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**TOWN OF  
BOSCAWEN  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**2003 ANNUAL REPORT**

**with the 2004 TOWN WARRANT & BUDGET**

*Unless noted, all addresses  
116 North Main St., Boscawen NH 03303*

**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**  
753-9188 753-9183 FAX

**Office hours:**

Mon.-Fri. 8:00-11:00 AM 12:00-5:00 PM  
Rhoda W. Hardy, Chairman; Edward A. Maloof;  
Bernard O. Davis, Jr.;

Sherlene B. Fisher, Town Administrator;  
Karen L Lesko, Assistant to Administrator

**Selectmen's Meetings:**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays each month at 3:00 PM

**TAX COLLECTOR — 753-9188**

Pamela J. Davis Nancy A. Moody, Deputy

**Office hours:** Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

8:30 -11:00 AM & 12:00-5:00 PM

**TOWN CLERK — 753-9188**

Anne S. Hardy Pamela J. Davis, Deputy

**Office hours:** Mon. & Thurs.

8:00 -11:00 AM & 12:00-4:30 PM

Tue. & Wed.8:00-11:00 AM & 12:00-6:30 PM

**TREASURER/BOOKKEEPER — 796-2343**

Gail Egounis

**PUBLIC WORKS — 796-2207 or 753-9188**

Richard Hollins, Director;

13 Woodbury Lane; Boscawen 03303

**TRANSFER STATION — 796-2122**

Marlboro Road, hours:

Wednesday & Saturday 7:30 AM-3:30 PM

**MAY TO SEPT.:** Monday 2:30 — 7:30 PM

(Dump sticker available at Transfer Station)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

753-9123

**EMERGENCY 911**

Chief David Croft,

19 High Street, Boscawen 03303

Office hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Carol Boucher, Clerk/Dispatcher

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

796-2414

**EMERGENCY 911**

Chief Ray Fisher,

Burning Permits – Contact: Ray Fisher 796-2498

**PLANNING BOARD — 753-9188**

William Lambert, Chair;

Deborah J. Wentworth, Sec.

Office hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Meetings:2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. 7:00 PM

**ZONING BD. OF ADJUSTMENT — 753-9188**

Pamela J. Davis, Zoning Officer

Lyman Cousens, Chair

Deborah J. Wentworth. Sec.

Office hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. 7:30 PM

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT — 753-9188**

Ron McDaniel, Director

**HEALTH OFFICER — 753-9188**

Philip Mitchell, Jr., Health Officer

**HUMAN SERVICES OFFICER —753-9188**

John M. Young

**LIFE SAFETY CODE OFFICER — 753-9188**

Harold Hamilton; Phone 753-9451 after 5:00 PM

**TOWN MODERATOR**

Rick A. Trombly

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Jane Morrill, Chair; Linda White, Eliz. Gagne

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES — 796-2442 or 753-8576**

Barbara Keegan, Librarian Main Library,

248 King St., Boscawen 03303; Phone 796-2442

Hours: Tuesday 1:00-7:00 PM & Thursday 1:00-

7:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Branch Library, 73 North Main St., Boscawen

03303; Phone 753-8576

Hours: Monday & Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM

**CEMETERIES For information about plots**

call Richard Hollins 796-2207 or

Dorothy Sanborn 796-2582 sum.or 796-2211 win.

**CONSERVATION COMM. — 753-9188**

Michele Tremblay, Chair

Meetings are held at 116 North Main Street on the

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM

**POST OFFICE — 796-2300**

Laura Lane, Postmistress;

228 King St., Boscawen 03303

Office hours: Monday-Friday 1:30-5:30 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

**BOSCAWEN CONGREGATIONAL**

**CHURCH, UCC — 796-2565**

The Rev. Linda S. Gray, Minister,

12 High Street, Boscawen 03303

**GENEALOGICAL/HISTORICAL**

**INFORMATION**

Dorothy Sanborn 796-2582 sum.or 796-2211 win.

Henrietta Kenney, 796-2960;

Ronald Reed, 796-2236;

Sue Smith, Boscawen Historical Society

**PENACOOK-BOSCAWEN WATER**

**PRECINCT — 796-2206 or 796-2813**

9 Woodbury Lane, Boscawen 03303

Office hours: Wednesday 5:00-7:00 PM;

James F. Colby, William Heinz,

Michael Cunningham, Commissioners;

Peter Miner, Superintendent

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**TOWN MEETING**

Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. after the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of March,

Boscawen Town Hall

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**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**FIRE/RESCUE 911**

DEDICATION



**Barbara M. Holmes**

**1923 — 2003**

*Boscawen lost a special person in 2003,  
when Barbara Holmes died.*

*Born in Penacook, she lived in Boscawen for most of her life.*

*She served the Town for many years in various capacities as  
Tax Collector, Town Clerk and as Ballot Clerk.*

*Wife to Richard Holmes, she was mother, mother-in-law,  
grandmother and*

*Great-grandmother to all in her extended family.*

*Active in many community groups, she served where she was  
needed and enjoyed working with the Grange, 4-H Club, EVE  
Guild, the Boscawen Historical Society, MVHS Boosters Club,  
and the Boscawen Old Home Day Committee.*

*Volunteers in Boscawen make our community great  
by their active participation.*

*Thank you, Barbara, from a grateful community.*

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## TOWN OFFICERS 2003

MODERATOR	Rick A. Trombly	Term expires 2004
SELECTMEN		
	Bernard O. Davis, Jr.	Term expires 2004
	Rhoda W. Hardy	Term expires 2005
	Edward A. Maloof	Term expires 2006
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		Sherlene B. Fisher
ASSISTANT TO ADMINISTRATOR		Karen L. Lesko
TOWN CLERK		Anne S. Hardy 2003
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK		Pamela J. Lorden
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/GENEALOGICAL & ARCHIVAL INFORMATION		Dorothy W. Sanborn
TREASURER		Gail H. Egounis 2005
TAX COLLECTOR		Pamela J. Lorden
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR		Nancy A. Moody
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Chief David A. Croft		Sergeant Craig Saltmarsh
Officer Sean P. Sweeney		Officer John F. LaRoche
Officer Joseph Russell		
Clerk/Dispatcher		Carol A. Boucher
	PART TIME:	
Timothy M. Beers		George R. Cushman
James M. Lavery		Robert C. Tschudin**
Mark E. Varney		Kevin S. Wyman
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR		Richard A. Hollins -- Appointed
Dean A. Hollins	Timothy J. Welch	Harold N. Lamb, Sr.
	Jayson B. Westgate	
	PART TIME	
Paul L. Merchant		Charlie H. Westgate
SEXTON OF CEMETERIES		Richard A. Hollins – Appointed
FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Ray R. Fisher – Appointed
DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS		
	Mark E. Bailey	Michael W. Fisher
	Roy T. Meier	Gregory Taylor
	John Ayers	

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ray R. Fisher  
 Captain Michael W. Fisher  
 Lieutenant Roy T. Meier  
 Engineer Alan Perkins

Deputy Chief Mark E. Bailey  
 Lieutenant John Ayers  
 Lieutenant Gregory Taylor  
 Clerk/Treas. Ronald L. McDaniel

## Firefighters

William G. Bailey IV  
 Dix Bailey  
 Mark W. Davis  
 Scott Dow  
 Jonathan S. Dymont  
 Daniel L. Fisher  
 Kyle Gregg

Robert D. Petrin  
 Christopher F. Sanborn  
 James K. Tomlin  
 Joseph Wm. Toupin  
 Corey A. Welcome  
 Jayson B. Westgate

## HEALTH OFFICER

Philip I. Mitchell

## HUMAN SERVICES OFFICER

John M. Young

## LIFE SAFETY OFFICER

Harold A. Hamilton

## TRAILER PARK INSPECTOR

Pamela J. Lorden

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Ronald L. McDaniel

## OFFICIAL WEIGHERS

Bruce A. Davis

Mark N. Harbour

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

James F. Colby                      William Bailey, Jr.

Frederick J. Egounis

## FENCE VIEWERS

Ray R. Fisher                      Douglas R. Supry

Michele L. Tremblay

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Linda White  
 Elizabeth M. Gagne  
 Jane C. Morrill, Chairman

Term expires 2004  
 Term expires 2006  
 Term expires 2008

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Henrietta I. Kenney, Chairman  
 Dorothy W. Sanborn  
 Beverly A. Welcome

Term expires 2004  
 Term expires 2005  
 Term expires 2006

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mary E. Weeks  
 Dorothy W. Sanborn  
 Lynn Colby  
 Charles Niebling  
 Todd West, Chairman

Term expires 2004  
 Term expires 2005  
 Term expires 2005  
 Term expires 2006  
 Term expires 2006

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Bridget A. Fontaine	Term expires 2004
Tracy Jo Bartlett	Term expires 2005
Lois R. Hartford	Term expires 2006

## PLANNING BOARD

William S. Caswell, Jr., Vice Chair	Term expires July 2004
Richard R. Judd	Term expires Aug. 2004
Brad R. Whitney	Term expires Dec. 2004
Dale T. Jackson	Term expires Apr. 2005
William R. Lambert, Chairman	Term expires Apr. 2005
Alfred L. Goldenberg	Term expires July 2006
Bernard O. Davis, Jr.	Member Ex Officio
Deborah J. Wentworth	Secretary

## ALTERNATES

Sara Atkinson	Term expires Apr. 2004
Noreen E. Powers	Term expires Oct. 2004
John P. Reilly, Jr	Term expires Sept. 2005
Pauline E. Dawson	Term expires Sept. 2006

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Gail H. Devoid	Term expires June 2004
Lyman A. Cousens, Chair	Term expires Oct. 2004
Maureen M. Jackson	Term expires Aug. 2005
Alan H. Hardy	Term expires Apr. 2006
Roger W. Sanborn, Vice Chair	Term expires May 2006
Deborah J. Wentworth	Secretary

## ALTERNATES

Sandra H. Hodgdon	Term expires Nov. 2004
Anthony P. Fontaine	Term expires May 2005
Susan D. Pillsbury	Term expires May 2005
Diane F. Littlefield	Term expires Nov. 2005
Nate Atkinson	Term expires Nov. 2005

## ZONING OFFICER

Pamela J. Lorden

## PARKS &amp; RECREATION COMMITTEE

Derek P. Sawyer	Term expires Apr. 2006
Dawn Davis**	Term expires May 2006
Laura L. Mullikin	Term expires Dec. 2006
Edward A. Maloof	Member Ex-Officio

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Paul Fisher	Term expires Mar. 2004
James F. Colby	Term expires Mar. 2004
Michael R. Jette, Treasurer	Term expires Mar. 2004
Michele L. Tremblay, Chair	Term expires Mar. 2005
Michael J. Cunningham**	Term expires Mar. 2005

\*retired \*\*resigned

Ray S. Powelson, Vice Chair, Sec	Term expires Apr. 2005
Norman LaPierre	Term expires Mar. 2006
Mark D. Ciarametaro	Term expires Nov 2006

## ALTERNATES

Sylvia E. Bradford	Term expires April 2006
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Patricia Turgeon	Term expires Nov. 2003
Nancy A. Cote**	Term expires Nov. 2003
Larry A. Plaisted	Term expires Nov. 2004
Lorrie J. Carey	Term expires Nov. 2004
Ronald W. Reed	Term expires Nov. 2004
Bradley R. Whitney	Term expires Nov. 2005
Christy L. Goodhue	Term expires Nov. 2005
William J. Murphy, chair	Term expires Nov. 2005
Lauri A. Plaisted, Sec	Term expires Nov. 2006
Craig T. Saltmarsh	Term expires Jan. 2007

## POLICE COMMISSION

Douglas R. Supry	Term expires Apr. 2004
Andrew V. Parsons	Term expires Mar. 2005
Rene M. Bollengier, Jr. Chair	Term expires Mar. 2005
Claire D. Clarke, Sec.	Term expires Mar. 2006
Norma Heinz	Term expires Mar. 2006
Bernard O. Davis	Member Ex-Officio
David A. Croft	Chief of Police

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Dorothy Robie Reinert, Sec	Term expires Feb. 2004
Fordyce A. Pearl, Sr.	Term expires Feb. 2004
Bruce A. Davis	Term expires Feb. 2005
Theodore J. Houston	Term expires Feb. 2005
Michael D. Wright, chair	Term expires Feb. 2006
Neil E. Coulson, Sr.	Term expires Feb. 2006
Rhoda W. Hardy	Member Ex-officio
Richard A. Hollins	Public Works Director

## RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Theodore J. Houston, Jr.	Term expires Jan. 2004
Anita B. Cantara	Term expires Dec. 2004
Sandra E. Brodeur	Term expires Nov. 2004
Ray S. Powelson	Term expires Nov. 2004
Brenda B. Bartlett	Term expires Dec. 2006

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tom W. Cummings	Term expires Dec. 2004
James F. Colby	Term expires Sept. 2004
Thomas Danko	Term expires Oct. 2004
William B. Heinz	Term expires Sept. 2004

\*retired \*\*resigned



Michael D. Wright	Term expires Feb. 2005
Dorothy B. Robie Reinert	Term expires Jan. 2006
Martha Crete	Term expires Jan. 2006

## BOSCAWEN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Caroletta Alicea

Jason Brochu

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVES

Stephen C. Landry	Term expires Apr. 2004
Michele L. Tremblay, Chair	Term expires Oct. 2004

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT—District 30

Claire D. Clarke	Priscilla Lockwood
437 Daniel Webster Highway	435 Northwest Road
Boscawen, NH 03303	Canterbury, NH 03224-2112
796-2268	783-4349

Albert Foley	Roy D. Maxfield
P.O. Box 257	7126 School Street
Andover, NH 03216-0257	Loudon, NH 03307-0911
735-5980	783-9842

William Leber  
97 Salisbury Highway  
Andover, NH 03216-3632  
735-5144

## STATE SENATOR

Robert B. Flanders  
PO Box 1  
1 Whiton Road  
Antrim, NH 03440  
588-2159

## EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

Peter Spaulding  
386 Gage Hill Road  
Hopkinton, NH 03229  
(H) 746-2670  
(O) 225-1000

## MERRIMACK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bernard Lamach, Chair\*\*  
J. D. Colcord, Chair\*\*\*  
Katherine Rogers  
Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh

4 Court St., Suite 2, Concord, NH 03301 228-0331

\*retired \*\*resigned \*\*\*appointed

**The State of New Hampshire  
BOSCAWEN TOWN WARRANT**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boscawen in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Boscawen on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 2004, at Seven of the Clock in the Forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE TOWN HALL IN  
BOSCAWEN ON TUESDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF MARCH 2004, AT 7:30  
PM TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

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2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$ 1,620,000 for the purpose of making payment of the Town's share of the reserved capacity at the Penacook WWTF improvements located in Concord, New Hampshire including covering costs for other necessary work such as negotiating a revised intermunicipal agreement, completing engineering and legal reviews, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,620,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act, N.H. RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon as shall be in the best interest of the Town including the use of the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) RSA 486.14 established for this purpose and/or USDA office of Rural Development, if desired. And to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, and obtain and accept Federal, State or other grants or aid, if any, which may be available for said Project and to comply with all laws applicable to said Project; and to pass any vote relating thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required)

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,171,107 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed separately.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a Fire Truck with related equipment. This lease purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 as the down payment. Said sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The first of three annual

payments of \$26,974.50 will not be due until 2005. (2/3 ballot vote required).

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

6. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

**Recommended by Selectmen**

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacing the roof above the Police Department at the Municipal Facility and to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,551 to help support the Penacook Rescue Squad for its emergency medical services and rescue operations for the Town.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,489 for services of Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,356 for services to low-income residents of Boscawen through the Concord Area Center Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 toward the operating expenses of the Penacook Community Center.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

13. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 2000 International Residential

Code for One and Two-Family Dwellings as provided in RSA 674:51 (1). This Building Code will supplement the requirements of the State Building Code adopted by the Town Meeting on March 11, 2003 and shall be enforced by the Building Inspector.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Planning Board**

- 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to purchase a Generator to operate the Police and Emergency Management in case of emergency. This amount to be offset by a \$24,000 federal grant received through the NH Department of Safety, Division of Fire Safety and Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management. The balance to come from general taxation.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee Majority**

- 15. To see if the Town will vote to add to the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintaining the former Main Street School and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

- 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to contribute to the operating costs of the Boscawen Historical Society.

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

- 17. Shall we modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Boscawen, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years:	\$15,800
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years:	\$23,700
For a person 80 years of age or older:	\$31,600

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 single or, if married a combined net income of less than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. RSA72:39-B

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

- 18. In accordance with RSA 72:39 (and relevant sections of RSA 72:29,33,34 and 35) Shall we modify the Elderly Exemption for property tax in the Town of Boscawen, based on assessed value for qualified Taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years:	\$ 90,000
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years:	\$110,000
For a person 80 years of age or older:	\$130,000

To qualify, a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate and/or building individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married at least five (5) years. In addition the Taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$29,000, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$38,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$200,000 excluding the value of the person's residence and the land upon which it is constructed up to three (3) acres, or current zoning minimum if greater. (Majority Vote required.) Ballot vote. (By petition). **Not recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

19. To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35, for Boscawen's share of the removal of the Boscawen/Canterbury Bridge (Bridge #132/085) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,483.00 towards this purpose and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

**Recommended by Selectmen, Budget Committee and Public Works Commission**

20. To see if the Town will approve moving the town meeting voting and all other elections to the Boscawen Elementary School.
21. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Four.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Rhoda W. Hardy

Edward A. Maloof

Bernard O. Davis, Jr.

## 2004 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN

	Appropriations 2003	Actual Expenditures 2003	Appropriations Ensuuing Fiscal Yr. 2004
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
Executive	\$143,893	\$135,174	\$149,682
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	44,234	42,447	48,784
Financial Administration	58,238	60,354	67,935
Revaluation of Property	51,750	49,200	
Legal Expense	30,000	15,862	30,000
Personnel Administration	181,702	208,361	222,613
Deeded Properties			5,000
Planning & Zoning	20,847	16,307	27,457
General Government Buildings	39,740	28,049	84,900
Cemeteries	3,400	307	3,700
Insurance	28,000	29,367	31,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	4,000	4,112	4,500
Other General Government	13,000	13,000	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Police	321,559	315,107	341,560
Penacook Rescue	28,551	28,551	
Fire	87,825	64,035	92,189
Building Inspection	3,420	3,234	3,505
Emergency Management	2,585	2,720	2,893
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>			
Highways & Streets	321,036	319,723	355,241
Street Lighting	12,000	12,243	13,000
Trees & Sidewalks	3,500	3,105	3,800
<b>SANITATION</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	187,917	175,923	177,041
Solid Waste Cleanup	6,300	3,333	6,300
Sewage Collection & Disposal	56,000	56,000	56,000
<b>HEALTH</b>			
Administration	3,200	2,800	3,345
Pest Control	1,200	1,275	1,400
Visiting Nurse Association	6,489	6,489	
<b>WELFARE</b>			
Administration	5,706	5,628	6,032
Community Action	5,101	5,101	
Vendor Payments & Other	28,000	15,298	28,000
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
Parks & Recreation	16,870	13,114	16,870
Library	34,608	34,608	34,971
Patriotic Purposes	3,000	2,886	3,000
Other Culture & Recreation	9,000	9,000	

	Appropriations 2003	Actual Expenditures 2003	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 2004
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			
Admin. & Purch. of Natural Resources	2,000	1,968	2,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Principal – Long Term Bonds & Notes	152,000	151,777	152,000
Interest – Long Term Bonds & Notes	66,087	66,064	63,389
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
Machinery, Vehicles, & Equip.	30,000	30,000	
Buildings		49,163	
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			
To Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000	
Sewer	<u>131,250</u>	<u>131,250</u>	<u>133,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,169,008</b>	<b>\$2,137,935</b>	<b>\$2,171,107</b>
<b>SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES Art. #</b>			
Fire Truck	5		20,000
Sewer Bond	2		1,620,000
Main Street School	15		10,000
Boscawen/Canterbury Bridge	19		5,483
Highway Heavy Equipment	7		20,000
Fire Truck			175,000
Municipal Facility Roof			20,000
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,870,483</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			
Generator	14		35,000
Penacook Rescue	9		28,551
Visiting Nurse	10		6,489
Community Action	11		5,356
Penacook Community Center	12		5,000
Boscawen Historical Society	16		4,000
<b>SUBTOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>			<b>\$84,396</b>

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues 2003	Actual Revenues 2003	Estimated Revenues 2004
<b>TAXES</b>			
Timber Tax	\$35,000	\$32,674	\$25,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	62,869	62,869	62,869
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	43,000	49,520	45,000
Excavation Tax	3,000	2,913	2,000
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit & Agent Fees	440,000	468,390	450,000
Dog Licenses, Permits & State Fees	7,000	6,786	7,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>			
Shared Revenues	27,230	43,696	27,230
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	111,445	111,445	50,000
Highway Block Grant	67,364	67,364	67,094
State & Federal Forest Land Reim.	803	803	803
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	21,906	22,128	44,061
<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>	2,000	1,305	1,500
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Income from Departments	10,000	8,172	6,000
Other Charges – Property Rents	4,500	5,958	5,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	6,000	6,083	3,500
Interest on Investments	10,000	6,597	7,000
Other – Ins Div & PD Comp Grant	5,644	14,144	
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			
From Special Revenue Funds (Tipping)	26,000	31,800	30,000
Sewer (Offset)			133,000
From Capital Reserve Funds	11,500	11,500	175,000
From Trust & Agency Funds	1,000		
Proc. from Long Term Bonds-Notes			1,620,000
Fund Balance (surplus) to Reduce Taxes	<u>85,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE AND CREDITS</b>	<b>\$981,261</b>	<b>\$1,039,147</b>	<b>\$2,762,057</b>

## BUDGET SUMMARY

Appropriations Recommended	\$2,171,107
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	1,870,483
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>84,396</u>
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$4,125,986
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues and Credits	<u>2,762,057</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	<b>\$1,363,929</b>



**BOSCAWEN TOWN MEETING**

**March 11, 2003**

Moderator Rick Trombly, who read the warrant and declared the polls would stay open until 7:00 PM called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

A motion was made by Jane Morrill to hold action on Articles 4 through 24 until the ballots were counted in the evening. Seconded by Avis Folsom.

Ballot Clerks were Steve Miner, Irene Currier, Avis Folsom, Norma Reed and Brenda Bartlett.

Polls closed at 7:00 PM. The votes were counted and the results were:

<b>Office</b>	<b># Years in Terms</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Selectman	3	Edward Maloof	193
Town Clerk	3	Anne Hardy	219
Cemetery Trustee	3	Beverly Welcome	210
Library Trustee	3	Todd West	159
	3	Charlie Niebling	190
Trustee of Trust Funds	3	Write In	
		Lois Hartford	18
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS CAST:</b>		<b>226</b>	
Regular Ballots:	223	Absentee Ballots:	3

Moderator Rick Trombly called the evening meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Moderator Trombly recognized Rhoda Hardy to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Trombly announced that tonight's meeting will be run according to Robert's Rules of Order and that you state your name for the record. Also, if at any time during the meeting any vote can be reconsidered unless you attach the provisions of RSA 40 to that vote. RSA 40 means that someone can move to reconsider and the body can reconsider the vote, but it can't happen tonight. If you don't have provision RSA 40 to the vote immediately after the vote, that warrant article can be moved to reconsideration after you've gone home and you can read in the papers that what you thought happened was reversed later on in the meeting. He also stated that if he issues a ruling and the body thinks he's wrong, you have the right (and encouraged to do so) to challenge the ruling of the chair.

