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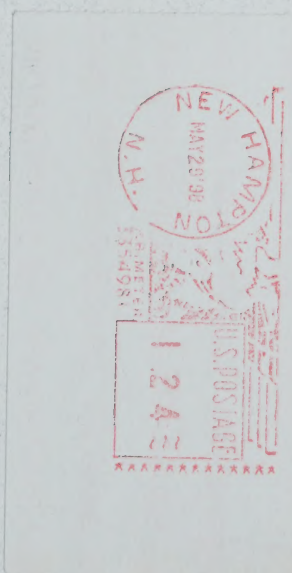
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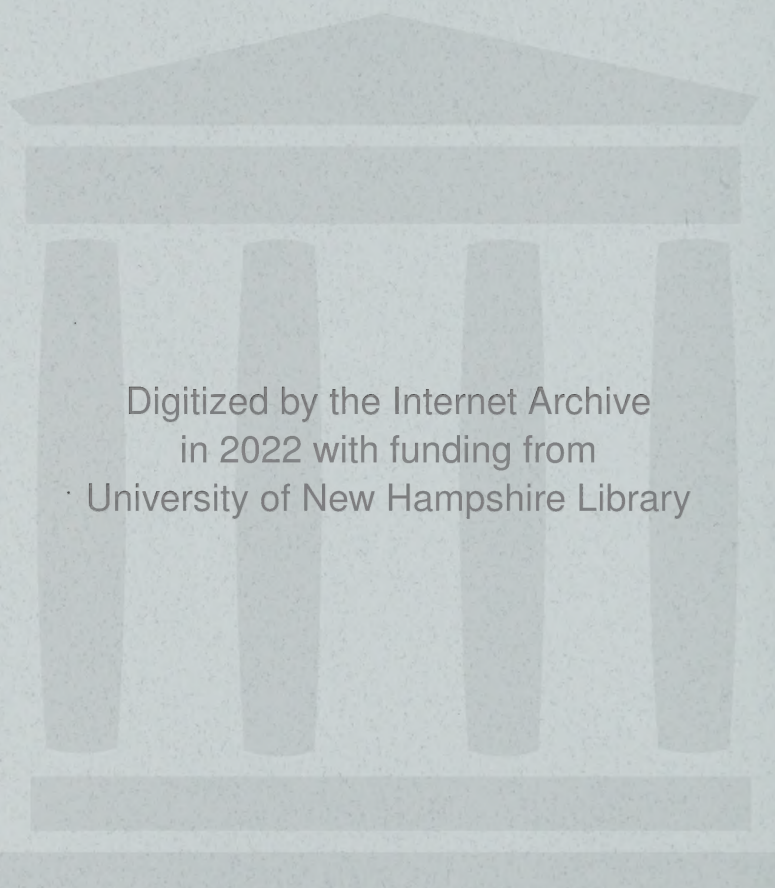


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DEDICATION

*This issue of the New Hampton Town Report
is dedicated in loving memory to*



Lora Jane Torsey



Minnie Effie Torsey Smith

The Sisters at Dr. Dana Farm

The century ends, as it began, with an instinct that strength of character and individualism is best expressed when inspired by the shimmering brilliance of God's love of family, as experienced in an ice storm. So it was in nature's reflection of the lives of Lora Jane Torsey and Minnie Effie Torsey Smith, whose energy was generated through the sheer joy of giving and sharing with all God's children.

Lora was born on December 31, 1896, the eldest daughter of Guy and Nettie Torsey and younger sister of Leon. She attended the first Old Home Day at Bald Ledge, near her home, in the summer of 1898. Minnie, the younger sister of Leon, Lora, and Lula, was born on October 25, 1902 at the family farm on the Oxbow. This was a period before the assembly line industrial age flourished, a time when one's own labor

maintained the home shelter. A season in which farming skills provided food and the thrifty fabricated and mended their own clothing.

Practicality became the father and mother of fulfillment. Becoming adults in a rural community meant hard work and a devotion to God. For fifty years Lora cared for those in need as a practical nurse and midwife for many families in the Pemigewasset and Baker River Valleys. Minnie became Mrs. Ziba Huntington Smith on May 30, 1926 and lived in West Campton and East Derry before moving to the Dr. Dana Farm in 1933. She gave birth to 6 children before the death of Ziba in May of 1940. Her love of God strengthened family unity through independent determination. "I have a gun and I know how to use it", expressed her resolve to subdue intruding curiosity.

Aunt Lora and Aunt Minnie understood they needed each other. For nearly 60 years their lives expressed the thrift that ancestral substance and the Methodist Church had so fully inspired. Mending clothes and knitting mittens and aprons gave way to boiling of sap to process maple syrup, and ordering and planting of seeds in early Spring in anticipation of another growing season.

Their garden was a work of love, but given momentum by the knowledge that survival itself was dependent on canning to preserve the harvest. From Minnie's herb garden and pansy patch to Lora's trees, flowers and strawberries came the 'busyness' that maintained a thread of good health through active commitment. Celebrating holidays and birthdays strengthened the soul in a transition from Autumn to cold icy Winters.

Minnie raised cocker spaniel puppies to help pay town property taxes for Dr. Dana Farm, and raised a goat named Nellie whose milk nurtured family health. Lora raised chickens and sold eggs to express her aristocratic firmness, and both took rides to the mountains, which also filled Minnie with fond memories of Ziba. Preservation of the family unit was always the bond. The American Agriculturist and Grit Magazine kept these ladies adequately informed of worldly things. Neither sister met a Democrat she didn't like.

Minnie's love of her red Volkswagen Beetle gave joy to the years of hard work as a Nurses Aide at Belknap County Home. Lora always made her own soap and had just the knack to rotate loaves of bread to adapt to the unique features of the family oven. Lora particularly enjoyed fishing, smelting, and the ferris wheel; while both ladies cherished the family orientation of Squam Lake Grange, and years of memories at Plymouth State Fair.

Minnie was grandmother to 26, great grandmother to 46; and truly beamed in anticipation of a new baby. She asked only for her canary to sing, when she yearly knit another pair of mittens for all of her family. As an avid reader of non-fiction, her diary recorded a unique perspective. Lora faithfully kept her 5 year diary and consistently assured others that indeed the world had changed.

Minnie passed away on February 19, 1997, and Lora on November 7, 1997; each having resided a time at Golden View Health Care Center. The ice fallen trees shed a cold tear for the determination personified by two stunning symbols of a Twentieth Century midwife bonding with God's love of family. What a legacy to know that Minnie and Lora needed and understood each other.

Contributed by Bernard L. Smith



State of the Community

The Selectmen over the past few years have attempted to fund town appropriations while maintaining a level tax rate for that portion of the total tax rate. The year 1997 was no exception and the goal should be attainable in 1998 because departments have been willing to forego special warrant article items. Still, we are providing funding to resolve issues at the landfill, the need to replace the Blake Hill Road Bridge and the unexpected Ice Storm of '98.

Although the landfill has been closed and capped, we are still engaged in the process of resolving the long-term ownership of the site. The State of New Hampshire is presently looking into eminent domain as a possible solution to the problem. Furthermore, there is evidence that methane gas is migrating underground from the site, and a means of correcting that problem must be found.

Preliminary engineering studies have been carried out for both the Blake Hill Road Bridge and the Dana Hill Road Bridge. Construction will take place in the Summer of 1998. The full cost of the Dana Hill Road Bridge and 80% of the Blake Hill Road Bridge will be funded by the State of New Hampshire.

The Town was notified in early Fall that the Health Insurance rates would be increasing for 1998, up to 45.4%. After much careful research, in a limited amount of time, the Town opted to change to a program similar in coverage, but less expensive.

The E-9-1-1 project has progressed to the point where preliminary address maps have been printed. Final verification must still be made before official addresses can be assigned.

With the exception of a finish coat on Pinnacle Hill Road, the first ten-year cycle of resurfacing has been completed, and the second cycle has started on Old Bristol Road.

The Old Town House, built in 1798, was submitted to the State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The New Hampton Historical Society members, Robert Thompson and Edith Mimnaugh gave a great deal of their time to prepare the nomination documents. This year is the 200th anniversary of the building of our Town House.

During 1997, along with conducting routine affairs at weekly meetings, the Selectmen held over 80 public meetings and hearings: meeting with department heads and employees, town counsel, members of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, Newfound Economic Development Corporation, Belknap County Economic Development Corporation, representatives of the State Legislature, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Forestry Service, NH Department of Transportation, NH Department of Environmental Services, engineering firms, NH Bureau Emergency Communication, insurance providers and many others. We also met with Precinct Commissioners, Sanbornton Selectmen and Bristol Selectmen,

Meredith administrators, school administrators and board members as well as residents and/or property owners with special concerns. Weekly meetings are held Thursday Evenings and are open to the public.

The Town lost a case in Belknap County Superior Court trying to enforce the sign ordinance that was designed to limit the size and number of signs along Route 104 by prohibiting advertising out-of-town businesses. The ruling was that the ordinance violated the right of free speech, and that limitation outweighed the intent to control aesthetic qualities. One of the proposed amendments on the 1998 ballot is designed to correct the deficiency in the original ordinance.

The tax evaluation for the Town increased to \$124,115,758. from \$119,224,367 in 1996. Building Permits issued in 1997: 12 single family dwellings, 24 additions, garages, storage buildings and/or decks, 7 manufactured homes, 1 pool, and 1 commercial/business.

Mark T. Denoncour
Chester W. Butcher, Jr.
Laurence A. Blood

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Officers

Selectmen

Chester W. Butcher, Jr. '99

Laurence A. Blood 2000

Mark T. Denoncour '98

Town Clerk

Cynthia M. Hallberg '98

Treasurer

Mary A. Butcher '98

Tax Collector

Cynthia M. Hallberg '98

Moderator

Kenneth N. Kettenring '98

Supervisors

Kevin Provencher 2002

Barbara H. Chase '98

Marilyn Clark 2000

Trustees of Trust Funds

T. Holmes Moore '98

Stanley E. Eisenhard, Jr. '99

Michel LeDuc 2000

Chief of Police

Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.

Public Works Director

Gordon M. Huckins 2000

Fire Chief

Michael A. Drake

School Board

Cynthia Bruning '99

Health Officer

Marilyn Clark

Emergency Management Director

Michael A. Drake

Planning Board

Bernard L. Smith '99	George Luciano, '99
Kenneth N. Kettenring '99	Kristin Harmon, Alt. 2000
Peter L. Gulick '98	Kevin Lang, Alt. '99
Warren E. Moore '98	Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr. Alt. 2000
Diane M. Gilson 2000	Paul J. Tierney, Alt. '99
Laurence A. Blood, Sel. Rep. 2000	

Conservation Commission

William A. Huckins '98	Eugene P. Morgan '99
Patricia P. Schlesinger '98	Nancy W. Conkling, '98
Clare M. Eckert '99	Jean L. Thompson, Alt. '99
Judy Ladman, Alt. '99	William C. Walsh, Honorary Member

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Brenda Erler '98	Robert L. Thompson, 2000
Robert A. Fischer 2000	A. Alden Hofling, Alt. '98
Wallace Orvis '98	Alisa Brisson, Alt. '99
Barry E. Draper, Alt. 2000	Mark T. Denoncour Sel. Rep.

Recreation Department

Melissa A. Emery '99	Andrea Woolsey '99
Judith Alvino '99	Patricia A. Bergeron '99

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund

Theodora Denoncour '98	Cynthia M. Hallberg 2000
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Cynthia Bruning, School Board Rep.

Solid Waste Committee

Change U. Parker	William D. Chase, TT Attendant
William J. Roberts	Chester W. Butcher, Jr., Sel. Rep.
Clare Eckert	

Newsletter Committee

Bernard L. Smith	Paul W. Fisher	Robert A. Fischer
Jane Willingham	Frederick Henning	Laurence A. Blood

Ballot Inspectors

Hope R. Clement	Patricia E. Torsey - Chair
Charles Moulton	Dana S. Torsey
Sherman L. Moulton, Alt.	Kenneth S. Torsey, Alt.
Nathaniel Sawyer, Jr., Alt.	Sherry J. Boynton, Alt.
Mary L. Dade, Alt.	Clare M. Eckert, Alt.
June R. Smith, Alt.	Joanne Goodrich, Alt.
Patricia W. Blood, Alt.	Margaret Makris, Alt.
Barb Kettenring, Alt.	Jim H. Eckert, Jr., Alt.
Barbara Ness, Alt.	Jean L. Thompson, Alt.
Rebecca R. Baum, Alt.	

Master Plan Update Committee

Paul Tierney, Chair	Diana Crim
Robert Baum	Rebecca Baum
Bernard Smith	June Smith
Jean Thompson	N. Jean Moore
Diane Gilson	William Gilson
Norman L'Italien	Lillian McCreelis
Marilyn Clark	Anne Rose
Michael Dowal	Linda Dowal
Ronald O'Callaghan	Lyn O'Callaghan
Clare Eckert	Loren Emmons
George Cook	Robert Thompson
Nancy Conkling	John Conkling

New Hampton Town Meeting

March 11, 1997

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire, in the County of Belknap, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon to cast your ballots for town officers and for questions required by law to be on the ballots. Polls to close not later than 7:00 P.M.

1. Shall we modify the elderly exemption for property tax in the Town of New Hampton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400.00; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The remainder of the warrant will be acted upon at the New Hampton Town House, Saturday, March 15, 1997 at 10:00 A.M.

Town Clerk, Cynthia Hallberg, was disqualified from performing her duties as an election official in the election per RSA 658:24. Charles Moulton was appointed Town Clerk pro tempore by Cynthia Hallberg.

Ballot Inspectors present were Pat Torsey, Dana Torsey.

Alternate Ballot Inspectors present were June Smith, Sherman Moulton.

The polls were opened by the Moderator, Ken Kettenring at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of balloting for Town Officers and for questions required by law to be on the ballots.

The polls closed at 7:00 P.M. There were 5 teams which consisted of a caller and counter as follows:

First Team: Marilyn Clark, Kevin Provencher
 Second Team: Patricia Torsey, June Smith
 Third Team: Charles Moulton, Dana Torsey
 Fourth Team: Mark Denoncour, Sherman Moulton
 Fifth Team: Ken Kettenring, Nathaniel "Chip" Sawyer

The ballots were counted and the Moderator announced the results as follows:

SELECTMAN FOR (3 years) -Laurence A. Blood - 156 Votes

SELECTMAN FOR (2 years) - Chester W. Butcher, Jr. - 159 Votes

TOWN TREASURER FOR (1 year) - Mary A. Butcher - 178 Votes

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR (3 years) - Michel LeDuc - 175 Votes

TOWN AUDITOR FOR (3 years) - No winner confirmed at this time

-Write-ins for Town Auditor-

Stephen Dazet	- 2 votes	Kettenring	- 1 vote
Robert Donnelly	- 2 votes	Trisha McDermott	- 1 vote
Paul Fisher	- 2 votes	Charles Moulton	- 1 vote
Dana Torsey	- 2 votes	Sandra Price	- 1 vote
Kate Bates	- 1 vote	Barbara Roberts	- 1 vote
Mary Butcher	- 1 vote	William Roberts	- 1 vote
David Clement	- 1 vote	Pam Schofield	- 1 vote
Hope Clement	- 1 vote	B. Smith	- 1 vote
Noreen Crawford	- 1 vote	Jonann Torsey	- 1 vote
Jim Felch	- 1 vote	Dan Vogler	- 1 vote
Peter Gulick	- 1 vote	Fran Wendelboe	- 1 vote
Bob Hammond	- 1 vote	Mark Willingham	- 1 vote
Alden Hofling	- 1 vote		*Disqualified-already in office*

ROAD AGENT FOR (3 years) - Gordon Huckins - 176 Votes

SARAH MACGREGOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND (3 years) -

Cynthia M. Hallberg- 191Votes

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Danbury for (3 years) - Wade Heberling - 132 Votes
Groton for (3 years) - Ellen Harris-Gannon - 131 Votes
Hebron for (3 years) - Mary E. Campbell - 135 Votes

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Danbury for (3 years) - Jeremy Opitz - 127 Votes
Groton for (3 years) - Three way Tie
-Write-ins for Groton-
Jeff Gannon - 1 vote Allan Esty - 1 vote
Elly Estes - 1 vote
Hebron for (3 years) - William Gabler - 122 Votes

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 year) -

Edward "Ned" Gordon - 171 Votes

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District?"

