

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
for the  
**TOWN**  
of  
**BELMONT**  
New Hampshire

**For the Fiscal Year Ending**  
**December 31, 1973**



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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES - 1973

	TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR	
Maurice H. Simond, Jr.	1974
SELECTMEN	
Louis Wuelper	1974
John Dominic (replaced 11/1/73 by Nicholas Salta)	1974
Romeo Clairmont	1976
TAX COLLECTOR	
Calvin D. Brown	1974
TOWN CLERK	
Calvin D. Brown	1976
TREASURER	
Julia C. Perkins	1974
ROAD AGENT	
Harold Reed	1974
FIRE CHIEF	
Robert Bordeau	Appointed
POLICE CHIEF	
Earl Sweeney	Appointed
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	
Wallace Rhodes	1974
Helen M. Hill	1975
Carrie Cushing	1976
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
Stanley Hill	1974
Wallace Rhodes	1975
Russell H. Cushing	1976
HEALTH OFFICER	
Robert Stevens	1974
DOG OFFICER	
Aime Bourque	
BUDGET COMMITTEE	
Norman Bolduc (resigned, Cedric Witham appointed)	1974
Robert Harper	1974
Theodore L. Cate	1974
Arthur W. Hill	1974
Leo Alger	1975
Eugene Clairmont (deceased) (Rodney Pearl appointed)	1974
Kenneth Ellis	1975
John Moynihan	1975
Leslie E. Roberts, Chairman	1976
Wilson S. Mansfield	1976

James Rhodes	1976
Steven Dominic	1976
<b>BELKNAP AREA COMMISSION</b>	
Nicholas Salta	
<b>BELMONT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE</b>	
Arthur Horan, Chairman	Indefinite
Alfred Sawicki	"
Scott Roeder	"
<b>BELMONT POLICE COMMITTEE</b>	
Armand Poire, Chairman	1975
John Moynihan	1975
Cedric Witham	1975
Matthew Mirski	1975
Arthur Hill	1975
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR</b>	
Robert Harper	Indefinite
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
Roscoe Twombly	1974
Suzanne Roberts	1974
Stanley Hill, Chairman	1975
Lyle Watson	1976
Wallace Rhodes	1976
<b>LAKES REGION AREA ENERGY COMMITTEE</b>	
Louis Wuelper, Vice Chairman	
Robert Harper	
Frederick Sleep	
William Wilkens	
Donald Pugh	
<b>LAKES REGION CLEAN WATER ASSOCIATION</b>	
John Garneau (resigned)	
<b>LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	
Stanley Hill	Indefinite
JoAnne Stevens	"
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>	
Evelyn Morse	Indefinite
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Royal W. Smith, Jr., Chairman	1975
Cedric Witham	1974
Robert Lacroix	1974
Leslie Roberts	1975
Alfred Sawicki	1976
Theodore Cate, Jr.	1976
<b>REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT</b>	
Marion Wuelper	

\*Mrs. Wuelper is also a member of the Executive Committee of Belknep County Delegation and Chairman of the Belknep Area Committee of the Belknep County Delegation.

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Arthur Horan, Chairman	1975
William Ekberg	1974
Gerd Smock	1974
Richard Smock	1976
James Rhodes	1976

**SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Robert Bordeau, Chairman	1975
Urban Fleury	1974
Robert Richards	1976

**SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Suzanne Roberts	1974
Marion Mansfield	1976
Belva Mohle	1978

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Robert Picard	1974
Urban Fleury	1974
Lawrence Clairmont Sr.	1975
Russell H. Cushing	1976
Theodore L. Gate, Chairman	1976
Louis Wuelper, ex officio	

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT**

Herbert Higgins

**WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Suzanne Roberts

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
CONCORD, N.H. 03301

January 28, 1974

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Belmont for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972.

Our examination included such test of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures, with the exception of Exhibits covering the Water Department, present fairly the financial position of the Town of Belmont at December 31, 1972, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick E. Laplante

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
CONCORD, N.H. 03301

January 28, 1974

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen  
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Belmont for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water Department, Library, Trustees of Trust Funds, Municipal Court and Cemetery Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972:

(Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund - as of December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Current Surplus of the Town increased by \$56,984.33, from \$23,837.19 to \$80,821.52 during the fiscal year.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition:

(Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factor which caused the change indicated therein. This was as follows:

Increase in Current Surplus:

Net Budget Surplus	\$56,984.33
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Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenue:

(Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Comparative Statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$43,413.55, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$13,570.78, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$56,984.33.

Long Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibit A-5)

Comparative Balance Sheets showing the outstanding long term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972, are contained in Exhibit A-5. During the fiscal year, the long term debt decreased by \$18,466.68 as shown herewith:

<u>Payments on Debt</u>	\$36,466.68 (1)
<u>Long Term Notes Issued</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>
Net Decrease	\$18,466.68

(1) Included in this amount is the sum of \$13,000.00, representing the unexpended balance of the new well construction fund which was applied to debt service in accordance with the vote of the 1972 Town Meeting.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement of debt service requirements, showing annual maturities of principal and interest is presented in Exhibit A-6.

TREASURER

General Fund:

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures:

(Exhibit B-1)

A summary statement of general fund receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1972, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets (Exhibit E-1)  
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures (Exhibit E-2)  
Statement of Treasurer's Account (Exhibit E-3)

Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund - showing the financial condition of the Water Department as of December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972, are presented in Exhibit E-1. However, inasmuch as no provision has been made by the Water Department for the recording of inventory and fixed assets, we are unable to express an opinion as to the stated financial condition of the Water Department as of December 31, 1972. Exhibit E-2 contains a statement of general fund receipts and expenditures. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1972, is indicated in Exhibit E-3.

### Non-Revenue Funds:

Comparative Balance Sheets (Exhibit E-4)  
Comparative Statement of Capital Projects Fund Appropriations and Expenditures (Exhibit E-5)  
New Well Construction Fund - Statement of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance (Exhibit E-6)  
Water Meter Fund - Statement of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance (Exhibit E-7)

Comparative Balance Sheets of the Non-Revenue (Capital Projects) Fund are contained in Exhibit E-4. A comparative statement of the Capital Projects Fund appropriations and expenditures, indicating the unexpended balances of appropriations (Fund Balances) as of December 31, 1972, is presented in Exhibit E-5.

Exhibits E-6 and E-7 disclose the fiscal activity during the year in the New Well Construction Fund and the Water Meter Fund.

## AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

Demand Notes and Application of Municipal Finance Act:

During the fiscal year, long-term notes in the

amount of \$18,000.00 were issued payable on demand, if payment is not made at maturity of each installment. The issuance of such demand notes, is in violation of R.S.A. 33:2, which provides as follows:

33:2 Repayments of Loans: "Municipalities and counties shall not issue any bonds or notes payable on demand. They shall provide for the payment of all loans issued under authority of this chapter in annual payments which shall be so arranged that the amount of the annual payment or principal and interest in any year on account of any loan shall not be less than the amount of principal and interest payable in any subsequent year by more than two percent of the principal of the entire loan.----"

Debt Service Requirements Not Included in 1972 Budget -  
\$3,202.50:

It is noted that no provision was made in the 1972 budget approved by the Town, for maturing debt principal and interest on 4 1/2% Equipment Notes issued on April 15, 1971.

With regards to repayments of loans, R.S.A. 33:2 further provides that "the amount of each payment of principal and interest on all loans shall, without a vote of the municipality or county, be annually assessed and collected.----"

The above mentioned amount was inserted in the appropriations as shown in Exhibit A-4, in accordance with the foregoing statutory provisions of the Municipal Finance Act.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditor's summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Belmont for their assistance during the course of this audit.

Very truly yours,

Frederick E. Laplante  
Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
CONCORD, N.H. 03301

October 24, 1973

Selectmen of Belmont  
c/o Louis Wuelper, Chairman  
Star Rt., Box 15  
Belmont, NH 03220

Gentlemen:

Your Summary Inventory of Property Valuation and Statement of Appropriations have been approved. You may proceed with the assessment of 1973 taxes on the basis of the following figures:

Net Assessed Valuation		\$16,717,125.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$	802,422.00
Precinct Taxes Assessed		<u>                    </u>
Total Gross Property Taxes	\$	802,422.00
Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits		<u>16,300.00</u>
Net Property Tax Commitment	\$	786,122.00*
Tax Rate	\$	4.80
Municipal -	\$	1.29
County -		.26
School -		<u>3.25</u>
	\$	4.80

\*The amount of property tax commitment is subject to adjustment by reason of any increase or decrease in War Service Tax Credits which may result based on the above approved rate.

In the event any adjustment was made in the Appropriations Section we have enclosed a copy of the changes. Revenues and Credits have been approved as shown on the enclosed copy of the third page of the Statement of Appropriations

The net amounts approved for school and county are:

Net School Appropriations	\$	567,501.65
County Tax Assessment	\$	45,895.10

In arriving at the above approved rate the Overlay has been set in the amount of \$5,069.42.

Very truly yours,  
Lloyd M. Price, Comm.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & TAXES  
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1973

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Town Officers Salaries	12,750.00
Town Officers Expenses	14,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,400.00
Municipal Court Expenses	1,400.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	8,400.00
Social Security & Retirement Contributions	7,000.00
Reassessment of property	2,500.00
Police Department	38,478.00
Fire Department	23,000.00
Insurance	10,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,243.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	2,200.00
Civil Defense	300.00
Health Department, including Hosp. & Ambulance	5,150.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	16,000.00
Town Maintenance (Summer - 23,016.95 & Winter - 15,473.40)	38,490.35
Street Lighting	3,400.00
General Expense of Highway Department	22,920.60
Town Road Aid	1,127.13
Libraries	4,000.00
Town Poor	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	4,500.00
Patriotic Purposes	550.00
Recreation, including Band Concerts	3,300.00
Municipal Water	12,500.00
Gemeteries	200.00
Hydrant Rentals	6,023.00
Advertising & Regional Association	200.00
Payments on Debt (Principal - 17,100.00 & Interest - 4,922.75 and Tax Anticipa- tion - 5,000.00)	27,022.75
Capital Outlay (Article 14)	
Town Construction	18,500.00
Sidewalk Construction	5,500.00
Sargent Lake Road	600.00
Tax Map	21,000.00
New Equipment	<u>15,380.00</u>
Total Town Appropriation	333,034.83
 LESS: ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS	
Interest & Dividends Tax	2,974.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,777.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	14,934.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,890.00
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	6,500.00

Licenses, permits and filing fees	400.00
Dog Licenses	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	30,000.00
Rent of Town Property	50.00
Fines, Municipal Court	5,000.00
National Bank Stock	100.00
Resident Taxes retained	15,410.00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	31,000.00
Highway Subsidy	<u>19,688.00</u>

Net Town Appropriations	202,311.83
Net School Appropriations	567,501.65
County Tax	<u>45,895.10</u>
Total	815,708.58

Deduct: Property Exempted 1970 Special Session	34,656.00
Add: War Service Credits	16,300.00
Add: Overlay	<u>5,069.42</u>

Property Taxes to be Raised	802,422.00
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Tax rate for 1973

Town - \$ 1.29
County - .26
School - <u>3.25</u>
\$ 4.80

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND		4,384,975.00
BUILDINGS		10,331,000.00
FACTORY BUILDINGS		248,500.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES - GAS		35,300.00
	ELECTRIC	587,200.00
HOUSE TRAILERS, MOBILE HOMES & TRAVEL TRAILERS ASSESSED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY-369		1,245,700.00
BOATS & LAUNCHES	55	<u>25,950.00</u>
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		16,858,625.00
BLIND EXEMPTIONS - 2		2,000.00
ELDERLY EXEPMTIONS - 49		<u>139,500.00</u>
VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		16,717,125.00

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The long term effort of the Budget Committee and the Selectmen to better manage the finances of the town have shown we are on the right path.

