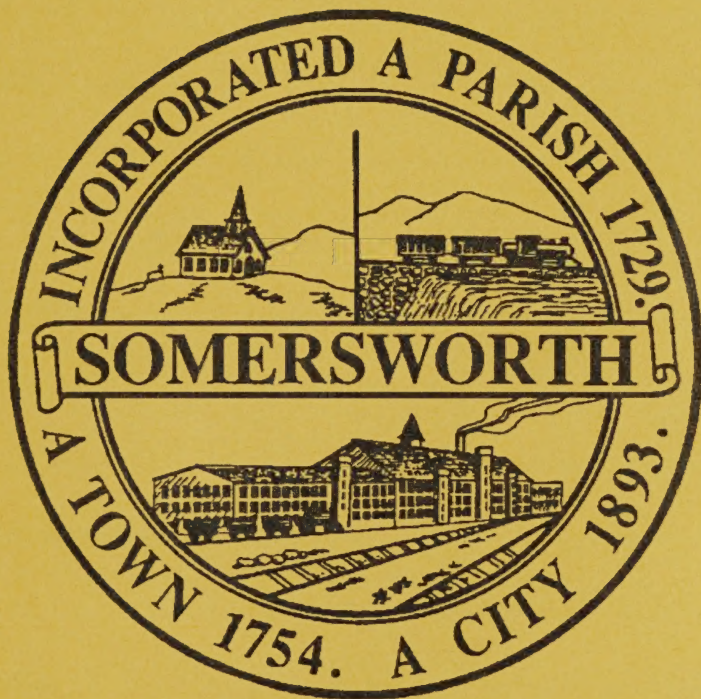


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## New Hampshire



# Annual Report

## 2009



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# CITY OFFICIALS

## **MAYOR**

Michael Micucci  
Term Exp. Jan. 2010

## **CITY MANAGER**

Robert M. Belmore

## **CITY COUNCIL**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2012

### **Ward 1**

Martin Pepin

### **Ward 2**

Michael X. Watman

### **Ward 3**

Dale Spainhower

### **Ward 4**

Jonathan McCallion

### **Ward 5**

Denis Messier

### **At Large**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2010

Brian Tapscott

Sherie Dinger

Arvid Wiggin

Dana Hilliard

## **ASSESSOR**

Janice Carruth

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

Mitchell & Bates, PA

## **CITY CLERK**

Diane M. DuBois

## **CITY ENGINEER**

Chris Jacobs

## **CITY PLANNER**

David Sharples

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Tim Metivier

## **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Craig Wheeler

## **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Scott A. Smith

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Donald Messier

## **LIBRARIAN**

Debora Longo

## **POLICE CHIEF**

Dean Crombie

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Margaret Wagner

## **WELFARE DIRECTOR**

Jennifer Bisson

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2012

### **Ward 1**

Peter Houde

### **Ward 2**

Dana Rivers

### **Ward 3**

Stephanie Riotto

### **Ward 4**

Bennington Owens (Resigned)

### **Ward 5**

Kenneth Bolduc

### **At Large**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2010

James Cowan

Mark Richardson

Jerry Perkins

MHC MacLeod (Resigned)

Matthew Hanlon (Replaced)

## **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2010

### **WARD 1**

#### **Moderator**

George Poulin

#### **Ward Clerk**

Henriette Guilmette

#### **Selectmen**

Marjorie Goldberg

Elroy Hume

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Pam Sawyer

Term Exp. May 2011

### **WARD 2**

#### **Moderator**

Paula Carr

#### **Ward Clerk**

Donald Carr

#### **Selectmen**

David Roberge

Mary Ann Roberge

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Jennifer Soldati

Term Exp. Feb. 2011

### **WARD 3**

#### **Moderator**

Martin Dumont

#### **Ward Clerk**

Shelby Stearns

#### **Selectmen**

Richard Harvey

Jeanne Ambrose

Dorothy Gauvin

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Antoinette Harvey

Term Exp. Feb. 2011

### **WARD 4**

#### **Moderator**

Sean Peschel

#### **Ward Clerk**

Sandra Spellman

#### **Selectmen**

Bennington Owens (Resigned)

Pauline LaBonte

Sean McCallion

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Vivian Carignan (Resigned)

Amy Michaels (Replaced)

Term Exp. Sep. 2011

### **WARD 5**

#### **Moderator**

Joanne Demers

#### **Ward Clerk**

Mary Brown

#### **Selectmen**

Marie Messier

Roland Patnode, Jr.

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Raymond LaPointe

Term Exp. Sept. 2008

# 2009 ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 7-09 Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.F.2 Two Hour Parking; Section 3.F.6 All Day Parking; Section 3.2.B Yield. 01/05/09.
2. Ordinance No. 8-09 Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 20, Sign Regulations. 02/02/09.
3. Ordinance No. 9-09 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Sections 3.2.A. Stop and 3.2.B. Yield. 02/02/09.
4. Ordinance No. 10-09 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.2.A. Stop. 02/02/09.
5. Ordinance No. 11-09 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 13 Wetlands Conservation Overlay District. 02/17/09.
6. Ordinance No. 12-09 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.1.D No Parking Anytime. 04/20/09.
7. Ordinance No. 13-09 Amend Chapter 29 Administrative Code, Section 29.3.6.3 Department of Finance and Administration and Section 29.3.6.13 Department of Public Works and Utilities. 05/11/09.
8. Ordinance No. 15-09 Transfer Between Departments. 06/15/09.
9. Ordinance No. 16-09 Amending Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations, by Amending Section 11.3 Title "Health Insurance" and Amending the Compensation Schedule. 06/15/09.
10. Ordinance No. 14-09 FY 2009-2010 Budget. 06/22/09.
11. Ordinance No. 2-10 Amend Chapter 6, City Officials, Section 6.8, City Council Salaries. 07/13/09.
12. Ordinance No. 1-10 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.2.A., Intersection Controls, Stop, and 3.2.C., Right Turn Only. 08/17/09.
13. Ordinance No. 3-10 Amend Chapter 30, Conduct in Public Parks. 08/17/09.
14. Ordinance No. 4-10 Amend the City of Somersworth Official Zoning Map – Rezone a 1.038 Acre Portion of Assessor's Map 43 Lot 1L from Manufactured Housing (MH) to Commercial Industrial (CI). 10/05/09.
15. Ordinance No. 5-10 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.1.D No Parking Anytime. 10/05/09.
16. Ordinance No. 6-10 Amend Chapter 13 Police Offenses Section 3.1.D. No Parking Anytime. 12/14/09.
17. Ordinance No. 7-10 Amend Chapter 6, City Officials. 12/14/09.

# 2009 RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 24-09 Accept Milo Lane and Victoria Drive. 01/05/09.
2. Resolution No. 25-09 Accept Cornfield Drive and Maize Drive. 01/05/09.
3. Resolution No. 26-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Weston and Sampson CMR, Inc. for the Blackwater Road Pumping Station Odor Control Project. 01/05/09.
4. Resolution No. 27-09 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Installation of New Windows, Window Sills, and a Handicapped Foyer at the Parking Lot Ground Level for Charpentier Apartments. 01/05/09.
5. Resolution No. 29-09 Proclamation Declaring January Diversity Month in the City of Somersworth. 01/20/09.
6. Resolution No. 30-09 Renaming Maple Street Extension to Maple Street. 02/02/09.
7. Resolution No. 31-09 Renaming Varney Court to Fall Court. 02/02/09.
8. Resolution No. 33-09 Renaming a Portion of Rochester Street to Noble Street. 02/02/09.
9. Resolution No. 34-09 Renaming Rochester Street to Hillside Street. 02/02/09.
10. Resolution No. 28-09 Bond for the Construction of a New Somersworth Elementary School. 02/17/09.
11. Resolution No. 43-09 To Establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the Purpose of Participating in the Repair or Reconstruction of the Somersworth-Berwick Bridge. 04/06/09.
12. Resolution No. 44-09 To Allow the City's Treasurer and Other Municipal Officials to Accept Credit Cards and Other Electronic Payments. 04/06/09.
13. Resolution No. 45-09 To Authorize the City Manager to Amend the Contract with Corcoran Consulting Associates for City Assessing to Include a Full Revaluation and Further Authorize the Citywide Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to Pay for the Full Revaluation. 04/06/09.
14. Resolution No. 47-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Libby-Scott, Inc. to Resurface Green Street, Davis Street, and High Street and Make Drainage Improvements as Required. 05/11/09.
15. Resolution No. 46-09 Authorizing the City Council to Create a Non-Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the Fund for the Education of Persons with Disabilities. 06/01/09.
16. Resolution No. 48-09 Renaming First Street to Dorset Drive within the Colonial Village Mobile Home Community. 06/15/09.
17. Resolution No. 49-09 Renaming Second Avenue to Hampshire Drive within the Colonial Village Mobile Home Community. 06/15/09.

18. Resolution No. 50-09 Renaming Third Avenue to Berkshire Drive within the Colonial Village Mobile Home Community. 06/15/09.
19. Resolution No. 51-09 Renaming Fourth Avenue to York Drive within the Colonial Village Mobile Home Community. 06/15/09.
20. Resolution No. 52-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Holmes Flooring and Cabinetry to Install New Carpeting and Tile in the Somersworth Public Library. 06/15/09.
21. Resolution No. 53-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Hayes Pump, Inc. to Upgrade the Current Process Water System at the Somersworth Wastewater Treatment Facility. 06/15/09.
22. Resolution No. 54-09 Naming of Rescue Lane Located off Interstate Drive. 06/15/09.
23. Resolution No. 55-09 Renaming Pinewood Drive to Kent Drive within the Colonial Village Mobile Home Community. 06/15/09.
24. Resolution No. 56-09 Renaming Fifth Avenue to Sussex Drive within the Colonial Village Mobile Home Community. 06/15/09.
25. Resolution No. 2-10 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Replacement of Existing Windows and New Handicapped Accessibility Entrance in the Rear of the Building at Charpentier Apartments, 28 Franklin Street, Somersworth, NH. 07/13/09.
26. Resolution No. 3-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Howard P. Fairfield, LLC of Pembroke, NH for the Purchase of a Street Sweeper. 07/13/09.
27. Resolution No. 4-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Lease/Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of a Street Sweeper. 07/13/09.
28. Resolution No. 1-10 Renaming 245 Old Rochester Road to Crystal Springs Way Within the Crystal Springs Mobile Home Community. 08/17/09.
29. Resolution No. 6-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Libby-Scott, Inc. of Wells, Maine for Curbing and Sidewalk Repairs on Green Street and High Street. 08/17/09.
30. Resolution No. 5-10 Accepting the Qualified School Construction Bond. 09/08/09.
31. Resolution No. 7-10 Authorizing the Appropriation of Accrued Investment Earnings from the Qualified School Construction Bond. 09/21/09.
32. Resolution No. 8-10 Authorize the City Manager to Enter into Energy Auction Contracts with Taylor Consulting of Avoca, PA. 10/05/09.
33. Resolution No. 10-10 Renaming the Portion of Depot Street East of Main Street to River Street. 10/19/09.
34. Resolution No. 11-10 Renaming Pinecone Lane to Acorn Lane. 10/19/09.