YES - 101 NO - 97

1996 PROPOSED ELDERLY EXEMPTION RESULTS:

YES - 180 NO - 21

There were 193 regular ballots and 13 absentee ballots cast. A total of 206 votes out of 1029 registered voters in the Town. This averages out to 20%.

Respectively submitted,

Charles Moulton
Town Clerk Pro Tempore

March 15, 1997

State of New Hampshire

Town of New Hampton

Belknap County

Ballot Inspectors present were Patricia Torsey, Kenneth Torsey, Alternate, Sherman Moulton, Alternate and June Smith, Alternate.

The Moderator, Ken Kettenring, opened the recessed meeting of March 11, 1997 at 10 o'clock A.M.

The Tiger Cubs of New Hampton presented the colors and led all in salute to the Flag.

The Rev. Dr. Ernest "Rusty" Pettis gave the invocation.

The Moderator then gave a brief outline of his procedures for voting at this meeting. The rules were also posted in various places around the room.

The Moderator asked that all non-registered voters please identify themselves by standing so the Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Inspectors would know who they were. He then read the results of the March 11, 1997 election including the first Article.

The Moderator then recognized the Board of Selectmen for a presentation. Selectman Mark Denoncour said that this year the Board of Selectmen decided to give our appreciation award for dedicated service to the Town of New Hampton to someone that has accomplished a lot for our town.

"He grew up in the town of New Hampton. He went to school in the Old Institution school house and from what I have heard he understands all four corners of the school. After roaming he returned to New Hampton in 1981."

"In March of 1983 after several failed articles and special town meetings a \$140,000 article for building a town office was rejected. He promoted the idea of volunteer labor and materials paid for by the Town to reconstruct the former Highway Garage into a town office building. All that was done by volunteers and at a special town meeting in June of 1983 and having raised \$35,000 and \$10,000 from the Conservation Commission's sale of timber the result was the construction of our present town office building. In large part due to this person's

volunteer spirit and devotion to this town we do have a structure that allows us to serve our needs at the present time.”

“Red was appointed Selectman in July of 1984 after the death of Selectman Herman Chase. He served as Selectman for over 12 years, many as chairman before resigning to a more pastoral setting in Salisbury. Red additionally served on the Planning Board for about 10 years from 1984 to 1994. He also made the voting booth for handi-capped access. As Selectman he spent many, many long hours at the town office as state mandates for procedural and administrative activities on the part of the towns increase. Red continually worked beyond the call of duty to keep up with the rapidly changing job as Selectman.”

“Besides his accomplishments on the Board of Selectmen he proudly served as Chair member of the solid waste committee, over seeing construction of the new transfer recycling station and closing of the town landfill. That alone is quite an accomplishment; and also the semi-annual tax bills.” A plaque was then presented to Horace “Red” Boynton for recognition of service to the Town of New Hampton. Red received a standing ovation.

The Moderator then proceeded to the first item of business for the day which is Article #2 as we voted on Article #1 on Tuesday. The Moderator then read the Article as follows:

ARTICLE #2 - To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Selectman Larry Blood made a motion to raise and appropriate \$341,151.50 to defray Town Charges which was seconded by Clare Eckert. Larry referred to page 31 of the town report specifically to the right hand column which shows the appropriations for 1997 and then to the left hand column which was appropriated in 1996. Larry explained all the increases and decreases where applicable. Richard Mazur asked questions regarding legal fees, landfill, insurance and the tax rate, Ken Torsey asked a question regarding the legal fees on Jackson Pond Road and Jean Thompson asked a question relating to the patriotic purposes regarding the POW/MIA flag which needs replacing. There was no further discussion.

The Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #3 - To see if The Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the future revaluation of The Town and to raise and appropriate from 1996 surplus the sum of \$10,000.00 towards this purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to administer the fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved by Selectman, Chet Butcher and seconded by Selectman, Larry Blood. Chet explained the article and then Larry pointed out that this money would not affect the tax rate. This money will be transferred from surplus and put into a capital reserve account for this purpose. Richard Mazur questioned surplus and that if everything is passed how it will affect our tax rate. Larry responded by saying he did not see any significant increase in the town tax rate for this next year if everything was passed on the town budget. Matt Wendelboe questioned surplus appearing in many articles. Larry explained that the surplus is unexpected revenue that was received this past year. Clay Mazur asked how much surplus we have and Larry referred to page 36 of the Town Report. Ken Torsey questioned if DRA had anything to say regarding how much surplus the town can have. Larry responded by saying we can keep 5-7% of what the total town budget is. Clay Mazur asked how often the town has a reval. June Smith, Stanley Eisenhard, Michele Jackman and Bernard Smith also spoke. Pete Gulick made a motion to move the question and it was seconded. The moderator asked those in favor of moving the question. The motion passed with a few nays. The moderator then reread the article and it passed with a few nays.

ARTICLE #4 - To see if The Town will vote to change the purpose of the Employee Accrued Benefits Fund from “paying qualifying unused vacation, sick and bonus hours upon the retirement, voluntary departure or dismissal of an employee” to “paying qualifying unused vacation, sick and bonus hours and payroll taxes and retirement benefits earned under the personnel policies in effect prior to January 1, 1997.” This is a special article recommended by The Selectmen. (2/3 majority vote required).

The article was moved by Selectman, Larry Blood and seconded by Selectman, Mark Denoncour. Larry explained that this was a house-keeping article pending the consideration of the next article. Larry also went on to say that a 2/3 vote is required in order to change the purpose of the fund. We set this fund up last year in anticipation of retirement. In order to use it for the next article, there is a slight change in the wording so that it would include the accrued benefits that have risen out of the previous personnel policies which were effective through December 31, 1996. Wally Orvis asked a question regarding vacation time. Larry mentioned that under the new policy the accumulated vacation time has changed. The moderator needed a 2/3 majority vote and it was unanimous. The moderator declared that the article passed.

ARTICLE #5 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate from 1996 surplus the sum of \$27,500.00 to be added to the remaining balance (\$10,398.32) of the Employee Accrued Benefits Fund and used for its designated purpose. This is a special article recommended by The Selectmen.

The article was moved by Selectman, Larry Blood and seconded by Selectman, Chet Butcher. Larry amended the article to read "To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate from 1996 surplus the sum of \$29,890.00 to be added to the remaining balance of the Employee Accrued Benefits Fund and used for its designated purpose. This is a special article recommended by The Selectmen." This amendment was seconded. Larry explained the amendment. There was no discussion on the amended article. The moderator re-read the amendment and it passed unanimously. The Moderator then read the amended article which was opened for discussion.

After a long discussion Mark Denoncour called the question and it was seconded and those voting were all in favor. The Moderator reread the question and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #6 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,025.00 to purchase and install new municipal management system software for the Town Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The article was moved by Selectmen, Mark Denoncour and seconded by Jamie Hallberg. Mark said that the town office is currently running under a 9 year old M.D.S. software system, we can very clearly see at this point in time, that because of the changes in what we are required to do by the State in both the Town

Clerk/Tax Collector's office and Selectmen's office to provide information not only to towns people but to the State as well, our system is really starting to feel the crunch of time. There are several key elements that a town software system needs to have. The most important factor is that all the parts of the software need to be able to communicate with the other parts. The software that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector uses needs to be able to talk to the Selectmen's office portion of that software. We have three bids on this and one was from BMSI which is the figure in this article. The other is from BDS when the software alone was \$18,000 and licenses and telephone support was \$3,000 a year. The third one was from Compusense for \$15,341 but did not include the Town Clerk's software which generally runs between \$5-6,000. Again, our goal being to make certain that software communicates between our most important services, we felt that BSMI software was really the direction to go. Another reason is that it corresponds to the state accounting system. Because of that we are going to be able to generate the kinds of information that the State requires of us on a regular basis. This piece of software allows for us to network and use the windows operating system.

After a long discussion, June Smith moved the question and it was seconded. All those voting were in favor of moving the question. The moderator re-read the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #7 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to pay for the installation of telephones and equipment donated by The New Hampton School for use in the office of The Town, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Police Department.

The Article was moved by Police Chief Nathaniel "Chip" Sawyer and seconded by June Smith. Chip explained the article by saying that the New Hampton School has 30 telephones to donate. Presently, if he wants to talk to Barbara or Elaine he has to dial a 7 digit number. Another example is if you call the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office she has no way of transferring the call to the Selectmen's office, and vice-versa. The system is from Executone in Stratford, NH. Executone came up and looked at what we had and the \$1,500 would be for two technicians at 8 hours each, which totals out to \$960; and the rest would be for wire, moulding, etc. Clare Eckert asked how much the phone system was worth, and Chip responded by saying it would cost about \$200. to refurbish each single phone now. The computer part of the system was about \$10-12,000. Richard Mazur spoke. There was no more discussion, the Moderator reread the question and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #8 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,250.00 to pay longevity bonuses under the revised Personnel Policies effective January 1, 1997 to qualifying employees who have been full time employees for five years or more.

The article was moved by Selectman, Chet Butcher and seconded by Selectman Larry Blood. Chet explained that this was part of the revised benefits package. Employees who have been with the Town for 5 years but less than 10 would receive \$250.00 lump sum annually. Employees who have served from 10 years to less than 15 years would receive \$500.00. Employees who have served 15 years and more will receive \$750.00.

There was no discussion, the Moderator then reread the question and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #9 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to engage a civil engineer to determine the suitability of land on Route 132 N (Map R-11 Lot 22) for the location and construction of a municipal building and public recreation area.

The article was moved by Selectman, Larry Blood and seconded by Change Parker. Larry explained the article and said that the Fire Department and Police Department have shown a great interest in this. The Fire Department is concerned about the present location, and trying to get up over the hill on Route 104. There have been several discussions, of maybe bringing in the Highway Department as well. The Fire Chief has for over a year now been attending weekly meetings with L.W. Packard. At one of those meetings it was mentioned if they had any land in this area that they might consider making available to the town for constructing a new safety building and they said sure. What we are asking for now is an appropriation to determine the suitability of that lot for a building and recreation area.

Mike Drake said that there was some interest shown by the New Hampton School for purchasing the Fire Station at a later date for a maintenance facility. There has been some discussion as to whether or not that engineering work has been done already and this \$2,500. would cover if it hasn't. L.W. Packard has stated that they would allow us access to the work that was already done when they purchased the property. They would give us a letter to release that information to the town.

After a long discussion, Lorraine Mazur made a motion to call the question and it was seconded. The Moderator declared the question called with a few nays. The Moderator then reread the article and it was defeated.

ARTICLE #10 - To see if The Town will vote to create an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town Vehicle Repair Fund, for the purpose of making major emergency repairs to town vehicles and to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for this purpose and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved by Chief Sawyer and seconded by Chief Drake. Chip explained the article by saying that this is something that has come up in some of the conversations between the Department heads. Up until this year we have been buying the extended service plan on the cruisers and this year I just realized that we are not getting our money back. It's an insurance policy that we are buying and at some point in time we will have a bad spell with one of the cruisers and Ford's not going to take care of it. Gordon lost an engine in a truck last year and it made an impact on his budget. What I proposed to the Selectmen was to create this expendable fund and anytime we have a major repair the cost will come from this fund.

After a long discussion there were no more questions, the Moderator then re-read the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #11 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$430,439.89 for the support of Public Works, including Highway and Solid Waste. This amount includes \$67,527.89 in Highway Block Grant Aid.

The article was moved by Gordon Huckins and seconded by Doug Smith. Gordon explained the article starting with the highway budget and there were no questions from the floor. Gordon then explained the transfer and recycling part of the budget. Gordon asked the Moderator if Bill Roberts from the Solid Waste Committee could speak on the recycling program. In 1995 we recycled about 15.4% of total tonnage and this past year we recycled about 12.5% which is a 3% drop. If we could recycle more, this would be a small way to help reduce our taxes. Right now we are a volunteer program and we need to recycle more.

After a short discussion, the Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #12 - To see if The town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the resurfacing of town roads.

Gordon moved the article and it was seconded. Gordon said in the capital improvements program which we started several years ago we had \$100,000 which I have asked you for every year for a number of years. This year and next year it has dropped down to \$75,000. and after that I have it for \$50,000. We are getting down to just some rebuilding. We are going back to where we started from and now we have a lot less to do, this is just going to be more or less a maintenance program of trying to keep the roads up. This \$75,000. plus the highway block grant aid can be used in this program this year. What I am proposing to do is rebuild the road from the Town Offices up to where the asphalt ends on Pinnacle Hill Road; on Donkin Hill Road redoing the asphalt/pavement; starting on Old Bristol Road at the Central Street bridge and working back where the former Road Agent 10 or 11 years ago started the road rebuilding project at that time. These are just estimated costs as we do not have any bids in yet.

After a long discussion, there were no more questions, the Moderator reread the Article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #13 - To see if The town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,943.00 for the purchase of a one ton truck equipped with dump body and plow equipment.

The article was moved by Gordon Huckins and seconded by Doug Smith. Gordon said the 1991 one ton (which is the one he currently drives) is in the Capital Improvements Plan and scheduled for replacement this year. He got six bids, 4 Fords, 1 Dodge and 1 GMC. The lowest bid came in at \$24,627. for Cab & Chassis and he had two bids for installing the dump body, set the hydraulics plow and wings which came in at \$16,316 which totals to \$40,943. There is no trade in shown on this price; as you can see in the town report there is a later article for the Fire Department, that they would like to take the 1991 to use as a forestry vehicle. Gordon asked the Moderator if it was permissible, since this pertains to whether we have a trade-in or another purpose, to ask if Mike Drake could address the issue of taking the truck instead of trading it in.

Mike Drake said that what transpired during the budget process was that they had come in and asked for an appropriation for a second hand vehicle to outfit it with a portable tank, pump and hose and replace the current vehicle which is a 1951 Dodge surplus truck that was obtained prior to 1979. We have experienced a lot

of problems in getting parts for it, also in keeping it running. We took it out on one call last year on the lower end of town. We got way out in the woods with it and it died on us. We had to ask somebody to bring a jeep out and give us a jump start. We were able to get it back to the station and park it for the rest of the summer. In the meantime we utilized 4-wheel drive pickups and other trucks to bring our equipment down into the woods for us. What I talked to the Selectmen about doing was acquiring this truck by taking the plow and the body off the back and put them out to bid to try to receive some revenue by selling them. Then by having the guys put the rest of it back together we will not have a lot of money invested in the vehicle by running it out in the woods and beating on it. Also we looked at surplus vehicles in Concord on several occasions and a lot of the trucks there were not feasible for here, they were pretty well hand picked over and most of them needed a lot of work.

After a long discussion, Kevin Provencher moved the question and it was seconded by Bob Thompson. All were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator reread the Article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #14 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to engage a civil engineer for the purpose of determining the cost to replace and reposition the bridge on Blake Hill Road, including the cost to purchase land necessary for straightening the approaches thereto; the State of New Hampshire to reimburse 80% of the costs (\$12,000.); \$3,000. paid by taxes.

The article was moved by Gordon Huckins and seconded by Doug Smith. Gordon said in the lower end of town a section legally can't be serviced by a fire truck, oil truck, logging truck or cement truck over Blake Hill or coming into Coolidge Woods. All the bridges are posted 15 ton or less. The State has a mandate, they want all the red line bridges replaced by the year 2000. We have two red line bridges in town, one is at the foot of Blake Hill and the other is on Brook Road. A red line bridge is a bridge that the State inspects every year and says it is on the verge of being unsafe and we get a report every year. In the years past when we worked with the bridge department for replacing the bridges they gave us an estimate for what it will cost to replace it. We have to raise the money first before they reimburse us. This is the start of the program.

