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# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE NEW HAMPSHIRE



ANNUAL REPORT  
*for the year 2006*

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*Artist* Alexandra "Wickie" Rowland  
Town Historical Building (former old library)  
Main Street  
New Castle, NH



Annual Report  
For the Town of New Castle  
Fiscal Year 2005-2006

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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

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**The Annual Town Report Of New Castle  
Is Dedicated To  
*Reginald & Marcia Whitehouse***



NHSL - CONCORD

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**MARCIA'S TOWN CAREER**

Former Town Clerk  
Former Tax Collect  
NCCG Member  
Dedicated mother/grandmother

**REGGIE'S TOWN CAREER**

Former Fire Chief  
Currently Fire Ward  
Public Works Member  
Dedicated father/grandfather

There isn't enough space to write about these two wonderful people who have given so generously to the Town of New Castle. There aren't enough words either to say "Thank You Both" for all that you have done. You both epitomize the gift of giving and bring a high standard to the word volunteers. Thank you both.



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## Selectmen's Letter

This year has been a year of many changes and accomplishments for New Castle. Beginning with Staff at the Town Hall we said goodbye to our long-time (22 years) Police Officer, Lt. Doug Cummings. We welcome Lynn Seward as our new Town Accountant and Officer Steve Blanding our new full-time Police Officer. We also welcome Jim Rini as our new Health Officer and our new State Representatives David Borden (New Castle) and former New Castle resident, Otto Grote, (Rye). Also we welcome and congratulate the New Castle Historical Society on the great job they have done with the old library and wish them much success as they open their doors to their recently renovated building on Main Street.

Acknowledging the time and commitment that volunteers give to New Castle, we pay tribute to Barbara Becker, who passed away this January, for all the years she contributed to the many Town boards, most recently as Chair of the Historic District Commission. We also say thank you to Bob Beecher, our former Chair of the Board of Selectmen, who gave many years of dedicated service and talents to the Town. We wish him much relaxation and enjoyment in his new retirement.

New Castle also experienced some changes with the demolition of the Coast Guard Pier and the process of building the new University of New Hampshire pier. We look forward to working with UNH in the future. The Town has also experienced much growth over this past year. Due to parking constrictions, with construction and remodeling projects, and for the safety of residents, especially pedestrians, we have just passed an ordinance controlling traffic flow in construction areas. Copies of this ordinance are available at Town Hall.

The Town's assessor, Avitar, has received the prestigious Lawton B. Chandler Award, and has asked those towns who were their first three clients to display this award. The award is now on view at the Town Hall. Our thanks also go to Pam Cullen, designer and overseer of our Annual Town Report. Because of her great work, New Castle received the "first place" award in the small-town category which was presented by the Local Government Center. Pam is also the editor of our "Island Items", which we hope you all read. In Island Items you will find news and updates from various boards, committees and groups to keep you informed of what is going on in the Town on a quarterly basis.

We continue to monitor the events surrounding Comcast and the State Education Tax and its "adequate education" question relative to the future effect it may have on residents of New Castle. Our town continues to be an active member of the Coalition Communities comprised of 34 towns across the State. The Tax is now relatively low and the un-equalized rate is scheduled to drop from \$2.51 to \$2.24 per \$1,000 in FY08. Towns like ours raise more under the Statewide Property Tax than we need under the education funding formula are allowed to keep the excess if it is spent on education locally.

We continue to update our website ([www.newcastlenh.org/town](http://www.newcastlenh.org/town)) to provide you with current information relating to Town business. To better serve our residents, Town Hall has undergone some changes inside the building. Our business offices have been relocated. Come in and see the changes and say hello to our staff.

The Selectmen have appointed a "Building Remodeling Committee" to review and analyze the current and future needs of the Town Hall to deal with working and meeting spaces, technology and communications. Thank you to Russ Cox, Dave Merrill and Dan Hughes for volunteering to address these issues at Town Hall.

And, finally, thank you to all of our volunteers and elected officials who serve on our Town boards and commissions. Without them New Castle would not be the great place it is right now. We are now looking for new members to serve on our various boards. This is a great way, on a very part-time basis, to get to know the Town and its residents and its issues. It is also a great way to give your time and expertise. If you are interested, please give us a call.

Board of Selectmen

New Castle Board of Selectmen  
Chairman Peter Gamester  
Selectman Gene Doherty

# New Hampshire Elected Officials

## NATIONAL

Senator Judd Gregg  
New Hampshire Office  
125 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-225-7115

Senator John E. Sununu  
New Hampshire Office  
1 New Hampshire Ave.  
Portsmouth, NH03801  
603-430-9560

Rep. Carol Shea-Porter  
New Hampshire Office  
104 Washing Street  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-743-4813

## STATE

Governor  
John Lynch  
State House  
25 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-271-2121

Executive Councilor  
Beverly Hollingworth  
20 Great Boars Head Ave.  
Hampton, NH 03842-3653  
603-601-2292

State Senator  
Martha Fuller Clark  
152 Middle Street  
Portsmouth, NH 03802-4306  
603-271-6933

## REPRESENTATIVES

David A. Borden  
PO Box 167  
New Castle, NH 03854  
603-436-4132

Otto F. Grote  
124 Washington Road  
Rye, NH 03870-2456  
603-379-2007



# Town Officers – Elected/Appointed

|                        |  |                                |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Town Clerk             | Willard Gleason                        | term exp 5/07                  |
| Assistant Town Clerk   | Ruth Moulton                           | indef appt                     |
| Selectmen              | Robert Beecher<br>(resigned Jan. 2007) | term exp 5/07                  |
|                        | Peter Gamester, Chr                    | term exp 5/08                  |
|                        | Gene Doherty                           | term exp 5/09                  |
| Treasurer              | William B. Marshall, III               | term exp 5/07                  |
| Deputy Treasurer       | Jennifer Roediger                      | indef appt                     |
| Collector of Taxes     | Pamela P. Cullen                       | term exp 5/07                  |
| Deputy Tax Collector   | Jenn Rosenson                          | indef appt                     |
| Chief of Police        | James C. Murphy                        | indef appt                     |
| Police Lieutenant      | Douglas Cummings, II                   | indef appt (retired Feb. 2007) |
| Animal Control Officer | Donald White Jr.                       | indef appt                     |
| Police Corporal        | Donald White Jr.                       | indef appt                     |
| NCFD Captain/Patrolman | David Blanding                         | indef appt                     |
| Patrolman              | Steven Blanding                        | indef appt                     |
| Building Inspector     | Charles Petlick                        | indef appt                     |
| Supt. of Public Works  | Brad Meade                             | indef appt                     |
| Road Agent             | Brad Meade                             | appt exp 5/07                  |
| Town Moderator         | Wayne Semprini                         | term exp 5/08                  |
| Health Officer         | James Rini                             | state appt                     |
| Fire Chief             | Carl Roediger                          | indef appt                     |
| Fire Wards             | Andrew Schulte                         | term exp 5/09                  |
|                        | Reginald Whitehouse                    | term exp 5/07                  |
|                        | Richard White                          | term exp 5/08                  |
| Public Works Board     | Walter Liff, Chr.                      | appt exp 5/09                  |
|                        | Norman Kent                            | appt exp 5/07                  |
|                        | Bert Palmer                            | appt exp 5/09                  |
|                        | Normand Houle                          | appt exp 5/09                  |
|                        | John Ireland                           | appt exp 5/10                  |
| Alternate              | Reginald Whitehouse                    | appt exp 5/08                  |
| Alternate              | Walter Glidden                         | appt exp 5/10                  |
| Alternate              | Chester Fessenden                      | appt exp 5/10                  |
| Ex-Officio/Selectman   | Peter Gamester                         | term exp 5/08                  |
| Planning Board         | Stuart Levenson, Chr.                  | appt exp 5/09                  |
|                        | David Merrill                          | appt exp 5/07                  |
|                        | Patty Cohen                            | appt exp 5/07                  |
|                        | Lorn Buxton                            | appt exp 5/09                  |
|                        | Carl Roediger                          | appt exp 5/09                  |
|                        | Michael Colotti                        | appt exp 5/08                  |
| Alternate              | Thomas Boisvert                        | appt exp 5/08                  |
| Alternate              | Mark Connolly                          | appt exp 5/08                  |

|                             |                      |               |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Ex-Officio/Selectman        | Gene Doherty         | term exp 5/09 |
| Board of Adjustment         | Susan Stetson, Chr.  | appt exp 5/08 |
|                             | Janet Harrigan       | appt exp 5/07 |
|                             | Russell Cox          | appt exp 5/07 |
|                             | Raymond Ambrogi      | appt exp 5/07 |
|                             | Donald Moore         | appt exp 5/09 |
|                             | Will Smith           | appt exp 5/08 |
| Alternate                   | Lorn Buxton          | appt exp 5/07 |
| Historic District Committee | Diane Seagren, Chr.  | appt exp 5/08 |
|                             | Richard Yeaton       | appt exp 5/07 |
|                             | Elaine Nollet        | appt exp 5/07 |
|                             | Nancy Borden         | appt exp 5/09 |
| Alternate                   | Marjorie Smith       | appt exp 5/07 |
| Ex-Officio/Selectman        | Gene F. Doherty      | term exp 5/09 |
| Conservation Commission     | Elisabeth Hume, Chr. | appt exp 5/08 |
|                             | Diana Mattoon        | appt exp 5/07 |
|                             | Lorna Robinson       | appt exp 5/09 |
|                             | Diana Appleton       | appt exp 5/08 |
|                             | Linda Ball           | appt exp 5/07 |
|                             | Connie White         | appt exp 5/09 |
|                             | Brian Mack           | appt exp 5/08 |
|                             | Wm. B. Marshall, III | appt exp 5/09 |
| Alternate                   | James Rini           | appt exp 5/08 |
| Alternate                   | Curt Gillespie       | appt exp 5/08 |
| Ex-Officio/Selectman        | Gene Doherty         | term exp 5/09 |
| Budget Committee            | Michael Armitage     | term exp 5/07 |
|                             | Damon Frampton       | term exp 5/08 |
|                             | William Cronin       | term exp 5/09 |
|                             | Peter Gamester       | term exp 5/08 |
| Ex-Officio/Selectman        | Roderick MacDonald   | term exp 5/09 |
| Ex-Officio/School Board     | Deborah Schulte      | indef appt    |
| Town Historian              | Russell Cox, Chr.    | term exp 5/08 |
| Trustees of the Trust Funds | Peter Reed Jr.       | term exp 5/07 |
|                             | William Cronin       | term exp 5/09 |
|                             | Patricia Hickey      | term exp 5/09 |
| Library Trustees            | Joan Lockhart        | term exp 5/07 |
|                             | Brad Greeley         | term exp 5/08 |
| Alternate                   | Barbara Battis       | appt exp 5/07 |
| Library Director            | Gene Fox             | indef appt    |
| Supervisors of Checklist    | Leslie Parker, Chr.  | term exp 5/10 |
|                             | Marcia Cronin        | term exp 5/12 |
|                             | Mary Rauh            | term exp 5/08 |
|                             | David Merrill, Chr.  | term exp 5/07 |
| Cemetery Trustees           | Thomas Boisvert      | term exp 5/09 |
|                             | William Lanham       | term exp 5/08 |
| Recreation Committee        | Guy Stearns, Chr.    | appt exp 5/09 |

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Elected Positions And Salaries**

| <u>Position</u>                              | <u>Annual Salaries</u>       |
|--|------------------------------|
| Selectman, Chair . . . . .                   | \$2,000                      |
| Selectmen (2) . . . . .                      | 1,800                        |
| Town Clerk . . . . .                         | 7,200                        |
| Treasurer . . . . .                          | 1,700                        |
| Collector of Taxes . . . . .                 | 7,200                        |
| Cemetery Trustee (3) . . . . .               | .100                         |
| Moderator . . . . .                          | 100 per election             |
| Supervisor of Checklist (3) . . . . .        | .100 plus \$100 per election |
| Trustee of Trust Funds (2) . . . . .         | .100                         |
| Trustee of Trust Funds, Bookkeeper . . . . . | .250                         |

There are many others who participate in Town Government on an unpaid basis, and their service is most valuable to the success of our Town. These individuals deserve the whole hearted thanks of the community for their civic involvement.

