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LIST OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Chester "Rick" Chellman, Chairman	Term Expires 2004
Susan H. Weeks	Term Expires 2005
William L. Stockman	Term Expires 2006

TOWN CLERK

Leanora P. Quilliam	Term Expires 2005
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DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Virginia Jackson

TREASURER

Heather K. Cubeddu	Term Expires 2005
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Jacquelyn H. Rollins	Term Expires 2005
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DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Virginia Jackson

ROAD AGENT

Stephen Hunter	Term Expires 2005
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BUDGET COMMITTEE

John Morgan, Chairman	Term Expires 2005
Mirick Friend, Secretary	Term Expires 2004
Lloyd Wood	Term Expires 2006
Edward Garrett	Term Expires 2006
William Antonucci	Term Expires 2004
Wayne Black	Term Expires 2005

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Barbara McClure, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
David Haeger	Term Expires 2004
Ann Hackl	Term Expires 2005

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Barbara McClure, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Ann Hackl	Term Expires 2005
David Haeger	Term Expires 2004

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ann Robinson	Term Expires 2006
Carolyn Sundquist	Term Expires 2004
Patricia Osmond	Term Expires 2005

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Andrew Shagoury, Chief
James Hathcock, Sergeant
Thomas Lafavre, Officer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Adam Thompson

HEALTH OFFICER/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Donald 'Ted' Wright

TUFTONBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Adam Thompson, Chief
Richard Piper, Deputy Chief

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Carolyn Sundquist

AUDITORS

Grzelak & Company, P.C.

PLANNING BOARD

Barbara Wood	Term Expires 2004
Anthony Lyon	Term Expires 2006
J. Kenneth Cookson	Term Expires 2004
Donald Wright	Term Expires 2005
Mirick Friend, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Wilson Stewart, Alternate,	Term Expires 2005
Susan H. Weeks, Selectman Member	
Jacquelyn H. Rollins, Secretary	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Robert Theve	Term Expires 2005
William Albee	Term Expires 2005
Niel S. Hansen	Term Expires 2004
Chris Coulter	Term Expires 2004
Robert E. Murray, Chairman	Term Expires 2004
Anthony Lyon, Alternate	Term Expires 2004
Jacquelyn H. Rollins, Secretary	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ann Hackl, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Irwin Wood	Term Expires 2006
Headley "Lee" White	Term Expires 2005
David Durnam	Term Expires 2004
Dave Jeffers	Term Expires 2004
Michael Phelps	Term Expires 2005
Brian Hastings	Term Expires 2005
Jerome Light, Alternate	Term Expires 2006

RECREATION COMMISSION

Eric Roseen, Chairman
Kathleen Roseen
Ted Bense
Will Williams
Maryann Murray
Sandra Libby
Daniel Libby

BOAT PERMIT AGENT

Thomas Young
David Ladd

Melvin Village Marina
Lanes End Marina

MODERATOR

Daniel Barnard

Term Expires 2004

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Mary Williams
Betsy Thornton
Elizabeth Libby

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2008

OFFICE HOURS

SELECTMEN

569-4539

Monday evenings at 6:30 PM

TOWN OFFICE

569-4539 FAX 569-4328

E-mail: Tuftonboro@adelphia.net

Website: www.tuftonboro.org

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

TOWN CLERK

569-4539

Monday and Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

TAX COLLECTOR

569-4539

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD

569-4539

First Thursday, each month – 7:30 PM Town Office

Third Thursday, each month – 7:30 PM Town House

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

No Regular Hours. For Appointment: 569-4539

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Third Monday, each month – 7:30 PM Town Office

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

569-4539

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

TUFTONBORO RECYCLING CENTER/TRANSFER STATION

539-3264

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY

569-4256

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Thursday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

TUFTONBORO EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Fire/Rescue: 911 or 539-2261

Police: 911 or 539-2284

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF TUFTONBORO

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

Purpose of Appropriation	Approved Appropriation 2003	Actual Selectment's Expenditures 2003	Budget 2004	Appropriations Not Recommended	Budget Committee's Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$56,440.00	\$55,068.50	\$57,795.00		\$57,795.00
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	33,365.00	34,108.23	39,196.00		39,196.00
Financial Administration	89,994.00	95,201.53	101,920.00		101,920.00
Revaluation of Property	22,000.00	24,117.35	22,000.00		22,000.00
Legal Expense	30,000.00	10,186.10	25,000.00		25,000.00
Personnel Administration	150,000.00	134,058.79	200,917.00		200,917.00
Planning & Zoning	5,740.00	4,293.02	10,700.00		10,700.00
General Government Buildings	59,400.00	51,292.46	74,200.00		74,200.00
Cemeteries	15,020.00	16,266.25	14,150.00		14,150.00
Insurance	65,300.00	20,241.31	29,033.00		29,033.00
Other General Government	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	206,640.00	190,536.62	218,099.00		218,099.00
Ambulance	41,985.00	41,985.00	44,504.00		44,504.00
Fire	170,827.00	148,851.23	183,905.00		183,905.00
Building Inspection	21,450.00	20,322.79	30,095.00		30,095.00
Emergency Management	18,836.00	40,982.00	20,400.00		20,400.00
Other (including Communications)			16,000.00		16,000.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
Highways & Streets	293,484.00	285,092.38	313,615.00		313,615.00
Bridges	3,000.00	1,464.67	13,000.00		13,000.00

SANITATION	202,725.00	202,408.87	203,094.00	203,094.00
Solid Waste Disposal				
HEALTH AND WELFARE				
Pest Control	3,000.00	2,496.61	3,000.00	3,000.00
Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	15,004.00	15,004.00	22,530.00	22,530.00
Administration & Direct Assistance	25,500.00	19,816.74	25,500.00	25,500.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
Parks & Recreation	38,000.00	31,833.05	33,050.00	33,050.00
Library	81,554.00	80,146.60	93,595.00	93,595.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,800.00	1,554.50	1,800.00	1,800.00
CONSERVATION				
Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	1,025.00	417.70	4,600.00	4,600.00
Improvements other than Buildings			20,000.00	20,000.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
To Special Revenue Fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$1,658,089.00	\$1,527,746.30	\$1,827,698.00	\$1,827,698.00

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriation	Prior Yr.	Actual expenditure	Selectmens		Appropriation		Budget Committee	
			recommended	not recommended	recommended	not recommended	recommended	not recommended
Paving and Shoulder Work)			\$170,000.00				\$170,000.00	
Fire Truck/Tractor Lease/Purchase			67,000.00				67,000.00	
Landfill-Compactor			25,000.00				25,000.00	
County Road Bridge			150,000.00				150,000.00	
Cheney Farm Easement			136,000.00				136,000.00	
Revaluation			210,000.00				210,000.00	
TOTALS			\$758,000.00				\$758,000.00	

WARRANT ARTICLES 2003

Articles	Appropriation	Expenditure
Landfill-Compactor (Article 6)	\$70,000.00	\$00.00
Beach Utilities (Article 7)	75,000.00	56,185.00
Police Cruiser (Article 8)	39,500.00	39,456.00
Paving & Shoulder Work (Article 9)	130,000.00	130,413.00
County Road Bridge Capital Reserve (Article 10)	60,000.00	60,000.00
Fire Truck Capital Reserve (Article 11)	75,000.00	75,000.00
TOTALS	\$449,500	\$361,054

SOURCE OF REVENUE

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$20,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$5,000.00
Timber Taxes	18,000.00	26,812.00	18,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	7,000.00	14,660.00	10,000.00
Other Taxes (Boat Registrations)	27,000.00	26,493.00	26,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000.00	22,520.00	22,000.00
Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cu yd)	1,000.00	1,143.00	1,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Business Licenses & Permits	5,000.00	6,754.00	6,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	410,000.00	453,334.00	425,000.00
Building Permits	25,000.00	25,076.00	25,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	8,000.00	17,364.00	17,000.00
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	40,000.00	18,546.00	18,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		65,756.00	65,000.00
Highway Block Grant	64,584.00	64,584.00	64,715.00

NH Farmland Grant				73,500.00
Other (including Railroad Tax) (Grants)	29,402.00	29,741.00		15,000.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (Landfill Grant)	129,900.00	125,075.00		10,000.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	31,000.00	39,505.00		36,000.00
Other Charges		1,200.00		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property	20,000.00	45,315.00		50,000.00
Interest on Investments	40,000.00	24,424.00		25,000.00
Other	10,000.00	28,530.00		33,400.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
From Special Revenue Funds	1,000.00			1,000.00
From Capital Reserve Funds				60,000.00
From Trust & Agency Funds	1,180.00	6,743.00		1,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	250,000.00	250,000.00		412,800.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS	\$1,131,484.00	\$1,308,375.00		\$1,420,915.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Comm. Recommended Budget
Appropriations Recommended	\$1,658,089.00	\$1,827,698.00	\$1,827,698.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	135,000.00		
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	314,500.00	758,000.00	758,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	\$2,107,589.00	\$2,585,698.00	\$2,585,698.00
Less Estimated Revenues & Credits	1,131,484.00	1,420,915.00	1,420,915.00
EST. AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$976,105.00	\$1,164,783.00	\$1,164,783.00