35. Resolution No. 13-10 Renaming of Pinecrest Drive to Crest Drive. 10/19/09.
36. Resolution No. 14-10 Renaming of Pine Grove Terrace to Veteran's Terrace. 10/19/09.
37. Resolution No. 9-10 To Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Revised Lease Agreement with the Somersworth-Berwick Girls Softball Association for Use of City Land in the Malley Farm Industrial Park. 11/16/09.
38. Resolution No. 17-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Quirk Chevrolet of Manchester, NH for the Purchase of a Water Department Utility Truck. 11/16/09.
39. Resolution No. 18-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Hilltop Chevrolet of Somersworth, NH for the Purchase of a High Department Pick-up Truck. 11/16/09.
40. Resolution No. 19-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Lease/Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of a Highway Department Pick-up Truck. 11/16/09.
41. Resolution No. 15-10 To Notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council Shall not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Property at 1 Winter Street Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien. 12/14/09.
42. Resolution No. 16-09 To Notify the Tax Collector that the City Council Shall not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Mobile Home Properties Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien. 12/14/09.
43. Resolution No. 20-10 to Transfer a Specific Piece of City Owned Property Containing Land and Buildings Located at 5 Main Street and Identified by Tax Map 11 Lot 210 to MSC Development LLC of Somersworth, NH. 12/14/09.
44. Resolution No. 21-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Drainage Easement Deed on Land Located off 50 West High Street and Identified by Tax Map 14 Lot 63. 12/14/09.
45. Resolution No. 22-10 Proclamation Declaring January Diversity Month in the City of Somersworth. 12/14/09.



# CITY MANAGER

## **City Government**

The City of Somersworth has been a City Council/City Manager form of government since 1985. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council to serve as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the City, responsible for the proper administration of all City departments, excluding the School Department.

The City Manager is responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations and the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by City Charter or State Law. Five City Department Heads report directly to the City Manager: Director of Finance & Administration, Director of Public Works & Utilities, Director of Development Services, Fire Chief, and Police Chief.

The City Manager serves as the personnel director of the City. The Manager also serves as an ex-officio, voting member of the City's Planning Board and is a member of the City's Emergency Management Team.

## **FY 2009 Budget**

In accordance with Article VII of the City Charter, the City Manager shall submit to the Council on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. In order to address the challenge of decreasing City revenues and the economic condition of today's world, the City Manager engaged department heads in discussions aimed at improving the efficiency of programs and staffing.

Some examples of energy cost savings realized during the year included the implementation of a PeakSmart program partnership with PSNH at the Water and WasteWater Treatment Plants. A program was put into effect for the two treatment plants to operate on generator power during peak demand times, lowering energy costs. The City also entered into an Energy Lighting Retrofit-Smart Program to upgrade lights at several facilities that included the Library, Fire Station, and Highway. The result was improved lighting and energy savings (demand and cost). Other successful actions taken to maximize funding opportunities and maintain our current level of City services included a Police Department JAG Grant of \$38,890. This grant allowed for significant upgrades to the computer network at the Police Station and to their mobile computer operations.

Service to our community customers remains a critical component of how we decide to spend funds. One area that we have focused on during the last year was the City's official website [www.somersworth.com](http://www.somersworth.com). Updates and improvements to our website were implemented to make it more user-friendly. We also have a monthly e-newsletter that notifies recipients of upcoming

events. City staff also laid the groundwork this year to allow electronic payments such as debit and credit cards at City Hall for water bills, property taxes and auto registration.

### **Capital Improvement Program**

In accordance with Article VII of the City Charter, the City Manager shall prepare and submit to the Council a six year capital program at least three months prior to the final date of submission of the budget. The Capital Improvement Program has continued to evolve to show infrastructure projects and programs necessary for continued City services in a sustainable strategy over a rolling 6-year time frame.

The purpose of the CIP is to assist the City Council in preparing well in advance for capital expenditures to meet the future needs of the community. The CIP is a management tool that will benefit the Council as it reviews and adopts the City's Annual Budget and works towards balancing competing improvement goals while maintaining a practical fiscal balance.

In the following pages, you will learn more about each City's Department and their 2009 programs and projects.

Robert M. Belmore

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Beth A. Nault, Executive Assistant; email: [executiveassistant@somersworth.com](mailto:executiveassistant@somersworth.com)

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# SOMERSWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Somersworth Conservation Commission exists for the following purposes: to promote and develop the natural resources of the City and to protect its watershed resources. State statute RSA 36-A describes in detail the facets of a Conservation Commission.

The following persons served on the Conservation Commission in 2009: Frank Richardson (Chair), Imants Millers (Vice Chair), Scott Gessis (Secretary), Al Bryant (Treasurer), Dale Smith-Kenyon, Elizabeth Wilson, and Jason Schrack.

There were various conservation-related activities in every month of 2009. The Commission conducted 10 regular meetings, 6 workshops, and 3 site walks during the year. The site walks included three conservation easement monitoring inspections. Commissioners reviewed the Mardean Frazer, Salmon Falls woods, and Cameron Sod Farm development easements. (Note: Sometimes more than one monitoring walks is completed on a particular visit.)

Some Commissioners performed other duties such as: providing information to City Councilors, taking part in the Master Plan update, participating in the City's Vision 2020 process, and observing at the Southeast Watershed Alliance initial meeting.

The Conservation Fund had a balance of \$98,425.90 at the end of Fiscal Year 2009. (Note: Funds result from an allocation of Current Use penalty fees. If land is developed and comes out of "current use," there is a 10 percent penalty. The City Council voted to allocate 100% of the penalty fees to the Conservation Fund not to exceed \$75,000 in any year.)

For 2010, the Commission looks forward to monitoring conservation easements, reviewing applications for conditional use permits, conducting site walks as needed, and taking part in special initiatives. The Commission is grateful for quality staff support provided by City Planner David Sharples.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Gessis, Commission Secretary

# SOMERSWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT



Chief of Department/  
Emergency Management Director  
Donald R. Messier

Somersworth Fire Department  
195 Maple Street  
Somersworth, NH 03878  
B. (603) 692-3457  
F. (603) 692-5147

Business Hours: 8-4 M-F

Burning Permits and all other fire department business can be conducted during normal business hours.

To the citizens of Somersworth,

2009 has again been a very busy and exciting year for the Fire Department with two major fires, H1N1 (Swine Flu), Council approval for a Thermal Imager Camera, and all this and more was accomplished while answering 1,156 calls for service.

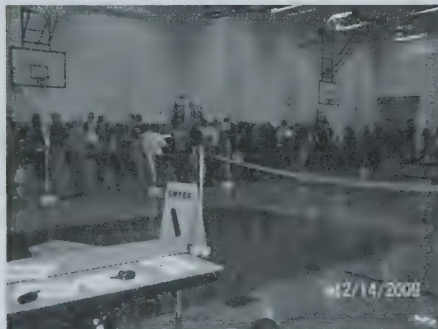
## Major Fire

January 19, 2009 a one alarm fire caused damage to 45 Pleasant Street.



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## H1N1



December 14, 2009 H1N1 Flu vaccine clinic held at High School.

## Public Safety

'C-Shift' Community Hero's Day at The Works Health & Fitness Club a safety presentation was made to over one hundred campers.



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### EMPLOYEE'S

Chief Donald R. Messier

Administrative Assistance Cheryl Howard

Captain Marc Vaillancourt, Lt. John Viola, Lt. Kenneth Vincent, Lt. Michael Clough  
FF/EMT-B Sean Houle, FF Michael Spinney, FF/EMT-B Parks Christenbury, FF Matt Moore  
FF/EMT-B Cory Tibbetts, FF/EMT-B James Drakopoulos, FF/EMT-I Jessica Murphy  
FF/EMT-B William Staples, FF/EMT-B Timothy Wilder, FF/EMT-B John Shaffer,  
FF/EMT-I Derick Schrempf, FF/EMT-B Colby Walker,

Paid On-Call Firefighters;

George Guilmette, Greg Guilmette, Michael Landry, Jeff Libby, Paul Scaglione, Richard Shepherd, Daniel Toof

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### TRAINING

Training has been an increasing component of our day to day activities as well as maintaining our basic and advanced fire fighting and emergency medical skills throughout the year.



Firefighters Tim Wilder, Mike Spinney and Jim Drakopoulos training at Old Off-Price Outlet (New CVS Pharmacy).

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In closing, I would like to say that it is my pleasure and honor to serve this fine community as your Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director for the last four years. This will be my last annual report as I will be retiring from the fire service June 30, 2010.

In these last four years we have improved our commitment to our citizens through a number of grants such as; \$586,625 FEMA Grant for 105' Ladder Truck, \$310,500 FEMA SAFER Grant for 3 Firefighters. \$1,950 USDA Grant for Thermal Imager Camera, \$94,525 FEMA Grant for Fire Sprinkler, Fire Alarm and Generator for Fire Station, and NH Radio Interoperability Grant for new 7 Mobile, 22 Portable and 1Base Station, we improved our compliment of emergency vehicles with the purchase a new Toyne Pumper replacing a 1986 CF Mack Pumper, replaced an aging rescue tool (Jaws of Life) with a new TNT Rescue Tool and Rescue Struts.