# Town Meeting Great Island Common May 9, 2006

Articles I through VII were voted by ballot with the results indicated. Moderator Wayne Semprini opened the polls at 10:07AM and Assistant Moderator Walter Liff declared them closed at 7PM. Prior to starting the Town Meeting Moderator Liff allowed Selectmen Robert Beecher and Peter Gamester to each make a presentation. Selectman Beecher thanked Charlie Tarbell for the six years he spent as a Selectman and asked everyone to give him an around of applause. Selectman Gamester gave Chester Fessenden the 2005 Municipal Volunteer Award for the time he has devoted to the Town. After the presentation, Moderator Liff opened the meeting by asking everyone to give a moment of silence for the people who passed away during the previous year. He then outlined the rules of the meeting, which were adopted by a voice vote. There were several articles discussed that were not on the ballot. Any comments are noted under the article.

## **ARTICLE I: Balloting for Town officers produced the following results:**

|                                   |                              |           |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Clerk (one year)             | Willard Gleason              | 244 votes |
| Selectman (three years)           | Gene Doherty                 | 229 votes |
| Treasurer (one year)              | William B. Marshall          | 254 votes |
| Tax Collector (one year)          | No one received enough votes |           |
| Fire Ward (three years)           | F. Andrew Schulte            | 233 votes |
| Trust Funds Trustee (three years) | William F. Cronin III        | 233 votes |
| Budget Committee (three years)    | William F. Cronin III        | 165 votes |
|                                   | Clinton Springer             | 106 votes |
| Library Trustee (three years)     | Elaine Clement               | 74 votes  |
|                                   | Patricia Hickey              | 155 votes |
| Supr of checklist (three years)   | Marcia Cronin                | 238 votes |
| Cemetery Trustee (three years)    | Thomas Boisvert              | 237 votes |
| Town Moderator (two years)        | Wayne Semprini               | 257 votes |

The ballot for the School District, conducted simultaneously with the Election of Town officers, had the following results:

|                             |                |           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| School Board (three years): | Rod MacDonald  | 242 votes |
| School Board (two years):   | Gary Rumph     | 232 votes |
| Moderator (three years):    | Wayne Semprini | 257 votes |
| Clerk(three years) *        |                |           |
| Treasurer(three years) *    |                |           |

\* No one person received enough write in votes to qualify.

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 206 YES to 58 NO.

ARTICLE III: Zoning Amendment Number 2 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 172 YES to 95 NO.

ARTICLE IV: Zoning Amendment Number 3 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 228 YES to 41 NO.

ARTICLE V: Building Code Amendment Number 1 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 212 YES to 55 NO.

ARTICLE VI: Building Code Amendment Number 2 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 211 YES to 66 NO.

ARTICLE VII: Building Code Amendment Number 3 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 195 YES to 79 NO.

ARTICLE VIII: Deaf Exemption Article (RSA 72; 38b) as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by VOICE vote after several question asking for a definition of deaf.

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will discontinue the NEW CEMETERY FUND as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by VOICE vote.

ARTICLE X: As specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by VOICE vote.

ARTICLE XI: Raised and appropriate fund as may be needed to defray Town changes for the ensuing year. David Borden made a motion that the proposed budget of \$2,132,659 be increased to add an amount needed to offer full medical coverage to Town Employees at no cost. Selectman Beecher indicated that the cost of health has increased 200% over 2005. After much discussion the proposed amendment was vote down by a show of hands and the proposed budget of \$2,132,659 was ADOPTED by VOICE vote.

ARTICLE XII: As specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by VOICE vote.

ARTICLE XIII: As specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by VOICE vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded Assistant Moderator Liff declared the business portion of the Annual Town Meeting of 2006 adjourned at 7:45PM.

A true and correct record of the Town Meeting and Election of Officers of New Castle, May 9, 2006, Attest.

Willard C. Gleason  
Town Clerk

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**Town Officials Surety Bonds In Force**

NHMA PROPERTY /LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST

| <u>POSITION</u>                       | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Tax Collector . . . . .               | \$71,000      |
| Deputy Tax Collector. . . . .         | 71,000        |
| Treasurer . . . . .                   | .83,000       |
| Deputy Treasurer. . . . .             | .83,000       |
| Town Clerk . . . . .                  | 36,000        |
| Deputy Town Clerk . . . . .           | 36,000        |
| Trustees Of Trust Funds (3) . . . . . | 107,000       |
| Library Trustees (3) . . . . .        | 5,000         |
| Boat Permit Fee Agent (2) . . . . .   | 1,000         |

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Schedule Of Town Property  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006**

|     |   |            |
|-----|---|------------|
| 1.  | Town Hall, land and building                        | \$743,800  |
|     | Furniture and equipment (Map 13 Lot 8)              | 80,000     |
| 2.  | Recreation Building (Library) & out buildings       | 10,224,100 |
|     | Common – land                                       |            |
|     | Furniture and equipment (Map 5 Lot 13)              | 225,000    |
| 3.  | Police Department                                   | 0          |
|     | Equipment   | 17,500     |
| 4.  | Fire Department, land and building                  | 698,600    |
|     | Equipment (Map 13 Lot 7)                            | 340,000    |
| 5.  | Highway Department, land and building               | 0          |
|     | Equipment   | 45,000     |
|     | Material and supplies                               | 6,000      |
| 6.  | Water supply facilities                             | 396,197    |
|     | Owned by Town of New Castle                         |            |
| 7.  | Sewer plant and facilities                          | 75,000     |
|     | Land and building (Map 16 Lot 48)                   | 127,500    |
| 8.  | School, land, and building                          | 2,793,100  |
|     | Equipment (Map 12 Lot 33)                           |            |
| 9.  | All other property and equipment                    |            |
|     | Cemeteries: Riverside (Map 15 Lot 10)               | 1,652,800  |
|     | Frost (Map 18 Lot 54)                               | 304,300    |
|     | Prescott (Map 17 Lot 57)                            | 261,600    |
|     | Oceanside (Map 5 Lot 13 Sublot 1)                   | 1,005,700  |
| 10. | Other town owned lands and town landings:           |            |
|     | Pit Lane lot (Map 10 Lot 9 & Map 10 Lot 9 Sublot 1) | 508,200    |
|     | Town Landing, Laurel Lane (Map 11 Lot 30)           | 143,600    |
|     | Sand Pit (Map 12 Lot 3)                             | 570,800    |
|     | Town garage, land, & cemetery (Map 17 Lot 56)       | 369,700    |
|     | Old library building & land (Map 17 Lot 58)         | 416,200    |
|     | Land-Walbach (Map 19 Lot 01)                        | 1,137,500  |
|     | Land-Fort Point (Map 19 Lot 02 Sublot 1)            | 2,128,000  |
|     | Other land (Map 16, Lot 50, 51)                     | 32,400     |
|     | Wentworth Road (Map 4 Lot 25)                       | 35,000     |

**TOTAL**

**\$24,337,597**

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**FY2006 Assessed Valuation Report**

|   | NUMBER<br>OF ACRES | ASSESSED<br>VALUATION |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>LAND AND BUILDINGS:</b>  |                    |                       |
| Value of Land Only  |                    |                       |
| Current Use   | 9.08               | \$136                 |
| Conservation Restriction  | 14.52              | 6,170                 |
| Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C   | 1.76               | 387                   |
| Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D  | 0                  | 0                     |
| Residential   | 267.963            | 367,532,900           |
| Commercial/Industrial   | 10.049             | 13,655,300            |
|   | -----              | -----                 |
| Total of Taxable Land   | 303.372            | 381,194,893           |
| Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$55,309,000)   | 158.841            |                       |
| Value of Buildings Only:  |                    |                       |
| Residential   |                    | 176,011,100           |
| Commercial/Industrial   |                    | 24,534,900            |
|   |                    | -----                 |
| Total Taxable Buildings   |                    | 200,546,000           |
| Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$6,292,900)  |                    |                       |
| Public Utilities: Electric  |                    | 1,006,900             |
| Mature Wood and Timber  |                    | 0                     |
|   |                    | -----                 |
| Valuation Before Exemptions   |                    | 582,747,793           |
| Blind Exemption   |                    | 15,000                |
| <b>ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:</b>  |                    |                       |
| Age 65 - 74 (\$100,000 each)  | 4                  | 400,000               |
| Age 75 - 79 (\$150,000 each)  |                    |                       |
| Over Age 80 (\$150,000 each)  | 1                  | 150,000               |
|   |                    | -----                 |
| <b>TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS</b>   |                    | <b>565,000</b>        |
| <br>  |                    |                       |
| <b>NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp;<br/>LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE COMPUTATION</b> |                    | <b>582,182,793</b>    |
| Less Public Utilities   |                    | 1,006,900             |
|   |                    | -----                 |
| <b>NET VALUATION FOR STATE<br/>EDUCATION TAX</b>  |                    | <b>\$581,175,893</b>  |
|   |                    | =====                 |
| <b>TAX CREDITS:</b>   |                    |                       |
| Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans<br>their spouses and widows (\$700 each)          |                    |                       |
| Other War Service Credits RSA 72:28 (\$500)   | 82                 | 41,000                |
|   | -----              | -----                 |
| <b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>  | <b>82</b>          | <b>\$41,000</b>       |
|   |                    | =====                 |



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**FY2006 Tax Rate Computation**

|   |                         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
|   | ---Municipal Portion--- |        |
| Gross Appropriations                              | \$2,132,659             |        |
| Less: Revenues                                    | 1,583,787               |        |
| Less: Shared Revenues                             | 3,763                   |        |
| Add: Overlay                                      | 25,394                  |        |
| Add: War Service Credits                          | 41,000                  |        |
|   | -----                   |        |
| Net Town Appropriation                            | 611,503                 |        |
| Special Adjustment                                | 0                       |        |
|   | -----                   |        |
| Approved Town/City Tax Effort                     | 611,503                 |        |
| Municipal Tax Rate                                |                         | \$1.05 |
|   | ---School Portion---    |        |
| Net Local School Budget                           | 1,452,225               |        |
| Regional School Apportionment                     | 0                       |        |
| Less: State Education Taxes                       | 0                       |        |
| State Education Taxes                             | (1,452,225)             |        |
| Approved School Tax Effort                        | 0                       |        |
| Local Education Tax Rate                          |                         | 0.00   |
|   | ---State Ed Taxes---    |        |
| Equalized Valuation (no utilities) X              |                         |        |
| 577,425,493                                       | 1,452,225               |        |
| Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) |                         | 2.50   |
| 581,175,893                                       |                         |        |
| Pay to State                                      | 0                       |        |
|   | ---County Portion---    |        |
| Due to County                                     | 551,135                 |        |
| Less: Shared Revenues                             | (3,379)                 |        |
|   | -----                   |        |
| Approved County Appropriation Effort              | 547,756                 |        |
| County Tax Rate                                   |                         | 0.94   |
|   |                         | -----  |
| Combined Tax Rate                                 |                         | \$4.49 |
|   |                         | -----  |
| Total Property Taxes Assessed                     | 2,611,484               |        |
| Less: War Service Credits                         | (41,000)                |        |
| Add: Village District Commitment(s)               | 0                       |        |
|   | -----                   |        |
| Total Property Tax Commitment                     | 2,570,484               |        |

**---PROOF OF RATE---**

| NEW ASSESSED VALUATION | TAX RATE | ASSESSMENT  |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| State Education Tax    | 2.50     | 1,452,225   |
| All Other Taxes        | 1.99     | 1,159,259   |
|                        |          | -----       |
|                        |          | \$2,611,484 |

# Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen  
Town of New Castle  
New Castle, New Hampshire

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the annual financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2006 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Town has implemented several new Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements which has established net assets for governmental and business-type activities.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basis financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

R. R. Bergeron  
January 12, 2007  
Portsmouth, NH

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BALANCE SHEET—GENERAL FUND

30-June-06

6/30/2006

**ASSETS:**

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Cash & Equivalents   | \$820,784 |
| Investments          | \$2,266   |
| Tax Liens Receivable | 8,693     |
| Accounts Receivable  | 2,658     |
| Due from water fund  | 18,053    |
| Due from sewer fund  | 29,333    |
| Tax deeded property  | 1,029     |