TOWN WARRANT
Town of Tuftonboro
State of New Hampshire

The Polls Will Be Open From 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Tuftonboro in the County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Tuftonboro Town House in said Tuftonboro on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 will be voted on by Ballot March 9th.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Tuftonboro Central School in said Tuftonboro on Wednesday, the tenth day of March next at 7:30 PM in the evening to act upon the remaining articles:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will modify, pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, the provisions of RSA 72:28 as previously adopted to increase the optional veterans property tax credit to the amount of \$250.00. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)
3. To see if the Town will modify, pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, the provisions of RSA 72:35 as previously adopted to increase the optional veterans property tax credit for service-connected total disability to the amount of \$2,000.00. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)
4. Shall the Town authorize indefinitely, until specific rescission, that the public library trustees, under provision of RSA 202-A:4-d, may accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any purpose? The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the reconstruction of the County Road Bridge. Of the \$150,000.00, \$60,000.00 plus all accrued interest is to be appropriated from the County Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose at the 2003 annual meeting. The balance of \$90,000.00 less accrued interest is to be raised from taxes. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a seven-year lease/purchase agreement for \$402,000.00 for the purpose of

obtaining a fire truck for the Fire Department and a front-end loader for the Transfer Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$67,000.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

7. To see whether the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to discontinue Bay Road, a Class VI Road, from the northeasterly terminus of the Class V portion of Bay Road and thence generally northeasterly to the thread of Nineteenmile Brook. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)
8. To see whether the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to discontinue Thomas Point Road, a Class V Road, which runs in an easterly direction from the easterly side of Hurlburt Road for a distance of approximately 1,055 feet, to be the same more or less, to its terminus. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)
9. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens, to sell and convey by Quitclaim Deed following notice of sale by advertisement, any and all properties acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's Deed, such sales to be by Public Auction or advertised sealed bid or in such manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require; this authority to extend until March 2005 Town Meeting.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000.00) for the paving and shoulder work of town roads. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purchase and installation of a compactor and to continue with plans for other improvements at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$136,000.00) to purchase a conservation/preservation easement on the Wayne Cheney Farm, 70 Middle Road in Tuftonboro. The expenditure of this amount is contingent upon the Town receiving a grant from the NH Farmland Protection Program in the amount of \$73,500.00. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) for the revaluation of all property in the Town. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the revaluation is completed but no later

than Town Meeting of March 2006. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

- 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same, the sum of One million eight hundred twenty-seven thousand six hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$1,827,698.00) as recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee and such sums as may be required to cover the costs of any additional items voted at the meeting and in accordance with RSA 32:8. (Majority vote required)
- 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

Chester E. Chellman

Susan H. Weeks

William L. Stockman
Selectmen of Tuftonboro

STATEMENT OF 2003 APPROPRIATIONS

General Government	
Executive	\$56,440
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	33,365
Financial Administration	89,994
Revaluation of Property	22,000
Legal Expenses	30,000
Personnel Administration	150,000
Planning and Zoning	5,740
General Government Buildings	59,400
Cemeteries	15,020
Insurance	65,300
Contingency Fund	5,000
Public Safety	
Police	206,640
Ambulance	41,985
Fire	170,827
Building Inspection	21,450
Emergency Management	18,836
Highways and Streets	
Highways and Streets	293,484
Docks and Bridges	3,000
Sanitation	
Solid Waste Disposal	202,725
Health	
Animal Control	3,000
Health Agencies and Hospital	15,004
Welfare	
Direct Assistance	25,500
Culture and Recreation	
Parks and Recreation	38,000
Library	81,554
Patriotic Purposes	1,800
Conservation	1,025
To Special Revenue Fund	1,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,658,089

SOURCE OF REVENUE

Land Use Changes	\$20,000
Yield Taxes	18,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	7,000
Boat Taxes	27,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cubic yard)	1,000
Business Licenses and Permits	5,000
Building Permits	25,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	410,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	8,000
Shared Revenue	40,000
Highway Block Grant	64,584
From State	29,402
From Other Governments	129,900
Income from Departments	31,000
Sale of Municipal Property	20,000
Interest on Investments	40,000
Other Charges	10,000
From Special Revenue	1,000
From Capital Reserve Funds	0
Cemetery/Perpetual Care	1,180
Fund Balance	250,000
TOTAL	\$1,131,484

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
Tax Year 2003

2003 Assessed

Value of Land Only

Current use (Current Use Values)	\$375,780.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	31,050.00
Residential	217,060,980.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>4,413,200.00</u>
Total of Taxable Land	\$221,881,010.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$10,332,050.00

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$159,618,350.00
Manufactured Housing	2,619,500.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>5,844,600.00</u>
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$168,082,450.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$10,887,150.00

Public Utilities (Electric)	\$2,088,015.00
(Water)	70,000.00

Valuation before Exemptions **\$392,121,475.00**

Modified Assessed Valuation
On All Properties **\$392,121,475.00**

Blind Exemptions (7 @ \$15,000)	105,000.00
Elderly Exemptions (10)	<u>187,200.00</u>
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$292,200.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH
THE TAX RATE IS FOR MUNICIPAL,
COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION
TAX IS COMPUTED **\$391,829,275.00**

Less Public Utilities 1,158,015.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX
RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX
IS COMPUTED **\$389,671,260.00**

UTILITY SUMMARY

Public Service of New Hampshire	\$208,068.00
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	1,879,947.00
Lakes Region Water Co.	<u>70,000.00</u>
Total Valuation of Utilities	\$2,088,015.00

TAX CREDITS

Disabled veterans, spouses or widows, widows of veterans killed in active duty (7)	\$9,800.00
Other war service credits (178)	17,800.00
Total War Service Credits (185)	\$27,600.00

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

(Camps, YMCA, Religious)	\$5,000
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ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT

Granted, current year	
80+ (1)	\$30,000.00
Total exemptions granted	
65-74 (4) (Max. allowable = \$40,000)	40,000.00
75-79 (0) (Max. allowable = \$0)	00.00
80+ (6) (Max. allowable = \$180,000)	<u>147,200.00</u>
Total (6) (Max. allowable = \$130,000)	\$187,200.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

Farm Land	461.9 acres
Forest Land	5,290.24 acres
Forest Land w/documentated stewardship	2,527.24 acres
Unproductive Land	1,351.51 acres
Wet Land	4.59 acres
Total Current Use Assessment	9,635.48 acres
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	3,038.53 acres
Total # of Owners Granted Current Use	119
Total # of Parcels in Current Use	183

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT

Farm Land	23.00 acres
Forest Land	182.00 acres
Forest Land w/documentated stewardship	37.54 acres
Unproductive Land	25.00 acres
Total Conservation Restriction Assessment	267.54 acres
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	167.54 acres
Removed from Conservation Restriction Current Year	0 acres
Total # of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction	3
Total # of Parcels in Conservation Restriction	4

2003 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Gross Appropriations	\$2,107,589	
Less: Revenues	(1,205,241)	Tax Rates
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,498)	
Add: Overlay	51,331	
War Service Credits	27,600	
Net Town Appropriation	\$976,781	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		\$976,781
Municipal Tax Rate		2.49

SCHOOL PORTION

Regional School Apportionment	\$3,433,435	
State Education Taxes	(\$1,269,102)	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		\$2,164,333
Approved School Tax Effort (Local School Rate)		5.52

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$4.92		
\$461,529,543		\$2,270,725
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
\$389,671,260		
State School Rate		5.83
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	\$1,001,623	

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$574,289	
Less: Shared Revenues	(3,721)	
Approved County Tax Effort		\$570,568
Approved County Tax Effort (County Rate)		1.46
Combined Tax Rate		15.30
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$5,982,407	
Less: War Service Credits	(27,600)	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$5,954,807	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	5.83	\$2,270,725
All Other Taxes	9.47	<u>3,711,682</u>
		\$5,982,407

**Analysis of Values Assigned to
Local and Cooperative School District**

Gov. Wentworth Coop

Cost of Adequate Education	\$1,269,102
%of Town's Cost of Adequate Education	100%
Adequate Education Grant	0
District's Share – Retained State Tax*	\$1,269,102
"Excess" State Taxes (Paid to State)	\$1,001,623
Total State Taxes	\$2,430,086
Local Education Tax*	\$2,164,333

*The cost of an adequate education is determined by the Department of Education based on weighted average daily membership in residence in each school district. Each school district's percentage of total is then calculated. Each percentage is then multiplied by the town's share of the state education tax amount to allocate a portion of the state education taxes to each school district.

The difference between the adequate education for each school district and each school district's share of the state education taxes becomes the adequate education grant for each school district.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 2003

Town House, Land & Building	43-2-50	\$96,700
Piper House, Town Office Land & Buildings	43-1-4	173,950
Lot 2 Tuftonboro Colony	43-2-2	6,100
Library, Land & Building	42-3-3	265,700
Melvin Fire Station, Land & Building	14-2-29	106,100
Mirror Lake Fire Station, Land & Building	51-2-36	139,700
19 Mile Bay Recreation Area / Lamprey Lot	40-4-4-A	232,200
19 Mile Bay Recreation Area	40-4-4-B	157,900
19 Mile Bay Recreation Area	40-4-4-C	700
Davis Field / Middle Road	42-3-2	61,500
Ernest Piper Lot / Gov. Wentworth Highway	51-3-26	5,400
Union Wharf	40-5-15	75,900
Melvin Wharf	14-1-32	41,600
Middle Road	30-1-3	8,300
R-O-W Mirror Lake	52-1-29	13,600
Parkhurst-Bentley Conservation Property	28-2-5	88,600
Landfill and Recycling/Transfer Station	32-2-15	91,600
Landfill	31-2-16	15,000
Tractor Shed, Mountain Road, Land & Building	59-1-17	8,100
Sodom Road, Highway Garage	30-3-4	121,450
Banfield Piper Lot, Lang Pond Road	65-1-1	21,900
Union Wharf Road	41-3-3	11,200
Great Meadows	31-1-7	8,100
Great Meadows	31-1-6	5,500
Great Meadows	31-1-10	1,100
Great Meadows	31-1-3	5,600
Great Meadows	31-1-4	7,400
Wawbeek Road (End of Road)	13-1-10	700
Lake Road Access	14-1-23-1	44,600
Land & Buildings acquired by Tax Collector's Deeds:		
Cow Island: Beach Lot	25-2-2	59,700
Center of Island	38-1-1	105,600
Hidden Valley:	69-2-25	13,400
	70-2-43	13,300
	70-2-53	7,100
	70-2-73	9,500
Melvin Island, 1/2 Interest	27-2-1-A	29,800
Sandy Knoll Road	67-1-2	14,000
Tuftonboro Colony	43-2-9	16,900
Lot #5, Deer Hill Colony	60-2-5	10,000
Tuftonboro Colony	43-4-61	6,000
Ethan Allen Road	69-2-66	13,200
Union Wharf Road	42-2-39	9,600
Cow Island	25-2-140	800
TOTAL		\$2,125,100

