

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) for the purposes of an employee benefit package for non-union, fulltime, eligible employees. The sum represents the Town's contribution of 5% of the employee's salary/wage. Benefit package will consist of some combination of dental insurance, disability insurance, health insurance, life insurance or retirement contribution. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Article 2004-21 Capital Reserve Fund—Cable TV

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited in the Atkinson Community Television Capital Reserve Fund, such funds to come from Adelphia fees returned to the Town under the Franchise Agreement of May 27, 1983 (and its successor agreement) for this purpose. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-22 Capital Reserve Fund--Cable TV

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be deposited into the Atkinson Community Television Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to be received as a grant from Adelphia through the Franchise Agreement. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-23 Capital Reserve Fund—Cable TV

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) to purchase new equipment to broadcast meetings from the Town Hall and from remote access points. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Atkinson Community Television Capital Reserve Fund. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Article 2004-24 Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both By the Selectmen

To vote to see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a and 41:14-c (see text below). (Majority vote required)

RSA 41:14-a

- 1. If adopted in accordance with RSA 41:14-c, the selectmen shall have the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies, where a board or commission or both, exist. After the selectmen receive the recommendation of the planning board and the conservation commission, where a board or commission or both exist, they shall hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the selectmen, prior to the selectmen's vote, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the town meeting. The selectmen's vote shall take place no sooner then 10 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing which is held.
- II. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of and the selectmen shall have no authority to sell:
- (a) Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the conservation commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A.
- (b) Any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under RSA 31:112.
- (c) Any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes.

41:14-c Adoption Procedure. -

- I. Towns may adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a at any duly warned meeting. Once adopted, these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the town at any duly warned meeting.
- II. Towns with 10,000 or more inhabitants may adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-b at any duly warned meeting. Once adopted, these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the town at any duly warned meeting.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 2004-25 Create Recreation Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquisition, design, renovation and development of recreation fields and facilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to fund the Reserve and to name the Selectmen as agents if Article 2004-25 passes. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Article 2004-26 Recreation Shed

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) to construct a 14' x 22' storage shed. Out of this amount Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) is anticipated to be received in donations from the Atkinson Youth Baseball. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2004-3, the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2004-27 Non Binding Resolution to Support Railroad Station

Shall the Town vote in favor of a non-binding resolution to support the Plaistow Railroad Station for train service to Boston. This would include future warrant articles requesting annual financial subsidy of Amtrak passenger rail service (DownEaster). It is estimated the annual cost would be roughly \$5,000 the first year, \$1,400 the second year, \$1,500 the third year and \$8,000 per year after the third year with changes in the amount changing based on participation and costs. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of January 2004

Atkinson Board	
	Barbara L. Stewart, Chairperson
OF	Brian J. Boyle
Selectmen	Philip V. Consentino
A True Copy Attest:	
Atkinson Board	Barbara L. Stewart, Chairperson
OF	Brian J. Boyle
Selectmen	Philip V. Consentino

Ballot Summary March 11, 2003

Article No.

2003-2	Zoning amendment Section 610:7a	Passed	
2003-3	Zoning Amendment—Definition of Prime Wetland	Passed	
2003-4	Zoning Amendment Section—610	Passed	
2003-5	Zoning Ordinance Deletion	Passed	
2003-6	Zoning Amendment—Section 630	Passed	
2003-7	Zoning Amendment—Section 495		Failed
2003-8	Zoning National Fire Protection Codes	Passed	
2003-9	Zoning National Fire Protection Codes	Passed	
2003-10	Zoning Amendment National Fire Protection Codes	Passed	
2003-11	Operating Budget \$3,241,195	Passed	
2003-12	Highland Road \$62,000	Passed	
2003-13	Scottsdale Road \$62,000	Passed	
2003-14	Sleepy Hollow Road \$108,500	Passed	
2003-15	Juniper Road \$93,000	Passed	
	Forest Road \$31,000	Passed	
2003-17	Police Department Collective Bargaining		
	Agreement—UnionContract \$35,741	Passed	
	Elderly Affairs Vehicle Lease Purchase Agreement \$4,660		Failed
	Neighborhood Patrol \$5,616		Failed
	Disposal of Town Property- 3 Police Cruisers	Passed	
2003-21	Public Education Government Access		
	Studio Coordinator \$20,000	Passed	
	Close Out Building Needs Capital Reserve	Passed	
	Modify Disabled Exemption	Passed	
	Fire Department Fire Truck Lease Purchase Agreement \$448,36	3	Failed
2003-25	Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital		
	Reserve Fund Withdrawal \$120,000		Failed
2003-26	Fire Department Fire Equipment and Vehicles Capital		
	Reserve Fund \$30,000	Passed	
	Create Library Capital Reserve \$400,000	Passed	
	Use of Conservation Fund	Passed	
	Sad Café \$5,000	Passed	
2003-30	LCHIP Funding Resolution	Passed	

Back in Time - 1903

Selectmen: George A. Sawyer, Jay W. Stickney,

Fred P. Wright

Tax Collector: S. B. Mason Treasurer: Gilman Greenough

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON

Valuation of real estate	\$ 193,895.00
Valuation of non-resident real estate	38,945.00
Number of horses, 143	7,725.00
Number of cows, 436	11,650.00
Number of neat stock, 56	925.00
Number of sheep, 11	50.00
Number of oxen, 2	100.00
Number of mills, 2	600.00
Number of polls, 124	12,400.00
Vehicles	685.00
Stock in trade	5,115.00
Money in interest	31,680.00
Total valuation	\$ 303,770.00

On which valuation, the Selectmen have assessed the following amounts at the rate of \$14.00 on \$1,000.00:

State tax	\$ 548.25
County	1.036.79
Highways	911.31
Amount required by law for schools	774.00
Extra for schools	300.00
Amount required by law for library	38.70
Extra for library	50.00
Town expenses	450.00
Percentage	143.73
Total	\$ 4,252.78

Animal Control

Once again working as a team, the Animal Control Staff and the Town Clerk Staff were able to have a very successful Dog Licensing program for the 2003 year. We licensed I,001 dogs in total. We will miss Patti Mangini and wish her well in her new job. We welcome and look forward to working with the new staff members in the Clerk's Office. We are very confident that we will continue to be just as successful as always.

Throughout the year we were kept very busy with the increase of telephone calls and customer service that we provided to the Residents of Atkinson and Neighboring Towns. We have seen a huge increase in the need for our services and were happy to provide assistance in several areas of Animal Control.

One area of concern and assistance was being able to work with the State Department of Public Health. The State had a program for the testing of birds for West Nile Virus. Three birds found in Atkinson tested positive. We were able to provide pamphlets, located in the Town Hall lobby, to inform the public about the "Virus". Another concern came with sightings of Bears in some people's back yards raiding bird feeders. The long winter also brought other actively roaming wildlife, Coyotes still ranking the highest on the list of problems. We even had a sighting of a woodchuck, beaver, muskrat, swimming in the Town Hall pond.

I would like this time to caution residents about handling any stray animals or wildlife. The possibility of being bitten or exposed to rabies or the many other serious diseases that these animals could be carrying is something we want you to avoid. Please call us before putting yourself at risk. For your convenience I have provided many pamphlets in the Town Hall lobby.

I would like to thank the Atkinson Fire Department for hosting the Annual Rabies Clinic at the Fire Station last April. Pat Mangini of the Town Clerk's Office, Dr. Joseph Guischard, Robin Serratore of Brushwood Veterinary Clinic, and Atkinson Boy Scout Troop #95 were all on hand to make the Rabies Clinic a huge success, Thank you all. I anticipate the rabies clinic scheduled for some time in late March 2004 to be even more successful.