TOTAL ASSETS 882,816  
=====

**LIABILITIES:**

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Accounts payable & accrued expenses | 16,858 |
| Escrow deposit                      | 15,000 |
| Total Liabilities                   | 31,858 |

**FUND BALANCE:**

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Designated              |         |
| Unreserved Fund Balance | 850,958 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY \$882,816  
=====

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL FUND  
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

|                                      | <u>BUDGET</u>    | <u>ACTUAL</u>    | <u>VARIANCE</u>  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>REVENUES</u></b>               |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>TAXES:</b>                        |                  |                  |                  |
| Property Taxes                       | \$2,895,648      | 2,889,590        | (6,058)          |
| Boat Taxes                           | 6,000            | 6,128            | 128              |
| Interest & Penalties on Taxes        | 7,000            | 6,360            | (640)            |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
|                                      | 2,908,648        | 2,902,078        | (6,570)          |
| <b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES:</b> |                  |                  |                  |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees            | 245,000          | 247,686          | 2,686            |
| Building Permits                     | 21,400           | 20,594           | (806)            |
| Other Licenses, Permits & Fees       | 1,800            | 2,665            | 865              |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
|                                      | 268,200          | 270,945          | 2,745            |
| <b>STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:</b>       |                  |                  |                  |
| Shared Revenue                       | 15,909           | 15,909           | 0                |
| Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution       | 37,577           | 37,577           | 0                |
| Highway Block Grant                  | 15,904           | 15,720           | (184)            |
| Homeland security grant              |                  | 12,667           | 12,667           |
| Water Pollution Subsidy              | 7,772            | 7,772            | 0                |
| Other State Funds                    | 5,000            | 0                | (5,000)          |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
|                                      | 82,162           | 89,645           | 7,483            |
| <b>TRANSFERS:</b>                    |                  |                  |                  |
| Transfer in from trust fund reserve  |                  | 101              | 101              |
| Transfer in from cemetery trust fund |                  | 8,261            | 8,261            |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
|                                      |                  | 8,362            | 8,362            |
| <b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES:</b>         |                  |                  |                  |
| Income from Departments              | 100,250          | 124,463          | 24,213           |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| Proceeds from long-term bonds        | 500,000          | 0                | (500,000)        |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:</b>        |                  |                  |                  |
| Emergency Management Training        | 21,000           | 7,741            | (13,259)         |
| Interest on Investments              | 7,000            | 31,754           | 24,754           |
| Sale and Rental of Property          | 11,400           | 21,339           | 9,939            |
| Fines and Forfeits                   | 1,500            | 5,843            | 4,343            |
| Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements | 1,000            | 0                | (1,000)          |
| Other Miscellaneous Sources          | 2,000            | 4,170            | 2,170            |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
|                                      | 43,900           | 70,847           | 26,947           |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                | <b>3,903,160</b> | <b>3,466,340</b> | <b>(436,820)</b> |

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL FUND**  
**For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

|                                | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>VARIANCE</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>     |               |               |                 |
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>     |               |               |                 |
| Executive                      | \$60,046      | 54,516        | 5,530           |
| Election, Reg. & Vital Stats   | 16,433        | 14,797        | 1,636           |
| Financial Administration       | 74,795        | 88,095        | (13,300)        |
| Revaluation of Property        | 10,192        | 12,100        | (1,908)         |
| Legal Expense                  | 12,300        | 20,363        | (8,063)         |
| Planning and Zoning            | 16,142        | 16,831        | (689)           |
| General Government Buildings   | 8,000         | 6,580         | 1,420           |
| Cemeteries                     | 7,000         | 10,844        | (3,844)         |
| Insurance - Unallocated        | 200           | 81            | 119             |
| Other General Government       | 10,000        | 0             | 10,000          |
|                                | -----         | -----         | -----           |
|                                | 215,108       | 224,207       | (9,099)         |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>          |               |               |                 |
| Police & Animal Control        | 267,562       | 275,854       | (8,292)         |
| Ambulance                      | 15,140        | 15,140        | 0               |
| Fire                           | 169,397       | 160,192       | 9,205           |
| Emergency Medical Services     | 10,000        | 8,777         | 1,223           |
| Hazardous Materials            | 900           | 734           | 166             |
| Building Inspection            | 19,030        | 15,739        | 3,291           |
| Emergency Management           | 22,464        | 8,655         | 13,809          |
|                                | -----         | -----         | -----           |
|                                | 504,493       | 485,091       | 19,402          |
| <b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS:</b> |               |               |                 |
| Highways & Streets Maintenance | 84,343        | 78,721        | 5,622           |
| Street Lighting                | 7,000         | 5,608         | 1,392           |
|                                | -----         | -----         | -----           |
|                                | 91,343        | 84,329        | 7,014           |
| <b>SANITATION:</b>             |               |               |                 |
| Administration                 | 1,536         | 2,048         | (512)           |
| Solid Waste Collection         | 46,800        | 46,350        | 450             |
| Solid Waste Disposal           | 63,491        | 65,608        | (2,117)         |
|                                | -----         | -----         | -----           |
|                                | 111,827       | 114,006       | (2,179)         |
| <b>HEALTH:</b>                 |               |               |                 |
| Pest Control                   | 12,540        | 12,540        | 0               |
| Health Agencies & Hospitals    | 10,000        | 10,000        | 0               |
|                                | -----         | -----         | -----           |
|                                | 22,540        | 22,540        | 0               |
| <b>WELFARE:</b>                |               |               |                 |
| Direct Assistance              | \$10,000      | 7,522         | 2,478           |
|                                | -----         | -----         | -----           |

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL FUND  
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

|  | <u>BUDGET</u>    | <u>ACTUAL</u>    | <u>VARIANCE</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>CULTURE AND RECREATION:</b>   |                  |                  |                 |
| Parks and Recreation   | 87,513           | 96,356           | (8,843)         |
| Library  | 48,493           | 48,444           | 49              |
| Recreation/Library Building  | 29,975           | 29,291           | 684             |
| Recreation Commission  | 5,600            | 5,630            | (30)            |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
|  | 171,581          | 179,721          | (8,140)         |
| <b>CONSERVATION:</b>   |                  |                  |                 |
| Other Conservation   | 16,742           | 13,517           | 3,225           |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
| <b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>   |                  |                  |                 |
| Principal - Long-Term Debt   | 22,200           | 22,200           | 0               |
| Interest - Long-Term Debt  | 1,110            | 1,110            | 0               |
| Interest - Short-Term Debt   | 500              | 0                | 500             |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
|  | 23,810           | 23,310           | 500             |
| <b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>   |                  |                  |                 |
| Land   | 500,000          | 0                | 500,000         |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
| <b>CAPITAL RESERVES:</b>   |                  |                  |                 |
| Transfers To Trust Funds   | 65,000           | 65,000           | 0               |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
| <b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:</b>  |                  |                  |                 |
| County Taxes   | 532,402          | 532,402          | 0               |
| Local Education  | 1,565,747        | 1,329,766        | 235,981         |
|  | 0                | 0                | 0               |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
|  | 2,098,149        | 1,862,168        | 235,981         |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>  | <b>3,830,593</b> | <b>3,081,411</b> | <b>749,182</b>  |
| Excess of Revenues Over<br>(Under) Expenditures                              | 72,567           | 384,929          | 312,362         |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses)   | 0                | 0                | 0               |
|  | -----            | -----            | -----           |
| Excess of Revenues & Other Sources<br>Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses | <b>\$72,567</b>  | <b>384,929</b>   | <b>312,362</b>  |
|  | =====            | =====            | =====           |

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2006**

|                                     | <u>WATER</u>     | <u>SEWER</u>     | <u>TOTAL</u>     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                       |                  |                  |                  |
| Current Assets:                     |                  |                  |                  |
| Cash (overdraft)                    | \$60,407         | (41,375)         | 19,032           |
| Investments                         | \$164,743        | 77               | 164,820          |
| Accounts Receivable                 | 1,080            | 4,941            | 6,021            |
|                                     | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| Total Current Assets                | 226,230          | (36,357)         | 189,873          |
| Non-Current:                        |                  |                  |                  |
| Equipment                           | 10,633           | 0                | 10,633           |
| Service Lines and Stations          | 653,512          | 1,621,619        | 2,275,131        |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation       | (167,435)        | (1,638)          | (169,073)        |
|                                     | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| Total Property, Plant & Equipment   | 496,710          | 1,619,981        | 2,116,691        |
|                                     | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 | <b>722,940</b>   | <b>1,583,624</b> | <b>2,306,564</b> |
|                                     | =====            | =====            | =====            |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u>                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Current Liabilities:                |                  |                  |                  |
| Deposits and Accounts Payable       | 0                | 3,048            | 3,048            |
| Due to General Fund                 | 18,053           | 29,333           | 47,386           |
|                                     | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| Total Current Liabilities           | 18,053           | 32,381           | 50,434           |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u>                   |                  |                  |                  |
| Invested in capital assets          | 470,811          | 1,332,844        | 1,803,655        |
| Unrestricted                        | 234,076          | 218,399          | 452,475          |
|                                     | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| Total Net Assets                    | 704,887          | 1,551,243        | 2,256,130        |
|                                     | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; ASSETS</b> | <b>\$722,940</b> | <b>1,583,624</b> | <b>2,306,564</b> |
|                                     | =====            | =====            | =====            |

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES &  
CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS  
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

|                                      | <u>WATER</u>     | <u>SEWER</u>     | <u>TOTAL</u>     |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUE                    | \$45,963         | 97,368           | 143,331          |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>           |                  |                  |                  |
| Water Purchases                      | 14,978           | 0                | 14,978           |
| Sewerage Assessment                  | 0                | 70,896           | 70,896           |
| Personnel Services                   | 11,321           | 22,945           | 34,266           |
| Non-Personnel Services               | 5,808            | 29,155           | 34,963           |
| Loss On Water Line Disposition       | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| Depreciation (Note 5)                | 12,594           | 1,638            | 14,232           |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| Total Operating Expenses             | 44,701           | 124,634          | 169,335          |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| Operating Income (Loss)              | 1,262            | (27,266)         | (26,004)         |
| <b>Non-Operating Revenues:</b>       |                  |                  |                  |
| Investment Earnings                  | 6,279            | 3                | 6,282            |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>Income(loss) before transfers</b> | <b>7,541</b>     | <b>(27,263)</b>  | <b>(19,722)</b>  |
|                                      | =====            | =====            | =====            |
| Net assets at beginning of year      | 697,346          | 1,578,506        | 2,275,852        |
| Transfers-Change in net assets       | 7,541            | (27,263)         | (19,722)         |
|                                      | -----            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>     | <b>\$704,887</b> | <b>1,551,243</b> | <b>2,256,130</b> |
|                                      | =====            | =====            | =====            |



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**  
**Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund**

| <u>FUNDS PROVIDED:</u>                                | <u>Water Fund</u> | <u>Sewer Fund</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net Income (loss) for the Year (change in net assets) | \$7,541           | (\$27,263)        |
| Add Back Depreciation                                 | 12,594            | 1,638             |
|   | -----             | -----             |
|   | 20,135            | (25,625)          |
|   | -----             | -----             |
| Funds Applied to New Equipment, net                   | 0                 | 0                 |
| Funds Provided by Contributed Capital                 | 0                 | 0                 |
|   | -----             | -----             |
| <b>Increase(decrease) in Working Capital</b>          | <b>\$20,135</b>   | <b>(\$25,625)</b> |
|   | =====             | =====             |
| <br><u>CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:</u>    |                   |                   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:                |                   |                   |
| Cash and Investments                                  | \$25,252          | (\$14,910)        |
| Accounts Receivable                                   | 180               | 1,166             |
|   | -----             | -----             |
|   | 25,432            | (13,744)          |
| <br>Increase (Decrease) in investment activities:     |                   |                   |
| Equipment, service lines and stations                 | 8,831             | 8,831             |
|   | -----             | -----             |
| (Increase) decrease in current liabilities:           |                   |                   |
| Deposits and accounts payable                         | (14,128)          | (20,712)          |
|   | -----             | -----             |
| <b>Increase(decrease) in Working Capital</b>          | <b>\$20,135</b>   | <b>(\$25,625)</b> |
|   | =====             | =====             |

