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# Town and School Annual Report

Epping, New Hampshire



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# Dedication

## H. Clifton Cray

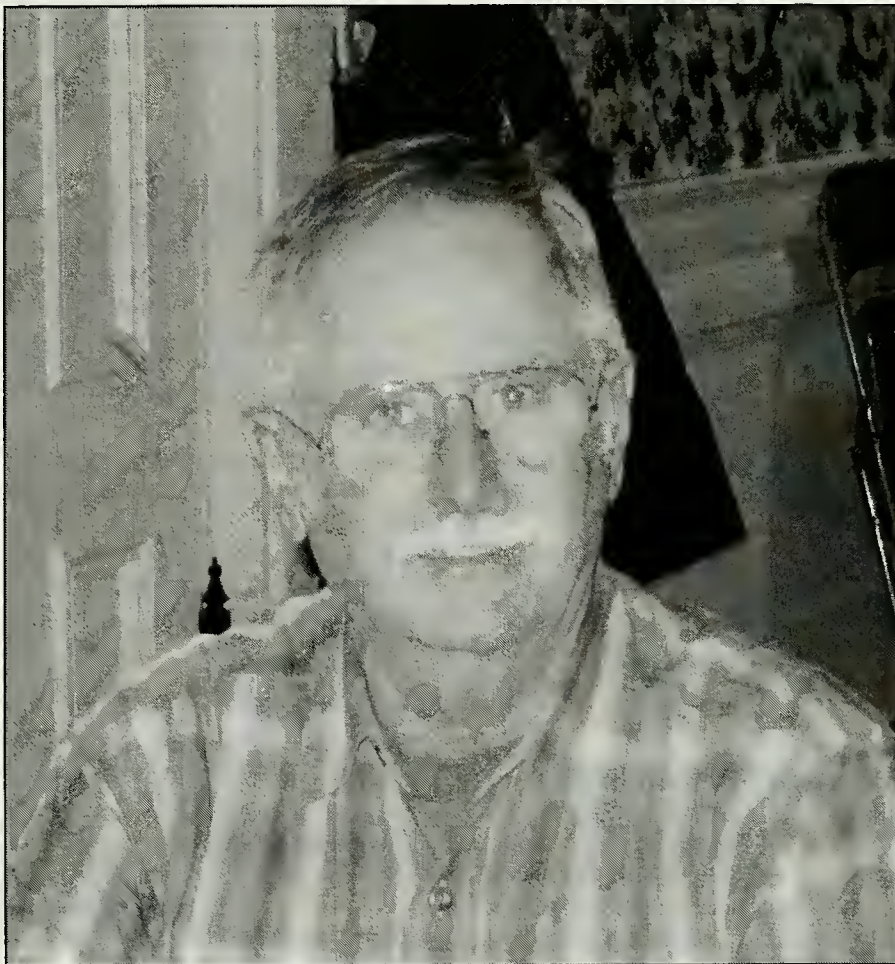
H. Clifton Cray was the oldest of three boys born to Mary and Herbert Cray. He grew up in Massachusetts and joined the United States Coast Guard at 18 where he became an Engineman Third Class Petty Officer. While in the Service he met his future wife Sandra Jones. They were married in 1967 and began a family in Pembroke, Massachusetts. In 1974 they moved with their two boys, Matthew (6) and Glenn (4), to Epping, New Hampshire.

Cliff began his involvement in Epping with the Epping Community Church. Over the years he has served as a Deacon, Youth Group Leader, Head Usher and Sunday School Teacher. He also helped to maintain Epping's Town clock which resides in the Steeple of the Community Church.

Boy Scouts had a big influence on Cliff as a child, so in 1975 when the opportunity presented itself he joined with his eldest son. This began his lengthy involvement in scouting which continues today. Over the years he has served as Cub Master to Pack 136, Scout Master to Troop 136 and District Commissioner. In 1996 he was honored with the prestigious Silver Beaver award for his continued dedication to scouting. Cliff enjoys all aspects of scouting and still participates in the Cub Pack and Scout Troop activities.

1976 marked the Bicentennial of our country. During that year the Cray family welcomed a new baby girl, Stacey. There were many celebrations and parades in which the family participated. You can find several pictures, in Epping's Bicentennial book, of the family in period clothing with their pony cart.

Cliff's career with the Fire Department began when he became a member of the Fire Wards in the late 70's, which he served on for many years. From there he joined the Volunteer Fire Department and became a part of the first Ambulance Squad in town. He helped restore the antique REO Speed wagon and also restored



the 1860 Rumsey Hand tub in his own garage. He became an officer in the department and served most recently as Captain. He was also a certified Emergency Medical Technician and was a first aid and CPR instructor. Cliff helped with the planning of the new Safety Complex. He was an integral part in forming the Fire Explorers and now instructs new Fire Fighters how to operate the fire apparatus.

1991 marked Epping's 250th birthday. Cliff worked on the committee to plan the celebration; this included the parade, the dedication of the Band Stand at the Legion, the Town Fair and many other activities during the year. Now he is part of Speak Up Epping, keeping

residents informed and helping to create a greater sense of community through different activities.

Cliff is also a member of the American Legion Post 51 and the Major General John Sullivan Lodge No. 2.

Cliff is very fortunate that each of his children, with their own families, continue to live in town and give back to the community in their own way. He has been married to Sandy for 40 years and enjoys seeing their 5 grandchildren weekly. Cliff has always been devoted to the community and feels compelled to giveback 110%. His continued dedication has had a tremendously positive impact on the Town of Epping.

# Town Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2007

The deliberative session of the 2007 Epping Town Meeting was held at the Epping Middle High School gymnasium on February 6, 2007. There were 81 registered voters in attendance. Selectman Susan McGeough opened the meeting with the dedication of the Town Report. This year's dedication was made to the Goodrich family for over 100 years of service to the community. The deliberative session was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Final voting on the articles was by official ballot at the polls on March 13, 2007. The polls opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. Ballot Clerks were Ann Marie Gomez-Amaru, Barbara MacDonald, Andrew Vallone, Patricia Sutcliffe, Barbara Woodward and Jacqueline Cameron. There were 1,292 regular ballots cast and 58 absentee voters for a total of 1,350 voters. There were 76 new voters who registered at the polls. The results are as follows.

## ARTICLE 1: TO CHOOSE NECESSARY TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

### Budget Committee for 3 years

*Vote for 3*

Michelle Cromarty – 660

Tom Dwyer Jr – 556

Ron LaChance – 462

Jack McAuliffe – 510

Sandra Osgood – 745

**Michelle Cromarty, Tom Dwyer Jr and Sandra Osgood were elected**

### Budget Committee for 2 years

*Vote for 1*

Paul Spidle – 883

Tom Dwyer Jr – 122 (write in)

**Paul Spidle was elected**

### Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Paul Ladd – 1124

**Paul Ladd was elected**

### Fire Ward for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Donald Oakes – 1106

**Donald Oakes was elected**

### Library Trustee for 3 years

*Vote for 2*

Tracy Dwyer – 1019

Michael Swegles – 871

**Tracy Dwyer and Michael Swegles were elected**

### Planning Board for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Tom Dwyer Jr – 555

Jane Kelly – 545

**Tom Dwyer Jr was elected**

### Selectman for 3 years

*Vote for 2*

Tom Gauthier – 806

Dianne Gilbert – 581

Matthew Killen – 410

Peter Loch – 246

Kim A. Sullivan – 350

**Tom Gauthier and Dianne Gilbert were elected**

### Tax Collector for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Linda Foley – 1190

**Linda Foley was elected**

### Town Clerk for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Linda Foley – 1213

**Linda Foley was elected**

### Trust Fund Trustee for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Joe Denoncour – 1132

**Joe Denoncour was elected**

### Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Michael King – 1009

**Michael King was elected**

### Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 years

*Vote for 1*

Ron LaChance – 692

Ryder Quintard – 835

**Ron LaChance and Ryder Quintard were elected**

## ARTICLE 2: AMENDING ARTICLE 19 OF ZONING ORDINANCE

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance to change Article 19 Signs. This amendment will affect anyone proposing new, replacing or expanding existing signs within all zones and districts. This change will not affect valid pre-existing non-conforming signs (grandfathered). In general, the amendments will create new process whereby the expansion and/or installation of new signage related to non-residential uses will be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board as part of the site plan review process. The ordinance will authorize the Planning Board to adopt new regulations to administer the change. The intent is to streamline the sign review process into the site evaluation process with the planning board rather than maintain a separate approval process for signage. The changes are comprehensive in nature and will affect all aspects of signage within the Town of Epping. **[Recommended by the Planning Board 4-0-0]**

**Discussion:** Planning Board Chairman Rob Graham explained that this article would simplify the process for getting a new sign permit. Currently the permit is reviewed by the Planning Board then issued by the Code Enforcement Officer. This article would put the approval solely in the hands of the Planning Board.

**YES – 778 NO – 346**

**ARTICLE 2 PASSED**

## ARTICLE 3: ADOPTING ARTICLE 22 OF ZONING ORDINANCE

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance to

adopt Article 22, Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Design. The Article will apply to non-residential and multi-family developments (3 or more units per structure). The adoption of this article will require additional construction, site design, and building techniques that promote energy efficiency, lower energy costs of the buildings and minimize the environmental impact of the construction. The article will provide a range of options for compliance that will include renewable and efficient on-site energy production, recycling and reuse of site materials, using local resources for construction materials, increased efficiency in building design, recycling programs for construction debris and site operation, and a wide range of other design and operational options. The article will apply to new developments and reconstruction or expansion of non-residential and multi-family facilities. Additional requirements will be placed on gasoline stations to provide alternative fuels in conjunction with any expansion of their facility (such as ethanol based fuels and biodiesel). The article will not apply to existing commercial uses or residential structures and will not apply to single-family or duplex residences. **[Recommended by the Planning Board 4-0-0]**

**Discussion:** Planning Board Chairman Rob Graham explained that this article will bring the Town up to date with what surrounding states are already doing. Most commercial buildings are already using energy efficient measures for new construction because it saves the company money over the years and is a benefit for a property that is being rented. Both the new Hurlbert Toyota building and the WS Goodrich building would be in compliance with this article. Liz Conrad asked if this would have any affect on impact fees and would it discourage new businesses. Rob answered that there would be no change to the impact fees and should not have a negative affect on new business since most commercial development is currently using these practices. Ron LaChance asked what was meant by recycling programs and local building products. As an example of a recycling program Rob explained that ERRCO currently takes building materials and turns them into wood pellets

rather than burying them in a land fill. By local building products, the Board would suggest using granite or timber from New Hampshire rather than having products shipped in from another part of the country. No single component of the ordinance would be mandatory, but the Planning Board would offer several avenues for compliance. Don Sisson stated that he felt too much authority was being given to the Planning Board, and this would discourage the businesses Epping needs for its tax base. He urged the Town to vote no on this article. Rob gave an example of how Wal-Mart had used new technology to their benefit and how Hurlbert Toyota was making their building comply.

**YES – 700 NO – 606**  
**ARTICLE 3 PASSED**

#### **ARTICLE 4: AMENDING ARTICLE 6 OF ZONING ORDINANCE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance to amend Article 6, Supplementary Regulations for Certain Uses to allow for the expansion of existing manufactured housing parks in limited circumstances. The change will allow existing manufactured housing facilities to expand the number of units up to 25% provided the facility is in strict compliance with applicable local, state, and federal requirements. The expansion will be based on the number of units existing at the time of adoption. The provisions will be available only to existing compliant facilities. Completely new facilities are not permitted under this change. **[Recommended by the Planning Board 3-1-0]**

**Discussion:** Rob Graham explained that the purpose of this article was to encourage diverse housing options by allowing well run mobile home parks to expand. A poorly run park would need to come up to Planning Board standards before being allowed to add more units.

**YES – 627 NO – 677**  
**ARTICLE 4 FAILED**

#### **ARTICLE 5: AMENDING ARTICLE 6 OF ZONING ORDINANCE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning

board for the town zoning ordinance to amend Article 6, Supplementary Regulations for Certain uses and Article 12 Definitions to provide additional regulations and specifications on the establishment of automotive based uses. The changes will limit the number placement of automotive sales facilities in the Town of Epping by requiring a minimum distance between such sites. Additional requirements for lighting, aesthetics, and outdoor storage will also be provided. The intent of this change is to prevent from proliferation of such uses and provide for a well-balanced mix of uses in the Town of Epping that serve the community. **[Recommended by the Planning Board 4-0-0]**

**Discussion:** This article will spell out where automotive establishments may be located and will limit the number of these establishments in one area and prevent them from being side by side. Matthew Killen asked what the minimum distance between businesses would be. Rob Graham responded that there would need to be a 2000 foot radius. This limitation has been upheld in the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

**YES – 946 NO – 353**  
**ARTICLE 5 PASSED**

#### **ARTICLE 6: AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF ZONING ORDINANCE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance to amend Article 3, Industrial Commercial Zone and Article 2, Section 6 Residential Zone by changing the following parcels from Residential to Commercial/Industrial: Map. The amendment will include all land south and west of Route 27 and all land north and east of Route 27 to a distance of 1,500 feet from the centerline of Route 27. The change will affect the permitted uses for these properties to encourage more non-residential development in areas that are not already developed near Route 27 and to stabilize the tax base. Valid, pre-existing uses will be permitted to continue without further approvals or regulations. Consistent with the above all or a portion of Map 30 Lots 46-62, 76, 80, and 81 and Map 31 Lots 1-8 will be affected. The map of the pro-

posed changes is available at Town Hall. [Recommended by the Planning Board 4-0-0]

**Discussion:** Rob Graham explained that Route 27 has a heavy mixture of uses now and that this should be the next avenue for commercial development. The part of Route 27 that this article addresses is only the section that is east of Route 125. Ron LaChance stated that the way the article is written is misleading because it reads to him as though it runs all the way from Raymond to Exeter. Rob explained that the Map and Lots referenced make the article specific to only the section east of Route 125.

**YES - 713 NO - 561**  
**ARTICLE 6 PASSED**

#### **ARTICLE 7: AMENDING THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Epping, based on assessed value, for qualified full time resident taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$50,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$65,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$75,000. To qualify, the person must have resided in the State of New Hampshire at least 3 consecutive years preceding April 1, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married or a domestic partner for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$35,000, and own assets not in excess of \$50,000; excluding the value of the property this exemption is applied to and which is the person's primary residence. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

**Discussion:** Kim Sullivan explained that when this article was presented last year there had been no increase in the amount of income an elderly person could have. After reviewing assessments and limits in other towns, the Board of Selectmen voted to have the income limits increased. This article was incorrectly written, however, and the exemption amounts need to be amended. Selectman

Sullivan made a motion to **amend the article to read: "for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$62,500; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$75,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$87,500."**

The motion was seconded by Tom Gauthier. A hand vote was taken and the amendment passed.

**YES - 1098 NO - 216**  
**Article 7 PASSED**

#### **ARTICLE 8: ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME FIRE FIGHTER/EMT**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire an additional full time employee for the Fire Department. The additional Firefighter/EMT will be used to facilitate better ambulance and fire coverage during the day in addition to establishing fire prevention programs and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) for six months salary and benefits for the employee. Approval would call for a total estimated increase in 2008 of \$58,000. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-1]

**Discussion:** Fire Chief Brian Toomire gave a brief history of the department's staffing. Prior to 1987 Epping had a totally volunteer force but there were few responders for daytime hours Monday thru Friday. In 1987 the Town voted to hire 2 full time EMT Firefighters. We lost the services of one of these professionals and it has been difficult for the department to fill that position. There are a limited number of licensed EMTs in New Hampshire and most of them work in hospitals where the salary and benefits are higher. The physical standards for firefighters are very strict, and most qualified firefighters choose to work in larger towns. We have hired a paramedic in training, but this person is not a firefighter. During the day we now have only one firefighter to respond to calls. Matthew Killen asked what the long term growth plan was for the Epping Fire Department. Chief Toomire replied that if this article passes it will solve our staffing problems for the foreseeable future. The

department also has a long term equipment plan.

**YES - 672 NO - 632**  
**Article 8 PASSED**

#### **ARTICLE 9: FUNDS FOR FEDERAL LAWSUIT OF EPPING RESIDENTS FOR PRINCIPLED GOVERNMENT V. TOWN OF EPPING ET. AL.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of paying any legal fees or expenses the town may incur for having to appear and defend the town, except for any insurance deductibles, in the federal lawsuit, *Thomas Sutcliffe, Donald Sisson and the Epping Residents for Principled Government, Inc. on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated...other ERPG members whose interest are similarly situated include Ron LaChance, Paul Spidle, Nelson Gunn and Malcom Hayes v. Epping School District, The Town of Epping, Barbara Munsey, as Superintendent of Schools, Harold K. LaPierre, as Moderator for the Epping School District; Susan McGeough, Thomas Gauthier, Christopher Murphy and Kim Sullivan, in their individual and official capacities as members of the Epping Board of Selectmen; Marci Morris, Jeffrey Nollet, Susan Kimball, Pamela Tibbetts, Scott Booth, Robert Lonek and Jeffery LeDuc, in their individual and official capacities as members of the Epping School Board; and Mark A. Vallone, Principal in his individual and official capacity.* This sum is in addition to the legal expense line item in the proposed operating budget. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-1]

**Discussion:** Ron LaChance spoke against this article claiming it was an effort on the part of Kim Sullivan to embarrass the group of residents who felt it was their basic right to bring this suit against the Town. Kim Sullivan spoke to clarify the reason for this separate warrant article. He stated that after the budget was set the Selectmen received an estimate from the attorney and they did not want to bury this expense in the regular budget. As to the listing of the names, Paul Spidle and one other Budget Commit-



tee member requested that all names be listed in the article. Budget Committee Chairman Jim McGeough confirmed that originally only some names had been listed and the committee requested a full disclosure of all names. He further stated that this is the first time the Town has had to defend itself in Federal Court. Dianne Gilbert stated that the Town had not won the previous decisions, but rather the judges had not felt that the infractions were severe enough to warrant a judgement against the Town. Since the group did not feel they could get justice from a State court, they decided to take it to the Federal level. Colleen Schmidt supported the article because she wants the money to be available for the Town to defend itself, but she would rather see the money used for other needs the Town has. Matthew Killen asked if Town Administrator Steve Fournier could explain how the Town could recoup its legal expenses. Steve Fournier replied that the Town has tried to get its legal fees awarded in court but has been unsuccessful. He had recently heard from our insurance carrier, however, and they will be helping with the expense.

**YES – 507      NO – 801**  
**ARTICLE 9 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 10: TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. This sum will come from fund balance and no additional funds will be raised through taxation. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1]

**Discussion:** Selectman Tom Gauthier explained that the Town Hall is an old building and often in need of repair. By approving this article we will be putting money aside to fund unanticipated expenses rather than requesting a special warrant article when the need arises. Don Sisson asked why 2 of the Selectmen voted against this article. Kim Sullivan replied that he saw no specific reason for the article and felt that repairs should be

funded from the operating budget. Jerry Langdon replied that during his first 9 months in office he observed that many projects were incomplete and he wanted to see these finished before appropriating money for another project.

**YES – 618      NO – 704**  
**Article 10 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 11: LANDFILL CLOSURE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited into the existing Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1]

**Discussion:** Tom Gauthier stated that he was the one Selectman who voted against this article. The fund now has \$90,000 and the first phase of closure will be to have an engineering study done which should cost about \$75,000. He feels that the engineering study should come from the Capital Reserve Fund and the Federal government should come up with additional money if they demand that we close the landfill. Jerry Langdon explained that he walked the site with people from the State and they were pleased to see that we are looking forward. It will be much easier for us to get grants if we have matching funds.

**YES – 823      NO – 486**  
**Article 11 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 12: AMEND THE DISABLED VETERANS TAX CREDIT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Disabled Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:35 from \$1,400.00 to the current maximum allowable amount of \$2,000.00. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

**Discussion:** Tom Gauthier explained that this credit would be for veterans who are 100% disabled. After seeing the affect of the new assessments, the Board of Selectmen wanted to give the maximum credit allowed to these veterans.

**YES – 1108      NO – 204**  
**Articled 12 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 13: HIGHWAY BACKHOE LEASE**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year agreement for the purpose of leasing and equipping one backhoe for the Highway Department; and to raise and appropriate the amount of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty dollars (\$18,320.00) for the first year's payment. This lease will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a total of Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$91,600) with a One dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1]

**Discussion:** Jeff Harris explained that our present backhoe is 10 years old and needs to be repaired. We have an estimate of \$10,000 for these repairs so the Highway Department felt it would be prudent to replace it rather than repair the old one. The new backhoe being considered will be better for trenching. During the recent floods we needed this option. Susan McGeough added that presently when we want to do ditching for road maintenance we have to hire out the work. With our own equipment, we would be able to do more of this maintenance.

**YES – 446      NO – 870**  
**Article 13 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 14: RECREATION PASSENGER VAN**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the purchase of a used passenger van. This van will be a Chevrolet Express Passenger Van or similar vehicle for the purpose of transportation of Senior Citizens, youth and family participants during Recreation Department sponsored trips. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-1]

**Discussion:** Jim McGeough stated that when the Budget Committee reviewed this request, Mike King felt there would be too much liability if the Town purchased a Chevrolet Express van and suggested that phrase be eliminated from

the article. Jim McGeough made a **motion to eliminate "Chevrolet Express" and simply request a passenger van.** The motion was seconded by Mike King. A hand vote was taken and **the amendment passed.** Siobhan Senier suggested that the Town contact other nonprofits in New Hampshire to coordinate a purchase. Don Sisson asked what the Recreation Commission was using now for transportation. Recreation Director Seth Hickey replied that currently we rent from a chartered School Bus Company and it costs approximately \$4.20 per mile. With our own vehicle the cost would drop to about \$1.35 per mile so we would be able to offer more excursions. Don Sisson then asked where the van would be housed. Seth replied that had not been determined yet but he was hoping it could be kept at the Safety Complex in a secure location. Don stated that the Town has problems with housing vehicles and we should not be looking to purchase one now. He made a motion to amend the article to reduce the amount of the appropriation to \$1.00. There was no second so the amendment failed. Peter Loch asked what year the vehicle would be, what the mileage was and what the warranty would be. Seth replied that he hadn't yet selected a vehicle, but he expected to be able to purchase a 2001-2002 model with between 50,000 and 65,000 miles. He hopes the vehicle will last about 5 years. Karen Palino asked what the cost would be to hire a driver and for operating expenses. Seth explained that one of the recreation employees would become certified to drive the van. The cost for fuel and insurance should be covered by the people who will be participating in the trips.

**YES - 476 NO - 844**  
**Article 14 FAILED**

#### **ARTICLE 15: CARPET REPLACEMENT AT WATSON ACADEMY**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of removing and installing new carpets at the Watson Academy. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-2-1]

**Discussion:** Matthew Killen recognized that Watson Academy is old and in

need of other repairs as well as carpeting. He made a motion to amend the article to create a Capital Reserve Fund similar to the one that exists for the Town Hall. The motion was seconded. The Moderator explained that this type of amendment could not be added at deliberative session so the motion and second were withdrawn. Ron LaChance asked if the Selectmen and Budget Committee members who voted against this article would explain why. Kim Sullivan responded that he wanted more specifications and thought the money should come from the general operating budget. Jerry Langdon and Paul Spidle agreed with this.

**YES - 325 NO - 994**  
**Article 16 FAILED**

#### **ARTICLE 16: ADDITIONAL PART-TIME LIBRARY EMPLOYEE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 (six thousand, five hundred dollars) for the hiring of an additional part-time library assistant to work a schedule that includes expanded library hours on Mondays. This amount represents all compensation and benefits for 12 months. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-2-1]

**Discussion:** Tracy Dwyer, Chairman of the Library Trustees, wanted to clarify that the library is not currently open on Mondays and this article would allow them to be open. She made a motion to **amend the article to say "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 (six thousand, five hundred dollars) for the hiring of an additional part-time library assistant to work a schedule that would allow for the library to be open on Mondays. This amount represents all compensation and benefits for 12 months."** The motion was seconded by Tom Gauthier. A hand vote was taken and **the amendment passed.** Librarian Amanda Cooper explained that several patrons had asked if the library could be open on Mondays. With the staff we currently have this would not be possible. The library is currently open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to

8:00 P.M. and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**YES - 500 NO - 827**  
**Article 16 FAILED**

#### **ARTICLE 17: HIGHWAY COMPLEX CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the municipality will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing and constructing a new Highway Facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. In addition, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents of this fund. The selectmen and the budget committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-2-1]

**Discussion:** Tom Gauthier explained that he voted against this article because he thought the highway department should use the facilities we currently have. Paul Spidle stated that he felt the Town could not afford it now. Jeff Harris supported this article because he believes that the highway department needs a place to park the plow trucks and wash and maintain them. Peter Loch agreed with Jeff, that the vehicles will sustain damage if left outside. Mike King felt that a new facility was not necessary. If the trucks are loaded with sand and salt, they should be covered with a tarp to prevent damage from rain.

**YES - 508 NO - 804 Article 17 FAILED**

#### **ARTICLE 18: FUNDS FOR ETV**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the previously established Epping Television Expendable Trust Fund. These funds represent the difference between the Epping Television Operating Budget and the amount of money collected in franchise fees in 2005. This sum will come from the fund balance and will have no impact on the tax rate. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0; Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1]

**Discussion:** Tom Gauthier ex-

plained that this money is not coming from taxes, but is the excess in franchise fees left at the end of the year. Since the exact amount of this excess is not known until the end of the year, this article needs to be amended to the correct amount. He made a motion to correct the amount to \$17,799.08 and to change the year to 2006. The motion was seconded by Susan McGeough. A hand vote was taken and the amendment passed. Ron LaChance stated that he thought this money would be better spent by funding the library position and recreation van.

**YES – 808      NO – 505**  
**Article 18 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 19: FULL-TIME HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire an additional full time employee for the Highway Department. This person is needed to assist in the day to day road work as well as possible maintenance and minor repairs to the highway vehicles. This person is also needed to cover for current employee vacations and sick days and to raise and appropriate Thirty-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$32,800.00) including salary and benefits. [Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2, Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-4]

**Discussion:** Tom Gauthier explained that the Board of Selectmen did not support this article because they were looking at other staffing solutions. They are planning to hire an employee to manage the recycling center and this will allow the highway foreman to spend more time on road work.