Moderator Trombly then read the results of the ballot vote on Articles 1 through 3.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.  
**Official Weighers.** Rhoda Hardy moved to reelect incumbents Bruce A Davis and Mark N Harbour. Bernie Davis seconded. Motion passed.  
**Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.** Lyman Cousens moved to reelect incumbents James F Colby, William Bailey III and Frederick J Egounis. Rhoda Hardy seconded. Motion passed.

**Fence Viewers.** Ed Maloof moved to reelect incumbents Ray R Fisher, Douglas R Supry and Michele L Tremblay. Deb Wentworth seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the changes/ amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance as submitted by petition as follows: (Ballot Vote)

A. To see if the Town will vote to change the Boscawen Zoning Ordinance in the Table of Uses, to eliminate 3-12 unit family dwellings in the AR and R1 zones. (Ballot Vote) Recommended by Planning Board.

YES 180 NO 46 Article passes.

B. To see if the Town will vote to change the Boscawen Zoning Ordinance in the Table of Uses, to add 3-12 unit elderly housing (age 62) dwellings in R2, Commercial, and MRD Zones only, by Special Exception. (Ballot Vote) Recommended by Planning Board.

YES 171 NO 41 Article passes.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV, Section 4.01, Table 1, Table of Uses by eliminating Cluster Development as a use permitted by Special Exception in the AR and R1 Zoning Districts. (Ballot Vote) Proposed by Planning Board.

YES 164 NO 54 Article passes.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,868,317 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Ray Fisher moved to accept Article 4 as read. Seconded by Claire Clarke.

Michele Tremblay commented that last year \$1,650 was appropriated for the Conservation Commission. This year they proposed \$2,000 and have an appropriation of \$1,450.

I just wanted to put that in perspective, the Planning & Zoning Departments are asking for a regular appropriation of \$20,847. In addition, under a warrant article, they're asking for \$13,000 for professional assistance which is going to be defrayed by a grant of \$1,500 and if you also look in your warrant there are private and non-profit corporations, who I strongly support, and I've been a member and donor to them both, they are outside of town government, and they are asking for and have received in the past \$5,000 and \$4,000. I just wanted to point out the Conservation Commission is a volunteer board, it doesn't have any staff support and I spend hundreds of dollars a year of my own money in telephone calls, travel and supplies and I am very disturbed that the \$2,000 has been cut down to \$1,450 which is \$200 less than we got the year before. I think we are asking for a very reasonable appropriation for an all-volunteer board.

Steve Blaisdell commented that we just spent \$1.6 million on a new town office, we don't know how much it's going to cost to heat it, and we're cutting the Conservation Commission budget by 25%? What's the point of that?

Rhoda Hardy stated that it was a typographical error and was not intentional.

Michele asked what the appropriation should be? Rhoda stated it should be \$2,000.

Moderator Trombly clarified that what you are voting on is the bottom line. The Selectmen have the authority to transfer money from department to department without permission from the town meeting. So what you vote on tonight is the bottom line, \$1,868,317.

Gail Devoid moved that for the efforts that are put in to Conservation in this town, that an additional \$550 is not asking too much and as a gesture I would like to ask the Town to support that the budget be increased that much, with a specification that it is for the Conservation Commission and then of course the Selectmen can do as they see as an appropriate gesture. Seconded.

Motion to add \$550 and direct the Selectmen to apply that money to the Conservation Commission. Making the total bottom-line \$1,868,867 if the amendment passes.

Ray Fisher asked if it would be easier for the Selectmen to just transfer the funds?

Bernie Davis stated that we could do that if you wanted, but we could also add to the total budget. It doesn't really matter.

Amendment adopted.

New motion now to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,868,867 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed separately.

Ron Reed questioned the Debt Service principle and interest amounts being astronomically different from 2002 and 2003 with interest rates coming down? (page 14)

Rhoda stated it was because of the two bond issues we voted last year. One being the new building and the other the sewer.

There being no further discussion, the Article is adopted.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund to the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (2/3 vote required) Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Deb Wentworth moved to accept Article 5 as read. Bernie Davis seconded. 2/3 needed. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted by the necessary 2/3.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Claire Clarke moved to accept Article 6 as read. Seconded by Deb Wentworth. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Wildland Fire Suppression and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in this fund and to appoint Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Explanatory Note: RSA227-L:12 & 22 states communities pay suppression cost in full in the first instance and the State will then reimburse up to 50%, if no

responsible person is found. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Bernie Davis moved to accept Article 7 as read. Seconded by Deb Wentworth. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a loader for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This loader will replace the 1974 Cat Loader. The total price is estimated at \$110,000. This lease purchase agreement contains an escape clause. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Claire Clarke moved to accept Article 8 as read. Seconded by Ray Fisher.

Gail Devoid asked what was being done with the old loader? Will it be sold or is it all used up?

Bernie Davis said it would be used as a trade in. We've had a pretty decent offer considering what we paid for it back 30 years ago. Almost what we paid for it.

Steve Blaisdell asked that if we're going to get as much as we paid for it back in trade, why can't we keep using it?

Bernie Davis stated that if something were to go wrong with it, it would be very expensive and we'd be without one.

Ron Reed asked what the balance was in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund and if any of this would be used?

Bernie replied the balance is \$43,305.77 in that fund and we will use all but \$10,000 towards this.

Doug Hartford asked if we would be raising another \$30,000?

Rhoda stated that the total cost is estimated at \$110,000. DRA recommended the wording of the Article.

Roger Sanborn stated \$110,000 trade-in of \$20,000 and appropriation of \$30,000 equals \$50,000. This will be for 4-year period? \$30,000 per year equals \$120,000 plus the turn in value of \$20,000 plus the \$30,000 this year would be up around \$180,000.

Rhoda asked that Dick Hollins come to the front of the room for questions. Dick stated that we don't really have a definite price. We only have an estimated price and as far as the trade in value depends on who we go with. Whether we go with Cat or John Deere, they're all different. The machine is a '74, it's getting tired. It still runs, yes, but I think it's time to replace it. Our roll-off truck is paid for this year. As far as the \$30,000, the Selectmen can take it out of the Capital Reserve, but it couldn't be written into the Article.

Jim Colby asked why we had to appropriate if we're taking it out of the Capital Reserve?

Dick stated we had to as far as the State was concerned. Rhoda added that this was the wording that DRA has approved.

Deb Bevans asked to clarify that this was not going to increase the tax base this year because of the Capital Reserve?

That is correct.

Cindy Wheeler asked why we had "to raise and appropriate" and not just "appropriate" the funds. It doesn't have to be raised; it's already there.

Ed Maloof stated it was because we're committing ourselves to a contract over 4 years. So what we say here is going to be effective next year, the following year and the final year to be able to appropriate the money to fully pay for the piece of equipment. Rhoda also added that if at next year's town meeting we decided that they didn't want us to do it, there is an escape clause. No town meeting this year can bind the voters next year.

Lisa Hondzinski asked if this was a lease, will we own it after 4 years.

Dick stated that yes, after 4 years we would own it. We purchased our roll-off truck the same way.

Ron Reed asked if the Highway Capital Reserve was established giving the Selectmen the right to transfer money. Because sometimes they are not.

He was told yes, it was.

There being no further discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,750 to do a valuation update of town properties to bring them to fair market value and to authorize the withdrawal of \$11,500 from the Revaluation/Update Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of \$40,250 to come from general taxation. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Bill Heinz moved to accept Article 9 as read. Seconded by Deb Wentworth.

There being no discussion, the Moderator asked for voice vote of which a decision could not be made.

Hand count taken. 58 in the affirmative and 47 in the negative. The Article is adopted.

Rhoda Hardy moved to restrict reconsideration through RSA 40. Seconded by Bernie Davis.

Moderator Trombly explained that RSA 40 means that you've already voted. If you vote yes on this, this Article could not be reconsidered later in this meeting. If you vote no, then this

Article could be reconsidered at any time during this meeting prior to adjournment.

The restriction passes and is placed on Article 9.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000 for the purpose of contracting with Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) for the revision of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision & Site Plan Regulations and related mapping. This amount to be offset by a \$1,500 grant from the NH Office of State Planning administered by the CNHRPC. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Jim Colby moved to accept Article 10 as read. Deb Wentworth seconded.

Bill Lambert, Planning Board Chairman, wanted people to know that we have just completed the Master Plan for the Town of Boscawen adopted last year. This is an on-going part of that project as we have recognized that our current zoning and site plan regulations are outdated as is the Zoning Ordinance. The Articles that we voted on earlier by ballot speak to those changes that need to be done. This cost means that you will get a professionally done zoning

ordinance and site plans subject to regulations that would give us a tool to use to slow growth and to manage the property in the Town of Boscawen.

Cindy Wheeler stated that last year we appropriated \$7,500 with a \$2,500 offset, this year we're looking at \$13,000 with a \$1,500 offset, that's \$20,500 total without offsets. Will this be completed at \$20,500 or is this an incomplete process?

Bill explained that this \$13,000 would give us an updated, more complete final product as planning and zoning issues are becoming more complicated.

Cindy asked that if we're in a revision process for zoning ordinances, but we voted on existing zoning ordinances earlier today, is this change of ordinances going to affect what we did. We just went through this in the City of Concord and it got really messed up because it wasn't done in the proper chain of events.

Bill stated that what we voted on earlier today will "patch some holes" we've found throughout the year. We've always accepted that Special Exceptions gave the Zoning Board and the Town of Boscawen the ability to place the burden on the developer to come in and demonstrate that they deserve a special exception. The court system has since told us that it's our obligation to see why they don't deserve it. So the changes we made today are to patch that hole that we thought existed in the ordinance and this warrant article will give us a better product, but we didn't want to wait for this process to be done to pass what we've found out in the last year.

Lyman Cousens, Zoning Board Chairman, just wanted to second what Bill said. The changes that were made today were just temporary fill-ins, because we saw some problems coming immediately and we had to deal with them quickly. Not to say that what we passed today may not be rescinded once we start working on this with CNHRPC. The whole thing needs to be redone. I don't think I have to remind the voters that Boscawen, in the last 10 years, has the slowest growth of any community in the greater Concord area. That's scary because it's out there and it's building. We've really got to have these zoning ordinances professionally redone to protect the Town down the road.

Gail Devoid stated that she sits on the Zoning Board and would like to remind the voters that these are volunteer boards that are made up of people that are trying to do their very best. We don't specialize in these areas and it is getting more and more complicated all the time. We want to do the best that we can for the Town. We're asking for this appropriation so that we can make intelligent, informed decisions with the help of the experts that are out there. There being no further discussion, the Article is adopted.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,551 to help support the Penacook Rescue Squad for its emergency medical services and rescue operations for the Town. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Bernie Davis moved to accept Article 11 as read. Ted Houston seconded. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,489 for services of Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Brenda Bartlett moved to accept Article 12 as read. Deb Wentworth seconded. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,101 for services to low-income residents of Boscawen through the Concord Area Center Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Deb Bevans moved to accept Article 13 as read. Norma Heinz seconded. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 toward the operating expenses of the Penacook Community Center. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee pending Presentation by Penacook Community Center.

Ed Maloof moved to accept Article 14 as read. Brenda Bartlett seconded.

Ed Maloof asked if the Town Meeting would allow Mary Sweatt from the Penacook Community Center to speak.

Mary Sweatt, introduced herself as representing the Penacook Community Center. As many of the people there were there as she asked them for their support. Over the course of this year Mary has taken on the Community Center and just recently became Director. She's learned a lot. Mary met with the Selectmen probably two months ago because she received a letter of rejection on the part of the Selectmen to not receive funds for the Center. She took that letter to her Board and discussed it and asked for meeting. At that meeting she basically went down some issues with them and that's when they decided to invite her here tonight.

Some of the things we do for Boscawen and other towns, but specifically Boscawen.

- PCC serves a total of 90 children, 27 of which are Boscawen children.
- The hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The parents of these 27 children can drop their children off at 7:00 a.m. and pretty much are there by 8:00 in the morning. That allows parents to work an eight-hour day because we're open until 6:00. During the course of the day, kindergarten children are transported to and from Boscawen Elementary School in our vans. We transport because school buses do not pickup and then school-aged children are transported to and from as well, because there's no transportation for the children.
- On days that school is delayed or vacation or teacher workshops, the Center is open for the children to attend so that parents can work those days.
- Six of the 27 children that attend the program from Boscawen are Title 20 (financial needs).
- 35% of the senior citizens membership is Boscawen residents.

We're the Center for the community. Unfortunately you don't have a community center up in Boscawen now, maybe you will sometime, but we are the Center for Boscawen, Salisbury, Webster and Penacook. I believe that you need the Center and we want to be needed for you and we're just asking for you to vote in favor of this. We've had funding from the Town of Boscawen for over 10 years that I could find in the paperwork that I was looking through. Funding

the \$4,000 alone will fund just the transportation that we give these children every day. The fees that we charge for the children are all-inclusive, we don't charge for snacks and we don't charge for most field trips. I would think that you would have to agree that we need this funding. Thank you.

Cheryl Lambert stated that her children attend PCC. 27 kids that attend during the school year is the lowest number, there are a lot more that attend the full time summer camp program, close to 40.

Lois Hartford stated that she's been going to aerobics there 17 years and it's worked for her.

Michele Tremblay commented that it does work for Lois, she looks good. Michele also attends aerobics. As an adult there aren't many services available like that and going to aerobics 3 times a week, when I can, makes a big difference to me and if the PCC didn't offer that I don't know honestly where I would be able to do that. I'd probably have to wear a thong and go to the Racket Club (which is something I would never do). I understand that there's been some changeovers at the Community Center and I think that Mary is working really hard to make changes, but I guess I would ask, after all these years, why the Board doesn't feel comfortable recommending the appropriation and then maybe we could talk about that.

Rhoda stated that as Mary was aware, we talked with her because we had complaints and people who were suggesting that it not be made an appropriation and we felt it was fair to talk to her and that's why she's here.

William Bailey, III, wanted to thank the Selectmen for doing their job (which is a thankless job). He's hoping that this is an oversight and a little embarrassed that you had to have her come up here to speak. My mother has been there, a lot of these people have been there, my kids have gone there and for \$4,000 it's a little embarrassing that we made this woman come up tonight and beg for this funding. \$4,000 is pretty cheap.

Steve Blaisdell stated that it's unbelievable that they are trucking our kids around, but the pool is right across the street from there, now are Boscawen children allowed to use the pool?

Can we work something out where we give them 3 or 4 times as much and we can use the pool.

Rhoda stated PCC is entirely separate from Rolfe Park. Rolfe Park is owned by the City of Concord and a pool package is available for any family who wants to pay for it. We actually had people who gave us money to pay for people if anybody wanted it and no one used this money.

Cindy Wheeler stated that she agreed with everything Bill said and I think if anything we should be looking to give more to PCC in the future. Maybe not this year, but maybe in the future.

Roger Sanborn motioned to move the question. Motion carried. There being no further discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to contribute to the operating costs of the Boscawen Historical Society. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee. Ron Reed moved to accept Article 15 as read. Jim Colby seconded.



Dorothy Sanborn asked why more money. Bernie Davis replied that it was requested. They take care of the old fire station, which is now our post office, and they maintain it and we thought it was appropriate. There being no further discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to change the percentage to 50% of all future payments collected under the land use tax set forth in RSA Chapter 79-A, which are placed in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, not to exceed \$10,000 in any given year. The conservation fund shall be non-lapsing and proceeds shall be used to further conservation purposes in the Town of Boscawen, including the acquisition of Town Forest and other important lands. The current percentage is 100% established by the 2000 Town Meeting. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Bernie Davis moved to accept Article 16 as read. Seconded by Ed Maloof.

Charlie Niebling stated that he would like to speak in opposition. I think the green page that was passed around is pretty self-explanatory. I'm glad Lyman made the comment earlier about growth in the Town of Boscawen, because it's the perfect setup for me. The fact is, we have grown relatively slowly as a community, but it is only a matter of time before we see the kind of intense development pressure the towns like Chichester, Dunbarton and Hooksett are seeing and it's creeping northward. The Town had the wisdom 10 years ago to put in place the policy that sets aside money for the function of pace of that growth. With every piece of land that comes out of current use, a small amount of money, 10% of the land use change tax, is set aside. Originally a cap was placed on that both in percentage terms and in absolute dollar terms. Three years ago, the Town Meeting voted to increase that and remove the % restriction and cap restriction with no contested votes. If anything the sense of awareness in the community about growth, about the rural character of the community and the necessity to take action to hold on to what we have in this town is more acute today than it was three years ago. I would recommend this town meeting to vote no on this Article.

Doug Hartford stated that he found it a little ironic that it's recommended that we slash that and then four articles later they want to fully fund the LCHIP for exactly the same thing and we have our little lchip right here. I would say vote no on this.

Ron Reed commented that he was going to say the same thing Doug just said. He thought that was very ironic. This is a very easy, painless way to set money aside for conservation. I would fully support what Charlie said to keep this at full funding.

Michele Tremblay just wanted to say that as a member of the Conservation Commission that I echo Ron's comment. This is a painless way to do it, and what Charlie said it is a perfect balance between what goes into development and being able to fund conservation. If you don't want to listen to me as Chair of the Conservation Commission, I would like to say that I'm a citizen of Boscawen and I'm also a taxpayer and I can't think of a better way to keep our taxes down and a more painless way to do it. I would strongly urge you to vote no on Article 16.

There being no further discussion, the Article was defeated.

Michele Tremblay moved to restrict reconsideration through RSA 40. Seconded. Restriction adopted.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of ownership of the Boscawen Planning and Zoning Building to the Boscawen Congregational Church, UCC. There is no monetary consideration with this transfer. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Deb Wentworth moved to accept Article 17 as read. Claire Clarke seconded.

Steve Blaisdell asked why we would give this building away when later on you're considering rental property of the other buildings?

Bernie stated that when we move to the new building this building will no longer be needed and it sits on church property. The church will be using it for their food pantry.

Michele Tremblay asked for clarification about the histories of ownership of the building and the land underneath it, but when it says that there is no monetary consideration, but some people of told me, depending on which version of that history, that there actually is a monetary consideration.

Rhoda stated that the building was built as the woodshed in the days when we all heated the town hall and the church with wood. 1/3 was the grange, 1/3 was the church and 1/3 was the town. When the woodshed was no longer needed, we took down the two partitions between that and the church had it for a while as a Sunday School room. When the town needed a place for the Selectmen's office, they paid to the church, who had spent some \$1,600 (if memory serves correctly) that's the only money that ever passed hands.

Bill Bailey asked if the organizations that meet there would still be able to meet there or the new facility.

Rhoda said that they are certainly welcome at the new facility. There is also space in the new Franklin Savings Bank, which the bank would be delighted to have you use. (And they said I could say so too.) There being no further discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to explore the transfer of ownership of the Boscawen Town Hall to the Boscawen Congregational Church, UCC. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Claire Clarke moved to accept Article 18 as read. Seconded by Ed Maloof.

Cindy Wheeler wondered if town meeting would still be held here. Ed said it could be here or the Elementary School or the new offices. We haven't received any information from the Fire Department as to how many people we can legally have in that building. To answer your question in the short term, no. But we do have the option of going to the new school and the church has said that if this is passed over to church hands we can use it for town functions.

Gail Devoid asked what the advantage is in transferring ownership. Why can't the town keep ownership. What changes. Nothing changes for the church, does it? Ed stated that this all came about as a result of a law suit the church and the town found themselves as two parties in a three party law suit. There was a

lot of discussion afterwards between the lawyers involved and the insurance companies involved as to what we can and cannot do with town property and still keep us out of the courts. The consensus of opinion between the lawyers and the insurance companies were, whoever owns this building, whether it's either the Town or the Church, the rental of this property for any organization for any reason or to any individual for any reason would be against either the Town's or the Church's better interest. Because the Church owns the land surrounding the town hall, it was felt that in the interest of simplifying liability, that the Church should own the whole building. And the Town would then request from the Church any services of the town hall that the Town felt it needed. We went into discussion with the church committee and while there was no absolute decision made as to whether or not the Church would like to have it or the Town would like to give it away, it was thought that the best thing to do was bring it up at town meeting to see if the town itself would want to consider doing that.

Roger Sanborn asked if the Church was financially capable of undertaking this. There are underground oil tanks here, the furnace probably needs replacing, and can the Church afford to do this? Ed answered that those were questions we were asking in the meeting we had with the church committee. We came up with some temporary answers. Concerning the oil tanks, we could simply empty them and fill them with sand. We wouldn't have to pull them out of the ground.

That satisfies the EPA requirement. Relative to the maintenance or any upkeep of the property, that's something that would have to be worked out after a decision at this forum. If this forum decides that it does not want to enter that idea into reality, then it's a moot question. On the other hand, if this forum says that it's worth researching to see what it would take to transfer the hall to the church, then that's a discussion that we would have to then enter into with the Church. And we're more than willing to do that. Roger then asked for clarification that this is just to get our permission to look into it for a concrete plan next year. The answer is yes.

Dorothy Sanborn stated that she is against it for historical and sentimental reasons. I love the idea that Church and State are under one roof. We've always talked in past years about conservation and preservation and everything and now you bring in things that want to change everything, just wait until I die before you do this.

Michele Tremblay stated that she didn't know how long she would be around but I'd like to echo Dorothy's comments and say that the tradition of how long this has been the town hall and how long we've all been here meeting to me has so much meaning. I've had a dance here and I've had meetings here and we all gather here, and everything that's important that happens in town, in my opinion, just happens here and I do not want to see this be where we become squatters in this hall versus having this be the "Boscawen Town Hall." So I also oppose the article.

Cindy Wheeler asked if the Town pays the liability insurance on the town hall right now. Bernie told her just on the hall. What you see right here is what the town owns. Anything outside belongs to the Church.

Jim Colby asked that with all the money that we're appropriating tonight, why we can't pay the liability insurance on this town hall? Bernie answered that that's not the question. The question is not whether we can pay the liability or not, it's just because of what happened in the past year or so, there's liability issues. We plow the driveway; we don't own the driveway so that makes the town liable for anything that happens in that yard out there. It's just a mixed up mess. And I agree with Michele. I've had a lot of fun in this town hall. We originally came up with an article to ask you to give it to the Church and I basically forced them to go to this because I think it should stay the way it is and we should work toward keeping it with the Church and have it a town facility so we can rent and do whatever. If it costs us a few dollars then it costs a few dollars. It's just one little incident shouldn't make us go running scared.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator asked for voice vote of which his decision was challenged.

Hand count taken. 64 in the affirmative and 53 in the negative. The Article is adopted.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to create the position of Building Inspector to enforce the State Building Code, with authority to issue building permits and certificates of occupancy, and to perform inspections as necessary to verify compliance with the State Building Code, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish fees for building permits, inspections, and certificates of occupancy.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Deb Wentworth moved to accept Article 19 as read. Seconded by Theodore Houston. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 20. 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. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Charlie Niebling moved to accept Article 20 as read. Seconded by Claire Clarke. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to place a permanent conservation easement on the Boscawen Town Forest to maintain it for multi-use by and for the people of Boscawen.

Recommended by Selectmen and Conservation Commission.

Bernie Davis moved to accept Article 21 as read. Charlie Niebling seconded.

Charlie Niebling stated that it was not clear to him through the wording the article to whom the easement would be conveyed. Rhoda stated that Michele Tremblay had given them the wording for the Article and our attorney has said that it is not sufficient to protect anything, that this will not effectively protect the town forest.