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Tuftonboro, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Tuftonboro as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Tuftonboro's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Tuftonboro as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Tuftonboro. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
March 13, 2003

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID
January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

Executive	\$55,069.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	34,108.00
Financial Administration	95,202.00
Revaluation of Property	24,117.00
Legal Expenses	10,186.00
Personnel Administration	134,059.00
Planning & Zoning	4,293.00
Government Buildings	51,292.00
Cemeteries	16,266.00
Insurance	20,241.00
Contingency	00.00
Police	190,537.00
Ambulance	41,895.00
Fire	148,851.00
Building Inspection	20,323.00
Emergency Management	40,982.00
Highways & Streets	285,092.00
Docks & Bridges	1,465.00
Solid Waste – Recycling Center	202,409.00
Animal Control	2,497.00
Health Agencies	15,004.00
Direct Assistance	19,817.00
Parks & Recreation	31,833.00
Library	80,147.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,555.00
Conservation	418.00
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	10,390.00
Tax Liens	49,787.00
Gifts & Donations	00.00
Transfer to Capital Reserve	135,000.00
Police Vehicle	39,456.00
Paving and Shoulder	130,413.00
Landfill Clousre	70,490.00
Conservation Commission	5,000.00
Taxes Paid to County	574,289.00
Taxes Paid to School District	3,310,127.00
Taxes Paid to State – State Education	1,126,999.00
TOTAL	\$6,979,609.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST – CHECKING ACCOUNT

Income Received	\$7,003,732.91
Transfers from Money Market	2,230,000.00
Interest Earned – Checking	7,810.16
	\$9,241,543.07
2003 Expenses Paid	(\$5,937,955.83)
State Education School Payment	(1,126,999.00)
Transfer to Money Market	(1,000,000.00)
	(8,064,954.83)

COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST – MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1-1-03	\$2,654,226.52
Interest Earned – Money Market	16,613.40
Transfer from Checking	1,000,000.00
Transfers to Checking	(2,230,000.00)
Ending Balance 12-31-03	\$1,440,839.92

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO

CONSERVATION FUND

Citizens Bank Savings #3340-241230

Beginning Balance	\$5,123.73
Withdrawals	4,925.00
Deposits	11,217.00
Interest Earned	29.67
Ending Balance	\$11,445.40

GIFTS AND DONATIONS FUND

Citizens Bank Savings #3341-952599

Beginning Balance	\$1,048.57
Interest Earned	5.57
Ending Balance	\$1,054.14

LAND ACQUISITION FUND

Citizens Bank CD #3340-347306

Beginning Balance	\$5,387.75
Interest Earned	71.81
Ending Balance	\$5,459.56

TUFTONBORO CHRISTMAS FUND

Community Bank & Trust #0006047467

Beginning Balance	\$5,046.76
Deposits	3,500.00
Withdrawals	-1,410.81
Interest Earned	78.68
Ending Balance	\$7,214.63

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 2003

DEBITS

	<i>Levy for 2003</i>	<i>Levy for 2002</i>
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF YEAR	00	00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$5,975,592.00	\$213,472.14
Land Use Change	4000.00	12,000.00
Timber Yield Taxes	26,812.16	652.50
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd	1,142.78	00
OVERPAYMENT		
New This Fiscal Year	7,913.24	00
Interest - Late Tax	3,574.12	11,266.99
TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,019,034.30	\$237,391.63

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		
Property Taxes	\$5,712,574.22	\$168,408.47
Land Use Change	4,000.00	12,000.00
Timber Yield Taxes	26,812.16	00
Interest & Penalties	3,574.12	11,266.99
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd	1,142.78	00
Converted to Liens (Prin. Only)	00	45,056.76
ABATEMENTS MADE		
Property Taxes	10,403.00	6.89
CURRENT LEVY DEDED	3,459.00	00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR		
Property Taxes	249,155.78	00
Remaining Overpayments	7,913.24	00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,019,034.30	\$237,391.63

TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	DEBITS		
	Levy of 2002	Levy of 2001	Levy of 2000+
<i>Last Year's Levy</i>			
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$28,895.80	\$16,405.20	\$816.54
Liens Executed during Fiscal Yr.	00	00	00
Interest & Costs Collected after Lien Execution	1,034.58	3,787.32	49.10
TOTAL DEBITS	\$50,822.07	\$20,192.52	\$865.64
	CREDITS		
Redemptions	\$17,889.29	\$10,580.34	\$450.90
Interest & Costs Collected after Lien Execution	1,034.58	3,787.32	49.10
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	00	00	00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	7,567.53	5,824.86	365.64
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	24,330.67	00	00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$50,822.07	\$20,192.52	\$865.64

Jacquelyn H. Rollins

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

MOTOR VEHICLES	
4091 Permits Issued	\$452,039.87
648 Title Applications	1,295.00
Town Fees for Decals	11,809.00
DOG LICENSING	
555 Licenses Issued	3,869.00
Dog Fines	358.00
Wetland Permits	375.00
UCC Recordings	770.00
Vital Statistics, Certified Copies, and Marriage Licenses	524.50
Bad Check Fines	160.00
Aqua Therm Permits	38.50
Copies of Checklist	30.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$471,268.87

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER	
January	\$35,967.00
February	37,078.00
March	34,587.36
April	41,989.50
May	42,414.50
June	30,540.00
July	49,292.51
August	43,611.50
September	40,719.00
October	38,576.50
November	34,341.00
December	42,152.00
TOTAL REMITTANCES	\$471,268.87

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For the Year ended December 31, 2003

Fund	Balance 12/31/02	2003 Additions	2003 Interest Earned	2003 Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/03
Cemetery	\$80,257	\$6,100	\$656	\$1,179	\$85,834
Davis	12,218	—	99	300	12,017
Shepherd	22,836	—	182	1,000	22,018
Tomb Library	10,077	—	1,808	314	11,571*
Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund, MBIA	7,431	4,143	17	11,591	—
Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund, Vanguard	—	14,891	439	—	15,330**
Bank of New Hampshire	803	—	3	16	790
Grand Total	\$133,622	\$25,134	\$3,204	\$14,401	\$147,560

*Market value as of 12/31/03: \$12,750

**Market value as of 12/31/03: \$15,112.69

REPORT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

For the Year ended December 31, 2003

Fund	Balance 12/31/02	2003 Additions	2003 Interest Earned	2003 Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/03
19 Mile Bay	\$17,256	—	\$139	—	\$17,395
County Road Bridge	—	60,000	11	—	60,011
Fire Truck	5,541	75,000	36	5,564	\$75,014
Grand Total	\$22,797	\$135,000	\$187	\$5,564	\$152,420

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

March 11, 2003

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Tuftonboro, County of Carroll, and State of New Hampshire on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Town House, the meeting was called to order by Moderator Daniel F. Barnard. The polls were declared open for voting and to remain open until 6 P.M. or until all present that wish to vote have voted.

Ballots were also cast for school officers and for articles on the school warrant, as provided for under the SB2 plan. These ballots were then taken to Wolfeboro to be counted.

The result of the town balloting under **Article 1: to choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing:**

Selectman for Three Years	Anthony E. Lyon	48
	William L. Stockman	375
Treasurer for Two Years	Heather K. Cubeddu	387
Budget Committee for Three Years	Edwin R. Garrett	282
	Lloyd P. Wood	311
Cemetery Trustee for Three Years	Barbara L. McClure	381
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Barbara L. McClure	384
Library Trustee for Three Years	Ann Robinson	382
Supervisor of the Checklist For Three Years	Mary C. Williams	392

The result of the town balloting under Articles 2 through 5:

2. Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board:

Revise **Sect 5.4.1** by changing the word "expanded" to "remodeled". The purpose of this is to eliminate confusion as to whether the building or the use is allowed to be expanded.

YES [371] NO [43]

3. Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board:

Revise **Sect 5.4.3** by inserting the phrase "or construction of an accessory building on a lot one acre in size or less" so that the sentence reads: "No building permit for Expansion of an existing Structure or construction of an accessory building on a lot one acre in size or less shall be granted without proof that the lot can accommodate a sewage disposal system built to current standards of NH Dept. of Environmental Services Water Supply & Pollution Control Division."

YES [331] NO [81]

4. Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board:

Revise **Sect. 8.4.2** by deleting the phrase "and those uses allowed in Section 8.5.4" so that the sentence reads: "All uses permitted in the District within which the cluster development lies shall be allowed."

YES [340] NO [66]

5. **Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board:**

Revise **Sect. 8.5.3** by revising the reference to "Section 8.3" to correctly read "Section 8.2."

Revise **Sect. 11.1, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5** by changing the reference to "RSA 155" to correctly read "RSA 155-E."

YES [360] NO [34]

MARCH 12, 2003 – TUFTONBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL

Moderator Daniel F. Barnard called the second portion of the 2003 Annual Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag, followed by a prayer offered by Robert Ketchum, Pastor of Melvin Village Community Church. The Moderator proceeded to announce the results of the election of March 11th. 428 townspeople cast ballots, 23 of them by absentee vote.