**YES – 273      NO – 1048**  
**Article 19 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 20: THREE YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Epping and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, which

calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2007.....	\$53,786
2008.....	\$25,070
2009.....	\$26,015

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$53,786.00) for the 2007 budget, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits over those appropriations at current staffing levels paid in the prior budget year of 2006. [Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1, Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-1-2]

**Discussion:** Police Chief Greg Dodge stated that the negotiating team for the Town included himself, Tom Gauthier, and Town Administrator Steve Fournier. Kim Sullivan was an alternate. The proposal is to raise the starting salary for a patrolman to just under \$35,000 for the first year. They were not able to address all the Union’s demands, so this article only addresses salary and benefits. Kim Sullivan believes this proposal is too expensive. For 2007 the average hourly rate would increase by 17%, and the increase would average 31% over the three year period. He agreed that wages need to be increased on a yearly basis, but consideration needs to be given to what the Town can afford. In comparison to other towns in the state he did not see that Epping’s salaries were out of line. We have already budgeted for increases in health and retirement benefits, and a raise of this amount would result in the need to raise the salaries of other Town employees. Mike King also spoke against the article. The increase in medical insurance this year results in an increase of about \$1.00 per hour. The last agreement gave the officers a 20% raise over three years and they are now asking for a 31% raise for the next three years. Police Officer Rich Cote thanked the negotiating team for their hard work and urged the Town to support the article. Budget Committee member Amy Randall spoke in support of the article. Epping is un-

dergoing rapid growth and the police need to be able to respond to the increase in crime. During the 2004–2005 year felonies were up 48%. She wants to be sure the community is safe, and recognizes that police officers are putting their life on the line.

**YES – 375      NO – 916**  
**Article 20 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 21: PURCHASING LAND NEXT TO TOWN HALL**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), said sum to be used, along with other monies held by the planning board and conservation commission and for which no appropriation is needed to expend such other funds, for the purchase of a parcel of property known as Tax Map 29, Lot 137, having approximately 0.67 acres, and which is located adjacent to Town Hall, with frontage on the Lamprey River. It is anticipated that this parcel shall be used for recreation and conservation purposes. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0]

**Discussion:** Rob Graham stated that the Town had tried to purchase this property before, but was unsuccessful. We are now able to buy it for its mortgage value. It will give us better access to the river, additional parking, and provide an option for future expansion. Revenue from the Land Use Change Tax will be used to reimburse the general fund. Jim McGeough urged the Town to support this article. He stated that if the Town doesn’t act now, the price will go up. He went on to say that this is the one article that everyone on the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen voted to support. Kim Sullivan explained that we tried to purchase this property 3 years ago but the owner would not sell. We are actually able to buy it for less than mortgage value. Although it is more than the market value, it is more valuable to the Town because it is the only land that abuts our current buildings. Paul Spidle also supported this article. The property includes the condemned building on Water Street and purchasing it would clear up the issue

of who owns the access road to the Town parking lot.

**YES – 727      NO – 579**

**Article 21 PASSED**

#### **ARTICLE 22: TO REMOVE THE ANNUAL CAP ON THE LAND USE CHANGE TAX**

To see if the Town will vote to remove the annual cap on the revenue transferred from the Land Use Change Tax to the Conservation Fund. This Article will not alter the tax rate. **[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1]**

**Discussion:** Conservation Chairman Greg Tillman gave a brief history of the Land Use Change Tax and presented his opinion of how Conservation Land pays for itself by requiring no services that would affect the tax rate. Tom Gauthier spoke against the article. He felt that since there is currently no cap on the amount of money that can be in the Conservation Fund, this article is not necessary. Some years we get up to \$300,000 from the Land Use Change Tax, and he would rather see the money go to offset the tax rate. Rob Graham spoke in favor of the article. He sees conservation land as an asset when attracting development. The Planning Board wants to see development in some areas, but wants to preserve space in other areas, and he wants all Town boards to work together to achieve this. Jerry Langdon pointed out that in the past the Conservation Commission had been able to do a lot with very little money, but with the current price of land he feels the annual cap on the amount transferred should be lifted. Ron LaChance's opinion was that Current Use slows down development, so when the land does change use, the tax should go back to the taxpayers to offset the tax break that had previously existed. Don Sisson was against the loss of this revenue for tax purposes. If we collect \$326,000, this would reduce the tax rate by fifty cents, and the land that would be purchased would be of no benefit to the residents. Greg Tillman reminded the Town that the Conservation Fund would still only be receiving half of the revenue, but when revenues are high, he would like to see the yearly contribution

be more than the current \$75,000.

**YES – 625      NO – 659**

**Article 22 FAILED**

At this time Madelyn Williamson came forward to announce a one day event, Speak Up Epping, that will be held on Saturday, April 14th at the Middle High School. It is an opportunity for anyone to express what they most value about the Town and what they would like to see for the future. The event will begin at 7:00 AM with a pancake breakfast and continue through the day with a pot luck luncheon. Members of the Town Boards will be attending as well as representatives from UNH Cooperative Extension. More information will be available on the Town website and on channel 22.

#### **ARTICLE 23: TO CHANGE CLASS VI ROADS TO CLASS A TRAILS**

To see if the town will vote to convert the following portions of Class VI Roads into Class A Trails:

- Dimond Hill Road, from Rum Brook south to Route 87;
- Range Road, from North River Road east to Dimond Hill Road;
- Birch Road, from Mast Road south to the Town Line.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**Discussion:** Greg Tillman presented this article for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. By making this change the Board of Selectmen will have more authority to regulate these roads and protect them from misuse during muddy seasons. He stated that all property owners with land along these sections of the roads also have access to their land via a Class V road. Jerry Langdon explained that these roads have been torn up by vehicles trying to use them when it is too muddy and people have been using these roads to dump unwanted items. A trail could be blocked from use by heavy trucks but would be accessible for horse back riding as well as ATV and snowmobile use. Property owners would still be able to use the trails for forestry and agriculture purposes. The Town could always vote to bring them back as Class IV roads in the future. Jerry Thayer

and James Thayer, nonresident property owners, spoke against this article claiming it would take away future development rights for their property. Although it might be good for hunting and snowmobiles, it would have a direct impact on an owners rights. Greg Tillman stated that the section of Dimond Hill Road that would be changed would not affect access to the Thayer land. It is the intent that all property owners would be able to access their land. Jane Burley whose family owns property along Range Road spoke in favor of the article. She does not want to see damage to the roads by heavy trucks.

**YES – 678      NO – 618**

**Article 23 PASSED**

Jim McGeough made a motion to waive the reading of the individual articles beginning with Article 24 through Article 38. He requested that the Moderator simply read the organizations and the dollar amount requested. The motion was seconded by Mike King. A hand vote was taken and the motion passed. Jim McGeough then made a motion to correct Article 37 to show that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee voted not to recommend this article. Since this was a typographical error no vote was taken and this correction was made.

Paul Spidle spoke against articles 24 through 38. Over the years the Budget Committee has asked the various organizations for proof that the money given to them by the Town is used to assist Epping residents. This documentation has never been provided. The total amount of contributions requested is \$40,000, and this money could be used for many of the other articles presented tonight. Siobhan Senier stated that many governmental agencies are cutting financial support to these programs, so the organizations are looking at drastic funding cuts. She urged the community to think about how we will take care of our residents.

#### **ARTICLE 24: CONTRIBUTION TO ADULT TUTORIAL PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be distributed to the Adult Tutorial Program for services

estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 609 NO – 682**

**ARTICLE 24 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 25: CONTRIBUTION TO AIDS RESPONSE SEACOAST**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$525.00) to be distributed to the AIDS Response Seacoast for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 559 NO – 728**

**ARTICLE 25 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 26: CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS – GREAT BAY CHAPTER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be distributed to American Red Cross – Great Bay Chapter for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 711 NO – 582**

**Article 26 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 27: CONTRIBUTION TO THE AREA HOMECARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$2,610) to be distributed to Area Homecare & Family Services for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 690 NO – 597**

**Article 27 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 28: CONTRIBUTION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise

and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be distributed to Child & Family Services for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 703 NO – 587**

**ARTICLE 28 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 29: CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$1,590) to be distributed to Community Diversion Program for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1]

**YES – 322 NO – 955**

**Article 29 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 30: CONTRIBUTION TO THE LAMPREY HEALTH CARE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,780) to be distributed to Lamprey Health Care for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 558 NO – 729**

**Article 30 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 31: CONTRIBUTION TO THE RICHIE MCFARLAND CHILDREN'S CENTER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,850) to be distributed to McFarland Children's Center for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 659 NO – 650**

**Article 31 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 32: CONTRIBUTION TO THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to be distributed to Retired Senior Volunteer Program for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 767 NO – 547**

**Article 32 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 33: CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$10,285) to be distributed to Rockingham Co. Community Action for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 550 NO – 730**

**ARTICLE 33 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 34: CONTRIBUTION TO ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION AND MEALS ON WHEELS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$3,910) to be distributed to Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]

**YES – 913 NO – 410**

**Article 34 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 35: CONTRIBUTION TO A SAFE PLACE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to be distributed to A Safe Place for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. [Recommended by the Board of

**Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]**

**YES – 756 NO – 561**

**Article 35 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 36: CONTRIBUTION TO SEACOAST HOSPICE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to be distributed to Seacoast Hospice for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. **[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]**

**YES – 800 NO – 517**

**Article 36 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 37: CONTRIBUTION TO SEACOAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be distributed to Seacoast Mental Health for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. **[Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1]**

**YES – 469 NO – 841**

**Article 37 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 38: CONTRIBUTION TO SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to be distributed to Sexual Assault Support Services for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2007. **[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]**

**YES – 718 NO – 597**

**Article 38 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 39: 2007 OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special war-

rant 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 five million three hundred thirty-three thousand sixty-six dollars (\$5,333,066). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be five million fifteen thousand three hundred eighty-six dollars (\$5,015,386), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. **[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-1]**

**Discussion:** Ron LaChance asked what the difference in the tax rate would be if the default budget were passed instead of the proposed budget. Tom Gauthier answered that for every \$600,000 in the budget the tax rate would be increased approximately \$1.00. Therefore the difference between the default budget and the proposed budget is only fifty cents on the tax rate.

**YES – 573 NO – 741**

**Article 39 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 40: BY PETITION: CONTRIBUTION TO LAMPREY RIVER YOUTH SOCCER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be distributed to Lamprey River Youth Soccer. **[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1]**

**Discussion:** George Kimball from the Soccer organization explained that this money is used to subsidize the enrollment fee for children from Epping who might otherwise not be able to afford to join the program. Matthew Killen commended the organization for everything they do. He then made a motion to increase the contribution to \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Sean Gallagher. When asked what the additional money

would be used for, George Kimball replied that they could always replace worn equipment and practice jerseys for the children. There was a counted hand vote taken on the amendment. There were 27 Yes votes and 11 No votes. The amendment passed.

**YES – 755 NO – 570**

**Article 40 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 41: BY PETITION: CONTRIBUTION TO THE EPPING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association. **[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1]**

**Discussion:** George Kimball explained that the EYAA runs programs for softball, baseball and basketball for children in Epping.

**YES – 887 NO – 434**

**Article 41 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 42: BY PETITION: INCREASING THE OPTIONAL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT TO \$500**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Optional Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II to the current maximum allowable amount of \$500.00.

**Discussion:** Tom Gauthier explained that we currently have a \$100 tax credit and there are 212 veterans receiving the credit. If this article passes and the amount is raised to \$500, there would be \$110,000 in lost revenue. Kim Sullivan expressed his support for veterans, but felt that such a large increase was too much at one time. He further stated that 43 of the current veterans receiving the credit lived in communities for owners over 55 and these veterans were not long time Epping residents.

**YES – 1034 NO – 281**

**Article 42 PASSED**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Linda Foley,  
Town Clerk*

# Committee Reports

## Board of Selectmen

For the third time in ten years Epping experienced a “hundred year” flood with massive flooding in several areas. Roads and bridges were closed, along with the schools, for several days. Receding flood waters revealed damage to many of our roads and two of our bridges, Blake and Prescott. Some repair work has been done, more is needed. The Town received some aid from FEMA and is hopeful of garnering State aid to work on the Blake Road Bridge.

Our Town Administrator, Stephen Fournier, resigned in October to accept a post in North Hampton. Our newly appointed Town Administrator is Dean Shankle, please stop in to welcome him to our Town. In addition, we have a new Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Kramer.

We hope that the new sign in front of the Town Hall will assist in keeping people more informed of upcoming events. The Town hall has also had renovations done to make it more energy efficient. These include insulation, storm windows on the second floor, a new energy efficient furnace and solar panels on the exterior of the building. Please turn to the Planning Board report on the website for further details.

The recycling center has worked to become more user friendly. It is possible to dispose of all paper and cardboard in an open container adjacent to where trash is dumped. Our recycling containers have better signage and are emptied more regularly. In addition, our facility workers assist residents, whenever possible, in emptying their trash. Also, instead of residents having to take building refuse to ERCCO, they can now deposit this material in the open containers, which have been placed at the Stump Dump for their convenience. Please remember to recycle whenever possible; it not only helps to lower the Town’s hauling and tipping costs; recycling generates a much needed source of revenue for the town.

While we have continued to see development in the Town, there is no doubt

that the housing market has slowed down. Some new houses are still being built, while other approved subdivisions are on hold.

We have tried to take the economy and the rising price of gas and fuel into consideration when we voted on our budget. Even considering these issues, there is still work to be done in Town. Roads need to be repaired and plowed and our buildings need maintenance.

Getting involved in your Town is an excellent way to find out where your money is spent as well as provide a service. There are a number of elected and volunteer positions open each year, get involved!!

## Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees are responsible for the care of twenty-nine cemeteries in Epping. This past summer most of the smaller plots were cleaned. The three larger cemeteries [Central, Jones, and West Epping] were cleaned and mowed several times during the summer and looked especially nice this year.



Frederick and Marguerite Church with the restored gates of the West Epping Cemetery

The major accomplishment this year, however, was the restoration of the vandalized gates from the West Epping Cemetery and having them returned to their proper place. For this we are very grateful to Frederick and Marguerite Church. Fred donated his expertise and time to repair and strengthen the gates. Then Marguerite painted them. It is good to have this piece of Epping history back on display. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Church.

*Trustees: Daniel Harvey, Paul Ladd, Marilyn Perry*

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission was happy this year to contribute towards the purchase of more than 70 acres of forest along the Lamprey River, right next to the existing Lamprey River Forest in western Epping. Like the Lamprey River Forest, the new property will be owned by the Forest Society, with an easement that

protects the forest in perpetuity. The two parcels together protect more than 1.8 miles of the north bank of the Wild and Scenic Lamprey River, and Epping residents will forever be able to use the new land for hiking, hunting, fishing, or just resting under the trees.

The Commission contributed \$50,000 towards the purchase, with the unanimous approval of the Board of Selectmen. The overall purchase price was more than \$600,000, most of which was provided by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. Epping's ability to work jointly with the Forest Society, the Lamprey River Advisory Committee, and the Southeast Land Trust allows the town to multiply the value of our contributions many-fold. We can protect more land, at

a lower cost to taxpayers, by working together with these groups, and we thank them for their help in our town.

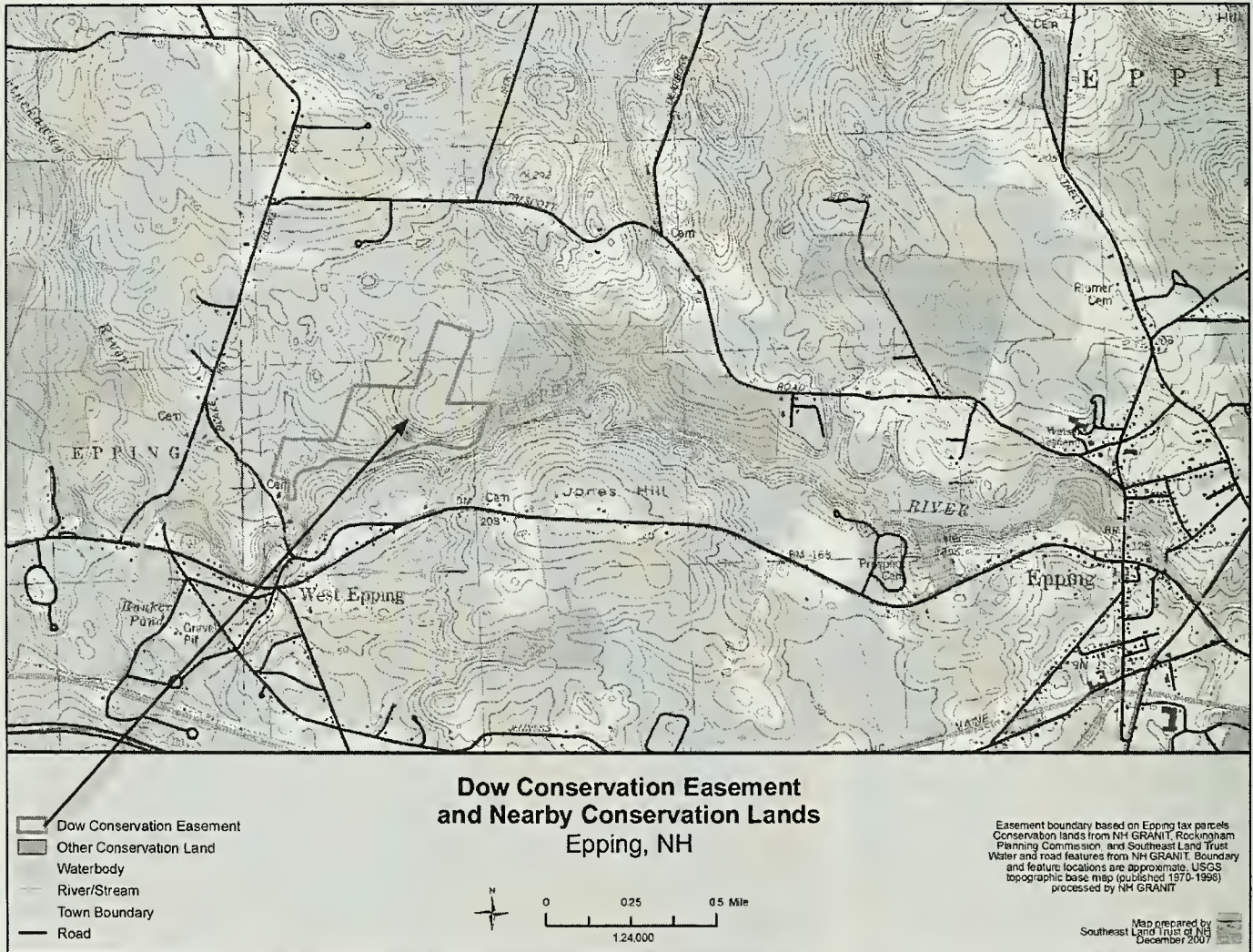
The Conservation Commission also worked closely with the Planning Board on the Town Hall core project, and helped purchase land adjacent to the Town Hall. The Commission looks forward to the summer, when this project will begin to bear fruit. The removal of pavement near the riverbank, and the improved drainage, should help significantly to stabilize the bank and improve water quality in the river.

In other news, the weather for the 2007 running of the annual Lamprey River Canoe Race was a little colder this year than it was the year before, but everyone who braved the elements had a great

time. The race is a lot of fun for spectators and participants alike, so keep the last Saturday in April open this year, you don't want to miss it! Thanks to all who came to participate, and a special thanks to all who work to continue the tradition.

The Conservation Commission expects to be busy again this year, and we'd love to have your help! Come join us at a meeting, or give us a call, and find out more about what we do.

*Greg Tillman  
John Bennett  
Amos Clapp  
Jeff Conrad  
Sonja Gonzalez  
Scott Pim*



Location of the new conservation land and the existing Lamprey River Forest nearby.



## Refuse & Recycling

### General Guidelines

The refuse and recycling facilities in Epping are open to residents only. To use these facilities, a resident must first purchase a Solid Waste Permit for \$5.00/year for each vehicle at the Town Clerk's Office and attach this permit to a side or rear window of their vehicle. Vehicles that do not have a Solid Waste Permit that matches the registration and inspection sticker will not be allowed to enter any of Epping's dumping facilities.

Any resident who wishes to use a vehicle that does not have a Solid Waste Permit to haul items to a dumping facility must get a special permit at the Town Clerk's Office.

The removal of items from Epping's dumping facilities (scavenging) is not permitted, except for items left at the Recycling Center's swap shop area.

### Transfer Station

Open Wed 2 P.M.–7 P.M., Sat & Sun 9 A.M.–4 P.M.

- Household trash only. No construction debris, no bulky items, no recyclable and no hazardous materials are to be placed in to the compactors.
- **Automotive Items:** Used engine, transmission or hydraulic oils can be left at no charge. If you wish to keep your container see the attendant, otherwise, leave it in a clearly marked and sealed container by the oil recovery tank.
  - Lead acid auto batteries can be left by the motor oil recovery tank at no charge.
  - Anti-freeze is not accepted.
- **Aluminum Cans:** soda and beer cans.
- **Cardboard and Paper:** All cardboard and paper products can be put in the compactor near the trash containers. (can be loose or bundled), cardboard, mixed paper, junk mail, magazines (glossy ok), cereal and beverage boxes, waxed cardboard, wrapping paper.
- **Glass:** clear, green, and brown bottles and jars. Rinse and remove the lids. Labels can be left on. No plate glass, light bulbs or ceramics.
- **Plastic:** soda, milk, water and juice bottles/jugs and colored plastics #1–7 (includes laundry detergent, bleach, some shampoo and motor oil containers).
- **Steel Cans:** pet food, vegetable and fruit juice containers. Rinse out. Labels can be left on.
- **Swap Shop:** Used items in good usable condition can be left for others to pick up (such as books, toys, knick

knacks, etc.) Used clothing can be left in bags at the swap shop for transport to Planet Aide. (No wooden furniture or TV/computer items.)

### Stump Dump

Winter Hours: Wed 12–4 P.M.; Sat & Sun 9 A.M.–4 P.M.

**A separate pass must be purchased at the Town Hall before dropping off any items that has a fee.**

- **Tires:** Up to 4 tires per resident per week. Fees of \$5.00 for automobile and light truck tires, \$15 with rims. For truck tires (series 920 or larger) the fee is \$30, \$40 with rims.
- **Bulky Items:** The charge for bulky items will be \$10 per item. Bulky items include but are not limited to furniture such as couches, mattresses, upholstered chairs, carpeting/rugs. (No wooden furniture, dressers, coffee tables, etc.)
- **Scrap Metal:** Scrap metal (iron, aluminum, copper, etc) will be taken at no charge.
- **Appliances:** Household appliances **without** refrigerant chemicals/Freon, will be taken at no charge. These appliances include, but are not limited to, washing machines, ranges, stoves, and dishwashers.
 

**Household appliances that *do* contain refrigerant chemicals/Freon** will have a fee of \$10 for each item. These appliances include but are not limited to refrigerators, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners.
- **Televisions:** Televisions and computers (monitor & CPU; Laptop) will have a charge of \$10 each.
- **Propane:** Propane tanks will be taken at the stump dump for a \$5.00 charge.
- **Brush:** Nothing over 4 inches in diameter, bring to burn pile.
- **Leaves:** Are taken at the stump dump. The Town has begun accepting non-commercial construction and demolition debris at the Stump Dump/Landfill.

### There will be two dumpsters:

**One dumpster** will be for 100% wood products. This can include painted, non-painted, stained, varnished, or plywood. If some metal is attached to the wood this will still be acceptable. Shingles will also be accepted in this dumpster. This dumpster does not accept pressure treated wood.

**The second dumpster** will be available for construction debris such as pressure treated wood, railroad ties, sheetrock insulation, carpets, glass, brick, asphalt and porcelain, cardboard, plastic and other construction related waste products.

In addition, residents with non-commercial construction and demolition debris will no longer have to go to ER-RCO. Contractors doing work for people will need to continue to do so.

## Fire Department

First, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Board of Fire Wards, Retired Chiefs Chris Murphy and Brian Toomire, and the officers and members of the Epping Fire Department for giving me the opportunity to return to the department. I am looking forward to the challenge and rewards that come with the managing such a well run and professional department.

2007 proved to be a very busy year for the Epping Fire Department. The town continues to see a tremendous amount of growth and along with growth comes demands for services. Fire runs totaled 316 last year. An increase of 31 runs over the previous year. Ambulance runs took a dramatic increase over the previous year with an increase of 182 runs for a total of 843. I compared the number of runs with other fire department based EMS services in the Seacoast Region, and the Epping Fire Department Ambulance placed 6th out of 26 departments, including larger, full time departments such as Dover, Portsmouth and Exeter. We handle more calls than any other mostly volunteer de-

partments in the area. This speaks volumes for the dedication and professionalism put forth by the volunteer and career members of the department. I would also like to recognize them for the job that was done during the spring floods. These people worked for days, non-stop, to provide assistance to the residents of Epping, along with working their regular jobs.

The year 2008 is already shaping up to be a very busy year, but I feel we are up for the challenge. We have 12 new EMT's that are very anxious to get started and 6 firefighters ready to start "Firefighter 1" training this spring. We also have a very aggressive in-house training schedule planned for this year, in both firefighting and Emergency Medical Services. We are currently staffed with 29 Certified Firefighters, 13 non-Certified Firefighters, 7 Paramedics, 4 EMT Intermediates, 29 EMT Basics and 1 First Responder. But we are always looking for new members. So if you think you may be interested in a career in firefighting or EMS please feel free to contact any member of the department or stop by the station and we would love to show you around, and have you see the exciting world in which we operate.

We have an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class planned to start in the early spring.

This year we are offering more community education programs including CPR and External Automated Defibrillator (AED) training, home fire safety classes, fire extinguisher training, and smoke and carbon monoxide detector seminars. Watch the local papers and EPTV for further information or call the station @ 679-5446 Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. We will also be offering additional services to the Senior Citizens of Epping including the File of Life Program, Home Safety for Seniors and smoke detector battery replacements in the spring and fall.

The Epping Fire Department Explorer Post also had a very busy and productive year. The Explorers have approximately 15 members ranging from the ages of 15 to 21, comprised of an equal number of boys and girls from Epping and Fremont.

The Explorers raised enough money to purchase 4 Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) and presented them to the Epping School Board. Two were placed at the Epping High School, and the 2 most recently purchased will be placed at Wat-



Epping Fire Department

son Academy and the Epping Elementary School. They are now in the process of raising the funds to purchase an AED for the Ellis School in Fremont.

The post held a food drive at Wal-Mart and collected enough food to fill a pickup truck. They also hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross and collected 50 pints of blood.

This year the Explorers received the Service Post of the Year Award at the annual awards ceremony. We would all also like to congratulate Director Cliff Cray for receiving the William H Sprugeon III award for his dedication, support and continued contributions to the Boy Scouts and Explorers.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to check your smoke detector batteries when the clocks change in the spring and fall.

The members of the Epping Fire Department would like to thank the residents of Epping for your ongoing support.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Roswell "Skip" Galvin, Fire Chief*

## General Assistance (Welfare) Department

Another year has come and gone, and as in the past I've shared with you the many resources that are available to our Epping residents who are unable to provide for themselves and their families. The Town of Epping New Hampshire provides assistance to qualified individuals for basic living needs in accordance with State Statute RSA:165 implies that, "If a person is poor and unable to maintain himself or herself" the Town has *no other choice* but to assist. The Town's welfare was established to ensure that those residents who have a real need for financial assistance can obtain funding from the Town in an appropriate manner. The objective of the Town's welfare is to provide assistance to those who qualify, and to assist them in obtaining long-term financial security through other available resources.