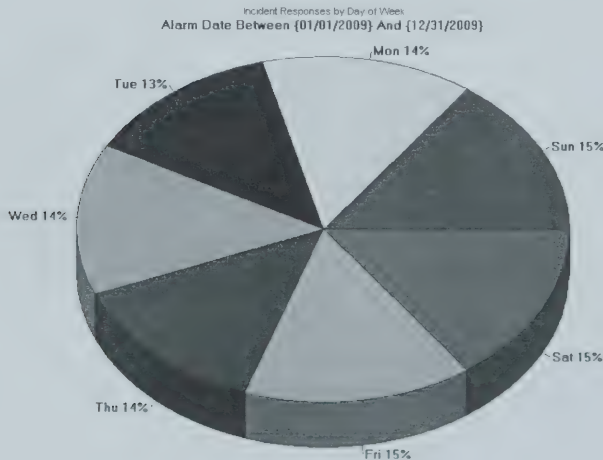
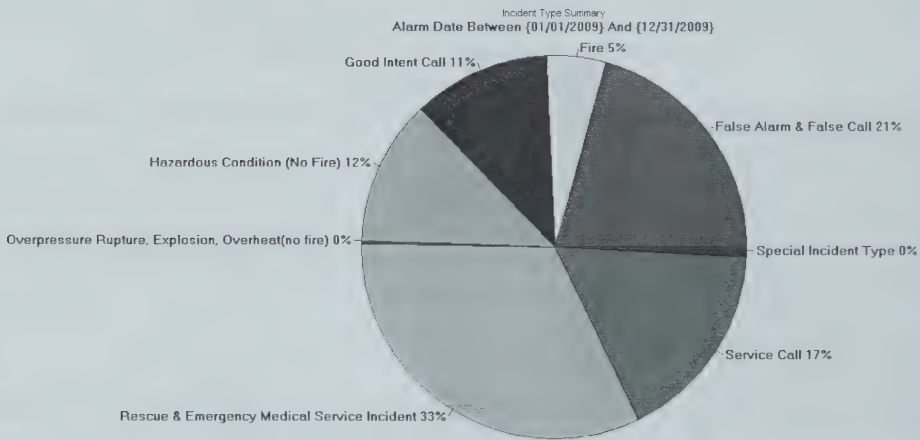
On the Emergency Management side, we have improved our Public Emergency Health Response capacity through our participation in the Health and Safety Council of Strafford County, through this partnership the city received a 20foot cargo trailer fully equipped with medical and sheltering supplies for use in the event of a public health emergency such as the H1N1 (Swine flu) outbreak.

It has been my goal to ensure that the citizens of Somersworth and those who work and travel through it receive the best emergency service which can be provided and to provide those non-emergency services such as fire safety inspections and prevention programs that make and keep this community safe from man-made and natural disasters.

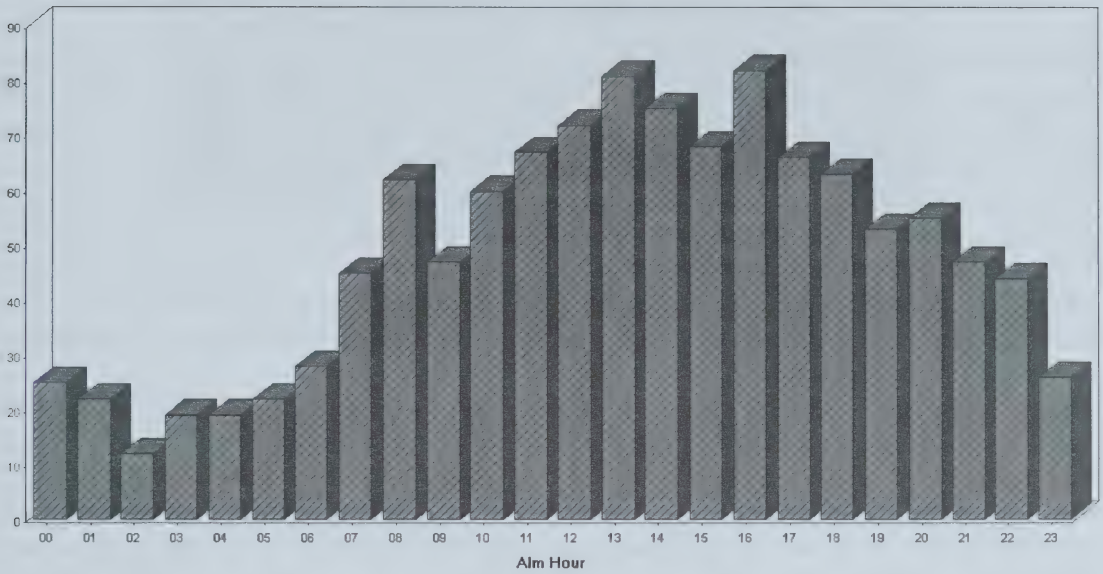
Finally I would like to thank all the members of my department and my Administrative Assistant Cheryl Howard who have supported me, and to all the other dedicated city employees who have supported me and this department and to my fellow department heads and city manager and council members for their support and finally a special thank you to the citizens of this great City who continue to support the members of this department.

Stay Safe,  
**Donald R. Messier,**  
 Chief of Department  
 Emergency Management Director

**2009 Statistical Information**  
1,160 calls for service in 2009



Count of Incidents by Alarm Hour  
**Alarm Date Between (01/01/2009) And (12/31/2009)**



**Apparatus**

Apparatus	Number of Responses
Engine 1	84
Engine 2	209
Engine 3	739
Ladder 1	29
Forestry 1	65
Air Van	21
Car 1	44

**Mutual Aid**

Community	Given	Received
Barrington	0	0
Berwick	9	8
Dover	6	7
Durham	2	2
Eliot	1	0
Farmington	1	0
Lebanon	0	0
Milton	3	0
Newington	0	2
Pease	0	0
Portsmouth	0	0
North Berwick	4	0
South Berwick	3	2
Rochester	6	5
Rollinsford	3	3

**Fire Safety Inspection**

**2009**  
 Annual Inspections completed 260  
 # of Violations Issued 28

## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Somersworth Fire Department Fire Wardens and, the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden at Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department at 692-3457 or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

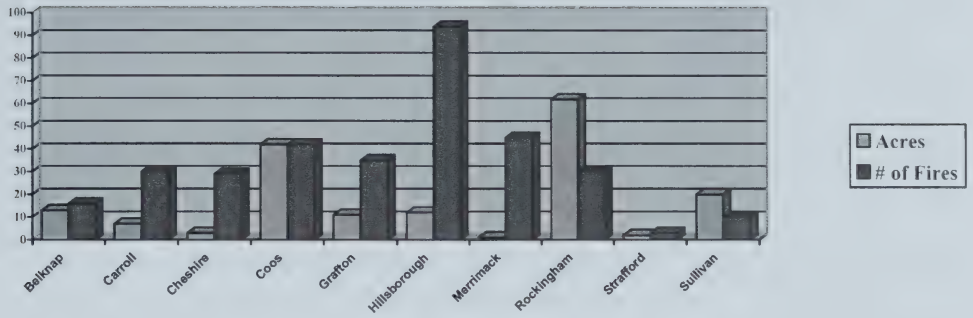
### 2009 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10





**CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

Cause	Count	Year	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	4	2009	334	173
Debris	184	2008	455	175
Campfire	18	2007	437	212
Children	12	2006	500	473
Smoking	15	2005	546	174
Railroad	5			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	0			
Misc.*	91			

(\*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Human Services Department provides basic and emergency assistance to applicants who are “poor and unable to support” themselves as mandated by NH State Law RSA 165. The Department also makes referrals, assigns job search requirements, and works with individuals to help them achieve self-sufficiency. This assistance continues to be the “safety net” for residents to prevent homelessness, utility disconnects, hunger, and inability to obtain life-sustaining prescription medications.

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of new applicants in 2009. There were 222 new cases opened in 2009, compared to 126 in 2008. A total of 207 households (574 individuals) received direct City assistance, totaling \$115,373. This Department also manages a grant of \$5,000 of “McKinney Funds” and assisted 22 households with rent and utilities, who would have otherwise been ineligible for City assistance.

The majority of the Human Services Department budget is spent to prevent eviction (86%), followed by 8% for help with utilities, 4% for help with medications, 1% for help with burials, and 1% for miscellaneous items such as food, shelter, diapers, and transportation.

Making referrals to other agencies is a vital role of the Human Services Department, as it reduces the burden on City assistance and aids individuals in becoming self-sufficient. A total of 583 referrals were made in 2009 (please note that one household may have more than one referral). There are many organizations and agencies that we refer to, but we are especially grateful to all the help provided by Strafford County Community Action, The Community Food Pantry, Somersworth Housing Authority, The Homeless Shelter for Strafford County, My Friend’s Place, Crossroads Homeless Shelter, Avis Goodwin Community Health Center, and the Department of Health & Human Services.

The Human Services Department also seeks reimbursement for assistance when able to do so. These reimbursements are made by residents themselves, or from agencies such as Social Security and the Department of Health & Human Services. A total of \$9,683 was reimbursed to the City in 2009 for general assistance funds.

If anyone is interested in making a donation, this office can always use diapers, wipes, personal and household products, or gift certificates for car gasoline. Lastly, thank you to the taxpayers of Somersworth for your contribution towards maintaining the safety net for those who are in need in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bisson, M.S.W.  
Welfare Officer

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Planning Secretary, Tracy Gora, 692-9519, [tgora@somersworth.com](mailto:tgora@somersworth.com)

## Overview

The Planning Department provides research and advisory/administrative support for an array of comprehensive and land use planning functions within the City of Somersworth. The department provides staff support to a number of City Council appointed boards and commissions including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Historic District Commission, and the Conservation Commission. The office is administered in a manner designed to fulfill the objectives of the Master Plan, provide applicants with efficient application processing services and provide citizens appropriate opportunities to participate in land use decisions.