After a short discussion, Bob Joseph moved the question and it was seconded. All were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator then reread the question, and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #15 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181,122.46 for the support of the Police Department.

The article was moved by Chief Nathaniel “Chip” Sawyer and seconded by Bob Joseph. Chip explained the article, saying the budget has increased a little over last year. One of the reasons is that we have filled the 5th position of police officer and for last year that was for 6 months and this year it is for 12 months. In the operating budget the annual fee for software maintenance support is \$500.00. Another thing is in order to print the software a laser printer is recommended. Also I put in this year to replace two shotguns; one keeps breaking down.

After a short discussion there were no more questions, the Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #16 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,245.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser, fully equipped.

The article was moved by Chip Sawyer and seconded by Bob Joseph. Chip offered an amended to read “To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,745.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser, fully equipped.” This was seconded. Chip said that they are traveling about 100,000 miles a year with our cruisers. The two duty cars are getting about 40,000 miles each. The oldest car which is turned into an unmarked car does about 20,000 miles a year. The 1996 we purchased in April of last year has 38-39,000 miles on it. The 1995 that was purchased in 1995 is up to 84,000 miles and the car the Chief drives has 89,000 miles on it. The additional \$500 was an omission on his part. He inspected one of the light bars on the 1995 and noticed that the bar is not functioning adequately and the cost to repair it was \$226. The bar isn’t worth that on trade-in. He could not see spending the extra money.

After a long discussion, Bob Joseph called the question and it was seconded. The moderator said what was called was the amendment. The Moderator asked those who were in favor of the amendment and it was unanimously in favor. The Moderator then reread the Article; the question passed as amended.

ARTICLE #17 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,100.00 for the support of the Fire Department, including Forest Fires, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management. This amount includes \$1,800.00 in Emergency Management Grant aid.

The Article was moved by Michael Drake and seconded by Robert Wilson, III. Michael explained the article. The Emergency Management increase is a request to purchase a lap top computer for the Department to use for inspections. We will have the capability to have 216 volumes of fire codes on CD Rom. We will be able to take the program out on the road to utilize it. It will give us access to 45,000 chemicals; how they are made up and how to handle the responses; and also map digitization.

After a short discussion, there were no more questions, the Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #18 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,800.00 to purchase for the Fire Department 2 inch and 4 inch hose (\$6,600.), mobile radios (\$3,600.), and training software (\$3,600.).

The article was moved by Mike Drake and seconded by David Clement. Michael explained the article by saying this will allow us to buy 1,000' of 4" hose and additional 2" hose for attach line purposes. The advantage is that we do not have to dry it when we get done with it and we can repair it right at the fire station. We are going to go in with the Town of Bristol, Laconia and Center Harbor as a group in buying the hose. If we buy in bulk we will get it at a better rate.

After a short discussion, the Moderator reread the question and declared it passed.

ARTICLE #19 - To see if The Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the future purchase of Fire Department Equipment and to raise and appropriate from 1996 surplus the sum of \$10,000.00 towards this purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to administer the fund. Recommended by The Selectmen.

The Article was moved by Mike Drake and seconded by Robert Wilson III. Michael said that this establishes the capital reserve fund that was in place prior to the purchase of the new rescue vehicle. We withdrew all the funds from that account when we bought the new rescue truck. This article re-establishes that fund and places \$10,000. in there for the future purchase of fire equipment. Originally years ago it was fire department/fire apparatus but we changed it to fire equipment.

After a long discussion, A motion was called to move the question and it was seconded. All were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator reread the question and it passed.

ARTICLE #20 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to refurbish the 1991 Ford F350 highway truck, for the purpose of utilizing same as a forestry vehicle in place of the 1951 Dodge currently in service.

The article was moved by Mike Drake and seconded by Robert Wilson III. Mike explained the article by saying that the intent is to use the \$10,000. to put a bed on the back of the highway department truck. A quote came in for \$10,045. and that included to clean the frame, put the bed on, put two boxes on each side, a tank and a hose reel and also to paint it red. The Fire Department thought we could get more for our money. We will buy a bed ourselves, install it ourselves, purchase all the equipment from vendors, install the equipment ourselves and save on the labor costs, putting the radios in and the lighting system on ourselves.

After a long discussion, Bob Joseph called the question and it was seconded by Peter Gulick. All were in favor of calling the question. The Moderator then reread the question and declared it passed.

Article #21 - To see if The Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict revenues from rescue ambulance billings to expenditures for the purposes of Fire Department Equipment when needed. Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special fund to be known as the Fire Department Equipment Fund, separate from the General Fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by Town Meeting to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenues. (Ballot vote required). Recommended by The Selectmen.

The article was moved by Mike Drake and seconded by Doug Smith. Mike said that this article is to create a revenue account. The billings from this last year, we have had a couple of situations where the ambulance service in Bristol that we contract with had an accident. One of their vehicles went out of service so we provided backup coverage during that period to supplement their one ambulance. In case of an emergency the state allows us to do transports, in emergencies we can waive the licensing for the rescue vehicle to transport. The state said that it would be better to license then we could do something with it if we had to. We were licensed last June, from a non-transport status to a transport status. It was just a matter of having the State come out and look at all the equipment on the vehicle and tell us whether or not we meet the requirements to transport. After that, the ambulance accident occurred and they were down ambulance service for a substantial amount of time. The Town pays the Town of Bristol to provide ambulance transport service for the Town of New Hampton. Right now the Fire Department does 95% of the work. We go out, we stabilize the patient provide immediate care and wait for Bristol EMS to show up. We transport the patient to the hospital. They bill for that transport in addition to what is appropriated at Town Meeting an average of \$250.00 per call depending on what service was required. What this article would allow us to do is to establish a billing process where the bills would be generated if we did a transport, it would go into that account to be called the Fire Department Equipment Fund. Initially we proposed making it an Ambulance Fund to replace ongoing EMS supplies, equipment, training, wages, etc., which was the original intent. Then we have talked with other towns that had done it and they said that the account did so well that they were going to expand it to include replacing vehicles and items other than what just pertained to EMS. We have been active in the EMS field since it was implemented back in the early 1980's. It started out with just a few members and it has grown now to include 10+. We have other members that have on-going training right now to increase their level of care, services to the community and additional people. This will allow our Department to establish an account, so if we were to go out and transport and bill, it would go into that account for specifically that purpose. We would have to come back to Town Meeting and have it voted on by the townspeople every year in order to spend the money. We covered Bristol for a while until they could get their second ambulance back up and running. We provided mutual aid system at times.

After a long discussion, Wally Orvis moved the question and Mitch Webber was the second. The Moderator said that if this question is moved instead of voting on it immediately we will then discuss the next article because I have a written request to have that as a ballot vote also. Then we can vote on both issues at once. The moderator then said that the question if it is moved, unless he is overruled by

the town meeting we are going to then not vote on it until after we discuss Article #22 and then we would make the ballot vote on both issues at once. The moderator then said the question (Article #21) has been moved and seconded and those in favor of moving the question which means we will no longer debate about this question say Aye. It was too close to call so he asked for a hand vote and also for the ballot inspectors to come forward. There were 37 yes to move the question and 18 no. The moderator declared the question moved. The Moderator then said we are going to postpone the voting on the question itself until after we have gone through item #22 so we can do both ballot votes at once. Item #22 is a ballot vote also and he had a petition signed by 5 voters requesting that it be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE #22 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be added to the sum appropriated in Article #15 to cover initial costs of wages, supplies, equipment and personnel training for rescue ambulance services.

The article was moved by Mike Drake and seconded by Bob. Mike said that this article covers roughly \$4,000 to increase the wages for the Fire Department under the EMS. Right now he currently has 5 men signed up to take the EMT course this year which will certify them to a higher level of pay. It covers supplies which allows us to duplicate our supply closet to meet the state standards and keeps it up to date as far as replacing items, etc. We are currently in an IV course and being trained to start IV lines on patients. This will allow us to purchase the equipment to start this procedure. The Moderator said before we start the debate there has been a typographical error in Article #22 and that is to reference Article #17 instead of Article #15. The Moderator then said he would like to have an immediate vote on this technical amendment just to change the reading of Article #15 to Article #17. All were in favor of making the technical amendment unanimously.

After a long discussion, Larry made a motion to move the question and it was seconded and all were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator then said we were now to have a ballot vote and the gold ballot will be for Article #21 and you will either write yes or no. The second ballot, the white ballot, will be for Article #22 and will be a yes or no. The ballot box will stay open for ½ hour.

Results of the ballots:

ARTICLE #21	43 - YES	20 - NO	Article passes
ARTICLE #22	40 - YES	23 - NO	Article passes

ARTICLE #23 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of updating the Master Plan. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI(d) and will not lapse until the Master Plan is completed or in three years, whichever first occurs. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved by Chet Butcher and seconded by Paul Tierney.

After a short discussion, Peter Gulick called the question and it was seconded by Larry Blood and all were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator then reread the article and declared it passed.

ARTICLE #24 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 to add to the remaining balance of \$3,299.30 in the Town Building Maintenance Fund, an expendable general trust fund created by Town vote in 1996 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the Town House and Town Office Building. The Selectmen are designated as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved by Mark Denoncour and seconded by Chet Butcher. Mark said last year we voted to raise \$7,500. for repair maintenance of the Town House and Town Office Building. Some of the things that were done was the finished floor at the Town House, some painting, stove work was done, rewiring was done and there needs to be more. What we would like to try to do is to include this \$4,200.00 to replace that which was spent last year. Mark wanted to thank the Fire Department, Highway Department and Dave Clement for the work that they did last year.

After a short discussion, the question was moved and seconded. All were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator reread the question and it passed.

ARTICLE #25 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,202.28 for the support of regional associations; Bristol Community Center \$6,961.00, Community Action Program \$5,108.00; Lakes Region Community Services Council \$300.00; Lakes Region Planning Commission \$1,608.00; Newfound Area Nursing Association \$8,992.00; Newfound Ambulance Service \$9,540.00; Youth Services Bureau \$3,193.28 and New Beginnings \$500.00.

The Article was moved by Chet Butcher and seconded by Larry Blood.

After a short discussion, the question was moved by Bob Fischer and seconded by Dave Clement. All were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #26 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the support of hospitals: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Franklin Regional Hospital, Lakes Region General Hospital and Speare Memorial Hospital.

The article was moved by Mark Denoncour and seconded by June Smith. Mark said that this has been an article that has been on the Warrant since the 1950's. Perhaps at that time a donation of \$100 to each hospital was a worthy thing to do. At this point in time I think the intention originally was to actually help those people in New Hampton to defray some charges that may have accrued if they had been in the Hospital. I am not sure how much \$100 for each of these hospitals will actually defray any charge of any cost for any business. We contribute through the town meeting the safety net of welfare charges that we support. I am not certain that this article has outlived its time.

June Smith disagreed. She said she did not think that this was intended to pay anyones bill. She said it is just a thank you that we have this many hospitals in our area.

After a short discussion, Dave Clement moved the question and it was seconded by Mike Drake. To move the question was defeated. After a short discussion the question was called by Larry Blood and it was seconded by Dave Clement. All were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator then reread the article and he declared it passed.

ARTICLE #27 - To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 in recognition and support of the efforts to collect and preserve New Hampton history by the New Hampton Historical Society.

The article was moved by Mark Denoncour and seconded by Jean Thompson. Jean Thompson explained the article. June Smith said the historical society has done their best to update the genealogy.

There was no further discussion, the Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #28 - To see if TheTown will vote to discontinue the optional elected office of Town Auditors, as allowed by RSA 669:17-b. An independent auditing firm will be hired under the general operating budget.

The article was moved by Larry Blood and seconded by Jean Thompson. Larry said that this is a housekeeping item. We are going to reimburse any Auditors for this year. To eliminate this position it has to be a town vote.

After a long discussion, A motion was made to move the question and it was seconded. The majority were in favor of moving the question. The Moderator then reread the question and it passed.

ARTICLE #29 - To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

The Moderator said that he had a written petition submitted and it is a motion by Bob Fischer to see if the Town will vote to acknowledge and express appreciation for the time, thought, effort and excellent performance of the New Hampton Board of Selectmen and Department Heads. This was seconded by Jean Thompson. All were in favor.

June Smith - Genealogy is being done by the Historical Society.
Old Home Day is the 2nd Saturday in August.

Barbara Chase - School meeting is next Friday.

Wally Orvis - Asked about applying for State Grants. Mark said that the application for the grant was down on the table for viewing.

Richard Mazur -

Bob Thompson -

Pat Torsey - Spoke about the meeting on April 8, 1997 for the closing of the road at the end of Dana Hill Road.

Since there was no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Cynthia M. Hallberg
New Hampton Town Clerk

DETAILED MINUTES AVAILABLE AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

NEW HAMPTON APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED AT
NEW HAMPTON TOWN MEETING MARCH 15, 1997

ARTICLE #	AMOUNT NOT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES
** 1		
2		\$ 341,151.50
3	\$ 10,000.00	
** 4		
5	29,890.00	
6		15,025.00
7		1,500.00
8		2,250.00
* 9		
10		6,000.00
11		430,439.89
12		75,000.00
13		40,943.00
14	12,000.00	3,000.00
15		181,122.46
16		21,745.00
17		66,100.00
18		13,800.00
19	10,000.00	
20		10,000.00
** 21		
22		6,000.00
23		15,000.00
24		4,200.00
25		36,202.28
26		400.00
27		250.00
** 28 & 29	\$ 61,890.00	\$ 1,270,129.13

- * - Article Defeated
- ** - No Monies Appropriated

1998 Town Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire, in the County of Belknap, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon to cast your ballots for town officers and for questions required by law to be on the ballots which include Zoning Ordinance Amendment Ballot Questions and the Question to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town. Polls to close not later than 7:00 P.M.

The remainder of the warrant will be acted upon at the New Hampton Town House, Saturday, March 14, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

1. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. The budget of \$1,094,017.04 includes the Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Department, in addition to other Town Charges. This sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

2. To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the December 31, 1997 undesignated fund balance for the purpose of acquiring the fee title, easements, or any other interest in real estate located at or near the site of the town's solid waste landfill on River Road in the Town of Bristol as in the judgement of the Board of Selectmen is necessary or convenient to enable the town to carry out post-closure monitoring activities required under applicable law. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI the amount appropriated under this article is designated as nonlapsing until December 31, 2003. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

3. To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to investigate the migration of methane gas from the town's solid waste landfill on River Road in the Town of Bristol and to carry out such remedial action as in the judgement of the Board of Selectmen is necessary to reduce any such migration to permissible levels under applicable State regulations, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.) of this appropriation to come from the December 31, 1997 undesignated fund balance, with the balance of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) to be raised by taxation. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI the amount appropriated under this article is designated as nonlapsing until December 31, 2003. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

4. To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be added to the Town Vehicle Repair Fund, an expendable general trust fund created for the purpose of making major emergency repairs to town vehicles. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

5. To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifteen thousand-five hundred dollars (\$315,500.00) to replace and reposition the bridge on Blake Hill Road, including the cost to purchase land necessary for straightening the approaches thereto; the State of New Hampshire to reimburse 80% of the costs. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

6. To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to defray the costs of overtime and contract labor, equipment rental and materials used in cleanup as a result of the ice storm in January 1998; FEMA to reimburse 75% of the eligible costs and the State of New Hampshire to reimburse 12.5% of eligible costs. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) for the purpose of purchasing new safety gear (\$7,500.) and computer software (\$2,500.) and authorize the withdrawal from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for same. Recommended by the Selectmen.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two hundred dollars (\$4,200.) for the purpose of purchasing a rescue tool power unit for the Fire Department. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

9. To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,044.76 for the support of Regional Associations, as follows: Bristol Community Center \$6,961.00, Community Action Program \$5,363.00; Lakes Region Community Services Council \$300.00; Lakes Region Planning Commission \$1,580.00; Newfound Area Nursing Association \$8,992.00; Youth Services Bureau \$3,348.76 and New Beginnings \$500.00. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

10. To see if The Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 in recognition and support of the efforts to collect and preserve New Hampton history by the New Hampton Historical Society. Recommended by the Selectmen.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in a non-lapsing account for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the gravestones in the Town. Recommendations for the expenditure of these funds are to be made by a committee appointed by the Selectmen for this purpose. (By Petition). Recommended by the Selectmen.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.) for a waste oil collection system. This appropriation is reimbursable through the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services by a \$2,500.00 Grant.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a Community Development Planning Block Grant of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.) for a feasibility study on the development of a business park on Route 132N. This study will be done with the assistance of Newfound Economic Development Corporation.