In 1971, the first year the present Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the tax rate was \$4.60. In 1972, this went to \$4.80 and in 1973, it stayed at \$4.80, an increase of only 20 cents over a three-year period.

This in spite of sharp increases in our School Budget which is usually in the area of \$50,000.00 per year, and in spite of our not having had a reappraisal since 1965, so that our present valuation does not reflect the large change in property valuations which has since occurred. Another factor is our present policy of attempting to pay cash and not to finance any new projects. In this connection, you will note we paid in full two bond issues in 1973 and will complete another in 1974 and still another in 1975.

In 1973, the Town voted a long needed project, the Tax Map. The entire town was photographed April 9, 1973, the preparers had men researching deeds and other sources for many weeks and the preliminary map will be ready April 1st, 1974. Some boundaries are still in question and we urge everyone to examine the map to settle any questions before July 1st, our scheduled date of acceptance.

We are paying on Town bills promptly and have restored our credit rating. We are insisting on bills being payed in the Budget year in which they were incurred and not carried over to the following year.

We have changed the way we schedule payments and borrow money and in spite of the higher interest rates, we have not had to pay as much interest as in past years on temporary loans.

We have been aided by Revenue Sharing on major projects such as the tax map, but the tax rate would not have increased by more than \$1.00 even in the absence of Revenue Sharing.

We have added various small items of equipment to our town offices so they have been able to handle a workload which has increased by about 1/3 since 1970 without any increase in staff, indeed a remarkable achievement. Our debt of thanks goes to our staff for their fine cooperation and devotion to the welfare of Belmont.

We want to thank the heads of our departments and our town employees for their wholehearted cooperation in increasing efficiency and careful use of the tax dollars.



We would also like to thank the unpaid members of our various committees for their continuing cooperation with the Selectmen. These include the Budget Committee, Planning Board, Water Commissioners, Disposal Committee, Recreation Commission and the Conservation Commission, for the many hours they spend improving Belmont.

During 1973, we had an unusual amount of legal activity. A developer challenged the Planning Board and the case went to court, handled by Attorney David Killkelley. The verdict was for the town.

A change was made in the Board of Selectmen last November as a result of a Court decision regarding the residency of Mr. John Dominic.

Because many people do not understand the mechanics of this case, the following is submitted.

The Supervisors of the Checklist are required by law and are subject to a fine of \$300.00 each, if they knowingly put on the checklist, or take off the checklist, any voter erroneously. Because of the many complaints received, Mr. Dominic's name was removed from the checklist after the Supervisors determined that he was no longer residing in Belmont.

Mr. Dominic then sued the Supervisors of the Checklist, contending he was illegally removed. The defense of the Board of Supervisors was handled by Attorney Richard Upton.

The trial in Superior Court was before Judge Keller, the Chief Justice. Mr. Dominic appeared as his own witness and about 15 residents and one non-resident of Belmont were subpoenaed and gave evidence at the trial.

The Court's decision was that Mr. Dominic had "removed" himself from Town within the meaning of the law. Mr. Dominic has appealed the Court's findings. However, this decision by the Court created a vacancy in the office of Selectmen. By statute, when a vacancy occurs in the office of Selectmen, it is filled by appointment by the remaining Selectmen and this was accomplished in this case by the appointment of Mr. Nicky Salta.

Mr. Dominic has filed a separate action for a permanent injunction against the Board of Selectmen to prevent the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy, but at the time of this writing, these two actions have not been decided.

Another set of six cases, (subdivision violations) are presently in court by order of the Selectmen. One has been settled out of court and we have received a reimbursement of \$500.00, the other five are still before the court. These are handled by our Town Attorney, Richard Brouillard.

In addition, we have had a number of minor cases where fines and compliance have followed a court action.

Another area of increased cost we have to face is welfare, direct or indirect. We have a large number of elderly and younger people, both who are living a marginal existence. With sharply increased food and fuel prices, many are in a precarious state. Our proposed budget has recognized this with a recommendation for the first time for Social Services as well as an increase in the proposed welfare budget.

The Church Street Bridge is severely deteriorated and badly needs replacement from abutments on up. The proposed new bridge is to be 30 feet wide with a 5 foot walk and 25 foot roadway. If Revenue Sharing is used on the regular budget as suggested, we can pay the entire cost to us of \$70,000.00 (with \$70,000.00 matching state funds.), this year, with no appreciable change in the town appropriations and no increase in town debt.

With the town's decision at the Special Town Meeting in 1973, that we should keep the old Town Hall, we have spent about \$700.00 fixing the furnace, we have cut off the heat to the upstairs, put in new thermostatic controls and will continue, hopefully, to make it safer and less expensive to use.

On the recommendation of the State and Municipal Accounting Department, we are changing the way some of the figures are presented to show all income or expenses. Typically, you will note the Police Department had an appropriation in 1973 of \$38,478.00 but spent \$50,833.00. Actually, Chief Sweeney received about \$13,000.00 in grants and was therefore within his budget figure. Similarly, the Road Agent, Harold Reed had a budget of \$22,920.60 and spent \$23,267.65 but we received \$2,317.10 and have \$1,182.00 more coming through Federal Disaster Relief and damages paid by a contractor.

Selectmen Dominic and Clairmont voted to send Selectman Wuelper to the New England Center for Advanced Education for one week short course on assessing, so at least one Selectman would understand the elements of assessing.

We had a new appraiser sent to us this year and Selectman Wuelper worked with him during the couple of weeks he was here before the state recalled him because they were overloaded. With Calvin Brown, (working overtime at no compensation) Selectman Wuelper finished the minor pickups and the many computations to update our assessment cards. The end result was an expense of \$733.14 as against \$4,171.72 in 1971.

Because this is a continually recurring expense, the

town should be thinking of a permanent part-time (or full-time if needed) assessor in future years.

This problem along with others have been recommended to the Budget Committee to study during the next year.

In short, this long message is an attempt to have our taxpayers better understand some of the actions of the Selectmen and problems we have to face.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Wuelper, Chairman  
Nicky Salta  
Romeo Clairmont

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Total Remitted to Treasurer \$ 40,618.53



AUTOMOBILE RECEIPTS:

1972 Permits	798.41
1973 Permits	36,934.51
1974 Permits	907.61
Dog Licenses, including Penalties & Kennels	
1972	8.50
1973	1,336.50
Recording & Discharges of U.C.C. Forms	391.50
Marriage Licenses	102.00
Certified Copies, Filing Fees, etc.	139.50
	\$ 40,618.53

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

Calvin D. Brown, Town Clerk

SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS, YEAR ENDING 12/31/73

DR.

	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
Uncollected Taxes, 01/01/73						
Property		155,923.68	188.70	240.20	50.22	45.90
Resident		4,950.00	40.00			
Taxes Committed to Collector						
Property	785,682.40					
Resident	15,410.00					
Yield	2,996.42					
Added Taxes						
Resident	280.00	300.00				
Interest	87.38	6,671.84	2.07	58.01		
Penalties	36.00	431.00	1.00			
	804,494.20	168,276.52	231.77	298.21	50.22	45.90

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Remitted to Treasurer						
Property	615,448.77	152,867.28	23.30	187.68		
Resident	10,420.00	4,310.00	10.00			
Yield	1,423.67					

Interest	87.38	6,671.84	2.07	58.01
Penalties	38.00	431.00	1.00	
Abatements				
Property	4,620.40	515.60		
Yield	726.07			
Resident	280.00	380.00	20.00	
Uncollected				
Property	165,684.03	2,540.80	165.40	50.22
Resident	4,990.00	70.00	10.00	
Yield	344.48			45.90
Less overpayments				
Property	- 72.00			
Residents		- 10.00		
Plus excess debits				
Property	1.20			
	304,494.20	168,276.52	231.77	298.21
				50.22
				45.90

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

Calvin D. Brown, Tax Collector

TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1965
Unredeemed							
January 1, 1973		34,186.91	16,810.06	1,032.41	84.21	46.27	36.18
Tax Sale	43,393.07						
July 16, 1973							
Interest & Cost	<u>283.02</u>	<u>1,027.66</u>	<u>2,208.92</u>	<u>182.42</u>	<u>8.27</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
After Sale	43,676.09	35,214.57	19,018.98	1,214.83	92.68	46.27	36.18
			CR.				
Redeemed	14,018.91	9,694.30	10,554.14	660.75	21.87	---	---
Interest & Cost	283.02	1,027.66	2,208.92	182.42	8.47	---	---
Abated	16.80						
Uncollected	<u>29,357.36</u>	<u>24,492.61</u>	<u>6,255.92</u>	<u>371.66</u>	<u>62.34</u>	<u>46.27</u>	<u>36.18</u>
	43,676.09	35,214.57	19,018.98	1,214.83	92.68	46.27	36.18

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

Calvin D. Brown, Tax Collector

WATER RENTS ACCOUNT

DR.