The Food Pantry is available year-round to serve those in need. To visit the

food pantry, please call my office or come in to see me so I can reach the appropriate person to help you.

Because I am aware of other resources such as federal programs, state programs, county assistance programs and shelters, I am able to direct the people of Epping toward resources that serve the needs of the poor, as well as the budgetary needs of the town. There is, for example, Rockingham Community Action Program which has been a significant resource in meeting the needs of our residents.

I have many brochures for information on the Legal Advice & Referral Centers, Families First, Healthy Kids, WIC, Senior Prescription Discount Pilot Programs, and Shelters. The Compass Program is still going strong. This is a program to help the unemployed or underemployed develop skills that will lead to self-sufficiency and offer job-training services.

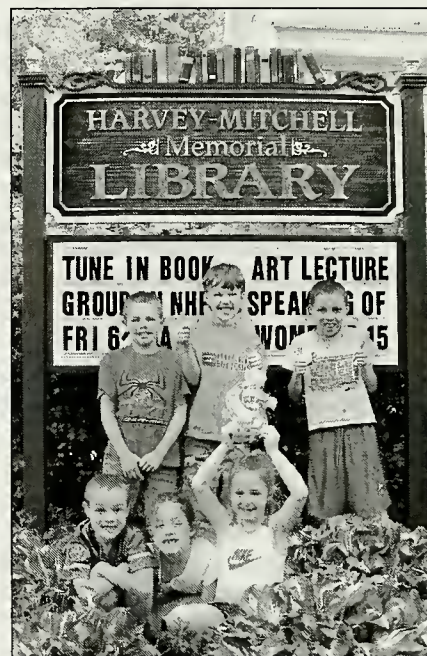
**If you feel that you or your family needs assistance or information on how to receive assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office at 679-1202, ext. 114. My office hours for appointments are Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.**

*Phyllis E. McDonough  
Welfare Administrator*

## Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

The Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library has been graced in recent years by a consistent staff. In 2007, however, the library and the town had to adjust to a large change as Simonne Murphy left her position in March after 20 years of library service. We have been working, too, to welcome Michael O'Donnell into Epping life and service since April when he began to helm the library during evening hours.

This year, the library began to participate in the NH State Library facilitated downloadable audio book program. Since May the library has offered audio content for a broad range of audiences to be burned to CD, transferred to compatible



*After-school library "Story Explorers" (top, left to right) Grant Haley, Tyler Wilkins, and Clinton Marshall (bottom, left to right) Nathaniel Marshall, Catriona Poulin, and Casey Needham*

MP3 players, and played directly from home computers in Epping. This new and exciting addition to library services was possible through a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation "Staying Connected" grant which paid for the entire technological component of this service.

In 2007 the library was also a part of sound media, we were on the radio. As one of the participating libraries or book groups involved in the NHPR Granite State Stories series, we were listed along

### Library Stats for 2007

(as of 12/26/07)

Items Circulated.....30,077

Interlibrary Loans ..... 1,040

Attendance ..... 16,603

Computer Uses..... 4,001

New Items ..... 1,596  
(books, audio books, videos,  
and magazines)

with other participants over the air as well as on NHPR literature. In addition, a member of our monthly "Eclectic book group" spoke during the live radio show about the group's reaction and thoughts after reading "Peyton Place" by NH author Grace Metalious.

The library has seen increased growth in daily patron attendance, circulation of library materials, borrowing and loaning of interlibrary loans, and computer use regularly over the past 4 years. In 2007 patron attendance increased 15% over 2006. The circulation of materials increased by 12% over 2006. Borrowing and loaning of materials through interlibrary loan also increased, 7% more borrowed and 37% more loaned out. The use of computers, which increases in part do to the upgrades in our equipment, increased 13% over 2006.

We owe our continued growth and success to our many faithful library patrons. Thank you.

### 2007 Highlights

- First full year of "Artist of the Month" rotating local artist exhibits
- Hosted 2 NH Humanities Council programs through grant support
- Hosted a "Currier on the Move" program, partly funded through our library membership to the museum
- Hosted NH author William Tapply through the New England chapter of the Sisters in Crime mystery writers' guild
- Began Monthly Movie Nights for adults
- Continued to offer 3 story hours every week, 1 weekly after-school program as well as 2 monthly special events for kids
- Summer Reading Program participants read 2,290 hours in 2007

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff, I would like to thank the citizens of Epping for their continued support.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Reynolds Cooper  
Director*

## Historic District Commission

The following improvements within our Historic District have been accomplished this year through the dedication and work of our members and friends, and the support of the Planning Board and Building Inspector together with the substantial efforts of the Speak Up, Epping! Downtown Revitalization Committee.

- **At the DAR Memorial Park (next to the Historical Society):** The fence was stained and the park and brick path cleaned. The flag is now lit and the park lantern repaired.
- **Downtown lanterns & Sign Posts:** After many dark years, several of our old lanterns on Main Street are now in bright working order atop newly painted posts thanks to Jane Burley and Richard Straw who also saw to the lighting of our American Flag in the DAR Memorial Park. A number of our downtown sign posts are also being painted.
- **Town Hall:** The placement of the Solar Panels on the roof of the town hall addition, not on the original structure.

### Proposed Future projects:

- To develop a historic trail along the river and participate in designing a kiosk in conjunction with Kevin Martin and The Lamprey River Advisory Board
- To propose installation of a light in the Town Hall tower.
- To choose the design and placement of the lighting and benches as part of the Core project.
- To continue reviewing all building applications within the District
- To expand the scope of the Historic District Ordinance

We are pleased to announce the re-establishment of **The William Plumer Award**, given in recognition of outstanding re-adaptive use of an existing property within the historic district. This year's recipient is **the Law Office of Brown and LaPointe on Main Street.**

This Commission meets in the Town Hall the last Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information, please contact the Epping Town Hall at 679-5441.

*Submitted by Madelyn Williamson*

## Historical Society and Museum

Our town is much more than one of New Hampshire's oldest settlements. For many years your Epping Historical Society and Museum has provided a warm welcome to hundreds of visitors and access to vintage photos, exhibits, maps, original documents, family books and thousands of computerized genealogical entries dating from the 1700's. Also available are records of our over 80 cemeteries and Epping memorabilia of interest to every visitor, young or older.

Additionally, we provide several programs of interest free to the public each year.

Our building is located on Water St. Open hours are Mondays from 6-9 P.M. and Wednesdays from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M., also by special appointment by calling Madelyn Williamson, Curator at 679-5482 or Joy True at 679-8855.

## Planning Board

In 2007 the Board welcomed newly elected member, Tom Dwyer, Jr. Also, the Board would like to thank Cory McPhee for serving on the Board as an elected member; he will surely be missed. Robert Graham remained Chairman, Greg Tillman Vice-Chairman, Mike Morasco Treasurer, Tm Dwyer, Jr. as Secretary, and Alternate Steve Colby. Susan McGeough was appointed to serve as the Selectmen's Representative, with Dianne Gilbert serving as the Selectmen's Alternate. Circuit Rider/Planner, Clay Mitchell, and the Planning Board Assistant is Phyllis McDonough.

In 2007 the Board has reviewed and

approved **Seven** Subdivision applications totaling **Twenty-Two** single-family lots, **Fourteen** Site Plan reviews, **Two** Lot Line Adjustments, and **Two** Conditional Use Permits.

All contacts and issues relating to planning in the Town of Epping should be forwarded to the Town Planner, Clay Mitchell for long-range planning related issues. Generally scheduled office hours for the Planner are Thursday, and contacting the Planning Board Secretary at 679-1202, ext. 114 will insure a meeting with the Planner.

In response to the growth of the Town, the Board has continued its work on updates to the Master Plan, the regulations and new zoning amendment proposals. We appreciate your attention to zoning matters at the Town vote in March.

Epping residents can now celebrate the installation of our PV solar array and combined heat and power (CHP) system at the Epping Town Hall. The system is now providing the buildings heat and electricity and is dramatically reducing the tax burden associated with energy costs and the buildings environmental footprint. This marks a major step forward in the Epping CORE 2 Project and toward reaching a more efficient and sustainable energy future for New Hampshire and the country.

The entire Board as always wishes to thank the citizens of Epping for their continued support, interest, and input we received throughout the year. Please continue to let us know how we're doing.

We thank you for your commitment and continued service.

*Officers: Robert Graham, III, Greg Tillman, Mike Morasco, Tom Dwyer, Jr., and Selectmen's Representative Susan McGeough. Alternate Steve Colby.*

*Planner Clay Mitchell, and Planning Board Assistant Phyllis McDonough.*

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## Core2 Project

The Town of Epping Planning Board and Conservation Commission are pleased to

include the following Core2 overview in the official Town of Epping Annual Report.

Core2 stands for Community, Outreach, Recreation and both Economics/Environment and the downtown project includes improvements for many aspects of the Town's services. As many of you remember, the Town voted last year to purchase the old house next to Town Hall. After demolishing the building we began the Town Project. To date we have successfully completed the following;

1. Removal of the hill to make way for additional parking capacity, and much improved access to the Lamprey River..
2. Insulation of the historic Town Hall.
3. Installation of new high efficiency windows throughout Town Hall.
4. Installation of a one kilowatt solar array panel to generate electricity.
5. Installation of a Marathon Combined Heat and Power furnace which will heat the Town Hall and provide electricity.
6. Installation of a high efficiency furnace in the library.
7. Installation of new high efficiency windows in the SAU building.

All of these improvements are meant to decrease the amount of money it costs taxpayers to operate the Town of Epping and improve usefulness of the Town Hall while reducing our carbon footprint due to the burning of fossil fuels. Still to come;

1. Installation of the new parking facility.
2. Restoration of the river bank on the north side of Town Hall.
3. Restoration of the Town Hall recreational Lamprey River access for canoe and kayak access.
4. Landscaping and irrigation throughout the downtown project.

It is important that the citizens review the report and realize the "NO TAXPAYER MONEY WAS SPENT" this project was funded by developers who have contributed to improvements for the Town of Epping as a means of off-

setting the effects of new development. Included is the detail cost to date for work completed, along with sources of revenue to date; along with estimated revenue for future work.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of Epping's citizens for support of your Planning Board and Conservation commission. It is our pleasure to serve you.

*(See Core2 Project Financial Statement on page 20.)*

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## Police Department

The Epping Police Department experienced a busy year once again, but a productive year in terms of solving crime and successfully prosecuting offenders. As always, we want to thank the citizens of Epping for their continued support.

The 2008 operating budget has no additional personnel and no plans to undertake any capital projects. Every effort was made to keep the budget at a minimum. We do need to replace some of the vehicles this year, as the repair costs are starting to mount. A separate warrant article addresses this problem. Another warrant article for your consideration will be the Police Union contract.

Our Detective Division has been extremely busy this past year and I wish to thank Detectives' Marc Turner and Rich Cote for their hard work. In this year alone 584 criminal complaints were received of which 200 were assigned to the Detective Division for follow-up and closure. Currently, 81 cases remain open and are still considered active. These criminal offenses include crimes against a person such as attempted murder, rape, and assault, to crimes against property such as vandalism, burglary and fraud. The detectives also investigated drug offenses, internet fraud and sex offenses to name a few. Undertaking these cases takes a considerable amount of time for follow up, however with their positive approach each case receives the attention required. If any resident has information that may assist our detectives, I ask you to contact the police department directly by utilizing the Crimeline at 679-3030. Calls to

**CORE2 PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Acquisition of Property for Town Hall Parking and Access to Lamprey River**

Total Maplecroft Property Acquisition	April 12, 2007	<u>\$210,522</u>
Initial Purchase Paid By:		
Town Funds - 2007 Warrant Article*		\$100,000
Conservation Funds - LUCT Penalties		\$50,000
Planning Board Developers' Offsite Improvements -		<u>\$60,522</u>
		<u>\$210,522</u>

\*\$25,000 reimbursed December 2007 from Developers' Offsite Improvements

Demolishing/Removing Existing Building	No Cost	Donated Services by ERRCO
Cost of Building Debris Land Fill	No Cost	Donated by ERRCO
Removal of Hill and Stabilization	No Direct Cost	Wet Lands Mitigation Funds from "Rte 125" Developer
Police Details Traffic Control	<u>\$1,576</u>	Provided by Epping and Brentwood Police

**Town Hall/Library/SAU16 Improvements Completed as of February 5, 2008**

Town Hall/Library Co-Gen System	\$95,270
Town Hall Solar Panels	\$9,930
Town Hall 2nd Floor Windows	\$7,504
Winterizing Town Hall - Insulation/Doors	\$3,895
SAU 16 Windows	\$29,657
Hill, Parking Lot Engineering and Project Planning	<u>\$10,600</u>
	<u>\$156,856</u>

**Core 2 Project Summary**

	<u>Property Acquisition</u>	<u>Hill Removal</u>	<u>Town Hall/Library &amp; SAU</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Costs	<u>\$210,522</u>	<u>\$1,576</u>	<u>\$156,856</u>	<u>\$368,954</u>
Funds Provided:				
Town Funds*	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
Conservation Funds	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	<u>\$50,000</u>
PB Rec Offsites	\$85,522	\$1,576		<u>\$87,098</u>
PB Donations/Offsite Improvement Funds			\$156,856	

**Revenue - Sources**

	<u>Amounts</u>
Sigarms - Donation	\$10,000
Leddy Fields - Offsite improvements	\$37,185
Turner Porter - Offsite improvements	\$47,000
Elm & Ebberhart - Offsite improvements	\$25,000
123 Blake Road - Offsite improvements	\$31,400
Drakes Appleton - Offsite improvements	\$50,000
PB Recreation Funds-Variou	\$43,922
Interest Eamed	\$1,296
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u><b>\$245,803</b></u>

**Project Financial Status as of 2/5/08**

Funds on Hand	\$158,705
Outstanding Town Obligation - WA	\$75,000
Scheduled Revenues	
Thibeault	Due \$84,700
	6/5/08 \$34,700
	12/5/08 <u>\$34,650</u>
	<u>\$154,050</u>

**Balance set (Obligations - Revenues)**

Impact Fees Used:	\$0	Total Fund Balance	\$80,899
		Taxpayer Money Used	\$0

## 2007 Police Report

Crime	2006	2007	% change
Homicide	1	0	
Kidnapping	2	1	
Sex Crimes	13	12	
Robbery	2	0	
Assaults	63	80	
Criminal Threatening	23	28	
Arson	2	2	
Burglary	25	40	
Shoplifting	13	25	
Stalking	0	6	
Witness Tampering	0	1	
False Prescriptions	0	8	
Receiving Stolen Property	0	14	
Theft	42	56	
Larceny	51	78	
Purse Snatching	1	0	
Family Offenses	30	36	
Loitering	1	0	
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	4	
Counterfeiting/ Forgery	4	5	
Theft of Services	40	20	
Credit Card Fraud	5	12	
Criminal Mischief	114	114	
Drug Violations	35	40	
Child Pornography	0	2	
Weapons Violations	1	3	
Bad Checks	30	18	
Disorderly Conduct	41	27	
DWI	64	41	
Drunkenness	67	57	
Liquor Law Offenses	90	46	
Runaways	11	8	
Criminal Trespass	30	24	
Cruelty to Animals	0	40	
Wiretapping	0	2	
Other Offenses	118	162	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>+9%</b>
<b>Felonies</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>+8%</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>-18%</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>+20%</b>
<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>7,619</b>	<b>8,940</b>	<b>+18%</b>

Comparisons for 12/01/06-12/01/07

the Crimeline will remain anonymous.

Reported crime in 2007 has increased as compared to 2006, most notably burglaries which showed a 60% increase. With that said, homeowners are reminded to lock their doors when leaving their homes and to contact the police department when leaving for vacation or other extended periods of time.

On a positive note, congratulations are in order for Officer Seth Tondreault, who assisted in administering CPR to a 19 year old victim. We are pleased to report she survived. Officer Tondreault and members of the Fire Department were honored for their actions. In addition, the American Red Cross recognized them during an award ceremony in November and they also appeared in a documentary, portions of which were filmed at the Epping Safety Complex, where they spoke about their experience. Knowing CPR is extremely important and has proven to save many lives. We thank all of first responders who make differences in peoples' lives each and every day.

In closing I thank the officers and staff of the Epping Police Department for their continued hard work and dedication.

Please contact us with any questions or suggestions that you may have. On behalf of the entire department we wish you a safe 2008.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Gregory C. Dodge, Chief  
Epping Police Department*

## Recreation Department

The Epping Recreation Department had another successful year in 2007. The department was awarded over thirty thousand dollars in grant funds from outside sources. All programs had growth in participant enrollment and there was an overall increase in revenue for the department.

Special thanks to all of the staff and volunteers that made 2007 such a wonder-

ful year. We look forward to more growth and new programs in 2008.

### Grants Awarded to the Recreation Department in 2007

PlusTime NH Equipment Grant	\$1,500
4-H After-school Mini Grant	\$4,200
PlusTime NH In-kind Donation	\$9,000
Rockingham County Incentive Funds	\$16,000
Raymond Rotary Club Purchased program supplies	\$250
Sticks for Kids Grant NRPA and G.C.A.A.	10 sets of youth clubs
Hurlbert Toyota Donation Purchased summer tee shirts	\$1,000

The department purchased two canoes and paddling gear with the funds from the PlusTime Equipment grant. The boats and equipment are available to use by Epping Residents on the Lamprey River. The in-kind donation from PlusTime is for administrative support for our AmeriCorp member Brian Reed. The 4-H After-school Mini Grant and the Rockingham County Incentive Funds



*Sunflowers decorate a farm stand on Red Oak Hill Road.*

were used to provide financial assistance to youth attending the summer and after-school programs.

**Events/ Programs**

If you have any questions on the programs listed or to register, please call the Recreation Hotline at 679-3301 or email us at [rec@townofeppping.com](mailto:rec@townofeppping.com).

All program costs are paid for by

participant fees. All tax dollars spent on the Recreation programs are reimbursed through program fees. Those that utilize the services, pay for the services.

**Town Clerk's Report**

In 2007, we became an on line agent with the State for Motor Vehicle Regis-

trations. This allowed us to issue more different kinds of plates (vanity, Moose, Farm), and process late renewals as well as vehicles with a GVW of up to 26,000. The added services resulted in an increase of 960 additional registrations that were completed at our office. In addition, the number of registrations completed on line increased by 100. We hope these services have made it more convenient for Epping residents. To avoid lines at the Town Hall we encourage residents who are simply renewing a registration to take advantage of registrations by mail, or the online system accessed through the Town Website.

Grace Lavoie, chairman of the Supervisors of the Checklist, has put in many hours over the year working on the State wide voter checklist. The main focus this year has been to identify voters that may be appearing on checklists in more than one town. By contacting supervisors in other towns, she is able to determine which voters are still Epping residents and which voters have moved and registered elsewhere. Thank you, Grace, for all your hard work.

*Linda Foley  
Town Clerk*

**Recreation Department Events/Programs**

Hershey Track and Field	Spring
Pepsi Pitch Hit and Run	Spring
Walking Club*	As soon as the snow melts!
Bike Rodeo	Late Spring
Egg Hunt	The Saturday before Easter Sunday
Soccer and T-ball <i>Pre-school age</i>	Spring Sessions <i>Weekdays</i>
Adventure Program <i>Middle-School Age</i>	5 weeks of Adventure and Fun! <i>Sign ups start the end of March</i>
Summer Camp <i>Elementary age</i>	8 weeks of Summer Fun! <i>Sign ups start the end of March</i>
Tennis Lessons	Summer Sessions
Golf Lessons*	Summer Sessions
Soccer <i>Pre-school age</i>	Fall Sessions <i>Weekdays</i>
Before and After-school <i>Elementary age</i> <i>At EES</i>	All School Year! <i>Sign ups start the end of April for fall of 2008!</i>
Youth Center* <i>Middle School</i> <i>At Watson Academy</i>	All School Year! <i>Sign ups start the end of April for fall of 2008!</i>
Yoga Classes <i>Town Hall</i>	Year Round <i>Monday and Wednesday evenings</i>
Guitar Lessons <i>Watson Academy</i>	Year Round <i>Afternoons and evenings</i>
Tree Lighting	Second Sunday of December

*\*New Programs in 2008!*

**Water & Sewer Commission**

This past year we have continued our investigation for additional sources of water. As the year ended we completed drilling an additional well at the Hoar Pond well field. At a depth of 1000' this well is 350 feet deeper than any other well there. Preliminary tests indicate a high volume of water flow. As we enter 2008 we are in the process of getting the well tested, approved by the State and eventually on line. With potential capacity of over 100 gpm this well will be very significant to satisfying our demands. We are investigating other well sites and hope to start the process to add another well but at a different location. This would provide some measure of safety if something should happen to the Hoar Pond well field as all of our eggs would not be in one basket.



**The Town Clerk's Office had the following activity during the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007:**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	8,716	\$942,605.31
Municipal Agent Transactions	7,759	19,397.50
E-Reg Transactions	243	422.95
Dog Licenses	675	4,162.00
Dump Permits	3,144	15,716.00
Stump Dump Fees		11,080.00
Marriage Licenses	32	1,440.00
Vital Records Certificates	128	1,548.00
UCC Filings		1,620.00
Miscellaneous		754.03
<b>Total Remitted to Treasurer</b>		<b>998,745.79</b>

The capacity at the sewer lagoons has been improved and we should soon be relicensed for 500K gpd. This past summer we successfully demonstrated that we have the capability to process 500K gallons and the State DES and EPA are in agreement. We produce the cleanest effluent in the state from a sewage treatment plant, in part because we discharge into the Lamprey River, a wild and scenic river. Perhaps the highest hurdle before us

is the infiltration of ground water when it rains and sump pumps which discharge into the system. This past summer we again spent over \$10,000.00 sealing manholes from infiltration. We will continue to do this. Sump pumps are a more troublesome problem. When discharged into the sewer system a single pump can easily pump 5000 gpd. When you factor in numerous houses you can easily see how fast this can become a significant problem.

We pump on average about 140K gpd of water which should mean that we receive about that much sewage daily but during a wet spell in the spring there are days when we receive over 400K gpd of sewage (mostly just water) but we have to process it just the same. While not all of this is from sump pumps a lot of it is. Our system gets overwhelmed. If you have a wet cellar and you have a sump pump please run the discharge hose outside and not into the sewer system.

This year we plan to replace some of the older pipe we have in the system. We will also be doing our routine maintenance and planning for the major maintenance issues. We have quotes to repair and paint the old water tower. While we may not do everything this year we will continue to repair and maintain the facility annually and eventually become current.

As new users come on the system we charge them a connection fee which helps pay for the construction and development of the system. The new water tower for example was paid for by connection fees from those businesses that needed it most, though we all benefit from it. In the future we will try to manage our costs and insure that everyone pays their fair share for the infrastructure we have in place.

*Epping Water and Sewer Commission*

**Water & Sewer Connection Fees 2007**

Date	Business	Amount	
		Water	Sewer
3/20/2007	Shell carwash		\$20,000.00
5/30/2007	Foxfire Rest.	\$2,000.00	2,000.00
7/17/2007	Pearson Way	12,000.00	
8/28/2007	Pearson Way	12,000.00	
9/20/2007	Parcel C	\$1,050.00	1,050.00
12/4/2007	Fireworks Store (sprinkler)	500.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$27,550.00</b>	<b>\$23,050.00</b>

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five elected members: Chairman Paul Spidle Vice Chairman Dave Mylott, Bob Jordan, Ron Nowe and Peter Loch. The Board would like to thank last year's members, Paul Langdon, Jr., and Tom Dwyer, Jr. for serving on the Board. The Zoning Board Secretary is Phyllis McDonough.

The Board would like to acknowledge the distinctive service to our Board and to the Town by Ron LaChance who past away last December after numerous hospitalizations over the last several years. Ron's decisions on applications were always based on NH law and while being

fair to the applicant, he always based his votes on the 5 criteria required to grant a variance and to uphold the Town's Zoning Ordinances. Ron will surely be missed.

In 2007, the ZBA heard **Eight** requests for Variances. There were **Four** Special Exceptions granted, and **Two** requests for rehearing, and **One** Appeal from an Administrative Decision.

New Hampshire law strictly controls the actions of ZBA Boards in the state. By law a ZBA can only grant three kinds of requests: an appeal of a previous administrative decision regarding the meaning of the Town Ordinance; a request for a Special Exception (if it meets all the specific conditions of the Town Ordinance), and request for a Variance from the literal wording of the ordinance—**IF** it meets five tests spelled out in state law. Therefore, your Zoning Board of Adjustment earnestly asks every person considering an appeal to *read Epping's Zoning Ordinance carefully beforehand, and to refrain from submitting any request which cannot be granted within these laws.* By so doing they will save themselves time, expense and frustration.

For example, Epping's Zoning Ordinance states that certain uses are permitted by Special Exception in the Aquifer Protection District, provided they will not pollute the aquifer, significantly reduce the volume of water which it contains, or discharge hazardous materials on site. It is the ZBA's responsibility to decide whether or not a request meets these conditions. If the ZBA finds all the conditions have been met, it must grant the request; if it finds even one condition is not met, under the law it cannot grant it.

If a variance is requested, by State law the ZBA can grant it **ONLY** if all five criteria are met:

- Value of surrounding properties would not be reduced.
- Granting the appeal would be in the public interest.
- Denying the appeal would effectively prevent the owner from making any reasonable use of the land.
- By granting the appeal substantial justice would be done.

- The use must not be contrary to the "spirit and intent" of the zoning ordinance. The courts have ruled "when an ordinance contains a restriction against a particular use of the land, The ZBA would violate the spirit and intent by permitting that use."

The principle underlying these laws is **only the voters have power to change their zoning ordinance.** No ZBA has this power.

Members have the ability to attend law lectures for Zoning Boards sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

The Board would like to remind the public that the Zoning Board of Adjustment meets as needed and all meetings are televised on EPTV. The Board also invites the public to attend the meetings.