14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the position of elected Road Agent, and to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Road Agent under the authority of RSA 231:64. If this article is adopted, under RSA 669:17-b the elected office of Road Agent will terminate at the 1999 Annual Town Election, and that office will be replaced with a Road Agent appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

15. Pursuant to RSA 80:80, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, by public auction, advertised sealed bids, or otherwise as justice may require, the following parcels acquired by Tax Collector's deed, all located in the vicinity of Beech Hill Road and Winona Heights: Tax Map R-8, Lots 1, 1U, 1V, 18, 18A & B, and 1S & 1R.

16. To see if the Town will vote to support the efforts of the citizen committee known as the "New Hampton 968 and 279 Committee" to expand the local phone exchange for New Hampton residents with 968 and 279 exchanges to include the exchanges in the Bristol (Newfound Area) School District (744 and 768). This would include the towns of Bristol, New Hampton, Danbury, Bridgewater, Alexandria, Hebron and Groton.

17. To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan for Social Security coverage of its employees submitted in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter #101 Section 5, service in any class or classes of positions of election officials or election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than \$1000.00.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 19 th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Mark T. Denoncour

Chester W. Butcher, Jr.

Laurence A. Blood

SELECTMEN OF NEW HAMPTON

Budget

Town of New Hampton

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:4)	Approp. 1997	Expend. 1997	Approp. 1998
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	77,465.00	75,315.80	103,829.99
Election, Registration & Vital	21,725.00	19,737.55	32,190.79
Financial Administration	20,049.00	21,325.82	25,659.18
Revaluation of Property	10,080.00	6,497.00	10,080.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00	17,356.90	15,000.00
Personnel Administration	36,238.50	36,383.63	0.00
Planning Board	2,750.00	1,420.10	3,307.65
Zoning Board of Adjustment	725.00	289.54	1,228.83
General Government Buildings	6,575.00	7,801.85	8,000.00
Cemeteries	2,000.00	1,831.60	2,000.00
Insurance	113,444.00	120,267.31	48,320.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department	181,122.46	178,917.88	234,949.97
Fire Department	58,500.00	47,625.81	54,707.50
Emergency Management	13,600.00	12,761.91	10,612.00
Emergency Medical Services			8,959.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highways & Streets	316,884.89	321,135.18	377,728.15
Street Lighting	1,250.00	1,213.77	1,250.00
SANITATION:			
Town Landfill	15,500.00	17,153.04	25,500.00
Solid Waste Transfer Station	113,555.00	108,793.17	112,036.60
HEALTH:			
Health Department	200.00	182.20	369.13
WELFARE:			
General Assistance	8,500.00	3,458.86	9,238.25
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
Recreation Department	1,250.00	1,252.86	1,500.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,100.00	841.78	1,750.00
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	800.00	150.00	800.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal of Long-Term Notes			
Interest - Long-Term Notes			
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
SUBTOTAL:	1,023,313.85	1,001,713.56	1,094,017.04

WARRANT ARTICLES:

Regional Associations	36,202.28	36,202.28	27,044.76
New Hampton Historical Society	250.00	250.00	250.00
Hospitals	400.00	400.00	0.00
Cemetery Headstones	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Resurfacing Town Roads	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Blake Hill Bridge Eng. & Constr	16,500.00	16,500.00	315,500.00
Highway Truck Ford F350	40,943.00	40,943.00	0.00
Police Cruiser	21,745.00	21,682.01	0.00
Fire Dept. Equipment	13,800.00	13,758.26	0.00
Forestry Truck Refurbishing	10,000.00	9,562.05	0.00
Fire Dept. Software & Equipmnt	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Fire Dept. Power Unit	0.00	0.00	4,200.00
Town Landfill Closure	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
Landfill Eminent Domain Costs	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Unused Sick/Vacation Reserve	29,890.00	28,355.55	0.00
Town Building Repair Fund	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Town Software Revision	15,025.00	15,025.00	0.00
Town Office Telephone System	1,500.00	881.86	0.00
Employee Longevity Pay	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00
Vehicle Maintenance Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
Master Plan	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Emergency Costs 1/98 Ice Storm	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Waste Oil Collection	0.00	0.00	2,500.00

PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:

Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Property Reval Cap. Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00

SUBTOTAL:	308,705.28	306,010.01	524,494.76
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,332,019.13	1,307,723.57	1,618,511.80
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	ESTIMATED REVENUE 1997	ACTUAL REVENUE 1997	ESTIMATED REVENUE 1998
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
TAXES:			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$6,800.00	\$6,065.70	\$3,000.00
Yield Taxes	15,000.00	14,894.64	10,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	575.00	578.29	575.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	35,000.00	39,262.26	35,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:			
Business Licenses and Permits	5,000.00	3,529.66	4,400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	185,000.00	209,953.50	195,000.00
State Municipal Agent Fees	5,000.00	5,695.00	5,600.00
Building Permits	850.00	1,130.00	600.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal Entitlement Lands	409.00	373.00	375.00
FEMA Emergency Reimbursement			37,500.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-			
STATE:			
Shared Revenue-Block Grant	41,007.44	59,700.28	50,000.00
Highway Block Grant	70,776.00	70,776.49	69,131.93
Bridge Aid			252,400.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal			
Forest Land	407.00	408.53	400.00
Reimb. a/c Flood Control	13,031.00	13,025.14	13,025.00
Other - forest fires, grants..	107,868.00	107,340.38	7,500.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments	5,000.00	15,885.69	10,000.00
Rent of Town Property	0.00	100.00	0.00
Other Charges	1,555.00	1,690.04	500.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest on Investments	12,500.00	22,226.11	17,500.00
Other -Ins. Dividends & Claims	24,500.00	41,741.52	24,500.00
-Insurance Reimb.			4,400.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Proceeds of Bonds and Long			
Term Notes			
Withdrawals from Capital	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Reserve			
Withdrawals from General			
Fund Trusts			
Fund Balance Voted from			
Surplus	49,890.00	49,890.00	100,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	<u>\$580,168.44</u>	<u>\$664,266.23</u>	<u>\$851,406.93</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	1996 Appropriations	1997 Appropriations	1998 Appropriations
TOWN CHARGES:	(a)	(b)	(c)
Executive	\$77,465.00	\$75,315.80	\$3,908.20
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	21,725.00	19,737.55	1,987.45
Financial Administration	20,049.00	21,325.82	(1,276.82)
Town Buildings	6,575.00	7,801.85	(1,226.85)
Planning Board	2,750.00	1,420.10	2,044.53
Conservation Commission	800.00	150.00	650.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	725.00	289.54	560.46
Recreation Department	1,250.00	1,252.86	(2.86)
Town Landfill	15,500.00	17,153.04	(1,653.04)
Health Department	200.00	182.20	17.80
Retirement & Social Security	36,238.50	36,383.63	(145.13)
Debt Service	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Insurance	113,444.00	120,267.31	21,861.76
Welfare	8,500.00	3,458.86	5,947.31
Street Lights	1,250.00	1,213.77	36.23
Legal Fees	15,000.00	17,356.90	(2,356.90)
Cemeteries	2,000.00	1,831.60	168.40
Pickup Appraisals	10,000.00	6,497.00	3,583.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,100.00	841.78	258.22
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	\$339,651.50	\$332,189.87	\$39,361.76
OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS:			
Highway Department	316,884.89	\$321,135.18	(4,250.29)
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	113,555.00	108,793.17	8,490.44
Police Department	181,224.46	178,917.88	4,429.07
Fire Department	58,500.00	47,625.81	11,152.49
Emergency Management	13,600.00	12,761.91	5,338.09
Emergency Medical Services			8,959.00
TOTAL OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS	683,662.35	10,731.40	25,159.80
SUBTOTALS:	1,023,313.85	1,001,713.56	1,094,017.04

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

New Hampton Historical Society	250.00	250.00	250.00
Hospitals	400.00	400.00	0.00
Cemetery Headstones	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Resurfacing Town Roads	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Blake Hill Bridge Eng. & Const.	16,500.00	16,500.00	315,500.00
Highway Truck Ford 350	40,943.00	40,943.00	0.00
Police Cruiser	21,745.00	21,682.01	0.00
Fire Dept. Equipment	13,800.00	13,758.26	0.00
Forestry Truck Refurbishing	10,000.00	9,562.05	437.95
Fire Dept. Software & Equip.	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Fire Dept. Backup Power Unit	0.00	0.00	4,200.00
Town Landfill Closure	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
Town Landfill Eminent Domain Costs	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Employee Accrued Benefits	29,890.00	28,355.55	0.00
Town Building Repair Fund	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Town Software Revision	15,025.00	15,025.00	0.00
Town Office Telephone System	1,500.00	881.86	0.00
Employee Longevity Pay	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00
Vehicle Maintenance Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
Master Plan	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Emergency Costs 1/98 Ice Storm	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Waste Oil Collection	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Regional Associations:			
Bristol Community Center	6,961.00	6,961.00	0.00
Community Action Program	5,108.00	5,108.00	6,961.00
Lakes Region Comm. Service	300.00	300.00	5,363.00
Lakes Region Planning Comm.	1,608.00	1,608.00	300.00
Newfound Ambulance Service	9,540.00	9,540.00	1,580.00
Newfound Area Nursing Assoc.	8,992.00	8,992.00	0.00
Youth Services Bureau	3,193.28	3,193.28	8,992.00
New Beginnings	500.00	500.00	3,348.76
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Property Reval. Capital Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	500.00
TOTAL ARTICLE APPROPRIATIONS	\$308,705.28	\$0.00	\$306,010.01
		\$2,695.27	524,494.76

TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS \$1,332,019.13 \$42,921.27 \$1,307,723.57 \$67,216.83 1,618,511.80

- (a) Regulations, copies, etc.
 - (b) Subdivision Fees & Regulations
 - (c) Zoning Board of Adj. Fees
 - (d) Insurance Dividends, Refunds..
 - (e) Reimbursement
 - (f) Recycling Income....
 - (g) Fines, Details, Misc.....
 - (h) Forest Fire Reimbursements
- (i) Emergency Management Grant

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Appropriations:

Executive	\$ 77,465
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	21,725
Financial Administration	20,049
Pickup Appraisal	10,080
Legal Expense	15,000
Employee Benefits	36,239
Planning and Zoning	3,475
General Government Buildings	6,575
Cemeteries	2,000
Insurance	113,444
Regional Associations	36,202
Police Department	181,122
Fire Dept. (includes forest fires, E.M.S.)	52,500
Ambulance Service	6,000
Emergency Management	13,600
Town Road Maintenance	316,885
Street Lighting	1,250
Solid Waste Disposal	113,555
Hospitals	400
Health Officer	200
Town Welfare	10,000
Parks and Recreation	1,250
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Conservation Commission	800
Historical Society	250
Interest on Temporary Notes	5,000
Resurfacing Town Road	75,000
Blake Hill Road Engineering	15,000
Highway Dump Truck	40,943
Police Cruiser	21,745
Town Buildings Maintenance Fund	4,200
Fire Department Equipment and Repairs	23,800
Town Vehicles Maintenance Repair Fund	6,000
Accrued Employee Benefits Fund	29,890
Town Landfill	15,500
Master Plan Update	15,000
Town Office Software	15,025
Telephone System	1,500
Longevity Pay	2,250
Property Revaluation Capital Reserve	10,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve	10,000

\$1,332,019

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 6,800
Yield Taxes	15,000
In Lieu of Taxes	575
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	35,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	185,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	10,850
Federal Lands Entitlement	407
Shared State Revenue	28,603
Highway Block Grant	70,776
State Forest Lands Reimbursement	409
Flood Control Reimbursement	13,031
Landfill Grant	93,948
Other (Bridge Aid, Misc.)	13,920
Income from Departments	6,455
Interest on Deposits	12,500
Insurance Dividends, Claims, Refunds, Grants	24,500
Voted from Surplus	49,890
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	\$ 567,664

Total Town Appropriations	\$1,332,019
Less Revenues and Credits	567,664
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Net Town Appropriations	\$ 764,355
School Appropriations	1,727,653
County Appropriations	187,447
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Total of Town, School and County	\$2,679,455
Less Shared Revenues	31,112
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Add: War Service Credits	\$2,648,343
Overlay	19,200
	30,733
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Property Taxes To Be Raised	\$2,698,276
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Tax Rate: Town	\$ 6.50
School	13.75
County	1.49
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Total Tax Rate \$ 21.74 per One Thousand Dollar Valuation

Financial Report

ASSETS

Cash:		
In custody of Treasurer		\$853,526.80
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Equipment	\$1,069.77	
Flood Control	\$10,820.71	
Conservation Easements	\$7,777.97	
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$10,177.92	
Town Revaluation	\$10,177.92	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$40,024.29
Expendable Trust Funds:		
Town Building Maintenance	\$7,634.94	
Town Vehicle Maintenance	\$6,010.14	
		\$13,645.08
Deferred Compensation Plan (PEBSCO)		\$42,843.43
Due Town from Trustees of Trust Funds		\$1,050.00
Due Town from State of NH		\$13,200.00
Petty Cash Accounts		\$300.00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1996	\$57,047.40	
Levy of 1995	\$29,451.35	
Levy of 1994	\$3,553.47	
Levy of 1993	\$1,855.70	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		\$91,907.92
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1997	\$256,920.36	
Yield Taxes	\$2,548.42	
Total Uncollected Taxes		\$259,468.78
Disabled Tax Liens:		
Levy of 1996	\$1,000.00	
Levy of 1995	\$852.37	
Levy of 1994	\$1,125.00	
Levy of 1993	\$1,099.63	
Levy of 1992	\$1,067.57	
Levy of 1991	\$709.00	
		\$5,853.57
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,321,819.87
Fund Balance - December 31, 1996	\$267,245.76	
Fund Balance - December 31, 1997	\$311,659.85	
Reserved Fund Bal. - 12/31/97	\$29,986.65	
Change in Financial Condition -		
Increase In Fund Balance	\$74,400.74	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed By the Town:

Unexpended Balances of	
Special Appropriations:	
Main Street Repair Fund	\$3,516.68
Conservation Commission Funds	\$17,490.89
School District Payable	\$862,653.00

Total Accounts Owed By the Town \$883,660.57

Deferred Compensation Plan (PEBSCO) \$42,843.43
 Petty Cash Accounts \$300.00

Capital Reserve Funds:

Highway Equipment	\$1,069.77
Flood Control	\$10,820.71
Conservation Easements	\$7,777.97
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$10,177.92
Town Revaluation	\$10,177.92

Total Capital Reserve Funds \$40,024.29

Expendable Trust Funds:

Town Building Maintenance	\$7,634.94
Town Vehicle Maintenance	\$6,010.14
	\$13,645.08

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$980,173.37

Fund Balance - Current Surplus \$311,659.85
 Fund Balance - Reserved Surplus \$29,986.65

GRAND TOTAL \$1,321,819.87

Statement of Receipts

LOCAL TAXES 1995:

Property Taxes	\$2,417,019.38
In Lieu of Taxes	578.29
Yield Taxes	12,346.22
Interest on Taxes	2,801.25
Overpayments	3,334.63
Current Use Penalty	8,087.60
Fees for -Insuff. Funds	15.00
Miscellaneous	13.00

\$2,444,195.37

LOCAL TAXES - PREVIOUS YEARS:

Property Taxes	\$271,813.27
Yield Taxes	4,207.00
Interest/Cost on Taxes	36,461.01
Tax Sales Redeemed	98,414.20