I, once again want to thank all of the Assistant Animal Control Officers Tim Judge, Don Murphy, Robin Serratore, and Ted Stewart, for all their hard work and dedication this past year. We look forward to serving the Community of Atkinson in the upcoming year of 2004.

Remember, we can be contacted through the Atkinson Animal Control telephone number, which is 603-362-4739. Please do not hesitate to call with your questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Seckendorf, Animal Control Officer

Building Inspector

2003 Building Permit activity was steady. Numerous home projects for additions, pools and general improvements, i.e. replacement of decks, roofing, siding and finished basements have continued. No new major Subdivision projects have been proposed and the major new construction was on existing projects and older lots of record. Single Family new home construction was at sixteen (16) and Condominiums at only six (6).

Monthly Building Permit Reports are posted on the Atkinson Web Site <u>www.town-atkinsonnh.com</u> and information relative to requirements for a building permit and pool permit are also available.

All Inspectors are available to the Public on Monday evenings 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. for questions and building permit applications. Plan ahead you may discover a Variance is needed for your project and town Board's generally meet only once a month.

Building Code Update - March 2003

All conventionally-constructed buildings shall conform to and comply with the following: International Building Code, Edition 2000; National Electric Code, Edition 2002; International Plumbing Code, Edition 2000; International Mechanical Code Edition, 2000; State Energy Code, Edition 2000; International One and Two Family Dwelling Code, Edition 2000; and International Fire Code, Edition 2000.

2003 Building Permits issued were for the following:

New Homes	16
Foundations	22
Condominiums	6

Alterations/Additions/Expansions/Siding/Re-Roof – Finish basements; Garages/Carports; Decks/Porches/Sunrooms, Sheds, Pool houses and Handicapped Ramps: 178

Pools:	24
Commercial	10
Demolition of structures	9
In-Law Apartments	2

Total permit value for 2003, as submitted was \$10,308,899.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Jones.

Building Inspector

Cable Community Television

2003 has been an exciting year for Atkinson Community Television! In 2002, the residents of Atkinson voted to create the position of a PEG Access Studio Coordinator. The Town of Atkinson has been looking to expand the ACTV-20 Studio, volunteer base, and programming for several years and the creation of this new position was an important first step. In September 2003, I was hired as the ACTV-20 Studio Coordinator, the first employee in ACTV-20 history.

ACTV-20 is expecting continued growth in the coming year. We are looking to welcome new volunteers, expand programming, and to purchase new equipment. The most important task in the upcoming year will be to re-assess the Atkinson Community Television Capital Reserve Fund. As many of you know, ACTV-20 has been saving money to expand our studio and purchase much needed new equipment. The absence of a clear plan of action and someone to implement it has been the main reason ACTV-20 has continued to operate out of 5'x 9' room with equipment that, in some cases, is more than 15 years old. These ongoing space and equipment issues have been one of the main reasons ACTV-20 has been unable to cover many of the meetings and events that residents have expressed an interest in seeing on Atkinson Community Television.

I came to ACTV-20 during a very busy time of year and I would like to thank everyone who made my transition into this new position as painless as possible including Barbara Snicer, the Board of Selectmen, Vic Richards, Elaine Woodbury, everyone in the Town Clerk's office, Sandra LeVallee, and all the ACTV-20 volunteers.

In the short time that I have been here, I have already seen a lot of positive changes at Atkinson Community Television. Since 1998, ACTV-20 has been operating without a franchise agreement with a cable provider and, in 2003, the Cable Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen accepted a new franchise agreement with Adelphia Cable. This franchise agreement not only provided the town with high-speed Internet access and expanded digital cable; it also transferred ownership of all the equipment ACTV-20 had been using from the cable company to the Town of Atkinson. Another benefit of signing the franchise agreement was a grant from Adelphia to the Town in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00).

The ACTV-20 Studio also saw some improvements this year. In 2003 we have installed several pieces of equipment including three new VCR's, new microphones and a new audio mixer, and an event controller that allows us to record, play, and stop tapes when no one is in the studio.

In addition to new equipment, ACTV-20 also welcomed new volunteers this year. The volunteers are what make all the programming on Atkinson Community Television possible. Atkinson Community Television provides a unique opportunity to get involved with your community and bring the issues and interests of Atkinson residents to a wide viewing audience. We are always looking for residents who are interested in creating programs of community

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interest or volunteering for town meetings. We also have the Community Bulletin Board, an invaluable resource for finding out what's going on around town. If you would like to post information on the Community Bulletin Board, request forms are available in the Town Hall lobby or on the web at http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/.

Finally, I would like to thank the all the volunteers and the residents of Atkinson for continuing to support Atkinson Community Television. If you have any suggestions for programs, would like to volunteer, or have any questions, I would be happy to speak with you. I can be reached at 362-4549.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Jordan, Studio Coordinator



Code of Ethics

In 2003 we processed one petition and prepared one Warrant Article.

We have reserved a Post Office Box in response to comments that we received from citizens. Using PO Box will secure anonymity for anyone filing a petition and also will relieve the Town Clerk's office of the responsibility of handling our correspondence, as the ordinance now requires. In an upcoming Warrant Article, you will be asked to ratify the use of a PO Box with your vote.

Our new mailing address will be P. O. Box 224, Atkinson, NH 03811-0224.

One of our members resigned and we elected Thomas Phaneuf to serve out the remainder of the term year.

We invite you to contact us if you have a question regarding the Code of Ethics Ordinance. Please keep in mind that the ordinance was adopted by the Town to establish guidance of conduct for Atkinson employees and public officials concerning conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Smith, Chairman



Conservation Commission

The Atkinson Conservation Commission is an all-volunteer group, which is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It operates under the auspices of New Hampshire RSA 36-A, which empowers the Conservation Commission to provide "for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town." The Commission is the only local board specifically charged to protect the natural resources of the Town, and as such provides a focal point within town government for environmental concerns. The Atkinson Conservation Commission serves as an advisory board to the NH State Wetlands Bureau and the Atkinson Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

During 2003, the Conservation Commission was kept busy in a variety of efforts to oversee and protect the natural resources of our town that would be potentially impacted by development projects. In our advisory roles, we were called upon numerous times to examine plans for new developments, to conduct site walks, and to provide opinions on many wetland zoning variance requests.

Conservation Land Mapping

In May, the Commission received a "Moose Plate" Grant under the Conservation Number Plate Program. The purpose of this program is to support and promote programs and partnerships throughout the state that protect, restore and enhance the state's valuable natural resources. Our project will be to research and develop a conservation brochure that will discuss the conservation efforts in Atkinson, and will describe all of the conservation lands within the Town. Ultimately, brochures will be professionally printed, and they will be placed in the town hall and in parking lots of each of the conservation areas for use by residents and visitors. The Commission is still looking for volunteers to help in this effort, which will run through June 2005. Please let us know if you can help!

ATV Problems

Commission members spent a significant amount of time this year trying to address the ever-increasing problem of damage caused to town lands by careless riders of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). We attended several regional meetings with representatives from surrounding towns, where we discussed the mutual problems and potential solutions, and heard from NH State officials about what laws and tools are available to help. In May, at the urging of the Commission, the Selectmen passed a moratorium on the riding of motorized vehicles on town-owned land. At the time of this writing, a plan is in the works to enact a permanent ban on motorized vehicles during the times of year in which the land is susceptible to damage, primarily the spring, summer, and fall months.