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

|                            | BALANCE          |                 |                  | BALANCE          |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                            | <u>6/30/2005</u> | <u>RECEIVED</u> | <u>DISBURSED</u> | <u>6/30/2006</u> |
| <b>PRINCIPAL:</b>          |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Library Funds              | \$9,898          | 0               | 0                | 9,898            |
| Marchand Fund              | 4,946            | 0               | 0                | 4,946            |
| <b>CAPITAL RESERVE:</b>    |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Town Vehicle & Equip       | 140,792          | 65,000          | 47,687           | 158,105          |
| New Cemetery               | 5,566            | 0               | 5,566            | 0                |
| Road Race Funds            | 16,300           | 0               | 2,000            | 14,300           |
| Water/Sewer Fund-Depr Fund | 283,071          | 0               | 0                | 283,071          |
| Cemetery Maintenance       | 105,078          | 5,344           | 0                | 110,422          |
| SAU 50-Special Educ Fund   | 89,780           | 0               | 0                | 89,780           |
| Conservation               | 1,386            | 140             | 0                | 1,526            |
| SAU 50 Special Tuition     | 0                | 35,000          | 0                | 35,000           |
|                            | -----            | -----           | -----            | -----            |
| <b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</b>     | <b>656,817</b>   | <b>105,484</b>  | <b>55,253</b>    | <b>707,048</b>   |
| <b>INCOME:</b>             |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Library Funds              | 0                | 421             | 421              | 0                |
| Marchand Fund              | 1,179            | 264             | 0                | 1,443            |
| <b>CAPITAL RESERVE:</b>    |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Town Vehicle & Equip       | 30,419           | 6,399           | 0                | 36,818           |
| New Cemetery               | 0                | 8,120           | 8,120            | 0                |
| Road Race Funds            | 876              | 677             | 0                | 1,553            |
| Water/Sewer Fund-Depr Fund | 13,357           | 12,293          | 0                | 25,650           |
| Cemetery Maintenance       | 0                | 8,120           | 8,120            | 0                |
| SAU 50-Special Educ Fund   | 3,208            | 4,196           | 0                | 7,404            |
| Conservation               | 28               | 53              | 0                | 81               |
| SAU 50 Speical Tuition     | 0                | 852             | 0                | 852              |
|                            | -----            | -----           | -----            | -----            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>        | <b>49,067</b>    | <b>41,395</b>   | <b>16,661</b>    | <b>73,801</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>   | <b>\$705,884</b> | <b>146,879</b>  | <b>71,914</b>    | <b>780,849</b>   |
|                            | =====            | =====           | =====            | =====            |

## Notes To Financial Statements

### June 30, 2006

As management of the Town of New Castle, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

#### A. Financial Highlights

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$26,617,426.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance in the general fund was \$850,958, an increase of \$384,929 over the preceding fiscal year.
- There was no long term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current fiscal year, a decrease of \$22,200 in comparison with the preceding fiscal year.

#### B. Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

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

Proprietary Funds. Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:

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

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

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

**TOWN OF  
NEW CASTLE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**2007 Warrant**

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**FY07/08 Budget**

| ACCT.#                         | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3,V) | Warr.<br>Art.# | Appropriations<br>Prior Year As<br>Approved by DRA | Actual<br>Expenditures<br>Prior Year | Selectmen's Appropriations<br>Ensuing Fiscal Year |                   | Budget Committee's Appropriations<br>Ensuing Fiscal Year |                   |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
|                                |   |                |  |                                      | (RECOMMENDED)                                     | (NOT RECOMMENDED) | (RECOMMENDED)  | (NOT RECOMMENDED) |
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>      |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                   |
| 4130-4139                      | Executive                                 |                | 58296  | 54516                                | 68849   |                   | 68849  |                   |
| 4140-4149                      | Election, Reg & Vital Statistics          |                | 18884  | 14797                                | 17849   |                   | 17849  |                   |
| 4150-4151                      | Financial Administration                  |                | 84724  | 88095                                | 101794  |                   | 101794   |                   |
| 4152                           | Revaluation of Property                   |                | 14600  | 12100                                | 14300   |                   | 14300  |                   |
| 4153                           | Legal Expense                             |                | 11800  | 20363                                | 17800   |                   | 17800  |                   |
| 4155-4159                      | Personnel Administration                  |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                   |
| 4191-4193                      | Planning & Zoning                         |                | 14142  | 16831                                | 15777   |                   | 15777  |                   |
| 4194                           | General Government Buildings              |                | 26300  | 6580                                 | 25000   |                   | 25000  |                   |
| 4195                           | Cemeteries                                |                | 7383   | 10844                                | 7383  |                   | 7383   |                   |
| 4196                           | Insurance                                 |                | 200  | 83                                   | 100   |                   | 100  |                   |
| 4197                           | Advertising & Regional Assoc.             |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                   |
| 4199                           | Other General Government                  |                | 10000  | 0                                    | 10000   |                   | 10000  |                   |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>           |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                   |
| 4210-4214                      | Police                                    |                | 307684   | 275854                               | 295267  |                   | 295267   |                   |
| 4215-4219                      | Ambulance                                 |                | 15140  | 15140                                | 15140   |                   | 15140  |                   |
| 4220-4229                      | Fire                                      |                | 304045   | 169703                               | 280039  |                   | 280039   |                   |
| 4240-4249                      | Building Inspection                       |                | 14216  | 15739                                | 14403   |                   | 14403  |                   |
| 4290-4298                      | Emergency Management                      |                | 24503  | 8655                                 | 6281  |                   | 6281   |                   |
| 4299                           | Other (Including Communications)          |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                   |
| <b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b> |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                   |
| 4301-4309                      | Airport Operations                        |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                   |
| <b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>  |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                   |
| 4311                           | Administration                            |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                   |
| 4312                           | Highways & Streets                        |                | 98626  | 78721                                | 141098  |                   | 141098   |                   |
| 4313                           | Bridges                                   |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                   |
| 4316                           | Street Lighting                           |                | 7100   | 5608                                 | 6000  |                   | 6000   |                   |
| 4319                           | Other                                     |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                   |
| <b>SANITATION</b>              |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                   |
| 4321                           | Administration                            |                | 1654   | 2048                                 | 2094  |                   | 2094   |                   |
| 4323                           | Solid Waste Collection                    |                | 49920  | 46350                                | 51480   |                   | 51480  |                   |
| 4324                           | Solid Waste Disposal                      |                | 72783  | 65608                                | 76600   |                   | 76600  |                   |
| 4325                           | Solid Waste Clean-up                      |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                   |

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|   |   |                |  |                                      | (RECOMMENDED)                                     | (NOT RECOMMENDED) | RECOMMENDED  | NOT RECOMMENDED |  |
| 4326-4329                                 | Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other           |                | 0  |                                      | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| <b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b> |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |  |
| 4331                                      | Administration                            |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4332                                      | Water Services                            |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4335-4339                                 | Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other         |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| <b>ELECTRIC</b>                           |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |  |
| 4351-4352                                 | Admin. and Generation                     |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4353                                      | Purchase Costs                            |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4354                                      | Electric Equipment Maintenance            |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4359                                      | Other Electric Costs                      |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| <b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>                     |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |  |
| 4411                                      | Administration                            |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4414                                      | Pest Control                              |                | 12980  | 12540                                | 13420   |                   | 13420  | 13420           |  |
| 4415-4419                                 | Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other           |                | 10000  | 10000                                | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4441-4442                                 | Administration & Direct Assist.           |                | 15000  | 7522                                 | 10000   |                   | 10000  | 10000           |  |
| 4444                                      | Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts          |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4445-4449                                 | Vendor Payments & Other                   |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| <b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>           |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |  |
| 4520-4529                                 | Parks & Recreation                        |                | 124890   | 96356                                | 132965  |                   | 132965   | 132965          |  |
| 4550-4559                                 | Library                                   |                | 49934  | 48444                                | 53889   |                   | 53889  | 53889           |  |
| 4583                                      | Patriotic Purposes                        |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4589                                      | Other Culture & Recreation                |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| <b>CONSERVATION</b>                       |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |  |
| 4611-4612                                 | Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources         |                | 20217  | 13517                                | 33103   |                   | 33103  | 33103           |  |
| 4619                                      | Other Conservation                        |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4631-4632                                 | REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING                   |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4651-4659                                 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT                      |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| <b>DEBT SERVICE</b>                       |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |  |
| 4711                                      | Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes           |                | 0  | 22000                                | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4721                                      | Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes          |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4723                                      | Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes            |                | 500  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |
| 4790-4799                                 | Other Debt Service                        |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |  |

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| <b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>          |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |
| 4901                           | Land                                      |                | 500000   | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |
| 4902                           | Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment           |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |
| 4903                           | Buildings                                 |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |
| 4909                           | Improvements Other Than Bldgs.            |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |
| <b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b> |   |                |  |                                      |   |                   |  |                 |
| 4912                           | To Special Revenue Fund                   |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |
| 4913                           | To Capital Projects Fund                  |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |
| 4914                           | To Enterprise Fund                        |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  | 0               |
|                                | Sewer-                                    |                | 138788   |                                      | 136225  |                   | 136225   |                 |
|                                | Water-                                    |                | 53350  |                                      | 53910   |                   | 53910  |                 |
|                                | Electric-                                 |                | 0  |                                      | 0   |                   | 0  |                 |
|                                | Airport-                                  |                | 0  |                                      | 0   |                   | 0  |                 |
| 4915                           | To Capital Reserve Fund                   |                | 65000  |                                      | 0   |                   | 0  |                 |
| 4916                           | To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917               |                | 0  | 65000                                | 0   |                   | 0  |                 |
| 4917                           | To Health Maint. Trust Funds              |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                 |
| 4918                           | To Nonexpendable Trust Funds              |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                 |
| 4919                           | To Fiduciary Funds                        |                | 0  | 0                                    | 0   |                   | 0  |                 |
|                                | <b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>                         |                | 65000  | 65000                                | 1600766   |                   | 1600766  |                 |



**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3-VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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|                               |   |                |  |                                      | (RECOMMENDED)              | (NOT RECOMMENDED) | RECOMMENDED                       | NOT RECOMMENDED |
| 4916                          | To the Vehicle & Equip Trust Fund         |                |  |                                      | 85000                      |                   | 85000                             |                 |
| <b>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</b> |   |                |  |                                      | 85000                      |                   | 85000                             |                 |

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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|                               |   |                |  |                                      | (RECOMMENDED)              | (NOT RECOMMENDED) | RECOMMENDED                       | NOT RECOMMENDED |
| 4415                          | Donation to Health Agencies               |                |  |                                      | 10000                      |                   | 10000                             |                 |
| <b>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</b> |   |                |  |                                      | 10000                      |                   | 10000                             |                 |