\$410,895.48

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

State - Shared Revenue	\$59,700.28
Highway Block Grant Aid	70,776.49
Reimb. a/c State & Federal Forest Lands	408.53
Reimb. a/c Flood Control	13,025.14
State Grants, Reimb. Forest F	94,140.38

\$238,050.82

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Federal Entitlement Lands	373.00
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373.00

LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:

TOWN CLERK:

Dog Licenses & Fines	\$2,772.00
Marriage License Fees	405.00
Vital Record Searches	236.00
Town Clerk Misc. Fees	26.41
UCC fees	806.25
Motor Vehicle Permits	215,648.50
Dump Stickers	648.00
NSF - Fees Collected	210.00
Overpayments	0.00

220,752.16

District Court Fines	180.00	
Special Details	1,358.75	
Police Dept. Fees, Permits...	1,738.66	
Recycling & Scrapmetal	3,728.61	
Forest Fire Reimbursements	278.30	
Emergency Management Grants	4,500.00	
Subdivision Fees, Copies...	714.63	
Zoning Board of Adj. Fees	125.00	
Recreation Department	0.00	
Building & Driveway Permits	1,130.00	
Misc. Fees, Junkyards...	1,927.96	
Sale of Town Property	0.00	
Boat Registrations	391.08	
Bank Account Interest	22,226.11	
Grants, Insurance Dividends..	28,685.07	
COBRA (Insurance Contrib.)	0.00	
Redeposited Checks(1995-96)	0.00	
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		\$66,984.17
CAPITAL RESERVE:		
Landfill Closure	13,056.45	
Highway Department	6,000.00	
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		19,056.45
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:		
EMPLOYEE ACCRUED BENEFITS	10,398.32	
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		10,398.32
OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:		
Transfer Citizen Bank to FSB	14,461.29	
Voided Check -Lost	207.27	
Insufficient Funds (1996)	465.53	
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		15,134.09
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<hr/>
		\$3,425,839.86
Balance January 1, 1997		725,364.29
GRAND TOTAL		<hr/>
		\$4,151,204.15

Statement of Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE

Salaries	6,000.00
Hourly Wages	51,171.61
Contract Services	6,574.26
Dues & Subscriptions	1,405.06
Office Supplies	3,207.20
Telephone	1,322.16
Postage	948.85
Printing	1,640.85
Newsletter	2,540.39
Advertising	347.83
Miscellaneous Expenses	14.00
Registry Fees	143.59

TOTAL

75,315.80

ELECTION/REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS:

Salaries	13,623.77
Hourly Wages	2,729.59
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	681.33
Office Supplies	1,920.29
Telephone	242.06
Postage	268.21
Printing	141.00
Advertising	131.30
Miscellaneous	0.00

TOTAL

19,737.55

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries	12,427.69
Hourly Wages	2,145.00
Contract Services	880.00
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	337.93
Office Supplies	2,236.35
Telephone	241.53
Postage	2,101.14
Registry Fees	332.00
Bank Service Charges	624.18

TOTAL

21,325.82

TOWN BUILDINGS:

Hourly Wages	1,101.00
Contract Services	855.00
Furniture & Equipment	809.40
Utilities	3,142.44
Supplies	475.44
Repairs & Maintenance	1,418.57

TOTAL

7,801.85

PLANNING BOARD:		
Contract Service	50.00	
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	240.00	
Office Supplies	90.62	
Postage	286.16	
Printing	562.80	
Advertising	136.02	
Registry Fees	54.50	
TOTAL		1,420.10
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:		
Hourly Wages	0.00	
Contract Services	0.00	
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	150.00	
Postage	0.00	
Registry Fees	0.00	
TOTAL		150.00
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:		
Hourly Wages	40.00	
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	126.00	
Office Supplies	45.00	
Postage	32.30	
Advertising	46.24	
TOTAL		289.54
RECREATION DEPARTMENT:		
Contract Services	221.00	
Easter Egg Hunt	292.43	
Halloween Party	617.34	
Miscellaneous	122.09	
TOTAL		1,252.86
TOWN LANDFILL:		
Landfill Post Closure	13,653.04	
Landfill Lease	3,500.00	
TOTAL		17,153.04
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:		
Salary	100.00	
Dues	82.20	
TOTAL		182.20
SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE & RETIREMENT:		
Fica	17,148.27	
Medicare	6,060.15	
NH Retirement	8,464.83	
Police Retirement	4,710.38	
TOTAL		36,383.63

DEBT SERVICE:		
Interest - Temporary Notes	0.00	
TOTAL		<u>0.00</u>
INSURANCE:		
NHMA Property/Liability	28,880.00	
NHMA Health Trust - Dental	7,442.68	
NHMA Health Insurance Trust	60,274.44	
NHMA Unemployment	559.33	
CFNH Worker's Compensation	19,632.00	
Group Life Insurance	720.04	
Long Term Disability Ins.	1,198.68	
Short Term Disability Ins	1,560.14	
TOTAL		<u>120,267.31</u>
WELFARE:		
Hourly Wages	344.50	
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	50.00	
Miscellaneous	65.00	
Rent	1,602.60	
Food Vouchers	249.91	
Medical	245.36	
Utilities	901.49	
TOTAL		<u>3,458.86</u>
STREET LIGHTS:		
Street Lights	1,213.77	
TOTAL		<u>1,213.77</u>
LEGAL:		
Legal Fees	17,356.90	
TOTAL		<u>17,356.90</u>
CEMETERIES:		
Contract Services	831.60	
Cemetery Association	1,000.00	
TOTAL		<u>1,831.60</u>
PROPERTY APPRAISAL:		
Contract Services	6,497.00	
TOTAL		<u>6,497.00</u>
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
Memorial Day Flags	142.28	
Old Home Day Contract Services	450.00	
Old Home Day Supplies	249.50	
TOTAL		<u>841.78</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:		
Hourly Wages	123,975.42	
Contract Services	27,006.94	
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	459.47	
Telephone	678.94	
Utilities	2,882.90	
Supplies, Tools, etc.	15,171.01	
Equipment Rental	6,780.00	
Gas, Oil & Grease	9,001.89	
Sand, Salt & Gravel	47,282.68	
Parts, Repairs, Maintenance	20,365.04	
Miscellaneous	3.00	
Highway Block Grant	67,527.89	
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TOTAL		321,135.18
TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER:		
Hourly Wages	22,575.40	
Contract Services	23,534.93	
Dues, Subscriptions, Conf.	1,216.29	
Utilities	1,106.52	
Supplies	764.15	
Equipment Rental	1,200.00	
Landfill	58,272.15	
Repairs	103.73	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
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TOTAL		108,793.17
POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Hourly Wages	152,490.68	
Training	371.73	
Dues, Subscriptions	1,222.35	
Office Supplies	4,091.95	
Telephone	3,064.19	
Utilities	1,322.50	
Supplies & Equipment	1,313.65	
Building Maintenance	192.00	
Vehicle Fuel	5,098.05	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,431.97	
Uniforms	2,867.68	
Special Duty Pay	1,275.00	
Humane Society	300.00	
Weapons & Ammo	1,505.69	
Communications	370.44	
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TOTAL		178,917.88

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Hourly Wages	17,191.52
Contract Services	0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,922.00
Telephone	578.41
Utilities	1,651.58
Supplies	2,347.98
Gas, Oil & Grease	1,017.25
Repairs & Maintenance	3,511.51
Heating Fuel	1,314.32
Tools, Equipment, Uniforms	15,690.55
Training	1,478.85
Medical	921.84

TOTAL

47,625.81

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Hourly Wages	7,673.03
Supplies & Equipment	5,088.88
Fuel Expenses	0.00

TOTAL

12,761.91

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Property Revaluation Capital Reserve	10,000.00
Employee Accrued Time	28,355.55
Town Office Software	15,025.00
Telephone System	881.86
Longevity Pay	2,250.00
Vehicle Maintenance Trust Fund	6,000.00
Resurfacing Town Roads	75,000.00
Highway Dept. 1-Ton Truck	40,943.00
Blake Hill Bridge Engineering	1,109.35
Police Cruiser	21,682.01
Fire Dept. Equipment	13,758.26
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	10,000.00
Forestry Truck Refurbishing	9,562.05
Master Plan Update	404.00
Town Bldg. Maintenance Trust Fund	4,200.00
Regional Associations	36,202.28
Hospitals	400.00
Historical Society	250.00

TOTAL

276,023.36

OTHER EXPENDITURES

OVERPAYMENTS:	3,323.77
ABATEMENTS & REFUNDS:	1,383.79
TAX LIEN 1996	94,622.03
DISABLED TAX LIENS	1,000.00
TOWN CLERK REFUNDS	0.00
REPLACED CHECK	207.27
CURRENT USE 25% TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2,021.90
DEPT. OF REVENUE APPROVED SURPLUS EXPENSE	39,301.94
CLOSING ACCT. CITIZENS TO FRANKLIN SAVINGS	14,461.29

ENCUMBERED FUND PAYMENTS

Landfill Closure	3,579.01
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EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND PAYMENTS

Town Building Maintenance Fund	1,050.00
Employee Accrued Benefits Fund	10,398.32

INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES:	0.00
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PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

STATE TREASURER (MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES):	342.00
STATE TREASURER (VITAL RECORDS):	132.00
ANIMAL POPULATION FEE	1,100.00
TREASURER, BELKNAP COUNTY:	187,447.00
NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:	1,677,061.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,315,168.24
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1997	836,035.91
GRAND TOTAL	4,151,204.15

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Land	\$48,910,870.00	
Buildings	63,377,882.00	
Electric Utilities	12,332,331.00	
		\$124,621,083.00
Blind Exemptions	\$ 75,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions	271,200.00	
Physically Handicapped	9,125.00	
School Dining Room, Dorm, etc.	150,000.00	
		\$505,325.00
NET VALUATION		\$124,115,758.00

Schedule of Town Property as of December 31, 1997

Description:

Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$300,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 27,220.00
Police Department, Equipment	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Department, Lands & Buildings	\$181,300.00
Equipment	\$312,800.00
Highway Department, Lands & Buildings	\$154,400.00
Equipment	\$234,000.00
Transfer Station Buildings	\$ 41,000.00
Transfer Station Equipment	\$ 19,000.00
Land & Buildings from Tax Collector's Deeds:	\$511,300.00
Map No. R-18-14 Jackson Pond	
Map No. R-6-5 Chase Road	
Map No. R-19-32 Winona Road	
Map No. U-5-5 Wolfe Den Community School	
Map No. R-19-29 Ames Brook/Ashland Town Line	
Map No. R-13-9 Old Bristol Road	
Map No. R-5-10A Off Straits Road	
Map No. R-9-21 Off Straits Road	
Map No. U-7-1 Route 104	
Map No. R-8-1, 1S & 1R, 1U, 1V, 18, & 18A & B Winona Heights	
Map No. R-5-13 off Route 104	
	\$1,806,520.00

Trustees of Trust Funds

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR		NEW FUNDS CREATED OR WITHDRAWN		PRINCIPAL - GAINS OR (LOSSES)		BALANCE END YEAR		INCOME DURING YEAR		EXPENSES DURING YEAR		BALANCE END YEAR		TOTAL
NEW HAMPTON VILLAGE PRECINCT-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS																	
06-14-65	Electric Department	Capital Improvement	74,937.89	0.00	(51.66)	74,886.23	13,633.55	0.00	20,719.90	7,886.35	0.00	0.00	20,719.90	95,606.13			
06-03-65	Sewer Department	Capital Improvement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
12-29-68	Water Department	Capital Improvement	44,273.19	0.00	(30.52)	44,242.67	17,948.98	4,186.60	22,135.58	66,378.25							
TOWN CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS																	
12/31/69	Fire Department	Apparatus & Equipment	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	177.92	10,177.92								
12/31/69	Highway Department	Purchase Highway Equipment	3,064.80	(2,000.00)	(2.11)	1,062.69	3,717.26	289.82	4,000.00	1,069.77							
03/09/48	Flood Control	Highway Maintenance Payments	6,457.25	0.00	(4.45)	6,452.80	3,757.29	610.62	4,367.91	10,820.71							
12/28/67	Landfill Closure		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,056.45	0.00	13,056.45	0.00							
03/18/69	Conservation	Basements/Development Rights	5,003.45	0.00	(3.45)	5,000.00	2,304.83	473.14	2,777.97	7,777.97							
07/10/97	Town Revaluation		0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	177.92	10,177.92								
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TOTALS			133,736.58	18,000.00	(92.19)	151,644.39	54,418.36	13,002.37	50,364.28	17,056.45	202,008.67						

CEMETERY FUNDS

03/01/44	David H. Smith	Perpetual Care	703.77	44.27	748.04	3,681.26	194.76	3,876.02	4,624.06
02/19/51	John M. Flanders	Perpetual Care	422.27	26.56	448.83	1,617.06	90.58	1,707.64	2,156.47
04/02/52	Egalin Memorial	Perpetual Care	1,129.96	71.08	1,201.04	1,332.13	109.35	1,391.48	2,592.52
02/07/72	Elisha Smith	Perpetual Care	140.76	8.85	149.61	1,336.15	65.60	1,401.75	1,551.36
03/17/79	Frank P. Morrill	Perpetual Care	1,407.56	88.55	1,496.11	2,523.94	174.62	2,698.56	4,194.67

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

04/21/58	Sarah Dow MacGregor	Education of New Hampton Girls	116,407.86	7,328.21	123,836.07	4,058.56	5,354.10	5,125.00	128,123.73
03/13/84	New Hampton Women's Club	Education of New Hampton Women	4,228.50	266.01	4,494.51	377.82	204.59	150.00	4,926.92

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Town Building Maintenance	0.00	7,499.30	0.00	7,499.30	0.00	135.64	135.64	7,634.94	
Town Vehicle Maintenance	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	10.14	10.14	6,010.14	
TRUST FUND TOTALS	124,440.68	13,599.30	7,833.53	145,873.51	14,926.92	6,339.38	5,325.00	15,941.30	161,814.81

*NOTE:

Capital gains have been adjusted by (\$4,542.19) to correct unrealized gains reported in 1985 and 1988.

T. Holmes Moore
Stanley B. Eisenbard, Jr.
Michel S. LeDuc, Jr.
Trustees of Trust Funds

Tax Collector's Report

For The Year Ending December 31, 1997

	<u>Levy of 1997</u>			
	<u>Warrant</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>
Property Taxes	\$2,682,032.29	\$2,417,019.38	\$8,092.55	\$256,920.36
In Lieu of Taxes	\$578.29	\$578.29		\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$17,294.71	\$12,346.22	\$2,400.07	\$2,548.42
Current Use Penalty	\$8,087.60	\$8,087.60		\$0.00
Overpayments	\$3,334.63	\$3,334.63		
Interest Collected	\$2,801.25	\$2,801.25		
Fees for - NSF	\$15.00	\$15.00		
Miscellaneous	\$13.00	\$13.00		
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TOTALS	\$2,714,156.77	\$2,444,195.37	\$10,492.62	\$259,468.78

	<u>Levy of 1996</u>			
	<u>Uncollected Jan. 1, 1997</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>
Property Taxes	\$271,814.14	\$271,813.27	\$0.87	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$4,207.00	\$4,207.00		\$0.00
Interest & Costs	\$19,248.31	\$19,248.31		
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TOTALS	\$295,269.45	\$295,268.58	\$0.87	\$0.00

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

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
Tax Collector

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

	DR.				
	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$94,622.03	\$71,333.97	\$40,136.65	\$2,920.03	\$1,009.84
Taxes Executed/Liened to Town During Fiscal Year	\$1,894.31	\$6,685.48	\$8,632.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Collected After Lien Execution	\$96,516.34	\$78,019.45	\$48,769.56	\$2,920.03	\$1,009.84
TOTAL DEBITS					\$997.43
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Remittances to Treasurer During Year: Interest & Costs After Lien Decided To Town	\$31,736.55	\$36,109.89	\$30,567.76		
Abateements During Year	\$1,894.31	\$6,685.48	\$8,632.91		
Unredeemed Taxes at End of Year	\$5,838.08	\$5,772.73	\$6,015.42	\$1,064.33	\$997.43
TOTAL CREDITS	\$57,047.40	\$29,451.35	\$3,553.47	\$1,855.70	\$0.00
	\$96,516.34	\$78,019.45	\$48,769.56	\$2,920.03	\$1,009.84
					\$997.43

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

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

Auto Fees	\$215,648.50
Transfer Station Sticker Fees	\$648.00
Dog Fees	\$2,772.00
UCC Fees	\$806.25
Vital Record Fees	\$236.00
Marriage License Fees	\$405.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$26.41
NSF Fees	\$210.00
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Totals	\$220,752.16
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I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
New Hampton Town Clerk

Town Treasurer's Report

Receipts on Hand	
January 1, 1997	\$ 725,364.29
Receipts for Year 1997	3,425,839.86
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Total Receipts	\$4,151,204.15
Paid Selectmen's Orders	3,315,168.24
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Balance in Treasury	
December 31, 1997	\$ 836,035.91

Mary Butcher, Treasurer

Selectmen's Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Mark T. Denoncour
Chester W. Butcher, Jr.
Laurence A. Blood

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

New Hampton Police Department

1997 Annual Report

This year was again a busy year. Not only did the time pass too quickly, but our calls for Service increased some 2.6%. The increase in calls came in many different areas. However, we did see the crimes against persons and property decrease as compared to last year. There are many reasons for this, one being that we are proactive in our patrol. Our cruisers combined traveled over 90,000 miles last year. Another is the follow up work being done by the members of the department.