*"Your zoning board of adjustment"*

*Officers: Paul Spidle, Dave Mylott, Bob Jordan, Ron Nowe and Peter Loch. Zoning Board Secretary, Phyllis McDonough.*

# Financial Reports

## Tax Collector's Report MS-61

Year Ending 12-31-2007

Debits	2007	2006	2005	2004 & Prior
<b>Uncollected Taxes at Beginning of Year</b>				
Property Taxes		1,081,642		
Land Use Change Tax		144,000		
Tax Liens		166,014	47,489	2,132
Water Billing		40,320	163	
Sewer Billing		78,747	443	
<b>Taxes Committed This Year</b>				
Property Taxes	12,314,495			
Land Use Change Tax	413,350			
Timber Tax	8,166			
Excavation Tax	600			
Tax Lien Executed	700,373			
Water Billing	141,086			
Sewer Billing	269,897			
W&S Special Assessment	3,750			
<b>Overpayment/Refunds</b>				
Property Taxes	30,483	6,750		
Water Billing	484	147		
Sewer Billing	1,310	986	7	
<b>Interest &amp; Penalties Charged</b>				
Interest For Taxes	14,063	66,698		
Penalties For Taxes		7,358		
Interest For Tax Liens	14,979	13,197	12,761	
Bad Check Fees	75	75		
Interest For Water	370	552	19	
Interest For Sewer	781	1,242	46	
Bad Check Fees		25	25	
Shut Off/On Fee	520	55		
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$13,914,781</b>	<b>\$1,607,809</b>	<b>\$60,952</b>	<b>\$2,132</b>

**Tax Collector's Report MS-61** (continued)

<b>Credits</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 &amp; Prior</b>
<b>Remitted To Treasurer</b>				
Property Taxes	11,213,916	543,999		
Land Use Change Tax	302,501	28,000		
Timber Tax	2,633			
Excavation Tax	600			
Taxes Converted To Lien		651,398		
Tax Liens Redeemed	335,924	97,209	47,099	81
Interest For Taxes	14,415	66,907		
Interest For Tax Liens	15,033	14,062	13,835	
Penalties For Taxes		7,358		
Bad Check Fees	75	75		
Water Billing	99,410	39,187	141	
Sewer Billing	190,909	75,975	360	
Water Connection Fee	100			
Interest For Water	370	552	19	
Interest For Sewer	781	1,242	46	
Bad Check Fees		25	25	
Shut Off/On Fee	160	55		
<b>Adjustments Made</b>				
Returned Checks	(14,658)	(10,666)	(4,313)	
<b>Abatements Made</b>				
Property Taxes	9,025	13,647		
Timber Tax	2,586			
Tax Liens	2,430			
Water Billing	168	279		
Sewer Billing	895	1,475	7	
<b>Uncollected Taxes at End of Year</b>				
Property Taxes	1,130,510			
Land Use Change Tax	110,849			
Timber Tax	2,948			
Property Tax Liens	367,798	73,747	3,630	2,051
Water Billing	42,310	1,001	22	
Sewer Billing	79,443	2,283	82	
W&S Special Assessment	3,650			
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$13,914,781</b>	<b>\$1,607,809</b>	<b>\$60,952</b>	<b>\$2,132</b>

Linda Foley, Tax Collector

FORM

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

2007

MS - 1

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
FORM MS-1 FOR 2007  
Municipal Services Division

PO BOX 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 271-2887

Email Address: nduffy@rev.state.nh.us

Original Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy (check box if copy)

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY/TOWN OF Epping

IN Rockingham

COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
Rev 1707.03(d)(7)

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS* (Sign in Ink)
Jeffrey Harris	<i>[Signature]</i> 9-24-07
Tom Gauthier	<i>[Signature]</i> 9/24/07
Susan McGeough	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jerry Langdon	<i>[Signature]</i> 9/24/07
Dianne Gilbert	<i>[Signature]</i> 9/24/07
Name	
Date Signed: <u>9/24/2007</u>	Check one: Governing Body <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessors <input type="checkbox"/>
City/Town Telephone # <u>(603)679-5441</u>	Due date: September 1, 2007

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions tab for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Village Districts - pages 8-9 must be completed for EACH village district within the municipality.

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO: N.H. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION, MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION, PO BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487.

Contact Person: Stephen Fournier administrator@townofeppping.com  
(Printtype) Email:

Regular office hours: Mon-Friday: 8:00 - 4:00 PM

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See Line by line instructions and Tax Increment Finance District Tab of this set as needed.

Form  
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2007

Epping		NUMBER OF ACRES	2007 ASSESSED VALUATION BY CITY/TOWN
<b>LAND</b>	Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving.		
<b>BUILDINGS</b>	Lines 2 A, B, C, & D List all buildings.		
<b>1 VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed In Lines 3A, 3B and 4</b>			
	A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction #1)	8,963.00	\$1,141,100
	B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0
	C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0
	E Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	8,661.88	\$202,245,500
	F Commercial/Industrial Land (Do Not include Utility Land)	1,379.89	\$52,017,500
	G Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	19,004.57	\$255,404,100
	H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	902.89	\$14,044,100
<b>2 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A, and 3B</b>			
	A Residential		\$297,131,300
	B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$20,427,900
	C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Buildings)		\$61,775,000
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures 0	\$0
	E Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$379,334,200
	F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$17,938,200
<b>3 UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)</b>			
	A Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.		\$6,812,100
	B Other Utilities (Total of Section B from Utility Summary)		\$0
<b>4 MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5</b>			
			\$0
<b>5 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4)</b>			
	This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		\$641,550,400
<b>6 Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a</b>	Total # granted		
(Paraplegic & Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance)	0		\$0
<b>7 Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b</b>	Total # granted	0	\$0
<b>8 Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a</b>	Total # granted	0	\$0
<b>9 School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV</b>	Total # granted		
(Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 maximum for each)	0		\$0
<b>10 Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a</b>	Total # granted	0	\$0
<b>11 MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10)</b>			
	This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		\$641,550,400
<b>12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37</b>	Total # granted	3	
	Amount granted per exemption	\$15,000	\$45,000
<b>13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a &amp; b</b>	Total # granted	49	\$3,229,000
<b>14 Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b</b>	Total # granted	0	
	Amount granted per exemption	\$0	\$0
<b>15 Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b</b>	Total # granted	0	
	Amount granted per exemption	\$0	\$0

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Epping

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16 Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	\$0
17 Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	\$0
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	\$0
19 Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV	Total # granted	0	\$0
20 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$3,274,000
21 NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			\$638,276,400
22 Less Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in Line 3B.			\$6,812,100
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			\$631,464,300

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# REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 13, 2007

Town/City Of: Epping County: Rockingham

Mailing Address: 157 Main Street  
Epping, NH 03042

Phone #: 679-5441 Fax #: 679-3002 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Certificate of Appropriations

(To be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

### Governing Body (Selectmen)

Please sign in ink.

Date: March 19, 2007

[Signature]  
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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

**PENALTY:** Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty (RSA 21-J:36).



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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4130-4139	Executive		185,196.00	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		78,152.00	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		152,915.00	
4152	Revaluation of Property		26,000.00	
4153	Legal Expense		45,000.00	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		250.00	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		99,665.00	
4194	General Government Buildings		118,485.00	
4195	Cemeteries		6,000.00	
4196	Insurance		49,000.00	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		-	
4199	Other General Government		33,489.00	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4210-4214	Police		1,112,001.00	
4215-4219	Ambulance		281,081.00	
4220-4229	Fire	8	196,997.00	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		115,776.00	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		-	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		-	
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4301-4309	Airport Operations		-	
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4311	Administration			
4312	Highways & Streets		547,979.00	
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting		20,000.00	
4319	Other			
<b>SANITATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4321	Administration			
4323	Solid Waste Collection		76,325.00	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		228,750.00	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other			
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4331	Administration			
4332	Water Services			
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other			
<b>ELECTRIC</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4351-4359	Electrical Operations			

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
<b>HEALTH</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4411	Administration			
4414	Pest Control		2,980.00	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	26-38	18,420.00	
<b>WELFARE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11,530.00	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other			
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	40, 41	183,401.00	
4550-4559	Library		131,318.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,500.00	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation			
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		2,000.00	
4619	Other Conservation			
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING			
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		50,000.00	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		162,926.00	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		65,135.00	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note			
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4901	Land	21	100,000.00	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs			
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer-		735,570.00	
	Water-		330,965.00	
	Electric-			
	Airport-			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11		5000
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	18, X	<del>22,799.00</del>	17799
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Agency Funds			
<b>TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>5,189,605.00</b>	<b>5,189,605</b>

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**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**  
**Municipal Services Division**  
**2007 Tax Rate Calculation**

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*Barbara Robinson*  
 10/26/07

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**TOWN/CITY: EPPING**

Gross Appropriations	5,189,605
Less: Revenues	3,694,660
Less: Shared Revenues	25,992
Add: Overlay	101,615
War Service Credits	130,000

Net Town Appropriation	1,700,568
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,700,568
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**TOWN RATE**  
 2.66

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	13,266,394
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(3,101,368)

State Education Taxes	(1,414,316)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	8,750,710

**LOCAL SCHOOL RATE**  
 13.71

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.24	
631,391,250		1,414,316
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
631,464,300		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State →	0	

**STATE SCHOOL RATE**  
 2.24

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	590,062
Less: Shared Revenues	(5,378)

Approved County Tax Effort	584,684
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**COUNTY RATE**  
 0.92

**TOTAL RATE**  
 19.53

Total Property Taxes Assessed	12,450,278
Less: War Service Credits	(130,000)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>12,320,278</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.24	1,414,316
All Other Taxes	17.29	11,035,962
		12,450,278

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REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

City/Town: Town of Epping FY: 2007

ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	FOR USE BY MUNICIPALITY	RESERVED FOR USE by DRA
<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Tax <i>50% m</i>		300,000.00	
3180	Resident Tax			
3185	Timber Tax		5,500.00	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		113,500.00	
	Inventory Penalties			
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		37,800.00	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		988,000.00	
3230	Building Permits		73,500.00	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		7,400.00	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT <i>FEMA</i>		25,000.00	
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues		<del>35,000.00</del>	<i>35758</i>
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		<del>234,445.00</del>	<i>255442</i>
3353	Highway Block Grant		<del>126,740.00</del>	<i>126739</i>
3354	Water Pollution Grant		<del>187,388.00</del>	<i>180,041</i>
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			Ø
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			Ø
3359	Other <i>Various Items RR=Ø</i> (including Railroad Tax)		14,500.00	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		275,200.00	
3409	Other Charges			
			<del>3,400,873.00</del>	

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REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

City/Town: Town of Epping

FY: 2007

ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	FOR USE BY MUNICIPALITY	RESERVED FOR USE by DRA
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			
3502	Interest on Investments		85,000.00	
3503-3609	Other		1,000.00	
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3912	From Special Revenue Funds <i>and fees</i>		118,334.00	✓
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)		548,182.00	
	Water - (Offset)		330,965.00	
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds			
3917	From Conservation Funds			
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>			<b>3,484,454.00</b>	<b>3,501,861</b> ✓
For Municipal Use	<b>**General Fund Balance**</b>			
\$1,019,290.00	Unreserved Fund Balance <i>MS5</i>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
\$	Less Emergency Approp. (RSA 32:11)		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
\$17,789	Less Voted From "Surplus" <i>WAIS</i>		17,789.00	
\$ 175,000	Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes			175,000
\$-1,091,491.88	Fund Balance - Retained		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
<i>826,491</i>				
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>			<b>3,502,253.00</b>	<b>3,694,660</b>

REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)

\$ 100,000.00

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
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# Report of the Trust Funds MS-9 December 31, 2007

Date	Name of Trust Fund	Use	How Invested	Principal				Interest				P. & I. End Yr.		
				Balance Beg. Yr.	New Funds	With-draw	Balance End. Yr.	Balance Beg. Yr.	%	Amount	Total		Expended For Yr.	Balance End Yr.
1899	George W. Plumer	CPC	Com. Trust. #1	\$857.59			\$857.59	\$1,444.00	2.462%	\$116.15	\$1,560.15	\$0.00	\$1,560.15	\$2,417.74
1902	Elijah/Gardner Jones	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$167.10	0.310%	\$14.62	\$181.71	\$0.00	\$181.71	\$304.22
1904	Rufus H. Smith	TWP	Com. Trust. #1	\$2,703.71			\$2,703.71	\$1,407.46	4.399%	\$207.48	\$1,614.93	\$0.00	\$1,614.93	\$4,318.64
1906	Lydia W. Ladd	CCC	Com. Trust. #1	\$1,225.14			\$1,225.14	\$1,639.84	3.065%	\$144.59	\$1,784.43	\$0.00	\$1,784.43	\$3,009.57
1916	Celia Stevens	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$146.18	0.287%	\$13.56	\$159.74	\$0.00	\$159.74	\$282.25
1917	Abbie T. Spaulding	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$183.77			\$183.77	\$262.29	0.477%	\$22.51	\$284.80	\$0.00	\$284.80	\$468.57
1918	Elizabeth A. Edgerly	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$61.26			\$61.26	\$124.83	0.199%	\$9.39	\$134.22	\$0.00	\$134.22	\$195.48
1918	Fogg Fund	STC	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$97.81	0.236%	\$11.12	\$108.93	\$0.00	\$108.93	\$231.44
1920	Albert L. Norris	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$61.26			\$61.26	\$64.22	0.134%	\$6.33	\$70.56	\$0.00	\$70.56	\$131.82
1922	Hosea B. Burnham	S&L	Com. Trust. #1	\$6,125.70			\$6,125.70	\$300.07	6.875%	\$324.29	\$624.36	\$300.00	\$324.36	\$6,450.06
1926	Carrie E. Norris	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$402.62	0.562%	\$26.50	\$429.12	\$0.00	\$429.12	\$551.63
1926	Caleb & Mary French	PLB	Com. Trust. #1	\$14,102.10			\$14,102.10	\$681.30	15.817%	\$746.07	\$1,427.37	\$680.00	\$747.37	\$14,849.47
1928	John O. Edgerly	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$55.88	0.191%	\$9.00	\$64.88	\$0.00	\$64.88	\$187.39
1933	Mary E. P. Sanborn	TWP	Com. Trust. #1	\$19,685.43			\$19,685.43	\$6,929.59	28.476%	\$1,343.18	\$8,272.76	\$0.00	\$8,272.76	\$27,958.19
1935	Sarah P. Prescott	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$275.65			\$275.65	\$352.47	0.672%	\$31.70	\$384.17	\$0.00	\$384.17	\$659.82
1940	Alfred Trask Blake	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$153.14			\$153.14	\$163.89	0.339%	\$16.00	\$179.89	\$0.00	\$179.89	\$333.03
1943	George B. True	Fam	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$402.21	0.561%	\$26.48	\$428.69	\$0.00	\$428.69	\$551.20
1943	Joseph A. Edgerly	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$245.02			\$245.02	\$113.60	0.384%	\$18.10	\$131.70	\$0.00	\$131.70	\$376.72
1945	Matthew J. Harvey	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$648.13	0.825%	\$38.89	\$687.02	\$0.00	\$687.02	\$809.53
1952	Myra E. S. Green	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$154.01	0.296%	\$13.96	\$167.97	\$0.00	\$167.97	\$290.48
1952	George E. Beede	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$367.54			\$367.54	\$2,129.72	2.672%	\$126.03	\$2,255.75	\$0.00	\$2,255.75	\$2,623.29
1960	Wiggin Fund	Fam	Com. Trust. #1	\$245.02			\$245.02	\$123.02	0.394%	\$18.57	\$141.59	\$0.00	\$141.59	\$386.61
1960	Blanche R. Purington	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$367.54			\$367.54	\$1,475.13	1.971%	\$92.99	\$1,568.12	\$0.00	\$1,568.12	\$1,935.66
1974	Georgia Chase	Fam	Com. Trust. #1	\$81.93			\$81.93	\$341.65	0.453%	\$21.38	\$363.02	\$0.00	\$363.02	\$444.95
1976	Matthew Harvey	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$122.51			\$122.51	\$484.76	0.650%	\$30.65	\$515.40	\$0.00	\$515.40	\$637.91
1982	Central Cemetery	CCC	Com. Trust. #1	\$4,288.10			\$4,288.10	\$818.24	5.463%	\$257.70	\$1,075.94	\$0.00	\$1,075.94	\$5,364.04
1983	Miriam Jackson Park	MJP	Com. Trust. #1	\$2,225.25			\$2,225.25	\$757.86	3.192%	\$150.55	\$908.41	\$0.00	\$908.41	\$3,133.66
1989	Hist.Soc. C.F. #1	CAC	Com. Trust. #1	\$3,100.00			\$3,100.00	\$1,686.91	5.122%	\$241.58	\$1,928.49	\$0.00	\$1,928.49	\$5,028.49
1990	Hist.Soc. C.F. #2	CAC	Com. Trust. #1	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	\$304.60	1.931%	\$91.07	\$395.67	\$0.00	\$395.67	\$1,895.67
1991	Hist.Soc. C.F. #3	CAC	Com. Trust. #1	\$1,700.00			\$1,700.00	\$945.56	2.830%	\$133.51	\$1,079.08	\$0.00	\$1,079.08	\$2,779.08
1992	Hist.Soc. C.F. #4	CAC	Com. Trust. #1	\$1,600.00			\$1,600.00	\$747.59	2.572%	\$118.48	\$866.07	\$0.00	\$866.07	\$2,466.07
1993	Bert J. Allen Cemetery	Fam	Com. Trust. #1	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$299.86	0.856%	\$40.37	\$340.23	\$0.00	\$340.23	\$840.23
1995	West Epping Cem.	CWC	Com. Trust. #1	\$2,790.00			\$2,790.00	\$823.09	3.866%	\$182.34	\$1,005.43	\$0.00	\$1,005.43	\$3,795.43
1996	Burt Family Cem.	CFC	Com. Trust. #1	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$200.36	0.749%	\$35.35	\$235.71	\$0.00	\$235.71	\$735.71
1999	Colford-Colket	CBL	Com. Trust. #1	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$116.21	0.659%	\$31.10	\$147.30	\$0.00	\$147.30	\$647.30
	Adj			\$45.01			\$45.01	\$61.50	0.114%	\$5.38	\$66.87	\$0.00	\$66.87	\$111.88
<b>Common Trust #1TOTALS</b>				<b>\$66,592.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$66,592.75</b>	<b>\$26,873.55</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>4716.96</b>	<b>\$31,590.51</b>	<b>\$980.00</b>	<b>\$30,610.51</b>	<b>\$97,203.26</b>

Date	Name of Trust Fund	Use	How Invested	Principal				Interest			Balance End Yr.	P. & I. End Yr.	
				Balance Beg. Yr.	Withdraw	New Funds	Balance End Yr.	Inc. For Year %	Amount	Total			Expended For Yr.
				Balance Beg. Yr.	Withdraw	New Funds	Balance End Yr.						
1898	Lovell J. Brock	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.278%	\$16.49	\$228.45	\$25.56	\$202.89	\$325.40
1903	Mary S. Burnham	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$61.26			\$61.26	0.603%	\$7.77	\$104.22	\$12.05	\$92.17	\$153.43
1905	Hannah Durgin	ROT	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.655%	\$21.36	\$332.10	\$33.10	\$299.00	\$421.51
1908	Horace W. Langley	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$612.57			\$612.57	8.588%	\$110.80	\$1,746.12	\$171.75	\$1,574.37	\$2,186.94
1908	Mary E. Burnham	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.502%	\$19.38	\$290.07	\$30.04	\$260.03	\$382.54
1913	Wm. A. Cudworth	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$61.26			\$61.26	0.606%	\$7.81	\$105.06	\$12.11	\$92.95	\$154.21
1913	J. C. Bennett	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$91.89			\$91.89	1.078%	\$13.90	\$204.08	\$21.55	\$182.53	\$274.42
1914	Annie M. Pike	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$91.89			\$91.89	1.081%	\$13.94	\$204.91	\$21.61	\$183.30	\$275.19
1915	Walter Little	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$91.89			\$91.89	1.078%	\$13.90	\$204.08	\$21.55	\$182.53	\$274.42
1918	Harriet A. True	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.596%	\$20.60	\$315.94	\$31.93	\$284.01	\$406.52
1919	Mary A. Jones	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$61.26			\$61.26	0.674%	\$8.69	\$123.80	\$13.48	\$110.33	\$171.59
1920	James A. Comins	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.521%	\$19.63	\$295.27	\$30.42	\$264.85	\$387.36
1920	Rebecca J. Foss	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.566%	\$20.21	\$307.68	\$31.33	\$276.35	\$398.86
1920	Emma Clamage	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.507%	\$19.44	\$291.29	\$30.13	\$261.16	\$383.67
1923	Sarah F. Wright	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.507%	\$19.44	\$291.29	\$30.13	\$261.16	\$383.67
1923	Bessie A. Miles	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.308%	\$16.88	\$236.85	\$26.17	\$210.68	\$333.19
1926	Carrie E. Morris	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.343%	\$17.33	\$246.46	\$26.87	\$219.59	\$342.10
1926	Fred H. Johnson	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.378%	\$17.78	\$256.04	\$27.57	\$228.48	\$350.99
1926	Linda Tarbox	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.421%	\$18.33	\$267.73	\$28.42	\$239.31	\$361.82
1926	Asa Robie	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$245.02	3.640%	\$46.97	\$754.78	\$72.80	\$681.98	\$927.00
1927	Isabell Bartlett	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.502%	\$19.38	\$290.09	\$30.04	\$260.05	\$382.56
1929	James A. Johnson	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$245.02	3.248%	\$41.90	\$647.02	\$64.96	\$582.06	\$827.08
1929	Jacob H. Tilton	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.509%	\$19.46	\$291.84	\$30.17	\$261.67	\$384.18
1929	Frank A. Miles	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$61.26			\$61.26	0.646%	\$8.34	\$116.23	\$12.92	\$103.31	\$164.57
1929	Levi Thompson	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.304%	\$16.82	\$235.62	\$26.08	\$209.55	\$332.06
1930	Lizzie Rundlett	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.342%	\$17.32	\$246.09	\$26.84	\$219.25	\$341.76
1932	Daniel Gate	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.500%	\$19.36	\$289.59	\$30.01	\$259.58	\$382.09
1933	George Hopkinson	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.500%	\$19.36	\$289.59	\$30.01	\$259.58	\$382.09
1934	Mary E. P. Sanborn	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$245.02	3.439%	\$44.37	\$699.47	\$68.78	\$630.70	\$875.72
1934	Almon L. True	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.520%	\$19.62	\$295.11	\$30.41	\$264.70	\$387.21
1941	Hattie Chase	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.504%	\$19.41	\$290.59	\$30.08	\$260.50	\$383.01
1943	Marcus M. Taylor	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$245.02	3.207%	\$41.37	\$635.73	\$64.13	\$571.60	\$816.62
1943	Frank B. Blaisdell	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.608%	\$20.74	\$319.02	\$32.15	\$286.87	\$409.38
1946	Charles E. Gear	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$612.57			\$612.57	9.172%	\$118.35	\$1,906.74	\$210.56	\$1,696.18	\$2,308.75
1946	Milton J. Bly	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$122.51	1.371%	\$17.69	\$254.07	\$27.42	\$226.65	\$349.16
1947	Cyrus Sanborn	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$245.02	3.244%	\$41.85	\$645.87	\$64.87	\$580.99	\$826.01
1950	Abbie M. Morris	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$245.02	3.262%	\$42.09	\$650.97	\$65.24	\$585.72	\$830.74

# Report of the Trust Funds MS-9 (continued)

Date	Name of Trust Fund	Use	How Invested	Principal			Interest			Balance End Yr.	P. & L. End Yr.		
				Balance Beg. Yr.	New Funds	With- draw	Balance End. Yr.	Inc. For Year	Expended For Yr.				
				Balance Beg. Yr.	Amount	%	Balance Beg. Yr.	Total					
1951	IM&C Punington	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$245.02	2.910%	\$37.55	\$554.24	\$58.20	\$496.04	\$741.06
1952	Elizabeth Beals	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$245.02			\$635.61	3.364%	\$43.41	\$679.02	\$67.29	\$611.73	\$856.75
1954	William Feldsend	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$273.11	1.511%	\$19.50	\$292.61	\$30.23	\$262.38	\$384.89
1958	Frank Willard	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$367.54			\$949.25	5.031%	\$64.91	\$1,014.16	\$100.61	\$913.54	\$1,281.08
1968	John J. Tilton	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$249.89	1.423%	\$18.36	\$268.25	\$28.45	\$239.79	\$362.30
1976	John & Minnie Warren	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$490.05			\$879.89	5.234%	\$67.53	\$947.41	\$104.67	\$842.74	\$1,332.79
1983	Fred Johnson	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$122.51			\$113.05	0.900%	\$11.61	\$124.66	\$18.00	\$106.66	\$229.17
1999	Alice Langdon	CBL	CT-Pros. Cem	\$500.00			\$0.00	1.910%	\$24.65	\$24.65	\$24.65	(\$0.00)	\$500.00
1999	Ron Howe Sr.	CPC	CT-Pros. Cem	\$500.00			\$0.00	1.910%	\$24.65	\$24.65	\$24.65	(\$0.00)	\$500.00
<b>CT Prospect Cemetary TOTALS</b>				<b>\$8,626.35</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$17,549.28</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>1290.23</b>	<b>\$18,839.51</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,839.50</b>	<b>\$25,465.85</b>
<b>Total Common Trust Funds</b>				<b>\$75,219.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$44,422.63</b>		<b>\$6,007.19</b>	<b>\$50,430.02</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>	<b>\$47,450.01</b>	<b>\$122,669.11</b>
<b>Other General Trust Funds</b>													
1988	Ladd Family Fund	Fam	NHPDIP	\$1,300.00			\$373.48		\$84.91	\$458.39	\$0.00	\$458.39	\$1,758.39
1989	Karen Bickford Mem.	SCH	NHPDIP	\$13,285.00			\$1,809.52		\$768.30	\$2,577.82	\$0.00	\$2,577.82	\$15,862.82
<b>Total Other Gen. Trust Funds</b>				<b>\$14,585.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$2,183.00</b>		<b>\$853.21</b>	<b>\$3,036.21</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,036.21</b>	<b>\$17,621.21</b>
<b>Total All Trusts</b>				<b>\$89,904.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$46,605.83</b>		<b>\$6,860.40</b>	<b>\$53,466.23</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>	<b>\$50,486.22</b>	<b>\$140,290.32</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Funds</b>													
2000	Landfill Closing		NHPDIP	\$98,031.10	\$5,000.00		\$103,031.10		\$5,080.17		\$0.00		\$108,111.27
2002	Cemetery Expansion		NHPDIP	\$23,018.49	\$0.00		\$23,018.49		\$1,171.68		\$0.00		\$24,190.17
2003	Highway Dumptruck		NHPDIP	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2003	Highway Truck		NHPDIP	\$8,913.97	\$0.00		\$8,913.97		\$412.94		\$8,900.00		\$426.91
2005	ETV		NHPDIP	\$9,104.90	\$17,795.08		\$26,903.98		\$706.13		\$17,123.00		\$10,487.11
2005	Town Hall Repair		NHPDIP	\$10,473.64	\$0.00		\$10,473.64		\$347.47		\$8,807.50		\$2,013.61
2005	Recreation Assistant		NHPDIP	\$3,051.08	\$12,587.00		\$15,638.08		\$237.43		\$0.00		\$15,875.51
2001	Water main			\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2001	Municipal Well			\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2001	Waste Water Fac.			\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2004	Revaluation			\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Capital Reserve Total</b>				<b>\$152,593.18</b>	<b>\$35,386.08</b>		<b>\$187,979.26</b>		<b>\$7,955.82</b>		<b>\$34,830.50</b>		<b>\$161,104.58</b>
<b>Total All Funds</b>				<b>\$242,597.28</b>	<b>\$35,386.08</b>		<b>\$277,983.36</b>		<b>\$14,816.22</b>		<b>\$37,810.50</b>		<b>\$301,394.90</b>



# Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments MS-10

No. Units	Description	How Invested			Principal			Income			Grand Total P. & I. End of Year
		Balance Beg. Year	Purchases	Proceeds of Sales	Gain from Sales (new money)	Balance End Year	Income This Year	Expended This Year	Balance End Year		
	Common Trust #1:	\$66,492.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,492.75	\$980.00	\$980.00	\$30,710.51	\$97,203.26	
	C.T.-Prospect Cemetery	\$8,626.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,626.35	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$16,839.50	\$25,465.85	
	<b>Total Common Trust</b>	<b>\$75,119.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$75,119.10</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>	<b>\$47,550.01</b>	<b>\$122,669.11</b>	
	MBIA NH-01-0545-0004									\$96,768.01	
	MBIA NH-01-0545-0006									\$25,465.85	
	Fleet Check Acct 9358137037									\$435.25	
	<b>Total All Accounts</b>									<b>\$122,669.11</b>	

## Salaries of Town Employees

Employee	Department	Type	2007 Salary	2007 Actually Earned*
Bielecki, Judith	Admin Assist	FT	\$36,387	\$37,385.81
Blanchard, Joyce	Deputy Clerk	FT	34,486	34,676.72
Bonenfant, Carol	Police Sec.	FT	31,075	32,494.90
Chapman, Bruce	Highway	FT	31,200	19,939.48
Childs, John	Ambul	FT	43,009	39,353.43
Clark, Gregory	Highway	FT	28,496	30,784.42
Clivio, Thomas	Police	FT	32,074	32,833.04
Cote, Richard	Police	FT	40,581	48,590.69
Dionne, Norman	Water	FT	50,315	62,833.06
Dodge, Gregory	Police	FT	71,781	71,345.36
Fluet, Raymond	Police	FT	39,395	47,710.83
Fogg, Lisa	Finance	FT	38,397	39,728.40
Foley, Linda	Tax Clerk	FT	49,130	50,546.03
Fournier, Steve	Town Admin	FT	59,363	52,234.21
Freeman, James	TS Supr	FT	36,400	28,732.26
Gallagher, Sean	Police	FT	50,190	63,873.65
Harvey, Paul	Code	FT	48,422	39,811.20
Hickey, Seth	Rec	FT	42,848	42,483.20
Jardis, Bradley	Police	FT	38,230	42,701.50
Kilham, Robert	Sewer	FT	46,675	50,499.58
Loader, David	Police	FT	33,675	41,825.47
McDonough, Phyllis	Planning	FT	38,106	38,827.60
McFadden, Richard	Police	FT	41,787	50,324.29
Newman, Jason	Police	FT	51,106	61,496.61
Nickerson, Marc	Ambul	FT	42,494	20,626.08
Nye, Gregory	Police	FT	41,787	52,018.91
Reinhold, David	Highway	FT	48,422	58,137.62
Reynolds-Cooper, A.	Library	FT	42,432	42,078.24
Tondreault, Seth	Police	FT	32,074	44,301.04
Turner, Marc	Police	FT	47,029	56,837.12
Wallace, Mike	Police	FT	55,973	61,030.68
Zukas, Kevin	Ambul	FT	11,830	38,393.24
<b>Total Full Time Salaries</b>			<b>\$1,335,169</b>	<b>\$1,434,454.67</b>

Employee	Department	Type	2007 Rate	2007 Actually Earned*
Brown, Paula	Code/Sec	PT	\$12.41	\$11,882.58
Bennis, Daniel	ETV	PT	8.32	1,918.62
Channell, William	ETV	PT	12.00	12,090.00
Denoncour, Joseph	ETV	PT	9.36	2,146.02
Frederick, Glenn	ETV	PT	9.00	911.02
Johnson, Stephen	ETV	PT	8.32	1,597.44
Richard, Roxanne	ETV	PT	8.32	6,697.60
Andrews, Nancy	Library	PT	10.00	2,977.00
Davidson, Tara	Library	PT	6.50	3,351.32
Murphy, Simonne	Library	PT	9.00	1,062.65
O'Donnell, Lawrence	Library	PT	9.00	4,892.32
Wilkins, Tracie	Library	PT	11.36	15,338.35
Hanley, Paul	Police	PT	16.00	6,791.00
Hansen, William	Police	PT	10.00	1,480.00
Kelley, Kevin	Police	PT	16.00	6,604.50
Laurent, Beverly	Police	PT	8.50	2,592.50
Leduc, Jeffrey	Police	PT	16.00	4,359.00
Lussier, Shannon	Police	PT	16.00	4,696.25
Newell, Heather	Police	PT	30.00	30,900.00
Newman, Richard	Police	PT	16.75	19,839.64
Carrick, Kevin	Solid Waste	PT	9.00	7,416.00
Eaton, Mayhew	Solid Waste	PT	9.00	3,867.75
Fontaine, Jonathan	Solid Waste	PT	9.00	4,837.50
Stone, Earnest	Solid Waste	PT	10.00	8,547.50
Koch, Dennis	W/S Admin	PT	19.67	25,693.86
Victoria, John	W/S	PT	22.46	6,049.89
<b>Total Part Time Salaries</b>				<b>\$198,540.31</b>

\*Includes overtime pay and police detail work.

## Auditor's Report



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

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

In planning and reporting our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Epping as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Epping's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Epping's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Epping's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town of Epping's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town of Epping's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Epping's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Epping's internal control.

The treasurer's monthly report was not submitted to the finance office on a timely basis throughout the year. As we have previously stated, the separation of duties between the treasurer and Town accountant constitute an integral part of the internal accounting controls to provide assurance that the internal financial reports are reliable.

We suggest that, beginning immediately, the treasurer submit monthly reports to the board of selectman and Town administrator by the fifteenth day of the next month. If this does not happen, someone other than the Town accountant should resume responsibility for following up with the treasurer.

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

February 16, 2007

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

# General Information

## Elected Officials

### Selectmen

Jeffrey Harris, Chair, 2009  
Susan McGeough, 2008  
Jerry Langdon 2009  
Thomas Gauthier, 2010  
Dianne Gilbert, 2010

### Town Clerk

Linda Foley, 2010  
Deputy: Joyce Blanchard

### Tax Collector

Linda Foley, 2010  
Deputy: Joyce Blanchard

### Treasurer

Jim McGeough 2008  
Joseph Foley, Deputy

### Fire Wards

Richard Cantrall, 2008  
Charles Goodspeed, 2009  
Donald Oakes, 2010  
Tom Gauthier, Selectmen's  
Representative

### Cemetery Trustees

Marilyn Perry, 2008  
Daniel Harvey, 2009  
Paul Ladd, 2010

### Moderator

Robert Goodrich, 2008

### Planning Board

Robert Graham, 2009, Chair  
Gregory Tillman, 2008  
Thomas Dwyer, Jr., 2010  
Mike Morosco 2009  
Susan McGeough, Selectmen's  
Representative  
Stephen Colby, Appointed Alternate,  
2007

### Library Trustees

Cheryl Denoncour, 2008  
Sylvia Nollett, 2009  
Teresa Kucera, 2009  
Michael Swegles, 2010  
Tracy Dwyer, 2010

### Budget Committee

James McGeough, 2008, Chair  
Brenda McCartney, 2008  
Elizabeth Conrad, 2008  
Amy Randall, 2009  
Michael King, 2009  
Paul Spidle, 2009  
Thomas Dwyer, Jr., 2010  
Michelle Cromarty, 2010  
Sandra Osgood, 2010  
Jeffrey Harris, Selectmen's Representative  
Jeff LeDuc, School Board Representative

### Trustees of Trust Fund

Joe Denoncour, 2010, Chair  
Mark Kucera, 2008  
Daniel Harvey, 2009

### Supervisors of Checklist

Grace Lavoie, 2010  
Kim Gauthier, 2008  
Pamela Holmes, 2012

### Water and Sewer Commission

Joseph Foley, 2009 Chair  
Henry DeBoer, 2008  
Michael King, 2010  
Dennis Koch, Appointed Administrator  
Jerry Langdon, Selectmen's  
Representative

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Paul Spidle, Chair, 2009  
Dave Mylott, 2008  
Bob Jordan, 2009  
Ronald LaChance, 2010  
— deceased December 2007  
Peter Loch appointed December 2007  
Ryder Quintard, 2010  
— resigned March 2007  
Ronald Nowe appointed May 2007

## Appointed Officials

### Selectmen's Office

Town Administrator, Stephen Fournier  
— resigned October 2007  
Assessing Clerk, Administrative  
Assistant: Judith Bielecki (no term)  
Assistant: Joyce Blanchard (no term)  
Bookkeeper: Lisa Fogg (no term)  
Planning Board Secretary: Phyllis  
McDonough (no term)  
Code Enforcement Officer: Paul Harvey,  
resigned December 2007  
Code Enforcement Secretary : Paula  
Brown (no term)  
Emergency Management: Brian Toomire  
resigned August 2007  
Christopher Murphy appointed  
August 2007

### Police Department

Chief of Police: Gregory C. Dodge (no  
term)  
Secretary: Carol Ann Bonefant (no term)  
Lieutenant: Michael Wallace (no term)  
Corporal: Jason Newman (no term)  
Sergeant: Sean Gallagher (no term)  
Detective: Marc Turner (no term),  
Richard Cote (no term)  
Patrol Officers: Ray Fluet, Richard  
McFadden,  
Bradley Jardis, Gregory Nye , David  
Loader (no term)  
Seth Tondreault  
Part-Time Officers: Sgt. Richard  
Newman, Sr., Paul Hanley, Jeffrey  
Leduc, Kevin  
Kelley, Shannon Lussier  
Animal Control Officer: William  
Hansen

### Fire Department

Chief of Department: Brian Toomire.  
Resigned August 2007  
Christopher Murphy appointed  
August 2007

### Welfare Administrator

Phyllis McDonough (no term)

**Library Director**

Amanda Cooper

**Recreation Director**

Seth Hickey (no term)

**Recreation Advisory Commission**

Heather Toland, 2007

Kelli Killen, 2008

Michael Brazil, 2008, resigned

Brian Reed, 2009, resigned

John DiFrancesco, 2009

Barbara Carrigan, 2010

Jeffrey Harris, Selectmen's Representative

**Ballot Clerks**

Patricia Sutcliffe, 2008

Barbara MacDonald, 2008

Anne Marie Gomez-Amaru, 2008

Andrew Vallone, 2008

**Conservation Commission**

Scott Pim, 2008

Sonja Gonzalez, 2010

Jeff Conrad, 2008

Gregory Tillman, Chair, 2010

John Bennett, 2009

Amos Clapp, 2009

Jerry Langdon, Forestry Committee

Robert Kimball, Forestry Committee

Kevin Martin, Forestry Committee

Jerry Langdon, Selectmen's

Representative

Isobel Parke, Honorable Member

**Crossing Guard**

Beverly Laurent

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee**

Tillman, Gregory,

**Historic District Commission**

Madelyn Williamson, Chair, 2008

Joy True, 2009

Nancy Grimard, 2008

Pam Currier, 2008

Forrest True, 2008

Steve Colby, 2008

Susan McGeough, Selectman's

Representative

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS****School Board**

Jeffrey LeDuc, Chair, 2008

Robert Lonek, 2008

Pamela Tibbetts, 2009

Scott Booth, 2010

Susan Kimball, 2010

**Superintendent of Schools**

Barbara Munsey

**Business Administrator**

Martha Williamson

**Special Education Director**

Cathryn Zylinski

**Director of Curriculum and Instruction**

Gary Tyrone

**Administrators**

Grades 1-5

Mark Vallone, Principal

Grades 6-8

Lynn Ward Healy, Principal

Grades 9-12

Dixie Bacallao Tremblay, Principal

**Treasurer**

Joseph Foley, 2008

**Clerk**

Robin O'Day, 2008

**Moderator**

Robert Goodrich, 2008

## Area Statistical Information

CID Number.....	810
County.....	Rockingham
Labor Market Area.....	Portsmouth-Manchester
Distance to:	
Manchester, NH.....	23 miles
Boston, MA.....	54 miles
Portland, ME.....	74 miles
New York, NY.....	257 miles
Montreal, Canada.....	278 miles
Elevation.....	160
Temperature (°F)	
Annual Average.....	46.6
January Average.....	22.2
Precipitation: Annual Average.....	44.0

### Demographics

Total Population	Community	County
2005	6,087	295,076
2000	5,549	278,748
1990	5,267	246,744
1980	3,460	190,345
1970	2,356	138,951
Population by Age (2000)		
under 5.....	383	
5 to 19.....	1,219	
20 to 34.....	1,030	
35 to 54.....	1,921	
55 to 64.....	417	
65+.....	509	
Median Age.....	35.8 years	

### Commuting Patterns (2000)

Min. travel time to work (mins).....	27.7
Residents working in community.....	16%
Residents commuting to another NH community.....	69%
Residents commuting out-of-state.....	15%

### Largest Employers (as of 6/3/05)

Wal-Mart.....	350
Epping High School.....	90
Epping Elementary School.....	82
McDonalds.....	50
ERRCO (Recycling).....	47
Abenaki Timber.....	30
Burger King.....	25
PSNH (Utility).....	15
Goodrich Brickyard.....	12

### Municipal Services

Town Hall Hours.....	M-Th 8-4; F 8-12 noon
Type of Government.....	Selectman/SB2
Budget (Annual 2007).....	\$5,189,605
Planning Board.....	Elected
Industrial Plans Reviewed by.....	Planning Board
Zoning.....	1968/00
Master Plan.....	1999
Capital Improvement Plan.....	Yes
Full Time Police Dept.....	Yes
Full Time Fire Dept.....	Yes
Town Fire Insurance Rating.....	5/9

### Taxes (2007)

Local Property Tax Rate (per thousand).....	\$19.53
Assessment Ratio.....	94%

### 2005 Valuation

Residential.....	81.4%
Commerial.....	17.3%
Other.....	1.4%

### Housing (2007)

Single-Family Units.....	1636
Number of building permits.....	47
Multi-Family Units.....	416
Number of building Permits.....	6
Mobile Homes/Manufactured.....	447

### Utilities

Electricity.....	PSNH/Electric Coop.
Natural Gas.....	None
Water.....	Epping Water Dept.
Source.....	2 Bed Rock Wells
Average Usage Hoar Well.....	90 gpm
Average Usage Well #4.....	70 gpm
Sanitation	
Sewer.....	Municipal
Coverage.....	25%
Municipal Treatment Plant	
Type.....	Active Sludge/Zenon Microfiltration
Capacity (million gal/day).....	0.50
Load (percent of capacity).....	20%
Telephone.....	Verizon
Cellular Phone Access.....	Yes
Cable Television Access.....	Yes
High-Speed Internet Service (Bus. & Res.).....	Yes

**Transportation/access**

Road Access  
 State Routes..... 27, 101, 125  
 Nearest Interstate .....1-95, Exit 2  
 Distance..... 15 miles  
 Railroad .....Downeaster (Exeter)  
 Airport .....Manchester  
 Runway.....9250 feet  
 Lighted .....Yes  
 Navigational Aids.....Yes  
 Distance .....27 miles

**Medical & Health**

Hospital..... Exeter Hospital  
 Distance ..... 10 Miles  
 Beds .....218  
 Number of Doctors working in town ..... 1

**Educational/Childcare Facilities**

	# of Schools	Grades	Enroll.
Elementary	1	K-5	388
Middle/Jr. High	1	6-8	226
High School	1	9-12	455

Higher Education Institutions  
 Technical College.....Stratham Comm. Tech. College  
 College/University.....Chester College of NH/  
 McIntosh/UNH

Daycare Facilities .....9  
 Total Capacity.....245

**Community Services & Recreation**

Protestant Churches .....4  
 Catholic Churches ..... 1  
 Hotels/Motels ..... 1  
 Bed & Breakfasts .....4  
 Live Theater .....2  
 Museums ..... 1  
 Local Television ..... 1  
 Channel 22, Epping TV & Bulletin Board  
 Library..... 1  
 Harvey-Mitchell Memorial  
 Municipal Parks ..... 1  
 Conservation Areas.....3  
 Tennis Courts ..... 1  
 Nearest Ski Areas ..... McIntyre/White Mountains  
 Other Recreation ..... 2 Race Tracks

**Town Directory**

**Emergency Numbers**

Fire/Police/Rescue.....911

**General Business**

Fire ..... 679-5446  
 Police..... 679-5122  
 Animal Control ..... 679-5122

**Schools**

Elementary..... 679-8018  
 High School ..... 679-5472  
 Superintendent's Office ..... 679-8003

**Town Offices**

Code Enforcement and Health..... 679-1224  
 Highway..... 679-5441  
 Library..... 679-5944  
 Planning and Zoning, Welfare ..... 679-1202  
 Recreation..... 679-3301  
 Tax Assessing ..... 679-5441  
 Town Administrator..... 679-5441  
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector ..... 679-8288  
 (voter/car registrations, dog licenses,  
 taxes, water/sewer payments)  
 Water and Sewer..... 679-5171

**Other Resources**

Department of Motor Vehicles ..... 679-2111  
 Epping Post Office..... 679-5952  
 Rockingham County Sheriff ..... 679-2225  
 Exeter Chamber of Commerce ..... 772-2411  
 Raymond Chamber of Commerce..... 895-2254  
 Rockingham Planning Commission ..... 778-0885

**For more information, contact:**

Town Administrator  
 157 Main Street, Epping, NH 03042  
 Telephone: 603-679-5441  
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 Web: www.ci.epping.nh.us

## Town Owned Properties

Map	Lot	Serial	Location	Value
10	032	619	High Road — 22 Acres with a Conservation Easement	52,901.00
12	026	539	Off Camp Lee Road — 4.5 Acres	28,500.00
15	013	2241	Red Oak Hill — 40,000 S.f., Triangle at intersection of Red Oak Hill, Plumer Road and Nottingham Sq. Rd.	25,000.00
18	001	2126	Jacobswell Road — 11.65 Acres, Conservation Land	49,700.00
22	044	1744	Hoar Pond Property — Taken by Eminent Domain for New Well 9/99; 56 +/- Beniah Lane	37,900.00
22	053	597	17 Academy Street — School Property — Watson Academy, Middle/High School, Elementary School	482,700.00
22	068	2503	Plumer Road — 17,000 S.f., Old Cemetery on Lehrmit Property	3,900.00
22	089	1837	Cate Street — 3.18 Acres, Public Skating Rink and Sports Field	45,000.00
22	096	2881	Cate Street — Sports Field and Tennis Courts	35,700.00
24	001	603	130 Old Hedding Rd. — 13.18 Acres	N/A
24	009	1716	Route 87 — 11.2 Acres	N/A
24	096	605	Old Hedding Rd — Dump — 11 Acres, Transfer Staion, Recycling and Highway Storage Ld	97,600.00
24	097	2891	Dorothy Drive — Backland — 6 Acres	30,100.00
25	002	607	Jacobswell Road — Forest — 2.37 Acres, Protected Conservation Forest Land	26,700.00
26	001	1780	Prescott Road — 2 Acres	26,100.00
26	014	2578	Joshua Lane — 3.21 Acres	27,300.00
26	015	2576	Joshua Lane — 1.47 Acres	25,500.00
26	016	2575	Joshua Lane — 2.02 Acres	26,100.00
26	017	2574	Joshua Lane — 1.24 Acres	25,300.00
26	018	2573	Joshua Lane — 1.71 Acres	25,800.00
26	019	2572	Joshua Lane — 1.12 Acres	25,200.00
26	020	2571	Joshua Lane — 1.77 Acres	25,900.00
26	021	2570	Joshua Lane — 1.59 Acres	25,700.00
26	022	2569	Joshua Lane — 1.68 Acres	25,800.00
26	023	2568	Quakerfield Drive — 1.46 Acres	25,500.00
26	024	2567	Joshua Lane — 1.52 Acres	25,600.00
26	025	2563	Joshua Lane — 1.10 Acres	25,200.00
26	026	2565	Joshua Lane — 1.37 Acres	25,500.00



Map	Lot	Serial	Location	Value
26	027	2566	Quakerfield Drive — 1.643 Acres	25,700.00
26	028	2564	Quakerfield Drive — 1.3 Acres	25,400.00
27	020	606	Mill Rd — 5.5 Acres, New Cemetery Land	54,800.00
27	020-a	2107	Mill Rd — 4.5 Acres, Connected to Lot #106, Cemetery Land	4,100.00
27	061	602	Holt Rd. — 6 Acres, West Epping Fire Station	102,600.00
27	095	2292	Folsom Lane — 10.5 Acres, Mary Folsom Blair Memorial Park	37,100.00
27	158	80	11 School Street — .31 Acres & Building	N/A
27	190	2108	Depot Road — 3.36 Acres	N/A
28	045	944	Ledgewood Lane — 23.85 Acres for Conservation	1,262.00
29	103	2932	Pleasant Street from Ed White — 4.4 Acres, Backland	4,400.00
29	104	2767	Pleasant Street — 17,200 S.f., Water Tower Land, .39 Acres	240,800.00
29	113	1239	37 Pleasant Street — Safety Complex	116,000.00
29	124	601	Pleasant Street — 12 Acres known as Scoutfield, owned by town, custody of School Officials	7,200.00
29	133	604	Main Street — 1.77 Acres, Town Hall and Parking Lot	584,900.00
29	134	595	Main Street — 9,000 S.f., Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library	143,400.00
29	135	592	Main Street — 7,200 S.f., Main St. Fire Station	111,200.00
29	161	2331	Mill Street — 30,000 S.f., Waste Water Treatment Facility Lift Station	18,000.00
29	162	2133	Water Street — 8,778 S.f., Miriam Jackson Memorial Park under custody of Conservation Comm.	25,000.00
29	167	599	Water Street — 5,226 S.f., Dar Memorial Lot	27,800.00
29	177	608	Bunker Ave. — 900 S.f., Parking Lot	17,200.00
29	283-e	2909	Calef Highway. — Whelabrator Easement to town for Sewer Lift Station	2,600.00
29	283-008	3094	Calef Highway — .057 Acres+d12	N/A
29	285	2130	Main Street — 12,740 S.f., Triangle above Cumberland Farms maintained by Epping Garden Club	114,200.00
29	312	1915	Bunker Ave. — 1,465 S.f., Three Lot Parking Lot	15,100.00
30	031	2135	Lagoon Road — 58 Acres, Municipal Sewage Treatment Facility	1,509,900.00
30	056	2263	Route 27 — 9.98 Acres	N/A
31	008	2741	Off Mast Road — 11.2 Acres	1,434.00
31	026	2832	Mast Road — 46.66 Acres	N/A
32	011	1071	Mast Road — 4.4 Acres	N/A
32	025	1933	Birch Road — 18 Acres	N/A

**Town Owned Properties** (continued)

Map	Lot	Serial	Location	Value
33	024	872	Route 101 West	N/A
33	025	2393	Route 101 — 1.49 Acres	N/A
33	026	2452	Off Route 101 — 1.38 Acres	N/A
33	027	2449	Off Route 101 — 2.16 Acres	N/A
34	010	494	Witham Road	N/A
34	015	1900	Tami Lane — .96 Acres	N/A
35	006	1361	Fremont Road — .17 Acres	N/A
36	020	2829	Fremont Road — .52 Acres & Bldg.	N/A
37	007	1674	Off Exeter Road — 25 Acres	N/A
39	004	2827	Off Birch Road — 2.2 Acres	N/A
39	010	2127	Birch Road — 4.5 Acres	N/A
39	011	137	10 Birch Road — 20 Acres	N/A

**Marriages**

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence of Groom & Bride	Date of Marriage	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence of Groom & Bride
1/6/2007	Brandon Jones Kristin Lynch	Epping Seabrook	3/2/2007	Christopher Perrine Diane Vigue	Epping Epping
1/20/2007	Jason Kurker Kathryn Lavoie	Epping Epping	3/4/2007	James Hickey Lisa Brown	Malden, MA Epping
1/20/2007	Dennis Perkins Kristine Bragg	Epping Epping	4/13/2007	Aaron Jenkins Pattie Simms	Epping Epping
2/3/2007	William Gregory Susan Buchanan	Epping Epping	5/19/2007	Vincent Rutigliano Jaclyn Beach	Epping Epping
2/3/2007	Jared Russell Jennifer Hale	Epping Epping	5/26/2007	Bernard Cote Varshana Udell	Raymond Epping
2/17/2007	Paul Stevens Sarah Venable	Epping Epping	5/26/2007	Chad Wampler Melanie Townsend	Rockaway, NJ Epping

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Groom &amp; Bride</b>
5/31/2007	Neil Ellis Emily Gonzalez	Epping Fall River, MA	9/5/2007	Scott Blankenship Danielle Provencher	Epping Epping
6/9/2007	Daniel Vallone Allison Wyman	Epping Concord	9/15/2007	Jon Getbehead Kristin Odell	Epping Lee
6/15/2007	Richard Cote Shannon Lussier	Epping Epping	9/15/2007	Jason Yergeau Nicole Bernier	Epping Epping
6/30/2007	Michael Talbot Wendy Cardozo	Epping Epping	9/23/2007	Jeffrey Gill Danielle Petralia	Epping Epping
6/30/2007	Brian Beals Wendy Senter	Epping Epping	10/7/2007	Michael Coccozza Elizabeth Burns	Epping Epping
7/7/2007	Zachary Denoncour Stephanie Noble	Epping Epping	10/8/2007	Kyle Studenmund Lauren Cummings	Hollywood, FL Epping
7/8/2007	Robert Oleary Laura Richardson	Epping Epping	10/13/2007	John Grenier Andrea Cole	Epping Kensington
7/10/2007	Donald Fogg Lisa Talbot	Epping Epping	10/20/2007	Lawrence Eichen Mikella Grootenboer	Epping Epping
7/21/2007	Brian Dulin Maria Kennedy	Epping Rochester	10/20/2007	Gregory Comeau Adrienne Conners	Epping Epping
7/21/2007	Christopher Davis Leslie Evans	Epping Epping	10/27/2007	Michael McNeil Michelle Dovas	Epping Epping
8/10/2007	John Chenoweth Pamela Napier	Epping Epping	10/27/2007	Scott Fahey Kathy Krajeski	Epping Hampton
8/12/2007	Timothy Johnson Darlene Johnson	Epping Epping	10/27/2007	Eric Morgan April Paige	Epping Epping
9/1/2007	Robert LaFrenier Catherine McNabb	Epping Epping	11/2/2007	Allan Reith Malisa Haggerty	Epping Salisbury, MA
9/2/2007	Karl Searl Jill Surette	Epping Epping	11/15/2007	Allan Knowles Judith Appleton	Epping Salisbury, MA