## Principal Activities

- Development and maintenance of the City's Master Plan.
- Review private development projects and other physical projects involving City property for consistency and conformity with the Master Plan and the community's vision.
- Form planning policies and standards that will ensure a high quality living and working environment for Somersworth neighborhoods and districts.
- Provide assistance to citizens in understanding and applying the policies of the Master Plan and the provisions of the City's land use regulations.
- Anticipate and act on the need for new plans, policies, and regulation changes.
- Review and research all applications and proposals submitted for approval from Land Use Boards.

## Some highlights from the Planning Department in 2009

- In conjunction with Professional Planning Consultants, the Vision 2020 Committee and City staff, an update to the City's Master Plan has begun. During this process, a public forum, charette and several public meetings occurred to get a draft update, which will be reviewed by the Planning Board in 2010.
- The City's Tax Maps have been updated! These maps show each parcel of land in Somersworth. Stop in the Planning Department today to get a copy of the map that your property is on.
- The Planning Department applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. If awarded this grant, the money would be used to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility, create landscaped focal points and install bicycle travel lanes among many other things. The NHDOT decision on the award will be made in 2010.
- The Planning Department applied for and was awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. This grant will be used to update the historical survey forms on properties located in the Hilltop Historic District and will provide community awareness of the district.

**Planning Board**

The Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month and consists of 9 members. The Planning Board is responsible for reviewing: site plan applications, subdivision applications, conditional use permit applications, extension and amendment requests, conceptual/design review requests, ordinance amendment proposals and for conducting site visits. The Planning Board also has workshop meetings as needed to discuss ordinance amendment proposals, rules of procedure, application requirements, and other items as necessary.

The Planning Board reviewed the following:

	<u>2008 Total</u>	<u>2009 Total</u>
Conditional Use Permit applications	6	4
Major Site Plan applications	10	9
Subdivision applications	10	5
Site Walks conducted	2	0
Conceptual/Design reviews	2	2
Plan amendment requests	3	1
Plan extension requests	1	2

The Board also conducted one compliance hearing, one courtesy review and one modification to approved conditions of approval. Workshop meetings included discussions on the Master Plan, Code Enforcement, Site Plan Regulations and a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding the use classification of a contractor’s office/storage yard.

Current Planning Board members are:

- William Sweeney, Chairman
- Erwin Grant, Vice Chair
- David Witham, City Council Representative
- Brian Tapscott, Alternate City Council Representative
- Robert M. Belmore, City Manager
- Don Messier, Fire Chief, City Manager Designee
- Ron LeHoullier
- Paul Robidas
- Dan Proulx
- Matthew Durkee
- Anthony Delyani
- George Snyder, Alternate

**Historic District Commission**

The Historic District Commission (HDC) meets the fourth Wednesday of each month and is responsible for reviewing projects that fall under the Historic Overlay District. The HDC has the following powers and duties: maintain a survey and inventory of all historic properties in the City, establish and adopt guidelines and standards to be used by the Commission in reviewing and passing on applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness, review applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness as required by the Zoning Ordinance, among other duties.

	<u>2008 Total</u>	<u>2009 Total</u>
Applications reviewed by the HDC	39	19

Current Historic District Commission members are:

- George Poulin, Chairman
- Robin Jarvis, City Council Representative
- Albert Marotta
- Daniel Bisson
- Beth Poulin
- Dan Vincent
- Arthur Hendrickson
- Michele Sheldon, Alternate
- Julie Rowe, Alternate
- Sherie Dinger, Alternate

**Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month and is responsible for reviewing conditional use permit applications, State Wetland Permit applications, easements, conservation land and conducting site walks. Please see the Conservation Commission Annual Report for more information on activities from 2009.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meets the first Wednesday of each month and is responsible for reviewing: variance applications, special exception applications, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements and appeals of an administrative decision. The ZBA reviewed the following:

	<u>2008 Total</u>	<u>2009 Total</u>
Variance applications	16	15
Special Exception applications	2	2
Equitable Waiver applications	1	1
Appeals from an Administrative Decision	3	1

Current Zoning Board of Adjustment members are:

- Ron LeHoullier, Chairman
- Stacy Hall, Vice Chair
- Harry Irwin
- Steven Stout
- Roland Dumont
- Bo Beaudet, Alternate

**Site Review Technical Committee**

The Site Review Technical Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month and reviews site plan and subdivision applications before they are sent to the Planning Board.

Current Site Review Technical Committee members are:

David Sharples, City Planner, Chairman  
Dean Crombie, Police Chief  
Don Messier, Fire Chief  
Chris Jacobs, City Engineer  
Tim Metivier, Building Inspector  
Imants Millers, Conservation Commission Representative  
Steve Smith, Water Department

**Strafford Regional Planning Commission Representatives**

Roger Berube  
George Snyder  
Dale Sprague

**Community Development**

The following is a list of major development that was approved within the City in the last year:

**Oats Realty**, 7 Marsh Brook Drive, 6000 square foot building addition.

**Fall Machine Company**, 10 Willand Drive, 10,000 square foot building addition.

**Borderline Fuels**, 35 Centre Road, site plan for fuel storage.

**CVS Pharmacy**, Corner of High Street and Indigo Hill Road, site plan for new retail/pharmacy store.

**Cyn's Bar and Grill**, 192 Main Street, site plan to extend restaurant use to outside patio area.

**Avis Goodwin Community Health Center**, 335 & 325 Route 108, merge parcels and site plan for new community health facility.



# SOMERSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Somersworth, NH 03878

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During the past year the Somersworth Police Department has continued its Law Enforcement mission. First most we have pursued a variety of grant applications that have aided our ability to police the Somersworth Community. The Recovery Justice Assistance/Byrne Grant allowed us to update a variety of communication equipment for both the Patrol and Investigations Divisions. We are continuing to build our communication network adding key components as we progress to an all-wireless communication dispatch center.

Our Law Enforcement specialty assignments continue to flourish. The Housing Officer, Mike Sloane, has helped to re-establish a direct Police connection with the Somersworth Housing Authority. Officer Sloane has established himself as a Law Enforcement presence and a teacher of youth and seniors. He offered a Senior Citizen related presentation educating all that attended in a variety of senior targeted scams.

Our School Resource Officer continues his duties at the Somersworth High School. Officer Rick Campbell has worked with School and Student bodies to create a wonderful working relationship. Annually, Officer Campbell conducts pre-qualifications for the State's Seatbelt Safety Challenge. This event is a fun and very competitive event and the winning team is sent to the State's Seatbelt Safety Challenge. Speed is not the only determining factor of this event. A team must work in harmony and practice is an absolute key to victory. Officer Campbell has had prior success and is hopeful of winning this event in 2010.

Sgt. Matt Duval continues to be our representative with the Strafford County Accident Reconstruction Team. Sgt. Duval brings a vast knowledge of accident investigation skills, having both specialized training and many hands on investigations.

Somersworth Crime tips are still received at 692-9111 or email at [crimeline@somersworth.com](mailto:crimeline@somersworth.com). Anyone wishing to provide anonymous tips should contact SPD through either source. All leads are held in the strictest of confidence.



**2009 City Totals**  
**Case Activity Statistics**

Calls for Service	22,612
Total Offenses Committed:	3,557
Total Felonies	409
Total Crime Related Incidents:	1,268
Total Non-Crime Related Incidents:	2,447
Total Arrests (On View):	683
Total Arrests (Based on Incident/ Warrants):	493
Total Summons Arrests:	398
Total Arrests:	1,574
Total P/C's:	238
Total Juvenile Arrests:	140
Total Juveniles Handled (Arrest):	108
Total Juveniles Referred (Arrest):	31
Total Open Warrants:	26
Total Restraint Orders:	105
Stolen Property-Value	\$299,118
Stolen Property Recovered Value	\$ 86,773

	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
Crime Incidents Involving Domestic Violence	46	3.6
Crime Incidents Involving Gang Activity	0	0.0
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol	33	2.6
Crime Incidents Involving Drugs	5	0.4
Crime Incidents Involving Computers	1	0.1
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol & Drugs	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Domestic Violence	90	5.7
Arrests Involving Gang Activity	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Alcohol	337	21.4
Arrests Involving Drugs	75	4.8
Arrests Involving Computers	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Alcohol & Drugs	0	0.0

Total Motor Vehicle Accidents	440
Total Motor Vehicle Violations-Civil	23
Total Motor Vehicle Violations-Warnings	4,665
Total Motor Vehicle Violation-Arrests	1,198
Total Parking Tickets	705



# SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Staff Information:

Debora Longo, Library Director

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Kathleen Dill, Library Assistant

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thomas Tetreault, Chairperson

Judy Goodnow

Trudy Grant

Arlene Labrie

Scott Champney

## HOURS

Monday – Wednesday, 9am – 8:30pm

Thursday – Friday, 9am – 5:30pm

Saturday, 9am – 5:00pm (Sept. – May)

Saturday, 9am – 1:00pm (June – Aug.)

The five major renovation projects completed in 2009 included:



- Air Conditioning installed in fall 2008 activated in May 2009
- New computer network with five computers and printer from a Gates Foundation grant in June 2009
- New energy-efficient light fixtures from a Public Service of NH grant in July 2009
- New security alarm system in August 2009
- New carpet and vinyl tile in October 2009

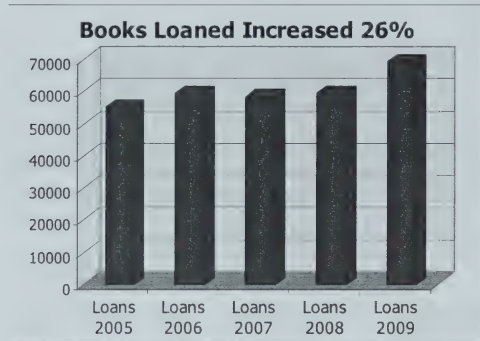


The Friends of the Somersworth Public Library remain an active group who has the following projects:

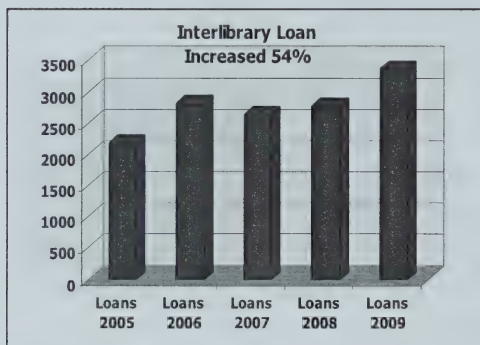
- Purchase museum passes for the Children's Museum in Dover, Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.
- Purchase and install new end caps on the fiction book shelves.
- Renovate a bookcase and use it for an ongoing book sale of newer donations.
- Continue fund raising through the sale of book bags, small flashlights and regular book sales: paperback book sale begins the Saturday in February closest to Valentine's Day, the spring book sale begins on the last Saturday in April, the children's book sale begins the third Saturday in June to coincide with the Somersworth International Children's Festival, and the fall book sale begins the last Saturday in September.