The Moderator announced the results of the voting on **Article 1** and declared the following elected:

Selectman for Three Years	William L. Stockman
Treasurer for Two Years	Heather K. Cubeddu
Budget Committee for Three Years	Edwin R. Garrett
	Lloyd P. Wood
Cemetery Trustee for Three Years	Barbara McClure
Library Trustee for Three Years	Ann Robinson
Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Year	Barbara McClure
Supervisor of the Checklist for Three Years	Mary C. Williams

The Moderator declared **Articles 2 through 5** passed. The four amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board all passed as follows:

ARTICLE 2	YES	371	NO	43
ARTICLE 3	YES	331	NO	81
ARTICLE 4	YES	340	NO	66
ARTICLE 5	YES	360	NO	34

The Moderator asked all officers elected to step forward to be sworn in. The officers present raised their right hands and took the oath of office.

The meeting then proceeded with the remaining articles of the Town Warrant.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) for the purchase and installation of a compactor and appurtenant structural facility at the recycling center. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Bill Stockman moved to accept the article as read. Barbara Hull seconded. Rick Chellman explained that too many of the containers at the landfill are going out not full, which increases the cost. In the summer the bins are full, but not year round. From 1999 to last year we more than doubled the waste at the landfill. Purchase of a compactor would greatly increase the efficiency and would be more cost effective. Moderator Daniel Barnard asked for a vote by show of hands. Article 6 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to relocate the utility lines from the Nineteen Mile Bay Beach into the Route 109 right of way. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Susan Weeks motioned to accept the article as read. Ted Bense seconded. Sue Weeks advised that when high-speed cable comes to Town the cost would be much higher. There is also a small cushion of \$5,000 for unforeseen costs, which might be incurred. She suggested that now is the time to do the relocation of the utility lines.

Eric Roseen and Ted Bense, members of the Parks & Recreation Committee, presented a slide presentation and gave comments and suggestions on moving the utility poles. The poles divide the beach and we cannot maximize the use of the area. The beach was bought forty years ago, and although a great deal of money has been put into it, the beach is still not completed. The swim program has been moved here from the Melvin Village beach and next year we could possibly add a pavilion and playground equipment. Rick Chellman added that this issue came up twenty years ago. As it stands now we cannot put buildings or anything else under the lines. This is our biggest and best beach. We have gotten proposals from the utility companies and if this Article is passed the Selectmen will have the go ahead to deal with the utility companies. The slides and diagrams are just a suggestion. The selectmen will seek to have the job done at the best possible price.

Residents Win Wood and Bob Theve questioned the 30-foot right of way (needed to get out to the highway) and the necessity of moving all nine poles. Ted responded that, although we have a few options, the best thing to do would be to do it once and do it right.

The moderator asked for a vote by show of hands and the article was declared passed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$39,500.00) for the purchase and equipping of a police cruiser for use by the police department. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Sue Weeks motioned to move the article; seconded by John Widmer. Bob Wood moved to amend the article to increase the amount from \$39,500 to

\$50,000 to purchase a SUV. Bob Coulter seconded. Bob Wood stated the Town warrants a SUV due to the winters we have and condition of the roads. A SUV has a life span of eight years, has a heated back compartment for canines, and is better than a sedan that will last two years. The moderator asked for a vote by show of hands on the amendment to the main article to raise the article to \$50,000 from the original \$39,500. The Moderator asked his tellers to do a recount on the vote. The amendment was defeated.

The discussion turned to the main motion, to appropriate \$39,500 for a police cruiser. Police Chief Andrew Shagoury offered some information on the article. A Dodge Intrepid would cost about \$18,000, plus \$18,000 to equip the vehicle. Transferring equipment from an older vehicle to a new vehicle had been tried in the past and proved not to be a good idea. The old equipment had to be replaced in a year, and we had to pay again for installation. Gary Chehames stated he would like to support the police but suggested we not limit the purchase to a cruiser, but change the wording of the article from "cruiser" to "vehicle", so a four-wheel drive vehicle could be considered. The motion to amend the article to change "cruiser" to "vehicle" was made; Skip Hurt seconded. A vote was made by show of hands and the amendment to the article passed.

A vote by show of hands was called for on the main article. Article 8 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) for the paving and shoulder work of Town roads. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Selectman Stockman motioned and John Widmer seconded to adopt the article as read. Five roads are slated for repair: Windleblo Road, High Street, Federal Corner Road, North Line Road and Dame Road. Drainage on the roads has been taken care of. The Moderator called for a vote by show of hands, and the motion was carried.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the reconstruction or repair of the County Road bridge. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Bill Stockman motioned and John Widmer seconded to adopt the article as read. The design has not been settled on, and there are a few options as to what can be done, but in any case the bridge needs to be repaired. A question was raised as to getting State aid. Rick Chellman stated that the State helps AFTER you spend the money. Moderator asked for a vote by show of hands to accept Article 10; motion carried.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring a new fire truck and related fire truck equipment. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Rich Chellman moved to accept the article as read, Rick Friend seconded. A new fire truck will be needed to replace a piece of equipment beginning to fail. The inspection process on one of the Town's fire trucks, located at Winners Circle Farm, has brought this article about. The frame is beginning to separate and it will not pass inspection beyond the end of the year. Fire Chief Adam Thompson presented the issue. Fire trucks usually have a fifteen-year life span. This engine was purchased in 1986, and by appearance it seemed to still be in good shape. An inspection of the fire truck revealed the problems forthcoming. The Town has fire trucks located within five miles of all residences. It is important to the residents, for insurance and safety purposes, to keep this policy in effect. Barbara Wood asked if the truck was housed or outside. Adam replied that all of the Towns vehicles are garaged, and Winners Circle Farm has great facilities to house the truck. A new truck will cost about \$279,000, and will take a year to get it once it has been ordered. The Moderator called for a vote by show of hands. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget. This article is recommended by the Conservation Commission.

Ann Hackl moved to accept the article as read, seconded by Barbara Hull. Ann Hackle explained that LCHIP has done so much for communities in New Hampshire. We should send this message to the legislature and government that preservation really counts. We should all be in support of this really valuable program. Rick Chellman also agreed that this is a good program and should be supported. Moderator Dan Barnard asked for a vote by show of hands. The motion was declared passed.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote for acceptance of a certain parcel of land, containing roads, situated in the town of Tuftonboro, Carroll County, New Hampshire shown as a fifty (50) foot right-of-way being shown on the plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision for Thomas J. Cravotta and Samuel Pearlman, Route 109A and Number Nine Road" (known as "Baxter Woods") dated May 15, 1989, by Lakes Region Survey Service, Inc. and recorded on May 31, 1989, in Carroll County Registry of Deeds, at Book 1378, Page 536. Petitioned Warrant Article not recommended by Selectmen. (Majority vote required.)

Bill Stockman moved to accept the article as read, and was seconded by Rick Friend.

Rick Chellman moved to amend the amendment as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to accept as Town Roads both Pine Mill Drive and Old Mill Run. Both roads are labeled and depicted on a plat entitled "Baxter Woods", Plan of Subdivision for Thomas J. Cravotta & Samuel J. Perlman, Route 109A and Number Nine Road" prepared by Lakes Region Survey Service, Inc. and recorded at Carroll County

Registry of Deeds in plan book 122, pages 20 and 21. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required.)

Rick Chellman stated we cannot change a petitioned article but we can vote to amend it. The road has been examined and is in excellent condition. Rick Friend, President of Baxter Woods Land Owners Association, stated that the roads were built to Town specifications.

The Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment to the petitioned warrant article. The amendment was declared passed. The Moderator then asked for a vote by show of hands on the main motion; the motion was carried.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to rescind the earlier vote taken at Town Meeting March 15, 1995 and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens, to sell and convey by Quitclaim Deed following notice of sale by advertisement, any and all properties acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's Deed, such sales to be by Public Auction or advertised sealed bid or in such manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require; this authority to extend until March 2004 Town Meeting.

Rick Chellman moved to accept the Article as written; Barbara McClure seconded. The vote taken in 1995 gives the Selectmen power indefinitely. If this article passes it will be brought up to the townspeople every year. A vote by show of hands and the article was declared passed.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same, the sum of One Million six hundred fifty-eight thousand eighty-nine dollars (\$1,658,089.00) as recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee and such sums as may be required to cover the costs of any additional items voted at the meeting and in accordance with RSA 32:8. (Majority vote required).

Susan Weeks moved to accept the article as read; seconded by John Widmer.

Barbara Wood asked for a discussion on the increases in the budget. The Fire Department budget increases are mainly for personnel, plus some for equipment. The personnel are paid by occurrence. A part time summer Deputy is needed when our population increases. The salary for the Fire Chief is for a full year; last year was for nine months.

Discussion on the Police Department Budget followed. Skip Hurt expressed disappointment that a fourth police officer has been added to the budget. He feels we should hire another police officer only if there is a need. A better new vehicle should be our first consideration. Bruce Pigott and Harold Isley also expressed concerns on the increase in the Police Department Budget. David Eaton suggested amending the budget, reducing it by \$19,000. Skip Hurt would recommend we not hire an officer and instead buy our own generator instead of getting the FEMA grant. He mentioned that we should have had separate articles on the hiring of a police officer and the purchase of a generator, instead of just including them in the budget. Rich Chellman said Chief Shagoury asked for a

fourth officer in previous years and was dismissed; it did not seem justified. This year he told the Chief to prove the need for a new answer. The Chief gave a presentation to the Selectmen and Budget Committee that overwhelming convinced them to add a fourth officer to our Town. Skip Hurt motioned to reduce the budget by \$27,000. David Eaton seconded. A vote was called for by show of hands to amend the budget. The amendment was defeated.

Dan Barnard asked for a vote on the main amendment by show of hands and Article 15 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Ted Bense informed us that we will now have six hazardous waste days, compared to only one previously.