Uncollected, 01-01-73			
	Flat rate accounts		8,894.83
Added rents:			
	Flat rate accounts		67.50
	Meter accounts 9-1-73	(Town)	7,612.42
		(Winn.)	653.39
	Meter accounts 12-1-73	(Town)	6,740.21
		(Winn.)	<u>526.27</u>
	Total		24,494.62

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Remitted to Treasurer, 12-31-73			
	Town		21,157.72
	Winnisquam		1,064.66
	Abated		72.00
	Uncollected		<u>2,200.24</u>
	Total		24,494.62



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1973 - December 31, 1973

	Cash Received	Cash Paid Out	Balance
Balance, Jan. 1, 1973			177,120.13
Receipts - 1973			
Tax Collector	830,640.66		
Town Clerk	40,618.53		
Permits (pistol, explosive, junk)	211.00		
State of NH - EEA	4,435.45		
State of NH - Police Dept.	6,514.60		
Police Dept. - Zayre's labor	2,481.75		
Police Dept. - Equip. sold	107.00		
Police Dept. - Misc.	461.84		
State of NH - Highway Dept.	22,379.39		
Highway Dept. - Road Repairs	1,135.10		
Highway Dept. - Misc.	548.90		
F.I.C.A. Taxes Recovered, Zayres'	12.91		
Insurance Recovered - Zayres'	262.84		
Municipal Court	6,800.00		
State of NH - Business Profits	34,655.92		
State of NH - Int. & Div. Tax	2,974.07		
State of NH - Sav. Bank Tax	1,777.33		
State of NH - Meals & Rooms	14,934.08		
State of NH - Old Age Assist.	135.20		
State of NH - Winnepesaukee River Basin Study	4,681.23		
Bank Stock Tax	136.10		
Septic System Insp.	650.00		
Planning Board	283.00		
Tax Anticipation Notes	196,249.56		
Int. - Sav. Acct.	1,392.33		
U.S. Government - Revenue Sharing	42,795.00		

Interest - Revenue		
Sharing Account	1,366.23	
Held in escrow	80.00	
Interest - Escrow		
Account	1.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,612.05</u>	
	1,220,333.73	<u>1,220,333.73</u>
Total		1,397,453.86
Less:		
Selectmen's Orders Paid		
January	46,655.08	
February	37,950.63	
March	67,599.10	
April	76,897.56	
May	72,510.41	
June	94,498.49	
July	51,593.58	
August	100,110.69	
September	46,761.60	
October	71,745.54	
November	84,388.27	
December	<u>357,814.84</u>	
Total	1,108,525.79	<u>1,108,525.79</u>
Balance		<u><u>288,928.07</u></u>
Cash on Deposit:		
Checking Acct.	251,942.75	
Savings Acct.		
#2008589	306.13	
#2008592	283.45	
Revenue Sharing		
#2009656	16,071.08	
C.D. #487	8,806.00	
C.D. #587	11,437.00	
Escrow Account	<u>81.66</u>	
Balance		<u><u>288,928.07</u></u>

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS BY TREASURER

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers Salaries	12,666.53
Town Officers Expenses	12,907.35
Election & Registration	961.63
Municipal Court	1,400.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	4,810.72
Employees Retirement & Social Security	6,459.01

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Department	50,833.01
Fire Department	22,396.06
Planning & Zoning	2,173.03
Insurance	11,812.09
Damage by Dogs	1,232.69
Legal Expenses	3,698.05
Civil Defense	199.80

HEALTH

Health Dept., including Hospitals	4,686.60
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	13,943.80

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

Town Maintenance - Winter	14,138.30
Town Maintenance - Summer	24,634.29
Street Lighting	3,880.86
General Expense of Highway Department	23,267.65
Town Road Aid	1,127.13

LIBRARIES

4,000.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Town Poor	4,339.79
Old Age Assistance	4,769.13

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day & Veterans Association	600.00
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RECREATION

Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	232.50
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Cemeteries	200.00
Hydrant Rentals	3,111.24
Advertising & Regional Association	200.00

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on Long Term Notes	966.13
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(Interest deducted from Tax Anticipation Notes)	3,750.44
PRINCIPAL OF DEBT	
Long Term Notes	17,100.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Town Construction	18,681.31
Sidewalk Construction	9,388.74
New Equipment	5,841.58
Revenue Sharing	20,172.15
REFUNDS	3,639.39
RESIDENT TAXES	4,428.28
SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	508,356.12
COUNTY TAX	45,895.10
TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN	43,393.07
BOND & DEBT RETIREMENT TAX	237.31
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	200,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT  
Statement of Account - General Fund

Balance - January 1, 1973 7,926.06

Cash Received:

Water Rents	21,157.72
Meters & Installation	726.17
Meter Acct. - closed	2,809.50
Private construction	41.85
Miscellaneous	<u>184.06</u>

Total 24,919.30

32,845.36

Expenditures:

Production - labor	273.00
Production - expense	7,186.23
Distribution - labor	1,916.66
Distribution - expense	760.90
Meters - labor	1,087.50
Meters - expense	3,525.81
Administration & legal	847.56
Indebtedness	9,800.00
Interest	3,909.39
Private Construction	51.00
Winnisquam Project	121.59
Construction	<u>88.50</u>

Total 29,568.14

Balance - December 31, 1973 3,277.22

Cash on Deposit - Checking Account  
Citizens National Bank 3,277.22

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Account - Meter Account

Balance - January 1, 1973		\$ 2,856.48
Cash Received:		
Supplies	\$ 10.81	<u>10.81</u>
Total		\$ 2,867.29
Expenditures:		
Meters & Supplies	\$ 2,136.79	
Labor	<u>730.50</u>	
Total		<u>\$ 2,867.29</u>
Balance		-0-
Account closed out 8-22-73.		

Statement of Account - Winnisquam Division

Cash Received:		
Water Rents	\$ 1,114.66	
Meters & Installation	<u>432.84</u>	
Total	\$	\$ 1,547.50
Expenditures:		
Water Rents	\$ 350.54	
Meters & Installation	432.84	
Administration	<u>14.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$ 797.38</u>
Balance - December 31, 1973		<u>\$ 750.12</u>
Cash on Deposit -- checking account Citizens National Bank		<u>\$ 750.12</u>

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS 1973

Water Works Improvement Bonds

<u>Due</u>	<u>3/5%</u>	<u>2 3/4%</u>	<u>2 3/8%</u>	<u>4 1/2%</u>	<u>6 1/2%</u>
1974	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,800	4,000
1975		2,000	1,000	1,800	4,000
1976		2,000	1,000	1,800	4,000
1977		1,000	1,000	1,800	4,000
1978			1,000	1,800	4,000
1979			1,000	1,800	4,000
1980			1,000	1,800	4,000
1981				1,800	4,000
1982				<u>1,800</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>16,200</u>	<u>35,000</u>

Fire Trucks & Depot St. Bridge

<u>Due</u>	<u>Fire Truck 6%</u>	<u>Depot St. Bridge 3 1/4%</u>
1974	1,900	1,000
1975	1,900	500
1976	1,900	
1977	1,900	
1978	1,900	
1979	<u>1,900</u>	
	<u>11,400</u>	<u>1,500</u>

REPORT OF THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

The year 1973 will go down in our annals as the year Belmont's growth finally caught up with it, and exposed the town to law enforcement problems our people never dreamed of five short years ago. This was the year that the occupancy of the Belknap Mall brought with it the problems of an urban, more than rural complexion. It was the year that the drug scene really hit our teenagers and a year that our citizens were exposed to more chance of becoming the victim of a serious crime than any other in our history.

In retrospect, how well did we cope with the problem? All calls for the police were up 11.4% over the previous year, but serious crimes classified by the F.B.I. as "Crime Index" offenses, skyrocketed by 52.7%. Arrests were up 46.3%, but we were able to hold the accident rate to a modest 5% increase, due largely to the addition of a "Moving Radar" set to the department and because the Selectmen authorized a third cruiser.

The police department itself was stressed to capacity, but was fortunate in being composed of a well-trained and experienced staff. Although young in years, of our four regular officers and three part-time officers, three hold college degrees, and one other man has two years of college. Officers McCarty and Bennett completed State Police Recruit School this year, Officer Bennett completed basic and advanced fingerprint schools sponsored by the F.B.I. Officers Dawes and McCarty completed F.B.I. Firearms Instructors School, which Chief Sweeney and Officer Bennett have completed in prior years. Officer Dawes completed a Police Administration School and Chief Sweeney, who is now a member of the Criminal Justice Faculty at St. Anselm's College, has completed a Homicide Investigation School. Each Officer worked non-paid overtime to make it possible for other men to attend school. The department received the Police Science Award from Law and Order Magazine in 1973, in recognition of a new records system developed and implemented the previous year.

Increases were recorded in the number of burglaries, petty larcenies, forgeries and bad checks and auto thefts. Youngsters moving out of the family home and living in "pads" in various parts of town, and the influence of the larger regional High School, plus the presence of major drug pushers in the area, some from out of state, were factors in many of the crimes committed. With cooperation of State Police undercover agents operating in town at our request, we made our first arrest for sale of uncontrolled drugs and drug-related arrests numbered 18, compared with two the previous year. Drugs valued at over \$3,000.00 on



the street were confiscated by the department and included marijuana, hashish, amphetamines, phencyclidine, hypodermic syringes and other paraphernalia. In addition, we cooperated with Canterbury authorities in cleaning up a commune in Sherwood Forest which had led to shoplifting and burglaries in the Belmont area.

A further indication of the serious type of situation existing today was the massive manhunt in town which led to the capture of four of six Vermont State Prison escapees described as extremely dangerous. In nearby Gilford, a man wanted for mass murders in California and Texas was apprehended after exchanging shots in a gun-battle with police during an armed robbery at Grant City Store. It was learned that he planned to hold up Zayre's Department Store and Shaw's Supermarket in Belmont, had he been successful in his aborted attempt in Gilford.

The energy crisis increased the expense of running our cruisers and created problems with widespread larcenies of gasoline and heating oil around town. We had an increase in administrative arrests in connection with the burgeoning number of town ordinances, such as the dog leash law and dumping violations. When the Belknap Mall got into full operation in November, daily bank escorts, shoplifting and fraudulent check cases were added to our workload.

A new Criminal Code became effective statewide on October 1, 1973, and changed all the criminal laws of the state. Much time had to be spent in training our officers and studying these new laws.

Successful criminal investigations during the year included the arrest, in cooperation with the Laconia Police Department, of a 17-year old who was returned from California for a series of burglaries at commercial establishments, including Woodward's Garage and McGreevy Buick-Cadillac Co., Inc. Officer Dawes flew to California to return three other subjects in connection with a burglary at Arcon, Inc., on Union Road. Two juveniles and an adult were arrested for larcenies from coin machines at Torrey's Laundromat, a juvenile and two adults for larcenies by false pretenses at the Citizens National Bank and Belmont Hardware, one adult and one juvenile for burglaries at summer residences on Durrell Mountain Road, two adults were caught while attempting a burglary at Penny's Superette, two juveniles for a burglary at the Richard Varey residence on Brown Hill Road, a Franklin man for a series of fraudulent checks cashed at Shaw's Supermarket, a Vermont man and Franklin woman for forged checks cashed at Shaw's, five persons were arrested for sale of controlled drugs, two for conspiracy to sell controlled drugs, and eleven for possession of drugs, or drug paraphernalia, to name but a few cases investigated during 1973.