## MS-7 BUDGET

## TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

2007

| ACCT.#    | SOURCE OF REVENUE                            | Warr.<br>Art.# | Estimated<br>Revenues<br>Prior Year | Actual<br>Revenues<br>Prior Year | Estimated<br>Revenues<br>Ensuing Year |
|-----------|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|           | <b>TAXES</b>                                 |                | XXXXXXXXXX                          | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3120      | Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund         |                | 0                                   |                                  | 0                                     |
| 3180      | Resident Taxes                               |                | 0                                   |                                  | 0                                     |
| 3185      | Timber Taxes                                 |                | 0                                   |                                  | 0                                     |
| 3186      | Payment in Lieu of Taxes                     |                | 0                                   |                                  | 0                                     |
| 3189      | Other Taxes                                  |                | 6000                                | 6128                             | 6500                                  |
| 3190      | Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes     |                | 4000                                | 2879                             | 4200                                  |
|           | Inventory Penalties                          |                | 3000                                | 3481                             | 3000                                  |
| 3187      | Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)       |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
|           | <b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>          |                | XXXXXXXXXX                          | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3210      | Business Licenses & Permits                  |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3220      | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees                    |                | 245000                              | 247686                           | 248000                                |
| 3230      | Building Permits                             |                | 21400                               | 20594                            | 18000                                 |
| 3290      | Other Licenses, Permits & Fees               |                | 1800                                | 2665                             | 2200                                  |
| 3311-3319 | FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT                      |                |                                     |                                  | 62250                                 |
|           | <b>FROM STATE</b>                            |                | XXXXXXXXXX                          | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3351      | Shared Revenues                              |                | 15909                               | 15909                            | 15909                                 |
| 3352      | Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution               |                | 37577                               | 37577                            | 48012                                 |
| 3353      | Highway Block Grant                          |                | 15904                               | 15720                            | 15587                                 |
| 3354      | Water Pollution Grant                        |                | 7772                                | 7772                             | 0                                     |
| 3355      | Housing & Community Development              |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3356      | State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement    |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3357      | Flood Control Reimbursement                  |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3359      | Other (Including Railroad Tax)               |                | 5000                                | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3379      | FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS                       |                |                                     |                                  | 0                                     |
|           | <b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>                  |                | XXXXXXXXXX                          | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3401-3406 | Income from Departments                      |                | 100250                              | 124463                           | 110000                                |
| 3409      | Other Charges                                |                | 0                                   |                                  | 0                                     |
|           | <b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>                |                | XXXXXXXXXX                          | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3501      | Sale of Municipal Property                   |                | 0                                   |                                  | 4000                                  |
| 3502      | Interest on Investments                      |                | 7000                                | 31754                            | 7000                                  |
| 3503-3509 | Other  |                | 36900                               |                                  | 11000                                 |
|           | <b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>      |                | XXXXXXXXXX                          | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3912      | From Special Revenue Funds                   |                | 0                                   |                                  | 0                                     |
| 3913      | From Capital Projects Funds                  |                | 0                                   |                                  | 0                                     |
| 3914      | From Enterprise Funds                        |                |                                     |                                  |                                       |
|           | Sewer - (Offset)                             |                | 109952                              | 97372                            | 136225                                |
|           | Water - (Offset)                             |                | 53350                               | 52242                            | 53910                                 |
|           | Electric - (Offset)                          |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
|           | Airport - (Offset)                           |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3915      | From Capital Reserve Funds                   |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3916      | From Trust & Fiduciary Funds                 |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3917      | Transfers from Conservation Funds            |                | 0                                   | 0                                | 0                                     |
|           | <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>               |                | XXXXXXXXXX                          | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3934      | Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes           |                | 500000                              | 0                                | 500                                   |
|           | Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")           |                |                                     |                                  |                                       |
|           | Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes     |                |                                     |                                  |                                       |
|           | <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b> |                | 1270814                             | 666242                           | 746293                                |

# \*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

|   | PRIOR YEAR<br>ADOPTED<br>BUDGET | SELECTMEN'S<br>RECOMMENDED<br>BUDGET | BUDGET<br>COMMITTEE'S<br>RECOMMENDED<br>BUDGET |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)                | 2132659                         | 1600766                              | 1600766  |
| SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)      | 0                               | 85000                                | 85000  |
| SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6) | 0                               | 10000                                | 10000  |
| TOTAL Appropriations Recommended                                  | 2132659                         | 1695766                              | 1695766  |
| Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)         | 1291287                         | 770466                               | 770466   |
| Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised                            | 841372                          | 925300                               | 925300   |

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per  
RSA 32:18: \_\_\_\_\_ (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

# Town Warrant For 2007

### ROCKINGHAM, SS NEW CASTLE

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2007, to act upon Articles I through IV. The business session of the Annual Town Meeting will commence at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles V through X. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before seven o'clock in the evening.

**ARTICLE I:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following year.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board \***

1. Section 2.3.13: **Building:...***For the purposes of this code each portion of a building separated from other portions by a fire wall, as defined in the current BOCA code as adopted by the Town of New Castle, shall be considered as a separate building.*

**Building:....**For the purposes of this code each portion of a building separated from other portions by a fire wall, as defined in the current International Building Code as adopted by the Town of New Castle, shall be considered as a separate building.

2. Section 2.3.35: Living Area: *The gross floor area of the primary building on a lot, including 50% of the area of walkout basements, but excluding the floor area of garages, porches, patios, and decks.*

**Building Area:** The gross floor area of the primary building on a lot including garages and covered porches and including 50% of the area of walkout basements, but excluding patios and decks.

3. Add a new Section 4.1.2.3.a:

3.a Structures of 80 square feet or less are permitted to be placed within 5 feet of the rear and side lot lines not abutting a street, provided the structure is on a temporary foundation and is not connected to utilities.

4. Section 4.2.1.1: **Ground Floor Area – Exempt Structures:** *Open porches, garages and similar structures shall not be included in compilation of the minimum ground floor area.*  
**Ground Floor Area – Exempt Structures:** Uncovered porches, decks under 18”, and similar structures shall not be included in the compilation of the minimum ground floor area.

5. Section 4.2.1.3: **Maximum Lot Coverage:** *The maximum portion of a lot that may be covered by principal and accessory buildings shall be determined according to the schedule shown below, at least 1050 square feet (ground floor area) of building coverage will be permitted for lots between 3500 square feet and 9000 square feet in size, and at least 2250 square feet (ground floor area) will be permitted for lots over 9000 square feet in size. The maximum lot coverage for clustered dwellings on undivided lots will be determined by the Planning Board.*

| <u>Lot Size</u>             | <u>Maximum % of Lot Covered</u>                                |
|-----------------------------|--|
| -less than 3500 square feet | 30%  |
| - 3500 to 9000 square feet  | 1050 square feet or 25% of the lot size, whichever is greater. |
| -more than 9000 square feet | 2250 square feet or 20% of the lot size, whichever is greater. |

*See Section 6.1.4.2 for lot coverage provisions applicable to clustered residential units.*

**Maximum Lot Coverage:** The maximum portion of a lot that may be covered by principal and accessory buildings shall be determined according to the schedule shown below, however, at least 1050 square feet (ground floor area) of building coverage will be permitted for lots between 3500 and 8000 square feet in size, and at least 2000 square feet (ground floor area) will be permitted for lots over 8000 square feet in size. The maximum lot coverage for clustered dwellings on undivided lots will be determined by the Planning Board.

| <u>Lot Size</u>                     | <u>Maximum % of Lot Covered</u>                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| - less than 3500 square feet        | 30%   |
| -3500 to <u>8000 square feet</u>    | 1050 square feet or 25% of the lot size, whichever is greater.        |
| - more than <u>8000 square feet</u> | <u>2000 square feet</u> or 20% of the lot size, whichever is greater. |

See section 6.1.4.2 for lot coverage provisions applicable to clustered residential units.

6. Section 4.2.1.5: **Maximum Living Area:** *The maximum living area permitted in a dwelling unit shall be limited according to the following schedule:*

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <i>For Building Lots up to and including 4000 square feet in area:</i> | <i>50% of total lot area</i>  |
| <i>For Building Lots greater than 4000 square feet in area:</i>        | <i>50% of the lot area for the first 4000 square feet and 25% of the lot area greater than 4000 square feet</i> |

*The maximum living area for clustered dwellings on undivided lots shall be determined by the Planning Board.*

**Maximum Building Area:** The maximum building area permitted in a dwelling unit shall be limited according to the following schedule:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| For Building Lots up to and Including 4000 square feet in area: | 50% of total lot area   |
| For Building Lots greater than 4000 square feet in area:        | -50% of the first 4000 square feet of lot area<br>- <u>25% of the lot area between 4000 and 9000 square feet</u><br>- <u>15% of the lot area above 9000 square feet</u> |

The maximum building area for clustered dwellings on undivided lots shall be determined by the Planning Board.

7. Add new Section 4.2.1.7: Building Setback Exceptions for Narrow and Shallow Lots in the R-1, R-2, and MU Districts: A building setback of 10 feet from the side shall be allowed wherever the lot is 70 feet wide or less, and a building setback of 10 feet from the rear shall be allowed wherever the lot is 70 feet deep or less.

8. Section 6.1.4.1.i: *Maximum building height...*

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) residential dwelling units | 35 ft; 2 ½ stories |
| Maximum building height...     |                    |

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) residential dwelling units | <u>32 ft</u> ; 2 ½ stories |
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**CHANGES TO TABLE 1**

(Note: The changes to Table 1 are consistent with changes made in Zoning Ordinance Sections previously outlined above.)

9. Table 1:  
Building setback in R-1, R-2, MU: Change side and rear setbacks from 10 feet to 15 feet.

10. Table 1:  
Maximum Building Height: In the column labeled Residential District R-1, change from 2 ½ stories above grade, not to exceed 35 ft. to: 2 ½ stories above grade, not to exceed 32 feet.

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| 11. <u>Table 1</u> :<br>Maximum Lot Coverage |   |
| <u>Lot Size:</u> <3500SF:                    | 30%   |
| 3500 – <u>8000 sf</u> :                      | 1050 square feet or 25% of lot size, whichever is greater.        |
| <u>&gt;8000 sf</u> :                         | <u>2000</u> square feet or 20% of lot size, whichever is greater. |

12. Table 1:  
Maximum Living Area per Dwelling to be changed to Maximum Building Area per Dwelling.

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> 4000 sf of lot:     | -50% of lot area    |
| <u>4000 – 9000 sf of lot area</u> : | <u>-25%</u> of area |
| <u>lot area above 9000 sf</u> :     | <u>-15%</u> of area |

13. Table 1 under "Footnotes":  
Add NEW Footnote Number 3:

3. In Districts R-1, R-2, and MU a building setback of 10 feet from the side shall be allowed wherever the lot is 70 feet wide or less, and a building setback of 10 from the rear shall be allowed wherever the lot is 70 feet deep or less.

\*The above proposed Zoning Amendments shall not apply to any property projects for which a Building Permit is first applied, the Building Permit approval process begun, and an approval obtained from at least one land use board of the town, on or before March 15, 2007.

## (ON THE BALLOT)

**ARTICLE III:** Zoning Amendment Number 2: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment number 2, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate limitations on development in areas of steep slope:

Section 2.3: Insert the following definitions in section 2.3 - Definitions:

**Erosion:** The wearing away of the ground surface as a result of the movement of wind, water, ice, or from land disturbance activities.

**Sedimentation:** The process by which sediment resulting from accelerated erosion has been or is being transported from disturbed land into a lake or natural watercourse or wetland.

**Slope:** Slope is the change in elevation over a certain horizontal distance on the earth's undisturbed surface, expressed as the percent of elevation change over that distance.

**Site Disturbance:** The alteration of the surface of the land, including stripping of vegetative cover from the land surface.

**Steep Slope:** Land with existing slopes greater than 15%. For the purpose of calculation the slope shall be determined by the average slope from lowest to highest point in the area of a proposed building site.

Insert the following as Section 5.2 (currently unused) of the Zoning Ordinance:

## 5.2 DEVELOPMENT ON STEEP SLOPES

### 5.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to limit disturbance of steep slopes in order to prevent the creation of unstable or otherwise unsafe land configurations; soil erosion and resulting adverse impacts on water quality and habitat from sedimentation and siltation, and adverse impacts on downstream properties resulting from the alteration to surface water drainage.

### 5.2.2. Development Limitations

1. On steep slope building sites with natural slopes greater than 25%, the erection of structures, buildings, retaining walls, and other uses that result in the alteration of the surface of the land, or in stripping of vegetation shall be prohibited.

2. On steep slope building sites with natural slopes between 15% and 25%, the erection of structures, buildings, retaining walls, and other uses that result in the alteration of the surface of the land may be permitted only as a Conditional Use granted by the Planning Board, except the following uses, which shall be prohibited:
  - a) Construction and installation of septic systems, including tanks and leaching fields;
  - b) Swimming pools.
3. No portion of any driveway may exceed 10% grade.