Michele Tremblay said that the way this happened is that she created the language and that Doddy Fisher forwarded me town counsel's opinion on it and I was trying to reach town counsel late last week and also working with other towns that have done this. This is a fairly common thing actually, and they gave me suggested wording that will accomplish that.

Michele moved to amend Article 21 to read "To see if the Town will vote to convey a permanent conservation easement to a land trust on the Boscawen Town Forest to maintain it for multi-use by and for the people of Boscawen. Roger Sanborn seconded the amendment.

Bill Bailey asked if multi-use would cover hunting, fishing and trapping as it is now. Michele answered that it is absolutely included without restrictions.

The amendment was adopted. There being no further discussion, the Article is adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to designate 0.2 miles of North Water Street, beginning at a point 0.2 miles south of the Salisbury town line and extending to the Salisbury town line a scenic road, pursuant to RSA 231:157-158. Such designation shall ensure the protection of the scenic qualities of North Water Street according to the provisions and procedures established in RSA 231:158(II), and shall also permanently require the maintenance of the road surface on this section in a gravel condition, as authorized under RSA 231:158 (V). Such designation shall in no way affect the rights of any landowner with respect to work on his own property, as stated in RSA 231:158(IV). Such designation may only be rescinded upon petition, as set forth in RSA 23:157. (By petition)

Ray Fisher moved to accept Article 22 as read. Seconded by Lois Hartford.

John Reilly stated that he grew up on Water Street and for the last 6 years I've been raising my family on North Water Street. Pardon me; I'm not much of a public speaker so bear with me. #1 anyone that's driven on North Water Street knows how rough that road is. It's got to be the worst one. I'd like to thank Dick for keeping that road passable and as rough as it is, that road was really clean this year. You've done an excellent job maintaining that road. I was one of the ones that signed the petition. And that petition was brought to me, and I'm speaking for my wife, we thought we were signing a petition so that everybody in the town or in that neighborhood or whatever could use that gravel portion to ride horses, use for recreation use, walking, whatever. That's fine; I thought that's what the neighbors wanted. I have two concerns. #1 to keep that road gravel on the condition of the house on top of hill, because the house is old, better to keep it gravel. #2 I didn't want to hamper the prospects of paving the rest of the road. I was told neither of those two things had anything to do with it. Obviously as everybody knows that read the Concord Monitor, the next thing you know is that we were trying to keep that road gravel for the sake of the house on top of the hill. Secondly, if anybody read page 65, it says that if this passes and we keep it gravel then they're not going to pave the rest of the road. If anybody has driven on that road, that road desperately needs repair. One of the concerns is speeding. If you keep it gravel, you keep the speed down. I don't think keeping a road dangerous is a good way to keep speeds down. If you come

down that hill from it being gravel, coming into the two sharp corners, there's no way you can get any speed coming off that hill. I think what we need is more patrols. Since North Water Street and Water Street have been mentioned in the paper about speed, I don't think I've seen a cruiser on that road clocking anybody. Driving up and down isn't going to stop speeders. I think we need more patrol on that road. The gravel also washes down onto the pavement when it rains right at the corner making it more treacherous than it already is. There is also school bus safety. I've got a two-year old and four-year old and if anyone's been up that road in the winter time, the last thing you want is your kid on the bus on that hill. I don't think the town should spend extra money to keep it gravel. Obviously it's cheaper in the long run, to keep a road paved than it is to keep it gravel. So in closing I don't think the town should spend extra tax money maintaining and upkeep of a gravel road for the prospects of a select few to keep that gravel. That view is going to be beautiful from the top of the hill whether you're standing on pavement or gravel. It's just going to be safer for everybody.

Charlie Niebling wished to speak in support of the motion. I've heard all the arguments as to why this short little stretch of road should be paved. I sympathize and I understand where our Road Agent is coming from. I know it's a burden to the Public Works Department to have to grade that section of road a couple times a year, to maintain it with slightly different procedures than they do other sections of road in town in the wintertime. I'm not persuaded by the safety argument because I think it does have a soften effect with the traffic on the road. According to the Salisbury Selectmen, there's no intention for the town of Salisbury to pave the balance of the road so to anyone traveling over it, it really makes no difference if you're heading to the town of Salisbury. I supported this warrant article because I spoke with the Selectmen. I wrote the Selectmen a letter regarding this and ask that they consider putting the issue to a vote at the town meeting, and they did not respond to my letter, so as citizens do when they don't feel that their elected representatives are responding to concerns that have been made, they petition their town meeting. And that's what I and 35 or so people did. Sorry, Mr. Reilly, that you didn't understand the wording of the article, it's pretty clear to me and nothing to do with horseback riding or anything else. Plain and simple the warrant article and the state statute that allows a scenic road designation is about keeping this little stretch of road gravel. I don't want to wax nostalgic, but I think Boscawen is a town that understands the value of things. Witness the incredible commitment the restore the old Boscawen Elementary School, and I could probably name many, many other things where we've done the right thing even when it costs a little bit more because it meant something to this community's sense of place. If you haven't been up on that road in the fall or winter or anytime of year, walked that stretch of road and save for the power lines that pass over your head, you could be walking 150 years ago and not know the difference. There's the value there. If you read the preamble language in our Master Plan, clearly the people of this community recognize the value of their agrarian heritage. I don't think it's too much to ask the people of this town to support one modest additional expense there is in maintaining that short stretch of road in gravel condition. And I would

argue that in the long run it's probably cheaper to keep it gravel. It's certainly in a lot better condition in the wintertime than the rest of the road. I want to make it clear that I understand and respect where our Road Agent is coming from and the Selectmen, I think this is a case where I hope people will vote their hearts and not necessarily just their pocketbooks.

Ted Houston, I live on North Water Street also. In the idea of keeping the whole area in an agrarian era, keeping the area much more pleasing to the eye shall we say, I would like to amend this article by removing "0.2 miles of" North Water Street and "beginning at a point 0.2 miles south of the Salisbury town line and extending to the Salisbury town line" so as to read "to see if the town will vote to designate North Water Street a scenic road and to remove "and shall also permanently require the maintenance of the road surface on this section in a gravel condition as authorized under RSA 231:158 (V).

The article to read as amended, "To see if the Town will vote to designate North Water Street a scenic road, pursuant to RSA 231:157-158. Such designation shall ensure the protection of the scenic qualities of North Water Street according to the provisions and procedures established in RSA 231:158 (II). Such designation shall in no way affect the rights of any landowner with respect to work on his own property, as stated in RSA 231:158 (IV). Such designation may only be rescinded upon petition, as set forth in RSA 23:157.

In other words all of North Water Street would be a scenic road, there would be the restrictions as put forth in the RSAs, certain trees, different things could not be done without adhering to a hearing and so forth. That sort of thing would be taken care of with the agrarian type attitude would be kept there, stonewalls could not be modified without a hearing and so forth. We would have the whole bit of North Water Street retained as a scenic road.

Dorothy Sanborn seconded the amendment.

Doug Hartford asked if the amendment would keep the 0.2 miles gravel and the rest as is.

Moderator Trombly stated no. With the amendment, as he understands it is, it would make all of North Water Street scenic and it could be whatever surface the town would deem. It takes out the requirement that a) we only deal with the 0.2 miles and b) it takes out the reference to keeping that stretch as gravel.

Charlie understands that you cannot amend a petitioned warrant article if it changes the intent of the article.

Rick replied you couldn't change any article if it changes the intent of the article.

Charlie, so plain and simple. This article is about keeping that stretch of road gravel. If the amendment strikes that language in the warrant article, it's changed the intent of the article, and I don't think the town meeting should allow the amendment.

Moderator said he would rule subject to the challenge by the town meeting that the intent talks about the designation of a portion of North Water Street as a scenic road and while it talks about the 0.2 miles being gravel, I don't think that the amendment changes the intent to talk about designating a portion of North Water Street as scenic, while I think it changes some of the particulars, I don't

think it changes it enough to not have provided sufficient notice to the people in town that we were going to talk about a portion of North Water Street being scenic.

Ruling is the amendment is in order and if anyone believes him wrong, raise your hand and we'll have a vote of the town meeting.

Charlie challenged the ruling. Non-debatable.

Ruled that the amendment is in order. If you believe that he's right in that we're talking about North Water Street and its scenic designation and while it takes out the reference to the specific number of feet and the fact that it takes out the gravel, if you think I'm right and that it's sufficient notice and it's appropriate, you would vote yes. If you think that I'm wrong and that the amendment changes the intent of the article, you would vote no.

Hand count taken. 68 in the affirmative and 40 in the negative. The amendment is now before the town meeting.

Bill Bailey just wanted to clarify for some people when they vote to make North Water Street a scenic route, what it takes away from your rights. I'm a logger by trade; I've run into this. There's some pretty good rules and regulations now of what you can do with your property to certain point from the road. If it becomes scenic, you've lost that. Just food for thought. I'm just letting you know.

Craig Saltmarsh wondered how many people here right now actually live on North Water Street. He feels that it would be very unfortunate for us to vote on something like this with most of the people that probably live on North Water Street would not be able to move their stone walls or do whatever they want to do.

Ray Fisher is going to try and say what he wants to say without making any enemies (more than I already got). The gravel section, right now, is the smoothest part of North Water Street. For somebody to say that they can't pave North Water Street unless that 2/10 of a mile is ok for it to be paved too really doesn't make a lot of sense to me. People that are living down on North Water Street before you go up over the hill are suffering for that statement. As far as the Town and Dick Hollins is a good friend of mine, but that's not the only gravel section that he has to maintain in this town. So what makes that particular section worse than the other sections that are grandfathered into this town that he has to maintain. I think for the state of mind that it's putting some of our senior citizens in this town, the grief it's causing those particular people. I've talked to the school bus drivers, they have to drive the whole length of the road from where it turns to Rabbit Road, so that's not an argument. The kids that ride on those buses, John mentioned that it would be safer, but safer for 2/10, I don't agree with that. Some things just don't add up.

Pam Davis stated that she has lived on North Water Street for nearly 50 years and started this petition. I circulated it and I did tell my neighbors that my personal opinion for why I wanted to have it was to maintain a gravel portion for my children to ride their horses because that's the direction they rode because it is safer because the vehicles do tend to slow down on the gravel portion. So it is safer for them, it's better for horses that ride up that direction. It is the prettiest



road in this town, winter, summer, spring and fall, and I did not do it for, even though I like Dorothy, I did not do this for Dorothy, so the interpretation that everybody got from the Concord Monitor article, that is not the reason I started that. I started that for myself and my family. Charlie Niebling helped on the wording, but I wanted to see how many of my neighbors on North Water Street would support this and many of them did and I think there are probably three here tonight voting. A picture was taken for the Master Plan regarding the road when they chose the North Water Street section from the top of the hill to the Salisbury town line because of its beauty and the historic nature of it. This was a personal thing on my part.

Roger Sanborn stated that he wasn't planning on saying anything on this. But the reason he's talking against the amendment is simply because I think it was a manipulation of whoever wrote the article here, the amendment has come to be. Because all we're concerned about is the 2/10 of a mile to be maintained as a preserved road. As you may know we have given the easement to the State of NH, Department of Agriculture & Preserves, that area, only 2/10 of a mile will be preserved forever as a piece of property that will remain forever like that. I think that it's pretty poor when the town, Selectmen, whoever wrote that article, to make it so damn the rest of the town, Water Street, and that's just what they're doing, if you're going to vote and be in favor of it, we're not going to fix the road for you. It just really upsets me. In that respect you go that low to do something like that. I don't know how many people have been up there or been up by there, it's a beautiful part of the heritage of America and it should be preserved. That's all I have to say.

Hear, hear.

Doug Hartford. I think just in Dorothy's behalf that this should be voted on as it was originally written. It's an emotional thing more than anything else. That's just a pissy thing to do to add the paving of the rest of the road to hinge on that 2/10 of a mile. It's spiteful is what it is. And if nothing else it should be left like that for her sake.

Michael Wright, Chair of the Public Works Committee. The matter came before the Selectmen, they asked the Public Works Committee for some information and I have the dubious honor of speaking against the article tonight. The three major concerns are 1) maintenance, 2) the cost, and 3) safety. The two-mile road we plan to pave, from the bend in Water Street to the Salisbury town line, their side continues as gravel road. The last 2/10 mile of that road is gravel on the Boscawen road.

And it starts at a rise and continues to a crest and descends down to Salisbury. When the issue came before us, we were told they would like to look some horse riding and scenic, we're not opposed to that, we're very interested in getting input from the town, we certainly like quality of keeping the town rustic, trying to preserve the heritage, but there's a balancing that goes on sometimes. The maintenance cost and safety. We asked the Salisbury Selectmen if they would take over repair and maintenance of our 2/10 mile of the road, because their side is gravel. They refused to do it because the Municipal Association advised them that they couldn't take on that liability. So that liability will all be

ours whatever happens on that end. In the winter we have to send a vehicle up to salt the road, this year with the heavy snow, maybe it's actually been a little bit better, but when you have freezing rain, you send a truck up there to salt it, but then it has to come all the way back, we have to send up a truck for the last 2/10 to sand it, because it can't be salted. You have to treat the two surfaces differently. So we're doing a lot more maintenance for 2/10 mile of a road than anywhere else in town. Now the cost of this, maybe it's not too expensive, so we're putting more hours on the Public Works Director. If we pave the road it's going to cost about \$225,000 to do that. We pave the entire way. If we cut it shorter, we don't save a substantial amount of money for 2/10 of the road, but if we go back and pave it later, the tradeoff in cost is not even weighable. In a five-year period we're going to spend close to \$30,000 maintaining it as a gravel road. Sending up a grader all the time to treat it. Every summer we have to regrade it and try to make it new again. Then you have to treat the road during the winter season and the cost involved with that. But the most important issue is safety. 20 years ago nobody was coming up and down that road, so the fact that you're going up and down a dirt road is no big deal, but now we're sending school buses up there. I'm a parent too, and my child doesn't happen to go up there, but I'm an attorney as well, and I can tell you we're going to get sued the first accident that's up there. And the biggest thing that struck me is, and I don't want to have call up a parent and say, we really like rustic things, but we know that's a safety hazard and we decided to go for the rustic thing. And to me that wasn't quite as important. I'd love to keep the rustic, we have another gravel portion in the town, which is not traveled by school buses, it's not a hill, it's not a safety issue, we're not doing anything to that, but this one has now become a safety issue. Now I like the idea of keeping it scenic, but I can also tell that if you want to make a scenic road by statute because they're too many restrictions on it. We can then tell the town that we want to keep that road as scenic and pristine as we can. If you go up the Kancamagus Highway, it's tarred the whole length of it with a beautiful view off the tarred road. We're talking about 2/10 of a road that we can pave and we can still look off the road, and we can still keep that road nice. Don't do any development, encourage people that live on that street not to do exceptional development of the area, but let's do a trade off here and balance what we have. Over the years it's going to become a bigger and bigger risk. It's a safety issue now; it's not just a nice road we'd like to keep gravel. We would like to keep it gravel, but there's a bigger balance.

Cindi Hardy moved the amendment. Seconded. Motion defeated.

Michele Tremblay stated that it's difficult to speak to merely the motion, but she will do her best. And in deference to the attorneys with their prestigious credentials, I will say that I watch Law & Order on Monday nights for two hours and I will be amiss to disagree with the ruling. I think that if I lived on North Water Street, and I read each of these articles, I think the intent is sufficient enough and different enough that we really shouldn't be amending it. Now, Dorothy Sanborn, who we honored for 52 years of service as library trustee alone at our town meeting last year, has left. I feel like this is a significant enough difference and things are getting completely out of hand, the intent is so

different, that we really need to respect that and I would urge everyone to vote no on the amendment and let's go back to the original article and debate its merits.

Cindy Wheeler asked the people who wrote the petition, Charlie and Pam, did anybody look into ... sometimes you have to be careful what you ask for, because if you create this as a scenic route, did anyone look into if the state gets a hold of this and puts signage up, the little brown signs that say scenic route and take people off Route 4, is there a possibility you'd be creating more traffic.

Charlie answered that that's actually designated state scenic highway and has nothing to do with a town designated scenic road. Nothing at all.

Gail Devoid: I want to point out that if you make all of North Water Street a scenic route, you're now affecting everyone who lives on that road. However, that significantly changes this motion. Because now it's not affecting just 2/10, it's affecting everybody along North Water Street. So I would be very careful about how you vote on this amendment.

John Reilly stated it's his first time here, and you people are confusing the hell out of him. I have all the respect for Dorothy Sanborn, I really do. I disagree with Ray. I drove that road last night and it is not smoother than the paved portion. Especially after Dorothy's house to the town line. That is nastier than any portion of paved road, especially springtime. And there's been 4 or 5 more houses built on that road right at the town line.

Ted Houston wanted to clarify that someone said if it became a scenic road then you lose all the rights to your land and what you can do. In the article it says "such designation shall in no way affect the rights of any landowner with respect to work on his own property..." Now I don't know how it can be said any clearer than that. It does not affect the rights of the landowner.

Doug Hartford just wanted to say, where did the big safety issue come from on that section of road. I rode the school bus on that road, the only time school bus ever had any trouble was on the tarred part of it.

Roger Sanborn asked a question of Michael Wright. How long have you lived in Boscawen. Michael replied in New Hampshire all his life and in Boscawen 7 years. Roger then asked how often he had been up on North Water Street. Michael replied probably about 30 times. Roger then asked when was the last time he had seen the road graded by the town. They graded it last year. Roger stood corrected, as he didn't think any gravel had been added to the road in 35 years. Michael stated it's not using a lot of gravel.

Ron Reed asked what the intentions were on the rest of the road. Dick Hollins replied to pave the road from the Salisbury town line.

Bruce Davis also part of the Public Works Commission. I don't live on North Water Street. I sit here and you guys argue about a 1974 loader and whether we should pay for a new one, obviously you're concerned about dollars and cents. Strictly from a perspective of that, is it in the good interest of the whole town to reclaim the whole 2 miles and yet not repave the entire surface from the town line to Long Street, do the entire road while we're there. In my issue and in my professional opinion it doesn't make sense to leave that section dirt. There's a lot of emotional issues, I can see it, that's why we're here arguing

for an hour, but if the good of the whole town is the dollars and cents issue of it, it would make much more sense to pave the entire section of it.

Mary Meier, resident of Water Street and also a business owner in Andover. I do travel North Water Street every day. My daughter is in the Elementary School in 5th grade, she travels the school bus on North Water Street every day. In the last month, or probably even longer, I have been having to take Route 127 because North Water Street is just almost impassible. What I would like to know is 1) how do I vote to have that 2/10 paved, and 2) how do we move on so we can finish.

Moderator answered 1) there's nothing before the town meeting telling the town how to maintain that road. The amendment before you takes out the reference to the 0.2 miles portion of the road. Mary asked if that would pave the whole thing. Moderator stated he didn't know if it would, but it leaves the option open because the original article says leave it gravel. Mary: So my understanding is, in my mind if I want to get the whole thing paved, I vote down the amendment and then we go on to the original. No. The opposite. Moderator stated he didn't know if this amendment would get her a paved road or not. I know that the original motion precludes the 0.2 miles from being paved.

Mary Meier moved the question. Seconded. Debate ended.

Question before you is the amendment.

"To see if the Town will vote to designate North Water Street a scenic road, pursuant to RSA 231:157-158. Such designation shall ensure the protection of the scenic qualities of North Water Street according to the provisions and procedures established in RSA 231:158 (II). Such designation shall in no way affect the rights of any landowner with respect to work on his own property, as stated in RSA 231:158 (VI). Such designation may only be rescinded upon petition, as set forth in RSA 23:157."

There being no further discussion, the amendment was defeated. Ted Houston asked for a division vote. 17 affirmative and 67 no. The amendment is defeated.

Discussion on the Article as printed in the town report.

Doug Hartford asked how could we word that so it mandates them to maintain the tarred portion of the road. Moderator answered that he thought the language says ..."and also permanently require the maintenance of the road surface on this section in a gravel condition,"... does that. Doug clarified that it is clear that the tarred part of it does need work, and I just want to be sure that that gets done as it should get done, but having said that if this passes, they won't do the tarred part of the road is baloney.

Ron Reed commented on page 64 and 65, which is the language that has created such a ruckus, that's the Budget Committee, report. So what the heck do they care. It's up to Public Works. So Dick, are you going to do it if they say keep 2/10 gravel. Dick replied it was up to the Selectmen. Bernie answered that there was mention of that. That if the whole thing didn't get done, that because of the future expense, that we may move the project to River Road and do that at the time. There's nothing saying that it would never be done, it just may not be done at this time.

Ron: Well, I again go back to the Budget Committee Report, and I assume the Budget Committee is not speaking as to what the plans would be for paving next year. So obviously the people in this room want to know if we vote to leave the 0.2 miles unpaved, North Water Street, which is in need of repair as I've been told, I haven't been on it in a few months, is it going to get done this year.

Bernie stated he didn't really know. At this time, I'm not sure if it will.

Ron: I've been on the Budget Committee for 20 years and I retired last year. Every year Dick sat down with us and commented on what his plans were for the year. Dick can you tell me what your plans are for paving this year. Dick replied North Water Street starting at the Salisbury line.

Pam Davis stated that when she first started this petition, the first time I talked to Dick about it at the Town Office, the comment was North Water Street was the next street slated to be done, but if we wanted to keep it gravel, then they would put it to the back burner and they would do River Road instead.

John Reilly had a concern that people are saying dirt road is safer than paved road. A young gentleman rolled his car on the dirt portion of the Salisbury/Boscawen line, rolled his truck on the dirt portion. I've never seen anybody roll their car on the paved road.

Cindy Houston wondered how many homes and traffic on River Road versus North Water Street.

Ed answered that he didn't know an exact number. Both roads are in need of repair. Nobody can argue that. River Road is probably just as bad as North Water Street is. We rely on our Road Agent to make the determination as to which roads have to be done and which roads can be done at what cost. The Selectmen do not, will not, and never will determine which roads the Road Agent says has to be done. He's the one that sets the priorities. We pay him for his engineering, his financial expertise and his knowledge in roadwork. That's what he's paid for. We're not going to second guess him. If he wants to schedule one road over another road that's up to him. As far as I'm concerned I won't argue with him. But to go back to the original question, I don't know that any study has been done. If you want us to do a study and make this determination on that study, then I suppose that is something we could look at.

Michele: I'm just going to reiterate Charlie Niebling's comments that we're talking about values here. That the decisions that you make in your every day lives aren't based on a number crunching and cost accounting. Sometimes you make a decision because it's what feels right, it's what's in your gut. I signed that petition, I don't live on North Water Street, I don't live on Water Street, but I firmly believe that the value of what we have in that heritage is worth keeping and I can't stop looking at that empty chair because in the 20 years I've been coming to town meetings, I have never seen a town meeting where Dorothy wasn't here and you can make it about Dorothy, you can make it about money, or you can make it about heritage and what's valuable and what's important and what's enduring and I certainly vote for what's enduring and what's a good value. I think that it's important to maintain that character in town; we've reiterated it through this entire town meeting. We've talked about it every town meeting. It's been in the Master Plan survey, everyone who came to meetings said that it was

important enough. There's no doubt that it's important to us and it has a value and I would urge everyone to vote for this article by petition. Thank you.

There being no further discussion, the vote was taken and the Moderator was in doubt.

Hand count taken, 49 in the affirmative and 51 in the negative. The Article is not adopted.