Roger Wingate gave a tribute to Bob Straw, born in Tuftonboro, dedicating 12 years as a Selectmen and member of town boards. He was a World War II veteran, and he loved his Town and his Country.

Betsy Thornton gave a tribute to Barbara Hull for her many years of service as Supervisor of the Checklist.

John Widmer thanked Gordon Hunt, although Gordon could not be present at the meeting, for his many years of service to the School Board.

Sue Weeks thanked all of our volunteers, Bill Kaiser for the Budget Committee, Gary Chehames for his help in selecting our computer system, Rick Friend for refinishing the beautiful table at the Town Office donated by the Helping Hands, and helping on numerous occasions. John Lewis was thanked for his years of service at the landfill, helping Fred.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. There were approximately 155 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanora Quilliam
Town Clerk

Addendum: Heather Cubeddu was sworn in as Treasurer by the Town Clerk on Monday, March 17, 2003.

TUFTONBORO ROAD AGENT

The New Year started as it ended, with a Nor'easter on New Year's night. January saw lots of snow, with one spell of 12 days straight of light snow, and no January thaw. Snow storms continued through February and March.

At Town Meeting in March it was voted to accept Pine Mill Drive and Old Mill Run as Town roads.

Springtime came with the sweeping of roads, York raking, grading, catch basin and ditch cleaning into summer, with bushes and roadside mowing done.

Summer paving of High Street, Northline Road, Federal Corner, Windleblo and a section of Dame Road was done, with gravel shoulders done a short while later.

Fall work included upgrading a section of Dame Road for paving, putting up sand and salt in the Town sheds for winter road maintenance, and grading some dirt roads again.

Snow came in December with two Nor'easters and three heavy rains, with Christmas being very warm rain.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Hunter
Road Agent

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department experienced some turnover of personnel in 2003. In May, Officer Mullen left the department to work for another police department. In August, Thomas LaFavre joined the department as a patrol officer. He completed his training and has started working on his own since January of 2004.

Some areas of activity are lower than reported in 2002. The reduction in available officer hours possibly caused less officer initiated activity. This is reflected in the lower number of traffic offenses. Offenses reported and investigated remained relatively level. With Officer LaFavre on his own and the other position filled, I would expect the officer initiated offenses to increase.

We have seen an increase in identity theft and credit card fraud. These cases can be difficult for the victim and the department. Fortunately, there is a new federal credit reporting law which should help victims. We have brochures available which help with online safety, credit card fraud and identity theft. The Federal Trade Commission has a very informative web page on identity theft. We have a link on the department web page to the FTC web page.

In 2003, we received gun locks from Project Childsafe. These cable locks are free to the public and available at the police department. Another issue involving child safety is the change to the Child Restraint law effective January 1, 2004. The new law requires a child passenger restraint for children less than 6 years of age and less than 55 inches in height. There is a height chart attached to the police department door which shows the recommended types of child restraints.

As a result of a grant, we received two defibrillators from the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. All members of the department have received training in their use and they are kept available in the cruisers. The Town has also received approval for Homeland Security grants. These grants are for police, fire, EMS and emergency management equipment.

For 2004, the Board of Selectmen formed a committee to look into police and fire department space and building needs. The goal is to assess the needs of the departments now and into the future and make recommendations. We welcome any input or thoughts you may have. I also hope to have the remaining position filled by Town Meeting.

I would like to thank the assistance we have received throughout the year from the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and the New Hampshire State Police. I would also like to thank all of you for your support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Shagoury
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

COMPARISON OF ACTIVITY FROM 1999-2003

	1999**	2000	2001	2002	2003*
Total Offenses	216	169	169	271	186
Felonies	13	12	12	22	24
Crime related	149	135	134	139	119
Non-crime related	145	199	172	177	153
Total Arrests	62	22	22	76	17
Juvenile Arrests	9	1	2	19	3
Restraining Orders	16	5	4	13	4
MV Summonses	26	24	34	61	34
Citations (incl. warnings)	183	223	545	713	279
Calls for Service	959	717	992	1193	665
Accidents	51	47	45	40	63

*2003 figures are preliminary numbers.

**Different criteria for reporting may have been used prior to 3/99.

IBR (Incident Based Reporting) OFFENSE CATEGORIES FOR 2002

Forcible Sodomy	1	Drug/Narcotic Violations	6
Forcible Fondling	2	Bad Checks	3
Simple Assault	11	Weapon Law Violations	1
Intimidation	7	Disorderly Conduct	4
Burglary	6	Driving under the Influence	4
Theft from Building	1	Drunkenness	3
All other Larceny	18	Family Offenses, nonviolent	4
Theft by False Pretenses	5	Liquor Law Violations	6
Impersonation	2	All other Offenses	29
Stolen Property Offenses	1	Traffic, Town Bylaw Offenses	46
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	21	Trespass	8

TUFTONBORO FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

In 2003 the Tuftonboro Fire Rescue Department responded to 103 Emergency Medical calls, 20 service calls and 185 fire-related incidents, for a total of 308 responses.

Categories of calls included:

Boat w/fuel spill	1	Overtured, sinking boat	1
Brush Fire	2	Propane Leak	4
Chimney Fire	3	Service Calls	20
Chemical Smell	1	Smoke Fire Alarm Activation	21
CO Detection Activation	3	Smoke Fire Investigations	16
Fire in Building	2	Snowmobile Accidents	3
Fuel Spill	2	Snowmobile Fire	1
Furnace Problem	1	Snowmobile through Ice	1
Gas Leak from Vehicle	2	Suspicious White Powder	1
Methane Alarm	1	Transformer Fire	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	36	Tree on Limb/Wire	13
Motor Vehicle Fires	3	Truck through Ice	1
Mutual Aid	64		

Mutual Aid Given:	64	Mutual Aid Received:	20
Center Ossipee	4	Center Ossipee	2
Effingham	1	Moultonborough	9
Moultonborough	27	Ossipee Corner	3
Wolfeboro	32	Wakefield	1
		Wolfeboro	6

The Department Training is conducted every Thursday. The intensive re-certification programs and training continue, with over 2,500 hours of fire and medical training completed in 2003.

Officers of the Tuftonboro Fire Rescue Department are:

Chief Adam L. Thompson
 Dept Chief Richard A. Piper
 Capt. Ernest Gagne
 Lt. Kyle Joseph

Department Apparatus includes:

Melvin Village Fire Station

Engine 1, Utility 2, Boat 2, ATV & Trailer, EM Generator on Trailer

Mirror Lake Fire Station - Tuftonboro Neck Road

Engine 2, 10-Car-1, Jet Ski (summer only), Rescue 1, OVMAA Hazmat Trailer

Pier 19 (Summer Months)

Fire Boat 1

In 2003 the Tuftonboro Fire Rescue department remained busy throughout the year, dealing with fire, medical and service calls. This year the department lost its Engine 3, which is kept at the Winners Circle Farm, due to frame problems. We have been working to find a rental for temporary replacement until a new truck can be ordered and received in 2005.

Without this engine, the Tuftonboro Four Corners area is no longer within five miles of a fire station or engine. This will cause higher insurance for some, and possibly no insurance for others, depending on the cost of the residence. The new engine will be designed so that it can carry up to 2500 gallons of water which will greatly assist the fire department in areas of town where there are no water sources.

The department has been working with residents and local contractors to place more water sources and dry hydrants throughout town. Two 15,000-gallon cisterns were placed in 2003, one of which is in service on Windeblo Road. The second is at Camp MerrowVista in Canaan Valley and should be in service in the spring of 2004. An ATV (4 wheeler) with a trailer was placed in service and will be used spring -fall for off road emergency and forestry calls.

The fire department would like to thank all the residents and guests of Tuftonboro for their strong support throughout the year. The members of the Tuftonboro Fire Rescue department will continue to provide the town with quality fire and emergency medical protection.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam L. Thompson, Chief
Tuftonboro Fire Rescue

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2003 the Emergency Management Department received a 75KW generator from a State grant and further steps were taken to prepare the Tuftonboro School to run on emergency power. This project has moved very slowly due to complex requirements and limited space in the electrical control room at the school.

The State Electrical Inspector was contacted to look at this project before any work at the school could be started. The inspector advised both bids received wouldn't meet the current state requirements. We are now currently working to correct this issue and finish the project in 2004.

Several joint meetings were attended with the State and other communities of Carroll County present to make a joint emergency plan in case of a smallpox outbreak.

If you would like to assist the Emergency Management Department once an emergency shelter is set up please call Chief Adam Thompson at 569-3381. Volunteers are needed to operate the shelter in case of a disaster.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam L. Thompson
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

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

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY REPORTED			CAUSES OF FIRES	
	#of Fires	Acres		
Belknap	40	4.86	Arson	10
Carroll	46	13.99	Campfire	25
Cheshire	8	.68	Children	13
Coos	7	17.40	Smoking	20
Grafton	22	12.60	Debris	226
Hillsborough	60	11.34	Railroad	3
Merrimack	98	10.45	Lightning	2
Rockingham	56	18.54	Equipment	8
Strafford	34	7.94	Misc*	67
Sullivan	3	2.03		

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

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

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2003 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

The year 2003 proved to be very active at the station. There was an increase in refuse due to approximately 50 new homes that were built last year and 192 homes built over the last 5 years. Additionally 60 new homes are expected to be built over the next 2 years (2004/2005).

Before the summer season begins, we hope to add another compactor. Currently, we are in the process of receiving bids for a new compactor. The new unit will be temporary at first until we can build a permanent structure later in the year.

We have generated and disposed of approximately 1,036 tons of trash during 2003. It has taken 2 full time, and 3 part time people to run the facility. With an increase in recyclable materials, revenue of approximately \$17,000 was obtained which went into the general fund to help offset the cost of operating the transfer station. We recycled paper (60 tons), cardboard (50 tons), and plastics and tins (15 tons). Other income received consisted of fees paid for stickers, and disposal of tires, metal, and construction debris.