### 5.2.3 Conditional Use Permit

1. A conditional use permit may be granted by the Planning Board (RSA 674:21, II) for non-prohibited uses on steep slope building sites provided that all conditions established in 5.2.3.2 have been satisfied and the submissions required in 5.2.3.3 have been supplied.
2. Criteria: The Planning Board shall use the following criteria in evaluating an application under this section.
  - a. No alternative. That the use for which the permit is sought cannot be carried out on a portion or portions of the lot which are not steep slope;
  - b. Proposal minimizes impacts: That the design, construction and maintenance of the proposed use will minimize detrimental impact from surface alterations on steep slope and that there is no alternative to the proposed use that has less detrimental impact on wetlands or tidal lands;
  - c. No Public hazard: That the proposed use will not create a hazard to individuals or the general public health, safety and welfare of the community.
  - d. Roads and driveways use natural topography. Roads and driveways shall minimize the potential for erosion and shall be consistent with other applicable regulations of the Town and sound engineering practices. The applicant must demonstrate that no other routing which would avoid steep slopes is feasible.
  - e. Report of certified soil or geotechnical engineer. Where required by the Planning Board, the applicant must submit a report by a certified soil or geotechnical engineer indicating that the steep slope may be safely developed.
  - f. Report of the Conservation Commission. The Planning Board shall consider the findings and recommendations of the New Castle Conservation Commission concerning the proposed development.
  - g. Three to one finished slopes. Finished slopes of all cuts and fills in soil shall not exceed one-to three (1:3 rise-to-run, or 33%) unless the applicant can demonstrate that steeper slopes can be stabilized and after construction can be sustained in ordinary circumstances without ongoing maintenance or intervention.



- h. Replanting of disturbed areas. Disturbed areas shall be replanted with vegetation appropriate to the site, and to slope and drainage conditions. Indigenous vegetation is preferred. Invasive species, as defined by NH Fish and Game Department shall be prohibited.
    - i. Re-grading of disturbed areas. Re-grading shall blend in with and follow the natural contours of the land to the extent feasible.
    - j. Temporary stabilization measures. Temporary soil stabilization—including, if appropriate, temporary stabilization measures such as netting or mulching to secure soil during the grow-in period must be applied to all areas of disturbance within two (2) days of establishing the final grade, and permanent stabilization must be applied within fifteen (15) days of establishing the final grade.
3. Required submissions. Applicant shall submit a plan for the proposed development of steep slopes of sufficient detail to support the evaluation of the above items as well as the following elements:
  - a.) The location of the proposed construction or area of disturbance and its relationship to the property lines, easements, buildings, roads, walls, septic systems, wells, and wetlands within one hundred feet of the proposed area of disturbance for adjacent properties at the same elevation and within five hundred feet for properties significantly lower, as may be requested by the Planning Board.
  - b.) The estimated material quantities of excavation/fill.
  - c.) The location and size of areas of soils listed by soil types in the area of the proposed disturbance and to a distance of one hundred feet.
  - d.) Existing and proposed contours at two-foot intervals in the area of the proposed disturbance and to the distance of one hundred feet beyond.
  - e.) Location and construction details of retaining walls or like methods of construction, as may be proposed.
  - f.) Erosion and sediment control plan as may be determined to be necessary by the Planning Board. The plan shall be developed in accordance with the design standards and specifications set forth in the Erosion and Sediment Control Design Handbook for Developing Areas of New Hampshire as adopted and amended by the Rockingham County Conservation District, and consistent with requirements as specified in Appendix A of the New Castle Subdivision Regulations “Grading, Drainage and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Specifications”, as amended.
  - g.) The Planning Board, after consultation with the Conservation Commission, may require the applicant to submit an environmental assessment when necessary to evaluate an application made under this Section. In cases where the Planning Board has determined that the proposed use may result in detrimental impacts the applicant may be further required to submit a mitigation plan to reduce or eliminate said impacts. The cost of this assessment and mitigation plan shall be borne by the applicant.

4. Performance Security: Fees

- a.) Where required by the Planning Board, the applicant shall agree to submit a performance security to ensure that all construction and any required restoration or mitigation is carried out in accordance with an approved design or stated conditions. The security shall be provided, in a form and amount satisfactory to the Town, prior to the issuance of any permit authorizing construction.
- b.) The Planning Board may assess the applicant reasonable fees to cover the costs of any technical studies or professional services required under this section.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE IV:** Zoning Amendment Number 3: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment number 3 as proposed by the Planning Board.

Section 6.5.2.7 All electrical installations provided and installed and used in connection with swimming pools shall be in conformance with Article 680 of the "National Electrical Code, 1993 Edition. To read – All electrical installation provided and installed and used in connection with swimming pools shall be in conformance with current "National Electrical Code," and Addendums.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE V:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

**Approved by the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE VI:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be used to pay town donations to local non-profit agencies.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1. A Safe Place                         | \$200    |
| 2. Adult Tutorial Program               | \$100    |
| 3. American Red Cross                   | \$500    |
| 4. Aids Response                        | \$200    |
| 5. Area Homemaker                       | \$1,250  |
| 6. Child & Family Services              | \$600    |
| 7. Compass Care                         | \$1,400  |
| 8. McFarland Children's Cente           | \$250    |
| 9. Meals on Wheels                      | \$1,000  |
| 10. Prescott Park                       | \$200    |
| 11. Rockingham County Community Action  | \$300    |
| 12. RSVP                                | \$700    |
| 13. Salvation Army                      | \$250    |
| 14. SeaCare Health Service              | \$400    |
| 15. Seacoast Hospice                    | \$1,000  |
| 16. Seacoast Mental Health              | \$1,100  |
| 17. Sexual Assault Services             | \$250    |
| 18. CASA- Court Appoint Spec. Advocates | \$200    |
| 19. Seacoast VNA                        | \$100    |
| <hr/>                                   |          |
| Total                                   | \$10,000 |

**The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.**

**ARTICLE VII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of \$1,695,766.00 for the general operation of the Town.

**The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.**

**ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of New Castle.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of New Castle encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

**ARTICLE IX:** To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE X:**

To transact such business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven. A true copy of warrant – attest

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Peter Gamester, Chairman

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Gene F. Doherty  
Board of Selectmen

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE  
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2007**

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Post Office and Town Hall, both being a public place in said Town of New Castle.

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Peter Gamester

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Gene F. Doherty  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of New Castle  
April 23, 2007

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

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

C. Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current fiscal year as well as comparative information for the prior year.

| FY2006:<br>Activities        | Governmental<br>Activities | Business Type<br>Total |                   |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Current & other assets       | \$ 882,816                 | \$ 189,873             | \$ 1,072,689      |
| Capital assets               | <u>23,510,338</u>          | <u>2,116,691</u>       | <u>25,627,029</u> |
| Total assets                 | 24,393,154                 | 2,306,564              | 26,699,718        |
| <br>Total liabilities        | <br>31,858                 | <br>50,434             | <br>82,292        |
| Net assets:                  |                            |                        |                   |
| Invested in cap. Assets, net | 23,510,338                 | 1,803,655              | 25,313,993        |
| Unrestricted fund balance    | 850,958                    | 452,475                | 1,303,433         |
| Total net assets             | \$24,361,296               | \$2,256,130            | \$26,617,426      |
|                              | =====                      | =====                  | =====             |

| FY2005:                      | Governmental<br>Activities | Business Type<br>Activities | Total             |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Current & other assets       | \$ 545,828                 | \$ 178,184                  | \$ 724,012        |
| Capital assets               | <u>23,552,838</u>          | <u>2,113,262</u>            | <u>25,666,100</u> |
| Total assets                 | 24,098,666                 | 2,291,446                   | 26,390,112        |
| <br>Total liabilities        | <br>79,799                 | <br>15,594                  | <br>95,393        |
| Net assets:                  |                            |                             |                   |
| Invested in cap. assets, net | 23,552,838                 | 1,803,655                   | 25,356,493        |
| Unrestricted fund balance    | 466,029                    | 472,197                     | 938,226           |
| Total net assets             | \$24,018,867               | \$2,275,852                 | \$26,294,719      |
|                              | =====                      | =====                       | =====             |

By far the largest portion of net assets \$25,627,029 (96.3%) reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

#### D. Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$850,958, an increase of \$384,929 in comparison with the prior year.

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

Unrestricted net assets of the enterprise funds at the end of the year amounted to \$452,475. Factors concerning the finances of propriety funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

#### E. NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The water rate has remained stable for over 14 years at \$1.74 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons). The sewer rate was increased from \$2.44 to \$3.44 per 100 cubic feet. The increase was primarily due to additional costs incurred in operating the plant.

##### Requests for Information:

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

Selectmen  
Town of New Castle  
PO Box 367  
New Castle, NH 03854

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)  
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

|  | LEVY FOR<br>2005 | <u>PRIOR YEAR LEVIES</u> |       |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|-------|
|  |                  | 2004                     | 2003  |
|  | -----            | -----                    | ----- |
| <b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 06/30/05:</b>     |                  |                          |       |
| Property Taxes                         |                  |                          | 0.00  |
| <b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</b>      |                  |                          |       |
| Property Taxes                         | \$2,899,133.00   |                          |       |
| <b>OVERPAYMENTS:</b>                   |                  |                          |       |
| Property Taxes                         | 7,405.00         |                          |       |
| Abatements by Check                    | 0.00             |                          |       |
| Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes | 2,648.00         |                          |       |
|  | -----            | -----                    | ----- |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>                    | 2,909,186.00     | 0.00                     | 0.00  |
|  | =====            | =====                    | ===== |
| <b>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</b>          |                  |                          |       |
| Property Taxes                         | 2,885,386.00     |                          |       |
| Interest                               | 2,269.00         |                          |       |
| Penalties                              | 379.00           |                          |       |
| Conversion to Elderly Lien             | 4,893.00         | 0.00                     |       |
| <b>ABATEMENTS:</b>                     |                  |                          |       |
| Abatements                             | 8,854.00         |                          |       |
| <b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/06</b>    | 0.00             |                          |       |
| Overpayments returned                  | 7,405.00         |                          |       |
|  | -----            | -----                    | ----- |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>                   | 2,909,186.00     | 0.00                     | 0.00  |
|  | =====            | =====                    | ===== |
| <b>UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/01</b>        |                  |                          |       |
| <b>LIENS EXECUTED:</b>                 |                  |                          |       |
| Unredeemed liens balance beg of fy     |                  | 2,641.00                 |       |
| Liens executed during fiscal year      | 5,376.00         |                          |       |
| Interest & Costs                       |                  | 231.00                   | 0.00  |
| Elderly Liens Executed                 | 3,317.00         |                          |       |
|  | -----            | -----                    | ----- |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>                    | 8,693.00         | 2,872.00                 | 0.00  |
|  | =====            | =====                    | ===== |
| <b>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</b>          |                  |                          |       |
| Redemptions                            |                  | 2,641.00                 | 0.00  |
| Interest & Costs                       |                  | 231.00                   | 0.00  |
| Unredeemed Elderly liens end of fy     | 3,317.00         | 0.00                     | 0.00  |
| Unredeemed liens balance beg of fy     | 5,376.00         |                          |       |
|  | -----            | -----                    | ----- |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>                   | \$8,693.00       | 2,872.00                 | 0.00  |
|  | =====            | =====                    | ===== |

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK  
 For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits                 | \$248,092.00        |
| Dog Licenses                          | 1,220.50            |
| Marriage Licenses                     | 315.00              |
| Vital Records                         | 448.00              |
| All Other Sources                     | 365.50              |
|                                       | -----               |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                 | <b>250,441.00</b>   |
|                                       | =====               |
| <b>PAYMENTS REMITTED TO TREASURER</b> | <b>\$250,441.00</b> |
|                                       | =====               |

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
 For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

The following is the balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2006

**GENERAL FUND:**

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Checking Account                  | \$13,099.00 |
| NH Public Deposit Investment Pool | 2,283.00    |
| Bank North Investment Pool        | 833,401.00  |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b> |             |
| Checking Account                  | 12,689.00   |
| NH Public Deposit Investment Pool | 164,743.00  |

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
 William B. Marshall, III  
 Treasurer



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS  
AND DISBURSEMENTS  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006**

RECEIPTS:

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Town Appropriations                    | \$48,043 |
| Spec Appropriation - Children's Boooks | 3,000    |
| Designated Gifts                       | 1,588    |
| Donations                              | 1,680    |
| Investment                             | 1,033    |
| Other                                  | 849      |

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

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56,192

DISBURSEMENTS:

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Adult Books & materials | 9,375  |
| Children's Books        | 3,101  |
| Designated Gifts        | 317    |
| Payroll & Payroll Taxes | 35,901 |
| Technical support       | 1,051  |
| Operations              | 7,064  |
| Programs                | 1,704  |
| Other                   | 758    |

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

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59,272

**NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH**

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(3,080)

**CASH ON HAND 6/30/2005**

21,296

**CASH ON HAND 6/30/2006**

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\$18,216  
=====

# Report Of The Town Clerk

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2006, a report of Town Clerk' receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and the annual compilation of vital records are printed elsewhere in this volume.