ARTICLE 23. To authorize the Selectmen to set fees for regulatory programs, such as building permit fees, or revenue-producing facilities, such as solid waste, or any other fees that may be applicable. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Bernie Davis moved to accept Article 23 as read. Seconded by Deb Wentworth. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 24. That we, the citizens of Boscawen, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and

That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care. (By petition)

Michele Tremblay moved to accept Article 24 as read. Seconded by Rhoda Hardy. There being no discussion, the Article was adopted.

ARTICLE 25. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Michele Tremblay moved to reconsider Article 22.

The Moderator asked how she voted. In favor. In order to move reconsideration, you have to vote on the prevailing side. If you voted yes on Article 22, you cannot move reconsideration. If you voted no you may do so.

What about people who abstained? No, you have to vote on the prevailing side. If you abstained, you didn't vote.

There being no further discussion, Ted Houston moved to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne S. Hardy, Town Clerk

Pam J. Davis, Deputy Town Clerk

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

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Boscawen, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of 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 that should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Boscawen, New Hampshire has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described 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 Boscawen, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual 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 Boscawen, New Hampshire. 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 presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr., CPA

*The Mercier Group, a professional corporation*

March 20, 2003

2003 TOWN OF BOSCAWEN ANNUAL REPORT  
2003 STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT AMOUNT**

Executive	\$ 143,893
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	44,234
Financial Administration	58,238
Revaluation of Property	51,750
Legal Expense	30,000
Personnel Administration	181,702
Planning & Zoning	20,847
General Government Buildings	39,740
Cemeteries	3,400
Insurance	28,000
Advertising	4,000
Other General Government	13,000

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police	321,559
Ambulance	28,551
Fire	87,825
Building Inspection	3,420
Emergency Management	2,585

**HIGHWAYS & STREETS**

Highways & Streets	321,036
Street Lighting	12,000
Other	3,500

**SANITATION**

Solid Waste Disposal	187,917
Solid Waste Clean-up	6,300
Sewer – Coll. & Disposal & Other	56,000

**HEALTH**

Administration	3,200
Pest Control (SPCA)	1,200
Health Agencies (VNA)	6,489

**WELFARE**

Administration	5,706
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	5,101
Vendor Payments & Other	28,000

**CULTURE & RECREATION**

Parks & Recreation	16,870
Library	34,608
Patriotic Purposes	3,000
Penacook Community Center / Historical Society	9,000

**CONSERVATION**

Administration	2,000
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**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal – Long Term Bonds & Notes	152,000
Interest – Long Term Bonds & Notes	66,087



**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	30,000
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**OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

Sewer	131,250
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Capital Reserve Fund	<u>25,000</u>
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<b>TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$2,169,008</b>
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**SOURCES OF REVENUE****TAXES**

Timber Tax	35,000
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Payment in Lieu of Taxes	62,869
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Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	43,000
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Excavation Tax	3,000
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**LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES**

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	440,000
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Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	7,000
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Shared Revenues	27,230
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Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	111,445
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Highway Block Grant	67,364
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State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	803
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Other (Including Railroad Tax) State Aid Grant	500,909
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<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>	<b>2,000</b>
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**CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

Income from Departments	10,000
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Other Charges	4,500
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**MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

Sale of Municipal Property	6,000
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Interest on Investments	10,000
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Insurance Dividend	5,644
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**INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN**

From Special Revenue Funds- Tipping	26,000
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From Capital Reserve Funds	11,500
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From Trust & Agency Funds	1,000
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<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>50,000</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>\$981,261</b>
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**TAX RATE COMPUTATION**

Total Town Appropriations	\$2,037,758
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Less Revenues	- 981,261
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Less Shared Revenues	- 13,139
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ADD: Overlay	+ 61,092
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ADD: War Service Credits	+ 24,600
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Net Town Appropriations	= 1,129,050
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Net Local School Assessment	+ 2,244,945
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Net State Education Taxes Assessment	+ 788,885
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Net County Tax Assessment	<u>+ 382,378</u>
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<b>Total Property Taxes Assessed</b>	<b>\$4,545,258</b>
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**PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION**

\$194,292,625 X \$ 4.06 =	\$ 788,885
\$198,542,825 X \$18.92 =	<u>\$3,756,373</u>
	\$4,545,258

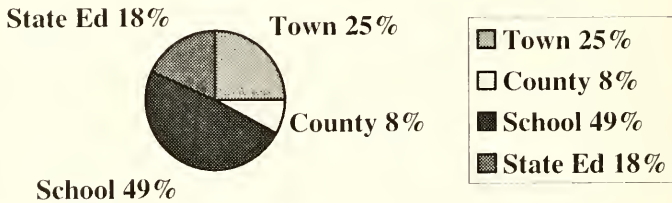
**TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS**

Property Taxes to Be Raised	\$4,545,258
Less: War Service Credits	<u>- 24,600</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,520,658

**MUNICIPAL TAX RATE BREAKDOWN**

	TOWN	COUNTY	COMBINED SCHOOL		
			State	Local	
Approved Taxes To Be Raised	\$1,129,050	\$382,378	\$788,885	\$2,244,945	= \$4,545,258
Approved Tax Rate 2003	\$5.68	\$1.93	\$4.06	\$11.31	= \$22.98
Prior Year Tax Rate 2002	\$ 8.47	\$ 3.17	\$ 6.55	\$16.89	= \$35.08

**2003 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN**



**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION**

	Acres	2003 Assessed Valuation	Pen-Bosc. Water Precinct
<b>Value of Land Only</b>			
A. Current Use (At Cur. Use Values)	10,178.211	\$ 1,234,710	\$ 220,860
B. Conservation Restriction Assess.	14.070	1,915	
C. Residential	2,348.879	62,849,600	43,943,148
D. Commercial/Industrial	<u>411,584</u>	<u>7,708,500</u>	<u>6,527,593</u>
E. Total of Taxable Land	12,952.744	\$71,794,725	\$50,691,601
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$6,832,300      2,214.800		
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>			
A. Residential		\$ 96,611,200	\$70,329,638
B. Manufactured Housing		6,672,100	6,484,700
C. Commercial/Industrial		<u>19,974,400</u>	<u>19,669,418</u>
D. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$123,257,700	\$96,483,756
Non-Taxable	\$36,931,800		
<b>Public Utilities</b>		\$ 4,250,200	\$ 3,521,936

<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		\$199,302,625	\$150,697,293
Blind Exemption	2	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,700
Elderly	49	<u>729,800</u>	<u>591,200</u>
Total Dollar Amt. of Exemptions		\$759,800	\$620,900

<b>Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed</b>		\$198,542,825	\$150,076,393
Less Public Utilities		<u>4,250,200</u>	

**Net Valuation Without Utilities on Which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed** \$194,292,625

**Utility Summary**

Concord Electric			\$3,873,100
Public Service			<u>46,100</u>
<b>Total Valuation all Electric Companies</b>			\$3,919,200

Energy North \$331,000

**Grand Total Valuation all Utility Companies** \$4,250,200

<b>Tax Credits</b>	<b>Amt.</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Totally & Perm. Dis. Veterans, spouses or widows & widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$1,400	6	\$ 8,400
Other War Service Credits	\$ 100	<u>162</u>	<u>16,200</u>
<b>Total Tax Credits</b>		168	\$24,600

**Payments in Lieu of Taxes**

Other	62,869
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	803

**2003 BREAKDOWN OF ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS**

18 at \$10,000	\$180,000
14 at 15,000	209,800
<u>17 at 20,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$729,800

**CURRENT USE REPORT**

	<b>Total # Acres Receiving CU Assessment</b>		<b>Total # of Acres</b>
Farm Land	1,526.730	Receiving 20% Rec. Adjust.	6,904.899
Forest Land	5,899.835	Removed from CU 2003	6.036
Forest Land W/Stewardship	1,979.104		
Unproductive Land	63.500		
Wet Land	<u>709.042</u>	Total # Owners in CU	148
<b>Total</b>	10,178.211	Total # Parcels in CU	227

	<b>Total # Acres Rec. Cons. Res. Assmnt.</b>	<b>Total # of Owners Conservation Restriction</b>	
Forest Land	<u>14.07</u>	<b>Total # Parcels in Conservation Restriction</b>	5
Total	14.07		5

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**General Fund As of December 31, 2003**

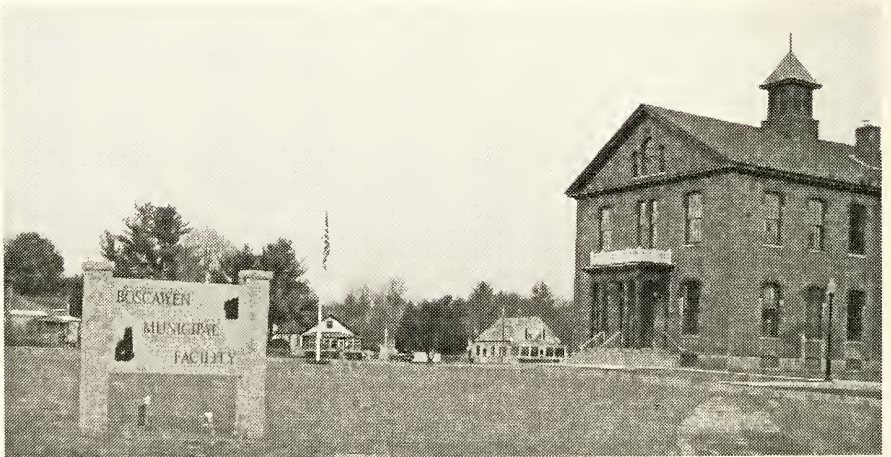
<b>ASSETS:</b>	<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 1,662,392	\$ 139,490
Investments	1,834	930,295
Taxes Receivable	465,567	397,220
Tax Liens Receivable	114,782	156,523
Accounts Receivable	142,672	92,093
Warrant Receivable (Sewer Imp.)	<u>1,302,000</u>	<u>1,302,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$3,689,247</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,017,621</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Warrant Payable (Municipal Facility)	\$ 685,832	\$ 0
Warrant Payable (Sewer Imp.)	1,273,567	1,213,355
Warrant Payable (Ordinance Rev.)	0	5,500
Due to School District	1,239,755	1,406,897
Prepaid 2004 Taxes	0	2,469
Accounts Payable	13,381	2,134
Line of Credit (Sewer Imp.)	50,000	0
Donations Received	6,161	4,806
Employee Insurances	355	481
Town Hall Security Deposits	<u>75</u>	<u>1,175</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$3,269,126</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,636,817</u></b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$420,121</b>	<b>\$380,804</b>



**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES**

Appropriations:	Appro- priations	Receipts & Reimb.	Amount Available	2003 Expend.	Balances Unexp. (Over)
<b>General Government</b>					
Executive	\$143,893	\$6,235	\$150,128	\$141,409	\$8,719
Election, Reg., Town Clrk	44,234		44,234	42,447	1,787
Financial Administration	58,238		58,238	60,354	2,116
Legal	30,000	753	30,753	16,615	14,138
Personnel Administration	181,702	42	181,744	208,403	26,659
Planning & Zoning	20,847	38	20,885	16,345	4,540
Zoning Ord Rev WA#10	13,000		13,000	13,000	
Buildings	39,740	100	39,840	28,149	11,691
Cemeteries	3,400		3,400	307	3,093
Insurance	28,000	240	28,240	29,607	1,367
Advertising & Reg'l Assoc.	4,000		4,000	4,112	112
Revaluation WA #9	51,750		51,750	49,200	2,550
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Police Department	321,559	30,446	352,005	345,553	6,452
Penacook Rescue WA#11	28,551		28,551	28,551	
Fire Department	87,825		87,825	64,035	23,790
Life Safety Officer	3,420		3,420	3,234	186
Emergency Management	2,585		2,585	2,720	135
<b>Highways &amp; Streets</b>					
Maintenance of Streets	321,036	5,862	326,898	325,585	1,313
Street Lighting	12,000		12,000	12,243	243
Other (Trees/Sidewalk)	3,500		3,500	3,105	395
<b>Sanitation</b>					
Solid Waste Disposal	187,917		187,917	175,923	11,994
Solid Waste Clean-Up	6,300		6,300	3,333	2,967
Sewer - Storm Drains	56,000		56,000	56,000	
<b>Health</b>					
Administration	3,200		3,200	2,800	400
Pest Control	1,200	215	1,415	1,490	75
Other (VNA) WA #12	6,489		6,489	6,489	
<b>Welfare</b>					
Administration	5,706		5,706	5,628	78
Vendor Payments	28,000	3,931	31,931	19,229	12,702
CAP - WA #13	5,101		5,101	5,101	
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>					
Parks & Recreation	16,870		16,870	13,114	3,756
Library	34,608		34,608	34,608	
Patriotic Purposes	3,000		3,000	2,886	114
BHS—WA#15	5,000		5,000	5,000	
PCC — WA #14	4,000		4,000	4,000	
<b>Conservation</b>					
Administration	2,000		2,000	1,968	32
<b>Debt Service</b>					
Principal on Bonds	152,000		152,000	151,777	223

Interest on Bonds	66,087	66,087	66,064	23
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Hwy Dept Loader= WA#8	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Municipal Facilities			49,163	49,163
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>				
To Capital Reserve Funds:				
re: Fire Truck WA #6	20,000	20,000	20,000	
re: Wildland Fire Suppression	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Sewer	<u>131,250</u>	<u>131,250</u>	<u>131,250</u>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$2,169,008</u>	<u>\$ 47,862</u>	<u>\$2,216,870</u>	<u>\$2,185,797</u>
				\$ 110,943 (79,870)
				<u>(79,870)</u>
				\$ 31,073
				=unexpended



**DEBT SERVICE CALCULATIONS  
BOSCAWEN LANDFILL CLOSURE**

**Term of Debt is 10 Years @ 2.375%  
SAG = State Aid Grant**

Year	Yr.	Balance	Prin- cipal Pymt.	Int- erest Pymt.	20% SAG on Prin.	20% SAG on Int.	Town's Payment Minus SAG Reim- bursement
2000	0	\$920,000					
2001	1	828,000	\$ 92,000	\$21,850	\$18,400	\$4,370	\$91,080
2002	2	736,000	92,000	19,665	18,400	3,933	89,332
2003	3	644,000	92,000	17,480	18,400	3,496	87,584
2004	4	552,000	92,000	15,295	18,400	3,059	85,836
2005	5	460,000	92,000	13,110	18,400	2,622	84,088
2006	6	368,000	92,000	10,925	18,400	2,185	82,340
2007	7	276,000	92,000	8,740	18,400	1,748	80,592
2008	8	184,000	92,000	6,555	18,400	1,311	78,844
2009	9	92,000	92,000	4,370	18,400	874	77,096
2010	10	0	<u>92,000</u>	<u>2,185</u>	<u>18,400</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>75,348</u>
			<b>\$92,000</b>	<b>\$120,175</b>	<b>\$184,000</b>	<b>\$24,035</b>	<b>\$832,140</b>

**NH Municipal Bond Bank – Municipal Facilities**

Year	Yr.	Prin- cipal	Prin- cipal Pymt.	Int- erest Pymt.	Total Pymt.
2003	1	\$1,200,000	\$60,000	\$52,986.75	\$112,986.75
2004	2	1,140,000	60,000	47,490.00	107,490.00
2005	3	1,080,000	60,000	45,690.00	105,690.00
2006	4	1,020,000	60,000	43,890.00	103,890.00
2007	5	960,000	60,000	41,790.00	101,790.00
2008	6	900,000	60,000	39,690.00	99,690.00
2009	7	840,000	60,000	37,290.00	97,290.00
2010	8	780,000	60,000	34,890.00	94,890.00
2011	9	720,000	60,000	32,490.00	92,490.00
2012	10	660,000	60,000	30,090.00	90,090.00
2013	11	600,000	60,000	27,690.00	87,690.00
2014	12	540,000	60,000	25,230.00	85,230.00
2015	13	480,000	60,000	22,680.00	82,680.00
2016	14	420,000	60,000	20,100.00	80,100.00
2017	15	360,000	60,000	17,460.00	77,460.00
2018	16	300,000	60,000	14,760.00	74,760.00
2019	17	240,000	60,000	12,000.00	72,000.00
2020	18	180,000	60,000	9,000.00	69,000.00
2021	19	120,000	60,000	6,000.00	66,000.00
2022	20	60,000	60,000	3,000.00	63,000.00

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

1. Town Hall, Lands and Buildings M81D L21	\$ 109,600
Furniture and Equipment	5,000
2. Libraries, Lands and Buildings M81D L12	165,700
Furniture, Equipment and Clock	187,735
3. Branch Library/Rescue Bldg. & Land M183C L81	225,000
Furniture and Equipment of Library only	65,850
4. Old Police Department M81D L71	56,400
Equipment	5,000
5. Fire Department M81D L71	241,100
Equipment	165,000
6. Highway Department, Land & Bldgs. M81D L44	165,400
Equipment	141,768
7. Old Town Office, Lands & Bldgs. M81D L71	251,000
Equipment	5,000
8. Municipal Facility M183D L75	2,059,000
Equipment	200,000
9. Parks, Commons & Playgrounds M81 L01/02	268,800
10. Sanitary Landfill M81D L94	337,700
11. Oaklawn Dev. Recreation Area M79 L66	6,000
12. Greenspace M183C L122 X off Sweatt Street	18,400
13. Greenspace M183C L122 Z off Sweatt Street	14,000
14. Town Pound, North Water Street M94 L41A	100
15. M47 L38 N/S Water Street (Reserved for future Maplewood Cemetery needs)	800
16. M81D L37 W/S Route 4 "Schoolhouse Lot"	29,300
17. M83 L48A Armstrong Lot off Weir Road	64,500
18. M94 L19 Land Webster Town Line	1,500
19. M83 L48 Ellsworth Backland	14,300
20. Cemeteries:	
M47 L38 A Maplewood Cemetery (see item 15)	600
M49 L24 A High Street Cemetery	500
M81A L23 A Plains Cemetery	900
M81D L44 A Pine Grove Cemetery*	700
21. All Land & Bldgs. Acquired - Tax Collectors Deeds:	
M43 L2 Barnard/Eastman	154,800
M49 L13 Land between RR & River	600
M49 L14 off E/S Route 3	5,000
M49 L15 E/S Route 3	6,300
M79 L1 Land off W/S Route 3	11,300
M81 L19A Land off Queen Street	43,600
M81 L32 Land Queen Street	37,100
M83 L49 Weir Property	334,000
M183C L38 S/S Eel Street	15,200
M45 L44 124 Corn Hill Rd	54,000
M183D L31 Martin Property	3,000
M183D L133 Land off S/S Rte. 93 Access	800
M79 L94 T37B MH Bailey Drive	54,200
M79 L94 T21B MH Bailey Drive	29,900
M81B L34 T16 MH Duston Drive	21,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$5,577,753</u></b>

\*Added 1.26 acres from 81DL44  
for future cemetery expansion



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

This year in April we had a successful move to the beautiful old "Main Street School" building. This building holds many memories for numerous people in Boscawen.

I have spoken with many who have told me their stories of attending school in this building. I also have many fond memories of this old building, and the teachers and classes I had during my school years here.

We have many new faces in town, and for those of you, who aren't aware, the Town Clerk's Office is open four days a week, and for your convenience, two of those days include office hours until 6:30.

Monday and Thursday: 8:00-11:00 –12:00-4:30

Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:00-11:00 – 12:00-6:30

The office is closed Fridays, so please plan ahead when scheduling your motor vehicle registrations.

Please be aware that for all elections the hours are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, so get out and VOTE !!! There are four elections in 2004, and until further notice, we will still be using the Town Hall as our voting place.

The 2004 dog tags are available in January, so you may license your pet early and avoid the rush. The last day to register your dog before late fees and possible civil forfeitures is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for a good 2003, and let's hope for a happy, safe, and healthy 2004.

4,568	Auto Permits	\$461,501.50
619	Dog Licenses	4,757.00
28	Marriage Licenses	1,260.00
61	Vital Statistics	676.00
	UCC's (Uniform Commercial Code)	1,250.00
912	Title Applications	1,824.00
3,567	Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	7,134.00
3	Filing Fees	7.00
	Notary Fees and Misc.	456.47
PAID TO TREASURER:		\$478,865.97

BIRTHS	27
MARRIAGES	24
DEATHS	74

Respectfully submitted,

Anne S. Hardy, Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER – GENERAL FUND

<b>Income From:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Property Taxes	\$4,574,022	
Yield Taxes	32,674	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	62,869	
Prepaid Taxes: 2004	2,469	
Gravel Taxes	2,913	
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	49,520	
Tax Liens Redeemed	143,199	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	461,257	
Agent Fees	7,134	
Dog License Fees	3,278	
State Fees: Marriage Licenses, Vital Statistics	3,508	
Shared Revenues	43,696	
Highway Block Grant	67,364	
State Grant re: Landfill Closure	20,091	
CNHRPC Grant	1,500	
Railroad Tax	537	
Rooms and Meals Tax	111,445	
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	803	
Income from Departments	8,172	
Transfer from Capital Reserve	11,500	
Insurance Dividends	5,644	
Tipping Fees	31,800	
Sale of Municipal Property	6,083	
Interest on Investments	6,597	
Rents of Property	5,958	
Fines and Forfeits	1,305	
Accounts Payable: 2003 (Liability)	2,134	
Donations Received 2003	13,781	
Dental Insurance (Liability)	48	
AFLAC due (Liability)	76	
Encumbered: Ordinance Revisions	5,500	
Donations re: Police Dept Computers	8,500	
Security Deposits Received	1,175	
Total Receipts	\$5,696,552	
Cash on Hand 1/1/03	<u>1,806,899</u>	
Total Available	\$7,503,451	\$7,503,451
<b>Less: Operating Expenses Paid</b>	2,006,685	
MVSD School Taxes Paid	2,866,688	
Merrimack County Taxes Paid	385,705	
Overlay: Abatements, Refunds	37,489	
2003 Decded Property Expenses	918	
Donations Disbursed 2003	15,137	
2002 Accounts Payable	9,738	

Line of Credit paid	50,000	
Turnaround	60	
Security Deposit	75	
Tax Liens	183,963	
Municipal Fac (2002 Encumbered)	693,422	
Sewer Improv (2002 Encumbered)	60,212	
Emergency Expenditure re: Gas Tanks	<u>32,400</u>	
Total Expenses	\$6,342,492	(6,342,492)
Cash on Hand 12/31/03		<u>\$1,160,959</u>

**Account Balances**

General Fund — Citizens Bank	\$139,130
Investment Acct – Citizens Bank	928,446
NH PDIP	1,849
Petty Cash	360
A/R :LCHIP Grant	35,000
A/R: from Capital Reserves	54,700
A/R: Misc.	<u>1,474</u>
	<u>\$1,160,959</u>

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

<b>General Government</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Sub-Totals</b>
<b>Executive</b>		
Salaries	\$ 86,153	
Office Supplies	7,951	
Utilities	7,910	
Building Maintenance	886	
Equipment	5,951	
Equipment Maintenance	692	
Telephone	4,122	
Postage	4,345	
Meetings & Travel	368	
Contractual Services/Computer	16,201	
Janitorial Services	<u>595</u>	\$ 135,174
<b>Election, Registration, Town Clerk</b>		
Printing Town Reports	1,481	
Election Costs, Meals	752	
Salaries: Moderator & Supervisors	1,200	
Town Clerk Salary	23,554	
Deputy Town Clerk Salary	13,195	
Equipment & Software	1,245	
Meetings & Travel	745	
Vital Records Preservation	<u>275</u>	42,447
<b>Financial Administration</b>		
Auditor: The Mercier Group	4,400	
Salaries	52,511	