We recently embarked on working closer with the NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) of which the town has membership. The purpose of this group is to help us dispose of, and acquire better prices for our recyclable materials.

Presently we are hoping to acquire a new bucket loader to augment the equipment we already possess. The Bobcat machine is roughly 6 years old and has approximately 1340 hours of run time. With continued maintenance, the Bobcat could last for about 15 years. It is primarily used for stacking and loading bales of paper, magazines and cardboard. Other uses involve moving appliances, metals, tires, and snow plowing. With the rapid growth of homes in town, and the expanding amount of materials to be processed and recycled, we believe now is the time to supplement our existing equipment.

The proposal for a new bucket loader is to handle the increase of refuse at the station, to increase the longevity of the bobcat, and to use it as a backup in case the bobcat has to be removed for service. The bucket loader will be more useful than the bulldozer, which we will sell after we get the loader.

Thanks to all of the people of the Town of Tuftonboro for your recycling efforts. Recycling helps the environment and controls some of the expenses at the transfer station.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Sargent

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The six member Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission has been in existence (formally) for a year and a half, meeting monthly except for July. The following is a report of major projects and undertakings.

The 19 Mile Bay Beach project has progressed slowly. Town residents approved removal of the power lines from the beach at the town meeting last March 2003, and only now, as of this late January 2004 writing, has the telephone company started the job. A recreation grant from the NH Division of Parks and Rec was applied for to fund one half of the beach pavilion project. This request was rejected due to cuts in funding at the state level. Efforts will remain ongoing to continue the pavilion project.

As part of the approved budget last year, Parks and Rec ordered bleachers to be installed in the Tuftonboro School gym to provide seating for the many recreational basketball games, as well as other town events, that occur frequently. The bleachers arrived and were installed last November. Residents are very pleased with this new addition.

As a first step in identifying the recreational needs of Tuftonboro, the Parks and Rec Commission drafted a recreational survey to be completed by town residents. Surveys were sent home with TCS students last May and were also distributed through the swim program. There were 62 respondents. Briefly, 60 respondents favored staying connected with Wolfeboro's Rec program. Looking ahead to future needs, there were overwhelming opinions that this area should have an indoor swimming/exercise facility as well as more basketball and tennis courts. There was also high interest in boating safety and activities. In order to reach other town residents, surveys will be made available at public town locations during summer 2004 as step two of the process.

Co-chairman Bill Antonucci submitted his resignation from Parks and Rec last July, however, he continued to be interested in overseeing the ice rink. The rink, now in its second year, was moved to a location toward the back of Davis Field to avoid interfering with the start up of spring baseball. The ice rink is still in its infancy and continues to need additional work with leveling. Warm weather and rain through the end of last December prevented a good solid freeze, resulting in the rink being closed for the first half of the winter. As of this writing, the rink is now open for use. Thank you to all volunteers who have been involved in this large project.

On 2/1/04, the first Women Ski for Scholarship cross country ski race is scheduled to occur on the Ann Hackl ski trails. This is a benefit to raise money for the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund and is chaired by Barbara McClure, with assistance from Parks and Rec.

Parks and Rec will be participating in a pilot tributary monitoring project in the Winnepesaukee Watershed this spring, summer and fall 2004. The three tributaries to be monitored in Tuftonboro include Nineteen Mile Brook, Twenty Mile Brook and Melvin River.

Respectfully submitted,
Parks and Rec Commissioners

SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM REPORT 2003

The 2003 swimming program began on June 30th with four days of warm-up practice and tryouts for the swim team. Registration was held on July 3rd and July 5th and due to a scheduling mix-up the registration went from 9-3 on both days.

Ninety-one youngsters signed up for lessons and 38 joined the swim team. Two thirds of participants are residents of Tuftonboro. All levels of Red Cross Instruction were offered as well as Guard Start. Mary Ann Murray is trying to fill a Lifeguard Training class to be held during the first two weeks in August.

Lessons went very well with Kathy Roseen teaching levels 3, 4, 6 and 7 and Mary Ann Murray teaching levels 1, 2, 3, 5 and Guard Start. All the youngsters did very well and parents seemed pleased. The only complaint heard was that many of the classes were large. Hopefully the restructuring of the program in 2004 will alleviate that problem. For the first time in 16 years, Mary Ann had to take a day off to attend a funeral. Arrangements were made with Kathy Roseen and Terry Colby to cover the swim team and Kate Murray, Mary Ann's niece and a certified lifeguard, covered her classes for the day.

The season ended on Thursday July 31st with games and races for all ages. Watermelon relays, noodle relays, the octopus race and the ever popular treasure rocks provided a fun day to conclude the program for the season. All youngsters, siblings and friends were treated to a popsicle and/or a slice of watermelon.

The swim team had four meets, two with Swampscott Beach Club and one each with Camp Belknap and Wolfeboro. The highlight was the trip to Swampscott on July 18th. The team swam very well and returned to Tuftonboro with many ribbons and memories of a wonderful day at the ocean. The team was treated to an ice cream by the Swampscott Beach Club and Mother Nature treated us to a great ocean storm display at the end of our day. Camp Belknap hosted us on July 29th and our 12 and under team won while the 15 and under team lost the meet by a narrow 9 point difference. Wolfeboro hosted us in a relay meet on July 30th. Scores were not kept but Tuftonboro swam well and won many events.

A Team logo was designed by Terry Colby and tee shirts were sold to team members. Sweatshirts are being ordered for the 2004 season. The volunteer spirit displayed by the parents and grandparents is awe inspiring. Everyone should be commended for the assistance, donating time to write ribbons, keeping time at meets, chaperoning the trip or donating products to sell to help raise money. This year the team raised \$42.00 through the sale of water, juice, freeze pops and the ever popular Air Heads which were all donated by swim team parents and staff. Special mention needs to be made of Terry Colby, who attended and assisted at practice everyday. It is the spirit of volunteers like Terry that inspires me to keep going each year.

Suggestions for next year include the hiring of lifeguards for the beach as it continues to become a popular spot for people to spend the day. A Water Safety Instructor Course co-sponsored by the Manchester Safety Specialists and The Town of Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission is planned for the late spring of 2004. It is hoped that those trained will be hired as lifeguards and swimming instructors for the Town of Tuftonboro allowing for more flexibility in programming the Swimming Lessons and Swim Team. Parents have asked about the option of joining the Granite State Swimming Association as an independent team and that possibility is being looked into for 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Murray

CONSERVATION COMMISSION TOWN REPORT 2003

In 2003 the Conservation Commission received twenty Dredge and Fill Applications, less than half that were processed last year. The lighter workload has enabled the Commission to undertake conservation projects it has long wanted to tackle as it looks to Tuftonboro's future.

The first and most important of these projects is the protection of the forty acre Cheney Farm on Middle Road. This scenic local landmark, with its white Victorian house and barns is one of Tuftonboro's last working farms, a living reminder of Tuftonboro's predominantly agricultural past. The Commission obtained an appraisal from George Lamprey to estimate the value of an agricultural/ conservation easement for the farm which would preserve it forever from development or demolition. The cost of this appraisal, \$3,800, was donated by the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank. Once the value of the easement was established, \$147,000 for both land and buildings, the Commission applied to the N.H. Ranch and Farmland Protection Program for a 50/50 matching grant, or \$73,500. The towns 50% portion will consist of \$11,000 from the Commission's Conservation Fund and \$62,500 from the Warrant Article which will be presented at the March 2004 Town Meeting. The Commission believes that the preservation of Tuftonboro's special places is of the utmost importance if the town is to preserve its identity and character even as it grows. The Cheney Farm is such a special place.

For the second year in a row the Conservation Commission has participated in the Lake Host Program sponsored by the N.H. Lakes Association. This educational monitoring program aims at preventing the further spread of milfoil and other invasives to protect the ecological, recreational, and property values of N.H. lakes. Tuftonboro was awarded a grant of \$3,000 to cover the partial costs of monitoring the town's most used boat launching site at Nineteen Mile Bay. There were six "hosts", three of them Tuftonboro teenagers returning for a second year.

The Commission during 2003 focused on the possibility of the town putting conservation easements on town owned property in the Great Meadow and interior of Cow Island. The Commission deferred further discussion on this subject until 2004, preferring to focus on promoting the all-important Cheney Farm easement in 2003.

Again with an eye to the future, the Conservation Commission decided to resume the Natural/Cultural Resource Inventory which was begun four years ago with work on historical and recreational resources and a study of Town Owned Lands. The more scientific and environmentally important parts of the Inventory were not addressed. The Commission concluded that it would need professional help to do a proper job and end up with results that would truly be of value for future town planning. Since the University of N.H. has a Community Environmental Outreach Program designed to help towns and give students experience, the Commission applied to this program in the Fall of 2003 and has just been accepted for the upcoming 2004 Spring Semester. The project will supply the town with basic resource mapping of aquifers, surface water, soil types, vegetative cover, critical habitat, and a topographic base map. To translate the information on these maps to specific Tuftonboro properties, the Commission has begun exploring the possibility of digitizing the town tax maps.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hackl, Chair

Mike Phelps, Dave Durnan, Lee White, Win Wood, Dave Jeffers, Brian Hastings,
Jerry Light (Alternate)

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

In 2003 the Planning Board heard and approved applications for nine subdivisions, four boundary line adjustments and one voluntary merger resulting in a net increase of 19 lots of record. We also had twenty-one preliminary hearings on projects that were being contemplated by landowners. In addition the Board held Site Plan Review hearings for three projects, which were approved. Individual site visits were conducted for each project.