The summer police cadet program continued with Miss Jewell Pearl and Miss Karen Baldwin with Kirkman Cassavaugh, Jr., in summer work with the department. The "Officer Bill" public relations program with school children continued.

As we look forward to 1974 and beyond, we see the need to add more patrolmen in the near future to provide 24-hour road patrol coverage such as already exists in Gilford, Laconia, Tilton, Meredith and Alton. There is also a need for larger facilities and more floor space at headquarters in the town hall. We feel confident that with the continued support of the Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and you the voters of town, that this can be accomplished. As we look around us and see the scandals and problems that have rocked many neighboring police departments, we feel more grateful than ever to the honest, hardworking citizens of Belmont for the strong committment they had made over the years to the cause of effective law enforcement and we pledge to you our determination to set and maintain the highest professional standards for your police department.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl M. Sweeney,  
Chief of Police

**1974**  
**TOWN WARRANT**  
**and**  
**BUDGET**



**BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

BELMONT TOWN WARRANT  
The State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1974 annual meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions as follows:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Shaker Regional High School, Belmont, N.H., on the 5th day of March next, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To choose one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for one year, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years and one Trustee of the Public Library for three years.
3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 60, so as to permit absentee voting by any voter of the Town of Belmont who is absent from the Town on the day of the annual election of officers, or who, by reason of physical disability, is unable to vote in person. (Vote by ballot)

SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Shaker Regional High School, Belmont, N.H., on the 9th day of March next at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear and act upon the reports of committees.
2. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether they still favor the issue of a license to hold grey hound dog races in the Town of Belmont.
3. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following ordinance entitled "Excavation, Removal and Filling of Land":
  1. The use of lands for excavation, removal, filling or depositing of any type of earth

material, top soil, gravel, rocks, rubbish or other wastes or by-products may be permitted under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

A topographic plan shall be drawn at a scale of not less than fifty feet to equal 1 inch, and shall show existing and proposed and topographical features and such data as the Board of Selectmen may desire.

The Selectmen may require the filing of a surety bond with the application that is executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire.

The amount of the bond will be determined by the Board of Selectmen, and will be sufficient to rehabilitate the property and any road ways or property damage upon default of the operator of the excavation or filling operation and to cover any court costs and other reasonable expenses.

This provision does not apply to normal soil removal for basement or foundation work, when a building permit has previously been issued by the Selectmen.

- II. If a basement or foundation is not completed within six months from the commencement of construction and is found by the Selectmen to constitute a hazard, the owner shall be notified in writing to remove the hazardous condition and given 30 days to remedy the situation.
  - III. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation. Each day, or part thereof, in which violation of this ordinance continues, shall be considered a separate offense. In addition, the Selectmen are authorized to bring any action at law or in equity, as they may deem advisable to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
4. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following ordinance entitled "Weight Limits on Town Roads": No vehicle, or combination of vehicles and load shall be operated or moved over any highway of the Town, if the weight of such vehicle, or combination of vehicles, and load is greater than 24,000 pounds. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to vehicles used for constructing and repairing highways, school buses, vehicles transporting agricultural products, poles, logs, timber, metal, rubbish or building materials, except that the term build-

ing materials shall not include gravel. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation.

5. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following ordinance: All vehicles with a gross weight in excess of 10 tons shall be excluded from regular, daily, commercial use of Union Road, Belmont, N.H. due to the narrowness of the road along with the many dangerous curves and lack of adequate shoulders existing on the road and the danger to the many children waiting along the road for school buses. (By Petition)
6. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following ordinance:

WHEREAS the annual national championship motorcycle races in Loudon, N.H. each year causes a great influx of persons in the Town and to this area, and WHEREAS the police, fire and public health facilities of the Town of Belmont are strained beyond capacity with resultant hazards to the public safety in the form of increased traffic accidents and congestion, forest fire hazards, an increased crime rate, added costs of debris removal along public highways and the danger of riots and civil disturbances, and WHEREAS there is a need to protect persons and property in the Town and to control this influx of people and keep it within the bounds which can be handled with available public safety personnel, THEREFORE, the following provisions are enacted as a legitimate exercise of the police powers of the Town of Belmont:

1. The Selectmen are hereby granted authority to designate areas within the highway right of way and within a distance of 660 feet from the sidelines of the right of way of Route 106, as closed to camping, stopping or standing other than for disabled vehicles and the pickup or discharge of passengers, and are hereby authorized to conspicuously post such areas as they may designate with signs prohibiting camping, stopping or standing within the highway right of way and within a distance of 660 feet of the sidelines of the right of way. Such signs shall be erected no sooner than 10 days before the start of motorcycle weekend, and to be removed within 10 days after motorcycle weekend.
2. No person shall permit or authorize camping on his land which has been posted with signs prohibiting camping. No person shall camp in a prohibited area so posted, nor stop or stand other than temporarily with a disabled vehicle

or to pick up or discharge passengers.

3. Any person violating sections 1 and 2 above, or removing or defacing a sign so posted, or any person refusing to break up camp or to move on, upon request of landowner or any law enforcement officer, shall be guilty of a violation hereof.
4. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to persons camping in legally established campgrounds or travel trailer parks.
5. The absence of signs prohibiting camping in any area shall not constitute a license nor official encouragement from the Town of Belmont to camp in that particular area.
6. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation.
7. Should any part of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts of the ordinance shall remain unaffected by such a finding.
7. To see if the Town will vote to have all public hearings and special town meetings held on a Saturday afternoon. (By Petition)
8. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town or the Police Department to accept any available Federal or State Funds and Grants it may be eligible to receive during 1974.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year and to issue in the name of and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year.
10. To see what the Town will vote to do with the income from the John M. Sargent Fund.
11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to refinance and/or renew any loans which may become due during the current municipal year.
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction and convey real property acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed.
13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept any and all grants of disaster aid funds from the federal and/or state governments as may become available during the year, and to expend such funds

for the purpose for which they are received, and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

14. To see if the Town will accept a 50 foot strip of land between School Street and Concord Street from the Shaker Regional School District and appropriate a sum of \$5,000.00 to construct a street on this land.
15. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following as an ordinance:

The Selectmen upon recommendation of the Chief of Police shall have the power to order the management of any racetrack to bar from admission at the track, anyone who is deemed to be an habitual gambler or anyone who is on welfare or otherwise depriving his family through gambling; and the management of said track upon due written notice from the Selectmen, shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 each time such a person is allowed to attend or bet at the track.

16. To see what action the Town will take upon the Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.
17. To see if the Town will vote to use Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the amounts shown, for the following:

(a) Acquisition of a pumper and hose truck for fire department	\$ 16,924.00
(b) Completion of Bishop Road	10,700.00
(c) Town dump and garbage removal	17,700.00
(d) Fire Department	25,400.00
(e) Police Department	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 90,724.00

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

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

Louis F. Wuelper  
Nicky C. Salta  
Romeo Clairmont  
Selectmen of Belmont

A true copy of warrant - Attest:

Louis F. Wuelper  
Nicky C. Salta  
Romeo Clairmont



CERTIFICATION OF POSTING BY SELECTMEN

We hereby certify that on the 14th day of February, 1974, we posted attested copies of the within warrant at Town Hall, Shaker Regional High School, being place of meeting within specified, and a like copy at Farmers Market, a public place in said town.

Louis Wuelper  
Nicky C. Salta  
Romeo Clairmont

Selectmen of Belmont

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Budget Committee	
		Recommended 1974 (1974-75)	Submitted Without Recommendation
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	12,750.00	13,250.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	14,000.00	14,500.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Municipal & District Court Expenses	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	8,400.00	6,000.00	
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	7,000.00	7,500.00	
Reappraisal	2,500.00	3,000.00	
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY:</b>			
Police Department	38,478.00	56,266.00	
Fire Department	23,000.00	25,400.00	
Insurance	10,000.00	12,500.00	
Planning & Zoning	2,243.00	2,400.00	
Damages & Legal Expense	2,200.00	2,400.00	
Civil Defense	300.00	300.00	
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT:</b>			
Including Hospitals & Ambulance	5,150.00	10,450.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	16,000.00	17,700.00	
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES:</b>			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	38,490.35	41,688.68	
Street Lighting	3,400.00	4,300.00	
General Expenses of Highway Department	22,920.60	24,400.00	
Town Road Aid	1,127.13	1,142.03	

LIBRARIES:		4,000.00	4,400.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	3,000.00		4,000.00
Old Age Assistance	4,500.00		5,000.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:			
Memorial Day & Veteran's Association	550.00		600.00
RECREATION:			
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Municipal Water	12,500.00		12,500.00
Cemeteries	200.00		200.00
Hydrant Rental	6,023.00		5,544.00
Advertising & Regional Association	200.00		200.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	17,100.00		12,700.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	4,922.75		4,130.50
Interest on Temporary Loans	5,000.00		5,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	60,980.00		
Church Hill Bridge			70,000.00
Bishop Road			10,700.00
South Road			1,500.00
Jamestown Road			7,000.00
Asphalt Sealing			5,000.00
Police Cruiser			3,382.88
Hoist			360.00
Fire truck			16,924.00
School Street Extension			5,000.00
Town Equipment			<u>6,000.00</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

333,304.83

435,838.09

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous		Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year 1974 (1974-75)
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	2,974.07		2,990.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,777.33		1,700.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	14,934.08		15,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	19,688.43		19,705.18
Reimbursement A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	8,291.00		8,706.00
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES:</b>			
Dog licenses	1,345.00		1,300.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	881.00		800.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	38,640.53		38,000.00
Interests on Taxes & Deposits	9,579.52		10,000.00
Fines & Forfeits - Municipal & District Court	6,800.00		6,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	136.10		100.00
Resident Taxes Retained	12,990.70		15,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	206.38		200.00
Rent of Town Property	60.00		-----
Income from Municipal Utilities (Water)	22,222.38		22,000.00
<b>FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:</b>			
Revenue Sharing	<u>40,586.00</u>		<u>45,000.00</u>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
(Exclusive of County & School Taxes)	181,112.52		186,711.18

Budget Committee:

Leslie E. Roberts, Chairman  
Kenneth V. Ellis  
Arthur W. Hill  
James Rhodes  
John Moynihan  
Leo Alger

Robert Harper  
Cedric Witham  
Theodore L. Gate  
Rodney Pearl  
Wilson Mansfield