Equipment & Software	2,350	
Meetings & Travel	<u>1,093</u>	60,354
<b>Legal</b>		
Upton & Hatfield, LLP	13,238	
Merrimack County Registry of Deeds	574	
Merrimack County Attorney's Office	2,000	
Merrimack County Sheriff	<u>50</u>	15,862
<b>Personnel Administration</b>		
Health Insurance	126,219	
Life Insurance	784	
Workers' Compensation	11,891	
Social Security/Medicare	38,905	
Retirement	29,553	
Shots, Drug Testing	476	
Unemployment Compensation Fund	293	
Miscellaneous	<u>240</u>	208,361
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>		
Salaries	9,761	
Office Supplies & Equipment	344	
Meetings & Travel	343	
Printing	1,250	
Utilities	586	
Miscellaneous	544	
Dues — Central NH Reg. Planning Comm.	<u>3,479</u>	16,307
<b>Revaluation</b>	<u>49,200</u>	49,200
<b>Zoning Ordinance Revisions</b>	<u>13,000</u>	13,000
<b>Buildings</b>		
Janitor Salary	10,502	
Maint. & Supplies: Town Hall	636	
Utilities: Town Hall	6,589	
Maint. & Supplies: Mun. Facilities	1,755	
Utilities: Mun. Facilities	8,487	
Maint. & Util: Tower	<u>80</u>	28,049
<b>Cemeteries</b>		
Operating Expenses	217	
Equipment	<u>90</u>	307
<b>Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated</b>		
NHMA — Property & Liability	<u>29,367</u>	29,367
<b>Advertising &amp; Regional Associations</b>		
Dues	2,486	
Advertising	<u>1,626</u>	4,112
<b>Public Safety</b>		
<b>Police Department</b>		
Salaries	230,170	
Cruiser Maintenance	10,847	
Radio Maintenance	1,039	

Training & Dues	2,428	
Photography Expenses	64	
Telephone	9,371	
Uniform Expense	4,112	
Office Supplies	5,683	
Equipment	5,960	
Building Maint. & Utilities	11,717	
Dispatch	23,831	
D.A.R.E.	<u>970</u>	306,192
<b>Penacook Rescue Squad</b>	<u>28,551</u>	28,551
<b>Fire Department</b>		
Salaries	26,108	
Utilities	6,314	
Radio Maintenance	1,642	
Truck Maintenance	6,332	
Turn Out Gear Maintenance	2,784	
Dispatch	14,375	
Hose Appliance Maintenance	41	
Training & Forest Fires	2,756	
S.C.B.A. Equipment & Maintenance	1,607	
Building Maintenance	554	
Equipment	<u>1,522</u>	64,035
<b>Life Safety Code Officer</b>		
Salary	2,800	
Dues and Professional Service	135	
Supplies	<u>299</u>	3,234
<b>Emergency Management</b>		
Salary	1,535	
Radio & Equip Maint.	<u>1,185</u>	2,720
<b>Highways and Streets</b>		
<b>Highways and Streets Maintenance</b>		
Salaries	163,055	
Uniform Expense	3,918	
Gas	11,720	
Meetings & Dues	295	
Utilities	3,967	
Salt	19,149	
Road Oil	11,034	
Patch Materials	2,008	
Street Signs	1,150	
Equipment	217	
Repairs to Equipment	9,148	
General Supplies	6,571	
New Construction & Resurface	<u>77,984</u>	310,216
<b>Street Lighting</b>	<u>12,243</u>	12,243

<b>Other — Highways and Streets</b>		
Care of Trees	2,979	
Sidewalk Repair	<u>126</u>	3,105
<b>Sanitation</b>		
<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>		
Salaries	31,071	
Equipment Maintenance	4,594	
Utilities	2,105	
Recycling Costs	4,601	
Dues: NH Resource Recovery, State Certifications	575	
Tipping Fees	86,567	
Truck Lease	27,617	
Groundwater Sampling	<u>18,793</u>	175,923
<b>Solid Waste Clean Up</b>		
Engineering Services	<u>3,333</u>	3,333
<b>Sewer — Storm Drains</b>		
	<u>56,000</u>	56,000
<b>Health</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Salary	<u>2,800</u>	2,800
<b>Pest Control (SPCA)</b>		
	<u>1,275</u>	1,275
<b>Other Health</b>		
Visiting Nurse Association	<u>6,489</u>	6,489
<b>Welfare</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Salary	5,356	
Meetings & Mileage	<u>272</u>	5,628
<b>Payments</b>		
Vendor Payments	<u>15,298</u>	15,298
<b>Intergovernmental Payments</b>		
Community Action Program	<u>5,101</u>	5,101
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>		
<b>Administration — Parks and Recreation</b>		
Salaries	10,744	
Maintenance/Purchases	977	
Park Program	120	
Utilities & Sanitation	723	
Civic Program Support	<u>550</u>	13,114
<b>Boscawen Historical Society</b>	<u>5,000</u>	5,000
<b>Library</b>	<u>34,608</u>	34,608
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>		
Town Beautification	386	
Old Home Day	<u>2,500</u>	2,886
<b>Penacook Community Center</b>	<u>4,000</u>	4,000
<b>Conservation</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		

Dues and Fees	370	
Supplies	1,558	
Seminars & Meetings	<u>40</u>	1,968
<b>Debt Service</b>		
Long-Term Bonds: Principal	151,777	
Long-Term Bonds: Interest and Fees	<u>66,064</u>	217,841
<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
<b>Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment</b>		
Police Dept. Cruiser	8,915	
Highway Dept Truck	9,507	
Highway Dept Loader	<u>30,000</u>	48,422
<b>Buildings</b>		
Municipal Facilities	<u>49,163</u>	49,163
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>		
Capital Reserve Fund: Fire Truck	20,000	
Capital Reserve Fund: Wildland Fire Suppression	<u>5,000</u>	25,000
<b>Payments to Other Governments</b>		
Merrimack Valley School District	2,866,688	
Merrimack County	<u>385,705</u>	3,252,393
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Abatements, Overlay	37,489	
Tax Lien Sale	183,963	
2003 Deeded Prop. Expenses	918	
Donations Disbursed 2003	15,137	
Line of Credit payment	50,000	
Municipal Fac (2002 encumbered)	693,422	
Sewer Improv (2002 encumbered)	60,212	
Emergency Expend. re: Gas Tanks	32,400	
Accounts Payable – 2002	9,738	
Turnaround	60	
Town Hall Security Deposits Refunded	<u>75</u>	1,083,414
Total Payments — All Purposes		<u>\$6,342,492</u>

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
SEWER USERS FUND**

**Income From:**

Sewer Users' Receipts	\$117,632
Town of Boscawen: Appropriation	56,000
User Connection Fees	318
Interest Earned	<u>4,303</u>
Total Receipts	\$178,253
Cash on Hand 1/1/03	<u>442,608</u>
Total Available	620,861
Less: Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(90,723)</u>
Cash on Hand 12/31/03	<u>\$530,138</u>

**Detailed Statement of Expenditures:**

City of Concord	\$87,302
Concord Electric Co.	944
Supplies & Maintenance	1,599
Citizens Bank: checks	78
State Permit Fees	800
	<u>\$90,723</u>

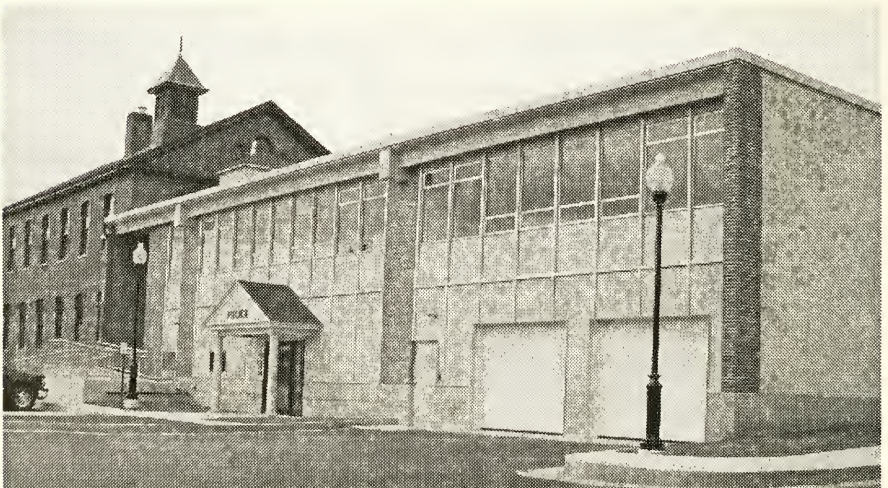
**TREASURER'S REPORT  
RECYCLING FUND**

**Income From:**

Transfer Station Fees	\$9,324
Advanced Recycling (aluminum)	8,032
Awin Management (paper)	931
Northeast Resource Recovery (paper)	1,119
Interest Earned	<u>17</u>
	Total Receipts 19,423
	Cash on Hand (1/1/03) <u>3,388</u>
	Total Available 22,811
	Less : Selectmen's Orders Paid <u>(2,018)</u>
	<u>\$20,793</u>

**Detailed Statement of Expenditures:**

Concord Electric	\$664
Supplies	204
Baling Wire	240
Recycling Costs: Fluorescent lamps	603
Recycling Costs: Propane Tanks	<u>307</u>
	<u>\$2,018</u>





**REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

The Tax Office is very pleased to have Nancy Moody as the new Deputy Tax Collector. Nancy has been a wonderful asset to the Town Office. She brings much knowledge and experience with her.

Property taxes are now being billed on a semi-annual basis. The first bill of 2004 will be approximately half of the two semi-annual bills that you paid last year, provided there were no major changes in your property. The first bill is due July 1, 2004. **Please be sure to forward the amount due to your mortgage company, so your taxes can be paid on time.** We do not automatically forward this information to your mortgage company. They often request tax amounts by phone, fax or mail, but it is your responsibility to get that information to your mortgage company. The second half will be due December 1, reflecting the adjusted tax rate for the year. Sewer bills are now issued on a quarterly basis to coincide with the water bills.

If you have not seen our spacious new offices, please stop by when paying your bill. You may call the tax office at 753-9188 with any questions regarding your property or sewer bills. The tax office hours are: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 – 11:00 AM & 12:00 – 5:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Lorden, Tax Collector

**SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

January 1 – December 31, 2003

**DEBITS**

<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Prior</b>
<b>Beginning of Fiscal Year</b>		
Property Taxes		\$459,259.15
Use Change Taxes		11,331.31
Timber Yield Taxes		6,308.26
Sewer		25,164.50
<b>Taxes Committed This Year</b>		
Property Taxes	\$4,528,152.00	1,084.00
Use Change	54,800.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	27,930.35	
Gravel Excavation Taxes	2,913.10	
Sewer	113,245.90	
<b>Overpayment</b>		
Remaining from prior year	595.69	
Property Taxes	17,140.54	
<b>Interest</b>		
Interest on Taxes	<u>3,480.12</u>	<u>20,892.23</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<u>\$4,748,257.70</u>	<u>\$524,039.45</u>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Property Taxes	\$4,114,625.91	\$295,059.15
Use Change Taxes	54,800.00	6,967.10
Timber Yield Taxes	26,365.36	6,308.26
Gravel Excavation Taxes	2,913.10	00.00
Sewer	90,091.74	20,811.47
Interest/Penalties	3,480.12	20,892.23
Converted to Liens (Principal only)	173,315.24	
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	595.69	
<b>Abatements</b>		
Property Taxes	15,851.00	686.00
Timber Yield Taxes	1,564.99	
Sewer	247.90	
Current Levy Deeded	455.00	
<b>Uncollected Taxes – End of Year</b>		
Property Taxes	397,220.09	
Sewer	22,906.26	
Remaining Overpayments – This year	2,669.54	
This year's overpayments returned	14,471.00	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<u>\$4,748,257.70</u>	<u>\$524,039.45</u>

**Lien Report****January 1 – December 31, 2003****DEBITS**

Unredeemed Liens – Beginning of Year	\$114,782.37
Liens Executed During Year	183,963.50
Interest & Costs Collected	26,402.12
Unredeemed Elderly Liens	1,138.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	3,218.00
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	<u>\$329,503.99</u>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	
Redemptions	\$137,598.07
Interest & Costs Collected	26,402.12
Abatements	1,566.35
Liens Deeded	3,058.38
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	156,523.07
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY	4,356.00
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</b>	<u>\$329,503.99</u>

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

This year at Town Meeting you will be asked to vote on a Warrant Article, which will be a bond issue and require a 2/3 majority to pass. The subject of the vote will be raising money to pay the City of Concord our fair share of the cost of renovations of the Penacook Waste Water Treatment Facility. When the facility was built, Boscawen's share of the cost was 45% due to the large amount of Tannery wastewater. The percentage reflected in great measure the amount of waste that Boscawen generated both from its residences and business establishments, relative to the total capacity of the facility. With the closing of the tannery and with the present project of storm water separation, we have convinced the City of Concord to reduce our percentage to approximately 36% of the capacity. This reduction will show up as a smaller share of the renovation costs.

The City of Concord has accepted the construction bid of about \$4.1 million dollars for which our share becomes about \$1.62 million dollars. We have made arrangements for a combination of loans and grant monies that will, over the next 20 to 28 years, allow the Town to pay its fair share with, as little impact on the tax rate as is humanly possible. The Warrant Article is asking for the approximately \$1.62 million dollars to be raised by taxes, loans and grants.

The residents of the Town must approve this measure by no less than 2/3 of the voting members. If the measure passes, then all Town property owners will carry the tax burden equally. If the article does not pass, then one of two scenarios will take place. Either the sewer users, only, pay the 1.6 million through their sewer charges or if the Town decides not to do that then the City of Concord will fund the entire project and bill the Town for facility services at a rate that the City feels appropriate. If Concord is allowed to bill the Town at the rate it feels appropriate, the money will come out of general taxation and will be added to the budget for the ensuing years, forever or until Boscawen finds another facility to take the waste water whether it be another facility or Boscawen builds its own. In either case, the Town will NOT be eligible for any loans or grants to defray these costs and the Town residents will be paying much more than the 1.6 million dollars over the years to come.

We, the Selectmen understand the reluctance of those residents not on sewer service to want to pay for this program. However, we would like to point out two things: first, that one way or another the entire Town will pay because this is a matter of Town infrastructure. The entire Town will benefit because those of us (including the Selectmen and most of the Town's employees) who utilize septic systems, need to have a place for our septage to go when we get our tanks pumped out. Many of the septage haulers dump into the Concord Facility for which we, as individual property owners pay, when we get that bill. Second, there is the possibility in the future that more than just the present homes will be on the sewer system. As the Town grows, the sewage lines will be extended north into areas that presently are on septic tanks. State law requires hookup for any residence or business within 100 feet of a sewer line. Obviously,

this is not going to happen soon, but when it does, the Town will have to be able to show that it has a valued interest in the treatment facility.

It would be highly unlikely that the sewer users could pay the bill by themselves. The additional cost to the current users could be in the area of about \$2,000 a year, in addition to their present costs. This is prohibitive for most, if not all, of our residents. It would certainly come to pass that the Town would have to subsidize these residents. This, of course, means that all Town property holders would pay anyway.

The Selectmen worked diligently with the City of Concord to come up with the least costly alternative and we ask for your cooperation and assistance in passing Warrant Article 2, which, we feel, is in the best interest of all our Townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard O. Davis, Jr.  
Edward A. Maloof  
Rhoda W. Hardy

### **REPORT OF THE BOSCAWEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

This past year the Police Department continued to experience its' trend of employee turnover with the resignations of Officer Timothy Beers, who had been with the department for 1 year, and Officer Robert Tschudin, who had been with the department for 1½ years.

The continuing turnover of employees each year puts a great strain on the Police Department in attempting to cover shifts 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and still remain within our allotted budget. Currently we are 2 part-time officers shy of where we were 2 years ago.

Activity this year saw the Police Department making 368 full custody arrests, with domestic violence assaults continuing to lead the way as being the number one criminal arrest for 2003. We issued 555 motor vehicle summonses and 3,102 motor vehicle written warnings. Meaning we stopped a total of 3,607 motor vehicles for some type of moving violation. We also responded to or handled 6,000 calls for service and took reports of 83 reportable motor vehicle accidents.

We continued to add to our community service programs with the establishment of the very active neighborhood watch program. And thanks to a very successful recruiting drive, our Explorer Post currently has a record enrollment of young adults between the ages of 14 – 21 years of age.

Please keep in mind over the next year that the Police Department is here to serve you! Please don't hesitate to contact us for any reason, regardless of how large or small the situation.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Croft, Chief of Police

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Police Department</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2004</b>
Salaries	\$233,583	\$234,533	\$255,384
Cruiser Maintenance	11,500	36,540	12,500
Radio Maintenance	1,000	1,339	600
Training & Dues	2,500	2,428	2,500
Photography	1,000	64	600
Telephone	10,000	9,371	7,000
Uniforms	4,000	4,112	4,000
Office Expense	5,500	5,773	5,500
Equipment	6,000	5,960	17,500**
Building Maintenance	12,500	11,716	0
Dispatch	24,000	23,831	26,000
D.A.R.E.	1,000	971	1,000
Cruiser Lease	8,976	8,915	8,976
<b>Sub Total</b>	<u>\$ 87,976</u>	<u>\$ 111,020</u>	<u>\$ 86,176</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$321,559</u>	<u>\$345,553</u>	<u>\$341,560</u>
Reimbursements		(30,446)	
		\$315,107	

\*\*8,500 To be offset by Grant from Walmart

**REPORT OF THE BOSCAWEN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The year 2003 was an average year for Fire Department activity. We did not have any real serious situations and most of our calls were for auto accidents. A number of potential disasters were prevented by the quick response of well-trained fighters.

Many thanks go out to the Ladies Auxiliary, the Boscawen Police Department, Penacook Rescue and the Highway Department for all of the assistance that they have given. Thanks also to the various employees who are still willing to let their employees respond to our calls during working hours.

Most of all I want to thank all of my officers and firefighters for their help and dedication to the Boscawen Fire Department.

New members are needed..... Thanks again.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Fisher, Chief, BFD

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2004</b>
Operating Salaries	\$30,000	\$26,108	\$35,484
Utilities	6,000	6,314	8,000
Radio Maintenance	5,000	1,642	3,000
Truck Operation/Repair	10,000	6,332	10,000
Building Maintenance	6,000	554	2,516
Turn Out Gear Maintenance	5,000	2,784	5,000
Dispatch	14,325	14,375	15,689
Hose Appliance Maintenance	2,000	41	2,000

Training/Forest Fires	4,500	2,750	4,500
Equipment	3,000	1,522	3,000
S.C.B.A. Maintenance	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,607</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87,825</b>	<b>\$64,035</b>	<b>\$92,189</b>

#### LIFE SAFETY OFFICER

Salary	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,945
Supplies	250	299	180
Meetings/School/Mileage	150		150
Dues/Prof. Services	<u>220</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>230</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,420</b>	<b>\$3,234</b>	<b>\$3,505</b>

#### WARDEN REPORT

Outside and wildfire fires were kept at a minimum this year. Most of the residents know the laws and are following these rules. We did not have any serious woods fires this summer. Warden and Deputy Warden training is ongoing and the elimination of outside burn-barrels has helped eliminate a lot of smoke investigations. Thanks go out to all residents of Town for your help in preventing forest fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Fisher, Warden

#### REPORT OF TOWN 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 and coordinate 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 ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, 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, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://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 make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org) or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

**2003 FIRE STATISTICS**

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

**TOTALS BY COUNTY**

**CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc*	67

(\*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, unknown)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<b>2003</b>	374	100	<b>2001</b>	428
<b>2002</b>	540	187	<b>2000</b>	149

**CAPITAL AREA FIRE MUTUAL AID COMPACT  
COMMUNITY STATISTICS FOR 2003**

	<b>2002 Totals</b>	<b>2003 Totals</b>	<b>Diff. from 2002 to 2003</b>
Allenstown	633	658	104%
Boscawen	194	186	96%
Bow	795	859	108%
Canterbury	245	240	98%
Chichester	373	399	107%
Concord	6,318	6,554	104%
Epsom	825	842	102%
Dunbarton	212	203	96%
Henniker	662	764	115%
Hopkinton	934	999	107%
Loudon	613	640	104%
Pembroke	359	345	96%
Penacook Rsq	532	502	94%
Webster	121	128	106%
CNH HazMat	9	26	289
Northwood	501	493	98%
Pittsfield	580	585	101%
Salisbury	115	86	75%
Warner	307	375	122%
Bradford	251	246	98%
Monthly Totals	14,579	15130	
Diff. 2003-2003			551
			104%

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET

<b>General Maintenance</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2004</b>
Salaries:	\$161,029	\$164,440	\$170,834
Uniforms and Safety Equipment	4,000	3,918	4,200
MAINTENANCE/SUMMER & WINTER			
Gas (Including Diesel Fuel & F.D.)	11,000	13,527	11,500
Meetings and Dues	500	295	500
Utilities	4,000	3,968	4,000
Salt	18,000	19,319	18,000
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES			
Road Oil	14,000	11,034	14,000
Patch Materials	2,000	2,008	2,500
Street Signs	1,000	1,150	1,000
Equipment		217	
Repairs To Equipment	9,000	9,148	9,000
General Supplies	7,000	6,570	7,000
New Construction or Resurface	80,000	80,484	80,000
Loader Lease/Purchase			18,200*
Tank/Soil Testing			5,000
Pickup Lease/purchase	<u>9,507</u>	<u>9,507</u>	<u>9,507</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$321,036</u></b>	<b><u>\$325,585</u></b>	<b><u>\$355,241</u></b>
		(5,862)	
		<u>\$319,723</u>	

\*\$5,000 from recycling = \$23,200

## SANITATION

<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2004</b>
Operating Salaries	\$26,850	\$21,756	\$27,822
Overtime	8,050	9,315	8,719
Tires	1,000		1,000
Maintenance/Equip. Cost	8,000	4,594	8,000
Utilities	2,400	2,105	2,400
Tipping	88,000	86,567	103,000
Tire Disposal	5,500	4,601	5,500
Dues-NH Res.Recov./State Cert.	500	575	600
Groundwater Sampling	20,000	18,793	20,000
Truck Lease	<u>27,617</u>	<u>27,617</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$187,917</u></b>	<b><u>\$175,923</u></b>	<b><u>\$177,041.</u></b>

## Revenues Generated:

Recycling	\$10,132;
Haulers	\$30,473
Fees Collected	\$10,041

<b>Solid Waste Cleanup</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2004</b>
Groundwater Sampling			
Engineering	<u>\$6,300</u>	<u>\$3,333</u>	<u>\$6,300</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$6,300</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,333</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,300</u></b>



**REPORT OF THE CONCORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE/  
RESOURCE RECOVERY COOPERATIVE**

**2004 BUDGET**

1. Wheelabrator Concord Company Service Fees		\$2,073,420
2. Rebates and Reconciliation		64,800
3. Bypass Disposal Cost Reserve		224,000
4. Franklin Residue Landfill		
a. Operation and Maintenance	\$ 949,513	
b. Expansion Sinking Fund	2,100,000	
c. Closure Fund	24,000	
d. Long Term Maintenance Fund	<u>19,000</u>	
	\$3,092,513	\$3,092,513
5. Cooperative Expenses, Consultants & Studies		<u>417,854</u>
<b>TOTAL 2004 BUDGET</b>		<b>\$5,872,587</b>
6. Less-interest, surplus, recycled tons and over GAT.		<u>-802,000</u>
Net to be raised by Co-op Communities		<b><u>\$5,070,587</u></b>
2004 GAT of 136,489 and Net Budget of \$5,070,587=		
<b>Tipping Fee of \$37.15 per ton</b>		

We are happy to report to all member communities that 2003 marked the fourteenth complete year of successful operations. Some items which may be of interest follow:

- ❖ The 2004 budget reflects a tipping fee of \$37.15 per ton. This represents an increase of \$0.15/ton. This tipping fee represents a blended fee including costs for tons at and above the FFT.
- ❖ Co-op waste delivered to the Wheelabrator facility this year totaled 146,471 tons. That represents an increase of 6,345 tons over 2002, or a 4.5% increase. Compared to previous years, the increase was a significant increase.
- ❖ A total of 65,811 tons of ash were delivered to the Franklin ash monofill for disposal. Phase III Stage V is being filled at this time. The most recent expansion will provide disposal capacity for the next two years. The next phase will be constructed in 2005.
- ❖ The Cooperative continues to look to the future by planning for construction of Phase IV at the Franklin site as well as expansion to a Phase V. Negotiations with Wheelabrator concerning extension of the contract are in progress.