Revenues for fiscal 2006/2007 were down just over 1%, which is not a significant amount; the modest decrease is mainly due to people buying fewer new cars. The mail renewal program continues to work very well.

Barbara Ross the Account/Assistant Clerk left us in May 2006 and we were without a Deputy until October when Ruth Moulton joined the department.

In 2006, we had three Elections (Town, State Primary and State General). I could not have done the elections without the help of Leslie Parker, Marcia Cronin, Mary Rauh, Pamela Cullen, Ruth Moulton, Holly Gleason, Ruth Lanham, Deb Schulte and Denny and Marty Turmelle. Sincere thanks to all of you for your help and support

It continues to be a pleasure to be of service to all of the residents of New Castle in the area of car registration. Again, one of the things that make New Castle the Great Island is the great people who live here.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Willard Gleason  
Town Clerk

# Report Of Police Department

*"The shortest answer is doing the thing."*  
Ernest Hemmingway

*"Our nation is founded on the principle that observance of the law is the eternal safeguard of liberty and defiance of the law is the surest road to tyranny."*  
John F. Kennedy

Welcome to our world. The Police Department has had many changes in the past year that are here to be updated. While we are small here, we are proud in our mission to serve the people of New Castle and bring good value for the tax dollar spent.

## **Retirement of Doug Cummings**

After twenty two years of service to the people of New Castle, Lt. Douglas V. Cummings II retired from the New Castle Police Department. Congratulations to Doug, fair winds and following seas to you.

Think about that. Twenty two years in New Castle. Doug has seen your children grow up. Doug has seen the passing of many friends of his and yours and he witnessed the Town go from a working class area to the land of the multi million dollar “McMansions.” In a small Town one person can very much make the difference in the quality of your life and those that touch you. Doug has given most of his working life to service to you and we all owe him a thank-you.

### **Officer Steve Blanding**

We are very fortunate to have a quality replacement for Doug. Officer Steve Blanding has been hired as our newest full time police officer. Steve has worked for us for a year part time. Steve is also a member of the New Castle Fire Department and is an Emergency Medical Technician.

I know that Steve will serve the Town well and it is nice to have some young blood, as sometime we old guys need a kick start.

### **New Safety Complex**

We will not even go into the horrible, crowded conditions that currently exist at the Town Office/ Police Station. The current police facilities place the police officers who work there and the people they serve in hazard. I could give a long list, but not here. Needless to say, there is some discussion in the Selectmen’s office about making improvements. I ask you to support these efforts. The police station is many times the only impression people have of the Town. Also we arrest 45/70 persons a year and they are processed under very difficult conditions. Enough said for now, more to follow.

### **Traffic/Parking Complaints**

The number one complaint that we receive is speeding and parking complaints. As of this summer we are instating a zero-tolerance for both of these issues. It will not matter who you are or where you come from, you will be treated the same, fairly.

*If you speed in town expect to be stopped, etc...*

*As for parking, get your stickers. We like the color.*

### **Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT)**

The New Castle Police Department has been an active supporter of Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT). There have been emergency callouts that range from barricaded subjects, hostage situations, and alerts at Seabrook nuclear Plant. The (SERT) team is the first line defense a case of domestic terrorism and WMDs. SERT is comprised of 17 communities, including New Castle.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
James C. Murphy  
Chief of Police

## **Synopsis Police Activity**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Suspicious Activity/criminal Complaints | 279 |
| Medical Assists/Assist FD               | 71  |
| Total Arrests                           | 49  |
| Alarms                                  | 409 |
| Domestic Complaints                     | 22  |
| Mutual Aid calls                        | 101 |
| Building Residence Checks (vacation)    | 227 |
| Unsecured Building/Residences           | 137 |
| Assist Other Town Agencies              | 799 |
| Assist Citizens                         | 405 |

## **Fire Department Report**

The year 2006 was a record-setting year in calls for service for the Fire Department. Our members responded to 157 calls (50 more calls than the previous year!), trained every Monday evening, and assisted the community in a variety of ways.

The torrential rains of Mother's Day weekend provided a vivid reminder of the commitment these volunteers have towards our community. Homes had their basements pumped (some twice) when rising water threatened heating and electrical systems. With over 13 inches of rain in a span of several days, basements that had never even been damp were turned into swimming pools. Your department answered over 17 calls for service during that 3 day event.

Through the Federal Surplus Property program and the generosity of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team, the Department was able to place a dedicated fire / rescue boat into service. The Wentworth by the Sea Marina donated dock space so that the boat was always ready to respond. This asset greatly expands the capability of the Department to protect our island community.

As I have said before, this Department is staffed by trained, dedicated professionals who deeply care about New Castle, her residents, and her guests. The retention of these dedicated volunteers is our number one priority. We do that by providing the membership with outstanding training, educational opportunities, and first rate equipment. With only half of the membership living on the island, it is imperative that we not only retain those responders living off island, but also continue to recruit new members. While we have faired well in the past, other volunteer departments in the area are also dipping into the pool of available manpower. Every volunteer department in the area is in need of help and New Castle is no exception. While we are better staffed than most, we will constantly be challenged to maintain our advantage. Can you help? The Fire Department is always in need of quality individuals who have a desire to help their community. You supply the enthusiasm, and we'll supply the opportunities.

My thanks go out to the community that supports us so generously each year. Those who volunteer their time to make this town a better, safer place also thank you. Please take a moment to thank them for everything they do. I know they'd appreciate it.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
 Carl F. Roediger  
 Chief of Department

## Report of Incidents

### In-Town Incidents

|                       |    |                              |    |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| Fires                 | 3  | Furnace / Boiler Malfunction | 1  |
| Hazardous Conditions  | 4  | Service Calls                | 38 |
| Fire Alarm Activation | 24 | Emergency Medical Aid        | 80 |
| Good Intent Calls     | 7  |                              |    |

### Mutual Aid Incidents

|               |   |                  |   |
|---------------|---|------------------|---|
| To Portsmouth | 4 | To North Hampton | 2 |
| To Kittery    | 5 | To Rye           | 6 |
| To Pease      | 1 |                  |   |

**Total Alarms: 157**

## Forest Fire Warden And State Forest Ranger Fire Statistics

**2006 Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger** Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. **However, please note that due to the proximity of our homes in New Castle, burning permits are required at all times, even if it is raining or there is snow on the ground.**

## 2006 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported through November 8, 2006)

### TOTALS BY COUNTY

|              | <u># of Fires</u> | <u># of Acres</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Belknap      | 76                | 39                |
| Carroll      | 44                | 27                |
| Cheshire     | 38                | 42                |
| Coos         | 30                | 104               |
| Grafton      | 24                | 53                |
| Hillsborough | 114               | 75                |
| Merrimack    | 91                | 40                |
| Rockingham   | 49                | 74                |
| Strafford    | 26                | 10                |
| Sullivan     | 8                 | 8                 |

|             | <u>Total Fires</u> | <u>Total Acres</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>2006</b> | 500                | 473                |
| <b>2005</b> | 513                | 174                |
| <b>2004</b> | 462                | 147                |
| <b>2003</b> | 374                | 100                |

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Arson     | 15  |
| Campfire  | 24  |
| Children  | 13  |
| Smoking   | 50  |
| Debris    | 284 |
| Railroad  | 3   |
| Lightning | 1   |
| Equipment | 4   |
| Misc.*    | 106 |

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

### ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

*Respectfully submitted,*  
 Carl F. Roediger  
 Deputy Forest Fire Warden

Philip Bryce  
 Director, Div of Forests & Lands

# Emergency Management Report

Thankfully, the forecasters were a little “off the mark” this past year with respect to hurricane activity in the Northeast. The prediction was for a very active season along with a high probability that the northeast would experience major effects. While I’m glad that they were wrong, I’m concerned that people will scoff at future predictions that concern a hurricane visiting our area. While hurricanes stayed away, we still had more than our share of high wind events.

These wind events caused a higher number of power outages than we have seen in the past. The outages highlighted a different problem – improper / unsafe portable generator usage. If you are planning to use a portable generator during outages, contact a licensed electrician about installing the correct switches and plugs to ensure that the generator is safely connected to your home and will not potentially harm utility workers who are trying to restore commercial power. Operating a portable generator in your garage can be lethal as carbon monoxide can be introduced into the house. A portable generator can be a lifesaver when used properly and safely.

Each year, every household and business receives an Emergency Public Information Brochure for Seabrook Station by mail from the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Management. Seabrook Station is required by law to provide this information to citizens around the Station. It provides a wealth of information on Seabrook specific emergencies as well as being a good informational guide for all kinds of large-scale emergencies. Please keep the brochure, read it and store it with your telephone book.

Inside this brochure, is an “Emergency Help Survey” card. The survey card is part of an annual program to identify persons who may need individual help in the event of an emergency. If you, or someone you know, require individual help, it is important for you to let us know. Just fill in the information and return the card. However, if you would like personalized help with the survey, please contact the Fire Department so that we can meet your needs during the time of an emergency. **Your Response Will Be Kept Strictly Confidential.**

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Carl F. Roediger  
Emergency Management Director

# Planning Board Report

One of the main functions of the Planning Board is to insure that our land use policy and zoning ordinances reflect the objectives set forth in the town's Master Plan. More specifically, these objectives include protecting the unique character of the island, preserving the appearance as well as protecting the ecology of the shoreline and preventing over development of individual lots and neighborhoods. This past year the Planning Board has worked on several projects in an effort to attain these objectives.

With the assistance of the Rockingham Planning Commission, the Planning Board continued its review of all conservation related ordinances. One outgrowth of this process is the proposal for a new "steep slope" ordinance which will limit development on steep terrain previously considered undesirable for building.

Also of significance is the work which was done to revise regulations relating to the building density allowed on any given land parcel. Extensive research was prepared to evaluate the effectiveness of existing ordinances relating to lot coverage, maximum allowed living area, set backs and building heights. This collaborative effort between New Castle citizens, Planning Board members, the Building Inspector and Rockingham Planning Commission will result in proposed ordinance revisions at the 2007 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board continued to evaluate the effectiveness of the new Wetlands Conservation Ordinance which was passed by New Castle voters last year. As many homeowners along the shoreline wish to maximize the utilization of their properties, these new ordinances attempt to strike a balance between their desire for larger homes and protection of the ecology of the shoreline.

As always, the Planning Board is constantly assessing the value of the Town's other zoning ordinances with input from the Selectmen, the Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission and the Building Inspector. It is our goal to create regulations that promote the rights to enjoyment of private property while at the same time maintaining the character of our town.

I would like to thank the members of the board, Secretary Anita Colby and the staff at the Town Hall for their efforts on behalf of the Planning Board. The many hours of hard work and dedication of this group of people are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Mr. Bob Beecher who recently resigned from his position as Selectman and Planning Board member. Bob's knowledge, insight and problem solving skills provided tremendous guidance to the Planning Board over the years. His presence will be sorely missed.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Stu Levenson

Chairman



# Zoning Board Of Adjustment Report

The Board of Adjustment is established to provide for the satisfactory resolution of unusual conditions and extenuating circumstances. The Board hears requests for Special Exceptions, appeals from administrative decisions and requests for variances from town ordinances. Applications must be completed on forms available at the Town Hall.

The Board heard eleven cases and had four requests for a rehearing in 2006.

A telecommunications case was reheard from 2005 and approved.

The board heard and acted on the following:

Variance for construction within a side setback was denied

Variance from 100' road frontage requirement was denied

Variance to demolish and rebuild within side setback was denied

Four Special Exceptions for Docks- Two approved and two with additional variance requests were denied

Special Exception to construct within 100 foot buffer was approved

Two Special Exception to construct within 50 foot setback, approved

Variance to demolish and rebuild within 75 foot setback approved

Four requests for a rehearing, two were denied, one tabled and one carried over from 2005 was heard and approved.