Approval forms for the Fire Chief and the Road Agent were designed and approved. This will allow these two town positions to become more involved in the Subdivision and Site Plan Review process.

A public hearing for minor changes in the Zoning Ordinance were held in January. The Board approved these changes and the Town accepted them in March at Town Meeting as a Warrant Article on the ballot.

The Board often met on an additional third Thursday each month to review the Site Plan Review regulations in order to bring them into compliance with the new RSA's, make the process more specific and clear for applicants and to better align them with the Subdivision Regulations. A public hearing was held in September at which the Board adopted the changes.

Finally, over the course of the year Board members have been presenting their own individual ideas for suggested changes and/or improvements to our regulations. These will be refined and some will find their way into our documents to be presented at a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
Mirick Friend, Chair

2003 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2003 brought to the ZBA an average caseload, with 9 variances granted mostly for minor setback infringements, or expansion of non-conforming uses. One application granted was for a proposed child day care facility with a capacity of up to 75 children. One application for a garage addition was sent back to the drawing board so it could conform to zoning requirements, variance then granted.

One variance denied (build garage in violation of setbacks, no hardship found).

One special exception granted (construction of a commercial riding stable in the LDR district).

The Board wrote and instituted formal ZBA procedures, as well as reviewing the current application process and fees. All documentation is available at the town offices.

Bob Murray and Chris Coulter were elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for another term.

Current board membership consists of:

Bob Murray, Chairman

Chris Coulter, Vice Chairman

Niel Hanson

Bob Theve

Chip Albee

Tony Lyon, Planning Board Representative

Jackie Rollins serves as our Secretary

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Murray, Chairman

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
HEALTH OFFICER
For the Year 2003**

115 Building Permits
34 New Homes
50 Electric Permits
25 Plumbing Permits
38 Certificates of Occupancy
1 Sign Permit

\$5.7 Million in new homes.

Since taking over for Dave Senecal I have been busy catching up on inspections, etc. and re-organizing the office for greater efficiency.

The building was slightly less than for 2002 but shows little sign of slowing for the upcoming year.

Several issues are high on the list of priorities for the new year including keeping track of all new construction on our new Building Permit Software, organizing the permit process and patrolling the Town.

My new hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and by appointment or by chance.

Our new voice mail system allows for better contact with the public and provides 24-hour access to my message center.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald S. (Ted) Wright
Code Enforcement Officer
Health Officer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

During 2003 the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Town of Tuftonboro managed the following funds:

1. County Road Bridge Fund
2. Nineteen Mile Bay Beach Capital Reserve Fund
3. Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund
4. Charles Davis Fund
5. Leon F. Shepherd Scholarship Fund
6. Tomb Library Fund
7. The Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund

In managing these Funds, the interest from the Leon F. Shepherd Fund was distributed to nine (9) Tuftonboro students for continuing their education; the Davis Fund earnings were given to four (4) residents over seventy years of age; the Tomb Fund earnings were transferred to the Tuftonboro Free Library Board for the purchase of books; \$5,564 from the Fire Truck Fund was paid out to the Selectmen.

The Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund, created in 1999 has grown to \$15,113 with a major contribution this year from the Bald Peak Colony Club. The Trustees with the help of the Parks and Recreation Commission sponsored a cross-country ski race to raise both funds and awareness in the community about this fund. The event raised \$450.00 for scholarship. Continued contributions to this fund will help it reach the substantial figure so that the Trustees would be able to draw interest for scholarships.

Investments of funds are currently held in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool with the exception of the Tomb Fund and the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund, which are invested in conservative Mutual Funds.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

The Cemetery Funds were invested in New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool. The interest earned from these funds was given to the selectmen to cover the cost for maintenance and upkeep of the cemeteries under the Trustees' care. The Trustees are responsible for turning the water on and off at the Town Cemetery, seeing that the cemeteries are maintained, and answering any inquiries that affect the cemeteries.

This year with the help of Bill Stockman four sugar maple trees were planted at the corners of the cremation area; the Cemetery Sexton, Michael Haeger, completed the marking of the Cremation area so that each site is easily located. The sale and purchase of lots has been simplified and clarified for ease of transfers.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. McClure
David Haeger
Ann Hackl

TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY Annual Report for 2003

The library was open 254 days in 2003, posting total circulation of 25,029. This is a 13.5% increase over 2002, and another record high for the fourth year in a row. We are very pleased to report that our younger patrons accounted for major circulation increases this year in picture books, easy readers, juvenile fiction and young adult fiction. Statewide inter-library loans increased substantially this year as well. For the first time ever, TFL was a net lender in 2003 instead of a net borrower.

Patronage also increased by 13%, with 228 new library cards issued. We answered 293 reference questions using library resources and the internet. We added 1,775 new items to the collection, and discarded 1,170. The total collection now stands at 20,468 items, including books, videos, audios, book and music CDs, and DVDs.

For the first year since 1999, we experienced no turnover in Library staff or volunteers. Many thanks to regular volunteer Peggy Bashe, who continues to ease the check-in and shelving crunch on Tuesday mornings year-round. And thanks also to those volunteers who took a little of the heat off over the summer: Jim Keddie, Nancy Mitchell, and Matt Sweeney. We also had help again this year from the Lakes Region Newcomers Club Garden Group, who planted and maintained the front cutting garden that provides the Library with fresh flowers all season long.

Our major technology upgrade this year involved changing the computer network over from dialup to cable access. This has considerably speeded up internet searching and download times for patrons and staff.

Library programs this year included weekly pre-school Story Hours and another popular Summer Reading Program for older children featuring two special performances made possible by a grant from the Mirror Lake Community Church. MLCC also provided a generous match for our annual Santa Claus book fund this year, and funded the fifth annual presentation of "The Polar Express," a Christmas gift to the families of Tuftonboro. We continued regular outreach service to the Tuftonboro Cooperative Nursery School and three home day cares, with a story time and book deposit for each every month. We also enjoyed regular visits from the TCS first graders, who walked over weekly for stories and book selection.

In addition to programs and events sponsored by the Library, many other local groups used the Hamel Meeting Room this year, including the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Tuftonboro Association, the Newcomers Garden Group, the home schoolers, the Hikers Scholarship Committee, the Pony Club, the Abenaki Tower Association, the Highway Committee, and the newly-formed Happy Hookers (rugs!).

The Friends of the Library sponsored another successful Book & Bake Sale in July, and their annual meeting in August. The FOL continued their "newborn books" tradition, honoring every child born to Tuftonboro parents in the previous year by purchasing a new picture book for the Library in the child's name. The Friends also re-funded free passes to local and regional museums and galleries, from the Libby and the Wright to the Currier and the MFA. And all those who patronize the ongoing book sale in the Hamel Meeting Room will truly appreciate the new shelving purchased by the Friends this year.

The library received additional gifts and grants this year from the Eaglemere Foundation, the Hamel Family Foundation, the Henry F. Hurlburt III Charitable Fund, the Tomb Memorial Fund, the Hikers, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Tuftonboro Association, the Abenaki Tower & Trail Association, the Tuftonboro

Islanders Association, the Edge-o-Lake Village Association, the Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild, and the Governor Wentworth Arts Council, which supported collection development and programs.

Family and friends of Peg Reinhard made memorial donations in her name that were used to purchase more than 50 new large print books and a new secure, mirror-backed display cabinet. We're also most grateful for literally hundreds of donations from individual patrons, including books, videos, CDs, and magazines, and cash gifts to support additional library programs and services.

Thanks to all of our patrons for yet another record-breaking year, to the Trustees for their outstanding support, and to a truly stellar staff for all of their hard work and dedication: year-rounders Sally Andersen, Jen Caldwell, and Maureen Martell, and the summer/vacation backup crew, Maggie Croteau and Lucas Lawrence-Hurt.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindalee M. Lambert & Christie V. Sarles
Co-Directors

TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY
Financial Report for 2003

INCOME

Book Sales	\$889.42
Copy Machine	246.50
Fines	410.44
Gifts	9,497.48
Patron Books	247.96
Town Funds	81,554.00
Interest	356.42
Other	3,347.69
Non-Resident Fees	220.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$96,769.91

EXPENSES

Gross Salaries	\$58,341.60
Collection Purchases	18,096.95
Electricity	2,187.25
Equipment	2,010.92
Maintenance	5,137.74
Heat	1,703.36
Postage	191.53
Public Programs	2,537.21
Bank Charges	103.30
Staff Development	653.40
Telephone	1,678.00
Supplies	2,073.10
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$94,714.36

COMMUNITY SAVINGS BANK

Balance on Hand 1/1/03	\$10,599.25
Income:	
Interest	136.46
Donation	1,100.00
Expense:	
Transfer to Checking	2,500.00
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/03	\$9,335.71

TRUST ACCOUNTS

NHDIP – General	\$33,487.68
NNPDIP – Hoppin	\$8,707.82
FIDELITY – General	\$20,979.88
FIDELITY – Hoppin	\$13,517.19

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Sundquist
Trustee/Treasurer

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE BY RAY BURTON, EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

It is a pleasure to report to you now in my 25th year of serving the 98 towns, 4 cities and Coos, Carroll, Grafton, Sullivan and Belknap counties of New Hampshire. All together there are 249,000 people who I consider my customers, clients and constituents. It has always been a pleasure to respond, as my duties within the Executive Branch of your state government mandate, to inquiries for information, relief and assistance as provided in NH state law and budget. It is an honor to serve you as a public servant.

Below are listed several documents that are available to citizens and I find them to be a valuable NH resource.

The 2003-2004 state telephone directory of state departments and personnel. This 180 page directory includes TDD access numbers, office information, coordinators, map of location of state buildings, legislative listings, judicial branch listings, department listings, personnel listing and a topical listing. This is available for a cost of \$6.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Make checks payable to the State of New Hampshire, or order on line at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/visitorcenter. The entire directory is available at <http://www.state.nh.us/government/agencies.html>

The 2003-04 NH County Directory of all NH County officials is free and available by calling (603) 224-9222. This is also on the web at www.nhcounties.org.