Boscawen representatives are:

Rhoda W. Hardy

Richard Hollins, Alternate

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

The Public Works Commission has been very busy in 2003 with ongoing projects and future planning. One project that was completed was the Town Municipal Facility. It was opened in April, and both the Police Department and the Town Office have improved operations and enhanced their image in the community.

Road repairs continue as needed and the current repaving project is North Water Street. Half of the road was base coated during the summer with culverts replaced and landscaping along the new section done. The second half of the road will be done in the summer of 2004 with a final coat applied in 2005 over the entire length of the road. The next repaving project slated to begin in 2006 will be River Road/Commercial Street.

The impact of having a state road going through the center of town is of concern to many residents. We continue to meet with the NH Department of Transportation to minimize any adverse planning and to advocate our recommendations about the traffic flow and how it is managed. In particular, we sit on a Rte. 3 Corridor Study board that provides input to the state and improves the likelihood of funding under the state 10 Yr. Transportation Plan. Two of the issues which are of great interest are: 1) a new safer access to River Road/Commercial Street and 2) a future connector between Rte 3 and Rte 93 which would divert some of the traffic congestion (and speeders) from the south end of Rte. 3 in Boscawen.

The proposal to link up the pedestrian walkway in town (from the Town Municipal Facility to the Rte. 3/4 split by the church) continues to proceed. We have submitted an application for funding the bulk of the work, which might be available by 2005/2006. The Town would meet matching requirements by doing some of the work in advance and possibly providing construction material. In addition to connecting the sidewalks, we are looking at appropriate crossings, and have to get state approval since it is on Rte. 3 that we want to have crosswalks. Two sites were already approved and painted (one by the corner of Jackson and North Main and the other by Alan's Restaurant).

The Town Transfer Station (the dump) is not a free operation and we continue to look at ways we can save money there; however the town is generating more waste, and it was especially the case during 2003. More voluntary recycling is needed or it will have to be mandatory in the near future. To maximize the savings of recycling, we are working with the County Commissioners and talking to other abutting towns about a recycling center or at least initially, a storage area for recyclables. As simple as it seems, if you help the town manage its trash you can lower the taxes you are charged to burn and haul off waste. It certainly is better for the environment

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Wright, Chair

**REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

It has been a usual year; we have met as necessary. In May we had 8 Merrimack Valley students and a teacher doing Community Service work at Beaver Dam Cemetery. They were Ms. Heather Drolet, Catey Zapolski, Melissa Waters, Stephanie Vary, Katrina Winters, Matthew West, Beau Williams, Sam Wesley and Josh Waters. We dug out in-ground stones including the Miles Roby cement markers. We also took out an elm bush, which had large underground roots.

We purchased a hedge trimmer; Beverly Welcome and Henrietta Kenney spent several hours clearing the dead wood out of the hydrangea at Plains Cemetery and trimmed the shrubs and bushes at Pine Grove. Shrubs continue to be a problem; our rule is that they shall not be higher than the stone. When the crew mows the cemeteries they do not take care of the shrubs; that is to be the job of the person that plants them. If you do not do it then, of late, the Cemetery Trustees have taken care of trimming them; over time this has become a problem.

It became necessary to put a sign at Pine Grove Cemetery that no burials shall be made without the knowledge or consent of the Trustees or Richard Hollins.

We appreciate input; we will be revising our rules in 2004. We are concerned about cemetery decorations, especially the old ones, and the overall appearance of the grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrietta I. Kenney  
Dorothy W. Sanborn  
Beverly A. Welcome

**REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER**

As Health Officer, my duties are to insure that Boscawen residents are in compliance with the health regulations set by the State of New Hampshire. Investigations for 2003 involved numerous health-related issues such as failed septic systems, unsafe living conditions, Foster home inspections and health violations within apartment complexes.

West Nile Virus is still a concern in this area. One Bird brought to the State from Boscawen last summer tested positive for the virus. Please remember to be conscious of any standing water on your property during the mosquito season. Information is available.

If you have any health concerns within the town of Boscawen, please feel free to call me at either the town office (753-9188) or my home (796-2590) and I will be happy to answer any questions and/or make an appointment to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip I. Mitchell, Jr., Health Officer

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Trust Fund Report

Town of:

Boscawen, N.H.

For the year ended:

12/31/2003

Date of Creation	Name of Trust	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	PRINCIPAL	
				Beginning Balance	New Funds Created
Cemetery Funds:					
1910-1998	Cemetery Common#100	Perp. Care	NH PDIP	39,850.38	0.00
9/16/2003	Bartlett, Roland and Brenda	Perp. Care	NH PDIP	0.00	300.00
9/16/2003	Welcome, Beverly	Perp. Care	NH PDIP	0.00	150.00
9/16/2003	Mercier, Carol E.	Perp. Care	NH PDIP	0.00	150.00
11/20/2003	Ricard, Robert and Christine	Perp. Care	NH PDIP	0.00	150.00
TOTAL Cemetery Fund				39,850.38	750.00
Library Funds:					
1916-1928	Library Common # 2	Library	NHPDIP	9,659.89	0.00
1925-1948	Library Common # 1	Library	MCSB/CD	8,000.00	0.00
1946	Lizzie Choate	Library	NHPDIP	920.00	0.00
1967	Mary K. Colby	Library	NHPDIP	500.00	0.00
1971	Isabelle Grimes	Library	NHPDIP	1,000.00	0.00
1981	Harold Holmes	Library	NHPDIP	5,000.00	0.00
1988	Betty Nardini / Book	Library	NHPDIP	595.00	0.00
2000	M.T.E. Kimball	Library	NHPDIP	8,901.00	0.00
2000	K.Schneider Fund	Library	NHPDIP	171,434.66	0.00
TOTAL Library Funds				206,010.55	0.00
Merrimack Valley School District					
1973	Tuttle Fund	f/b/o Boscawen school	MCSB/CD	1,223.95	0.00
TOTAL M V S Funds				1,223.95	0.00
2001 Fire Department Equipment Emergency Fund					20,000.00
TOTAL Noncapital Reserve					20,000.00

Withdrawals	INCOME					Total Ending Balances
	Balance Year End	Beginning Balance	Income	Regular Expenses	Balance Year End	
0.00	39,850.38	1,216.64	324.71	0.00	1,541.35	41,391.73
0.00	300.00	0.00	3.82	0.00	3.82	303.82
0.00	150.00	0.00	1.91	0.00	1.91	151.91
0.00	150.00	0.00	1.91	0.00	1.91	151.91
0.00	150.00	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.37	150.37
0.00	40,600.38	1,216.64	332.72	0.00	1,549.36	42,149.74
0.00	9,659.89	969.92	82.11	554.30	497.73	10,157.62
0.00	8,000.00	1050.42	1,023.24	1,023.24	1,050.42	9,050.42
0.00	920.00	51.26	7.80	51.26	7.80	927.80
0.00	500.00	27.2	3.77	27.20	3.77	503.77
0.00	1,000.00	54.81	8.18	54.81	8.18	1,008.18
0.00	5,000.00	275.97	40.62	275.97	40.62	5,040.62
0.00	595.00	33.23	4.44	33.23	4.44	599.44
0.00	8,901.00	560.83	76.32	0.00	637.15	9,538.15
0.00	171,434.66	16663.73	1,519.75	0.00	18,183.48	189,618.14
0.00	206,010.55	19,687.37	2,766.23	2,020.01	20,433.59	226,444.14
	1,223.95		24.53	0.00	24.53	1,248.48
0.00	1,223.95	0.00	24.53	0.00	24.53	1,248.48
0.00	20,000.00	151.53	162.77	0.00	314.30	20,314.30
0.00	20,000.00	151.53	162.77	0.00	314.30	20,314.30

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## Trust Fund Report

Town of:

Boscawen, N.H.

For the year ended:

12/31/2003

Date of Creation	Name of Trust	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	Beginning Balance	PRINCIPAL New Funds Created
Capital Reserve Funds					
1996	Town of Boscawen	Fire Truck	NH PDIP	160,000.00	0.00
1997	Town of Boscawen	Town Hall Renovation	NH PDIP	19,060.00	0.00
1999	Town of Boscawen	Hwy.Heavy Equip.	NHPDIP	40,000.00	0.00
1999	Town of Boscawen	Town Library	NHPDIP	20,000.00	0.00
2000	Police Improvement	Building	NHPDIP	5,000.00	0.00
2002	Town of Boscawen	Revaluation	NHPDIP	20,000.00	0.00
2002	Town of Boscawen	Main Street School	NHPDIP	10,000.00	0.00
2003	Town of Boscawen	Wild Life Fire Sup	NHPDIP	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL Capital Reserve Funds				274,060.00	0.00
1984	Cemetery Improv.	Cemetery	1st Esses/CD	5,000.00	0.00
1994	Cemetery Improv.Expend Trust	Cemetery Improv.	1st Essex/SS	293.59	0.00
1994	Atkinson Fund	Gravestone Maint.	MCSB/SS	778.50	0.00
TOTAL Cemetery Expend Trust				6,072.09	0.00
Grand Totals				527,216.97	20,750.00

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the

Lois Hartford  
Bridget Fontaine  
Tracy Jo Bartlett

Withdrawals	Balance Year End	INCOME			Balance Year End	Total Ending Balances
		Beginning Balance	Income	Regular Expenses		
0.00	160,000.00	17,882.97	1,275.95	0.00	19,158.92	179,158.92
3,879.14	15,180.86	1918.09	105.79	17,204.74	(15,180.86)	0.00
35,500.00	4,500.00	3305.77	345.46	0.00	3,651.23	8,151.23
0.00	20,000.00	1726.24	175.59	0.00	1,901.83	21,901.83
1,185.84	3,814.16	394.41	21.73	4,230.30	(3,814.16)	0.00
8,500.00	11,500.00	2.47	92.80	0.00	95.27	11,595.27
10,000.00	0.00	2.16	80.81	0.00	82.97	82.97
0.00	5,000.00	0	0.09	0.00	0.09	5,000.09
<b>59,064.98</b>	<b>214,995.02</b>	<b>25,232.11</b>	<b>2,098.13</b>	<b>21,435.04</b>	<b>5,895.20</b>	<b>220,890.22</b>
0.00	5,000.00	1887.49	103.33	0.00	1,990.82	6,990.82
0.00	293.59	5801.71	20.25	8.00	5,813.96	6,107.55
0.00	778.50	165.72	6.92	0.00	172.64	951.14
<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,072.09</b>	<b>7,854.92</b>	<b>130.50</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>5,986.60</b>	<b>14,049.51</b>
<b>59,064.98</b>	<b>488,901.99</b>	<b>54,142.57</b>	<b>5,514.88</b>	<b>23,463.05</b>	<b>36,194.40</b>	<b>525,096.39</b>

· best of our knowledge.

## REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES OFFICER

Human Services is a primary beneficiary of the new offices. The work can be done faster and better, which is important since the department is growing.

My goal while serving the Town in this department is to meet the legitimate needs, while keeping expenses within the budget.

The activity level is above that of last year – 245 interviews, which includes telephone conversations that lasted more than ten minutes. There are always a great many calls to and from state agencies, shelters, our food suppliers, etc. in addition to the personal interviews.

During 2003 there was a lot of unemployment, which led to a good many of the applications for assistance. At least four families have acquired health insurance for their children through the Healthy Kids program.

The Town food pantry is very active. We receive food from the Capital Region Food Program, USDA, Boy Scout collection, Shop N Save, and private donations from citizens of the Town. The food distributions are reducing the general welfare costs, because several families are balancing their budgets by getting part of their food here. At the same time, I continue to discover folks who didn't know that food is available. It is, and there is no red tape.

Regular checks are being made to prevent fraud. Reimbursements during 2003 were fairly good, but there are still people who should pay the Town back, but haven't. Total expenditure for assistance was \$19,229.

Respectfully submitted,

John Young, Human Services Officer

## COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM REPORT

Summary of services provided to Boscawen residents in 2003 by the Concord Area Center Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Service Description	Units of Service	Persons	Value
Com. Supple. Food Program	Packages – 255	21	\$ 6,375.00
Congregate Meals	Meals – 697	36	4,865.06
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals – 1,179	131	5,895.00
Fuel Assistance	Apps. – 121	258	61,395.27
Transportation	Rides – 81	25	946.89
Meals-on-Wheels	Meals – 3,803	30	26,582.97
Senior Companion Program	Hours – 231	2	1,429.07
Women, Infants and Children	Vouchers – 896	75	40,320.00
Rural Transportation	Rides – 4	1	21.68
Senior Community Ser. Emp.	Hours – 85	1	742.47
Head Start	Children – 2		14,618.00
USDA Commodity Surplus	Cases – 378		7,241.47
Family Planning		8	800.00
Weatherization	Homes – 2	5	3,990.00
CORE	Homes – 1	1	1,946.00
Emergency Assistance Fund	Grants – 2	4	720.00
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	Grants – 4		<u>639.89</u>
			\$178,528.77



**REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

Several plans came before the Planning Board during the past year. It appears that the development pressure that has affected many of our neighbors in the past 20 years is about to (some say already has) reach Boscawen. For the most part, the applications considered and subsequently approved have been minor impact subdivisions and light commercial site plans, however, the potential is there for much larger developments in the very near future.

The 2003 Boscawen Town Meeting voted to approve a contract with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission to facilitate the revision of the town's zoning ordinance. This is the natural extension of the recent Master Plan update. Throughout that process, it became evident that the current zoning ordinance was in need of an overhaul. It was originally drafted, and subsequently amended to reflect land use planning standards that have changed significantly in recent years. It also seemed that the current zoning map reflected an identification of existing land uses and was not an effective planning tool for long term land use planning. This update is also a necessary part of the process to move toward effective growth control.

The Planning Board is leading the effort, along with CNHRPC, to revise/rewrite the ordinance to reflect current planning consistent with the revised Master Plan. A zoning revision committee has been established that meets with CNHRPC to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the current ordinance and to draft language that addresses the town's land use and development goals identified in the Master Plan. One of the prime objectives of the rewrite is to produce a document that clearly and concisely outlines the Town of Boscawen's zoning. One frequent complaint with the current ordinance is that it is vague and subject to different interpretations.

The original intent was to complete the rewrite for the 2004 Town Meeting. However, once the committee dissected the current document and began debating what direction to take with the revision, it became evident that meeting that schedule would mean compromising on the final product. The committee includes a cross section of local interests and the discussion and debate can be spirited at times. It is important that the final product reflects a consensus of the group, so that it will in theory reflect a consensus of the community at large. Because of that, it was agreed that it was desirable to take the time to produce a document that everyone was satisfied with rather than a document that met a deadline, but did not satisfy even the representative interests of the committee. To that end, the committee is continuing the process of revising the town's zoning ordinance.

Once the zoning ordinance is revised, the Planning Board's next effort will be to review the current subdivision and site plan review processes. It is our goal to develop simple and consistent rules for anyone looking to do business with the Town of Boscawen.

Lastly, as Planning Board chair, I would like to thank all of the members of the Planning Board for their deliberative consideration of each of the applications that come before the board, and for their help and support during

the past year. I would also like to thank town staff, especially Deb Wentworth, for all of the work behind the scenes. Their help is irreplaceable.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Lambert, Chair

### REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The N.H. Office of State Planning states that: "For many years, zoning boards of adjustment have played an important, but little noticed role, in the development of New Hampshire communities. Sometimes praised, sometimes criticized, they have continued to perform their principal role--reviewing decisions for zoning variances, special exceptions and hearing appeals from the decisions made by administrative officials--all without much fanfare. To a large extent, the success or failure of zoning administration rests on the proper exercise of judgment by members of the board of adjustment and the job is not an easy one!" But, it is important!

During 2003, your ZBA heard several appeals for Special Exceptions and Variances, resulting in Public Hearings and decisions made in what we hope are the best interests of the townspeople and the protection of integrity of the Zoning Ordinance. As a result, decisions are not always popular but they are arrived at after due deliberation and consideration of all testimony.

During 2003, the Town signed an agreement with the Central NH Planning Commission for consulting services to both the Planning and Zoning Boards. As our Town grows, this agreement will become more and more valuable, and we have already seen the benefits in some of our application reviews.

We welcome the updating of our ordinance, which is currently taking place. During 2003, we saw several areas where we have just outgrown the current ordinance. We are fully in support of this important effort.

The members of the Board are listed in front of this report. They have done an excellent job this past year; attendance at meetings has been very high and deliberations have involved a high degree of participation. Our sincere thanks to our Secretary, Deb Wentworth and our dedicated Zoning Officer, Pam Lorden.

(Thus endeth the lesson...)

Respectfully submitted,

Lyman Cousens, Chair

### REPORT OF THE ZONING OFFICER

Junk cars continue to be a constant problem for the Town. If you have more than one unregistered motor vehicle on your property, you are in need of a Variance for a junkyard permit approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. You may donate unwanted vehicles by calling 1-800-954-0954 for the Special Olympics or 1-800-488-2277 for the National Kidney Foundation.

Contrary to popular belief, you **DO** need a building permit for something as small as a shed, regardless if the building is movable or stationary. Please call the Town Office with any questions regarding building permits. After Town

Meeting, the building inspector should be able to start issuing the building permits and conducting inspections.

The Zoning Officer may be reached Monday through Thursday by calling 753-9188. Deb Wentworth is the secretary for the Planning and Zoning Boards. Deb may be reached at the Town Office Monday and Thursday from 8:00 – 11:00 AM and Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30 – 6:30 PM. The Planning and Zoning meetings are held on the fourth level of the Municipal Facility, which is over the Town Offices. The Planning Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and the Zoning Board meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Application deadlines for Planning and Zoning are 20 days prior to meeting dates.

**New Construction**

Homes – 10	Garages – 11	Barns & Sheds – 16	Additions – 11
	Comm./Ind. – 1	Signs – 3	Miscellaneous – 30

**Mobile Homes**

New – 0	Replacements – 1
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**Planning Board Applications**

Site Plans – 9	Subdivisions:	Major – 2	Minor – 2
	Lot Line Adjustments – 2	Lot Merger – 0	

**Zoning Board of Adjustment Applications**

Special Exceptions – 13	Variances – 6	Appeals – 2
Equitable Waiver – 1		

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Lorden, Zoning Officer

**REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

On January 15th the Budget Committee met to begin Year 2004 budget proposals review. Department heads from Public Works, Police, Fire, Finance and Administration attended two meetings with the committee. Review of the proposed budget and warrant articles was completed on January 20, 2004.

The Budget Committee is advisory only and possesses no authority to make changes to the Budget submitted by the Selectmen. That said, several changes were made after strong support by the committee.

This year's Budget Committee report outlines the various departments and their respective budgeting challenges for the ensuing year. All department budgets include salary increases for personnel at 5.1 % including a 3% step raise subject to performance review and a 2.1% cost of living allowance. The Budget Committee supports this increase.

**Administration:**

Expenditures in 2003 were generally favorable when compared to budget. The exception is utilities. This item was the result of unknown costs associated with the new Municipal Facility. Expenses for the new Municipal Facility

created many challenges in its first year of operation. The facility provided for many overruns with few opportunities for savings from what was budgeted. The numerous budget increases in this area reflect a new year with better experience data. One notable unanticipated expense for 2004 is a new roof on the 1966 portion of the building. All expenses to operate and maintain the Municipal Facility have been aggregated in a new budget area called General Gov Buildings. This budget area more than doubled for 2004.

Included in this year's budget is \$8,500 for an update by the town's assessor. This item is part of a five-year plan to keep property assessments within 15% of 100% value. If approved each successive year, the fifth year would include a revaluation with only about 20% of properties requiring a visit. The Budget Committee endorsed this plan to keep the property assessments as close to current as possible.

Personnel costs, (including health insurance, life insurance, FICA, Medicare, etc.) suffered a substantial increase for 2004. While the town fared well compared to other similar entities we still went up. The 2004 budget is up by almost \$41,000.

Planning and Zoning is increasing in 2004 due primarily to the inclusion of a new building inspector position. This position was approved by the community at the 2003 Annual Meeting. Another notable item is a new line for inspection of mobile home parks.

In the end, the Administration budget went up only a modest amount when compared to substantial changes over last year.

#### **Fire:**

Expenditures were favorable when compared to budgeted amounts in 2003. Reasons include a low number of fires and an under expenditure for personnel. Volunteerism is waning! The current fire department roster is well below capacity. Firefighters are compensated but the stipend pay is not enough to attract people who do not have genuine interest in fire service and more importantly time to invest in the extensive training needed to be a valuable member. Another difficulty is to maintain members who are in the community and can leave their work to respond to emergency calls during the day. The community needs to recognize and thank businesses like Elektrisola for their flexibility with employees who make this commitment to the fire department. The committee noted that full time staff for the fire department may be the only alternative if committed volunteers continue their trend to extinction.

The Fire Chief is proposing to take advantage of a saving opportunity to replace a fire truck by buying in concert with another town. The lease-purchase proposal will have a minor budget impact because of a capital reserve fund held for this purpose. Warrant Articles 4 and 5 speak to this proposal. The 2004 Fire budget is otherwise unremarkable.

#### **Police:**

Expenditures for 2003 appear to be significantly over on first look. However, substantial revenue from construction detail offsets the difference. The 2004 budget contains salaries, which compensate employees who have

greater responsibility. Further, additions to the overtime line item to cover increased patrols at the transfer station are included. The committee discussed the compensation level of the department and found very differing opinions among the various parties at the table. Chief Croft reported the cost to train a new officer exceeds \$20,000 making employee turnover undesirable. Other notable increases in the police budget are computer services and dispatch monitoring. Computer services increases are partly covered by a Grant from Wal-Mart. The 2004 Police Budget is up \$20,000.

**Public Works:**

Expenditures for 2003 were generally on par with budget. Unanticipated costs associated with replacement of underground fuel storage tanks strained the budget. Additional costs have been included in 2004 to complete cleanup. Also, the new Loader lease/purchase is now in the regular budget from last year's warrant article item. New construction plans are funded at the same level as last year and is intended to complete the second year work on North Water Street. The Public Works budget is up more than \$34,000 overall.