In hard economic times, more residents turn to city services to find ways to enhance their lives and the library's services to this community have been well utilized in the last year. The staff measures these various library services daily and the following graphs show the changes experienced in 2009 compared to the previous years.

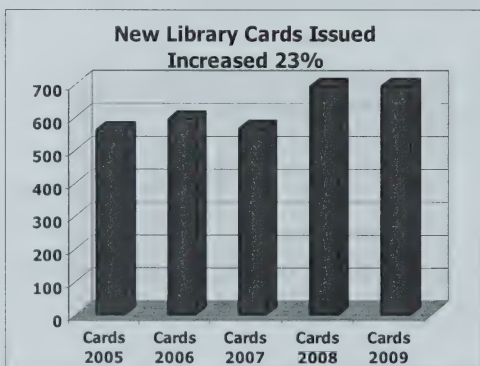
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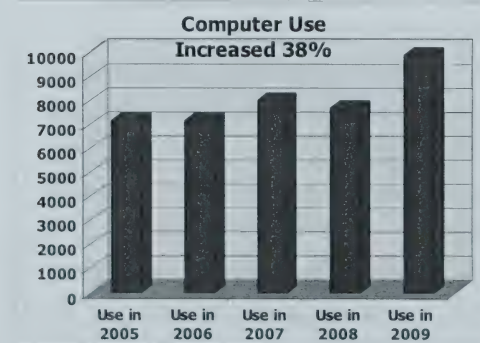
During 2009, the number of books, audio books, films, museum passes, and magazines borrowed from the Library increased 26% over the past five years. A tough economy, a more comfortable environment in the library, and the trend to be better consumers all contributed to the large increase. The number of checkouts increased 17% in 2009. Loaning the pass for the Children's Museum of NH alone increased 160% last year.



The Library may borrow many books, audio books or films from most other libraries in the state of New Hampshire for our customers. This is called interlibrary loan. As our book budget has decreased because of weather related spending freezes and a 35% decrease in 2009 due to lost city revenues, the library is fortunate to have these other resources available to supplement the collection and fill the requests from our customers.



The Library issues new library cards each year to both new and long-time residents. The Library offers free library cards to non-residents who meet the criteria of working for the city, teachers, students from Rollinsford who attend the middle and high schools, and businesses in the city. The steady increase of new cards issued annually since 2004 reflects the continued value the Library has to the community. 695 and 694 new cards were issued in 2008 and 2009 respectively.



In 1999, the Library set up a 4-computer network for public use. They were clustered together and provided internet access and word processing. After five years, use rose and fell as hardware failed. Customers became frustrated with often inadequate service. The new five-computer network brought a new surge of use as we meet the demand and provide quality service with high-speed access to the internet. Use of the computers increased 30% in 2009.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## Staff Information:

Public Works Director John Jackman, 692-4266

General Foreman Shawn McLean, 692-4266

Executive Assistant Brianne Nickless, 692-4266

## **Forest Glade Cemetery**

Thanks to the Public Works Department, the original plans of the Forest Glade Cemetery are being brought to light. The oldest map on file, dated July 1905, indicates an extension of Avenue E North and an open area for grave expansion. During the winter months, the Public Works crew cleared the area shown on the map of trees and brush and extended Avenue E North to create a new section of the cemetery. This project will add years of life to the Forest Glade Cemetery by creating new gravesites. We will continue to develop this new area throughout the coming years.

## **Solid Waste & Recycling**

Curious as to how much waste and recycling residents generated in 2009? One year's worth of recycling weighed in at 762.43 tons – 89.65 tons less than 2008. Solid waste for the year weighed in at 2,054.57 tons – 115.71 tons less than 2008.

Metal waste, such as air conditioners and refrigerators, picked up curbside and dropped off at the Public Works Facility, totaled 42.26 tons.

Residents recycled 1,885 gallons of waste oil and 12.39 tons of electronics, such as computers and televisions, at the Public Works Facility.

## **Service Calls**

Throughout the year, the Public Works and Water Department received calls from residents regarding questions or concerns with the City infrastructure. Topics included trash pickup, bulky waste disposal, brush disposal, street conditions, water meter upgrades, final meter readings, and much more. Any employee who takes a call can enter the information into our VUEWorks database – linking the call to a property or City asset. We strive for continuity and good communication within the department – using this program allows for everyone to stay connected and aware of the various concerns of residents. In 2009, approximately 1,783 service calls were logged into VUEWorks by Public Works and Water Department personnel.

# SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Somersworth School District is pleased to submit this report to the City of Somersworth. The SAU 56 administrative team is in its fifth year at the helm of the Somersworth and Rollinsford School districts. It has been a busy year as we continue to focus on our mission of inspiring all students to excel, to develop a thirst for knowledge, and to teach the essential skills necessary to be caring, contributing, and responsible individuals in an ever-changing world. To this end we are using data to drive instruction following each child from their entry in school until their graduation from Somersworth High School

The Joint Building Committee has selected Harriman Associates to build the new Idlehurst Elementary School which will meet the space needs of the Somersworth School district for the foreseeable future.

In our efforts to continue to maintain our facilities, we continue to replace flooring at the middle school, also we replaced one rooftop ventilation unit at Somersworth High School and annual painting of classrooms took place, to name a few of the projects completed over the past year. A thank you to the custodial staff for the pride that they take in keeping our buildings clean and safe.

Our integration and use of technology continues to grow as we are updating our SAU 56 website. We now have ALERT Now Rapid Communication Service which is a way to inform parents and the school community of any emergencies.

In addition to the annual federal entitlement grants for students with disabilities, educationally disadvantaged students, technology and professional development through the efforts of the SAU 56 Office we have also been able to supplement these grants with stimulus monies. There are very strict guidelines that must be followed to use these funds. We are also partnering with Portsmouth in a Math Science Partnership grant, Enhancing Mathematics Instruction through Collaborative Coaching.

As one of the projects of the Somersworth High School Career Technical Center Building Trades Program they extensively renovated units donated by New England homes. When this house left the program in brand-new condition it became a duplex for the Strafford County Homeless Shelter.

We are pleased to report that our high school drop out rate is down to 2.1% for the 2008-2009 school year and 75% of our students continued on to post-secondary education. In addition our GED Options Program continues to meet the needs of those students who were not successful in our high school. These students also have had the opportunity to participate in career technical courses through a drop-out prevention grant.

It is only through the ongoing support of families, community members and businesses in the Somersworth community that we are able to provide a quality education for our students preparing them for the challenges and opportunities of our global society. The entire staff of the Somersworth School District is to be commended for their commitment to the success of all students. We are preparing our next generation as Mary Jean LeTendre states "America's future walks through the doors of our schools each day." Thank you for this opportunity to serve our community.

# **SOMERSWORTH HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Business of the Year-2002**

## **MANAGEMENT PROFILE and SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS**

**2009**

**SOMERSWORTH HOUSING AUTHORITY  
SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS  
AND LOCAL BENEFITS  
2009**

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PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<b>Public Housing</b>	<p>169 units of family and elderly housing for low and very low income.</p> <p>Albert J. Nadeau Homes - Bartlett Avenue: 56 Units - Family</p> <p>Edward S. Charpentier Apartments - Franklin Street: 49 Units - Elderly</p> <p>R.H. Filion Terrace - Washington Street: 64 Units - Elderly</p>	<p><b>Approx. \$631,441 per year in rental subsidy</b> above tenant rents received.</p> <p>Maintenance and operations budget of over <b>\$1,210,895 per year.</b></p> <p><b>\$5,223,024 total agency budget &amp; \$22,000,000 in total assets.</b></p>	<p>Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) approximately <b>\$21,886</b> per year.</p> <p>In the overall budget each year, there is approx. \$1,000,000 spent into the local economy with 65 staff positions, maintenance supplies, contractors and vendor payments, etc.</p>	<p>PILOT is determined by a Cooperation Agreement between the City and the SHA. Amount is Total Tenant Rents - Utility Costs x 10% (Actual water, sewer, trash collection and sand and salt bills are paid in full).</p>
<b>P.H. Modernization Capital Fund Program</b>	<p>Capital improvement grants to SHA owned family and elderly units.</p>	<p>2000: \$264,162 2001: \$269,308 2002: \$255,796 2003: \$210,659 2004: \$243,741 2005: \$232,512 2006: \$223,075 2007: \$216,748 2008: \$240,031 2009: \$239,366 ARRA: \$303,831</p>		<p>These funds are granted on a formula basis determined by HUD. These funds are used for modernization and improvements in the PHA owned developments. Major work items are performed through competitive bidding.</p>
<b>Safe Haven/Police Mini-station</b>	<p>The Safehaven Program is aimed at assisting development and low income children with schoolwork and keeping them out of the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>\$12,901 in various grants and donations</p>		

## Somersworth Housing Authority

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$(DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$(DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<b>Preservation Park &amp; Smokey Hollow Common</b>	42 units of elderly and family low income housing	<b>Approx. \$465,677</b> per year in direct subsidy.  Total budget of project contributes and <b>additional \$416,571</b> per year in maintenance, upkeep, vendors, contractors, and etc	<b>Full taxes paid: approx. \$54,232 per year.</b>	Smokey Hollow is a family development consisting of 16 units, and Preservation Park consists of 26 elderly units. Privately owned, but managed through the SHA.
<b>Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments</b>	37 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Tax Credit Program.	<b>Approx. \$393,014</b> per year in direct subsidy.  Total estimated projected costs for year <b>\$351,265</b>	<b>Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$38,359 per year.</b>	This brand new complex opened in June of 2004 under the ownership of Jeff, Pat and David Francoeur.  This complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.
<b>Queensbury Mill</b>	24 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.	Approximately <b>325,719</b> per year in direct subsidy.  Total projected costs for year <b>295,298</b>	<b>Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$19,345 per year.</b>	This renovated complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.
<b>Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program</b>	Over 183 total elderly and family Vouchers to assist renting in private apartments.	<b>Approx. \$1,528,169</b> per year in direct subsidies paid to private landlords in the region.	All landlords are responsible for their own local tax payments. The vast majority are fully taxable properties, with a few landlords (non-profits) which may make their own arrangements with the City.  It is impossible to assess the total taxable property made viable by this program.	This program allows the most flexibility to families, elderly and landlords. Lease arrangements are between the private landlord and the participant, with the SHA role being the administration of the subsidy and monitoring the quality of the apartment.