ANALYSIS OF DAILY COMPLAINTS

Criminal ..... 1,073  
 Non-criminal ..... 1,240  
 2,313

Auto Accidents

Fatals ..... 1  
 Personal Injury ..... 28  
 Property Damage ..... 85  
 114

Value Property Damaged ... \$52,555.00

CRIME INDEX

Index Crimes	Actually Committed	Cleared	% Cleared
Burglary	49	15	30.6%
Larceny over \$50.00	20	4	20.0%
Auto Theft	15	4	26.6%
Larceny under \$50.00	70	35	50.0%
Simple Assaults	19	19	100.0%
Forgeries & Bad Checks	<u>47</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>59.5%</u>
	220	105	47.7%

Value property stolen locally : \$19,731.18  
 Recovered by police action: \$12,850.11

ARRESTS, SIMMONSES AND LICENSE SUSPENSIONS\*

Adults ..... 537  
 Juveniles ..... 63  
 600

\*Included 221 criminal; 379 motor vehicle violations; 515 males; 85 women; 150 Belmont residents; 357 out-of town and 93 out-of-state. Court fines levied totalled \$12,550.00 of which \$2,900.00 was suspended. Sentences imposed totalled 44 months, 2 days of which 36 months, 2 days were suspended.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Warnings issued .... 570 Court attended ..... 95  
 D.E. Tags issued ... 480 Meetings attended ..... 52  
 Checkups ..... 486 Special details .....275  
 Motorists aided .... 95 Unsecured doors & windows ...400

CRUISER MILEAGE

Cruiser #1 50,404.6  
 Cruiser #2 25,854.6  
 Cruiser #3 4,381.2

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Total number of dogs taken in. . . . .	99
Number of dogs returned to owners. . . . .	56
Number of dogs disposed of for owners. . . . .	8
Injured or dead dogs disposed of . . . . .	6
Stray dogs (not claimed ) disposed of. . . . .	16
Stray dogs (not claimed ) taken to NH Human Society. .	13
Cats disposed of . . . . .	8
Cats returned to owners . . . . .	1
Phone calls, complaints, etc. answered . . . . .	129

Respectfully submitted,

Aime J. Bourque  
Dog Officer



## BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

This past year the department had 145 emergency calls, a decline over the year before. The men of the department put in a total of 185 hours each on training, total man hours of 3,700, plus the total of 290 hours each on emergencies, total of 5,800 hours. The total of 9,500 hours for the year.

The fire insurance rates on mileage was extended from 3 miles to 5 miles from the nearest fire station. This latest extension to 5 miles covers all the homes in Belmont so every home owner in Belmont in the past 2 years should have received a drop in their fire insurance rates.

This past year the Lakes Region Mutual Aid Fire Association formed a central purchasing system where every town in the system could purchase their equipment. All towns that used this central purchasing saved considerable money, as the Town of Belmont saved over \$900.00 last year.

The present fire equipment consists of:

- (1) 1963 - 750 gallon pump - 800 gallon tank
- (1) 1969 - 750 gallon pump - 800 gallon tank
- (1) 1965 - Pickup truck
- (1) 1952 - Army jeep
- (1) Boat & trailer

The men in the department and myself would like to say thanks for your help and support this past year.

Robert Bordeau, Chief  
Belmont Fire Department

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

A dry-hydrant was installed near the Bay Meeting House in Sanbornton.

There are at present, 28 volunteer firemen enrolled in the department. A regular meeting, officer's meeting and a drill are held once each month, as well as attendance at mutual aid meetings and fire schools.

A total of eleven (11) members attended the two-day fire school during 1973.

Approximately 100 children in the Winnisquam area attended the annual Carole Davis Children's Christmas Party on December 16th, met a real Santa Claus and were given presents, candy and ice cream.

Present fire equipment consists of:

- (1) 1968 - 750 gallon pump - 1000 gallon tank
- (1) 1952 - 500 gallon pump - 600 gallon tank
- (1) 1951 - 350 gallon pump - 400 gallon tank
- (1) 1958 - Van type rescue truck.

A recorded total number of emergency calls to the department was 52. Twelve were mutual aid calls. Forty were in the Winnisquam area. These calls were in the following towns: Belmont-20; Tilton-12; & Sanbornton-8.

The trucks were operated a total of 572 miles and the total man hours spent were 768 hours.

Richard A. Fletcher, Clerk

- Financial Statement-

Expenditures:

Care and maintenance of buildings and equipment	\$ 4,882.30
Cash on Hand, 01-01-73	\$ 151.26
Appropriations received	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$ 4,151.26
(minus expenditures)	<u>4,882.30</u>
Deficit*	\$ 731.04

\*Deficit caused by one appropriation not coming in until January, 1974.

Robert V. Brooks, Treas.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The New Hampshire Forest Fire Service is represented in every town, city or unorganized place in our state by the forest fire warden. Anyone wishing to kindle an outside fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the fire warden. Except for cooking fires, no fire can be kindled between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. unless it is a commercial or industrial burn or it is raining. The fire warden is assisted in his work by the District Forest Fire Chief who works for the Department of Resources and Economic Development Forest Fire Service.

Fire prevention was, again this year, the most important part of the Forest Fire Warden's job. Fire statistics show the need with 72% of the fires caused by smoking, debris burning and children. Smokey the Bear is an important prevention tool but he still needs much help from the public. Parents should warn their children of the hazards of playing with matches. Children tend to forget that a lighted match held in their hand is a potential forest fire.

Forest Fire Record:

	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Town</u>
Fires reported	617	124	1
Acres Burned	244	146	0
Acres average size	.395	1.21A	0

Richard S. Chase,  
District Fire Chief

Robert Bordeau,  
Forest Fire Warden

BELMONT PLANNING BOARD REPORT - 1973

In April, the expired term of Mr. Stanley Nawoj was filled by the appointment of Mr. Theodore Cate, Jr. by the Board of Selectmen.

Election of officers found Mr. Cedric Witham declining the nomination for a second term as Chairman. We feel that Mr. Witham had done a very energetic and able job as our Chairman and wish to express our appreciation for his leadership in our first years.

New Officers are Mr. Royal W. Smith, Jr., Chairman; Theodore Cate, Jr., Secretary. Mr. Romeo Clairmont was appointed ex-officio member from the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Alfred Sawicki was appointed as Planning Board representative to the Disposal Committee. Mrs. Joyce Ouellette remains as clerk for the board.

Our calendar has been full with several sizable proposed developments requiring hearings and special meetings.

It is now apparent that our subdivision ordinance has proved to be a reasonable and workable aid for the beneficial growth of our town. Only one developer has sought to contest its provisions in the courts. The judgement was in favor of the boards interpretation of the ordinance.

We hope that the proposed legislation is successful-- placing the burden of costs on the developer if ruled against in court -- in "test cases" against towns.

Our new mobile home ordinance is a notable success in its own aim not to penalize property owners of record, and to encourage conventional development.

The public hearing, suggested by Chairman Smith and unanimously supported by board members, was very well attended and produced numerous helpful suggestions. The board is very pleased to receive constructive input, from all sources, that will aid a program of orderly progress.

Your participation is of great value and much appreciated by members of the Planning Board.

We will continue in our efforts to fulfill the declaration stated in last years report: "We have in all cases attempted to assist the developer to accomplish his purpose in a way that would be beneficial to the town as well as the individual developer.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Cate, Jr., Secretary

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Your Civil Defense Director this year has a survey for shelter space for the high school in case of any emergency which might arise. We are also working on a new plan for the town in case of a nuclear attack.

We purchased fire extinguishers to be put in the Town Police Cruisers, so there would be an ability to handle small fires which might occur after a highway accident without having to have the Fire Department respond to each accident call.

We are working with the Lakes Region Area Energy Committee to help solve any problem which arises caused by the energy shortage.

We invite all persons who are interested in helping the Civil Defense program, to contact your local director.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harper, Director

## REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

This past year, the Health Department was faced with a much larger problem than it had been in the past. People living in mobile home developments had been doing so under some very unsanitary conditions, such as raw sewage running through their trailer sites, and some right under their mobile homes. Some mobile home parks, as well as conventional home developments, have been faced with water of a very poor quality, and in some cases, not even enough water to meet their every day needs. However, most of these problems have been corrected through the cooperation of the landowners and the assistance of the Health Department.

Some of the Main Street residents have been very concerned about the Tioga River and in some cases installed leach fields; others put in new septic tanks as well. It is good to see that the people of Belmont are beginning to show that they are proud of their town and want to do all they can to keep it as free of pollution as they can.

I am going to list a few regulations that will be of interest to all persons that pay rent to a landlord.

1. You cannot be evicted because of unsanitary conditions that you are not responsible for.
2. You are not responsible for any cost for pumping septic tanks.
3. You are not responsible for any garbage collection in any development that is privately owned.
4. It is against the law to threaten or force a person from a privately owned development for entering a complaint to the Health Department for unsanitary conditions.

But remember, you also have a very large responsibility to your friends and neighbors, as well as to your landlord, to keep a clean lot that will look respectable to the rest of the community. Let's all work to keep our centennial slogan, "Belmont, the Best Town By A Dam Site."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stevens,  
Health Officer

REPORT OF WATER SUPERINTENDENT  
Year Ending, December 31, 1973

In addition to the regular daily inspection of the reservoir and two wells, we have had the reservoir drained and repaired.

We have through the cooperation of the Selectmen and the Fire Department, installed a gas engine at the new well for auxiliary power.

We have installed new services in the village system and seven at the Winnisquam Division of our department. A new service line in Pleasant Valley was installed.

We changed motors and laid new electric cable at Well No. 1.

The plant inventory as of December 31, 1973 of the water works, including the Winnisquam Division totals the amount of \$282,650.62.

We have installed 66 meters this year and plan to complete the metering program early in the spring.

We are now serving three hundred and two customers.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Higgins

## REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT

This year we completed work on the Shaker Road from the Northfield Town line to the intersection of South Road.

We also installed 6" granite curbing on School Street and built a five foot sidewalk and paved it and we also paved School Street and installed a series of new drains to help with the water runoff.

Extensive seal coating was done on the Town streets, Union Road, Jamestown Road, Ladd Hill, Brown Hill Road and South Road to help preserve these roads. More seal coating will be done this year.

Work was started on Bishop Road and we hope to complete this road this year. We also have plans to improve the Union and Jamestown Roads.

Some work was done on the Sargent Lake Road and more work will be done this year from the Brown Hill Road to the bridge.

A ledge was removed from the Union Road near the Shaw residence and also part of a ledge on the Weston Road, was removed, plus cutting brush and replacing rusted out culverts in other sections of the town.

The radio's which we have in the trucks and grader have been a great help inasmuch as we can be in constant contact with the base station which is in the Town Office and in case of emergency can be reached almost immediately, and we can keep in touch with each other during the routine work day.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Reed, Road Agent



## BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the 1973 session of the General Court, legislation was passed into law which provides for local review of dredge and fill projects by conservation commissions. Previous to the time of this legislation, all applications were handled by the Special Board of the Water Resources Board, on a state level.