**Sanitation:**

The Sanitation proposal is down for 2004 due entirely to a final payment on our roll-off truck last year. Our tipping fees for disposal at the incinerator are up substantially, however. Every year the Budget Committee discusses recycling and encourages everyone to partake. The Selectmen hinted that mandatory recycling may be on our horizon. Sanitation is down more than \$10,000.

The 2004 budget proposal on State Department of Revenue Administration Form MS-6 is level funded prior to the town acting on cost items proposed in the Warrant. Warrant items include requests for \$162,853.50 of new money (not counting withdrawals from capital reserve funds and offsetting grants). If all Warrant items are approved, the budget will increase by 7½%.

Respectfully submitted,

William Heinz  
James Colby  
Dorothy Reinert  
Thomas Danko  
Michael Wright  
Martha Crete

**REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

The year 2003 was filled with small maintenance chores at both buildings but thankfully, there were no major problems. The natural gas furnace at the branch library was cleaned and checked over with no problems found. The main library had its septic system pumped and a new typewriter to replace a very old one. We replaced the vacuum cleaner at the main library late in the year.

We have had some air quality problems at the main building with some interesting odors at times. We installed a carbon monoxide detector and will install an air filtration system early in 2004. We had a contractor hypo-vac all of the flues and duct work in the building and the chimneys have been cleaned. That same contractor installed wire mesh over the chimney openings and hopefully this will keep out the flying squirrels and their relatives who kept getting into the furnace.

We are sorry to note that the Friends of the Library group have started to disband due to several key volunteers moving away. They have done much for the library and will be missed. This might be a good place to say thank you to all of the volunteers who help us in many ways through the year. We hope to see you at the libraries this year.

The Branch Library is open Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 7:00pm. The Main Library is open Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 7:00pm and on Saturday morning from 8:00 to 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd West, Chairperson

**LIBRARY**

	<b>2003</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2004</b>
Salaries	\$18,633	\$16,640	\$18,876
Electricity	1,400	1,050	1,400
Oil/Gas	2,440	1,615	2,440
Supplies/Misc	2,435	2,395	2,435
Treasurer's Expenses	160	74	160
Maintenance	980	1,383	1,100
Telephone	850	920	850
Technology	650	226	650
Books	7,060	8,105	7,060
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$34,608</u>	<u>\$32,408</u>	<u>\$34,971</u>

## REPORT OF THE BOSCAWEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Your Conservation Commission began implementing your vote on Warrant Article 21 at the 2003 town meeting that directed the Commission to place a conservation easement on the Boscawen Town Forest. This easement will preserve the Town Forest for multiple use by the citizens of and visitors to Boscawen and must be held by another organization or agency. For over ten years, the Commission and the NH Department of Fish & Game (NHDF&G) have had a cooperative management agreement. The agreement is a tool to manage more cohesively both the Town Forest and the adjacent state-owned Hirst Wildlife Management Area. The Commission decided to ask the NHDF&G to hold the easement on the Town Forest. Not only is this the most cost-effective option available to the Town but it also builds on Boscawen's relationship with the Department.

The Commission implemented a number of other projects to improve wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities in the Town Forest. Projects include updating the trailhead kiosk, building an interpretative trail stop with photographs and historical information at the Weir Farm cellar hole, and revising and re-printing the interpretive nature guide (copies are available at the Town Forest trailhead and the Town Office complex). Merrimack Valley High School students worked at the Town Forest this spring as part of their community service day. Students and teachers cleaned the trailhead area, brushed trails, and performed other maintenance. The Commission greatly appreciates their work and dedication. Thanks and kudos also go to Albert LaPierre of Bow who donated his time and brush hog to clear several field areas in the forest. Maintaining these areas as fields creates diverse wildlife habitat for game and non-game animal species. The interpretive trail stop posts occasionally need to be repaired or replaced but this past year, bears have been gnawing on the posts. Thank you to Colby Lumber for donating lumber for the interpretive trail stop posts. The Commission received a grant from the NHDF&G to conduct habitat improvements in the Barnard lot area of the Town Forest last year and completed the work in 2003. This prescriptive cut increased hemlock growth to create better cover for birds, deer, and other animals. The work was conducted by FORECO, Inc. of Rumney and Contoocook and was entirely paid for by the NHDF&G grant.

Members of your Commission participated in the [zoning] Ordinance Revision Committee and attended several Route 3 Corridor Study meetings jointly conducted by the Central NH Regional and Lakes Region Planning Commissions. Sylvia Bradford and Norm LaPierre attended a wetlands delineation and identification workshop during the summer. Michael Jette hosted an open house organized by the American Solar Energy Society. Your Commission researched and prepared a proposal for the town's capital improvement program (CIP). The proposal would have supported conservation funding in Boscawen. Unfortunately, the proposal was not included in the plan.

The Commission and the Planning Board are working together to develop a process for granting and renewing excavation permit applications. The Commission reviewed a number of permit applications and proposals including

the county jail expansion project and NH Department of Transportation wetlands applications for the Glines Brook culvert repair and Route 4 Bridge replacement. The Commission continues to monitor the bridge site in collaboration with the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee as well as conducting wetlands inspections and providing comments on other projects in Boscawen.

The Commission continues to monitor private lands with conservation easements purchased by the State of New Hampshire through the [former] Land Conservation Investment Program known as "LCIP." Commissioners worked with several private property owners who approached the Boscawen Conservation Commission with an interest in exploring conservation options for their lands.

Your Commission made a significant donation to the Town Office Complex Beautification Committee to purchase native plantings for the town office grounds.

The Commission reviewed a study released in 2003 by SPACE (the Statewide Program of Action to Conserve our Environment) on several New Hampshire towns' returns on the current use system. Current use is a property tax system that encourages owners of large tracts of land to keep those parcels as open space. The system also encourages recreational, agricultural, and silvicultural use. Boscawen was one of the towns randomly selected for the study. The Commission invited a representative from SPACE to come to Boscawen and discuss its findings with the public in 2004.

Each month a different member of the BCC writes an article featuring different activities of the Commission and other natural resource issues for the "Conservation Corner" column in the *Boscawen Newsvine*. The Commission looks forward to working with the town as it develops a website for Boscawen. The Commission plans to create a web presence to provide Boscawen residents and visitors with conservation and recreation information.

The BCC elected the following slate of officers: Michele L. Tremblay, Chair; Ray Powelson, Vice-chair and Secretary; and Michael Jette, Treasurer. This year, the Commission welcomes new alternate member Sylvia Bradford and regular member Mark Ciarametaro. Regular and alternate membership on the Commission is open to all town residents. Associate membership is open to anyone who does not wish to commit to full membership on the BCC but wants a more formalized affiliation. Associate members and other individuals are welcome to attend meetings and serve on sub-committees.

The Boscawen Conservation Commission meets in the Town Office Complex on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Volunteers are always invited to help with trail work, serve on sub-committees, and participate in other conservation activities. As always, the Commission thanks the citizens of Boscawen for their support of conservation. Your ideas and feedback are welcomed and encouraged. For further information or to provide your feedback, please call Michele Tremblay, Chair at 796.2615 or email the Commission at [boscawencc@tds.net](mailto:boscawencc@tds.net).



As chair I am very proud to be a part of the Boscawen Conservation Commission and work with such a dedicated and talented group of people. I am continually amazed at the time, effort, and leadership each Commissioner brings to conservation in Boscawen. If you see a Boscawen Conservation Commissioner in your travels please thank him/her. They all do a tremendous job for the citizens of Boscawen.

Respectfully submitted

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

	<b>Conservation Fund</b>	<b>Town Forest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance January 1, 2003	\$89,936.69	\$3,659.90	\$93,596.59
Source of Funds:			
Land Use Change Tax	66,131.31		66,131.31
Interest Income	946.38	32.19	978.57
Land Manage.Reimburse.NHF&G		2,000.00	2,000.00
Use of Funds:			
Professional Services		(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)
Balance – December 31, 2003	<u>157,014.38</u>	<u>4,192.09</u>	<u>161,206.47</u>
Investments:			
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool	152,650.17	4,192.09	156,842.26
Accounts Receivable:			
LUC Tax from Town of Boscawen	<u>4,364.21</u>	<u>.          </u>	<u>4,364.21</u>
	\$157,014.38	\$4,192.09	\$161,206.47

## REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

2003 was the first year of operation for the EDC. The EDC was created primarily to implement the economic development portion of the Master Plan. We reviewed the goals in the Master Plan and created a priority list. We also considered a survey, either town wide or just businesses, to find out opinions on business related issues, relative to the goals in the Master Plan. We discussed the idea of ways to assist businesses that wanted to locate in Boscawen, through advice and encouragement during the approval process. Other ideas were also considered during this time. The first year was a year of exploration and consideration, I hope that in the new year we will be able to begin changing ideas to realities and create economic benefits for the town and the citizens for Boscawen.

In 2003, as a member of the EDC, I also served on the local advisory group for the Rt. 3 corridor study. This study looked at traffic, zoning, safety, and other issues in the Rt. 3 (and Rt. 4) corridor between Franklin and exit 17. The study may prove quite important to economic development in Boscawen in

future years. I am also serving on the Ordinance Committee to rewrite the Zoning Ordinance for Boscawen. Current and past zoning ordinances, and the zones themselves were never favorable to business or industry, and our current lack of business to contribute to the tax base is evidence of that. I believe a more progressive and business oriented ordinance is critical to future economic development and prosperity in Boscawen

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Murphy, Chairman

### REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Each year, our small committee starts the year by wondering what we can do to make the year's events special. This year was no exception. Our purpose throughout the year is to do anything that will, as our by-laws say, "foster community spirit."

In reviewing the year, it seems that there were many "once-in-a-lifetime" events for Boscawen. On March 1, we held a rummage sale to raise money for the two food pantries. We were delighted with the support we received, and turned over \$312.50 each to the Town Food Pantry, and the Food Pantry at the Boscawen Congregational Church.

In April, we organized and served a bountiful reception at the Open House at the new Municipal Facilities. Through the support of the townspeople, more than 500 people enjoyed many delicacies made by our residents, and we enjoyed being part of this wonderful event.

Old Home Week started on Aug. 16 with an Old Fashioned Ham and Bean Supper in the Town Hall, put on by the Boscawen Congregational Church. The Concord Coachmen Barbershop Chorus serenaded dinner goers with a few selections, and enticed them upstairs to the Church, where there was a delightful concert of a mix of music, both old favorites, as well as contemporary selections.

The Artists' Reception at the NH Art Association on Tues. Aug. 19 was made even better than usual by the appearance of Casey Locke with his one-man art show. As always, Elektrisola sponsored this event, where all children in grades K-5 have an art project displayed. Also included is artwork by middle and high school students, and by adults. This is a great event each year, as this is where the announcement is made of Citizens of the Year and Hometown Hero. This year Harold M. Hardy and Ronald McDaniel were named Citizens of the Year and Roger W. Sanborn as Hometown Hero.

The Golf Tournament on Thursday Aug. 21 was held on a beautiful day, and all those attending had much fun. That night, for the first time, we had the Central NH Storytelling Guild members at the Town Hall. The storytellers held their large audience captive to the very last word, and at the end of the evening, Alison Beitler and Billy Hunt were the proud winners of new bicycles!

The Parade, as always was a wonderful event. Music by Baker Valley Band and the Merrimack Valley High School Band was wonderful, and what kind of a

parade would it be without music! We were especially proud of our young people in the MVHS Band, as it was the first time in about 10 years that they had been in our Parade.

We had Scouts, 4-Hers, the DARE car, Helen Houston with the Boston Post Cane, followed by the Golden Crest (where Helen lives) Van & Float, our Outstanding Citizens and Hometown Hero, Claire Clarke, our Representative to the Legislature, Bektash Temple Clowns, Monster trucks and Mini-cars, Merrimack County Nursing Home Van, floats, trolley car, muffler car, race car, children on scooters, bikes and walking, a unicycle team, politicians, police cars, fire trucks, rescue trucks, a Segway, and even the Dairy Promotion Cow!

At Community Park after the parade, we had the Baker Valley Band Concert, great Children's Games, a Pet Contest, Craft booths, demonstrations and lots of great food by Alan's restaurant. The Concord Coach Squares demonstrated and, at times, invited everyone to join them.

All around town, events went on all day: Pie and Book Sale at the Library, Art Contest Exhibit at Art Association, Bingo at Fire Department, Ice Cream Social at the Historical Society, Chicken Barbecue and Pig Roast at Town Hall. The Bonfire by the Fire Department with Clown Henry V and Steve Nelson, DJ, were very well received.

The only event that didn't occur was the helicopter rides, which had to be cancelled because of the high winds. We hope to have them in the coming year.

As always, we appreciate all the help given for the events. Since they were all listed on our brochures, we will merely say "Thanks" for a job well done. We always wish there was some way of counting the smiles as folks participate.

Donna Judd, President

Robert Blomquist, Marie Cummings,

Laura Lane, Vice-President

Polly Dawson, Hilda Goodnow,

Rhoda Bergeron, Secretary

Sadie LaCroix, Denise McMahan,

Rhoda Hardy, Treasurer

Deb Wentworth, Executive Committee

## REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The house used for the park summer program got some much-needed attention this year. The interior was painted and new doors, shelves, and molding were installed and tables were procured for the indoor activities. There are still improvements that are needed if anyone or any organization is looking for a project.

The park program started on June 30th, and ran 8 weeks to August 22nd with an average daily attendance of 30 children, keeping director Lori Cronan, assistant director Katy Magoon, and counselors Josh Marshall, Brandon White, Chelsae Meier, and Mike Cook, busy. The children stayed occupied with a weekly field trip, BBQ, canoe trip down the Merrimack River and organized daily activities.

For a number of years the Town of Boscawen has been fortunate to have Mr. John Fournier organize the youth soccer and basketball programs. John is stepping down this year and, as of now, there has not been anyone stepping forward to take over. The Parks & Recreation Committee is also looking for members. If you are able to volunteer a few hours per month for the committee

or are interested in working with our youth soccer and basketball programs, please call the town office.

Maybe it is time for the town to consider hiring a Park Director who could oversee all of the town's recreation programs.

Respectfully submitted

Derek Sawyer, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE BOSCAWEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The year 2003 began with a focus-the roof to the Academy Building, which houses our collections and museum, was in bad repair. We looked for all types of funding; we contacted Yankee Magazine, and looked into LCHIP funding, but got a reasonable bid from Dukette Roofing our of Danbury. The roof and the chimney are now in good repair for many years to come.

Our board member, Tom Keim, has given us a tentative date of January 2004, for us to have heat in the Museum. The last step would be the attachment of the electrical wiring to be brought in from the street by Unitil. This will occur once the warmer weather has arrived. The museum collections will then be protected from temperature and humidity fluctuations, which are extremely damaging to most items.

At our last lecture and meeting in November, it became evident that we need to re-evaluate the needs of the people of Boscawen in regards to what the Historical Society can do for you. At present, we have suspended our lecture programs and are looking to offer other programs during the daytime hours.

A parade, originally planned for Veteran's Day of 2003, is in the works now for Memorial Day of 2004, and Veteran's Day of 2004. The parade and celebrations will be coordinated with the ceremonies at the State Veteran's Cemetery. Each will be different in their own ways, but both will be to honor and remember our past and present families, and military people who protect our great nation. We sincerely hope that you can join us for these special days.

We are YOUR Historical Society and we would appreciate your input at any of our community programs, or when you stop in at the museum. Or give us a call at 796-2001!

We would also like to congratulate Agnes Sweeney, our past librarian (2002), who was recently honored as the New Hampshire Historical Society's Volunteer of the Year. That is wonderful, Aggie!

Respectfully submitted

Susan Smith, President

## REPORT OF THE B.E.S.T. AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Five years ago, in response to parents' concerns about providing children with a safe, secure, and fun alternative to being home alone after school, UNH Cooperative Extension in Merrimack County, working with school and community leaders, established the B.E.S.T. after school enrichment program at the Boscawen Elementary School.

With seed funding from the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the four-year pilot program has run three days a week throughout the school year. Merrimack County Family and Youth Development educators from UNH Cooperative Extension designed the program to serve as a model of high quality after school programming.

Last year, 29 children in grades 1 through 5 participated in B.E.S.T. The program encouraged participants' academic achievement, nurtured their future aspirations, and helped improve their social skills. Through cooperative games, assistance with homework, circle time, and other activities, students have developed many new skills involving teamwork, decision-making, conflict resolution, responsibility, self-discipline, and interpersonal communication.

Other highlights of the pilot program included: (1) an on-site Family Resource Center library (2) B.E.S.T. parent newsletters that improve parent/staff communication and offer tips to help parents reinforce the skills children learn in B.E.S.T.; (3) bi-monthly Family Nights that featured food, activities, fun.

The B.E.S.T. community advisory committee, which includes parents, program staff, concerned citizens and representatives from seven organizations (the school district, town and county government, law enforcement, Plus Time NH, the Concord YMCA and UNH Cooperative Extension) guides program and planning decisions. After an evaluation by faculty/student team from Plymouth State University showed that Boscawen parents wanted a five-day after school program, the advisory committee used the evaluation as a compass, working throughout the year to find a way to sustain the program after the federal funding ran out. We feel fortunate that the Concord YMCA became interested in the program and, after a six-month trial, won school district approval to operate a five-day after school care program at the Boscawen Elementary School. The Y has renamed the program the BEST/KYDSTOP Program.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has helped make the B.E.S.T. Special thanks to our many partners and supporters, which include the Merrimack Valley School District, the Merrimack County Human Services Department and the Boscawen Woman's Club.

For more information about the YMCA KYDSTOP after school program, or to join the community advisory committee, contact Rob Fowler at 224-5351.

## REPORT OF THE PENACOOK RESCUE SQUAD

Now in our 49<sup>th</sup> Year of Operation, we at Penacook Rescue Squad continue to proudly serve the towns of Boscawen & Canterbury. We provide emergency services with a mix of per-diem employees during the day (Monday through Friday, am to pm), and our dedicated volunteer staff for the evenings and weekends. Our current strength is eight per-diem employees and 28 active volunteer members. These members range from First Responder to EMT-Paramedic.

The call total for the year 2003 was 502. This number includes all responses to the towns of Boscawen & Canterbury as well as mutual aid to the surrounding towns. This is a more than 25% rise in emergency calls since 2000 and this number continues to grow.

We had a very busy year supporting events in and around the communities with a First Responder class, the First Aid booths at the Hopkinton Fair & the Highland Scottish Games, First Aid class with the Boscawen Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and the Inaugural PRS Golf Tournament held at Canterbury Woods Country Club.

We recently upgraded much of our rescue equipment at the department. The purchase of a new Holmatro Rescue Tool system allows us to safely extricate entrapped patients in motor vehicle accidents. This new system replaces our old tool that has been in service since the early 1970's. In addition to the rescue tool system, we also purchased new safety gear for members to wear while using this new piece of equipment.

Not only have we begun upgrading our ways of helping the community, we have also begun plans of refurbishing the room above the old Torrent Fire Station as a new state-of-the-art training facility. This will allow us to further train our personnel in order to provide a better service to the communities we serve.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone in the community who supported us this past year; especially our dedicated members, our valued and respected past members and the men & women of the Boscawen Police, Fire, and Town Departments. We truly could not exist without your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Oberman, Director

## REPORT OF THE PENACOOK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Penacook Community Center began operating in 1948 after World War II. It was determined by the community that a gathering place was needed for youths and social activities. Volunteers worked together to create the Penacook Community Center.

Today we continue to serve members from the community aged 3-93. Our Child Care Program expanded in the fall of 2002 to include the purchase of an existing house at 83 High Street, as childcare needs in the community grew. We currently serve over 100 children in our licensed childcare programs and before-

and after-school programs here and at Penacook Elementary School.

Our mission continues to focus on providing opportunities for social, recreational, and educational activities. The program's goals were developed in response to community needs and are supported by local resources and agencies. Within the last year, program participation has again increased, reflecting the positive response from our quality programs. Nearly 40% of community members reside in the town of Boscawen. In addition to Boscawen, the Center also serves individuals from Canterbury, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster, and Concord.

The expenses for 2003 were budgeted at \$622,270.00. The Town of Boscawen provided financial support to the Center in 2003 with a contribution of \$4000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Sweatt, Executive Director

### **REPORT OF THE CENTRAL N.H. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of Boscawen is a member in good standing of the Commission.

The Commission's mission is to improve, through education, training, and planning assistance, the ability of the municipalities of the region to prepare and implement municipal plans; to prepare a plan for effective and appropriate development and utilization of the resources of the region; and to assist municipalities in carrying out the regional plan.

The Commission provides a variety of planning services, including consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; access to Census information and other data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable master planning assistance, geographic information systems (GIS) mapping, and other land use and transportation planning-related assistance.

In 2003, CNHRPC staff provided development application review assistance through the CNHRPC circuit rider planner program, completed work on the Boscawen Capital Improvements Program, initiated work on the update of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Regulations, and worked on the preparation of Phase I of the US3 Boscawen to Franklin Corridor Study.

In addition to the local services described above, in 2003 the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission:

- Provided general local planning assistance to member municipalities and responded to inquiries regarding zoning ordinance, subdivision regulation, and site plan review regulation revisions.

- Held training sessions related to Planning Board process and development review procedures.
- Coordinated four meetings of the CNHRPC Regional Resource Conservation Committee (R2C2). The R2C2 seeks to bring representatives of each of the region's communities together to work on conservation issues that affect the overall region.
- Hosted educational regional workshops on Shoreland Protection and Wetlands Protection through the Regional Environmental Planning Program (REPP).
- Provided assistance related to implementation of the Statewide Building Code and local building codes.
- Conducted approximately 225 traffic counts throughout the region, including 10 in Boscawen.
- Organized and hosted five meetings of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
- Finalized the update of the FY 2005-2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and participated in the development of the Statewide 10 Year Transportation Plan.
- Continued the update and expansion of the regional transportation model. The transportation model will be an integral component of the I-93 Bow to Concord Transportation Planning Study.
- Provided assistance to municipalities, groups and interested individuals regarding the Transportation Enhancements (TE) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs.
- Facilitated a series of housing forums through funding provided by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA).
- Provided continuing technical assistance to the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee and the Contoocook North Branch Local Advisory Committee.
- Coordinated the development of the Concord Area Transit Expansion Study.
- Provided assistance to CNHRPC member towns regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation and compliance.
- Undertook local and regional hazard mitigation planning activities.
- Maintained and updated the [www.nharpc.org](http://www.nharpc.org) website of statewide local census data and statistics.
- Assisted local housing and childcare advocacy groups through funding provided by the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA).
- Provided support and assistance to local trail advocacy groups and communities interested in trail development.

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or your representatives to the Commission, Lyman Cousens, and William Lambert, or visit us on the Internet at [www.cnhrpc.org](http://www.cnhrpc.org).



**UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This year, the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee welcomes its newest Adopt-a-River Sponsor, Aquarian Analytical Laboratories, Inc., bringing the UMLAC's sponsorship program to 100%. Aquarian joins existing sponsors, Aries Engineering, Inc.; Checkmate Expert Payroll Services, Concord; Elektrisola, Boscawen; Franklin Savings Bank; Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility; Public Service Company of NH Corporate Offices and Merrimack Station; and Watts Regulator/Webster Valve. Many thanks to the Conservation Commissions and Towns and Cities of Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield for their ongoing support and graciously hosting UMLAC meetings. The UMLAC is grateful for its sponsors' and municipalities' support of the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP) and other projects in the watershed.