## Somersworth Housing Authority

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ ACTIVITY	\$(DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$(DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<p><b>Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)</b></p>	<p>Since 1975</p> <p>Competitively awarded grants have been received almost every year for Public Facilities and Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation.</p> <p>Recent grants include the Awarding of 300,000 for the replacement of windows at Charpentier apts. and a new rear handicapped entrance.</p>	<p><b>Approx. \$22,900,000</b> in direct grants has been received.</p>	<p>These monies go towards projects which improve the living conditions of low/moderate income residents of Somersworth. The funding has also provided for handicapped access to public facilities. This program has allowed many residences and buildings in Somersworth to be renovated to decent standards that wouldn't have been possible without the funding.</p>	<p>These projects are administered by the SHA following approval by the City Council.</p> <p>For scattered site projects there have been Increase in taxes for each unit rehabilitated.</p> <p>\$9,500 per unit is awarded to qualified property owners. These funds are loaned at ½ of prime lending rate. The funds that are paid back are used for further property rehabilitation and downtown revitalization.</p>
<p><b>Congregate Elderly</b></p>	<p>Federal program providing services for 20 elderly residents to prevent premature institutionalization.</p>	<p><b>Approx. \$136,624</b> per year awarded to provide services, meals, and service coordination to 20 seniors residing in public housing.</p>	<p>We have approx. 19 participants in this Congregate Program, and have placed several elderly on this program directly from a nursing home. Program participants provide him/her with the services needed to remain independent.</p>	<p>This program is cost effective and humane. We are able, even with the cost of housing subsidies, to keep an elderly person from being Unnecessarily institutionalized for program costs (including housing subsidy, services, coordination and administration of about \$12,000 per year.</p> <p>The Charpentier Apartments of the Public Housing Program is one site for the Congregate Program. Other locations include Queensbury Mil Apts. located on Market Street, and the Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments located on Maple Street Ext.</p>



## Somersworth Housing Authority

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ ACTIVITY	\$(DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$(DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<b>Flanagan Center</b>	Gym and Meeting Spaces provided for the Strafford County Head Start Program, the City Recreation Program, Safe-haven, Child Care Center, and the Developmentally disabled program.	The SHA charges a minimal fee to the City for gym use for the Rec program to ensure all children can afford the programs.  The SHA pays all staff costs and all utility costs for this facility.	All costs are borne by the SHA out of operating account.  Private groups pay \$35.00 per hour to rent the facility.	It would cost the City in excess of \$1,000,000 to construct its own recreational facility plus vast operational funds.
<b>Somersworth Early Learning Center</b>	Approx. 115 - 130 enrolled children	Approx. <b>\$968,-56</b> from USDA, Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), the United Way, fundraising, and private clients.	Provides a clean, comfortable center for children of families who must work. Because of funding sources, the Center is able to provide a sliding fee scale for parents who must work but cannot afford daycare prices (approx. 70% of the daycare enrollees required these special payment arrangements).	This is one of the few Centers in the area that provide care for newborn infants (around 6 weeks of age).  Provides 2 meals and 1 snack per day that are nutritionally sound (USDA guidelines).
<b>Strafford County Nutrition</b>	Meals on Wheels (Home Delivered recipients): Approx. 230 persons per day.  Congregate Meals (3 sites): Approx. 180 persons per day.	<b>Approx. \$899,125</b> per year from USDA, Title XX, Title IIIC, and anonymous donations.	Provides for the nutritious meals and the staffing that is required to service elderly disabled persons in Strafford County who are homebound or are for some reason unable to make themselves a nutritious meal.	2,500 meals per week are served in Somersworth, Dover, Rochester, Farmington, Milton, Rollinsford, Durham, Strafford, Madbury, Lee, Barrington, Middleton and New Durham.

*Elizabeth A. Salinger, Executive Director*

*David L. Roberge, Chairman*

*Joan A. Lynch, Vice Chairman*

*Richard Whitten, Commissioner*

*Martin Dumont, Commissioner*

***PROPOSED PROGRAM WORK ITEMS: 2010***

Proposed work items include \$303,831 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds awarded to the Somersworth Housing Authority for installation of sidewall insulation, siding, and gutter replacement at the Albert J. Nadeau Homes Complex.

Awarded \$300,000 from a competitive State of NH Community Development Block Grant for the replacement of windows and a new rear handicapped entrance at Charpentier apartments.

BARRINGTON  
BROOKFIELD  
DOVER  
DURHAM  
FARMINGTON  
LEE  
MADBURY  
MIDDLETON  
MILTON



NEW DURHAM  
NEWMARKET  
NORTHWOOD  
NOTTINGHAM  
ROCHESTER  
ROLLINSFORD  
SOMERSWORTH  
STRAFFORD  
WAKEFIELD

## Strafford Regional Planning Commission 2009 Report

- Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, serves in an advisory role to the City of Somersworth and seventeen other communities. We provide planning services to assist officials, boards and citizens in managing growth and development and to foster regional collaborative efforts.
- SRPC's professional staff offers a range of planning services in transportation; land use, economic development, natural resources and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping and analysis. These services are available in customized modes to meet the diverse needs of communities. Access is also provided to SRPC educational resources including our website, library, workshops and forums, and customized training.

### 2009 Accomplishments:

- Hired Planning Consultant Bruce Mayberry to update the *2009 Strafford Region Housing Needs Assessment* in compliance with state requirements; staff available for presentations in 2010
- Updated Census statistical areas in preparation for the 2010 Census
- Met with City staff for 2011-2020 for NH Transportation Ten-Year Plan Project Solicitation
- Provided project support for approved and proposed Transportation Enhancements/ Congestion Mitigation Air Quality projects
- Worked with City staff on the Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership environmental regulation assessment document created for all coastal communities in New Hampshire and Maine
- Provided GIS support to the City Planner
- Coordinated with the City Planner in creating an updated set of tax maps and one-way traffic pattern maps
- Created GIS maps for residents, officials and residents as requested
- Provided Safe Routes To School grant assistance and program support
- Distributed *New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation* books to local land use boards

### SRPC provided the following services to all municipalities in 2009:

- Approved amendments to 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Established work tasks and budget for 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for region's transportation planning program
- Published and created maps and database for 2008 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
- Collaborated with Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT) to provide coordinated transportation for human service agencies in Southeastern NH
- Served on Legislative Study Commission on siltation in the Great Bay Estuary

- Served on the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership Management Committee
- Established a bi-weekly newsletter and regular updates on website to keep communities informed of meeting schedules, events, local news and other beneficial information
- Updated SRPC's standard map sets including *Transportation, Conservation Land, Water Resources, Land Use and Community Features*
- Downloaded and displayed the latest demographic and economic data to SRPC web page as tools for municipalities to utilize in planning efforts

**Goals for 2010:**

- Secure federal Economic Development Administration funds to create a Strafford County Comprehensive Economic Development document to be completed in 2010
- Participate in the Southeast Watershed Alliance organizing year as member of advisory committee per RSA 485:E
- Secure funding for regional and local projects in energy efficiency, economic development, water resources, transit and transportation

We look forward to working with the citizens and officials of Somersworth in 2010 in an exciting time for the city. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for your continuing support of regional planning. Further questions or comments can be referred to Cynthia Copeland, AICP, Executive Director at [cjc@strafford.org](mailto:cjc@strafford.org). Please visit our website at [www.strafford.org](http://www.strafford.org).

If you would like to receive E Bulletins from SRPC, please go to our home page of our website noted above.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Mayor and City Council  
City of Somersworth, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Somersworth's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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.

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, management recorded a liability for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) in governmental and business type activities, based on the alternative measurement method, which is only allowable for communities with less than 100 employees. The City of Somersworth, having over 100 employees, cannot rely on this method and must use an actuary to calculate the OPEB liability. The differences between the calculated amount reported on the alternative measurement method and that determined by an actuary cannot be estimated and therefore the impact on the City's government-wide fund balance cannot be determined.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, the financial

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position of the governmental activities, business type activities, and each major enterprise fund as of June 30, 2009 and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, and the supplementary information appearing on page 43, 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 15, 2010 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its 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.

*Melanson, Heath + Company P.C.*

Nashua, New Hampshire  
March 15, 2010

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the City of Somersworth, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. We encourage readers to consider the information here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal.

### A. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, highways and streets, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and education. The business-type activities include water, sewer, and solid waste activities.

**Fund financial statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be

divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general and debt service funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

**Proprietary funds.** Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:

Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Specifically, enterprise funds are used to account for water, sewer, and solid waste operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the water, sewer, and solid waste operations, all of which are considered to be major funds.

**Fiduciary funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

**Notes to financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.



**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*.

**B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$ 15,546,248 (i.e., net assets), a change of \$ (727,258) in comparison to the prior year.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 3,012,642, a change of \$ 1,158,989 in comparison with the prior year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$ (258,874), a change of \$ (874,979) in comparison with the prior year.