Also available at no cost from the Secretary of State Office at 271-3242 or at elections@sos.state.nh.us, or mail at Secretary of State, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301 are the following publications:

The NH Election Procedural Manual for 2004-2005

The NH Election Laws for 2004-2005

The NH Political calendar for 2004-2005

The duties of the NH Executive Council, The NH Tour Guide book, the official tourist map and the NH Constitution are always available from my office at 271-3632 or 747-3662 or ray.burton.4@gte.net

As long as I'm around as one of your elected officials never ever feel you are alone in your hour of need. Contact me anytime!

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To the SELECTMEN and RESIDENTS of the TOWN of TUFTONBORO:

The Tri-County Community Action/Carroll County is a private, non-profit agency that was established in 1965. The Carroll County Resource Center is located at 448 White Mountain Highway, Tamworth, NH. We have had contact with 507 of Tuftonboro's citizens, processed 173 Fuel Applications, 38 elderly, 12 disabled and linked 284 with other programs.

**TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION HAS SPENT \$120,171.00 ON
TUFTONBORO'S CITIZENS BETWEEN JULY 1, 2002 AND JUNE 30, 2003.**

Tri-County Community Action is dependent upon funding from your town and neighboring communities countywide to provide necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities. The local funds are combined with Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance, New Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant, Homeless Programs, EFSP, McKinney and private and corporate benefactors. We are the conduit through which USDA Surplus Food is distributed to the 10 Food Pantries and three dinner bells, a group home and a nursing home throughout the Carroll County in order to serve our residents.

Carroll County Community Contact has successfully partnered with individuals and families to assist them to identify barriers blocking the way to self-sufficiency. We have provided information, referrals and assisted with advocacy for more than 19,943 contacts in Carroll County last year.

We greatly appreciate the support, cooperation and partnership with your elected officials, staff and residents.

Sincerely,
Marge M. Webster
Director of Development

VNA-HOSPICE Annual Report 2003

The year 2003 has once again been a real challenge for the home care industry and for VNA-Hospice. Because of financial cutbacks at both the State and Federal levels the Agency is once again struggling to find the finances necessary to provide the care that our citizens require and deserve. The VNA-Hospice is a not-for-profit, Medicare certified home health and hospice care agency that is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. The Agency staff provides services to residents of Alton, Brookfield, Effingham, Freedom, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro.

The Agency continues to have three major programs and during 2003, we were privileged to provide the residents of Tuftonboro with home health care, hospice care and maternal child health-community health services. We made a total of 2,638 visits to Tuftonboro residents. This included 2,234 home care visits, 250 hospice visits, and 154 maternal child health visits. The total Agency staff has driven over 348,851 miles last year, while making a total of 31,432 visits.

VNA-Hospice's goal has always been to provide the residents of Tuftonboro with the highest quality of professional health care services that is available. We have approximately 75 employees who work as a team to help us achieve this goal. We actively take part in many different educational programs and seminars in order to keep ourselves current and proficient in our individual specialty. We willingly collaborate with other health care providers in order to insure that the care provided is the most effective and efficient care we can provide. We continue to provide tele-health monitors to our most vulnerable patients. These monitors will take your blood pressure, your pulse, your oxygen concentration, your weight and a number of other important tests every day. The data is then transmitted via a phone line to our office where it is reviewed by a registered nurse and then sent to your individual doctor as necessary. Tele-health monitors allow us to see our patients every day even when a nurse is not scheduled to make a visit.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us to provide you with your home health care services.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Barba, MS, RN, CHCE
Executive Director

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF TUFTONBORO

For the Year January 1 - December 31, 2003

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom</u>	<u>Residence of Groom</u>	<u>Name of Bride</u>	<u>Bride's Residence</u>
3/23/2003	David C. Wiley	Melvin Village, NH	Karen A. Milligan	Melvin Village, NH
4/22/2003	Robert M. Lagram	Melvin Village, NH	Valerie A. Konkonen	Melvin Village, NH
6/28/2003	Jefferson S. Lovering	Tuftonboro, NH	Karin L. Swain	Tuftonboro, NH
6/28/2003	Andrew W. Murcott	Omara	Martha G. Copplesstone	Melvin Village, NH
7/29/2003	Jon S. Hanson	Tuftonboro, NH	Lorraine F. Emme	Tuftonboro, NH
9/05/2003	John E. Lewis	Tuftonboro, NH	Elinore L. Greenwood	Tuftonboro, NH
9/20/2003	James P. Standyck	Tuftonboro, NH	Charlene E. Haggerty	Tuftonboro, NH
10/11/2003	Jacob M. McIellan	Tuftonboro, NH	Heather R. Pitt	Miami, FL
10/25/2003	Anthony S. Buel	Tuftonboro, NH	Melanie E. Sweetman	Tuftonboro, NH
11/01/2003	Mark J. O'Brien	Mirror Lake, NH	Samantha J. Meiklejohn	Tuftonboro, NH
12/13/2003	John Z. Dorn	Tuftonboro, NH	Victoria Harris	Erwina, PA

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 I hereby certify that the above is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Leanora P. Quilliam, Town Clerk

RESIDENT BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF TUFTONBORO For the Year January 1 - December 31, 2003

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
2/05/2003	Jack Simon Thompson	Laconia, NH	Ronald Thompson	Kristine Thompson
3/04/2003	Nicholas Frank Potenza	Laconia, NH	Michael Potenza	Sara Potenza
3/26/2003	Jillian Clair Pollini	Wolfeboro, NH	Todd Pollini	Celeste Pollini
4/11/2003	Gregory Robert Groom	Laconia, NH	Sean Groom	Heather Groom
5/30/2003	Brody Burke Demasi	Wolfeboro, NH	Paul Demasi	Mary Demasi
6/01/2003	Hannah Nichole Anderson	Wolfeboro, NH	Nicholas Anderson	Christina Anderson
6/05/2003	Mark Douglas Stanard	Wolfeboro, NH	Peter Stanard	Sandra Stanard
6/16/2003	Ryan David Harrington	Wolfeboro, NH	James Harrington	Susan Harrington
7/03/2003	Tyler James Furber	Wolfeboro, NH	John Furber	Angela Furber
7/07/2003	Erica Rose Delemus	Wolfeboro, NH	Kristopher Delemus	Adrienne Delemus
7/28/2003	Benjamin Shawn Varney	Wolfeboro, NH	Shawn Varney	Amy Varney
9/07/2003	Tristian Scott Hale	Wolfeboro, NH	Scott Hale	Billie Sue Hale
9/24/2003	Alayna Nicole Guilbault	North Conway, NH	Anthony Guilbault	Alyssa Guilbault
12/25/2003	Kathryn Grace Hallam	Lebanon, NH	Michael Westrich	Cheryle Westrich

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF TUFTONBORO For the Year January 1 – December 31, 2003

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of the Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
1/25/2003	Aura M. Leroux	Ossipee, NH	Percy Beattie	Lola Owen
2/11/2003	Robert W. Straw	Wolfeboro, NH	Harry Straw	Harriet Bean
3/01/2003	Janet H. Wallmann	Manchester, NH	James Hughes	Alma Jedinoy
3/15/2003	Eleanor M. Davis	Wolfeboro, NH	Simon Thompson	Evelyn Bean
3/16/2003	Marjorie W. Stickle	Tuftonboro, NH	William Wood	Ethel Patterson
3/16/2003	Anthony A. Renzoni	Wolfeboro, NH	Antonio Renzoni	Guistina Boggio
3/27/2003	Grace I. Rosell	Mirror Lake, NH	Magnus Sundbye	Hannah Olsen
4/02/2003	Cynthia H. Crowley	Melvin Village, NH	Adelbert Delano	Margaret Burke
4/17/2003	Frances M. Schermond	Tuftonboro, NH	Adam Siwakoski	Stelly Bryk
4/27/2003	John J. Welch	Wolfeboro, NH	Wade Welch	Annie Boston
5/25/2003	Donald L. Ducharme	Mirror Lake, NH	Wilfrid Ducharme	Eugenie Dussault
6/22/2003	Bill D. Altemus	Laconia, NH	Lemon Altemus	Gladyes Grimm
6/22/2003	Ludy I. Dow	Wolfeboro, NH	Enos Clark	Avis Gray
7/22/2003	Corinne A. Bolton	Lebanon, NH	Anthony Carreiro	Regina LaPlante
8/10/2003	John I. Ederly	Wolfeboro, NH	Edwin Ederly	Caroline Crossman
8/11/2003	Carolyn W. Crusius	Melvin Village, NH	Irving Wells	Mary Parker
8/28/2003	Andrew C. Arseneau	Wolfeboro, NH	Bernard Arseneau	Pearl Mudge
9/07/2003	John R. Lavender	Wolfeboro, NH	John Lavender	Katherine Rand
9/09/2003	Dorothy A. Beyerstedt	Wolfeboro, NH	Arthur Akins	Florence Holman
9/14/2003	Linda A. Palmer	Wolfeboro, NH	Carl Peterson	Marie O'Leary
9/25/2003	Anthony A. Barnett	Lebanon, NH	Irving Barnett	Esther Davis
10/13/2003	David M. Wright	Wolfeboro, NH	E. Wright	Alice Morris
11/13/2003	Michael A. Bibeault	Wolfeboro, NH	Henry Bibeault	HeideMarie Becker
12/18/2003	Marie A. Glidden	Mirror Lake, NH	Henry Champagne	Alice Lampron
12/29/2003	Jeannette Picken	Wolfeboro, NH	Joseph Young	Lillian Livermore

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