Wetlands Education and Zoning

This past summer, in an effort to inform and educate the public as to the functional importance of wetlands and the areas that surround them, the Commission sponsored two seminars featuring a speaker from the NH State Wetlands Bureau. In the fall, we began working closely with the Planning Board to develop revisions to the portions of the Atkinson Zoning Ordinances, which

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deal with wetlands and their surrounding buffer zones. Unfortunately, the revisions were not completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Board in time for them to be placed on the ballot this year. The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission are in agreement that changes need to be made, and have pledged to continue to work on the revised ordinance this winter and spring. This will allow plenty of time for public review and feedback before the proposal is moved to ballot next year. Please watch for announcements about relevant public meetings and informational sessions to be held in the near future.

Land Protection

The Commission is always interested in talking with Atkinson landowners about the possibility of acquiring or protecting land parcels which are significant from an ecological and/or scenic perspective, and about the variety of financial arrangements and land use practices which can be mutually beneficial to both the owner/seller and to the Town. Many landowners are unaware of the significant impact that inheritance taxes can have on even a small to medium size estate that includes land whose value has significantly appreciated over the years. There have been many cases where lack of proper planning has resulted in a large inheritance tax, and the heirs have been forced to sell off or develop property, which they had intended to keep in the family for generations. The Commission is always willing and available to help begin the land protection education process. Please contact us!

Help Wanted!

The Conservation Commission is always seeking additional new members and volunteers for projects throughout the community. The Commission consists of 7 full-time members, appointed by the Selectmen for 3-year terms, and 2 alternates, appointed for 1 year. Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Town Hall. If you are interested in serving on the Commission or simply curious about the workings of the Commission, please attend a meeting or contact the Atkinson Selectmen's office.

We are also very interested in maintaining a system of volunteer "land stewards" to help us oversee and maintain our Town Forests and Conservation Lands. Perhaps you live near one of these parcels and use it on a regular basis, but just aren't interested in becoming a regular Commission member. If so, we would love to hear from you! Our small and busy group would gladly welcome any and all "eyes, ears, and hands" in the field to let us know of any issues and to help maintain the Town Lands in general. Again please contact the Commission chairman or the Atkinson Selectmen's office if you are able to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Kukshtel, Chairman

Elderly Affairs

During the last year we have seen a substantial increase in the number of senior transports that we have provided to our seniors. We had over 580 requests for transports to doctor visits, food shopping, hospital visits (non-emergency), and trips to local rehab/health centers. This is up from 239 transports during the same time frame last year.

At the police station, we have many medical supplies. Some of the appliances we have available are wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, crutches, and many other medical appliances. If you should find yourself in need of any medical appliance, please give us a call and we will be more than willing to have them delivered right to your home.

This year we have added another Community Service Officer, his name is Richard (Dick) Magoon. He will now be helping us out with our senior transports. I would like to give a special thanks to the following Community Service Officers: Charles McCarthy, Mary Duffy, and Officer Jody Consentino for allowing me to continue to provide the range of services we are presently providing our seniors.

Since we put the wheelchair van in service, we have been able to assist many seniors (in non-emergency situations) that otherwise would have had to call a wheelchair transportation company at a cost of about \$300.00. This wheelchair service is only available to Atkinson residents.

I could fill several pages listing all of the present services that we provide our seniors, but rather than do that I can summarize our services in saying that we are one (1) stop shopping for any of our senior needs.

All senior should feel free to contact me at any time either at the police station at 362-4001, or at my home at 362-5627. Our Police Department is here to provide individual service to all of our seniors, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

I hope you have a safe and healthy New Year and I look forward to hearing from our seniors if only to chat for a couple of minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Philip V. Consentino, Director of Elderly Affairs

Fire Department

The continued growth of our community has had an expected impact on the Atkinson Fire Department. This past year, we responded to 462 fire and medical emergencies, an increase from last year's 432. The membership has accumulated 6,378 hours in both paid and volunteer time from our 35 members. We continue to prepare and train through an aggressive training regiment to ensure that your committed fire department personnel supplies you, the residents, with the most professional and qualified responses to your emergencies.

The town growth has not only impacted the personnel, requiring greater time commitments, but it has also impacted our equipment needs. Technology has allowed for the newer homes and buildings in town to be much greater in square-footage and height than the buildings of old. To best serve the public, the Atkinson Fire Department must maintain a level of technology equal to or better than that of the area we are entrusted to protect. Our current line of fire response apparatus is not as versatile as is required for the level of safety the town deserves. The current aging apparatus do not have the capability to adequately reach the increase in height that is present in many of the dwellings and industrial buildings throughout town. Last year, we asked the Town to purchase a multi-function fire engine, known as a Quint, to overcome this deficit within the fire department. It, unfortunately, was defeated at Town Meeting. The needs of the community continue to grow and the safety of our residents and firefighters is still the number one priority of the Atkinson Fire Department. I ask again this year for your support to purchase this much-needed multi-function fire engine. This purchase is for you the townspeople, and your loved ones in our community. Take the time to drive around town and look at the size of the new condos, single-family homes, and industrial buildings, being constructed. Many of the firefighters are your friends and neighbors who are asked to fight fires within these buildings, so please support the purchase of this apparatus to let them do it safely.

As we now move into our 5^{th} year into the station I am pleased to report that the fire association is dedicating many sweat hours to the completion of the 2^{nd} floor. Although not completed as of yet, we have made great progress and plan to finish this year.

The fire station continues to serve the town well and should continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

In closing the members and I thank the community for their continued support, dedication and help in making our department proud to serve you, whenever the need arises.

We stand ready.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Murphy, Fire Chief

Fire Department (Cont'd) 2003 Fire Calls

Rescue	260
Motor Vehicle Accidents	37
Alarm Activation	88
C/O Activation	6
Mutual Aid Responses	15
Grass/Brush	2
Vehicle Fires	3
Chimney/Woodstove	1
Smoke/Odor Investigations	14
Oil Burner Problems	4
Stove Fires	2
Wires Down	10
Illegal Burn	5
Fuel Leak	1
Water Problems	3
Lightning	1
Haz-Mat	1
Explosion	1
Public Assistance	2
Electrical Problems	1
Snowmobile Fire	1
Trash Fire	1
Toaster Fire	1
Propane Leak	1
Gas Grill Fire	1
Total Calls	462

EMS Emergency Medical Statistics

Incidents	266
Patients Seen	310
Transportation:	
Holy Family Hospital	43
Parkland Medical Clinic	78
Merrimack Valley Hospital	60
Lawrence General Hospital	21
Exeter Hospital	6
Anna Jacques Hospital	4
No Transports	98

Forest Warden & State Forest Ranger

Dour local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperated to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2004 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Division of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

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

2003 Fire Statistics
(All fires reported thru November 3, 2003)

Total by Co	unty		Causes of Fires Reported
1	# of Fires	Acres	
Belknap	40	4.86	Arson 10
Carroll	46	13.99	Campfire 25
Cheshire	8	.68	Children 13
Coos	7	17.40	Smoking 20
Grafton	22	12.60	Debris 226
Hillsborough	60	11.34	Railroad 3
Merrimack	98	10.45	Lightning 2
Rockingham	56	18.54	Equipment 8
Strafford	34	7.94	Misc.* 67
Sullivan	3	2.03	(*Miisc: power lines, fireworks, electric
			fences, etc.)

	Total		
	Fires	Acres	
2003	374	100	
2002	540	187	
2001	942	428	
2000	516	149	

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

Highway Department

The 2003 winter season made the record book, with snow totals of around 120 inches. Most of the storms fell on the weekends, which is a good thing as far as the commute to work and in keeping the number of snow days down at school. But as for the men doing the plowing and shoveling, we would work all week, and plow all weekend. Week in and week out, it seemed like winter wouldn't end, we were still pushing snow around well into the month of April. Of course it started snowing again earnest in November and December.

I'm very proud of the workmanship and professionalism of our Highway Department Employees as well as our professional contractors, who kept our roads as safe as possible through these trying conditions.