The computer software that we received from the State is in place and working well. This software allows us to retrieve information quicker, track our calls for service, as well as report our offenses to the FBI, using a disk.

Again this year the Department participated in career day, and presented programs on seat belts, Halloween safety, and Bicycle Safety, in the Community School. We are looking forward to continuing these, and we hope to expand into other areas in the near future.

Through the year the members of the Department, above their mandatory training, participated in training sessions sponsored by Police Standards and Training, as well as the New Hampshire Municipal Association. They trained in D.W.I., Interview and Interrogation, Advanced Field Training Officer, Personality and Conflict Resolution, and Internal Investigations.

One of the major accomplishments, not only for the police department, was installing the phone system. As you may recall, last year at Town Meeting I asked you to appropriate money for the installation of a phone system. After Town meeting, we received the gift of the system from the New Hampton School, and after speaking with several different independent phone companies we chose ArComm. They assisted us with advice, and provided us with the materials we needed to wire the system ourselves, and then they came in and performed the technical installation of the control system. The system works well, thank you.

In closing, I wish to thank the Bristol, Ashland, Meredith, and Sanbornton Police Departments, along with the New Hampshire State Police, and the Belknap County Sheriff's Department for their continued assistance throughout the year. Mostly, I wish to thank you, the citizens. Without your continued support and heartfelt interest in the community, New Hampton wouldn't be the community it is. Lastly, I would like to recognize Sgt. James Brunt, Officer George Huckins, and Officer Troy Boynton for their dedicated service to the Townspeople of New Hampton. Thank you again.

AS A REMINDER, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT IS OUT OF PLACE OR DOESN'T BELONG, CALL THE POLICE.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.
Chief of Police

1997 Police Department Activity

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Assault.....	4
Criminal Threatening.....	3
Harassment.....	15
Sexual Assault.....	2
Statutory Rape.....	1

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Attempted Burglary.....	1
Bad Checks.....	5
Burglary.....	9
Criminal Mischief.....	18
Criminal Trespass.....	2
Theft.....	40
Theft of a Motor Vehicle.....	3

OTHER ACTIVITY

Alarms.....	82
Animal Complaints.....	38
Assist Other Departments.....	149
Attempt To Locate.....	45
Business Checks.....	1589
Civil Matter.....	46
Disorderly Conduct.....	4
Dog Complaints.....	27
Dog Bites.....	6
Domestic Disturbances.....	23
Fire/Medical Emergency... ..	69
House Checks.....	34
House Checks-Requests....	9
Juvenile-Chins.....	2
Juvenile-Delinquent.....	1
Liquor Law Violations.....	2
Mental Person.....	2
Money Escorts.....	233

Motorist Assist.....	98
Motor Vehicle Complaints.....	55
Motor Vehicle Other.....	14
O.H.R.V. Complaints.....	3
Ordinance Violations.....	4
Pistol Permits	17
Police Info. and Misc....	55
Runaway.....	3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	45
Taking W/O Owners Consent	1
Untimely Deaths.....	1
All Other Offenses.....	216

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

ACCIDENTS

Personal Injury.....	20
Property Damage.....	57
Conduct After an Accident	2

Summonses Issued..... 150

Warnings Issued..... 1137

ARRESTS

Assault - Simple.....	1
Criminal Mischief.....	1
Criminal Threatening.....	1
Domestic Disturbance.....	3
Driving While Intoxicated	5
Protective Custody.....	3
Habitual Offender.....	1
Op. After Suspension.....	5
Sexual Assault.....	1
Theft of a Motor Vehicle.....	1
Warrants.....	4

New Hampton Fire Department 1997 Report

This year in the operational budget request is the full funding increase for the transport costs. This replaces the \$9,540.00 appropriated in 1997 for Bristol EMS. As of this report we have already done over 20+ transports since the start up on January 1st 1998. These revenues will go into the special revenue account established last year at town meeting.

On the EMS side of things this past year saw many hours going towards increasing certification levels for our personnel involved with giving medical care to people. Hundreds of hours were put into classroom time, hospital training time and testing for certifications. We now are able to administer 6 different life saving drugs at the scenes of medical calls before taking the person to the hospital. I appreciate all the time these members donated to the town in order to increase the level of care we provide.

The members put a lot of time and effort into building the new forestry truck that was approved last year. They completely dismantled the truck and installed all the new components to better equip the department for handling forestry calls. By doing all the work ourselves and not sending the truck out to have it refurbished we were able to use the allocation towards putting a lot of items needed on the truck. If any one would like to see this vehicle we meet every Monday night at 7 PM.

During the budget process this year I brought to the selectmen's attention the need for additional space and necessary changes that need to be made at the fire station. The existing fire station was built back in the 60's at a time when there were only 20 – 30 fire calls a year. Now in 1997 we are doing almost 300 fire and medical calls a year. With all the changes in requirements on the federal and state levels since then I feel the need to look into planning some changes for the near future. For this reason I requested the Selectmen to appoint a building or space needs committee for the town in order to look at how we might be able to meet the needs of the future.

In the near future Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association will be moving the dispatch center to a new location on North Main Street in Laconia, vacating its present location in the basement of the county courthouse. When they do they will be upgrading their radio communications system to VHF frequencies. At some point changes will have to be made in all communities to be able to convert from the low band radio system now being used to the new high band system.

This year we will be asking for 3 items on the warrant. Two of those items will be safety gear and computer software. Funds for the purchases to be taken out of the capital reserve account appropriated last year at town meeting. The third item is a portable/ lightweight power unit for the "jaws of life". This unit would allow one person to use the unit where with the larger power unit it takes 3-4 people to set it up and run it. It would also provide a back up in case of a break down, and also to have a unit in town if the

the rescue is tied up on mutual-aid or transport. It's important to have this ability with the number of accidents, which occur on the major routes, which run through town. It is not unusual for us to have several severe car accidents at one time.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for their support (firefighters, wives, women's auxiliary, selectmen, town employees, and citizens). We all have a town that we can be proud of. Remember to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year to make sure they are operating properly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Drake
 Fire Chief
 Forest Fire Warden
 Emergency Management Director

FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS FOR 11/1/1996 TO 12/31/97

Medical Aid	94	Cover Truck	04	Forest Fires	06
Car Accident	66	Car Fire	10	Good Intent	00
Good Intent	00	Chimney Fire	15		
		Fire Alarm	48		
		Wires Down	14		
		Structure Fire	20		
		Hazardous Material	03		
		Good Intent	17		

In Town	121	In Town	102	In Town	04
Automatic	037	Automatic	020	Automatic	00
Mutual Aid	002	Mutual Aid	009	Mutual Aid	02

TOTAL	160	TOTAL	131	TOTAL	06
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TOTAL CALLS FOR 1997 297

Forest Fire Warden's Report

To assist the Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact us to find out if a fire permit is required. Violations of the burning law punishable by fines of up to \$2,000.00 and/or a year in jail. People who violate this law are also liable for fire suppression costs.

There are over 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens throughout the state. Each community has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, inspection of local campgrounds, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season. The town was fortunate not to have experienced any major fires during this time.

The State operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Some of the major causes for forest fires this year were Debris Burning, Campfires, Children, and Smoking.

If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws you can call the state office at 271-2217.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael A. Drake
Forest Fire Warden

Fire Permits Issued	1997	Fires for the County	
Regular	166	Belknap	58
Seasonal	29		
Total	195		

For Fire Permits or Information Contact:

Michael Drake	744-8502	Forest Fire Warden
William Price	744-8092	Deputy Warden
Kenneth Torsey	968-3988	Deputy Warden

Department of Public Works

1997 Report

Another year has flown by, each one seems to accelerate more. 1997 presented us with many changes and challenges; from personnel policies to personnel changes, adjustments were constantly being made.

In 1997 we reclaimed, added ledge pac, then paved much of Old Bristol Road, from the junction of Blake Hill Road to Central Street Bridge. We hope to shim the remainder of this section and put an additional inch of asphalt over it during the summer of 1998. Pinnacle Hill Road, from the Town Offices to the Blood Farm, also got a face lift with reclaiming, ditching, ledge pac and paving. We hope to shim and add one inch of pavement here, also. Extensive rebuilding of Donkin Hill Road also took place last summer. We widened, ditched, added ledge pac and fabric, then paved with two inches of asphalt.

In 1998 we are directing the road rebuilding money towards the replacement of Blake Hill Bridge. That end of town is completely shut off by State-red-lined bridges which have low weight limits. This is a much-needed project for which State monies will pay the biggest part of the cost eventually.

Robert Donnelly II left the Public Works Department last summer, and Donald Dow joined our team. His expertise as an equipment operator and just plain common sense person is much appreciated. Mike Gray became a full time employee in 1997 after working several years part time.

We really appreciate you, the townspeople, for giving us a call when you see a problem that needs correcting. We also appreciate your support and encouragement throughout the year. Many extra helping hands show up during crises, like the recent ice storm. It's a good feeling knowing you are there when needed.

At this time, I would again like to thank Gene Wallace for the many hours he continues to volunteer at the recycle building.

Bruce Harvey, Dave Clement, Bill Huckins and Skip Gailey, Thank You for being on our winter team and doing such good work.

I have a great crew to work with, they are here, for the best interest of the town, every day or night as need be. Thank You - Doug, Bill, Jeff, Mike, Bobby and Don, for giving your best this year. And we can't forget the support team at the Town Office, Barbara and Elaine, who keep the town moving.

Thank you.

Gordon Huckins
Public Works Director

Planning Board 1997 Report

The following report summarizes decisions made by the New Hampton Planning Board on behalf of the town and its residents during the fiscal year 1997. The New Hampton Planning Board has conducted and completed approval of **3** site plan review applications and **1** new subdivision involving a total of **3** new lots. Also reviewed were **2** boundary line adjustments. Fees collected for 1997 totaled \$714.63. Currently there are in excess of **92** vacant lots.

The report would be remiss not to include my sincere gratitude to Barbara Lucas for her seemingly tireless effort to provide information to the planning board membership. We are all better prepared to deliver a more rational public dialogue because of her dedication.

What a remarkable opportunity to express our freedom in New Hampton, New Hampshire. The year began with a realization that motivating new action committee leadership to implement the ideals defined at the Community Profile event was but the beginning of a process. The stamina required to fulfill the new leadership roles, our community volunteer decision makers identified, brought home the reality that nothing happens without continued energetic initiatives to stimulate a worthy consequence. New leadership volunteers energized specific actions to formulate the blue print by which we define the character of our community in the years ahead. Together, we have found a new alliance to inspire involvement opportunities, protect our living standard, or enjoy a purpose in retirement. We must all work to collectively preserve the rich traditions our New Hampton ancestors bestowed on this land we call home.

The Newsletter initiative added new contributors although the quest to increase the volume and frequency of publication gave way to the instinct that preservation of the quality and simplicity identified its fundamental success. The recognition of being honored as the best content issue in the State of New Hampshire for the January 1997 publication provided much pride for all to share.

The Economic Development Committee held several meetings identifying the various issues that concern our town community regarding balanced growth. The infrastructure required to accommodate successful business investments is a vital dialogue in the early planning strategies for commercial and industrial development. This effort will increase as the pressure for commercial growth begs a local partnership to attract prosperous business investment entrepreneurs.

Updating the Master Plan has moved through the early stages of identifying the various information necessary to shape its mission. A questionnaire to gather public concerns has been initiated. If you wish to influence the manner in which New Hampton will inspire future growth please feel invited to participate. Broad public participation is critical to the success of this initiative.

Perhaps the most unique cause was given energy early in 1997 by a village precinct vote to evaluate the desirability and actions necessary to transfer the administration of New Hampton Village planning and zoning to an alliance with the larger township community. Several discussions have moved the issue to an internal decision within the precinct authority early in 1998.

While legal requirements can provoke entrenchment, a more significant opportunity is at hand. I share a very idealistic desire to generate a positive trust by nourishing this dialogue with optimism. We can collectively author a zoning instrument, inspired by the current precinct ordinance, that will preserve the individualism and dignity of all citizen constituents of our village and town communities. Assuring both the village community of an active role and the broader community of an open public dialogue can promote a joint commitment to unify all of New Hampton's planning and zoning regulatory and compliance management under one community leadership authority.

The New Hampton Planning Board has held several meetings reviewing changes to the New Hampton Planning and Zoning Regulations. Public Hearings were held in compliance with RSA 675:3 to inform the constituency and include suggestions formulating the language defining several issues. Bed & Breakfast, Yard or Garage Sale, Road Sign standards and Special Exception revisions including Outdoor Educational use in Residential and Agricultural Zone comprise the themes. **We respectfully request your support of these changes to be approved by ballot vote on March 10, 1998.**

I encourage any citizen land owner or resident to become a part of the process of developing good planning in our community. We meet every third Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at the New Hampton Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard L. Smith, Chair

New Hampton Master Plan Update Committee

The New Hampton Master Plan Update Committee met for the first time on June 12, 1997. This was an organizational meeting attended by 45 townspeople. Of the 45 people attending, 21 volunteered to serve on the 4 sub-committees. These sub-committees are Community Vision, Land Use, Population and Historical. We have entered into a contract with Lakes Region Planning Commission to provide technical assistance during the updating process.

We have held regular monthly meetings for the entire committee and each of the sub-committees have held individual meetings as needed.

The updating of the Master Plan began with a thorough review of the New Hampton Master Plan, the results of the *New Hampton Community Profile Meetings* held in November 1996 and the master plans of surrounding towns.

The Community Vision Sub-committee has developed a survey that will be mailed to all voters and landowners in New Hampton. They will follow up this survey with a series of meetings to insure the best sampling of views on New Hampton are gathered. This will culminate in a report that will summarize what the townspeople of New Hampton desire for their town in the future. This will be the foundation for the content of the Master Plan.

The Land Use Sub-committee has conducted an inventory of all the maps, aerial photos and topographical surveys possessed by the Town to determine if additional assets are required. An inventory of land use in New Hampton will begin sometime in February 1998.

The Population Sub-committee has been gathering the demographic statistics required for the update. They are gathering data from within the town, the Lakes Region Planning Commission and the State of New Hampshire.

The Historical Sub-committee has met several times over the past Summer and Fall and have laid the groundwork for their efforts once the results of the Community survey are completed.

The Article for updating the Master Plan that was passed in March 1997 provided funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 for this effort. It is my estimate that this funding will be sufficient to complete the update.