## Births

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Parents' Names	Birthplace
1/1/2007	Emerson Mae Rosato	Sundae Rosato Gary Rosato	Exeter
1/23/2007	Garrett Alexander Wessling	Rebecca Wessling James Wessling	Dover
1/24/2007	Adam Christopher Munguia	Erica Munguia Adam Munguia	Exeter
1/26/2007	Jacob Hunter Purington	Danielle Purington Jeremy Kiah	Portsmouth
1/26/2007	Kiana Michele Coffey	Jennifer Pelletier Michael Coffey	Exeter
2/10/2007	Patrick Joseph Thompson	Christine Thompson Eric Thompson	Exeter
2/12/2007	Thomas Parker Reed Lemoyne	Heidi Lemoyne Robert Lemoyne	Portsmouth
2/12/2007	Emily Marie Noelle Lemoyne	Heidi Lemoyne Robert Lemoyne	Portsmouth
3/5/2007	Tyler Andrew Morang	Amy Morang Jonathan Morang	Exeter
3/7/2007	Sennen Loch O'Neil Rogers	Jennifer O'Neil Douglas Rogers	Exeter
3/9/2007	Abigail Katharine Stich	Joann Stich Peter Stich	Exeter
3/9/2007	Morgen Anne Bertogli	Jennifer Bertogli Wayne Bertogli	Dover
3/23/2007	Isabelle Michelle Alix	Anne Alix Christopher Alix	Dover
4/2/2007	Lilly Anita Yergeau	Nicole Bernier Jason Yergeau	Exeter
4/5/2007	Joseph Michael Duchemin	Julie Duchemin Joseph Duchemin	Exeter
4/6/2007	Jackson Todd Boelter	Carrie Boelter Shannon Boelter	Exeter
4/23/2007	Zoe Jeanne Mueller	Jody Mueller Kurt Mueller	Portsmouth
5/2/2007	Jonah Andrew Cavarretta	Nicole Cavarretta Christopher Cavaretta	Exeter

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Parents' Names</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
5/3/2007	Christopher Anthony Tagliaferro	Jenifer Tagliaferro John Tagliaferro	Exeter
5/5/2007	Jazmine Marvell Raymond	Maria Salazar de Raymond Clair Raymond	Exeter
5/6/2007	Natalia Anne Costanzo	Sierra Lipe	Exeter
5/15/2007	Jack Perry Mallett	Jamie Mallett Jared Mallett	Exeter
5/29/2007	Christopher Simon Kwok	Elaine Kwok Edwin Kwok	Manchester
6/7/2007	Anna Jean Gatchell	Leah Pacione Paul Gatchell	Exeter
6/23/2007	Cameron Patricia Wishart	Romain Wishart Dean Wishart	Exeter
6/26/2007	Parker James Oman	Ashlie Garland Glenn Oman	Manchester
6/29/2007	Brayden Thomas Brown	Wendy Brown Joseph Brown	Portsmouth
7/1/2007	Haley Isabel Stroheker	Bethany Stroheker Brent Stroheker	Exeter
7/5/2007	Mason Christopher Chapman	Kiley Chapman Christopher Chapman	Portsmouth
7/17/2007	Zephan Lee Dickey	Jillian Dickey Damon Dickey	Exeter
7/19/2007	Emily Elisabeth Carleton	Nicole Carleton Thomas Carleton	Exeter
7/21/2007	Elizabeth Kathryn Leach	Lisa Leach Timothy Leach	Portsmouth
7/23/2007	Hayden Evelyn Miskinis	Elaine Miskinis Brian Miskinis	Exeter
7/30/2007	Aleah Jade Sadler	Tricia Sadler Joshua Sadler	Portsmouth
7/31/2007	Bonnie Katherine McCloskey	Michelle McCloskey Matthew McCloskey	Exeter
8/12/2007	Reed Aidan Yates	Catherine Yates Derek Yates	Exeter
8/15/2007	Jackson Benjamin Dufresne	Marissa Dufresne Jackie Dufresne	Exeter
8/20/2007	Caiden Jacob Brunelle	Amber Brunelle	Derry

**Births (continued)**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Parents' Names</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
8/23/2007	Connor Matthew Cote-Doucette	Ashlee Cote Joel Doucette	Exeter
8/24/2007	Lorelei Jade Valerio	Karin Valerio Arthur Valerio	Exeter
8/28/2007	Bradley Ethan DeFilippo	Marina DeFilippo	Exeter
9/6/2007	Kayla Marie Schumann	Karen Heselton Robert Schumann	Exeter
9/6/2007	Nathaniel Isaac Johnson	Lise Perreault-Johnson James Johnson	Exeter
9/11/2007	Alyssa Marie Bartlett	Amy Mailhoit Michael Bartlett	Portsmouth
9/17/2007	Sophia Elizabeth Burkey	Rebekah Wells Scott Burkey	Exeter
9/28/2007	Duane Edward Paschal	Jennifer Lanese Duane Paschal	Manchester
10/2/2007	Austin Rohan Malo	Jennifer Malo	Exeter
10/7/2007	Nathan Aukai Cass	Barbra Cass Edward Cass	Portsmouth
10/9/2007	Lilyanna Eve Tyler	Danielle Tyler	Exeter
10/16/2007	Blake Michael Snyder	Tiffany Snyder Justin Snyder	Dover
11/14/2007	Samuel Thomas Ringleben	Pamela Hartke-Ringleben Kurt Ringleben	Exeter
12/1/2007	Bethann Judy Hartford	Susan Hartford Bradley Hartford	Exeter
12/12/2007	Ella Makena Bizzaro	Nicole Bizzaro Mark Bizzaro	Exeter
12/14/2007	Cooper Leland Soles	Aimee Soles Cameron Soles	Exeter

## Deaths

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Name
1/6/2007	Epping	Arthur Boucher	Joseph Boucher	Alma Martin
1/10/2007	Exeter	Edward Ingraham	Edward Ingraham	Marion Slack
1/11/2007	Epping	Robert Mercier	Charles Mercier	Angeline Leger
1/31/2007	Exeter	Idelle Garris	Charles Babcock	Evelyn Wainwright
2/3/2007	Portsmouth	Rena Young	Loreto Di Nino	Vincenza Lucci
2/12/2007	Epping	William Delay Sr.	Not Stated	Mildred Bethel
3/5/2007	Exeter	Eleanore Rasp	George Bolter	Rose Holler
3/17/2007	Exeter	Maurice Bernier	Joseph Bernier	Aurore Proulx
3/20/2007	Exeter	Patricia Colcord	Nowell Markie	Geneva Cote
3/21/2007	Epping	Robert Phillips	Stephen Phillips	Margaret King
3/28/2007	Exeter	Hubert Downing	Elmer Downing	Florence Wedge
5/22/2007	Epping	Clarence Desrosiers	Louis Desrosiers	Alice Grenier
5/30/2007	Brentwood	Vera Diabo	David Dickinson	Faye Allen
6/9/2007	Epping	Louis Guillemette	George Guillemette	Delphine Mauzzeroll
6/14/2007	Hampton	Rita Hurley	Peter Reardon	Frances Picco
6/19/2007	Dover	Telly Turner	Oze Tessier	Laure Quintin
8/19/2007	Exeter	Barbara Andrews	James Ferry	Catherine Flannery
8/21/2007	Epping	Myrtle Letourneau	Thomas Welch	Mildred Dutton
9/2/2007	Epping	Susan Goodspeed	Arthur Tewksbury	Florence Nelson
10/14/2007	Epping	Barbara LaShomb	Henry Snyder	Lena Snyder
11/18/2007	Exeter	Donald Chapman	Nigal Chapman	Marion Cook
11/23/2007	Epping	Theresa Mailhot	Claudio Lebeau	Clarisse Archambeault
12/13/2007	Exeter	Andrew Lantz	Harold Lantz	Mabel Hayes
12/15/2007	Epping	Ronald LaChance	Irving LaChance	Marie Cashman
12/16/2007	Epping	David Stowell	Kenneth Stowell	Edith Moses
12/20/2007	Epping	Grace Callahan	Jefferson Cosseboom	Evelyn Thompson
12/22/2007	Epping	Diane Bonenfant	Harry Maynard	Simone Boisvert





# 2008 Town Warrant Articles

**T**o the inhabitants of the Town of Epping, County of Rockingham, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

## First Session

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the annual town meeting, to be held at the Epping Middle High School Auditorium, Epping, NH on the Fifth day of February 2008 being Tuesday, at seven in the evening (7:00 P.M.). The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

## Second Session

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the annual town meeting, to elect town offices by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Epping Middle High School, Epping, NH on the Eleventh day of March 2008, being Tuesday, at eight o'clock in the forenoon (the polls are to be open at 8:00 A.M. and may not close prior to 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following:

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Article 1:** To choose necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

- One Selectman for three(3) years
- Three Budget Committee Members for three (3)years
- One Treasurer for three (3) years
- One Checklist Supervisor for six (6) years
- One Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years
- One Fire Ward Member for three (3) years
- One Library Trustee for three (3) years

- One Planning Board Member for three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment Members for two (2) years
- One Board of Adjustment Member for three (3) years
- One Trustee of Trust Fund three (3) years
- One Water and Sewer Commission Member for three (3) years
- One Moderator for two (2) years

## AMENDING ARTICLES 2 AND 6 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board that will comprehensively amend the requirements for permitted uses within Article 2, and Article 6 with respect to multi-family units. This amendment will affect anyone proposing new, replacing or expanding existing multi-family uses within all zones. In general, the amendments will endeavor to reflect the existing uses in the area and eliminate the need for excessive frontage requirements for such uses. The per-unit frontage will be capped in the new amendments to provide for increased frontage up to the limit. The changes are comprehensive in nature and will affect all aspects of multi-family uses within Epping. [Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]

## AMENDING ARTICLE 15 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board that will amend Article 15 Residential Open Space Development by Conditional Use Permit. The proposed amendment will clarify the intent of the ordinance with respect to units that are developed as single structure/multiple unit form of ownership for open space developments in a manner that expands the applicability for such developments while reflecting the goals of the ordinance. The amendment will eliminate the percentage limitation on the number of such units within a development and increase the

requirement for open space accordingly. The amendment will affect all parcels of land that are being considered as an open space development in the Town of Epping. [Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]

## AMENDING ARTICLE 3 AND ARTICLE 2 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board that will amend Article 2 Districts Section 4.0 with respect to setbacks from the centerline of Route 125. The proposed amendment will reduce the setback from the centerline of Route 125 from 100 feet to 50 feet. Originally established to protect property owners from unknown state roadway expansion, this requirement is now unduly restrictive for commercial development along this portion of Route 125 where the DOT design has been completed and shows no need for additional expansion of the right of way. The proposed amendment allows for more consistent and flexible development of the downtown core along Main Street and Route 125 and reflects the existing development patterns in this area. [Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]

## ROAD BOND

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000.00 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, and paving of various Town Roads as determined by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000.00 of bonds or notes for a five year term in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33) and to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0; Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-1] [3/5 Majority Vote Required]

**2008 OPERATING BUDGET**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to 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 five million, two hundred forty three thousand, four hundred sixty four dollars (\$5,243,464.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be five million, fifteen thousand and seven hundred thirty dollars (\$5,015,730.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town 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. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

**TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. This sum will come from fund balance and no funds will be raised through taxation. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

**LANDFILL ENGINEERING DESIGN STUDY/CLOSURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be deposited into the existing Landfill Engineering Design Study/Closure Capital Reserve Fund. [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3/1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

**LIBRARY PART TIME EMPLOYEE**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000

(eight thousand dollars) for the purpose of opening the library for Monday operating hours. Current library hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. This amount represents all compensation and benefits for 12 months. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR PART TIME EMPLOYEE**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,400 (eleven thousand four hundred dollars) for the purpose of hiring a part time employee for the Town Clerk's Office, to provide public office hours for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office five days a week. This represents compensation for nine months. Compensation for a twelve month period would be \$14,400 (fourteen thousand four hundred dollars). [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UNION CONTRACT**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town of Epping will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Epping and the New England Police Benevolent Association – Epping Local #28, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2008 .....	\$28,236.00
2009 .....	\$20,645.00
2010.....	\$21,170.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,236.00 (Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Dollars) for the 2008 budget, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior budget year of 2007. The total estimated aggregate cost for the three years is One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$147,168.00). [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0,

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-2] Majority Vote Required.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT CRUISERS**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing and equipping two (2) police vehicles for the Police Department; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$25,340.00) for the first year's payment. This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grand total of Seventy Six Thousand and Twenty Dollars (\$76,020.00) with a One-Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a vehicle for the detective division of the Epping Police Department. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1-1] Majority Vote Required.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000.00 (Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars and no cents) from the Public Safety Facilities and Equipment Fund, a fund solely financed by revenue from the ambulance fees, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used 4-wheel drive, 4-door, pickup truck for the Epping Fire Department to replace the 1999 Jeep Cherokee that is used for department business. THERE WILL BE NO TAX IMPACT FOR THIS PURCHASE. [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

**AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT — COT**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$10,636.00 (Ten Thousand-Six Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and no cents) from the Public Safety Facilities and Equipment Fund, a fund solely financed by revenue from ambulance fees, for the purpose of purchasing a Stryker Power Pro Ambulance Cot to replace the Manual ProFlex cot in ambulance 18A1. THERE WILL BE NO TAX IMPACT FOR THIS PURCHASE. [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT — AUTO PULSE**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars and no cents) from the Public Safety Facilities and Equipment Fund, a fund solely financed by revenue from ambulance fees, for the purpose of purchasing an "Auto Pulse", a piece of automated equipment that performs CPR on patients with no heartbeat. This equipment is intended to be carried in the primary response ambulance. THERE WILL BE NO TAX IMPACT FOR THIS PURCHASE. [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **TRANSFER STATION TRUCK**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to purchase a used dump truck with or able to accept a plow to replace the Ford F-150 currently in use by the Transfer Station. The truck to be purchased for use in the day to day operation of the Transfer Station and to assist the Highway Department with snow removal and road repair. [Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen 1-3, Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 1-9-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **FUNDS FOR ETV**

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,376.92 (Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Ninety Two Cents) to be placed in the previously established Epping Television Expendable

Trust Fund. These funds represent the difference between the Epping Television Operating Budget and the amount of money collected in franchise fees in 2007. This sum will come from the fund balance and will have no impact on the tax rate. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **RECREATION REVOLVING FUND**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Commission and the approval of the Board of Selectmen. These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-01]

#### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT VEHICLE**

**Article 20:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000.00) for the purchase of a used multi-passenger handicap accessible vehicle. This vehicle will be used for the purpose of transportation of Senior Citizens, youth, and family participants during Recreation Department sponsored trips. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **BY PETITION: RESCIND THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 40:13 (KNOWN AS SB2)**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2), as adopted by the Town

of Epping on March 13, 2001, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State Law? 3/5 Majority Vote Required.

#### **BY PETITION: LAMPREY RIVER YOUTH SOCCER**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) in support of Lamprey River Youth Soccer. [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **BY PETITION: EPPING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (EYAA)**

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in support of Epping Youth Athletic Association (EYAA). [Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **BY PETITION: PAINTING MEDIAN LINES**

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate the sum of \$4,012.80 Four Thousand Twelve Dollars and Eighty Cents for the purpose of painting median lines on Main Street, Old Hedding Road, and Jacobs Well Roads in order to maintain safety and prevent the potential for a serious accident. At one time or another everyone in Town travels these areas to get to the Town Hall, Schools, Post Office, and Transfer Station. This would be a safety feature that would benefit us all. [Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5, Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-10-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CLOSURE**

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds: Water Mains Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001; Municipal Well Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001; Waste Water Facility Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001. No funds are remaining in these

accounts. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CLOSURE**

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004. No funds are remaining in this account. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0, Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **RACE TRACK AMENDMENT**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws relating to the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle race tracks. To amend Section II to include the following: "The Board of Selectmen may at their discretion, upon written application, waive the provisions of Article II, thereby allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages within the race track premises within a designated and controlled area as approved by the Board of Selectmen after a public hearing, of which all abutters have been duly notified in writing." [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS – GREAT BAY CHAPTER**

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be distributed to American Red Cross – Great Bay Chapter for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2008. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four

Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be distributed to Child & Family Services for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2008. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO THE RICHIE MCFARLAND CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars Fifty (\$3,850) to be distributed to McFarland Children's Center for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2008. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to be distributed to Retired Senior Volunteer Program for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2008. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION AND MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$3,910) to be distributed to Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2008. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO SEACOAST HOSPICE**

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to be distributed to Seacoast Hospice for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2008. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Article 34:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to be distributed to Sexual Assault Support Services for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2008. [Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1, Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-2-1] Majority Vote Required.

#### **REALIGNMENT OF RAILROAD AVENUE**

**Article 35:** To see if the Town upon request of the Planning Board shall vote to discontinue completely a portion of Railroad Avenue between Main Street and State Route 125 after the construction of a new roadway is completed that will result in a realignment of Railroad Avenue creating a perpendicular access point with State Route 125. Upon construction and deeding of the newly aligned Railroad Avenue, the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to deed all interest in the discontinued roadway to the abutting landowners. A plan depicting the area to be abandoned is titled "Railroad Avenue Relocation Plan" is available for viewing at the Town Hall. [Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0, Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]


Given under our hand and seal and ordered posted this 21<sup>st</sup> Th day of January, 2008:

THE EPPING BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey Harris, Chairman


 1-21-08  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Gauthier, Vice-Chair

  
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Susan McGeough, Selectman

  
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Jerry Langdon, Selectman

 1-21-08  
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Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

  
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Jeffrey Harris, Chairman

 1-21-08  
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Tom Gauthier, Vice-Chair

  
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Jerry Langdon, Selectman

 1-21-08  
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Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

# 2008 Town Budget

MS-7

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: EPPING

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED  
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): JANUARY 24, 2008

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

[Signature]  
Brenda J. McLaughlin  
Amy P. Dandale  
[Signature]  
Tom Rye

[Signature]  
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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Approved by DRA		(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
			XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
4130-4139	Executive		185186		182437.82	197935		197935	
4140-4148	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		76162		73273.62	85155		85155	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		152915		148316.78	157245		157245	
4152	Revaluation of Property		25000		30704.39	67500		67500	
4153	Legal Expense		45000		24598.49	31000		31000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		250		187.5	5260		5260	
4181-4183	Planning & Zoning		99665		107019.92	107110		107110	
4194	General Government Buildings		118485		118876.43	134815		134815	
4195	Cemeteries		6000		4794.25	6000		6000	
4196	Insurance		48000		51126.17	54500		54500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.								
4199	Other General Government								
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>									
4210-4214	Police		1112001		1126880.57	1143137		1143137	
4215-4219	Ambulance		281081		260239.91	358794		358794	
4220-4229	Fire		168997		163024.54	206588		206588	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		115778		78918.26	104010		104010	
4280-4298	Emergency Management								
4299	Other (Including Communications)		33489		32274.84	39735		39735	
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>									
4301-4309	Airport Operations								
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>									
4311	Administration								
4312	Highways & Streets		647979		586882.48	609946		609946	
4313	Bridges								

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HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		20000	16103.72	20000		20000	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection		107375	113669.31	133225		133225	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		197700	133839.28	165700		165700	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4362	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		11530	7874.98	10530		10530	
4414	Pest Control		2980	8147.28	4500		4500	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.							
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							



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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		178401	180899.98	208975	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4550-4569	Library		131318	126900.88	142949	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1500	1481.95	1500	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
<b>CONSERVATION</b>								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4618	Other Conservation		2000	2000	2000	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		50000	466.48	16000	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		162926	158706.48	104153	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		65135	64944.78	58332	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4790-4789	Other Debt Service					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>								
4901	Land					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4903	Buildings					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4914	To Enterprise Fund					XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
	Sewer-		735570	664708.11	737332			737332
	Water-		330965	183896.14	342674			342674

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont								
	Electric-		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			5015386	4571193.34	5239589	0	5239589	

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

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

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**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

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

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Lempjuy River Youth Soccer		2000	2000	2000		2000	
	Epping Youth Athletic Assoc.		3000	3000	3000		3000	
	Frank Median Lines					4913.8		4913.8
	ETV Trust Fund		17795.00	17745.00	3000		3000	
	Lendell Closure		6000	6000	6000		6000	
	Town Hall Repairs				20000		20000	
	Highway Road Bond				500000		500000	
	Highway Building Bond				450000		450000	
	<b>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>533000</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>831000</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

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

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
	American Red Cross		500	500	500		500	
	Fire Fighters FE Employee		20000	19208.72				
	Land Purchase		100000	100000				
	Richie McFarland Children's		3180	3180	3180		3180	
	Alms Homeopators		2810	2810				
	Seacoast Hospital		1600	1600	1600		1600	
	Child & Family Services		4000	4000	4000		4000	
	A Safe Place		600	600				
	Retired Sr Vol Program		300	300	300		300	
	Sexual Assault Support Serv		1260	1260	1260		1260	
	Rockingham Nutrition Prog		3510	3510	3510		3510	
	Police Cruisers				25340		25340	
	Police Vehicle				18800		18800	
	EO Vehicle				29000		29000	
	TB Truck				20000		20000	
	Ambulance Equipment - Cat				10638		10638	
	Ambulance Equipment - CPR Machine				16000		16000	
	PT Town Clerk				11600		11600	
	Recreation Van				14000		14000	
	PT Library Employee				8000		8000	
	Police Union Contract				28238		28238	
	<b>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>174422</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>174422</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		300000	338350	100000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5500	5580.59	3000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		113500	128683.73	85000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			600	
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		37800	31416.22	39800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		968000	962002.81	956000
3230	Bullding Permits		73600	107552.54	70800
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		7400	8160.5	7400
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		121457.15	117481.49	30000
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3361	Shared Revenues		35758	61750	35000
3362	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		255442	255442.44	240000
3353	Highway Block Grant		126739	126739.46	126740
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3367	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		9500	20302.71	10000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		169000	193180.46	220550
3409	Other Charges		116200	153534.28	122000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			2764.29	
3502	Interest on Investments		85000	109198.03	75000
3503-3509	Other		1000	34892.1	
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		118334	118334	154636
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		735570	584360.16	737332
	Water - (Offset)		330966	155306.48	342674
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				500000
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			<b>3610665.15</b>	<b>3515632.29</b>	<b>3855932</b>

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	5015388	5239589	5239589
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 5)	27799.08	533000	533000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	146420	174422	174422
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>5189605.08</b>	<b>5947011</b>	<b>5947011</b>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	3610665.15	3855932	3855932
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>1578939.93</b>	<b>2091079</b>	<b>2091079</b>

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 662,485  
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

## BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)  
(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

**VERSION #2: Use if you have Collective Bargaining Cost Items**

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: Town of Epping FISCAL YEAR END 2008

Col. A

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT		
1. Total <b>RECOMMENDED</b> by Budget Committee (see budget MS7, 27, or 37)	5,947,011		
LESS EXCLUSIONS:			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	1,041,533		
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	58,332		
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	500,000		
5. Mandatory Assessments			
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2-5)	< 662,465 >		
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (Line 1 less Line 6)	5,284,526		
8. Line 7 times 10%	528,453		Col. C
9. Maximum allowable appropriation prior to vote (Line 1 + 8)	6,475,464	Col. B	(Col. B-A)
10. Collective Bargaining Cost Items, RSA 32:19 & 273-A:1, IV, (Complete Col. A prior to meeting & Col. B and Col. C at meeting)	Cost items recommended 28,236	Cost items voted 28,236	AmI. voted above recommended 0

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATIONS VOTED**

At meeting, add Line 9 + Column C.

\$ 662,485

Line 8 plus any not recommended collective bargaining cost items or increases to cost items voted is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

# Epping School District 2007 Annual Report



# Epping School District Officers 2007–2008

## School Board

Jeffrey LeDuc, Chairman..... Term Expires 2008  
Susan Kimball, Vice Chairman..... Term Expires 2010  
Robert Lonek..... Term Expires 2008  
Pamela Tibbetts..... Term Expires 2009  
Scott Booth..... Term Expires 2010

Barbara D. Munsey, *Superintendent of Schools*

Martha Williamson, *Business Administrator*

Catherine Zylinski, *Special Services Administrator*

## School Principals

Mark Vallone, *Grades PK–5*

Lyn Healy, *Grades 6–8*

Dixie Bacallao Tremblay, *Grades 9–12*

## School District Officers

Joe Foley, *School District Treasurer*

Robin O’Day, *School District Clerk*

Robert Goodrich, *School District Moderator*



# Letters to the Community

## School Board

The contractors and construction equipment are gone. The late night meetings of the Building Committee have ended. The tireless work of the Building Committee has paid off with a magnificent new Middle School and Gymnasium. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort of the Superintendent, Business Administrator, Principals, teachers, support staff and volunteers that contributed their expertise in turning this building into a professional place of learning.

The new Middle School opened its doors on time in September. I have received only positive comments from the staff, administration and students. The added room has allowed the teachers to maintain better control in their classrooms and more efficiently teach our children. As human beings we all need a certain amount of personal space to feel comfortable. This building has given us that needed space to make for an improved learning atmosphere. There are less discipline issues this year. This is due in part to the added space as well as solid programs of social etiquette, which are introduced in the elementary school and carried through the middle and high schools.

Pride was the word used on the first day of school this year. I would like to end the year with the word commitment. I would ask for commitment from the parents to support the school and their children. I am asking for your time. The learning process for children starts at home. You as parents have the ability and responsibility to shape your children before they enter the school system. Please take the time to reinforce positive learning behaviors. I would like to see our schools focus less on behavior and social issues and spend more time on learning. The schools cannot accomplish this without your help and support.

The elementary, middle and high schools are working together to connect their curriculums. This will bring more

consistency and accountability to the school district. It will not be immediately measurable, but several years from now I believe that this policy will solidify and improve the education that an Epping student receives.

Communication is a priority of the Principals. The Principals recognize the importance of sharing information and ideas. The school board supports and encourages the continuance of this policy.

The School Board has introduced four warrant articles for 2008. Two warrant articles represent salaries, benefits and working condition contracts for the teachers and paraprofessionals of the Epping School district. I would note that both the School Board and the Budget Committee have overwhelmingly voted to recommend these two Warrant articles. Many hours were spent on negotiations. I would like to thank all that were involved in dedicating their time to this important process.

In closing, I would like to thank and recognize all the citizens of Epping who dedicated their time to improving the education system. Education starts with you the citizens, and without your support it would not be possible to accomplish our goals as a school district.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey LeDuc*

*On behalf of the Epping School Board:  
Susan H. Kimball  
Scott Booth  
Pamela Tibbetts  
Robert Lonek*

## Superintendent of Schools

Change is a popular message in political circles this year. Change is much more than a word. Change is a powerful message in that it requires a shift in thinking and doing. We are all being asked to

undertake a change, and public education is no different. As parents we know that giving a directive is one thing and that having it carried out is another, and nine times out of ten we are asked why. What is lost in dictating change is why the need to change in the first place.

Education reflects the larger society. Our schools exist within the larger context of our society. So when society changes; so must schools, and there lies the problem. This shift in thinking and doing was highlighted with the publication of *A Nation at Risk* in 1983. Twenty five years later a school still looks like a school, but how has the society at large changed. Our society has entered the information age in which we are connected by land line

### Enrollment As of 10/2/2007

Grade	Elementary School
1	83
2	63
3	75
4	80
5	82
	Middle School
6	72
7	73
8	81
	High School
9	78
10	88
11	74
12	113
<b>Total Enrollment for Grades 1-12:</b>	<b>962</b>
<b>Kindergarten Enrollment:</b>	<b>59</b>

phones, voicemail, cell phones, text messaging, television, e-mail, instant messaging, blogs, and so much more. As technology advances at an ever increasing rate the shift in thinking and doing will be required at an ever increasing rate. Our children will be expected to adapt to frequent shifts in thinking and doing.