I would also like to thank the Townspeople, the Board of Selectmen, and Budget Committee for once again supporting the Highway Department budget and warrant articles. The warrant articles included reclamation and paving of Juniper Lane, Forest Road, Sleepy Hollow Road, Scottsdale Road, and Highland Avenue. These roads were built in the 1960's and form the neighborhood east of Broadway. The low bidder for 2003 was Busby Construction, a family own company, that proved once again, to be extremely professional, courteous, and knowledgeable, with a great depth of personnel and equipment. We had a tight work schedule to begin with, and then found unexpected ledge and an overabundance of large rocks that all had to be removed before the work could be completed. Despite these setbacks, the roads were paved in time and came in under budget by close to \$70,000.

Other highlights for the year, include paving Boulder Cove Road and Lakeside Drive, the town's last two dirt roads. The highway crew also did a great deal of brush cutting, sign replacement, and general maintenance throughout the year. The Highway Department's goal is to provide the safest possible road system keeping an eye on the budget and the environment. (Environmentally: did you know that the Highway Dept. used over 4,000 tons of recycled products in 2003?)

With your continued support through this budget season and town meeting, we will complete the reconstruction phase of our capital improvement plan. The last roads consist of Hemlock Heights Road, Chase Island Road, Waters Edge Road, Conley's Road, and Meadow Lane. These roads are truly in bad shape, and warrant your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Stewart, Road Agent

Historical Society

In 2003, the Historical Society dedicated much time and effort in preserving the history of the town in several different ways.

We presented Town Hall with ten large framed prints made from old photos and postcards in our collection, of buildings that played a part in the town's history but are no longer standing.

To celebrate the bicentennial of the present Atkinson Academy we had a beautiful plaque made, which will be placed within the "outdoor" classroom in front of the school.

Another plaque, which will be mounted on the Memorial stone on Dow Common, gives a history of George Parsons Dow and why the common is named for him. The plaque also acknowledges William C. Todd, donor of the land and Soldiers monument to the town.

A donation to the Friends of the Kimball Library will be used to purchase history and reference materials.

After many years the traditional Labor Day Old Car, Truck and Tractor Show passed into the hands of the Atkinson Fire Department and the Lions Club. It had grown too big for the Historical Society to handle. However, it was bigger and better than ever this year and the new location in the town center worked out beautifully.

The Historical Society Museum is open to the public on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and on the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please come and visit. We welcome you to become a member.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Dillon

Homeland Security

In the past year the Homeland Security Department has been busy upgrading equipment within our community to prepare in the event of a disaster. We have secured funding from the federal government for the procurement of such equipment. We received two grants from the Homeland Security Department. The 1st grant was used to purchase a thermal imaging camera to be housed at the fire department to be used by them in an unfortunate event of locating people in a hazardous situation.

The 2nd phase is expected to be used to interface communication within town departments in the event of a local or regional disaster and to begin the set up of the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) housed within the fire department facility so as to have a single source of communication when needed.

These funds have allowed us to return last years budget to the taxpayers and also allowed us to zero out the budget for this year. We are continuing to move forward in planning and preparing for disasters, for the residents, our neighbors and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Murphy, Director



Kimball Library

■ would like to begin my first report to the town by extending my heartfelt appreciation to Assistant Director/Children's Librarian Carolyn Birr and Library Aides Janice Ananian, Linda Bourassa, Roberta Cianci, Linda Giuffre, Joan Houle, Kathy Lamarre, Laura McLaughlin, Paul Regan, and Betty Rollins.

With the death of Library Director Dan Walker in April, 2003 became a challenging year for the Kimball Library. But thanks to the dedication and commitment of the staff, my transition into the director's position in mid-August was a smooth one. Not only was the library able to maintain programs and services, we were able to move forward.

The adult collection saw increased circulation of new fiction, audiobooks on CD, DVDs, and non-fiction videos and DVDs. Collection development efforts focusing on our young adult and music CD collections also resulted in increased demand. Requests for materials that we are forced to store in the basement of the library due to lack of space also increased.

The children's room had a successful Summer Reading Program, with 139 children registered for Reading Rocks the Granite State. We began providing Reading Together Kits designed for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers as part of a Links to Early Learning literacy program. Circulation of board books, easy readers, fiction and non-fiction, audiobooks, videos, and items from our parenting shelf increased in 2003.

In order to provide our patrons with access to the latest in online resources, we continued to upgrade our computer hardware and software. Software was purchased (at a cost 60% lower than originally estimated) to make the library's catalog available on the web. Once the installation is complete, this will allow you to search our catalog and renew and reserve library materials from home. The library's original website was discontinued in 2003, but look for a new one in 2004.

Also look for new, more accessible bookdrops in the parking lot outside the children's room, one of which will be for audiovisual material. Many of you have already used our new photocopy machine, with the old one being moved downstairs for the use of the children's room.

Our major challenge continues to be lack of space and a building with a rapidly deteriorating infrastructure. This year, we experienced leaks in the children's room, a major leak from one of the toilets, and leaks from our air conditioning system, which necessitated replacement of drywall in the furnace room. The upstairs carpet is scheduled to be replaced due to safety concerns.

Kimball Library (cont'd)

I did ask Richard Tucker of Tucker Library Interiors in Manchester to visit the library in December to see if he had any suggestions as to what we might do to make better use of our existing space. His conclusion is that there is nothing more we can do, so we are continuing to plan for a new building. A Citizens Advisory Committee has been established and will be meeting to ensure that a new library meets the needs of all of our residents.

The trustees would like to thank everyone who voted to approve the \$400,000 warrant article for a capital reserve and ask your support for this year's warrant article requesting that \$200,000 be added to this fund. The trustees, Friends of the Library, and library endowment committee will also be continuing their fundraising efforts in 2004, so look for some exciting events, including a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale!

Thank you for a warm welcome and an encouraging first year as director of the Kimball Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie McDonough, Library Director



Planning Board

Residential development has continued at a slow pace through 2003. A total of five new building lots were subdivided/created, all for single-family homes.

Commercial development consisted of amendments to existing plans.

The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission have discussed a major revamp of the Wetlands Ordinance, and will continue to work on that through 2004. The previously discussed designation of "Prime Wetlands" has been put aside for now.

In 2004 we expect to oversee the development of at least one large parcel near the center of town, with over 25 clustered lots to be created. Again, all the activity we see in the planning process will generate single-family homes.

Public participation in our workshops and hearings is encouraged; we meet every Ist and 3rd Wednesday at Town Hall. Watch for our agendas as posted on Channel 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Killam, Chairman



Planning Board Activity for 2003

David Hammond - Lot Line Adjustment of equal area land exchange between Tax Map 14, Lot 84-9 & Lot 84-10. Properties owned by David Hammond, 20 Coventry Road, TR2 Zone. Approved 2/19/03 **Recorded** - 5/6/03 #D30648

Cynthia K. Johnston - Lot Consolidation Plan to describe residual land (1.08 acres) of Stergios & Mary Zapsalis to be conveyed to and used contiguously with other land (4.92 acres) of Cynthia K. Johnston. Property located at 35 East Road, Map 14, Lot 84, TR2 Zone. Approved 2/19/03 **Recorded - 4/17/03 #D30610**

Settler's Ridge Inc. - Amend the Settler's Ridge Project Site Plan for Lot 22-1 (1.46A lot), which proposes an 8 unit Affordable Low-Moderate Multi-Family Residential Apartment Building as opposed to a Group Care Facility. Property located at 23 Pope Road, Map 12, Lot 22-1, RR2 Zone. **Plan Withdrawn**

Atkinson Farm Inc. - Minor Site Plan Amendment for a proposed 1,680 sq. ft. (28'60') golf cart storage building at the existing Atkinson Country Club located on Country Club Drive, Map 1, Lot 12, RR2 SCR Zone. Approved 2/19/03 **Recorded - 3/24/03 #D30546**

MHF Design Consultant, Inc. for Norris LeMay - two lot residential subdivision in Salem, NH with part of the lot in Atkinson. Located at 34 Haverhill Road, Atkinson Tax Map 11, Lot 17, TR2 Zone. Approved - 5/21/03 Recorded by Town of Salem.