Under the recent legislation applications for such projects must also be made to the Town Clerk in triplicate. The clerk is required to forward one copy to the Conservation Commission. The commission thereafter has seven days to file with the Water Resources Board, its intention to investigate the application further. The commission then has thirty days to investigate further and to call a public hearing should one seem warranted.

Since the effective date of this legislation commission members have visited four sites where application has been made for construction in or near water or for diversion of the natural flow of water. To date no objections have been filed by the commission.

The commission would like to point out the increasing public awareness, as evidenced by this legislation, that land and water alterations should be allowed to proceed only when they are in the best interests of the people as a whole.

Belmont Conservation Commission  
Stanley Hill, Chairman  
Lyle Watson  
Wallace Rhodes  
Roscoe Twombly  
Suzanne Roberts

## BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION

In keeping with our past practices for developing an overall recreation plan for the Town of Belmont, this past year we have pursued all sources of revenue which would relieve the tax burden and keep the cost of the total project down.

To date, the expenditure for Murray Park at Pout Pond, besides the purchase price, has been approximately \$2,000.00. of which we only spent \$7.00 but hope to be able to carry the balance forward toward this year's request. The reason we didn't spend it was because we were in the process of inviting the Army Reserve to conduct their training program here which would result in getting the park area developed at a very minimal cost to the town. This should take place in the very near future and we will be able to complete the whole project with the exception of the actual plumbing of the required toilet facilities.

One of the procedural requirements was to obtain a complete survey and development layout. We made an application for this service to the R C & D of the North Country, which Belknap County became a part of recently. It was approved and completed by the U.S. Soil Conservation Commission, which is an arm of R C & D providing technical services to towns who apply and are approved. The plans were delivered to us this year at no cost to the town and we presented them to the Army Reserves for approval. The meeting produced almost positive acceptance. We also received approval for them to move stones from a private owner's property for the wall in the park plans. This in itself resulted in a savings equal to the cost of the bath house and then some.

We wish to thank Mr. Clem Lyons, Mr. Wilber Phillips and Mr. David Keats of the U.S. Soil Conservation Commission for all their work providing the survey plans for the Town of Belmont at Murray Park. We also wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Rolfe for their donation of the stones for the walls at the park, which is another savings. This briefly brings you up to date on one project.

The other project we are working on is the playground for the town on town owned land behind the Fire Department. There was \$1,000.00 approved for this project last year and only \$25.00 of this was spent. The balance we would like carried over. Here again we approached R C & D of the North Country with an application for an engineering survey of the town owned land. It was approved and a preliminary on-site inspection was made. The actual survey has not been completed as a higher priority job came up over ours. However, the field work has been done on this and from the latest information, we will be getting our survey soon. This will be a large savings to the town. Once this survey is done

and delivered, we will then know how much matching funds will be available to us on it. It could possibly come under a flood control program or through the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on a 50-50 basis. So here again we feel we should have sufficient funds available during the coming year for anticipated developments. We hope possibly to have the area drained and fenced this year ready for next year to obtain and install playground equipment funded in part by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on a 50-50 basis.

We appreciate your interests in both of these projects and we are leaving no stone unturned in trying to defray as much of the cost as possible with outside help, to make it all worthy of your interest and participation.

Belmont Recreation Commission

Arthur J. Moran, Chairman  
James Rhodes  
William Ekberg  
Gerl Smock  
Richard Smock, Sr.

## BELMONT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

The residents of Belmont must be aware this coming year of the final end to all open disposal site burnings in July, 1975, which will require Belmont to convert to the new Sanitary Landfilling method to dispose of their household waste. We also have to locate an area for disposal of large non-compactible items such as tire, refrigerators, etc., which do not require covering as often as household waste of a bacterial nature. There will be a sacrifice required by all of us in being concerned and changing our past habits. Another way of helping will be by giving some thought to whether or not you want to participate in a multiple community regional disposal site, which may or may not be located in Belmont or definitely going it on our own. All opinions received so far have indicated we go it alone. So far, any regional planning efforts haven't given any useful information to be of any beneficial help to Belmont. This past year's committee also indicated they feel we should go it alone.

We now have two new members on the Belmont Disposal Committee, Mr. Scott Roeder and Mr. Alfred Sawicki. The committee met with the Board of Selectmen and the local planning board with a request for a member of the planning board to be on the new committee. This was done and Alfred Sawicki was appointed.

During the past year we have investigated numerous places intown for a disposal site. We have requested the U.S. Conservation Committee and the U.S. Soil Conservation Commission to give us an evaluation study this coming year of a large area in Belmont for a possible site. The main thought is to keep cost down and to find a real safe place for it to be located. We have visited out of town sites and discussed the problem with other town officials. The trend seems to be to go it alone, to put the operation under their local Highway Department supervisor, and also to cut cost down by having shorter opening hours. There is a strong feeling for towns to disengage themselves from contract garbage pickup and for individual contractors to make arrangements for payment by individuals for whom they pick up garbage.

We wish to extend to our disposal site caretaker, Mr. MacMichael, a well done for keeping our present site more than just presentable and for cutting down completely the use of our disposal site by out-of-towners.

We also wish to show our appreciation to the local Highway Department for their cooperation in grading the area and hauling in the required fill. It's been proven beyond a question of doubt that with the interest and cooperation of all concerned our disposal site is not the problem it used

to be.

Also, we wish to extend our thanks to the local police department and fire department for their needed cooperation and wish to see it continued so as to show one and all we want a well administered disposal site in the strictest sense of the word.

Belmont Disposal Committee

Arthur Moran, Chairman  
Scott Roeder  
Alfred Sawicki

## WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN

The Winnepesaukee River Basin Advisory Board, made up of representatives from Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton, has met throughout the year as the Basin anti-pollution project progresses. The interceptor to which Belmont would connect is designed to carry the effluent past lower Lake Winnisquam, Silver Lake and out of the Winnepesaukee River Basin to treatment at a regional plant to be built at Franklin.

Planning based on 1971 Federal Aid shows costs of this construction to be met in the ratio of 75% from Federal Funds, 20% from State funds, and 5% from the local communities. Much of the work of the board has been trying to make sure that local shares of capital costs, operation and maintenance costs, are assessed in an equitable way so the towns can live with it financially.

The increase in the Environmental Protection Agency allotment to the State of New Hampshire has allowed the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission to speed up the construction schedule for the Winnepesaukee River Basin program. The new schedule would move construction of the Belmont Interceptor Sewer from the originally predicted 1984 to 1980.

Considering both the amount of time required to develop design specifications, construct a collector system and the need for coinciding with the State construction of the Belmont Interceptor, the year 1980 doesn't seem very far away.

Interested persons are reminded that copies of the engineering study of the River Basin are available at the Belmont Public Library and at the Town Hall. I will be happy to share the minutes of the Board meetings or any other information I have which updates the original study.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Suzanne S. Roberts

## BELMONT SEWER COMMISSION

At the annual Belmont Sewer District Meeting held on March 31, 1973, Mr. Robert Richards was elected as a Commissioner for three years and Mr. Thomas Clairmont was elected Treasurer. Other officers include Mr. Russell H. Cushing, Moderator; Virginia Simond, Secretary and the other two Commissioners, Mr. Robert Bordeau, Chairman and Mr. Urban Fleury.

A report was given by Mrs. Suzanne Roberts, the Town's representative of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project. She reported that Federal money is still not available, and that the projected date for the construction of the Belmont Interceptor line would be around 1984.

The Commissioners have applied for Federal Aid so that when the money is available, Belmont will be ready to go ahead with their sewage plans.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bordeau, Chairman  
Urban Fleury  
Robert Richards  
Commissioners

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Books, magazines and recordings circulated:

Non-fiction	
Adults	999
Juvenile	935
Fiction	
Adults	1687
Juvenile	2107
Magazines	632
Records	<u>120</u>
Total	6480

During 1973 we borrowed 596 books from the State Library Bookmobile, 38 books from the State Library through the inter-library loan system and 88 books from the Laconia Library including a collection of mysteries and science fiction which they loan to other libraries, and 93 new books were added to our collection.

A change in the overdue and fine policy has resulted in fewer overdue books. Books are charged out for two weeks and if they are not returned at the end of that time they are automatically renewed for two more weeks. If they are not returned at the end of this period a fine of 2¢ a day is charged for each day the books remain overdue.

During the summer, a story hour was held on Wednesday afternoons for the young children. The older children were invited to join the summer reading club. At the end of the summer, prizes were awarded to those who had read the most books.

The PTA gave a book to the library in honor of Mrs. Pearl Sanborn for her many years of service to the children while librarian. Another book was given in memory of Ernest Weeks by Mr. & Mrs. Sherwin Greenlaw. We also received a book from its co-author William Uraneck, who has a part-time residence in Belmont.

Some renovations to the building in 1973 included repainting the downstairs meeting room and the entry halls. Some replacement of old wiring also had to be done.

There were many new borrowers. Perhaps the energy crisis will prompt more of you to come in and borrow a book to read during these stay-at-home days and evening. A reminder that the library is open regular hours during school vacations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evelyn C. Morse, Librarian



BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees Report - January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, 12/31/72		\$ 2,873.65
Town Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Duffy Library Trust	1,650.00	
Fines, Donations, Non-Resident fees	35.20	
Books, Magazines, Pamphlet Covers	31.20	
Hall Rental	<u>15.00</u>	
		<u>5,731.40</u>
		\$ 8,605.05

Expenditures:

Librarian, Evelyn Morse	\$ 2,062.80	
Janitor	420.00	
Assistant Librarian Service	121.06	
Books	552.09	
Papers and Magazines	219.69	
Public Service Company	180.93	
New England Telephone Company	126.42	
Fuel Oil, A.A. Jewett	488.18	
Insurance	132.30	
Social Security	133.92	
Income Tax	102.60	
Tom Clairmont Labor & Materials	498.69	
Charles A. Gove Electrician	298.56	
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co.	69.30	
Gaylord Bros. Librarians Supplies	58.00	
P.O. Box Rental & Postage	30.40	
New Hampshire Bindery	15.35	
Lerman Press Envelopes	19.50	
Miscellaneous Supplies	34.94	
Belmont Water Department	17.90	
Parent Bros. & R.H. Cushing		
Labor & Materials	21.70	
Treasurers Expense	10.00	
Dues to N.H.L.T.A.	<u>9.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 5,623.33</u>
Balance on hand, 12/31/73		\$ 2,981.72