What is our place in this larger landscape of change? The answer is preparing our students for change. This will require a focus on student learning—thinking and doing. This focus leaves no student out and the expectation is that all students will grow academically, socially, and physically to meet the challenges ahead. The how of this change may be different for students, teachers, school staff, and administration, but the focus is the same—student learning. Students will need to focus on their individual growth as learners raising the bar for individual learning goals and taking on more challenges. Teachers will need to focus on student learning evidenced by student thinking and doing. School staff will need to focus on promoting an environment for student learning. School administration will need to focus on supporting teachers and school staff and leading the way for this change.

Change is a tricky business. It requires the need to do more and less or go faster and slower at the same time. It has to be significant enough for people to want to change, but not too much to overwhelm. It will require us to work together and yet be at odds with each other at times. It will require energy and time, and it may even require money, but not always. In our toolbox will be focus, leadership, and staff

development to guide this change for student learning—thinking and doing.

As you read the reports of our school principals you will note that change is underway in all of our schools. Overall the focus is on student learning by means of curriculum, instruction, and assessment outlined in the district improvement plan. School leadership has determined their piece of the curriculum, instruction, and assessment plan, the staff development required to support their staff, and the means by which to inspire student achievement.

The role of the special services, business, and superintendent staff is to support our school leadership in focusing on student learning and implementing it in their respective schools. Together we keep the district focused on student learning. This year the district has a new professional development master plan with the expectation that all certified staff will work on district goals and show evidence of student learning to obtain state certification. All our funds are aligned to provide student services and professional development for school staff and administration in support of improved student learning. The proposed teachers' agreement has been revised to provide more on-site teacher time for professional development and an extended elementary day for improved student learning. The school calendar has also been developed to provide more time for professional development.

Working for change begins with understanding and accepting the need for change, as parents, as students, as teachers, as staff members, and as administra-

tors. With all parties accepting the need for change, together the school district can make the serious commitment to move forward and improve student learning for all of our students.

My appreciation to our students who aspire to learn to their full potential; to school administration, teachers, and school staff who support our students in their learning; and to our parents and community members who support us throughout the school year.

My acknowledgement to the NH Department of Education and the Quaglia Institute for supporting the urgency for change in public schools and for supporting the change process in our schools.

*Barbara D. Munsey*

## Business Administrator

The last two years have seen major changes to the Epping School District facility. New construction of an eight-classroom middle school addition with renovations to the existing high school began in July 2005 and is currently nearing completion. In September 2007 the new middle school opened its doors, giving students in grades six through eight their own space for the first time, and relieving the overcrowding in the elementary and high schools. The old gym now belongs exclusively to the middle school and has been completely refurbished, with a stage and updated sound and light systems added to it. There are plans to replace the bleachers and renovate the adjoining locker rooms this summer.

The high school has a beautiful new gym of its own, renovated science rooms, refinished classrooms upstairs and new offices for the principal, nurse and guidance. We hope to have funds to finish putting in new flooring and painting the downstairs classrooms. The project should be fully complete by the end of the summer 2008. Forty percent of the cost of these additions and renovations will be reimbursed by State building aid.

Improvements have not been limited to the middle and high school. The former sixth grade wing of the elementary

### Statistical Data: School Year 2006–2007

	Average Daily Membership	Percent of Attendance
Elementary	376.1	95.9
Middle School	226.3	95.9
High School	355.9	94.2
Kindergarten	34.1	95.7



2007 Spring Concert—pictured trumpet players Thomas Church, Brett Schmidt, Joseph Parsons and Steven Saulnier



First grade student, Heather Marcotte, reading her Picture Writing book to Principal, Mark Vallone

school received a new look before becoming home to the third grade. Elementary personnel formerly relegated to closets or corners were able to move into regular rooms. All of these changes have led to a more respectful working environment for students and staff.

This summer the SAU office welcomed Melinda Stanley and Paula Vangundy to our team. We also bid a sad farewell to two well-known members of staff. Bookkeeper Jean Bascom and administrative assistant Arlene Moore retired after many distinguished years of service to the district. Our best wishes go with them.

Embracing the spirit of change, the SAU building has taken on a new look with offices shifting, walls being painted and flooring repaired or replaced. Thanks to the Town Planning Board, we also have new windows on the first floor. The decrease in draftiness accompanied by an increase in warmth has been noticeable and much appreciated.

Nowhere is change more prevalent than in technology. The use of technology in all aspects of life continues to expand exponentially and students need to be computer literate to succeed in today's world. Our technology team has worked tirelessly to set up the new addition and upgrade our existing facilities. Epping School District now has a fully integrated platform with all school buildings able to share information readily. The elementary

school has a new computer lab, as does the high school. The computer labs in the school media centers have been upgraded. Epping students now have the technological resources necessary to support their learning needs and to meet the State's new electronic portfolio requirements.

The school district realizes that times are hard and, despite all these changes, we have worked to minimize the impact of school funding on town residents. Last year's fund balance of \$353,159 was used to reduce the school tax appropriation. In addition, budget cuts of nearly \$410,000 requested by the budget committee and necessitated by adoption of the default have kept the current year's school tax impact under \$1.00 at \$0.85. The budget for the upcoming school year (2008–2009) remains at the same figure as this year's default budget and has a zero tax impact prior to collective bargaining items.

Thanks to your support the Epping schools are a place where students have the space and resources to reach their full potential.

*Martha Williamson,  
Business Administrator*

## Elementary School

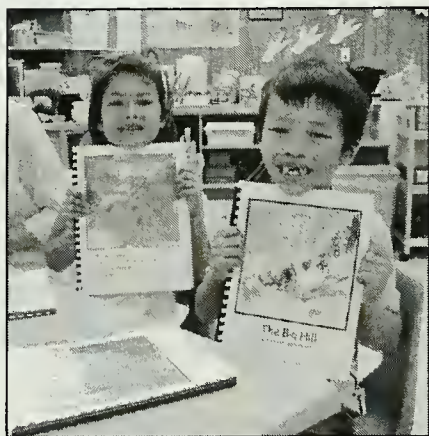
Epping Elementary School opened on September 3, 2007. Nearly 300 adults joined their children in classes as part of

our **Annual First Day Program**. Parents later attended an information fair put on by the school and community organizations such as the PTO, the Epping Police and Fire Departments, our Title I program, and the Harvey Mitchell Library. Our school welcomed new teachers Susannah Crane (Grade 2) and Suzanne Roux (Title I). Sandy Landis returned to teach grade 5 as her position as mathematics coordinator was eliminated by budget cuts. The school also welcomed a new guidance counselor, Erin Milbury, as well as a new Dean of Students, Glenn Turgeon.

### **Epping Elementary makes reading improvement its highest priority and starts a 3-Year Training Program with Tufts University**

This fall Epping Elementary classes began teaching a reading program called Learning to Read through Reading. All grade levels were trained by Tufts University reading specialists in "Readers Workshop", a program that increases the amount of time students spend on independent reading. Teachers also revised the reading curriculum so that each grade's curriculum lined up with NH grade level expectations. All reading units of study were based on this LRR model.

Over the summer break, all classroom teachers trained in planning and teaching "Focus Lessons" that are concise, intense lessons in which teachers model a single reading skill that students then



Students, Emma Coolidge and Nghia Tran, showing their Picturing Writing books

practice under close supervision. Students then spend a significant amount of time silently reading while teachers conduct individual or small group conferences. The school increased the number and quality of books for all classrooms so that teachers would have the variety of books needed to demonstrate skills and enable students to read books that were at just the right level for them to progress.

The school also focused attention on students who had reading difficulties. Over the summer, the town library and school wrote a grant to bring in noted children's author, Michael Sullivan, who demonstrated to teachers and parents how to engage students who may be reluctant readers with a variety of books and with time spent just reading aloud to children.

Throughout the year, the school has continued training teachers with monthly sessions led by the Tufts University specialists. Just recently, a team of teachers and administrators conducted a "walk-through" inspection of all classrooms to assess how much the new curriculum and techniques are being taught. The results showed school-wide implementation and an increase in the amount of time students read independently. The results have been shared with the EES Literacy Task Force that has planned further training sessions to take place over the spring and summer.

All this work means little if student achievement does not improve. Results from the 2006–07 state tests in reading

showed that, for the first time, reading scores of two groups, those Educational Disabilities and those with Socioeconomic Disadvantages, did not make "Adequate Yearly Progress" based on the standards set by No Child Left Behind. As you may know, federal standards for Adequate Progress in reading rise every year until 2014 when every student in the country is supposed to be able to read at grade level.

A major goal of Epping Elementary has been to help disadvantaged students and students with educational disabilities overcome their challenges and meet these higher standards. The school is working with NH Department of Education and Tufts University to focus on a more intensive set of reading instruction that goes beyond the regular classroom instruction. The reading progress of every at-risk student is being tracked month by month by a team of classroom teachers and specialists.

To help track our improvement, the school uses NWEA online tests of reading, writing and math achievement given at the beginning and end of the school year. This testing gives much faster results than the state NECAP and helps identify

all students who are at-risk. Any students scoring less than the 25th percentile on the test receive extra help with specific goals for improvement set. NWEA helps by projecting what should be the optimal increase in achievement based on the student's individual score. The school just completed a mid-year round of NWEA testing just to measure how much progress has been made and to allow time to make any needed changes to improve learning over the rest of the year.

Teachers have also developed their own programs to promote reading by students and their families. Third grade teacher, Nancy Bernard organized a Family Bedtime Story Hour which provided an evening of readings, songs, free books, cookies and milk to promote family reading. Art teacher, Colleen Schmidt, organized training sessions so that all teachers can teach a unit of study that combines art and writing called Picturing Writing. Every student at every grade level will write at least one story book using this method this year. Finally, a group of teachers have been studying with UNH professors to improve student writing using such methods as digital story telling.



Cesar Villalobos from Inca Son shows traditional Peruvian costumes on student models Shawn Gaffney and Sabrina Rivers during the EES 2007 Artist in Residence program.

All of these efforts are designed to help boost student achievement.

### Enrichment Activities

For the eighth straight year, Epping students are taking part in the Artist in Residence program with this year's program focusing on West African music and story telling. Every K-5 student will have the opportunity to participate in these enrichment activities. The Artist in Residence program is funded by the Epping School District, and money from assorted fund raisers conducted during the year. This year's artist will be Randy Armstrong, formerly of Uno Mundo and Theo Marrey, African drummer and dancer from Ghana. All Epping residents are welcome to attend the culminating event April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

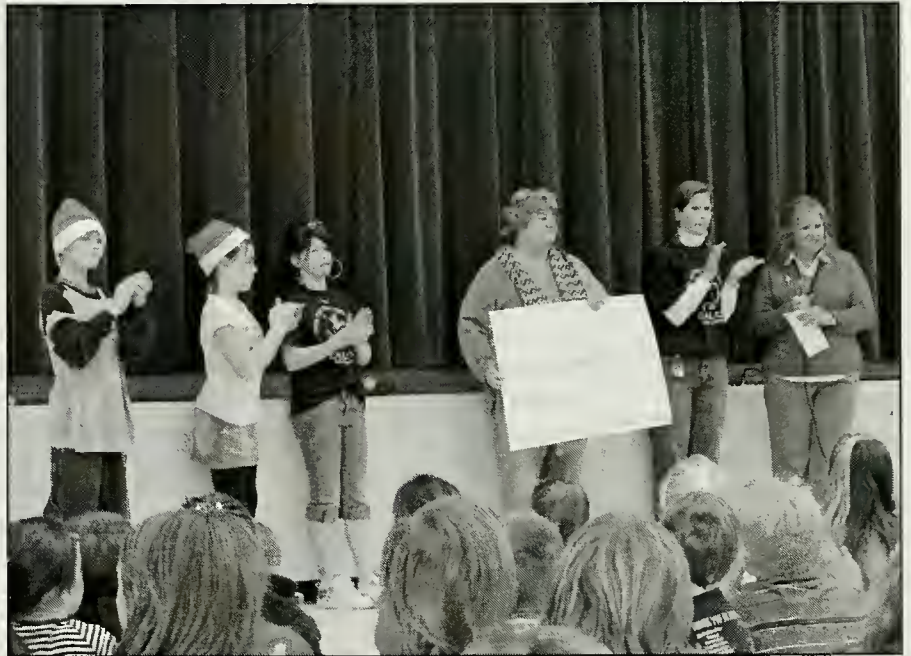
This year Epping Elementary School is again offering after school lessons in Spanish and French. After school programs this year also include Leap Frog Reading Club, Passport around the World, Writing Club, Adventure Club, Drama, Baton Twirling and Yoga. Before-school programs include Jump Rope Club, Friendship Club, Safety Skills and Library. Technology Coordinator, Dea Mayne is offering math enrichment to students who have scored at the 90th percentile or better in the NWEA. The school will also produce a year book for the second year in a row.

### Volunteers

Epping Elementary was recognized again as both a Blue Ribbon and a Gold School for its volunteer program. Thanks to parent volunteer Abby Constantineau, Guidance Counselor Laura Conley, and administrative assistant Cheryl MacLeay who recruited and trained new volunteers and managed the schedules of the many veteran volunteers. Thanks also to the hundreds of volunteers who contributed so much to our program.

### Epping PTO

The children of Epping Elementary benefit from a very active and dedicated PTO whose fund raisers help pay the cost of bus transportation for field trips and sponsor special assembly performance lectures for



*Student Council officers and advisors presenting a check to the Children's Chamber Fund representative*

parents. The PTO purchased hundreds of books and donated \$1,000 to help provide an Epping Eagle t-shirt for every student. PTO volunteers operate the daily snack program, hold a Halloween Dance and put on ice cream socials. The PTO also organized a spring carnival that was very well attended. Thank you, PTO.

**Many thanks** to all the dedicated people: parents, teachers, custodians, aides, food service workers, office staff, substitutes, and volunteers who work for the benefit of our students and who make this school a wonderful place to learn and grow. You are welcome to see this dedicated staff working with great kids. Please feel free to call our school at 679-8018 to arrange a visit.

*Mark Vallone*  
*Principal*

## Middle School

Thank you!—The Epping Middle School community sincerely thanks you for our lovely space. We love it! Each grade level has an area to call its own and we now have space for our Unified Arts classes

including an art room, a computer lab, a media center, our own gym and a beautiful music room. An alumni courtyard lies between the middle and high schools and is a gathering spot in good weather. We began the year with a special first day celebration and we have been celebrating Epping Middle School PRIDE ever since.

In order to move into a new home, we did a bit of reorganization. Students in sixth grade now have only two core teachers—one for language arts and social studies and one teacher for math and science. Both teachers teach reading. The students in grades seven and eight still have four core teachers although all of the teachers are arranged in different teams from prior years. Our special education teachers are important members of the instructional teams.

We have changed our master schedule to better align with the high school. Our days are Red Days and Blue Days and students have one unified arts class on each day. This makes sharing teachers with the high school easier and provides the instructional teams with the opportunity to design their own schedule and make it as flexible as needed for effective instruction. Generally our class periods

are longer which helps students focus on a topic. The Unified Arts teachers belong either to the Red or Blue team and have developed special projects for the entire school such as celebrating Red Ribbon Week in October.

One of our major school goals is to imbue literacy instruction into all of the content areas. Teachers and students named their teams in the fall and chose to name them after New Hampshire poets. Our instructional teams are named Hall and Thaxter (grade 6); Frost (grade 7); and Whittier (grade 8). These names are symbolic of an important purpose—to surround ourselves with reading and writing all day. We had a Literacy Week immediately before the December vacation and entertained an author, Ralph Fletcher, held our annual spelling bee, received a challenge from the NH Fisher Cats to read for free tickets, and held a movie day where books and movies collide.

A Literacy Team composed of the reading specialist, literacy specialist, administrators and representative teachers coordinates these efforts and develops a focus for the month. For example, in January teachers will be emphasizing pre-reading skills such as predicting; in February we'll be emphasizing during-reading skills such as note-taking; and in March the focus will be on post-reading skills such as summarizing. In addition,

EMS is using a common writing rubric to help students assess their own work.

EMS teachers have been working hard in the areas of curriculum, instruction and assessment responding to the school improvement goals expected by the State of NH. One significant change has been in the grading system which better aligns with the state's testing system. We have identified what students should know and be able to do in the content areas and have included this information in the student/parent handbooks. We have divided our grading system into two parts with one grade reflecting learning (what students know and can do) and the other reflecting the effort they put into their learning.

The teachers have also looked carefully at the Grade Level Expectations for their content areas. This information is available on the NH Department of Education website. We are working to emphasize specific content expectations which are then tested on the NECAPs administered in October. Last year we did better as a school community in the area of reading and hope to continue that trend when results are released in late January. We also need to focus on mathematics and are working in that area with a coach.

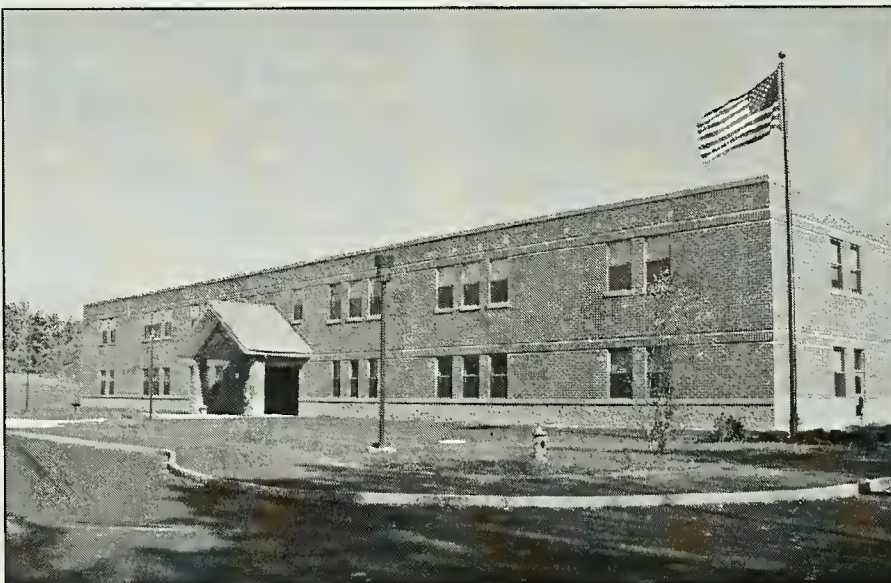
As we continue to move forward, our focus continues to be on the success of every student. We have an advisory program

which meets on blue days. Each student is in a group of between 8 and 11 students with one adult. Students have the opportunity to discuss issues and the advisors help students establish goals for their own learning.

We have several teachers who are sponsoring after school interest groups. At this time we have students participating in Mock Trials, Art, Literary Magazine, Yearbook, Chess and Jazz Band in addition to an excellent athletic program. This is an area which can grow and expand to meet student interest, so if members of the community have a special interest to share, please contact the school!

Epping Middle School students make us proud! As a community we celebrate the students and the wonderful things they do. They are curious, thoughtful and in the process of discovering and refining their many talents. We thank you for allowing us to work with these students who are on a journey of discovery. Please come and visit the school if you haven't already. We'd like to show you Epping Middle School PRIDE!

*Lyn Healy, Principal*



*Epping Middle School*

## High School

As always the year has been filled with transformations and opportunities. Most of the big changes focused on our facilities. Academically and programmatically we have worked

on evaluating all of the alterations that we have made over the last two years and are working to make sure that our programs are impacting student achievement.

The focus of the 2007–2008 school year has been Epping Pride. You may have noticed the academic seal that we have placed on our letterhead, transcripts and all other important academic papers. Epping High School students created the seal in the early 1960's. The swords symbolize the three governors from Epping who proudly served their



state. The stars are for the brick factories that employed and maintained much of Epping's economic growth. The bell is for the bell that now sits atop Watson Academy and once beckoned the children of Epping to school. The oak leaves symbolize the red oak trees that grace Epping's countryside.

Our school also underwent a facilities facelift. We now have four state-of-the-art science labs, a new music facility, a new gymnasium, a revitalized upstairs and a new main office and entrance. This new and revitalized environment provides us with a wonderful frame to showcase the efforts of our staff and students. We are working at living our mission statement. The faculty and staff have defined our key beliefs as:

- **Respectful:** Exhibits appropriate behavior towards self, others and the shared environment
- **Involved:** Engages in classroom, extracurricular activities and community service
- **Knowledgeable:** Demonstrates academic achievement as well as environmental, social and cultural awareness.

We are striving to not only define our core values, but to share with our staff and community what it means to live these ideals. We have held pride rallies that celebrate students who exemplify our core beliefs. We plan to use our core values to recognize the wonderful work of our students every quarter. And as always our mission statement represents the lens that we are using to frame all of the work that we do at EHS.

This year once again both grades 9 and 10 are in teaching teams. The English, math, science, social studies and special education teachers as well as the guidance counselor form a team of caring adults who work with our students. These teachers meet every other day to align curriculum and discuss student progress. The meetings allow the teachers to review a student's progress from many different perspectives.

The tenth grade team also helped students complete a learning portfolio in which students presented their acquisition of knowledge and skills not only to their



A drawing by Epping High School student Sebastian Gouveia

teachers, but also to their parents and other members of the Epping community. This was a wonderful celebration of all of our students' hard work in striving to reflect upon the skills they have learned and will need to be successful during their last two years of high school and in life.

In the upper grades we have once again expanded our Advanced Placement offerings. We now have an additional AP English class and AP Chemistry. These additions increase the AP classes offered at EHS to eight.

Another big project that we have been working on at EHS is the creation of competencies for each of our courses. A competency is:

*A broad idea that is fundamental to the concepts, content and skills*

*of a course. It must be measurable and represent actions that students can demonstrate independently.*

The staff has been reviewing state and national curriculum in an effort to boil down our courses to their essence. These competencies will then be used to let students and parents alike know what the student knows and is able to do. It is our hope that these competencies will facilitate conversations with students and parents regarding what skills and knowledge the students have acquired.

Not only are we expanding course offerings to students and defining the competencies that must be demonstrated in each course, we are continuing to measure academic progress through the use of standardized exams. The test results have

given teachers and students information about the skills and concepts that individual students have learned and will allow teachers to adjust instruction.

While we have emphasized academic challenges and are measuring student progress, we also continue providing support to students so that they can strengthen their basic skills. We are also continuing to offer after school tutoring for any student who needs extra help in English, math, social studies or science.

While we continue to stress that students need to earn credits in order to graduate, we also want students to learn to be responsible by facing natural consequences. We expect students to pass their classes. If students do not pass their classes the credit must be made up at a small cost to the students. In order to help students in recovering credits, we have continued our credit recovery portion of our CARE program where students can earn credit after school. We also run a summer school program where students can earn credits.

This year we once again have the instructional day organized using a block schedule. We believe that allowing the students and faculty to focus on fewer classes at one time gives time for reflection. The longer periods of instruction also allow a concept or idea to be introduced and worked with, all in the same instructional block. The implementation of block scheduling has also seen a decrease in the number of behaviorally driven office referrals.

The Epping High School Staff continues their work with Critical Skills. The short definition of the Critical Skills teaching model is:

*a classroom dynamic that guides the thoughtful design of learning experiences for students. At a simple level, Critical Skills is a set of tools and strategies for being purposeful in the process of engaging students in their learning, making the class run more smoothly, addressing state and local learning goals, and focusing on quality work. At a higher level, Critical Skills is a way of focusing less on*

*teaching and more on learning. It is a cohesive approach to student-centered learning that draws on best practice. It grounds this in a philosophy that makes students and teachers active collaborators in the success of all students.*

The dedicated EHS staff has continued to work with their students to create Full Value Contracts (FVC). FVC's are:

*According to the Critical Skills Program, a social contract that helps to create a safe learning environment for all members of a classroom community. It also provides a structure within which behavioral and academic expectations are established.*

This class contract models a respectful environment for students by giving guidelines for interactions and allowing a safe forum for students to discuss differences of opinions.

**Thank You:** As always we strive to serve our students and community. Please visit our website for the latest information about what is happening in the school [www.sau14.org/EHS](http://www.sau14.org/EHS). We look forward to continuing our work in the service of the children of Epping.

*Dixie Tremblay,*  
Principal

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## Director of Special Services

The Special Services Department of the Epping School District began the school year focusing on a new model that provides effective instruction for all students. No Child Left Behind and the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) both include language designed for the development of "Response to Intervention" (RTI) systems in schools. These systems enhance the current framework of quality instruction in all three of

our schools by communicating and coordinating services between all staff, classroom teachers, special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and related specialists resulting in improved services.

What is "Response to Intervention" (RTI)? Response to Intervention is an emerging approach to education that allows schools to intervene early for all students who are struggling without the need for extensive testing or a label.

What do schools need to do differently under the RTI model? To effectively implement the RTI model, schools must develop specialized tools and competencies that include a) structured formats for problem solving, b) knowledge of scientifically based interventions that address common reasons for school failure, and c) a system that monitors student progress using a variety of assessment methods.

How is RTI different from what we have done in the past? In the past students required chronic school failure before remedial or Special Education supports could be considered. This often left both students and teachers frustrated on how to increase student achievement. Now intervention teams, comprised of all staff, help develop a sense of collegiality and mutual support among educators by giving teachers early feasible strategies for struggling learners. The support is immediate and the progress-monitoring data shows whether or not the student met the goal set for his/her improvement.

The Epping School district is dedicated to a high level instruction for all students. The RTI model allows us to support a variety of levels of instructional service delivery utilizing best practices for classrooms as well as universal supports and differentiated instruction.

Our gratitude and appreciation go to the dedicated staff, parents, students, and community volunteers of Epping as we continue to work to make our schools a great place to learn and teach. As a district we look forward to working together to achieve unprecedented improvements in student achievement.