Dean & Susan Killam - Five Lot Residential Subdivision of a 15.4 Acres lot with existing house located at 49 Westside Drive, Map 11, Lot 9, TR2 Zone. Access to three lots thru Millstream Drive (new road Hitchcock Lane) Approved 8/20/03 Recording Pending

Meisner Brem for Palmer Gas – Amended Site Plan proposing construction of a 4,700 sq.ft. vehicle maintenance garage, associated utilities, parking and grading on property located at 13 Hall Farm Road, Map 16, Lot 14, CI Zone. Approved 6/18/2003 **Recorded 7/25/03 #D30843**

Cornerstone Survey Associates for Paul & Kathryn Regan - proposed 3 Lot Residential Subdivision on 30.90 Acres on property located off Maple Avenue (Good Dog Road Subdivision), Map 9, Lot 49, TR2 Zone. Application Incomplete

C. Warren Stickney – Lot Line Adjustment Plan on three abutting properties located on Westside Drive, Map 11, Lots 15, 15-2 and 26 to allow transfer of acreage, Approved 11/19/03. Recording Pending

Omnipoint Holdings, Inc. for PAVCO, LLC – Minor Site Plan for Wireless Communication Facility co-location on existing telecommunication tower located off Rte. #111, Map 20, Lot 35-1. Approved 11/19/03 Unrecorded

Planning Board Activity for 2003 (Cont'd)

Engineering Alliance Inc. for Heyland Development, LLC. - Proposed 6 lot Rural Residential Cluster on 15.6 acres of property owned by John M. Lathrop, III and located at 33 Maple Avenue, Map 9 Lot 33, RR2 Zone. Under Review

Teresa Kalil - Amended Site Plan for Change of Use to allow an Automotive and Autobody Repair Garage at 9 KipCam Road, Map 20, Lot 11 in the C-I Zone. Approved 10/15/03 **Unrecorded**

Lemery Development, LLC - Amendment to "Cogswell Farm" Site/Subdivision Plan to allow the separation of a previously approved 4 unit building (Bldg #9) located on Fox Hollow Road into 2-2 unit, buildings, Map 13, Lot 1 Bldg #9, TR2 Zone. Under Review



Police Department

Again, during the year of 2003 we were able to continue to have one of the lowest crime rates in the area. This has been accomplished by providing regular patrols in the neighborhoods. By having constant patrols in the neighborhoods, we have been able to show a strong police presence and thus we have been able to keep crime at its present low level.

We are continuing to put programs for the children at the Atkinson Academy School. Ms. Webster and Kathy Dayotis have been very receptive to our requests to have a greater presence in the school. I am a firm believer that if we can educate the children that the police are here to be their friends in both the good and bad times, we have accomplished what we have set out to do.

Last year we conducted our 25th Annual Coloring Contest for the children at the Atkinson Academy. We had great participation from the children and they really appreciated all of the prizes we handed out.

Statistics for 2001, 2002 and 2003 are as follows:								
	(01)	(02)	(03)		(01)	(02)	(03)	
Outside Thefts	39	34	30	911 Calls	62	66	59	
Aggravated	3	0	1	Criminal Mischief	61	74	79	
Simple Assaults	9	3	5	Lock Outs	19	16	14	
Forgery	2	0	2	Juvenile Complaints	15	14	15	
Neighborhood				House Alarms	287	330	293	
Complaints	14	33	31	Domestics	42	26	33	
Fraud	15	9	6	Criminal Threatening	7	4	10	
911 Hang Ups	62	23	66	Civil Matters	20	27	12	
Emergency Calls	4,048	3,966	3,409	Non-Emergency				
				Calls	6,490	6,925	6,567	

In August of this year I will be celebrating my thirty-sixth (36th) year as a member of the Police Department and serving as your Chief for the past twenty-six (26) years. When I moved to Town some forty-five (45) years ago, we had about 700 residents. Now we have almost 7,000 residents. Fortunately, the Police Department has been able to keep up with the changing times. This department has been able to keep up with the changing times. This could not have been accomplished without the continued support of our residents. For that support the entire Police Department is grateful.

In March of 2003, the department's second in command, Sergeant William Baldwin, was activated to active duty with the United States Coast Guard. We are presently working with only four (4) full-time officers. All of the officers have pulled together and taken up the slack. Sergeant Baldwin is presently in Kuwait and is scheduled to return to the States on or about the first of June. We all wish him well and pray for a safe return.

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I have in the past and will continue in the future, make myself available to any Atkinson resident day or night. I can be reached at the police station at 362-4001, or at my residence at 362-5627. All members of the Police Department are dedicated in providing the residents of Atkinson with the most efficient and professional police services possible. Please drive defensively, love and respect thy neighbor, and make 2004 a safe memorable and enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip V. Consentino, Chief of Police



Recreation Commission

e are pleased to report that Recreation saw many new faces this year (volunteers and participants!) and introduced several new activities.

The seniors continue to flock to the Community Center for their regularly scheduled programs. And when they arrive, they all enjoy the new American Flag waving from the flagpole. They ate well last year as they feasted at four (4) senior luncheons, a summer ice cream social and the annual Veterans' Breakfast.

We stayed with several favorite trips – Northshore Music Theater (Smokey Joe's Café and West Side Story); New England Flower Show; Foliage Trip (Old Sturbridge Village); New York City and Radio City Music Hall (Christmas Spectacular); and the Boston Pops at the Verizon Center. We added trips to the Science Museum (Egypt Exhibit) and a Boston City Historical Site Tour and lunch at the Union Oyster House. As always, these trips are open to all Atkinson residents.

Sun 'n Fun enjoyed a wonderful summer season of great weather and fun activities. This program continues to bring together al the ages – teenage counselors, elementary and middle school students, seniors and parent volunteers.

The Fishing Derby, Easter Egg Hunt, Make a Difference Day and Town Wide Clean-up Day provide several opportunities to promote our strong and ever-growing community volunteerism and caring.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy J. Thompson and Patricia Mangini Chairman and Vice-Chairman



Recreation Commission (Cont'd) 2004 Up-Coming Events

Up-coming events planned for 2004 include:

- Disney on Ice (Toy Story) February 20th at the Verizon Center, Manchester, NH
- Foxwood Casino and Theater Trip (the Spirit of Ireland) March 10th, CT
- New England Flower Show March 19th at Bayside Expo, Boston, MA
- Harlem Globetrotters April 1st at the Verizon Center, Manchester, NH
- Peabody Museum May, Salem, MA
- Wentworth by the Sea June, Rye, NH
- Tall Ships July, Boston Harbor, MA
- Boston Opera House (Lion King) August, Boston, MA
- Mohegan Sun September, CT
- Fenway Park/Duck Tour summer, Boston, MA
- New York City Shopping Trip fall
- Mt. Washington Hotel Trip fall
- Northshore Music Theater (Saturday Night Fever) November, Beverly, MA
- Boston Pops December, Verizon Center, Manchester, NH
- Radio City Christmas Spectacular December, Wang Center, Boston, MA



Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the checklist had a quiet year for 2003. There were only the Town and Timberlane deliberative sessions and Town/School Election. The total registered voters as of December 31, 2003 are 4,596.