Total bonds payable at the close of the current fiscal year was \$ 26,718,225, a change of \$ (859,456) in comparison to the prior year.

**C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current and prior fiscal years. All amounts are presented in thousands.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 13,163	\$ 11,947	\$ ( 554)	\$ 1,581	\$ 12,609	\$ 13,528
Capital assets	<u>21,015</u>	<u>21,852</u>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>25,431</u>	<u>45,260</u>	<u>47,283</u>
Total assets	34,178	33,799	23,691	27,012	57,869	60,811
Long-term liabilities outstanding	14,218	13,583	18,029	19,980	32,247	33,563
Other liabilities	<u>9,687</u>	<u>9,851</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>1,124</u>	<u>10,076</u>	<u>10,975</u>
Total liabilities	23,905	23,434	18,418	21,104	42,323	44,538
Net assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net	10,846	11,021	7,287	7,570	18,133	18,591
Restricted	107	17	-	-	107	17
Unrestricted	( 680)	( 673)	( 2,014)	( 1,662)	( 2,694)	( 2,335)
Total net assets	\$ <u>10,273</u>	\$ <u>10,365</u>	\$ <u>5,273</u>	\$ <u>5,908</u>	\$ <u>15,546</u>	\$ <u>16,273</u>

## CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	<u>Governmental</u>		<u>Business-Type</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Activities</u>		<u>Activities</u>			
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 937	\$ 1,104	\$ 3,580	\$ 3,151	\$ 4,517	\$ 4,255
Operating grants and contributions	10,589	10,329	-	-	10,589	10,329
Capital grants and contributions	154	199	-	-	154	199
General revenues:						
Taxes	20,779	19,628	-	-	20,779	19,628
Motor vehicle registration fees	1,315	1,393	-	-	1,315	1,393
Intergovernmental	988	944	604	131	1,592	1,075
Interest	179	299	1	80	180	379
Miscellaneous	<u>142</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>166</u>
Total revenues	<u>35,083</u>	<u>34,062</u>	<u>4,185</u>	<u>3,362</u>	<u>39,268</u>	<u>37,424</u>
Expenses:						
General government	1,679	1,514	-	-	1,679	1,514
Public safety	4,787	1,360	-	-	4,787	1,360
Highways and streets	2,887	5,115	-	-	2,887	5,115
Health and welfare	218	221	-	-	218	221
Culture and recreation	730	575	-	-	730	575
School department	22,278	21,373	-	-	22,278	21,373
Interest	547	752	-	-	547	752
County assessment	2,179	1,979	-	-	2,179	1,979
Other	5	12	-	-	5	12
Water operations	-	-	2,047	1,509	2,047	1,509
Sewer operations	-	-	2,286	2,242	2,286	2,242
Solid waste operations	-	-	<u>387</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>378</u>
Total expenses	<u>35,310</u>	<u>32,901</u>	<u>4,720</u>	<u>4,129</u>	<u>40,030</u>	<u>37,030</u>
Change in net assets before transfers	( 227)	1,161	( 535)	( 767)	( 762)	394
Transfers in (out)	<u>135</u>	<u>199</u>	( 100)	( 154)	<u>35</u>	<u>45</u>
Change in net assets	( 92)	1,360	( 635)	( 921)	( 727)	439
Net assets - beginning of year, as restated	<u>10,365</u>	<u>9,005</u>	<u>5,908</u>	<u>6,829</u>	<u>16,273</u>	<u>15,834</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 10,273</u>	<u>\$ 10,365</u>	<u>\$ 5,273</u>	<u>\$ 5,908</u>	<u>\$ 15,546</u>	<u>\$ 16,273</u>

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, total net assets were \$ 15,546,248, a change of \$ (727,258) from the prior year.

The largest portion of net assets, \$ 18,133,530 reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt

must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net assets, \$ 107,405, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance represents an unrestricted net asset deficit of \$ (2,694,687).

**Governmental activities.** Governmental activities for the year resulted in a change in net assets of \$ (92,470). Key elements of this change are as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
General fund operating results, as disclosed in Section D	\$ 172,067
Nonmajor funds - accrual basis	(349,632)
Excess bond principal maturities over depreciation	120,433
Other GAAP accruals	<u>( 35,338)</u>
Total	\$ ( <u> 92,470</u> )

**Business-Type Activities.** Business-type activities for the year resulted in a change in net assets of \$ (634,788). Key elements of this change are as follows:

Water Fund	\$ ( 43,652)
Sewer Fund	(601,673)
Solid Waste Fund	<u>10,537</u>
Total	\$ ( <u>634,788</u> )

#### **D. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS**

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental funds.** The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 3,012,642 , a change of \$ 1,158,989 in comparison with the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>
General fund operating results, as disclosed below	\$ 172,067
Nonmajor fund operating results	<u>986,922</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,158,989</u>

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$ (258,874), while total fund balance was \$ 2,924,764. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the general fund changed by \$ 172,067 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Budget in excess of revenues	\$( 63,329)
Budget expenditures in excess of actual	462,331
Property tax collections exceeding (less than) net tax levy	(152,822)
Use of fund balance as funding source	(100,000)
Excess of current year encumbrances over prior year	<u>25,887</u>
Total	<u>\$ 172,067</u>

**Proprietary funds.** Proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the enterprise funds at the end of the year amounted to a deficit of \$ (2,014,296), a change of \$ (351,879) in comparison with the prior year. This deficit was caused by the impact of increased costs due to financing major capital and operational improvements, mandated by State and Federal agencies of appropriate jurisdictions overseeing the permitting of the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities. To that end, the City Council enacted a series of rate increases on the Water rates, effective July 1, 2007, that will more than double rates over four years, and approved a plan to increase the Sewer rates over four years starting July of 2008.

Other factors concerning the finances of proprietary funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

#### **E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget consisted of reappropriations between budget lines, but did not change the overall original appropriation amount.

#### **F. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital assets.** Total investment in capital assets for governmental and business-type activities at year-end amounted to \$ 45,260,181 (net of accumulated depreciation), a change of \$ (2,023,509) from the prior year. This investment in

capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, and machinery and equipment.

**Long-term debt.** At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$ 26,718,225, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Additional information on capital assets and long-term debt can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

## **G. ECONOMIC FACTORS**

The City of Somersworth instituted a series of rate increases for both the Water and Sewer utilities beginning in July 2007. Based on current revenue and expenditure projections, the rate structure that will be in place on July 1, 2010 will be sufficient to reverse the annual operating losses that have occurred, and over time address the accumulated deficit that currently exists.

## **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Somersworth's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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City of Somersworth  
One Government Way  
Somersworth, New Hampshire 03878

## CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current:			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 9,973,550	\$ -	\$ 9,973,550
Investments	127,197	-	127,197
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	893,572	-	893,572
Departmental	116,614	286,982	403,596
Intergovernmental	60,837	1,018,532	1,079,369
Inventory	-	107,896	107,896
Other assets	19,034	-	19,034
Noncurrent:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Special assessments	5,217	-	5,217
Internal balances	1,967,474	(1,967,474)	-
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	7,002,918	500,895	7,503,813
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>14,011,702</u>	<u>23,744,666</u>	<u>37,756,368</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>34,178,115</b>	<b>23,691,497</b>	<b>57,869,612</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current:			
Manifest payable	410,237	103,174	513,411
Accounts payable	546,666	-	546,666
Accrued liabilities	323,764	284,908	608,672
Prepaid taxes	8,290,028	-	8,290,028
Due to fiduciary funds	114,671	-	114,671
Other current liabilities	1,880	895	2,775
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	1,373,545	1,026,305	2,399,850
Lease payable	20,736	-	20,736
Other liabilities	336,712	-	336,712
Noncurrent:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	9,204,900	15,113,475	24,318,375
OPEB liability	427,780	16,528	444,308
Notes payable	-	1,836,616	1,836,616
Lease payable, net of current portion	132,500	-	132,500
Other liabilities, net of current portion	<u>2,721,848</u>	<u>36,196</u>	<u>2,758,044</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>23,905,267</b>	<b>18,418,097</b>	<b>42,323,364</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	10,845,834	7,287,696	18,133,530
Restricted for:			
State and federal grants	(72,374)	-	(72,374)
Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	162,556	-	162,556
Expendable	17,223	-	17,223
Unrestricted	<u>(680,391)</u>	<u>(2,014,296)</u>	<u>(2,694,687)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>10,272,848</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>5,273,400</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>15,546,248</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2009

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 9,271,507	\$ 702,043	\$ 9,973,550
Investments	-	127,197	127,197
Receivables:			
Property taxes	1,010,203	-	1,010,203
Departmental	122,754	-	122,754
Intergovernmental	-	60,837	60,837
Due from other funds	263,231	109,721	372,952
Advance from other funds	2,766,652	-	2,766,652
Other assets	19,034	-	19,034
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>13,453,381</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>999,798</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>14,453,179</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Manifest payable	\$ 340,058	\$ 70,179	\$ 410,237
Accounts payable	548,546	-	548,546
Deferred revenues	904,925	-	904,925
Due to other funds	445,060	42,563	487,623
Advance to other funds	-	799,178	799,178
Taxes collected in advance	8,290,028	-	8,290,028
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>10,528,617</b>	<b>911,920</b>	<b>11,440,537</b>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Expenditures	100,000	-	100,000
Encumbrances	316,986	-	316,986
Perpetual permanent funds	-	162,556	162,556
Advance	2,766,652	-	2,766,652
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund (see Note 19)	(258,874)	-	(258,874)
Special revenue funds	-	440,691	440,691
Capital project funds	-	162,895	162,895
Debt service funds	-	(695,487)	(695,487)
Permanent Funds	-	17,223	17,223
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>2,924,764</u></b>	<b><u>87,878</u></b>	<b><u>3,012,642</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ <u>13,453,381</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>999,798</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>14,453,179</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL  
ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>	\$ 3,012,642
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.</li></ul>	21,014,620
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.</li></ul>	787,371
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.</li></ul>	(323,764)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</li></ul>	<u>(14,218,021)</u>
<b>Net assets of governmental activities</b>	<u>\$ 10,272,848</u>

See notes to financial statements.