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace P. Rhodes

Helen M. Hill

Carrie W. Cushing, Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT, NH ON DECEMBER 31, 1973

Date	Name of Trust Fund	Balance	New	Capital	Balance	Income	Expend	Balance
		Beginning of Year	Funds Created	Gain Dividends	at end of Year	During Year	During Year	Beginning of Year
1902	Sylvia Wallcott Fund	100.00			100.00	11.41	4.50	146.33
1907	Steven Fifield Fund	5,407.72		595.76	6,003.48	235.76	250.59	75.13
1909	W.H. Sanborn Fund	75.00			75.00	4.97	7.00	30.43
1909	John S. Folsom Fund	100.00			100.00	19.35	4.50	320.56
1910	Stephen Folsom Fund	100.00			100.00	7.92	10.00	67.94
1916	James N. Hall Fund	100.00			100.00	5.63	10.00	12.75
1916	Charles E. Cate Fund	300.00			300.00	32.34	30.00	391.92
1917	John M. Folsom Fund	100.00			100.00	3.14	7.00	19.81
1920-25	George Fifield Fund	3,477.11		381.35	3,858.46	150.92	169.65	18.62
1920	Silas Leavitt Fund	100.00			100.00	12.79	9.00	171.93
1921	Louise Ingalls Fund	100.00			100.00	5.74	8.00	21.90
1921	Sarah Piper Fund	100.00			100.00	5.11	7.00	10.52
1921	Daniel Gale Fund	100.00			100.00	5.14	7.00	9.07
1921	Blanche Weymouth Fund	100.00			100.00	5.05	7.00	6.98
1921	Lydia Willard Fund	50.00			50.00	2.75	5.00	7.89
1921	Lillian Knowles Fund	100.00			100.00	4.83	5.00	.72
1922	Electa Currier Fund	100.00			100.00	5.47	7.00	13.26
1922	Etta Gilman Fund	50.00			50.00	2.42	3.00	.15
1922	Happy Latty Fund	100.00			100.00	4.83	5.00	.72
1923	Mrs. Josephine Hall Fund	50.00			50.00	2.87	4.00	12.75
1924	John A. Ladd Fund	60.00			60.00	3.23	4.00	19.06
1924	Thomas Clark Fund	60.00			60.00	3.14	5.00	6.23
1924	William Kilborn Fund	121.32			121.32	8.47	10.00	59.04

1924	Mason & Clark Fund	60.00			9.26	3.22	4.00	8.48
1924	Fred Brown Fund	50.00			15.06	3.00	5.00	13.06
1924	William Morrill Fund	100.00			6.89	5.12		12.01
1924	Fred Currier Fund	200.00			74.87	13.15		88.02
1925	Cora Thompson Fund	200.00			4.97	9.79	10.00	4.76
1926	Clara Lovejoy Fund	100.00			9.95	5.12	5.00	10.07
1926	Mattie Adams Fund	20.00			7.04	1.24		8.28
1927	Dana Maxfield Fund	100.00			.93	4.83	5.00	.76
1927	C.S. Walson Fund	50.00			4.69	2.54	2.00	5.23
1928	W.C. Wells Fund	100.00			10.51	5.15	5.00	10.66
1928	Etta Gilman Fund	100.00			.81	4.82	5.00	.63
1930	A.L. West Fund	100.00			.50	4.81	5.00	.31
1930	Laurantine Sanborn Fund	100.00			.76	4.82	5.00	.58
1930	John Bean, Ella Bean Fund	100.00			.89	4.83	5.00	.72
1930	Fred Bickford Fund	50.00			.91	2.43	3.00	.34
1933	Samuel Knowles Fund	517.08	30.63	547.71	5.56	12.05	10.00	7.61
1933	Jeremiah Kimball Fund	357.15	8.55	365.70	10.70	10.33	10.00	11.03
1934	Abbie Fifield Fund	2,665.26	290.99	2,956.25	29.82	115.15	114.74	30.23
1934	Ada Hudson Fund	190.00		190.00	52.84	11.63	20.00	44.47
1934	V. Estelle Sanborn Fund	100.00		100.00	20.18	5.62	5.00	20.80
1934	Harriet Leonard Fund	212.07	3.60	215.67	13.96	4.35		18.31
1934	Mrs. Charles Richard Fund	186.43	15.32	201.75	.58	6.07	5.00	1.65
1935	Mary Page Fund	50.00		50.00	.32	2.41	2.00	.73
1935	Ara Gile Fund	212.07	3.60	215.67	47.48	4.35	7.50	44.33
1935	Otis Sanborn Fund	212.07	3.60	215.67	10.97	4.35		15.32
1938	George P. Dearborn Fund	100.00		100.00	.83	4.83	5.00	.66
1938	Lettie Hall Fund	186.42	15.31	201.73	.58	6.07	5.00	1.65
1938	M. Jennie Small Fund	189.59	15.31	204.90	.59	6.07	5.00	1.66
1938	Mabel Clark Fund	376.69	32.16	408.85	15.90	12.72	15.00	13.62
1939	Sada Pelham Fund	200.00		200.00	6.06	9.86	12.00	3.92

1940	Nahum Sanborn Fund	100.00		100.00	.89	4.83	5.00	.72
1940	Edna French Fund	186.42	15.31	201.73	2.60	6.07	6.00	2.67
1940	William Courrer Fund	200.00		200.00	27.02	10.88	20.00	17.90
1940	Vinson Hadley Fund	200.00		200.00	274.84	22.66	7.00	290.50
1942	Ethelbert Sayward Fund	200.00		200.00	72.79	13.01	15.00	70.80
1942	Benjamin Mudgett Fund	104.08	1.80	105.88	3.52	2.17	3.00	2.69
1938	Fred & George Hancock Fund	200.00		200.00	30.63	11.10	25.00	16.73
1944	Sarah Lamprey Fund	471.49	9.69	481.18	80.42	10.60	6.00	85.02
1944	Mabel Clark Fund	240.00		240.00		11.57	10.00	1.57
1949	Kate Wells Fund	2,665.26	290.99	2,956.25	104.05	115.15	202.01	17.19
1946	Etta B. Dearborn Fund	152.47	7.08	159.55	2.94	4.66	5.00	2.60
1947	Alvin Clark Fund	376.68	32.16	408.84	88.33	12.72	9.00	92.05
1947	Alvin Clark Fund	376.68	32.16	408.84	174.80	12.72		187.52
1948	John Sargent Fund	27,343.23	880.65	28,223.88		1,062.91	1062.91	
1948	John Sargent Fund	6,869.76	759.63	7,629.39		300.65	300.65	
1948	Helen Thurley Fund	50.00		50.00	4.83	2.55	2.00	5.38
1949	Abbie Young Head Fund	200.00		200.00	177.97	18.03	9.00	187.00
1950	Josiah Gate Fund	500.00		500.00	38.77	25.83	25.00	39.60
1950	Mary Clifford Fund	100.00		100.00	.89	4.83	5.00	.72
1951	Blanche Weymouth Fund	186.43	15.32	201.75	16.58	6.07		22.65
1951	Herbert Adams Fund	334.80	18.72	353.52	4.06	7.35	8.00	3.41
1951	Daisy Sawyer Fund	200.00		200.00	41.76	11.59	20.00	33.35
1952	Dr. Edwin Hodgdon Fund	504.62	52.07	556.69	27.87	20.60	25.00	23.47
1952	Dora Riley Fund	367.46	38.29	405.75	9.92	15.14	19.50	5.56
1953	Addie Care Fund	675.81	20.25	696.06	69.36	24.44	19.75	74.05
1953	Dora Riley Fund	173.89	3.60	177.49	18.42	4.35		22.77
1953	Ellis Clark Fund	257.74	13.70	271.44	11.59	9.04	8.00	12.63
1955	Dow-Harris Fund	396.70	16.46	413.16	40.80	11.22	15.00	37.02
1955	Mary Clark Fund	214.29	3.60	217.89	11.22	4.35		15.57
1956	Thomas Fuller Fund	178.66	13.78	192.44	1.87	5.46	6.00	1.33

1956	Grace Moulton Fund	300.34	13.45	313.79	52.46	8.72	10.00	51.18
1957	Fred & Bessie Laflam Fund	221.86	3.60	225.46	6.15	4.35	5.00	5.50
1958	Katherine Johnson Fund	600.81	15.75	616.56	11.70	19.02	16.75	13.97
1958	Austin Lamprey Fund	318.65	7.70	325.85	6.10	8.69	8.00	6.79
1959	Annie Edgerly Fund	176.54	2.70	179.24	1.85	3.24	4.00	1.09
1960	Alta Heath Donovan Fund	281.95	21.44	303.39	3.24	8.46	8.00	3.70
1960	William & Mary Duso Fund	391.56	8.55	400.11	38.68	11.33		50.01
1961	Reed-Fifield Fund	150.00		150.00	3.09	7.34	10.00	.43
1964	Weeks-McCartney Fund	200.00		200.00	8.09	9.96	12.00	6.05
1966	Doris Garneau Fund	200.00		200.00	.62	8.15	8.00	.77
1967	Bernice Currier Fund	200.00		200.00	16.00	8.80		24.80
1967	Oakleigh Swain Fund	200.00		200.00	15.04	8.73		23.77
1968	Piper-Sweatt Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00	219.96	58.23		278.19
1968	Roscoe Sawyer Fund	200.00		200.00	13.04	8.64		21.68
1970	Everett Weeks Fund	200.00		200.00	4.65	9.78	10.00	4.43
1970	Hamel-Tate Fund	200.00		200.00	4.65	9.78	10.00	4.43
1971	Carl Sanborn Fund	200.00		200.00	2.97	9.70	10.00	2.67
1971	John O. Bryant Fund	400.00		400.00	7.84	19.47	12.00	15.31
1968	Elwin Sherman Fund	100.00		100.00	1.56	4.12	4.00	1.68
1967	William Phillips Fund	100.00		100.00	.29	4.08	4.00	.37
1972	Bernier-Judkins Fund	200.00		200.00	.61	9.58	8.00	2.19
1973	Pauline & Meribah Bryant Fund			100.00		.69		.69
1973	Leigh & Daisy Bryant Fund			100.00		.69		.69
1973	Ivo & Addie Weeks Fund			100.00		1.02		1.02

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Expended

2829.65

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OLD CEMETERY CASH ACCOUNT

Receipts:

January 1, 1973, Cash on hand	\$ 41.83
June 29, 1973, Received from 1973 town appropriation	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 241.83

Expenditures:

Labor and supplies for care of cemeteries	\$ 175.39
Cash on hand as of December 31, 1973	<u>66.44</u>
	\$ 241.83