Our voting place has been at the Atkinson Community Center for the past few years, and new residents may register with the Town clerks office, during their business hours. The Supervisors of the Checklist also register voters on certain sessions of the year. Notices of these sessions are in the area newspapers and local cable.

On Election Day new residents may register to vote. They must have proof of residency and shown at these registrations.

The Supervisors of the Checklist duties are: to register voters, keep updated and corrected checklists at all times. These updated lists are always at the Town Clerks office for the public to view.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha E. MacDonald, Chairman



Tax Collector's Report

The 2003 tax year was undoubtedly one of the more interesting of Tax years since I have been in office.

Still no word on settling the State Education Tax quandary but we'll see what this year will bring. Could 2004 be the year? We'll see!

We welcomed our new Commissioner of DRA Mr. George Philip Blatsos who I am told likes to be referred to as "Phil". I had the honor and pleasure of meeting him at the 65th Annual Conference during the week of October 22 -24, 2003.

While I am on the subject of the Conference I want to take this opportunity to THANK the Town's people for allowing me to attend again this year. The Conference is truly a great learning experience and a great networking tool. Among the many Round Table discussions, we attended Seminars concerning, "The Ethics & Integrity of the Tax Collector" "Lighten up the Workplace" "Tax Collector Helpful Hints" "Credit Card Follow-up" (I can't accept payment by credit card yet) and finally "Tax Services Up-Date: Current Issues and Technology" I found them all very informative and helpful, and a great learning experience.

The adjustment of our Assessed Values created quite a bit of curiosity and discussion, which we appreciated. It is truly wonderful to live in a well-informed community. For the most part I think that as soon as our well-informed Assessors explained the entire process, people understood the situation and realized that for the most part the adjustment was necessary and something we have to just deal with.

As usual Pat and I attended user meetings at Avitar Associates and the Spring Workshop. We, as always, brought back tons of information to be used to further assist you and make the Tax Year as pleasant and problem free as we can.

As always please feel free to call or stop by with any questions or concerns and we will try to get your answers or at least point you in the right direction.

Thank you again.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. DeSimone, CTC Tax Collector

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

At the end of the year it was interesting to see why it seemed so busy most of the time...it was. If you compare the revenue intake with last years, you will note a dramatic increase of \$110,852.47. We processed 8,772 motor vehicle registrations, registered 1001 dogs, issued only 24 marriage licenses, registered 245 boats, filed 9 tax liens, collected fees for 3 pole & cable licenses, 1 dredge & fill permit and 113 certified copies.

The Town and School Deliberative Sessions in February and Town Meeting and School Ballot vote in March were the only elections. The Secretary of State was charged to form a committee in New Hampshire to comply with the new federal Help America Vote Act - HAVA. Your Town Clerk, Linda Jette, was honored to be chosen to work on this committee. They have been busy working on the many aspects of this election law to make sure that the uniqueness and integrity of New Hampshire elections are not compromised, while ensuring compliance with the goals of the federal law. A statewide checklist, better accessibility to the polling place and easier voting techniques are some of the goals. Also she was pro-active and involved in a very well attended Election Training Workshop for all election officials throughout the state, held in Concord on June 13th at the State House Legislative Office Building. This was sponsored by the NH City and Town Clerk's Association in conjunction with the Secretary of State's Office and the Attorney General's Office.

The NHC&TCA Annual Regional Spring Conference was held in May and all personnel were in attendance for this important training. The President of the Association spoke about the legislation relating to the aspects of our jobs. Supervisors spoke from the on-line motor vehicle program (MAP), the Title Bureau, the Bureau of Registration, the Bureau of Vital Records, Department of Revenue Administration and representatives from the Secretary of State's Office. They went over laws, rules and regulations, old and new, and explained how we are to apply them to our jobs. Then in the fall your Town Clerk attended the NHC&TCA Annual Conference along with Deputy Town Clerk, Patricia Mangini. All conferences proved to be valuable learning experiences! We are grateful for your support in continuing our education so we may better serve you.

We started work on the PaperView System. This involves scanning, indexing, proof reading and transferring documents through the phases of the system. The end result provides easy record retrievals. This project involves the staff in the Town Clerk's office as well as several volunteers. Thanks to Bob Neill and also to Family Mediation who sent us a wonderful young man. Their many hours spent helping have enabled us to get a lot of work done in a short time. This project was hampered when the town lost the air-conditioning system for the summer. Although the Selectmen did their best to help us through a tough time, it was difficult to ask volunteers to work under such difficult circumstances. Besides papers would jam in the scanner because of the high humidity. There have also been times when the workstation was needed for the everyday work and couldn't be spared for this project. This will be corrected early in 2004 and we hope to recruit more volunteers...thanks already to Eleanor Zaremba and Jane Cole. Please call if you can type a little and are interested in a pleasant volunteer project to help the town. Our goal is to scan all Selectmen's Minutes from 1978 to present, as well as Town Meeting Minutes, Planning Board Minutes, and Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes, then the

Office of the Town Clerk (Cont'd)

Town Reports, other committee minutes and ongoing records as time permits. Once we get caught up, this will be an ongoing project.

We had a change of personnel in the fall when the Deputy Town Clerk, Patricia Mangini and Assistant Town Clerk, Kathy Burke gave their notices. We thank them for all the good work they did for us, and wish them well in their new endeavors. We were lucky to fill their positions in a timely manner with Rose Cavalear as Deputy Town Clerk and Evie Taft as Assistant Town Clerk. They have received a very warm welcome that has certainly been much appreciated.

Our goal is always to provide you with the best service possible. Please feel free to call for help with any questions or concerns and we will do our best to assist you.

Best wishes for 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jette, Town Clerk



Vital Statistics - Births 2003

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Father	Mother
2002 Addition			
Copetta, Joseph Neil	08/27/02	David	Susan
2003			
Aloi,Brianna Lynn	12/14/03	Frederick	Patricia
Ashford, Isabella Jewel	02/07/03	Joseph	Julie
Assad, Alexa Lauren	04/07/03	Joseph	Kerri
Basillio, Alexandra LouAnn	10/24/03	Gregory	Yoleida
Blomquist, Regan Elizabeth	01/23/03	R. Eric	Elizabeth
Carrubba, Jack Joseph	12/20/03	Jason	Mary
Curtin, Michael Ryan	06/20/03	Brian	Jennifer
D'Italia, Lauren Elise	05/14/03	John	Heidi
George, Eric Christopher	12/07/03	Eric	Jennifer
Graves, Macy Elizabeth	01/28/03	Russell	Frances
Huberdeau, Julia Marie	02/06/03	Michael	Beth
LaCreta, Olivia Madeleine	04/01/03	Bruce	Robyn
Levine, llan Tzvi	02/24/03	Andrew	Vikki
Lord, Abigail Elizabeth	02/18/03	Jeffrey	Susan
McClellan, Adam Michael	04/07/03	Michael	Annette
McElroy, John Edward	05/12/03	George	Alicia
Merrill, Lauren Elizabeth	05/06/03	John	Amy
Miller Autumn Lorraine	11/06/03	Keith	Paula
Ouellette, Georgia Elizabeth	08/23/03	Scott	Jennifer
Phillips, Mikayla Ann	05/17/03	Daniel	Marie
Prescott, Alexander Lee	03/11/03	Marc	Stacy
Price, Richard John	04/11/03	Richard	Eileen
Price, Regan Elizabeth	04/11/03	Richard	Eileen
Rivard, Ethan Paul	04/25/03	Dennis	Jennifer
Rousseau, Gianna Marie	03/31/03	Victor	Amanda
Schuster, Maxwell Wesley	01/29/03	Craig	Robyn
Silva, Jake Medina	02/07/03	David	Jennifer
Sine, Caitlin Elizabeth	01/20/03	William	Ana
Slayton, Daniel Leonard	03/03/03	Matthew	Karen
Stevenson, Michael Robert	04/07/03	Paul	Kristina
Torris, Ryan Michael	01/31/03	Michael	Marie
Young, Aidan Robert	06/19/03	Kevin	Karen