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	<u>General</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes	\$ 20,545,136	\$ -	\$ 20,545,136
Licenses and permits	1,390,333	-	1,390,333
Intergovernmental	10,275,898	1,375,965	11,651,863
Charges for services	485,101	404,200	889,301
Interest income	71,438	107,311	178,749
Other revenues:			
Contributions	13,835	65,735	79,570
Other	131,756	10,058	141,814
Total Revenues	<u>32,913,497</u>	<u>1,963,269</u>	<u>34,876,766</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
General government	1,461,152	107,609	1,568,761
Public safety	4,584,618	80,466	4,665,084
Highways and streets	2,025,536	198,112	2,223,648
Health and welfare	216,493	-	216,493
Culture and recreation	544,289	189,371	733,660
School department	20,120,313	1,677,199	21,797,512
Other	-	5,500	5,500
Debt service:			
Principal	1,090,000	150,000	1,240,000
Interest	546,337	15,188	561,525
Intergovernmental:			
Assessments	2,178,639	-	2,178,639
Total Expenditures	<u>32,767,377</u>	<u>2,423,445</u>	<u>35,190,822</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	146,120	(460,176)	(314,056)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Transfers in	285,747	359,800	645,547
Transfers out	(259,800)	(251,247)	(511,047)
Proceeds from long-term notes	-	1,338,545	1,338,545
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>25,947</u>	<u>1,447,098</u>	<u>1,473,045</u>
Net change in fund balances	172,067	986,922	1,158,989
Fund Balances, at Beginning of Year	<u>2,752,697</u>	<u>(899,044)</u>	<u>1,853,653</u>
Fund Balances, at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,924,764</u>	<u>\$ 87,878</u>	<u>\$ 3,012,642</u>

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

<b>NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,989</b>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Capital outlay purchases, net of disposals</td> <td style="text-align: right;">321,413</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Depreciation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(1,139,225)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss on disposal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(20,035)</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ul>		Capital outlay purchases, net of disposals	321,413	Depreciation	(1,139,225)	Loss on disposal	(20,035)		
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Depreciation	(1,139,225)								
Loss on disposal	(20,035)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue. <span style="float: right;">233,794</span></li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Repayments of bonded debt</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,240,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Issuance of bond debt</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(1,338,545)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repayments of leased debt</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19,659</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Issuance of new leased debt</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(132,500)</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ul>		Repayments of bonded debt	1,240,000	Issuance of bond debt	(1,338,545)	Repayments of leased debt	19,659	Issuance of new leased debt	(132,500)
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due. <span style="float: right;">14,495</span></li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, landfill liabilities and OPEB liability do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. <span style="float: right;"><u>(450,515)</u></span></li> </ul>									
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ <u>(92,470)</u></b>								

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES,  
AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget		
<b>Revenues and other sources:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 20,610,690	\$ 20,610,690	\$ 20,697,958	\$ 87,268
Licenses and permits	1,607,750	1,607,750	1,390,333	(217,417)
Intergovernmental	9,640,358	9,640,358	9,774,769	134,411
Charges for services	496,660	496,660	407,411	(89,249)
Interest income	120,000	120,000	71,438	(48,562)
Other revenues	494,135	494,135	313,108	(181,027)
Transfers in	34,500	34,500	285,747	251,247
Use of fund balance	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>33,104,093</b>	<b>33,104,093</b>	<b>33,040,764</b>	<b>(63,329)</b>
<b>Expenditures and other uses:</b>				
Current:				
Elected leadership	112,003	112,003	109,926	2,077
City management	318,335	318,335	285,772	32,563
Development services	914,052	914,052	893,031	21,021
Police	2,669,203	2,638,493	2,581,112	57,381
Fire	1,525,395	1,623,697	1,623,424	273
Finance and administration	1,129,317	1,129,317	1,054,960	74,357
Public works & utilities	1,930,413	1,939,968	1,817,624	122,344
School	20,622,513	20,622,513	20,503,428	119,085
Other	2,461,219	2,384,072	2,343,198	40,874
Capital outlay	168,917	168,917	144,682	24,235
Debt service	1,031,848	1,031,848	1,024,805	7,043
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	220,878	220,878	259,800	(38,922)
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>33,104,093</b>	<b>33,104,093</b>	<b>32,641,762</b>	<b>462,331</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 399,002	\$ 399,002

See notes to financial statements.

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			Total
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
Current:				
User fees, net of allowance for uncollectibles	\$ 129,829	\$ 146,763	\$ 10,390	\$ 286,982
Intergovernmental receivables	-	1,018,532	-	1,018,532
Inventory	101,330	-	6,566	107,896
Total current assets	231,159	1,165,295	16,956	1,413,410
Noncurrent:				
Land and construction in progress	144,510	356,385	-	500,895
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	8,132,415	15,612,251	-	23,744,666
Total noncurrent assets	8,276,925	15,968,636	-	24,245,561
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,508,084</b>	<b>17,133,931</b>	<b>16,956</b>	<b>25,658,971</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Current:				
Manifest payable	28,533	44,458	30,183	103,174
Accrued and other liabilities	111,400	173,508	-	284,908
Other liabilities	895	-	-	895
Bonds payable	510,074	516,231	-	1,026,305
Total current liabilities	650,902	734,197	30,183	1,415,282
Noncurrent:				
Notes payable	-	1,836,616	-	1,836,616
Advance from other funds	499,471	1,430,941	37,062	1,967,474
Bonds payable, net of current portion	6,853,774	8,259,701	-	15,113,475
OPEB liability	10,393	6,135	-	16,528
Other	33,359	2,837	-	36,196
Total noncurrent liabilities	7,396,997	11,536,230	37,062	18,970,289
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,047,899</b>	<b>12,270,427</b>	<b>67,245</b>	<b>20,385,571</b>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	913,077	6,374,619	-	7,287,696
Unrestricted	(452,892)	(1,511,115)	(50,289)	(2,014,296)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 460,185</b>	<b>\$ 4,863,504</b>	<b>\$ (50,289)</b>	<b>\$ 5,273,400</b>

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CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			Total
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 1,433,451	\$ 1,550,318	\$ 397,426	\$ 3,381,195
Other	191,453	7,311	-	198,764
Total Operating Revenues	1,624,904	1,557,629	397,426	3,579,959
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Operating expenses	1,058,092	1,302,799	386,889	2,747,780
Depreciation	540,162	645,502	-	1,185,664
Other	156,266	19,658	-	175,924
Total Operating Expenses	1,754,520	1,967,959	386,889	4,109,368
Operating Income (Loss)	(129,616)	(410,330)	10,537	(529,409)
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>				
Intergovernmental revenue	377,819	226,761	-	604,580
Interest income	1,073	-	-	1,073
Interest expense	(292,928)	(318,104)	-	(611,032)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	85,964	(91,343)	-	(5,379)
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(43,652)	(501,673)	10,537	(534,788)
<b>Transfers:</b>				
Transfers in	105,702	-	-	105,702
Transfers out	(105,702)	(100,000)	-	(205,702)
Total Transfers	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Change in Net Assets	(43,652)	(601,673)	10,537	(634,788)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	503,837	5,465,177	(60,826)	5,908,188
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 460,185	\$ 4,863,504	\$ (50,289)	\$ 5,273,400

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CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			Total
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,566,913	\$ 1,489,771	\$ 406,944	\$ 3,463,628
Payments to vendors and employees	<u>(1,418,311)</u>	<u>(1,301,739)</u>	<u>(406,944)</u>	<u>(3,126,994)</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	148,602	188,032	-	336,634
<b>Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:</b>				
Due to other funds	(529,946)	-	-	(529,946)
Advance from other funds	499,471	463,412	-	962,883
Transfer to other funds	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Intergovernmental grant revenue	<u>377,819</u>	<u>226,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,580</u>
Net Cash (Used For) Noncapital Financing Activities	347,344	590,173	-	937,517
<b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	-	893	-	893
Principal payments on bonds and notes	(441,770)	(516,231)	-	(958,001)
Interest expense	(293,823)	(318,104)	-	(611,927)
Proceeds from state revolving loan	<u>-</u>	<u>55,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,237</u>
Net Cash (Used For) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(735,593)	(778,205)	-	(1,513,798)
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>				
Investment income	<u>1,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,073</u>
Net Cash (Used For) Investing Activities	<u>1,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,073</u>
Net Change in Cash and Short-Term Investments	(238,574)	-	-	(238,574)
Cash and Short Term Investments, Beginning of Year	<u>238,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,574</u>
Cash and Short Term Investments, End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by (Used For) Operating Activities:</b>				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (129,616)	\$ (410,330)	\$ 10,537	\$ (529,409)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:				
Depreciation	540,162	645,502	-	1,185,664
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
User fees	(57,991)	(67,858)	9,518	(116,331)
Inventory	(23,835)	-	14,130	(9,705)
Due from other funds	-	-	(3,542)	(3,542)
Accounts payable	(124,519)	13,091	(23,414)	(134,842)
Accrued liabilities	(61,169)	1,492	-	(59,677)
Other	<u>5,570</u>	<u>6,135</u>	<u>(7,229)</u>	<u>4,476</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	<u>\$ 148,602</u>	<u>\$ 188,032</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 336,634</u>

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CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

	Private Purpose Trust <u>Funds</u>	Agency <u>Funds</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 57,734	\$ 459,572
Investments	139,668	-
Due from other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>114,671</u>
Total Assets	197,402	574,243
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Other liabilities:		
Escrow deposits held	<u>-</u>	<u>574,243</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>574,243</u>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Total net assets held in trust	<u>\$ 197,402</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Investment income (loss)	\$ (1,298)
Contributions and donations	<u>340</u>
Total additions	(958)
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Miscellaneous:	
Bequests and expenses	<u>300</u>
Total deductions	<u>300</u>
Net increase (decrease)	(1,258)
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Beginning of year	<u>198,660</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 197,402</u>





# City of Somersworth



## Service Directory

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