Bug Nights entered its eighth year in 2003. Over 40 individuals volunteered their "bug identification" services over the winter. Bug Nights was graciously hosted again this year by Saint Paul's School in Concord and recognized with a presentation of a commemorative framed print to Dr. Scott Reynolds from the science department. Over the summer, the UMMP sent one-third of its volunteer-processed samples to a professional laboratory. The purpose is to compare volunteer data produced by volunteers with that from the professional entomologists. Preliminary analysis indicates that the Bug Nights volunteers' work is of the highest quality. The Central NH Regional Planning Commission produced a large-format, colored map illustrating UMMP water quality data from its monitoring sites from Franklin to Bow including the Merrimack, Pemigewasset, Winnepesaukee, and Contoocook Rivers.

The UMMP's water quality data led the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to investigate discharges into the river in Franklin. This helped DES identify sewage discharges into the Winnepesaukee and Pemigewasset Rivers which both flow into the Merrimack. One discharge has been eliminated, the other is in process.

UMMP plans for 2004-2005 include commissioning a ten-year data report and retrospective of the program. To help fund the report, the UMLAC has printed T-shirts and tote bags sporting a graphic of its popular *Insect Inquirer* on the back and a colored dragonfly and river image on the front. Please contact Michele Tremblay (information at the end of this report) or your UMLAC municipal representative if you would like to make a bold fashion statement with a shirt or bag.

In collaboration with the NH Rivers Council, the UMLAC facilitated a stakeholder group that reviewed the Public Service of NH (PSNH) re-licensing application and drafted comments for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Several meetings were held and groups from Nashua to Franklin participated.

The UMLAC hosted representatives from PSNH and American Rivers so that the Committee could learn more about the FERC re-licensing process. As part of its continued professional development program, Chuck Grassie presented on open space development options.

Representative Michele Tremblay was appointed to serve on the state Senate Bill 87 Legislative Study Commission representing the Connecticut, Pemigewasset, and upper Merrimack Rivers. UMLAC also submitted written and oral testimony on House Bill 25 relative to the state's instream flow proposal. The Committee provided comment on the proposed state wetland rules. The UMLAC conducted an inventory of its own management plan for the NH Department of Environmental Services.

The UMLAC continued to review project plans and proposals including the Route 4 bridge at Route 4 in Boscawen and Canterbury, Concord trail improvement projects at the Technical Institute and Terrill Park, the redevelopment at the old Foundry off I-93 exit 16, the Merrimack County jail expansion in Boscawen, a dredge and fill at the Franklin Waste Water Treatment Facility, a car dealership expansion in Bow, a culvert repair in Boscawen, a dam reconstruction on Webster Lake in Franklin, and a major subdivision in Franklin, where it also investigated a wetlands crossing.

The UMLAC exhibited its interactive display at Concord's River Jamboree and the State's Rivers and Watershed Conference (at which it also presented a training session on volunteer recruitment), conducted a river ecology training at the Loudon Public Library, a presentation to the City of Franklin, and delivered the keynote address at the Green Mountain Conservation Group's annual watershed meeting. The UMLAC chair was recognized with a National River Hero award in May 2003 in Washington [state]—the only volunteer out of five awardees to receive the award. This success is shared with all of the representatives of UMLAC.

In 2003, the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMLAC) welcomed new representatives Drew Hoffman from Canterbury and Robert Wyatt from Bow as well as returning alumni representatives Richard Laflamme from Franklin and Susan Paschell from Bow. Elected UMLAC officers for 2002-2003 are Michele L. Tremblay, Chair; Stephen C. Landry, Vice-chair; Gary Lynn, Secretary; and Krista Crowell, Treasurer.

Please visit UMLAC's website at [www.merrimackriver.org](http://www.merrimackriver.org) for further information on the river, committee membership, activities, maps, water quality data, and photographs of brave and selfless volunteers in action. UMLAC meetings are held on a rotating basis in its six represented communities on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. For meeting schedules, locations, and other information contact Michele Tremblay at 603.796.2615 or [mtrembla@tds.net](mailto:mtrembla@tds.net) or your local representatives listed below.

#### UMLAC Representatives

##### **Boscawen**

Stephen C. Landry  
Michele L. Tremblay

##### **Bow**

Krista Crowell  
Gary Lynn  
Susan Paschell  
Robert Wyatt

##### **Canterbury**

Drew Hoffman  
Nancy Roy

##### **Concord**

Edwin Robinson  
Stephen Robinson

##### **Franklin**

Marilee A. Horn  
Richard Laflamme

##### **Northfield**

Pamela Hunt

**REPORT OF CONCORD REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOC.**

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (CRVNA) continues to offer comprehensive health services to the residents of Boscawen. The following is a description of these services:

Home Care services respond to the health care needs of those patients with acute or chronic illnesses that require skilled professional and para-professional care so they may return to or remain in their homes. Emphasis is on promoting independence and maximum functioning of the patient within the least restrictive setting. Patients who receive services range from children who have a complex medical condition to frail elders who require supportive assistance to stay in their own homes.

Hospice services provide professional and para-professional services to the terminally ill patient with a limited life expectancy. The goal is to enhance the quality of the patient's remaining life by helping he/she remain at home in comfort and dignity. Emphasis is on pain and symptom management and skilled intervention to meet the patient's special physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

CRVNA's Hospice House provides residential care to terminally ill patients who have no primary caregiver or need a supported residential setting. Often-times, patients are transferred into the Hospice House when a caregiver is exhausted and unable to care for them at home any longer. To date, this house has provided a home to approximately 500 terminally ill residents.

Community Health services include health education, health maintenance and preventive health services. The program includes preventive care, adult and senior health, child health, Baby's First Homecoming, immunizations for all ages, supportive services to school districts parent education and support, health education and nutritional counseling.

Community Health includes health promotion services which focus on the low and marginal income families and individuals to prevent illness by professional assessment and screening for health risks and needs, by early intervention to prevent, eliminate, or minimize the impact of illness and/or disability, and by anticipatory guidance and health teaching. Emphasis is on promoting healthy children, families and individuals through early intervention and health teaching. Services rendered in the clinic setting are: child health, adult screening, and immunizations. Home visits are made in crisis situations or when needed health care cannot be given in the clinic. Senior health services are provided at congregate housing sites.

Over the past two years Senior Health Clinics have expanded to reach out to seniors who may require a monthly check by a nurse of their blood sugar, blood pressure, and/or diabetes management. The expansion of these services was in response to the decrease in Medicare services to seniors.

Professional and para-professional hourly home services are provided on a private fee-for-service basis. Health education and instruction are part of each home visit or clinic visit.

Anyone in Boscawen may request service; patient, doctor, health facility, pastor, friend or neighbor. The nurse who completes an assessment will coordinate with the patient's physician a plan of care to meet the patient's

specific needs. If the patient does not have a physician the nurse will assist the patient to identify one and schedule a visit. The agency has developed a program with the NH-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program to coordinate a house call visit by a resident to a frail elder's home who is unable to leave his/her home.

A call to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (1-800-924-8620) is all that is necessary to start services or make inquiries. The CRVNA office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. A nurse is on call twenty-four hours a day. The On-Call Nurse can be reached by calling 1-800-924-8620.

Federal regulations specify a charge is applicable to all visits. Fees are scaled for the individual without health insurance and/or who is unable to pay the full charge. However, to fee scale, federal regulations require a financial statement be completed by the patient or responsible person. The community health services are provided to residents often times free of charge. Town monies subsidize those visits that are scaled or that no fee is collectible.

This agency is certified as a Medicare/Medicaid Provider, licensed by the State of New Hampshire, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) with commendation and is a member agency of the United Way of Merrimack County.

Total visits made during October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003:

	<u>No. of Clients</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Home Care/Hospice	84	2,379
Community Health Services		
Flu Shots	72	72
Health Clinic	1	1
- Immunizations	2	2
- Dental	18	18
- Parent Friend	2	7
- Senior Health	18	70
- Baby's Homecoming	37	37
- Head Lice Program	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Community Health Total	151	208
<b>Total Clients and Visits</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>2,587</b>

- 12 Senior Health Clinics
- 2 Flu Clinic
- 5 Adult Bereavement Support Groups
- 3 Hospice Volunteer Training Group

**REPORT OF THE UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year.

Our programs offer informal education in forest stewardship, parenting, family finances, food safety, agriculture, home gardening, 4-H clubs, camps and other programs for children and teens, nutrition counseling for low income families, strategic planning and leadership development skills for community groups.

County extension educators work extensively with towns and school districts—organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields and landscaped areas, providing guidance to town planners and boards on current use and other land use issues. Because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, extension staff provide education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces weekly radio spots on 107.7, which offer information to residents throughout the station's listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension's Community Profiles process works with community groups to create a vision for their community's future and form action groups to reach those goals. To date, seven Merrimack County towns have participated in a Community Profile.

UNH Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769). Last year, the Info Line handled more than 1,000 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: *ceinfo.unh.edu*.

Finally, UNH Cooperative Extension trains and supports a large corps of volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, parent mentors and others who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call the Merrimack County Extension office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen, just south of the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN, NH**  
**For the Year ending December 31, 2003**

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Father's Name Mother's Name</b>
Hunter Nicholas Welcome	02/05/03	Concord	Robert Welcome Carla Welcome
James Paul Sarcione	02/12/03	Concord	James Sarcione Penny Sarcione
Mackenzie Loren Wiggin	03/17/03	Concord	Johnathan Wiggin Jamie Wiggin
Byron John Lounsbury	03/18/03	Concord	John Lounsbury Sara Lounsbury
Christopher M. W. Bent	03/21/03	Lebanon	Russell Bent Kymmy Bent
Sierra Cheyenne Borges	03/28/03	Manchester	Robert Borges Cynthia Borges
Ryan Joseph Confalone	04/22/03	Franklin	Darrell Confalone Samantha Confalone
Rhiley Elizabeth Tanguay	05/12/03	Concord	William Tanguay Michelle Tanguay
Morgan Olivia Tanguay	05/12/03	Concord	William Tanguay Michelle Tanguay
Abigale E. Lambert	05/26/03	Concord	Timothy Lambert Candy-Lee Lambert
Faith Audrey Hammon	05/26/03	Concord	Bryan Hammon Kathleen Hammon
Ryan Michael Dean	06/18/03	Concord	Michael Dean Krista Dean
Grace Ann Raymond	06/19/03	Concord	Jeffrey Raymond Sadie Raymond
Taylor Jean Bailey	06/27/03	Concord	William Bailey Angela Bailey
Carlie Lena Saltmarsh	07/02/03	Manchester	Craig Saltmarsh Cheryl Saltmarsh
Laceygh Caris Anderson	07/06/03	Concord	Justin Anderson Laura Anderson
Caleb Andrew Arseneau	07/14/03	Concord	Barry Arseneau Kathy Arseneau
Nicholas Eli B. Whitney	07/24/03	Concord	Bradley Whitney Kavita Whitney
Aiden Shamus Wood	07/30/03	Concord	Jacob Wood Jeni Bailey
Lauren Jeanne Beitler	09/02/03	Concord	James Beitler Christine Beitler
Abigail E. Shagena	09/04/03	Concord	Daniel Shagena Erin Shagena

Natalie Rose Lou	09/12/03	Concord	Steven Jackson Mary-Ann Jackson
Delaney Elizabeth Dyer	09/21/03	Manchester	Nicholas Dyer Darlene Dyer
Leizel Marie Robinson	09/22/03	Concord	Jamey Robinson Doreen Robinson
Dillon Patrick Lorden	10/17/03	Concord	Mark Lorden Rebecca Lorden
Jacob Ryan Annis	11/25/03	Concord	Jonathan Annis Sabrina Annis
Aiden Gerard Lacasse	12/04/03	Concord	Gerard Lacasse Jennifer Lacasse

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2003**

<b>Groom's Name Bride's Name</b>	<b>Residence of Each</b>	<b>Town of Issuance</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Date of Marriage</b>
Justin R. Smith	Boscawen			
Kelly J. Lewis	Boscawen	Boscawen	Plymouth	02/01/03
John R. Cochran	Boscawen			
Sharon L. Perusse	Boscawen	Concord	Concord	03/01/03
Haiham H. Kheir	Boscawen			
Akua-Sika D. Houdegbé	Boscawen	Concord	Concord	05/02/03
Jodi M. Abbott	Boscawen			
Jennifer R. Seay	Boscawen	Boscawen	Manchester	05/17/03
Eric C. Nicholson	Boscawen			
Autumn S. Field	Boscawen	Boscawen	Concord	05/31/03
David H. Malay	Boscawen			
Ashling H. Lamarque	Boscawen	Boscawen	Marlborough	05/31/03
Aaron M. Boissy	Boscawen			
Katie E. Kennedy	Boscawen	Boscawen	Chichester	05/31/03
Scott A. Carri	Penacook			
Sarah J. Nelson	Boscawen	Concord	Concord	06/07/03
Patrick J. Healy	Boscawen			
Ruth B. Demers	Boscawen	Boscawen	Pittsburg	06/14/03
Scott W. Gray	Boscawen			
Sandra L. Hazclwood	Boscawen	Boscawen	Concord	06/21/03
Mark W. Lorden	Boscawen			
Rebecca M. Mair	Boscawen	Concord	Northwood	07/04/03
Leroy L. Locke	Boscawen			
Carol J. Swartz	Boscawen	Boscawen	Concord	07/08/03
Donald J. Stone	Boscawen			
Jennifer L. Boucher	Boscawen	Concord	Boscawen	08/20/03
Wade A. Marzinzik	Boscawen			
Bridget Raymond	Boscawen	Concord	Concord	08/23/03
Alan D. Smith	Boscawen			
Maureen J. Welcome	Boscawen	Boscawen	Canterbury	08/23/03
Joe Randolph	Boscawen			
Louise Jacob	Boscawen	Boscawen	Manchester	08/28/03
Alan E. Cassidy	Boscawen			
Janet L. Wyman	Boscawen	Boscawen	Boscawen	08/30/03

Winthrop E. Perkins	Boscawen			
Janice F. Bagley	Boscawen	Boscawen	Boscawen	09/20/03
James D. Eafrazi	Boscawen			
Angela M. Aube	Boscawen	Concord	Jackson	10/04/03
Carey J. Spear	Boscawen			
Jennifer C. Moore	Boscawen	Boscawen	Penacook	10/25/03
Brian Swenson	Boscawen			
Victoria L. Hoyt	Boscawen	Boscawen	Boscawen	11/01/03
Clifford L. Dukette	Boscawen			
Susan M. Risatti	Boscawen	Boscawen	Loudon	12/20/03
Andrew J. Alicea	Boscawen			
Annick Kapila	Manchester	Manchester	Manchester	12/22/03
Joseph A. Pelillo	Boscawen			
Amelia A. Lesmerises	Boscawen	Boscawen	Boscawen	12/27/03

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN, N.H.

### For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Place Death</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>
Basil F. Goss	01/07/03	Boscawen	George Goss	Lillian Willis
John Rice	01/09/03	Boscawen	John Rice	Sarah Joyce
Gilbert E. Smith	01/12/03	Concord	Hiram Smith	Frances Dukette
Stella K. Dagata	01/23/03	Franklin	Joseph Weglarz	Karolina Musial
Margaret L. Adams	01/23/03	Boscawen	Louis Gremore	Leona Cotnoir
Anita Lafleche-Roszko	01/26/03	Boscawen	Joseph Lariviere	Aurore Langevin
Wilfred J. R. Beaudoin	01/27/03	Concord	Adelard Beaudoin	Celina Gosselein
Glenda L. Lindonen	02/03/03	Boscawen	Arthur Roby	Leola Beers
Elaine A. Hardy	02/10/03	Boscawen	Louis Desouza	Elaine Medeiros
Denise C. Randlet	02/11/03	Boscawen	Raoul Tremblay	Lucette Rouleau
Mary L. McKerley	02/13/03	Concord	James Dawson	Margaret Elliot
Constance I. Johnson	02/15/03	Boscawen	Sheldon Wright	Ruth Anderson
Richard C. Cilley	02/19/03	Boscawen	Cleon Cilley	Dorothy Torr
Margaret C. Thurlow	02/22/03	Boscawen	Daniel Donovan	Margaret O'Brien
Patricia Maiorano	02/28/03	Boscawen	Arthur Paphanasio	Alexandria Phillip
Amy L. Gilbert	03/02/03	Concord	Thomas Gilbert	Rebecca Read
Doris S. Hamilton	03/02/03	Boscawen	Lloyd Stone	Ethel Roy
Doris E. Harbour	03/12/03	Franklin	Harry Wykes	Mary Twilger
Betty A. LaPierre	03/20/03	Concord	Richard Strong	Martha Colby
Phyllis E. Weed	03/22/03	Boscawen	Fred Weed	Beatrice Holland
Angela M. Wyss	03/27/03	Boscawen	Edwin Champagne	Edna Burley
Hazel B. Miller	04/09/03	Boscawen	Walter Burt	Louise Walters
Lina D. Larouche	04/12/03	Boscawen	Albert Larouche	Doria Labrie
Eleanor P. Fillmore	04/16/03	Boscawen	Leroy Presby	Ella Bartlett
Arlene E. Couch	04/19/03	Boscawen	Excs Champene	Elizabeth
Vernon A. Merchant	04/20/03	Concord	Amos Merchant	Bertha Perkins
Elizabeth M. Messer	04/21/03	Boscawen	Adelbent Dyke	Estella Lyman
Julia K. Meyer	04/22/03	Boscawen	Maximillian Ablor	Felicia
James R. Geddes	04/23/03	Franklin	James Geddis	Harriett Hooper
Nancy L. Hazeltine	04/25/03	Concord	Lawrence Ryan	Lucy Harris
Ralph V. Caldwell	04/28/03	Boscawen	Charles Caldwell	Mary Woodward
Betty E. Bartlett	04/30/03	Concord	John Bartlett	Nalgeda Cantara
Mildred S. Barrangon	05/28/03	Boscawen	John Sowers	Jessie Oliver
Gladys I. LaPierre	06/07/03	Concord	Charles Symonds	Grace Parker
Florence G. Cross	06/11/03	Boscawen	Damase Aube	Amanda Nadeau
Richard L. Lacourse	06/11/03	Boscawen	Leo Lacourse	Regina Guillemette



William T. Welcome	06/13/03	Boscawen	Jonas Welcome	Maud Welcome
Eileen R. Demers	06/22/03	Boscawen	Michael Bracken	Mary Mahoney
Nellie K. Kurowski	06/27/03	Boscawen	Michael Pastuszak	Antonina Kraus
Lois A. Merrill	06/29/03	Boscawen	Floyd Skillin	Doris Eastman
Evelyn F. Harvey	06/29/03	Boscawen	Elmer Davis	Mary Evans
Donald Silver	07/14/03	Boscawen	Horace Silver	Helenette Sargent
Beatrice E. Whiting	07/19/03	Boscawen	James Batchelder	Inez Avery
Alphonse E. Bassett	07/20/03	Concord	Joseph Bassett	Leontine Beaudet
Stella M. Beaulicu	07/22/03	Boscawen	Paul St. Peter	Marie Bouchard
Thelma E. Daniels	08/03/03	Boscawen	Warren Elliott	Ethel Lamper
Marjorie L. Desroches	08/05/03	Boscawen	David MacComiskey	Viola MacPherson
Waldo D. Hardy	08/15/03	Concord	Charles Hardy	Marjorie Sherwood
Hope G. Clark	08/17/03	Concord	William Abbott	Sarah Smith
Frank French	08/18/03	Concord	Harley French	Sarah Heath
Virginia R. Guimond	08/19/03	Boscawen	George Russell	Estella Gillingham
Barbara M. Holmes	08/24/03	Lancaster	Everett Colby	Mary La Marre
Laura A. Shibles	08/26/03	Concord	Henry La Bouef	Marion Harbour
Ernest L. Bergstrom	08/26/03	Concord	Ernest Bergstrom	Florence Prentiss
Louis Moscaritolo	09/03/03	Concord	James Moscaritolo	Adelena Frongillo
Dorothy E. Durgin	09/11/03	Boscawen	Benjamin Dodge	Elva Young
Elsie Demers	09/12/03	Boscawen	unknown	unknown
Ruth A. Ludins	09/27/03	Boscawen	Ernst Dutzmann	Maria Bens
Graec C. Sarette	10/07/03	Boscawen	Albert Christian	Annie Noone
Caroline Edmunds	10/12/03	Boscawen	Jason Moody	Luella Powell
Alfreda S. Keegan	10/13/03	Boscawen	Martin Surowice	Mary Mathaisell
Julia P. Runnells	10/13/03	Boscawen	George Pushec	Mabel Gilbert
Altha L. Fortune	10/17/03	Boscawen	Ned Currier	Minnie Wheeler
Pearl E. Wyman	10/29/03	Boscawen	Walter Warriner	Molly Alexander
Edward C. Millett	11/01/03	Concord	Arthur Millett	Irene Hazelton
Gerda Swanson	11/10/03	Boscawen	Magnus Swanson	Elizabeth Jelmsberg
Lea M. Savoie	11/13/03	Boscawen	Alfred Lavigne	Edeldau Revard
Fred H. Fowler	11/15/03	Boscawen	Robert Fowler	Rose Tenney
Camille Eshenbaugh	11/21/03	Boscawen	Everett Guilford	Florence Collins
Iris M. Pocock	11/26/03	Franklin	Harold Pocock	Dorothy Rye
Paul W. Nelson	12/07/03	Boscawen	William Nelson	Hansine Olson
Edythe A. Notary	12/11/03	Boscawen	Enrico Silvestri	Lauretta Cupaiuolo
Carol J. Hanson	12/27/03	Lebanon	Russell Spangler	Irene Morgan
Muriel A. Blake	12/29/03	Boscawen	Benjamin Cormack	Amelia Plush



**PLANNING BOARD DATES 2004-2005**

Meets at 7:00 PM Second Tuesday of each month

	<b>Month</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Date</b>
	March	February 23	March 16
	April	March 24	April 13
	May	April 21	May 11
	June	May 19	June 8
	July	June 23	July 13
	August	July 21	August 10
	September	August 25	September 14
	October	September 22	October 12
	November	October 20	November 9
	December	November 24	December 14
2005:	January	December 22	January 11
	February	January 19	February 8
	March	February 23	March 15

**ZONING BOARD DATES**

Meets at 7:30 PM the Fourth Tuesday of each month

	March	March 10	March 30
	April	April 7	April 27
	May	May 5	May 25
	June	June 9	June 29
	July	July 7	July 27
	August	August 4	August 24
	September	September 8	September 28
	October	October 6	October 26
	November	November 10	November 30
	December	December 8	December 28
2005	January	January 5	January 25
	February	February 2	February 22
	March	March 2	March 22



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**PLANNING BOARD DATES 2004-2005**

**Meets at 7:00 PM Second Tuesday of each month**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>March 16</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>March 24</b>	<b>April 13</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>May 11</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>July 13</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>July 21</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>August 25</b>	<b>September 14</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>September 22</b>	<b>October 12</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>October 20</b>	<b>November 9</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>November 24</b>	<b>December 14</b>
<b>2005: January</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>January 11</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>January 19</b>	<b>February 8</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>March 15</b>

**ZONING BOARD DATES**

**Meets at 7:30 PM the Fourth Tuesday of each month**

<b>March</b>	<b>March 10</b>	<b>March 30</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 25</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 29</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>July 27</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>August 4</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>September 8</b>	<b>September 28</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 26</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>December 28</b>
<b>2005 January</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 25</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>February 2</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 22</b>