Vital Statistics - Deaths 2003

Name of Deceased	Date	Name of Parents
Barrett, Robert E.	11/09/03	Barrett, Raymond, / Rollins, Florence
Beaulieu, John T.	02/13/03	Beaulieu, Brian / Montebianchi, Constance
Casey, Mary E.	01/19/03	
Enos, Ralph A.	04/14/03	Enos, Ralph / Fiala, Elizabeth
Fulmore, Edna D.	09/25/03	Rich, Willis / Ingram, Grace
Garabedian, Mary E.	02/21/03	
Hinricks, Ralph	02/17/03	
Holland, Joseph A. Jr.	08/21/03	Holland, Joseph A. Sr. / Bellacome, Anita
Jordan, Robert E.	01/03/03	Jordan, Louis E. / Divaio, Anna M.
Kelly, Rosalie J.	01/02/03	Libby, Alton / Stone, Marilla
Lebiecz, John P.	10/23/03	Lebiecz, Alexander / Kondej, Sophie
Lopez, Shirley A.	12/02/03	Cramer, Howard / Roberts Lillian
Nicholson, Robert S.	05/20/03	
McGowan, Pauline M.	05/11/03	Dallon, Joseph / Kreyewski, Pauline
Miller, Mary R.	11/18/03	
Morse, Gladys M.	05/01/03	Koehne, Leonard / Foeh, Marguerite
Paul, Lawrence C.	10/19/03	Unknown, Charles / Unknown, Dora
Pepin, Albert J.	05/08/03	Pepin, Albert / Duran, Dorothy
Riehl, Albert H. Jr.	12/07/03	Riehl, Albert H. / Smith, Dora M.
Romanuk, Daniel F.	05/10/03	Romanuk, Kenneth J. / Walsh, Patricia A.
Schott, Michael R.	11/10/03	Schott, Alexander / Krause, Renate
Snicer, Joseph E.	11/02/03	Snicer, Charles / Zostant, Mary
Solimine, Helen	06/12/03	
Spera, Mary	05/12/03	
Sweet, Lucille M.	12/16/03	Guilmette, Edmund / Bilodeau, Olivine
Vaiknoras Joan M.	05/23/03	Buote, Henry / Poirier, Celina
Voishnis, Alvina B.	02/16/03	Kane, Alvin B. / Donovan, Mary T.
Vytal, Barbara A.	02/24/03	Frost, Walstein F. / Centebar, Ruth M.
Wagg, Dorothy G.	03/16/03	Cirio, Grandolfi / Coggio, Mary
Wentzell, Anna J.	04/28/03	Colbert, Robert E. / Holderreid, Justina
Whiting Stanley L.	03/02/03	Whiting, Vern / Blanche, Walburn
Witley, Annette S.	06/22/03	Britton, Charles E. / Smith, Susan B.

Vital Statistics - Marriages 2003

Groom / Residence	Bride / Residence	Date
Botsch, Dennis A. / Atkinson, NH	Chevalier, Danielle M. / Sandown, NH	12/22/03
Clapp, Donald K. / Ipswich, Ma	Greenleaf, Amy J. / Ipswich, Ma	05/03/03
Crawford, Scott M. / Waco, Tx	Wilson, Heidi / Atkinson, NH	07/12/03
Davis, Thomas M. / Atkinson, NH	Milas, Rose L. / Atkinson NH	06/22/03
Descheneau, Scott D. / Atkinson, NH	Gillespie, Arline M. / Atkinson, NH	11/01/03
Donahue, Shawn T. / Danville, NH	Croteau, Neige V. / Atkinson, NH	09/25/03
Dyer, Christopher R. / Epping, NH	Evans, Lisa E. / Atkinson, NH	08/15/03
Fay, Jeffrey D. / Atkinson, NH	Fitzgerald, Erin A. / Salem, NH	11/28/03
Giglia, Salvatore / Norwood, Ma	Sweeney, Julie A. / Belmont, MA	03/01/03
Isherwood, Jacob D. / Atkinson, NH	Kozlovski, Sarah A. / Atkinson, NH	10/04/03
Johnson, Perry A. / Greenland, NH	Jette, Linda S. / Atkinson, NH	05/25/03
Kerem, David A. / Atkinson, NH	Hills, Judith A. / Atkinson, NH	05/24/03
Larson, Dana F./ Haverhill, Ma	Pierce, Deborah J./ Haverhill, MA	11/29/03
MacArthur Kevin A. / Billerica, Ma	Del Ninno, Nicole J. / Billerica, MA	09/28/03
Martinage, John E. / Atkinson, NH	Ryan, Julia E. / Atkinson, NH	08/30/03
Miller, Neil C. Jr. / Haverhill, Ma	Nowicki, Kim S. / Haverhill, MA	11/16/03
Morrissey, John J. / Hampton, NH	Leavitt, Carol A. / Atkinson, NH	09/14/03
Mousa, Issam J. / Atkinson, NH	Karam, Lodmira G. / Atkinson, NH	07/25/03
Nazarian, Scott G. / Lawrence, Ma	Lakos, Jessica A. / Lawrence, MA	08/16/03
O' Leary, Daniel R. / Atkinson, NH	Bolduc, Jeanne L. / Atkinson, NH	12/19/03
Osborne, John R. / Norwich, Great Brita	Bellmore, Kelley A. / Atkinson, NH	10/30/03
Pitocchelli, David L. / Atkinson, NH	Kates, Sheryl L. / Atkinson, NH	07/20/03
Pondelli, Robert J. / Tewksbury, Ma	Doyle, Christine A. / Tewksbury, MA	03/16/03
Ryan, Jerome P. / New York City, NY	Polatcan Duyum / New York City, NY	06/28/03
Sifferlen, Eric J. / Plaistow, NH	Holmes, Heidi K. / Stratford, CT	07/26/03
Sivarasa, Sriram / Atkinson, NH	Skandakumar, Mirunalini / Atkinson, NH	02/14/03
Summerton, Glen B. / Atkinson, NH	Ricker Ronni A. / Atkinson, NH	10/04/03
Thomas, Scott M. / Atkinson, NH	Steele, Renata J. / Atkinson, NH	08/24/03
Woodsum, Brian J. / Haverhill, Ma	Bergeron, Carolyn F. / Haverhill, MA	05/31/03

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Dearings during the year 2003 were concerned with requests for the following:

- Variances to the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance 12
- Administrative Appeals 1
- Special Exceptions allowed by the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance 22
- Rehearing requests 1

This year hearing results were as follows:

Purpose of Hearing	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variances to:			
Wetland	8	1	
Sideline	2		
Extension of Approval	1		
Special Exception:			
Home Business:			
Renewals	9		
Exemptions	6		
Conversions	2		
Accessory Living Unit	3		
Expansion of Non-Conf.	1	1	
Rehearing	1		
Appeals		1	

^{**} Records of all public hearings and decisions are maintained in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office and available for public review.

Check out the Atkinson Web Page www.town-atkinsonnh.com for zoning information regarding the following: Accessory Living Units (In-law apartments); Home business regulations; Seasonal Conversions; Zoning, Special Exception & Appeal Application and instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Polito,

Chairman

Zoning Amendments Adopted 3/11/03

An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, Section 610:7a and add a new Section 610:7b to formalize the procedure required to assure the Planning Board that low-moderate dwellings are offered to qualified individuals and/or families.