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Bride &amp; Groom</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Where Married</u>
1/7	Michael J. Lavallee Irene S. Jenot	28 21	Laconia Belmont	Laconia
1/20	Marcel A. Mercier Pamela E. Fellows	34 25	Belmont Concord	Concord
1/20	Thomas M. Reed Donna A. Taylor	21 20	Laconia Belmont	Plymouth
1/25	Robert G. Beaumont Janet Y. Hing	34 33	Belmont Belmont	Laconia
1/27	Joseph W. Brooks Christine V. Bariteau	23 17	Laconia Winnisquam	Belmont
2/17	Richard S. Shaw Kathleen G. Huckins	20 16	Belmont Belmont	Laconia
3/17	Richard A. Thompson Linda A. Mowry	23 23	Belmont Belmont	Belmont
3/23	Donald R. Paquette Merrilee A. Thompson	23 20	Belmont Meredith	Laconia
4/7	Frederic R. Ouellette Joyce L. Paquette	30 20	Londonderry Belmont	Laconia
4/14	Ronald R. Labraney Carol A. Gebo	25 26	Belmont Belmont	Belmont
4/27	Harold Karagozian Karin Swanson	40 29	Gilmanton Belmont	Laconia
5/4	Johan C. Boelis Sandra Nash	21 16	Laconia Belmont	Belmont
5/4	Clayton G. Moulton Marion F. Pickering	49 43	Tilton Belmont	Northfield

5/29	Jerry W. Martin	21	Belmont	Belmont
6/9	Jo-Ann Hoffman	23	Startford, Conn.	Belmont
6/9	Albert J. Akerstrom III	29	Belmont	Laconia
6/9	Sheila A. Wiles	24	Laconia	Laconia
6/9	Patrick J. Dobscha	21	Laconia	Laconia
6/9	Jacqueline M. Abrams	19	Belmont	Franklin
6/10	Ronald A. St. Jean	21	Belmont	Newcastle
6/10	Diane M. Sawicki	19	Belmont	
6/16	Kurt F. Vuelper	26	Belmont	
6/16	Janis D. Hopkins	26	Portsmouth	
6/16	John Barnes	29	Belmont	
6/16	Claire Dube	34	Methuen, Mass.	
6/16	Michael Lewis Ellsworth	20	Belmont	Laconia
6/16	Yvonne D. LaPierre	19	Laconia	Laconia
6/23	Donald C. White	20	Belmont	Lakeport
6/30	Sandra J. Horn	19	Belmont	
7/3	Joseph T. Rhodes	18	Belmont	Belmont
7/3	Lorrie A. McLoud	15	Laconia	Laconia
7/14	Harold J. Flanders	21	Belmont	Belmont
7/14	Virginia N. Huckins	18	Belmont	Belmont
7/14	Christopher A. White	19	Belmont	Belmont
7/23	Debra A. Scarsilloni	19	Concord	Belmont
7/23	Frank H. Glines	57	Belmont	Belmont
7/23	Margaret M. Whitcher	62	Franklin	Gilmanton
8/12	James O. Bushey	18	Laconia	
8/12	Debra S. Reed	18	Belmont	
8/18	William E. Bohaker	22	Belmont	Pembroke, NH
8/18	Alice J. Rowell	19	Concord	
8/18	Walter Burt	60	Belmont	
8/18	Mary S. Youngman	61	Belmont	



8/28	William J. Dyer	40	Franklin	Laconia
	Janet L. Heath	33	Belmont	
8/29	Albert P. Guay	25	Belmont	Belmont
	Mary Ann Dotts	22	Belmont	
9/8	Paul J. Blanchette	20	Belmont	Laconia
	Glaudette E. DeRoy	18	Belmont	
9/19	Edwin C. Anderson, Jr.	40	Hudson, Mass.	Belmont
	Viola M. Camuti	52	Hudson, Mass.	
9/22	David W. Dow	24	Meredith	Winnisquam
	Patricia A. Nash	19	Belmont	
9/22	William D. Paquette	20	Belmont	Laconia
	Joanne L. Daudelin	17	Tilton	
9/29	Ronald A. Jacques	19	Laconia	Laconia
	Cheryl A. LaFoe	18	Belmont	
10/6	Robert V. Pease	18	Concord	Loudon
	Jewel F. Pearl	18	Belmont	
10/13	Richard W. Scott	21	Norton, Vt.	Sanbornton
	Wendy L. Cowing	19	Belmont	
10/20	Walter J. Berry	22	Laconia	Lakeport
	Donna P. Romprey	18	Belmont	
10/20	John R. Tibbetts, Jr.	19	Belmont	Laconia
	Susan L. Ricard	18	Belmont	
10/20	Christopher A. Zachowski	24	Belmont	Gilford
	Maureen V. Simond	20	Belmont	
11/3	David W. Lavoie	19	Franklin	Franklin
	Cynthia E. Salls	16	Belmont	
11/9	Walter L. Beaudoin	27	Belmont	Boscawen
	Mary A. Colby	25	Franklin	

12/10	James P. Pilliod	43	Belmont	Belmont
	Judith B. Spear	36	Gilford	
12/15	David F. Elliott	21	Tilton	Laconia
	Nancy L. Pickowicz	20	Belmont	
12/15	Charles H. Smith, III	34	Belmont	Barnstead
	Linda J. Thompson	31	Belmont	
2/11	Joseph A. Bush	25	Boscawen	Boscawen
	Susan L. Jones	22	Belmont	

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
2/9	Laconia	Robert Nathan Byars	Robert A. Byars	Marsha L. Cassavaugh
2/26	Laconia	Eric Scott Dami	Francis J. Dami	Sandra J. Berry
2/28	Laconia	Jennifer Anne Payne	Fred W. Payne	Mary L. Gorski
3/7	Laconia	Christopher Charles Alward	Charles I. Alward	Joan M. Cavanaugh
3/7	Concord	Baby Girl Chamberlain	Charles Chamberlain	Louise McArdle
3/19	Franklin	Linda Marie Shaw	Richard S. Shaw	Kathleen G. Huckins
4/1	Concord	Kimberly Ann Snow	John C. Snow	Elizabeth A. Daigneau
4/3	Laconia	Aimee Rosalie Baker	Lewis V. Baker	Debra A. King
4/27	Laconia	Heidi Anne Parker	John E. Parker	Claire I. Dauphin
5/10	Laconia	Christina Ann Bolduc	Richard R. Bolduc	Lois A. Wheeler
6/17	Concord	Jenny Lynn Hyslop	John T. Hyslop	Janet Ann LaBonte
6/25	Concord	Benjamin Jesse Barnes	Benjamin F. Barnes	Penny E. Bearse
7/22	Laconia	Christian Lynn Laliberte	Robert H. Laliberte	Caroline Jones
7/25	Concord	Leah Alden Cowles	William F. Cowles, Jr.	Brenda C. McDonnell
7/31	Laconia	Scott John Pelletier	John P. Pelletier	Karleen P. Morrill
8/18	Laconia	Jacob Ogley	Edward M. Ogley	Janet M. Ware
9/5	Laconia	Jennifer Lee Mitchell	Ronald A. Mitchell	Geraldine S. Schneider
9/7	Franklin	Dennie John Goodwin	David M. Goodwin	Andrea M. Turgeon
9/13	Laconia	Diana Christine Gutterston	David P. Gutterston	Christine L. Diemer
9/17	Laconia	Kevin Jon Martel	James L. Martel	Penny L. Flanders
9/22	Laconia	Kim Ann Strout	Francis G. Strout	Dorothy A. Roberts
10/14	Laconia	Anthony Joseph Gilbert	Joseph A. Gilbert	JoAnne M. Clairmont
10/23	Laconia	Sean Michael Haddock	John L. Haddock	Donna M. Carlmark
11/7	Laconia	Robin Lynn Gilbert	Richard E. Gilbert	Gayla J. Noel
11/22	Laconia	Tiffany Bob Palmer	Robert S. Palmer	Lillian E. Emery
11/27	Laconia	Jonathan Ray Poitras	Ray J. Poitras	Joanne E. Hickey

11/29	Laconia	William Daniel Paquette	Andre H. Paquette	Doris M. Chapman
12/9	Laconia	Melissa Beth Harriman	Gregory R. Harriman	Helen L. Dearborn
12/12	Franklin	Kimberly Ann Hurd	Andrew Hurd	Pauline Turgeon
12/13	Laconia	Ursula Gallucci	Raymond C. Gallucci	Eleanor C. Stockbridge
12/27	Laconia	Angela Marie Ketchum	Mark E. Ketchum	Patti J. Hart

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
1/2	Laconia	John H. Heaney, Jr.	49	M	Mass.
1/14	Belmont	Eric Michael Schulze	3 mo.	M	NH
1/15	Center Harbor	Edward George Stone	62	M	NH
1/29	Laconia	Henry Bach	64	M	Minn.
2/26	Hanover	Angela Noyes	2	F	NH
2/26	Manchester	Roland Raoul Hamel	62	M	NH
3/25	Laconia	Amy Johnson Foster	86	F	NH
3/29	Vermont	Pearl R. Clark	76	M	VT
4/1	Laconia	Laura Annis Bryant	90	F	NH
4/6	Laconia	Alden W. Kingsbury	81	M	unknown
4/18	Belmont	Evariste Lucien Chateaufneuf	76	M	Canada
4/21	Laconia	Lilla Simpson Bervick	84	F	Vt.
4/28	Laconia	Ernest E.M. Weeks	62	M	NH
5/22	Concord	George E. Haines	82	M	Mass.
6/11	Belmont	Wilfred Benjamin Gosselin	64	M	NH
6/13	Franklin	Herbert J. Babincau	63	M	Mass.
6/13	Laconia	Irene A. Ellsworth	64	F	NH
6/16	Belmont	Gilbert H. Tarbois, Jr.	19	M	Maine
7/4	Franklin	Paula Sawyer	60	F	NH
7/13	Laconia	Patricia Ann Loisselle	46	F	NH
8/7	Laconia	Howard Lester Reed	75	M	NH
9/8	Belmont	Eugene E. Clairmont	67	M	NH
9/17	Laconia	Mila Roberts McAllister	70	F	Canada
9/29	Belmont	Arthur W. Baker	63	M	Mass.
10/20	Laconia	Laura E. Picard	82	F	NH
11/16	Laconia	Ethel Rose Babincau	65	F	Mass.

11/18	Laconia	Francis T. Dutler	69	::	England
11/24	Laconia	Dorothy Pearl Nipper	48	F	NH
12/6	Belmont	L. Harvey Grant	67	N	NH
12/11	Belmont	Russell John Flack	52	M	NH
12/20	Laconia	Stanley J. Nawoj	52	M.	NH
12/20	Belmont	Alice M. Laflam	69	F	Canada

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