It is important that any Master Plan outlines the desires of the townspeople it serves. In order for this to happen, the townspeople must participate in the process. I extend an open invitation to any resident of New Hampton to join us in this process and make your voice heard and your opinion known. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Gordon Nash Library. Join us please.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Tierney
Chairman

Economic Development Steering Committee

The Economic Development Steering Committee has been actively pursuing the creation of a business park on land owned by L.W. Packard and Ambrose Brothers, Inc. just north of the Transfer Station between Route 132 and Interstate 93. L.W. Packard donated engineering data from a waste water disposal study to the Newfound Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) for public use. NEDC will pay for this information to be put into a final report. In January, the committee met with Tom Clark, Executive Director of the Rural Community Assistance Program, and a water resources specialist. His advice helped the committee decide to place an article in the Town Warrant authorizing the Selectmen to make application for a Community Development Block Grant planning study for a proposed business park on Route 132 North. The NEDC has money available to support the study so no appropriation will be necessary. The study will seek to answer three key questions. One, should the Town pursue the development of the business park on the location proposed by the Steering Committee; two, if yes, what would be the most beneficial mix of tenants; and three, what type of waste water disposal would be feasible. The study will

1. Collect and analyze socio-economic and land data to determine the following:
 - a. That a business would be an asset to the Town.
 - b. The type of park most beneficial to New Hampton, i.e. offices, small businesses, small industry, or other.
 - c. The impact on neighboring properties.
 - d. An analysis of potential funding options, forms of organization of the park and ownership structures.
 - e. Any archeological studies. (required for Federal funding)
2. Collect and analyze data to determine the best way to meet the waste water disposal needs of the site.
3. Provide an estimate of the cost to design and construct whatever waste water disposal option the consultant determines to be appropriate and economical.
4. Conduct an income survey of properties along potential waste water sewer lines.

If approved by the voters at the March meeting, the study will be conducted during the spring and summer, with a written report to the Steering Committee by September 1, 1998.

Norm L'Italien has joined the Steering Committee and finds its deliberations interesting and productive. If participation in this enterprise appeals to you, please call T. Holmes Moore at 744-2765.

Submitted by,

T. Holmes Moore

Committee Members:

T. Holmes Moore, Laurence Blood, Norman L'Italien, Barbara Lucas, Change Parker, and Bernard Smith.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

This past year has been very quiet for the Zoning Board of Adjustment with only one application brought before the board. Board members took advantage of some of this quiet time to review the ordinance and come up with a list of recommendations for possible changes or improvements to submit to the Planning Board. In particular, board members took a very hard look at the portions of New Hampton's Ordinance which regulate signs. We looked at how a number of other towns deal with signs and used the ideas we came up with to attempt to improve wording, clarify definitions, and close loopholes in New Hampton's Ordinance. A large number of Zoning Board of Adjustment members attended Planning Board meetings and hearings to share our thoughts and concerns. This dialogue between the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board has been a great way for town volunteers to get to know one another and keep the planning process running smoothly. It is hoped the voters will support the proposed zoning changes being put before them this year.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is blessed with a group of very dedicated citizen volunteers. Besides attending regular meetings, many members set aside extra time to attend law lectures and do research to enable the board to serve the Town of New Hampton and its citizens as professionally as possible.

Please feel welcome to attend any of the Board's regularly scheduled meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Erler
Chair

New Hampton Conservation Commission

Dave Erler presented his notable month-long wetlands program to the NH Community School Fourth Graders, including a one-day field visit to the Town Conservation Area sponsored by the commission. Dave has been dedicated to this age group for enough years that we now hear of highschool students being influenced in their life choices by Dave's enthusiasm and knowledge.

Various Boy Scout troops visited the area, some for a weekend stay, and we know we can count on some area upgrade after each of their visits! And this year we plan more accessible pathways.

We continue to encourage open space ensuring not only the environmental bonuses but cultural and financial practicalities. Phil Auger of UNH Extension has done an impressive study of many NH towns measuring where/how much town service (taxes) is rendered to inhabited properties vs undeveloped land and it becomes quite obvious: Open Space Pays. A copy of his work on a few towns is at the Town Office and takes just a short stop to read. We hope to have some similar figures for New Hampton for Town Meeting, but if not then, for the next New Hampton Newsletter.

Clare Eckert remains New Hampton's spark to the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste collection, an annual summer event: #12 coming up.

NH DES Waste Management Bureau was asked to recheck a landfill site that appeared to have been questionably revived and we anticipate an onsite visit to another location to see if road construction has impacted wetlands. The Town Clerk has new Wetland Permit applications but we continue to urge townspeople to come to the commission when beginning to plan a project so we can help with constructive input.

We are working with the Lakes Region Planning Commission in "scenic gateway planning" that protects the environment while enhancing a commercial zone visually and culturally, thereby increasing the quality of life and economic development of our community. Meetings with local businesspeople, landscape architects and planners will be held in the spring.

William Huckins
Conservation Commission Chair

Conservation Commission Financial Report

Fund Balance January 1, 1997

Fleet Bank-NOW Account	1611.65
Fleet Bank-CD's	12510.51
Fidelity Cash Reserves	2146.38

TOTAL 16,268.54

RECEIPTS:	Interest	716.60
	CU Fees	1691.50

TOTAL 2,408.10

EXPENDITURES:	Fees	52.25
	Payments	1133.50

TOTAL 1,185.75

Fund Balance December 31, 1997

Fleet Bank-NOW Account	0
Fleet Bank-CD's	13096.88
Fidelity Cash Reserves	2851.45
Franklin Savings Bank Passbook	1542.56

TOTAL 17,490.89

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

1997 Report

by Change Parker, Chairman

In 1997, the budget appropriated for the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center was \$113,555.00. Actual expenditures for 1997 were \$108,793.17. New Hampton's landfill disposal costs for its solid waste averages about \$75/ton (includes transportation). The tonnage decreased from 1122 tons to 1083 tons. Landfill tipping fees for 1997 from the Waste Management landfill in Rochester were approximately \$49/ton for municipal solid waste (MSW) and \$59/ton for bulky and construction/demolition items (C&D). **MSW** tonnage landfilled was 727 tons, an **increase of 2.25%** over 1996. Similarly, **C&D** amounted to 356 tons or a **13.38% decrease**.

The Recycling Center saw a **large tonnage decrease of 25.6%** over 1996 (from 121 tons in '96 to 90 tons in '97). The center produced an avoided landfill cost of \$4334 for 1997 (**a 28.6% decrease in revenues**) and revenue decrease from \$3682 to \$1536 as the market for cardboard, newspaper, plastics etc. was depressed. [Using Net Town Worth of Recycling as \$5870 (trucking/machinery fees, tire and appliance disposal are subtracted from Total Town Worth of Recycling), the net gain in dollars for recycling is \$20/ton.] This years net gain is a 61.5% decrease in revenue per ton over last year. Currently, the price for recyclable materials is quite low. As one can observe, **the real saving in our recycling program is the avoidance of tipping fees at the landfill**. The committee continues to look for additional and/or new outlets of better revenue for our collected materials. The program has found a new array of vendors for our recyclable materials. Overall, the Recycling Center is currently recycling about 14.0% of New Hampton's solid waste. Last year we recycled about 12.5%. Hopefully, everyone will encourage more of our residents to participate in our recycling program in a more aggressive manner! The Solid Waste Committee remains committed to serving New Hampton's solid waste needs. **Any increase in recycling will help to reduce the overall waste removal cost to town taxpayers. This will take the continued cooperation of the entire town. Remember that recycling is currently voluntary and easy.** Thanks for your continuing efforts. Please feel free to direct your questions on recycling to the committee. The usual monthly meeting is at 7 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

New Hampton Solid Waste Quantities

Year	Recycle Center-Tons	Recycle Program-Tons	MSW Tons	% Change	C & D Tons	% Change	Total SW/Tons
1993	92	138	621		261		1,020
1994	120	170	647	4.19%	328	25.67%	1,145
1995	116	188	660	2.01%	370	12.80%	1,218
1996	121	160	711	7.73%	411	11.08%	1,282
1997	90	176	727	2.25%	356	-13.38%	1,259

New Hampton Solid Waste Revenues

Years in Operation	Recycling Center - \$	Recycling Program-\$	Avoided Landfill Costs	Total Town Worth of Recycling	Net Town Worth of Recycling	Net Gain Recycling \$/ton
1993	\$2,011	\$4,451	\$4,508	\$8,959	\$7,913	\$42
1994	\$4,327	\$7,080	\$5,880	\$12,960	\$9,255	\$49
1995	\$7,786	\$8,834	\$5,684	\$14,518	\$11,688	\$62
1996	\$3,662	\$3,682	\$6,074	\$9,756	\$8,381	\$52
1997	\$2,324	\$1,536	\$4,334	\$5,870	\$3,470	\$20

Difference Between Town Solid Waste Appropriations & Expenditures

Years in Operation	Town Appropriation	Actual Expenditures	Difference
1993	\$82,514	\$74,863	\$7,651
1994	\$83,425	\$89,690	(\$6,265)
1995	\$98,375	\$95,635	\$2,740
1996	\$105,595	\$110,200	(\$4,605)
1997	\$113,555	\$108,793	\$4,762

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Once again residents of New Hampton participated in a very successful Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on July 26, 1997. For the 10th year running, the Lakes Region Planning Commission organized this one-day event, which this year included 24 towns and nine collection sites. The HHW Collection Day presents an opportunity for residents of participating towns to dispose of potentially hazardous household items in a safe manner. Items such as paints, used motor oil, cleaners, old medicines, pesticides and batteries are kept out of the waste stream and out of landfills, and are recycled or treated by a licensed and EPA approved company. For the last few years we have hired Laidlaw Environmental Services, Inc. of Massachusetts, to handle the HHW from our collection.

At the Bristol site we collected 20 drums of HHW and 5 boxes of fluorescent light tubes, a new item accepted this year. We also filled six 55-gallon drums with used motor oil and accepted nearly 3 dozen automotive batteries. Two hundred eleven households from 7 towns kept up a steady stream of traffic during our three hours of operation, and we owe many thanks to all our volunteers who surveyed participants and helped with traffic control and oil collection. Mason Westfall of Bristol and Clare Eckert of New Hampton were site coordinators. Assisting them were Bill Bucklin and Rose Homer of Alexandria, Bridgewater Selectman Skip Jenness, Bristol Selectman Phil Dion, Hebron Selectman Bruce MacDougall, and New Hampton residents Pat Schlesinger, Fred Broadwell, and Jim Eckert. (Yah New Hampton!) Lakes Region Planning Commission Coordinator Kate Merriam and NH DES representative Ray Gordon also stopped by to see the site.

We would like to thank all those who participated, our volunteers, and the LRPC for helping to keep our little corner of New Hampshire a bit cleaner and safer for those who live here now and who will live here in the future.

Clare Eckert
New Hampton Coordinator

Gordon-Nash Library

1997 Report

Thank you for the opportunity to inform the general public, through this medium, of the Gordon-Nash Library services and activities during 1997.

This has been a year of many changes for the Library. We continue to be a very busy Library with dramatic increases in our statistical report. An average open day shows us serving over 100 people who check out about 175 items. We now have more than 3000 registered borrowers! We have offered and carried out a number of diverse programs for all ages, including our Fourth Annual Family Christmas Party; A Cat in the Hat Birthday Party and another very successful Summer Reading Program. The Library also offers regular Story Hours, book discussions, as well as lovely and unusual Art Exhibits in our Nash Room, and collections in our Display Cases on the main floor. These opportunities for showcasing your talent are available, call or come in to the Library for more information.

Our Friends of the Gordon-Nash Library Organization, an active and cohesive support group, offer many benefits to the Library such as our lovely new oak blinds in the Children's Room; profitable book sales and serving as a hospitality group for programs held in the Library. They also have sturdy bookbags and notepaper for sale in the Library to raise funds. This is only a sample of their rewarding support, and we are grateful to them. They welcome new members at any time, please inquire at the Library.

We continue to work diligently to put our collection into an electronic database. At this time we have about 75-80% downloaded with searching available through both the "print" catalog and a public computer. This is only one of several projects that Trustees and staff have placed at the top of their "work list". Research and several field trips in 1997 gave the Trustees the information needed to choose a specific elevator, a **LULA** (Limited Use Limited Access) to be installed early in 1998 to meet the ADA decree which also requires bathroom renovations. To prepare for this construction, the staff has been weeding the collection, and refiguring the shelving of materials to make way for the new elevator. This project may include other enhancements such as new carpeting. During the construction, the Library may have to close for a short time to allow for unimpeded work. We ask our patrons to be patient and understanding during this process and we thank them.

The Trustees will sponsor a fund-raising program in 1998 to enhance the Nash legacy. There are numerous areas in which the Library of the 21st century must be responsive and the Trustees, recognizing this, will continue the "Annual Giving Campaign" under the guidance of T. Holmes Moore, to assist in addressing these responsibilities. To our knowledge, at this time, the Gordon-Nash Library is the only library in NH that is funded privately, meaning no local, state or federal funding is provided. This remarkable Library, open 56.5 hours per week, and so well-respected state-wide, is unique in both the funding and the mission statement. Judge Nash left a philosophy that we "serve all residents, students or sojourners" and this has been so for 102 years. The Trustees, staff and I welcome you to the Gordon Nash Library.

Patricia M. Topham, Director

New Hampton Historical Society

1997 Report

Founded in 1945, the New Hampton Historical Society is dedicated to historic preservation and education. It collects and preserves artifacts and information from and about the town of New Hampton. These collections include items pertaining to the town's public schools and New Hampton School, local industries, and the lives and work of people of the town. The Society offers access to its archives for historic, educational, and genealogical research.

The Society sponsors several special projects. These include the Pauline Merrill Youth Membership, the Hope Swain Student Membership, the Traveling Trunk, the Victorian Country Fair, and the restoration of the Daniel Smith Tavern. It also supports on-going efforts to transcribe old diaries and other personal papers of deceased residents to preserve the information as historical references, an ambitious photograph and document preservation program, an herb garden, genealogical research, holds regular business meetings and four speakers programs each year, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and maintains an historic building on Dana Hill Road.

The Society's Traveling Trunk project is conducted cooperatively with local educators to bring history alive for fourth grade students, as costumed docents engage classes in discussion and allow them to explore and handle items of an earlier age. In addition, the Society continues its youth education outreach effort with two membership opportunities, each of which honors a founding member.

The 1997 Victorian Country Fair was well attended and well supported by community groups as well as the general public. Designed as a public event with an educational component, the fair offers fine quality arts, hand-crafts, antiques and collectibles, exhibitions, Victorian Period activities, food and music. Very ably led by Chairman T. Holmes Moore, the fair is the Society's primary annual source of funds. The Historical Society is deeply grateful to New Hampton School for making its facilities available for this important community event and is especially pleased that the School will make most of its campus available for the 1998 event, which is scheduled for August 15.

During 1997, three cooperative projects with New Hampton School involved members in educational endeavors with students, faculty, and staff. Work continues on the Daniel Smith Tavern, a long-term restoration of the former Preston Hall. As part of the Early American Architecture course, New

Hampton School students studied Colonial architecture while helping to remove layers of modernization and to reveal the earliest appearance of the structure, which eventually will serve as a headquarters with a museum, archival space, research library, and community meeting area. As part of their Community Service, another group of students and faculty worked on the building as well. In November and December, a large group of faculty, staff, students, society members, and other community members contributed their time and talent to an original play entitled "Holiday on Main Street: A Living History Tour of New Hampton, N.H.," in which historic figures from New Hampton 1897 were portrayed. The play was artfully directed by the School's Morgan Murphy and written by Lyn O'Callaghan.

At its Annual Meeting in July, the following officers were elected for a second consecutive year: Jean Thompson, President; Lyn O'Callaghan, Vice President; Anne Rose, Secretary; George Woodward, Treasurer; Bob Thompson, Curator; Ron O'Callaghan, Historian. Edith Mimnaugh was appointed member-at-large. Serving as Program Committee Co-chairs are Cynthia and Fran Lathrop. The Nominating Committee is chaired by Barbara Shaw with Herb Mahn and Loraine Fischer as members.