An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance/Building Code by replacing Section 610 to adopt the latest Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy, International One and Two Family Dwelling Code and International Fire Code.

An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance/Building Code, by deleting Section 630:1(a) through (k) and replacing them with a new Section 630:1 to amend the existing Electrical wiring section to conform with the latest National Electric Code.

An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance/Building Code, by deleting Section 640:1&2, Section 650:1 and Section 680:1 (a)(b) & (c) to eliminate redundancy of codes included in the latest Building Codes.

An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance by replacing P4, the existing 'Prime Wetlands' definition to bring it into agreement with the NH State RSA's and rules and correctly defines how the wetlands listed in the new Section 410:10 were identified, as well as the significance of the designation.



Family Mediation

Last year, our twentieth in operation, we provided services to 630 youth and parents from the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem. Our programs include: Parent/Child Mediation; Peer Mediation; Challenge Course (Drug and Alcohol Abuse); TLC (Anger Management); Parental Education in conjunction with the Challenge and TLC courses; SSTOP (Stop Shoplifting Teens Option Program); Up In Smoke (Tobacco Education); Community Service and Restitution Program as well as various workshops and presentations.

In addition to receiving funds from the above towns, Heritage United Way, and Rockingham County DCYF, we also received grant money from the Timberlane Regional School District to sustain the parenting component for the Challenge and TLC Courses for 2003. These classes have been a tremendous success. They assist parents to learn alternative skills of communicating and interacting with their youth, allowing a better understanding of their youth's daily challenges. The outcome is a more creative, positive family dynamic, which leads to decreased high-risk behavior at home and in the community.

The Peer Mediation workshops at Sanborn and Timberlane Regional Schools have been well received by the youth, parents, and the schools. Today, more than ever, a program such as this is needed to build positive self-esteem and role models within the school system as well as the community.

Other 2003 activities include:

- ❖ Mediation cases increased 11% over 2002;
- ❖ Youth placed at community service sites-712 hours of service returned to the community;
- \$2,992 in monetary restitution was returned to the victims;
- Our resource/referral book has been updated by an extremely industrious volunteer intern;
- * New fundraising efforts have been initiated, allowing us to sustain and improve programs;
- Hampstead's Health Fair and Project Respect were again attended with great success;
- ❖ We continued to expand Tobacco Education workshops in area schools;
- ❖ Participated in Salem Middle School's Read-to-Lead Day;
- * Round-table meetings with area police and school personnel were attended regularly;
- ❖ Facilitated a Parent/Child Mediation training for eight new mediators;
- Sponsored Red Ribbon week at local libraries and town halls;
- ❖ 45 people attended our Annual Gathering held in appreciation for the volunteers.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is dedicated to serving area youth and families. We would again like to thank the townspeople, judges, donors, volunteers (mediators, community service supervisors, donors, etc.) and the staff, who make it all possible.

Family Mediation Board of Directors:

Andrea Bonner, *Kingston* Dale Childs, *Hampstead* Judith Cogswell, *Danville*

Debra DeSimone, *Atkinson*Dick Gerrish, *Kingston*Arline Grant, *Hampstead*Kathleen Marino, *Newton*

Wade Parsons, *Danville* Lawrence Streeter, *Newton* Martha Sumner, *Plaistow*

Southeast NH Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District

As the Chairman of the District I take great pride and pleasure in presenting the end of the year summary report to the fifteen communities that comprise the District. Let me first extend a heartfelt thank you to former Chairman and Chief of the Londonderry Fire Department Al Sypek for this tireless commitment to the member communities as well as the dedicated man and women who comprise the Hazardous Materials Response Team.

An incredible amount of work has been done since a new Board was formed in August of 2003. With the exception of our lasting Vice-Chiar E. David Fisher, Chief of the Pelham Fire Department the entire Operations Board has seen new members. Additionally, Deputy Chief Paul Parisi of the Salem Fire Department and Chief Mike Carrier of the Londonderry Fire Department have become the new Haz-Mat Liaison and Haz-Mat Coordinator respectively. Salem Fire Chief Arthur Barnes brings years of budgetary experience to the position of Treasurer.

Administratively several procedures have been developed to better track inventory, equipment purchases, various expenditures, and the tracking of grants received throughout the year. The Regional Emergency Planning Committee has been moving forward with its training and development of the Hazard Risk Analysis for all communities as well as the Tier II reporting requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency through its E.P.C.R.A. program. The personnel dedicated to this task are entirely funded through the Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grants administered by the State of New Hampshire. New this year is a change in policy of the District providing gas meters to the member communities, as this budget item is consistently overspent. Individual departments will be responsible for upgrading and/or maintaining their existing inventory and supplies for the meters. Several grants are available to departments for the purchase of these items. The District's website has been developed and is used by the members as well as the public for information, updates, training schedules, etc. See www.senhhazmat.org for your District's site. Finally, a physical office has been established with the assistance of James Turse, Town Administrator for the Town of Derry, NH at the new Municipal center adjacent to the Emergency Operations Center. This will allow the District's administrative functions to be centralized and better coordinated. The phone number is 421-9254. This office is being provided free of charge by the Town of Derry.

The Hazardous Materials Team members have had a full year of training under the guidance of Lt. Jim Roger and Firefighter Don Worthington. Members are required to attend a minimum of 24 hours of refresher training per 29C F.R.1019.120. These requirements are consistently exceeded annually with the dedicated hard work of these two individuals.

In the communication and network areas, the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has funded an Electronic Studio for all eight regional Hazardous Materials

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Teams within the State. As the administrator of the studio, the Chairman of the District is responsible for the constant updating of material, resources, and terrorist alerts as part of his duties as the Hazardous Materials Liaison for the Department of Health and Human Services. Funding for this encrypted and secure Virtual Private Network is paid entirely through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control. Additionally, the Chairman of the District sits as the Vice-Chair of the New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Collaboration Council, which is comprised of the leadership of all eight Haz-Mat teams in the State. This gives the Southeast District member communities the benefit of the latest information from the State and Washington, access to the status and availability of grant funding mechanisms, as well as providing a network of professional representatives from the E.P.A., O.S.H.A., the military, and the State Police. Communication for emergency response personnel including the Technical Team Leaders has been dramatically improved through the purchase of Nextel wireless devices with a capability of wireless faxing, sending and receiving email communications, and the sending of digital photographs at the scene of Haz-Mat events.

Response: The Hazardous Materials Response component of the District responded to approximately 25 events in 2003, ranging from liquefied propane gas leaks to a school bus collision resulting in petroleum products leaking into the water supply.

In closing, I would like to thank the leadership of the Board of Director's, Operations Committee members, and the men and women that comprise one of the finest Hazardous Materials Response Teams and the District in the State of New Hampshire. This District could not exist without these dedicated, hardworking, and selfless individuals from all fifteen communities. I am truly humbled and amazed at the amount of volunteer effort put forth by this diverse group of dedicated individuals. As 2004 approaches, we look forward to continue serving the citizens that make up the Southeast New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

James Richardson, Chairman

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E. David Fisher, Vice-Chairman; Sharon Carrier, Secretary
Arthur Barnes, Treasurer

APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Atkinson is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the Town to continue this tradition.

Boards, commissions, and committee are made up of volunteers. Community Center and recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations, and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Atkinson residents.

If you are a registered voter of Atkinson and would like to serve as a member on one of

the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectmen's Office. Thank you. _____ Building Needs Committee _____ Board of Adjustment Conservation Commission Cable TV Advisory Committee Planning Board Highway Safety Committee _____ Recycling Committee Recreation Commission Other (Please Specify)_____ Special Qualifications: Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions: Name: ______ Phone: _____ Address: E-Mail:





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