*Catherine Zylinski*  
Director of Special Services



# 2007 Ballot Results

<p><b>ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 13, 2007</b></p>		<p><i>Robin A. Day</i> SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK</p>
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</b></p> <p>A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●</p> <p>B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.</p> <p>C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.</p>		
<p><b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER</b></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</b></p>	
<p>3 Years                      Vote for not more than 2</p>	<p>1 Year                      Vote for not more than 1</p>	
<p>SCOTT D. BOOTH    <b>694</b>    <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>JOSEPH FOLEY    <b>1102</b>    <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>ERIC CLEMENTS    <b>525</b>    <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>(Write-in)    <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>SUSAN KIMBALL    <b>823</b>    <input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>(Write-in)    <input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>(Write-in)    <input type="radio"/></p>		
<p><b>SCHOOL WARRANTS</b></p>		
<p><b>Article 1.</b> To see if the Epping School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epping School Board and the Epping Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:</p>		
<p>Year</p>	<p>Estimated Increase</p>	
<p>2007 - 08</p>	<p>\$279,589</p>	
<p>2008 - 09</p>	<p>\$334,052</p>	
<p>2009 - 10</p>	<p>\$339,628</p>	
<p>and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$279,589 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The school board and the budget committee recommend this appropriation.</p>		<p><b>486</b> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>[Recommended by the Epping School Board; Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee]</b></p>		<p><b>835</b></p>
<p><b>Article 2.</b> Shall the Epping School District, if article 1 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 1 cost items only?</p>		
		<p><b>588</b> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>[Recommended by the Epping School Board]</b></p>		<p><b>719</b></p>
<p><b>Article 3.</b> To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of offsetting additional HVAC costs incurred in the middle school addition project and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 fund balance for this purpose. (This amount is available due to additional interest earned on bond proceeds from the middle school addition project transferred to the general fund on or before June 30).</p>		
		<p><b>570</b> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>[Recommended by the Epping School Board; Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee]</b></p>		<p><b>744</b></p>
<p><b>Article 4.</b> Shall the Epping School District 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 \$14,854,624? Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be \$14,806,286 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the School District 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.</p>		
		<p><b>557</b> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>[Recommended by the Epping School Board; Recommended by the Epping Budget Committee]</b></p>		<p><b>759</b></p>



# 2008-2009 School District Budget

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## SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

BUDGET FORM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED  
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

OF: EPPING, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

### IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*Please sign in ink.*

*Brenda Imolan*  
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*Janice*  
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*Amy P. Randall*  
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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT**

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
	<b>INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs	3	\$5,164,117	\$4,016,737	\$3,946,074		\$3,946,074	
1200-1299	Special Programs	3	\$2,287,094	\$1,968,064	\$2,033,120		\$2,033,120	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	3	\$195,202	\$191,520	\$145,920		\$145,920	
1400-1499	Other Programs	3	\$238,657	\$310,617	\$303,203		\$303,203	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
	<b>SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services	3	\$790,181	\$918,498	\$906,297		\$906,297	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	3	\$820,923	\$655,153	\$687,490		\$687,490	
	<b>General Administration</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310 840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board	3	\$74,317	\$84,109	\$83,923		\$83,923	
	<b>Executive Administration</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services	3	\$309,408	\$287,702	\$298,753		\$298,753	
2320-2399	All Other Administration	3	\$161,988	\$131,262	\$154,573		\$154,573	
2400-2499	School Administration Service	3	\$782,309	\$830,710	\$859,027		\$859,027	
2500-2598	Business	3						
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	3	\$873,979	\$1,051,812	\$1,108,935		\$1,108,935	
2700-2799	Student Transportation	3	\$468,231	\$557,682	\$558,081		\$558,081	
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other	3	\$506,998	\$2,400,773	\$2,293,730		\$2,293,730	
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	3						
4000-4998	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION	3		\$1	\$1		\$1	

Budget - School District of EPPING, NH FY 2009

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			XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)</b>										
5110	Debt Service - Principal	3		\$447,350		\$460,000	\$460,000			
5120	Debt Service - Interest	3		\$561,486		\$541,041	\$517,541			
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>										
5220-5221	To Fond Service	3		\$410,073		\$400,506	\$427,270			
5222-5228	To Other Special Revenue	3		\$469,359		\$459,137	\$458,137			
5230-5239	To Capital Projects									
5251	To Capital Reserves (page 4)									
5252	To Expendable Trust (page 4)									
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts									
5254	To Agency Funds									
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.									
	<b>SUPPLEMENTAL</b>									
	<b>DEFICIT</b>									
	Operating Budget Total	3		\$14,541,974		\$15,265,424	\$15,263,075	\$0	\$15,263,075	\$0



MS-27 Budget - School District of EPPING, NH FY 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
<b>REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
1300-1349	Tuition	3	\$854,803	\$348,288	\$46,900
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	3	\$28,083	\$5,000	\$28,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	3	\$192,178	\$268,878	\$295,640
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	3	\$227,435	\$98,000	\$98,000
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	School Building Aid	3	\$187,293	\$222,961	\$212,098
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid	3	\$54,829	\$64,500	\$74,500
3240-3249	Vocational Aid	3	\$14,382	\$10,000	\$15,000
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition	3	\$4,845	\$4,130	\$4,130
3270	Driver Education	3	\$3,900	\$7,500	\$10,000
3290-3299	Other State Sources	3	\$889		
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	3	\$489,359	\$459,137	\$459,137
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition	3	\$134,443	\$127,500	\$127,500
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution	3	\$75,571	\$30,000	\$75,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds	3	\$155,000	\$260,000	\$433,000
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

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Budget - School District of EPPING, NH

FY 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$46,760	\$93,159	\$117,776
	<b>Total Estimated Revenue &amp; Credits</b>		<b>\$2,249,530</b>	<b>\$1,999,029</b>	<b>\$1,996,681</b>

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	\$15,265,424	\$15,263,075	\$15,263,075
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)			
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)		\$438,118	\$438,118
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>\$15,265,424</b>	<b>\$15,701,193</b>	<b>\$15,701,193</b>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$1,999,029	\$1,996,681	\$1,996,681
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	\$4,515,884	\$4,515,684	\$4,515,684
<b>Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education</b>	<b>\$8,750,711</b>	<b>\$9,188,828</b>	<b>\$9,188,828</b>

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$15,692,087  
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)



## BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

**VERSION #2: Use if you have Collective Bargaining Cost Items**

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: Epping School District

FISCAL YEAR END 2009

Col. A

	<b>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</b>		
1. Total <b>RECOMMENDED</b> by Budget Committee (see budget MS7, 27, or 37)	\$15,263,075		
<b>LESS EXCLUSIONS:</b>			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$480,000		
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$517,541		
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b			
5. Mandatory Assessments			
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2-5)	<\$997,541>		
7. Amount <b>recommended</b> less recommended exclusion amounts (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$14,265,534		
8. Line 7 times 10%	\$1,426,553	Col. C	
9. Maximum allowable appropriation prior to vote (Line 1 + 8)	\$16,689,628	Col. B	(Col. B-A)
10. Collective Bargaining Cost Items, RSA 32:19 & 273-A:1, IV, (Complete Col. A prior to meeting & Col. B and Col. C at meeting)	Cost items recommended \$438,118	Cost items voted	Amt. voted above recommended

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATIONS VOTED**

At meeting, add Line 9 + Column C.

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Line 8 plus any not recommended collective bargaining cost items or increases to cost items voted is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

**Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.**

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# DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL

OF: EPPING, NH

Fiscal Year From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

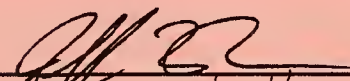
RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-26 or MS-27) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

**SCHOOL BOARD**

or

**Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted**

  
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 Susan N. Kimball  
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 Scott Boyd  
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 Angela J. Tibbett  
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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

Default Budget - School District of Epping FY 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
<b>INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs	\$4,016,737	-\$74,884		\$3,941,853
1200-1299	Special Programs	\$1,968,064	\$55,056		\$2,023,120
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	\$191,520	-\$45,600		\$145,920
1400-1499	Other Programs	\$310,617			\$310,617
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs				
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs				
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services	\$918,498	-\$10,522		\$907,976
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	\$655,153	\$27,312		\$682,465
<b>General Administration</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310 840	School Board Contingency				
2310-2319	Other School Board	\$84,109			\$84,109
<b>Executive Administration</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services	\$287,702	\$8,636		\$296,338
2320-2399	All Other Administration	\$131,262	\$26,587		\$157,849
2400-2499	School Administration Service	\$830,710	\$29,648		\$860,358
2500-2599	Business				
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$1,051,912	\$50,488		\$1,102,400
2700-2799	Student Transportation	\$557,682	-\$4,801		\$552,881
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other	\$2,400,773	-\$118,021		\$2,284,752
3000-3999	<b>NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>				
4000-4999	<b>FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>	\$1			\$1
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110	Debt Service - Principal	\$460,000	\$20,000		\$480,000
5120	Debt Service - Interest	\$541,041	-\$23,500		\$517,541
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service	\$400,506	\$26,764		\$427,270
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	\$459,137			\$459,137
5230-5239	To Capital Projects				
5251	To Capital Reserves				
5252	To Expendable Trust				

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Default Budget - School District of Epping FY 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts				
5254	To Agency Funds				
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.				
	SUPPLEMENTAL				
	DEFICIT				
	<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>	<b>\$15,265,424</b>	<b>-\$30,837</b>		<b>\$15,234,587</b>

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
1200	contractural per IEP's	1100	reduction in staff
2200	personnel contracts	1300	reduction in number of students
2320	personnel contracts	2100	reduction of contractural per IEP's
2330	personnel contracts	2700	reduction of contractural per IEP's
2400	personnel contracts	2900	health benefit below GMP
2600	fuel, electricity, etc. contracts	5200	decrease in interest
5200	increase in debt service repayment		
3100	food service increase matched by increase in revenue		

# 2008–2009 Warrant Article Information

## WARRANT ARTICLE 1

### TEACHERS' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Negotiations started with the proposed teachers' agreement that was defeated last March and focused on reduced health insurance costs, increased work time, reduced overall cost, and improved competitive salary. This agreement has been recommended unanimously by both the Epping School Board and Epping Budget Committee.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Impact</u>
2007-2008	\$0	\$0.00
2008-2009	\$367,450	\$0.58
2009-2010	\$429,197	\$0.67

#### Health Insurance

- ∞ Teachers will pay 5% more of their health insurance premium (1.0% of teachers' raise)

#### Work Time

- ∞ School improvement in curriculum, instruction, and assessment requires more time for teacher training
- ∞ Teachers will work one more day (0.5% of teachers' raise)
- ∞ Elementary literacy initiative requires a longer school day to effectively address the literacy needs of all students
- ∞ Elementary school day will be extended 15 minutes for 6.5 more days of instruction (1.4% of teachers' raise)

#### Overall Cost

- ∞ Revised proposal is \$157,000 less than the previous proposal
- ∞ Average annual cost is \$266,000 (\$52,000 less than the previous proposal)
- ∞ The experience step lost by teachers this school year will be made up over the next two school years saving the district money

#### Competitive Salary

- ∞ School improvement requires the investment of significant time and funds in teacher professional development and the retention of teacher expertise in Epping
- ∞ This school year the failure of the teachers' agreement and budget impacted school staff turnover with the loss of 6 teachers to area school districts
- ∞ The experience step lost by teachers this school will be made up to retain teachers
- ∞ Epping was 104 out of 159 NH school districts in 2006-2007 starting teacher salary
- ∞ The starting teacher salary will be increased to attract teachers to the district
- ∞ Average salary increase is 3.59% including raise, experience step, and teacher concessions in health insurance and work time.

**WARRANT ARTICLE 2  
PARAPROFESSIONALS' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

Negotiations focused on improving staff retention, attracting paraprofessionals with post-secondary education, and awarding staff committed to the district. This agreement has been recommended unanimously by both the Epping School Board and Epping Budget Committee.

- ∞ Wage schedule is restructured to include state certification, associate degree, and bachelor degree categories
- ∞ Steps are increased from 12 to 15 years of applicable work experience
- ∞ Hourly rates are increased by 1.0% in 2008-2009, 2.0% in 2009-2010, and 2.5% in 2010-2011

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Impact</u>
2008-2009	\$70,668	\$0.11
2009-2010	\$50,500	\$0.08
2010-2011	\$46,121	\$0.07

**WARRANT ARTICLE 3  
2008-2009 BUDGET**

The proposed 2008-2009 budget maintains school program with no additional tax impact. This agreement has been recommended unanimously by both the Epping School Board and the Epping Budget Committee.

<b>Appropriation</b>	
07-08 Proposed Budget	\$15,216,124
Budget Committee Cuts	(\$361,500)
Default Budget Difference	(\$48,338)
07-08 Approved Budget	<u>\$14,806,286</u>
07-08 Federal Funds <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$459,137</u>
<b>2007-2008 TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$15,265,423</b>
08-09 Proposed Budget	\$14,803,938
08-09 Federal Funds <sup>1</sup>	\$459,137
<b>2008-2009 TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$15,263,075</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$2,348)</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
07-08 Budgeted Revenue	\$6,514,713
08-09 Proposed Revenue	<u>\$6,512,365</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$2,348</b>
<b>Tax Impact</b>	
Appropriation Decrease	(\$2,348)
Revenue Increase	<u>\$2,348</u>
<b>Tax Impact</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Tax Impact - Default Budget</b>	<b>(\$0.04)</b>

<sup>1</sup>Federal funding amounts added per school district auditor; expenditures fully offset by revenue.

**APPROPRIATION BY SCHOOL**

	<u>% of Students</u>	<u>% of Funding</u>
Elementary	42.0%	41.2%
Middle	22.5%	22.4%
High	35.5%	36.4%

# Deliberative Session Minutes

February 7, 2008

**M**oderator Bob Goodrich called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for a safe return of all of the military personnel serving overseas in this time of war.

School Board attendance: Sue Kimball, Pam Tibbetts, Scott Booth, Jeff LeDuc, Martha Williamson, Business Administrator; Barbara Munsey, Superintendent; Robert Ciandella, Legal Council and Robin O'Day, School District Clerk.

Budget Committee attendance: James McGeough, Jeff Harris, Tom Dwyer, Jr., Paul Spidle, Amy Randall, Sandy Osgood, Michelle Cromarty and Brenda McCartney.

Chairperson Jeff LeDuc read an opening statement from the school board complimenting the school district in reaching their testing goals a year earlier than expected. He thanked all administration, teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff as well as students for their hard work. He stated that policies are being updated on an annual basis to provide the best learning environment for our students.

Moderator Goodrich read rules of Procedure for the Deliberative session.

**Article 1:** To see if the Epping School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epping School Board and the Epping Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2007-2008	\$0
2008-2009	\$367,450
2009-2010	\$429,197

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$367,450 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the addi-

tional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

**Recommended by the Epping School Board  
Recommended by the Epping Budget  
Committee**

Sue Kimball made a Motion to accept the article as written. Seconded by Scott Booth. Jeff LeDuc presented Article 1.

Mr. LeDuc explained that teachers have agreed to pay an additional 5% towards health insurance, work one additional day in the school year and elementary teachers would extend their day by 15 minutes. Epping is ranked 104 out of 159 with regards to teacher pay scale for the State of NH. It was explained that if the teacher contract does not pass this year the district runs the risk of losing more good teachers to better paying districts. It was also discussed that the district cannot continue to train teachers in specialized areas like math and reading and then have them leave to other districts for better pay and benefits.

Kim Sullivan suggested that the board explain the contract figures to the people to make them more understandable. Mr. Sullivan wanted to know what was the actual gross percentage of the raises would be over the 3 year period of the contract.

Superintendent Munsey explained that in the first year there would be no raise and no step increase and the second year 2008-2009 there would be a 4% raise and a 1.5 step increase for teachers not on top step. The third year 2009-2010 there would be a 4.5% raise and a 1.5 step increase for teachers not already on top step making up the lost step in 2007-2008 over a three year period saving the district money. She stated that the voters needed to realize that more than 50% of district teachers are already at their highest level of step increases so many of them will only be getting a pay raise and no step increase.

She also stated that it was difficult to give an exact percentage of step increases because they all depend on where a teacher falls on the step scale. If you are a teacher who would be receiving both a raise and step increase then it would be approximately 17%-19% increase overall for the 3 year contract. If a teacher is at their maximum step then they would be receiving 8%-9.5% increase overall for the 3 year contract. Superintendent Munsey explained that when you look at what teachers agreed to in their proposed contract it shows that teachers are giving up about 2.9% of incentives over the 3-year contract including paying 5% more of health insurance, working an additional day, and adding more time to the elementary school day. Superintendent Munsey also talked about steps being somewhat difficult to understand, but explained that it is similar to a small company not being able to hire at the same salaries as larger companies. There is an understanding that the difference would be made up over time.

Superintendent Munsey spoke on the improvement on student testing that was just released.

In reading 7% more students tested in the proficient area with an overall increase of 14% in 2 years. In math there was a 5% increase with an overall increase of 13% in 2 years. There were 60 new students who went from non-proficient to proficient in 2 years.

Paul Spidle from the Budget Committee asked the Board to include the cumulative contract cost of \$1,164,097 to the warrant article so that people could know the real number and not have to try and figure it out for themselves.

Mr. Spidle made a Motion to amend Article 1 to add, "The cumulative total of this contract equals \$1,164,097 over the 3 years". Seconded by Dianne Gilbert. Tom Sutcliffe stated that no law exists that says cumulative numbers cannot be placed in the language of the article. Superintendent Munsey stated that she felt the district has



been very open about the actual costs by including tax impact figures on information and that placing a lump sum number in the language is misleading. Ms. Killen felt that adding the amendment to the language of the article is misleading and could result in the possibility of people not voting for the article because they do not understand the overwhelming number. Board member Sue Kimball stated that voters are intelligent enough to know that raises are accumulative and that the amendment is unnecessary. Superintendent Munsey explained that cost of benefits and salaries of the contract are included in the article. Mr. Spidle stated that the budget committee asked the board to put the total number on the article and the school board declined.

Mr. Sullivan made a Motion to move the question. Seconded by Sue McGeough. Moderator Goodrich took a vote to add the amendment to Article 1. Amendment failed.

Colleen Schmidt and Mark Vallone spoke in support of Article 1 and encouraged voters to support it for their children and to help the district keep good teachers.

**Article 2:** To see if the Epping School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epping School Board and the Epping Paraprofessional Association NEA-NH and NEA which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2008–2009	\$70,668
2009–2010	\$50,500
2010–2011	\$46,121

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,668 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

**Recommended by the Epping School Board  
Recommended by the Epping Budget  
Committee**

Sue Kimball made a Motion to accept the article as written. Seconded by Pam Tibbetts. Sue Kimball presented Article 2.

Member Kimball explained the benefits of keeping paraprofessionals who are trained by the school district to deal with some of our most needy students and the importance of retaining these dedicated professionals in our school district. There are approximately 50 paraprofessionals in this district at an accumulative cost of \$359,125 for the 3-year contract.

Susan McGeough stated that most of the paraprofessionals work one on one with many special needs students but work with other students in the classroom as well. She also stated if the Epping School District wants to keep moving forward, we need to keep our staff here and not pass all the training benefits to other districts.

A paraprofessional who works in the district stated that you could invest in your children by supporting the proposed contracts.

A question was raised regarding the cost to the district for replacing staff who have left the district. Superintendent Munsey explained that the district did not have an actual cost figure, but there were ramifications. The district has trained our staff and our staff have good resumes as a result. She explained that last year the district lost 6 to 8 teachers to area districts. These teachers were able to realize a salary increase of \$6,000 to \$10,000. It was also important to note that area districts also pay more toward health insurance for both teachers and paraprofessionals. It is more than just salary. However, the majority of our staff have decided to stay to the benefit of Epping students. It was noted that it was important for the district to focus on staff retention rather than improving other school districts.

**Article 3:** Shall the Epping School District 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 \$15,263,075? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$15,234,587, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Epping School District 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.

**Recommended by the Epping School Board  
Recommended by the Epping Budget  
Committee**

Sue Kimball made a Motion to accept the Article as written. Seconded by Pam Tibbetts. Jeff LeDuc presented Article 3.

Member LeDuc explained that the School Board held the bottom line on the budget to the best of their ability.

It was stated that if the proposed budget is not voted in and the district is faced again with a default budget the custodians, food service and support staff raises will not be covered. Superintendent Munsey reported that custodians, food service and support staff did not receive wage increases this school year. These staff members are the lowest paid employees in the district and cannot afford to go another year without a raise.

Before discussing Article 4, Jim McGeough took a moment to recognize Brenda McCartney and Liz Conrad who will be stepping down from the budget committee this year. Between the both of them they have given 20 years of service to the budget committee and he thanked them for their years of service to the Town of Epping.

**Article 4:** Citizens petition per J. LeDuc, T. Gauthier, J. McGeough, et al. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Epping School District on March 14, 2000, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5 ballot vote required—no tax impact)

**Recommended by the Epping School Board**

Sue Kimball made a Motion to accept Article 4 as written. Seconded by Scott Booth.

Paul Spidle spoke on behalf of keeping SB2 and stated that the amount of voters has increased since implementing SB2. He believes there are flaws in the law but those flaws need to be addressed at the state level not by going back to the old town meeting.

Kim Sullivan stated that many voters are misinformed and that the old form of town meeting should be brought back so there can more open discussion between both sides of issues.

Jeff LeDuc stated he believes that the leaders of the town of Epping recognize that change is needed when it comes to the way voting is done in the town of Epping and that is why he authored the Petition Article.

There will be a public hearing to discuss all sides of the petition on February 18, 2008 at 7:45 P.M. at the Epping Town Hall.

Grace Lavoie stated the she feels people are more informed than the leaders who brought this petition forward are giving them credit for. She stated that many people watch EPTV to become informed on the issues and that the old form of voting was mostly a popularity vote because it was intimidating to speak or vote openly about how you felt on issues.

Jim McGeough felt that the petition will at least get people talking about how to improve voting in the town.

A Motion was made by Chris Vallone to move the question. Seconded by Andy Vallone. Moderator Goodrich took a vote to move the question. Motion passed.

**Article 5:** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Kim Sullivan wanted to know where the District stood on the lawsuit that was brought forward by The Epping Residents for Principled Government.

Superintendent Munsey stated that the suit will be heard in the Federal Court around November and the legal costs to the District to date are approximately \$50,000.

Tom Dwyer thanked Jim McGeough for his time and service on the Budget Committee. Mr. McGeough will be stepping down from the Budget Committee when his term ends in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Moderator Goodrich reminded people that there will be a candidates' night on the last Wednesday in February at the town hall and that voting will take place at the Epping Middle School on March 11th. He encouraged all to take the time to vote on March 11th.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Robin A. O'Day  
School District Clerk*

# Auditor's Report



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Epping School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Epping School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Epping School District as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated January 17, 2008 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Epping School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Epping School District. The combining and individual fund schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Gregory A. Colby, CPA*

PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
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January 17, 2008

**EXHIBIT C-1**  
**EPPING SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2007**

	General	Grants	School Construction and Renovations	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 237,437	\$ -	\$ 2,933,453	\$ 118,267	\$ 3,289,157
Receivables:					
Accounts	654	-	-	-	654
Intergovernmental	6,599	155,541	-	9,721	171,861
Interfund receivable	512,230	-	9,665	-	521,895
Prepaid items	5,716	-	-	-	5,716
Total assets	<u>\$ 762,636</u>	<u>\$ 155,541</u>	<u>\$ 2,943,118</u>	<u>\$ 127,988</u>	<u>\$ 3,989,283</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 21,658	\$ 610	\$ 39,524	\$ -	\$ 61,792
Accrued salaries and benefits	58,970	7,412	1,120	2,390	69,892
Contract payable	-	-	190,144	-	190,144
Interfund payable	-	146,892	265,408	109,595	521,895
Retainage payable	-	-	489,684	-	489,684
Deferred revenue	-	627	-	-	627
Total liabilities	<u>80,628</u>	<u>155,541</u>	<u>985,880</u>	<u>111,985</u>	<u>1,334,034</u>
<b>Fund balances:</b>					
Reserved for encumbrances	334,523	-	1,090,349	435,210	1,860,082
Reserved for special purposes	-	-	513,727	-	513,727
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:					
General fund	347,485	-	-	-	347,485
Capital projects funds	-	-	353,162	(423,694)	(70,532)
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	4,487	4,487
Total fund balances	<u>682,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,957,238</u>	<u>16,003</u>	<u>2,655,249</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 762,636</u>	<u>\$ 155,541</u>	<u>\$ 2,943,118</u>	<u>\$ 127,988</u>	<u>\$ 3,989,283</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT C-3**  
**EPPING SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
**Governmental Funds**  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007*

	General	Grants	School Construction and Renovations	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>					
School district assessment	\$ 7,953,949	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,953,949
Other local	910,565	28,451	525,267	194,511	1,658,794
State	4,764,794	4,982	-	4,845	4,774,621
Federal	79,004	434,250	-	166,514	679,768
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>13,708,312</b>	<b>467,683</b>	<b>525,267</b>	<b>365,870</b>	<b>15,067,132</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
Instruction	7,801,748	290,367	-	-	8,092,115
<b>Support services:</b>					
Student	789,942	43,960	-	-	833,902
Instructional staff	848,075	127,548	-	-	975,623
General administration	385,616	5,808	-	-	391,424
Executive administration	151,592	-	-	-	151,592
School administration	781,463	-	-	-	781,463
Operation and maintenance of plant	825,361	-	-	-	825,361
Student transportation	468,231	-	-	-	468,231
Other	505,465	-	-	-	505,465
Non-instructional services	-	-	-	388,692	388,692
<b>Debt service:</b>					
Principal	447,350	-	-	-	447,350
Interest	561,488	-	-	-	561,488
Facilities acquisition and construction	43,006	-	9,313,042	17,017	9,373,065
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>13,609,337</b>	<b>467,683</b>	<b>9,313,042</b>	<b>405,709</b>	<b>23,795,771</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>98,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,787,775)</b>	<b>(39,839)</b>	<b>(8,728,639)</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>					
Transfers in	260,000	-	-	40,000	300,000
Transfers out	(40,000)	-	(260,000)	-	(300,000)
<b>Total other financing sources and uses</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(260,000)</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>318,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,047,775)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>(8,728,639)</b>
Fund balances, beginning	363,033	-	11,005,013	15,842	11,383,888
<b>Fund balances, ending</b>	<b>\$ 682,008</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,957,238</b>	<b>\$ 16,003</b>	<b>\$ 2,655,249</b>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EPPING SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-2007

DETAILED EXPENDITURE & REVENUE DATA FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (HANDICAPPED / DISABLED ONLY) ( ALL FUNDS)

REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Instruction	\$2,369,813	\$2,384,646
Related Services	\$646,712	\$573,972
Administration	\$185,782	\$174,973
Legal	\$4,888	\$1,373
Transportation	<u>\$131,577</u>	<u>\$183,027</u>
TOTAL	\$3,338,772	\$3,317,990

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Tuition (Local)	\$86,243	\$50,735 *
Adequate Education (State)	\$0	\$1,360,393 **
Catastrophic Aid (State)	\$74,566	\$54,629
Medicaid (Federal)	\$25,860	\$75,571
Disability Programs (Federal)	<u>\$222,039</u>	<u>\$259,306</u>
TOTAL	\$408,708	\$1,800,634

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
MINUS REVENUE	\$2,930,064	\$1,517,355

\* Decrease due to Fremont students transitioning to Sanborn.

\*\*Special education was not part of state funding formula in 05-06 aid.

DETAILED EXPENDITURE & REVENUE DATA FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (CULTURALLY DEPRIVED, BILINGUAL, AND GIFTED & TALENTED) ( ALL FUNDS)

<u>BILINGUAL EDUCATION</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Expenditure	\$ 29,116	\$ 58,787
Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>1,578</u>
Expenditure minus Revenue	\$ 29,116	\$ 57,209

No expense / revenue reported for culturally deprived or gifted/talented.



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