The Society's four speakers programs are free and open to the public. Thanks to the generosity of the Gordon-Nash Library, programs are usually held in the Judge Nash Room. In 1997 topics and speakers were: "New Hampshire on Skis: Past, Present, and Future," presented by ski historian, E. John B. Allen; an illustrated talk about Newfoundland by Bob and Loraine Fischer concerning their Elderhostel experience and further explorations; an exhibition of model airplane flight and stunts by Roger Leighton and others; and a guided tour of the Lane Tavern in Sanbornton, courtesy of the Sanbornton Historical Society. In February, 1998, Robert Cottrell of the Remick Museum in Tamworth spoke about his work, and in April the restoration of Ashland's railroad station will be the topic.

The Society's fiscal health is sound, the result of steady increases in membership, the generous allocation of \$250 from the Town of New Hampton, and the financial successes of the Victorian Country Fair and "Holiday on Main Street." The efforts of the Society are possible only through the participation of interested volunteers, and all are invited to join in the activities of the Society. A nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) organization, the New Hampton Historical Society is a member of The Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire and The New Hampshire Historical Society.

New Hampton Parks and Recreation

In 1997, New Hampton Parks and Recreation expanded their activities and hope to do so again in 1998. We started out the year by offering child care at the New Hampton Community Church during the Town Meeting. This went well with 10 - 12 children staying with their high school student sitters. This is offered again this year for the Town Meeting from 9:45 to 3 or 3:30 pm for those in attendance. Reservations needed ahead of time.

Our annual Easter Party was a big hit with games, crafts, face painting, goodies, a picnic lunch and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Colorful Easter hats were worn and an Easter egg hunt topped off the day.

Later in the Spring, we offered a CPR class to area residents at cost. We certified 9 people in Infant/Child CPR at the New Hampton Community School. We plan on offering it again this Spring. If you're interested, leave your name at the Town Offices.

The Halloween party included pumpkin decorating, face painting, games, a haunted house, snacks, hay rides and the moon jump. The whole Town House was filled with people and a good time was had by all.

Another new event was added to our activities. The 'Christmas on the Common' tree lighting and caroling brought out many towns people and friends. Parks and Recreation was assisted by the New Hampton Community Church, Brownie Troop 790, the New Hampton Garden Club and Historical Society, New Hampton Police Dept. and the Cub Scouts to make it a real community event. The Common Christmas tree was lit, carols were sung, Santa visited, and refreshments were served at the Grange afterwards. It was a packed house!

To top off the year, we had a Christmas House Decorating Contest. We had 5 entries all with beautiful decorations. The Collin's on Pine Meadow Drive won this year and received a \$50.00 gift certificate to the Common Man. We hope many more of you will 'decorate the town' in '98 and enter the contest.

In 1998, we hope to offer all of the above and a square dance in May. We are thankful to be able to offer these events right in our own town. Community help is always needed so please let us know if you can help at any of these events.

The New Hampton Parks and Recreation
Lisa Emery
Pat Bergeron
Andrea Woolsey
Judy Alvino

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund 1997

Balance 1/1/97	\$	138.66
Receipts		5,673.75
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Total	\$	5,812.41
Expenditure's		5,438.80
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Balance	\$	373.61

Recipients:

- Michelle Akacki**
- Mariah Amsden**
- Amy Bascom**
- Alyssa DeCaro**
- Jessica Dion**
- Kara Dowal**
- Jamie Hallberg**
- Sarah Hunewill**
- Elin Kondrad**
- Jessica Morgan**
- Sarah Orvis**
- Jennifer Peabody**
- Kirstie Scobo**

Bristol Community Center

Report to the Town of New Hampton

1997

The Bristol Community Center has seen many changes during 1997. A new Director and Assistant Director, new handicap accessible bathroom and new kitchen appliances are among a few of them.

Leslie Dion was named the new Director of Recreation at the BCC in January of 1997. Dan MacLean was hired as the Assistant Director and began full time in June upon graduation from UNH. Dan has worked in the BCC Summer Program for 8 years and brings his enthusiasm and recreational expertise to our program.

We owe Freudenberg NOK a huge thank you for our new kitchen appliances. Through their generosity the BCC's kitchen has two new stoves, a refrigerator, washer and dryer and a fresh coat of paint. Those who have worked during our annual Apple Festival or on dinners will share in our gratitude to Freudenberg NOK.

New Hampton Residents participated in many programs offered during 1997. They included Aerobics, Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Dances, Teen Open House, Karate, Open House, Senior League Baseball & Softball, Umpire Clinics, Badminton, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Tot Time, SHARE, Swimming Lessons, Arts In Motion, Volleyball, Art Classes, Adult Basketball, Summer Camps, Ghost Walk, Easter Egg Hunt, Father & Daughter Valentines Dance, Haunted Hike, Soccer, Gymnastics, Hang Time Hoop Camp, TOPS, Tai Chi, Craft Classes and Celtics and Red Sox trips.

A new program offered this year was the Kindergarten Basketball program for children ages 5 or in Kindergarten. It is a fun and instructional program and was well attended in its first year. Another new program this year is Beginner Gymnastics for ages 3 & up. We have purchased a balance beam and mats and offered six classes per week. Our hope is to add a piece of equipment each year.

We want to thank the Newfound Area School District for their continued support of the BCC and its programs. Many of our programs and practices are scheduled outside of the BCC in the local schools. We appreciate their understanding of the importance of recreation to the Newfound Community and their willingness to open up the buildings for us. Our Basketball program has grown to 240 participants, which is double what it was in 1993. We would never be able to accommodate these numbers without the additional use of the schools.

Our Summer Camp program has also grown over the past few years. We serve over 100 children each week at our Summer Camp. The program is offered for children grades 1 – 8 and we are forced to turn many away as the sessions fill so quickly. Some of the places visited by the camps are Mount Washington, Whales Tale, Clark's Trained Bears, Wallis Sands State Beach, Canoe Camping on the Saco River, Camping on Belle Island, Canobie Lake Park and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. We thank the Bristol Rotary Club for providing \$1,400 in

scholarships for children wishing to attend camp with financial hardships. We encourage people to register early so they do not miss out on this great summer activity.

We thank all New Hampton Residents who participated in our programs, supported our fund-raisers, volunteered in our youth sports leagues, or worked on our many special events. Santa's Village saw over 1,200 people this year and we appreciate the many New Hampton residents that volunteered, donated money, baked cookies, let us borrow their elves and attended this special area tradition. A special thanks to RP Williams for their generous support of this event.

As the BCC ends its 51st year we are grateful for the wonderful Newfound Community in which we live and work.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Leslie Dion
Director of Recreation**

Community Action Program 1997 Report

The Community Action Program is a local, community based, nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of the elderly, handicapped and low income residents in the Town of New Hampton.

As the list below of services demonstrates, Meredith Area Center has continued to provide extensive and high quality human service programs to New Hampton residents throughout 1997.

	Value
Commodity Supplemental Food Program 104 packages 9 persons	\$2,309.84
Congregate Meals 553 meals 34 persons	\$3,312.47
Emergency Food Pantries 1917 meals 213 persons	\$5,751.00
Family Planning 57 visits 31 persons	\$3,403.80
Fuel Assistance 40 applications 112 persons	\$17,840.02
Meals on Wheels 1943 meals 12 persons	\$12,240.90
CAP Transportation 473 rides 4 persons	\$2,218.37
Weatherization 1 home 2 persons	\$1,242.60
Women, Infants & Children 205 vouchers 17 persons	\$7,892.50
Caring Fund 3 grants	\$ 924.92

Total Value of Services to New Hampton Residents: \$57,136.42

Lakes Region Planning Commission

1997 Report

Participation and financial support from our members, the local communities, are the basis for our past success and our strength to respond to future needs. Local funding also makes certain that the LRPC will be able to request and receive funds from state and federal sources which are used to enhance the delivery of professional assistance to the Lakes Region. Each dollar of local dues received this year is expected to leverage nearly five dollars from other sources. Local support for the Lakes Region Planning Commission has been a success for the past twenty-six years. Throughout this time our communities have received benefits and leadership on issues as diverse as shoreland protection, growth management, transportation, recycling, household hazardous waste collections, conservation, master plans, historic preservation, and technical assistance, to name but a few. Below is a sample of the services provided by the LRPC as a benefit to New Hampton:

- Researched and provided information to town officials regarding the formulation of master plans and the master planning process. Also met several times with town officials in updating the town master plan.
- Provided the planning board with information on planning and zoning board procedures.
- Assisted the town with updating the town floodplain ordinance.
- Coordinated the 12th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the largest single day, multi-site collection in New Hampshire.
- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues.
- Convened a public workshop on conservation open-space zoning for planning board members and others interested in conserving open space in their communities.
- As part of the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, the LRPC staffed the Pemigewasset River Advisory Committee.
- Completed and distributed a comprehensive update of the Lakes Region Transportation Plan.

Newfound Area Nursing Association 1997 Report

During 1997 Newfound Area Nursing Association provided the following services in the Home Care Program.

- 4,921 Nursing visits
- 991 Physical therapy visits
- 12,150 Home health aide visits
- 2,321 Homemaker units

Approximately 231 individuals and their families benefited from this program. Many more were served by other Newfound Area Nursing Association programs as follows:

- 72 Attended our Well Child Clinic
- 870 Immunizations were administered in our Outreach Program
- 624 Were screened for Hypertension
- 57 Adults received the Flu Vaccine
- 47 Contacts were made through the Foot Care Clinic
- 143 Volunteer hours were provided by our trained Hospice Volunteers to 9 patients

Newfound Area Nursing Association's newest program NAPS(Newfound Area Parent Support) began meeting this fall twice a month and is available at no charge to all area parents.

In 1997 the federal government put in place a new law that radically changes how Medicare pays for home health services. Unfortunately, this law will have dire consequences for Newfound Area Nursing Association and our ability to serve people in the Newfound area. Under this new system New Hampshire agencies, such as Newfound Area Nursing Association which have been some of the lowest cost providers in the country, are severely penalized. The formula uses payment rates from 1993. It also treats all patients alike, with no increase in reimbursement for those with complex needs.

Despite these payment changes, Newfound Area Nursing Association wants to reassure you that our goal remains the same it has always been - to provide the support and teaching as well as clinical care that will enable patients to manage at home while gaining the ability to become independent.

Newfound Area Nursing Association is indeed grateful for the strong support of the towns served.

Jeannine M. Martin
Executive Director

Youth Services Bureau 1997 Report

Youth Services Bureau had a very busy year in 1997. We handled 113 referrals from communities throughout Belknap County. Unfortunately no juveniles were referred for this program from New Hampton, but every teen we were able to keep out of the court system, regardless of which town they were from has a positive effect in lowering your county tax bill.

With regard to the Challenge Course (our drug & alcohol intervention program for teens), we handled a total of 77 referrals. 8 referrals were from New Hampton and we actually held a program in New Hampton at the Prep School.

In June 1997 Chief Sawyer was elected to the Youth Services Bureau Board of Directors. He is serving a two year term and will represent the town's interests.

Peter D. Brigham
Director

Vital Statistics

Births

BIRTHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER</u>
Dylen Thomas Herbert	01/22/97	Laconia		David Wayne Herbert, Sr.	Cheryl Ann Boden
Connor Dean Howe	03/26/97	Concord		Gary Dean Howe	Kathleen Marion Carney
Michael Frederick Madore	04/03/97	Laconia		Greggory Scott Madore	Patricia Corinne Morrell
William Henry Clement II	04/15/97	Laconia		Douglas Allen Clement	Rebecca Sarah Jarvis
Nicole May Keeney	04/18/97	Laconia		Jason Scott Keeney	Angela Marie Neil
Brandon Lee-Emile Paquette	05/05/97	Plymouth		Allan Wayne Paquette	Stacy Marie Beadle
Hayden Douglas Berry	05/31/97	Laconia		Thomas Harold Berry	Jennifer Sue Shackett
Allison Mae Trowsdale	06/04/97	Laconia		Robert Peter Trowsdale	Nancy Lorene Lemon

Births - “continued”

Skyla Michelle Gallagher	09/01/97	New Hampton	Richard Preston Gallagher, II	Michelle Karen Anderson
Jared Everet Prince	09/05/97	Concord	Jeffrey David Prince	Jacquelyn Marie Greenwood
William Conkling	09/10/97	Laconia	Samuel Arthur Conkling	Norah Eileen McQuinn
Lauralye Marie Waring	09/19/97	Laconia	James Edward Waring	Melody Marie Luciano

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG

New Hampton Town Clerk

Marriages

MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
January 2, 1997	David Lucas Royea Kristin Lee Drake	Center Harbor New Hampton
January 4, 1997	Alexander George Lianos Susanna Beth Downs	New Hampton New Hampton
February 22, 1997	Peter James Royea Kimberly Louise Lang	New Hampton New Hampton
June 21, 1997	James Ogden Wells III Jennifer April Southwick	Florida New Hampton
July 12, 1997	William Henry Dullea Sr. Patricia Carol Benton	New Hampton New Hampton
August 1, 1997	David Richard Piper Gretchen Lee Schwartz	New Hampton New Hampton
August 2, 1997	John Jefferson Gregg Valerie Lynn Bucklin	Massachusetts Massachusetts
August 29, 1997	Frank Richard Coleman Cathy Marie Atchley	Tennessee Tennessee
September 6, 1997	Michael Ross Ellis Susan Deborah Scala	New Hampton New Hampton
October 10, 1997	Thomas Jeff O'Shea Karen Marie Libardi	New Hampton New Hampton

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Deaths

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE OF DEATH	NAME AND SURNAME OF DECEASED	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
01/22/97	Phyllis C. Cloutier	63*	Laconia (Lakes Region General Hospital)	William Cheney	Helen Krauz
02/09/97	Herbert Walter Joyce	88*	New Hampton	Albert Joyce	Mary Virginia Dulong
02/19/97	Marjorie Jeanette Gordon	96*	Laconia (Genesis Elder Care Center)	Thomas Vradenburgh	Jeanette Ritchie
02/19/97	Minnie Torsey Smith	94*	Plymouth (Speare Memorial Hospital)	Guy B. Torsey	Nettie Stevens
06/03/97	Frank Robert Moulton	77*	Laconia (Lakes Region General Hospital)	Frank Harvey Moulton	Nina Smith
06/20/97	Alexander Ross Webster	75*	Laconia (Lakes Region General Hospital)	Thomas Webster	Barbara Brown
07/02/97	Norma J. Vining	42*	New Hampton	John Fasano	Mildred Savino
09/08/97	Jadwiga Mary Nictupski	74*	New Hampton	Joseph Okolo	Helen (Unknown)

Deaths - Continued

DATE OF DEATH	NAME AND SURNAME OF DECEASED	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
10/19/97	Marjorie Palmer Harvey	78*	Laconia (Lakes Region General Hospital)	Harold Haven Palmer	Ida Belle Collins
11/05/97	Louise B. Smith	84*	Laconia (Lakes Region General Hospital)	Elmer Boynton	Olive Haines
11/07/97	Lora Jane Torsey	100*	Meredith (Golden View Health Care)	Guy B. Torsey	Nettie Stevens

Ages obtained by Newspapers and not by Vital Records

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New Hampton Town Clerk

Town of New Hampton

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

911

Police, Fire & Medical

State Police	1-800-852-3411
Sheriff's Dept.	524-3830
Poison Information Center	1-800-562-8236
State Senator Edward Gordon	744-2139
State Rep. Robert LaFlam	934-3890
State Rep. Tom Salatiello	286-4526
U.S. Senator Judd Gregg	225-7115
U.S. Senator Robert Smith	228-0453
U.S. Congressman Charles Bass	226-0249
U.S. Congressman John E. Sununu	647-6600
Selectmen's Office	744-3559
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	744-8454
Police Dispatch	524-8585
Police Office	744-5423
Fire Chief/Fire Warden	744-8502
Public Works/Transfer Station	744-8025

Selectmen's Business Meeting Thursday Evenings — Call for Time.

Town Clerk's & Tax Collector's Hours
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Lunch)
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Transfer/Recycling Station: Monday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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