The board wishes to acknowledge Don Moore who stepped down after serving many years as board chair. His knowledge and mentoring of new members has and will continue to benefit the board and the town as he continues to serve as a voting member.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Susan Stetson, Chair

## Report Of The Historic District Commission

Barbara Becker, the HDC chairperson passed away in January 2007. She was a member of the commission since its inception and became the chair in 2003. Barb was knowledgeable about historic houses and knew the history and former owners of most of the homes which came before the commission. Barbara was never one to hold back on her opinion of a project. Yet, she was able to work with applicants and come to solutions of often vexing problems. Barbara will be missed and the commission thanks her for her years of dedication and service to the Town of New Castle.

The year 2006 was a busy year with the commission reviewing large and small projects. One of our difficult tasks is telling a homeowner, after a project is completed, that HDC approval

was required. For any exterior work planned in the HDC the building inspector should be contacted to see if HDC approval is required. During the coming year we will be working on the HDC ordinance.

The members of the HDC understand that coming before town boards can often be a frustrating experience. The mission of the HDC is to act, not only as guardians of the historic district of New Castle, but also to advise homeowners on how best to preserve the Historic District. We are here to help.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Diane Seagren, Acting Chairman

## **Report Of The Public Works Water & Sewer**

The responsibility of the Public Works Department is to manage all maintenance, administration, and capital expenditures relating to the water distribution system, as well as the sewer collection system that are owned by the town. The City of Portsmouth owns part of the water system; from the Wentworth Hotel down Wentworth Road to the corner of Main Street. Properties situated within this area are billed directly by Portsmouth for their water usage.

The water/sewer bills are issued three times a year. Your bill reflects usage for the four months prior to the billing date. Bills are sent around the first of April, August and December. The minimum usage is 2,000 cubic feet or 15,000 gallons. The minimum rate for water: \$34.80 per 15,000 gallons. The minimum rate for sewer: \$68.84 per 15,000 gallons. This is a \$20.00 increase over previous years. The combination for sewer & water is \$103.64.

As reported last year, sometime in the near future, the Town of New Castle will be incurring capital improvement costs that will increase the water and sewer rates to the residents. New Castle must pay the city of Portsmouth its fair share of the cost to meet the upgraded regulations from the EPA and DES. These are to help the environment and to keep our drinking water clean.

As of writing this report, we have not heard from Portsmouth as to the amount of the capital improvement cost.

During this year, we will continue to install new, state-of-the-art residential water meters. These are more accurate than the present remote meters that are currently being used. We now only have 8 meters left to install.

The department will continue to spot check various indoor residential meters to see if there are any problems which need to be corrected. We will also be checking to make sure that no sump pumps are discharging into the town sewer, as this is a violation of Section 5 Paragraph H of the Sewer & Water Ordinance of the Town of New Castle. We appreciate your cooperation in both these matters.

Residents have the option of applying for a separate water meter for outdoor water usage. This can be for watering the lawn, washing vehicles, etc. Water pumped through this secondary meter will only be charged for the water used; not for sewer usage, since no sewer is involved in this venue. All costs for this separate meter are born by the applicant. Applications and full instructions are available at the Town Hall. An application must be filed and accepted prior to installing the second meter.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Walter H. Liff  
Chairman, Public Works Board

## **Report Of The Conservation Commission**

The Commission's primary responsibility is to protect the island's environmental integrity. In 2006, NCCC reviewed twenty-four wetlands applications and handled two wetlands violations.

The Bull Toad Pond/Pitch Pine Restoration Project next to the Common began this year. The four year project will restore Bull Toad Pond, an overwash salt marsh, and the adjacent Pitch Pine barren. Divided into six fields, this year invasive bittersweet was removed from Field Six. With support from environmental experts and two WHIP grants supporting a good portion of the work, this project is on schedule and is already being noticed beyond New Castle. Rye's Odiorne Point is looking to New Castle's model project for their future plans. NCCC worked with state agencies and experts to coordinate funding, grants, billing schedules and informational public meetings and postings as well as managing onsite work including fencing, signage, clearing and burning bittersweet, and planting, feeding, watering, spraying and weeding native vegetation. Volunteers donated 130 hours towards implementation of Field Six projects. A special thank you goes to the MHT students who helped plant native blueberry bushes.

Town wetlands mapping was completed. A set of Tax and Wetlands maps now hangs in Town Hall, available to residents planning construction or landscape projects. The maps are only a guide and the homeowner is still responsible for supplying a site survey noting buffer zones and soil conditions. The new maps were also displayed at the May Town Meeting.

New Castle's Natural Resource Inventory was completed this year. A referral copy is available to residents in the Town Library. The NRI, begun in 1999, identifies, analyzes, and draws conclusions about the island's important natural resources. It includes a CD for future Town updates, seven full size environmental maps of New Castle located in Town Hall, and a 23-page report assessing New Castle's current environmental status. This inventory is a useful tool for all New Castle decision-makers and residents to preserve the environmental health and beauty of New Castle's natural resources.

NCCC, the Town's Planning Board and Rockingham Planning updated Town Zoning

regulations including a 100 foot setback being added to Lavenger's Creek. NCCC's Open Space Committee worked with Rockingham Planning listing vulnerable lands deserving special attention. NCCC displayed several environmental exhibits in the Town Library.

Aerial Photos of New Castle continued to be for sale in Town Hall. Funds raised went to the Town's Conservation Trust Fund.

Many thanks to all Commission members for giving so much of their time and energy on these conservation efforts and to town residents for their enthusiastic support.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Beth Hume, Chairperson  
Diana Mattoon, Vice Chair

## **Building Official's Report**

There were a total of 66 Building Permits issued during calendar year 2006 for various improvements, remodeling projects, additions, and 2 new homes.

Again, we encourage the homeowner to ensure your contractor has obtained the necessary permits---before---starting work. As has been written numerous times in the Island Items, please fill out an Application for a Building Permit well in advance of actual planned commencement. Depending upon where you live in town, the Zoning Ordinance may require a hearing before the Historic District Commission, or you may need to apply to The Zoning Board of Adjustment to seek possible relief from some of those same regulations. You would also need permission from the NH State Wetlands Board if your planned construction is within 100' of the waters edge. There are other regulatory possibilities as well, that are beyond my direct control. Gaining permission from some of these boards can take at least a month sometime longer. If your project appears to be complicated, you may wish to obtain a current Zoning Ordinance book at the Town Hall. Start early, be patient, we can work our way through the process.

Your permit fee pays for review of your planned construction and various inspections. I encourage you to ensure your contractor has the Building Permit signed in the appropriate places before you make final payment. These inspections help to ensure the work was done properly and is safe.

A permit is not normally required for normal maintenance or repairs, or for improvements valued at under \$500. However, I continue to encourage you, or your contractor, to contact me at the Town Office (431-6710) to alleviate some of the questions that are typically created by the observance of contractor vehicles in your driveway.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Charles Petlick  
Building Official

# Report Of Trustees Of Trust Fund

The Town's trust funds totaled \$762,148 at fiscal year end 6/30/06 and \$747,650 at fiscal year end 6/30/05. These totals represent the sum of 10 separate funds representing permanent endowments, capital reserves and temporary escrows established by town meeting votes, school board votes, gifts, and cemetery lot purchases. By State law, the individual funds are now maintained separately, as differentiated from a common trust fund.

The individual funds are invested in either Federal Agency bonds with short fixed terms, a bond mutual fund, or a money market fund with yields varying from 3.4% up to 5.95% for a bond to 4.6% for money market funds. The investments are selected by the activity requirements of each individual fund. The Library and Cemetery Maintenance Funds have their earnings disbursed annually in total to the Library Trustees and the Town. Other funds are disbursed in accordance with the requirements of the establishing body.

The three trustees meet as needed for investment decisions or disbursement purposes. The principal investment criteria is security of principal. Yields have been modest this last year, in the range of 4% to 5% for most of the year with an average overall yield of 4.48%.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Russell N. Cox

William Cronin

Peter Reed Jr.

## Library Trustees' Report

Carl Sagan sagely observed that "the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries." The Trustees of the Library would like to thank the residents of New Castle and the town leaders for their sustained commitment to our public library. Under the direction of librarian Gene Fox, the New Castle Library has continued to expand the quality and variety of services offered to the community. We, as a town, are fortunate to have this institution in our midst.

The library's program highlights from the previous year:

- Resident Sam Asano offered a 4-week computer seminar in the Macomber Room for approximately twenty enthusiastic beginners. He donated his time, energy, and fees to the library. Thank you, Sam.
- Robert Meyjes, father of New Castle resident Catherine Gerrish, discussed and read from his book *Abandoned Property*, a novel based on his own experiences fleeing Nazi-occupied Holland during WWII.

- The summer reading season for children was launched with a presentation by the Boston Museum of Science: "Science Magic." Science Magic was the theme of the Summer Reading Program here in New Castle, and each Tuesday afternoon children met with Gene to perform science experiments and read from the Magic School Bus series.
- As part of our Halloween celebration, the husband and wife team "The Almodarrs" presented a pirate-themed magic show in the Macomber Room, which drew participation and cheers from the thirty-five children who attended. The event concluded with a party.
- Milli Knudsen, local historian, gave a talk in the Macomber Room entitled "Murder and Mayhem in the Seacoast."
- UNH Researcher and co-founder of the New Hampshire Carbon Coalition Denise Blaha gave a presentation in the Macomber Room on practical measures the average citizen can take to slow global warming: "Climate Change and What You Can Do About It."
- In December, singer and songwriter Marcus Gale performed in the Macomber Room to kick off the annual Solstice party and visit from Santa. This event coincided with our Holiday Open House at the library.
- Storytime for children continues on Thursday and Saturday mornings.
- Students from Maude H. Trefethen Elementary School come to the library on Tuesday afternoons. The library purchases books to support the curriculum each year, and Gene is working with the kindergarteners and the first and second graders on their library skills.

In July, the collection passed the 16,000 mark. Non-circulating and outdated items are weeded from the collection, and this year we donated these to the Goodwill. Our DVD and CD audiobook has been augmented. Young adult books have been separated from general Juvenile Fiction and shelved in their own section.

The New Castle Library continues to update our WI-FI (wireless internet). Patrons are welcome to bring their WI-FI enabled laptops to the library or use one of our two computers. The public terminals now can access several reference databases through links provided by the NH State Library, including Ancestry: Library Edition, HeritageQuest, and NewsBank. Increased use of public terminals has prompted us to resume use of a sign-up sheet for 30-minute periods for the public terminals.

The Trustees meet in the Macomber Room at the library monthly. Any resident of New Castle is welcome to attend meetings to offer ideas and suggestions on improving the delivery of library services to the Town and its residents. Meeting dates and times are posted at the library and Town Hall.

The library is presently open Tuesdays 1-7, Wednesdays 1-5, Thursdays 9-3, Fridays 1-5 and Saturdays 9-1.

Our librarian Gene Fox and our cadre of dedicated volunteers enable the library to function smoothly and efficiently. We would like to thank them as well as the citizens of New Castle for their commitment to and support of our town library.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Patty Hickey

Brad Greeley

Joan Lockhart

Barbara Battis

Christine Collins

## **Cemetery Trustees Report**

The year 2006 saw the installation of a flag pole inside the entrance to Riverside Cemetery, also interior improvements were done to the cemetery building and it was given a new coat of paint. The first mowing season went well with our private contractor and we have received compliments on the upkeep of the cemetery. Other than existing family plots, there are only a few traditional plots left at Riverside cemetery. Spring 2007 will see the final completion of the water system and electric for Oceanside cemetery, also granite corners bounds were purchased for the purchased plots and will be installed over the summer. All present trustees are members of The New Hampshire Cemetery Association and attend spring and fall meetings the most recent with guest speaker Terry M. Knowles, Registrar of the Department Of Attorney General Charitable Trust Units and the topic being "Understanding Cemetery Law."

*Respectfully submitted,*

Dave Merrill, Chairman

Bill Lanham

Tom Boisvert

# Town Historian's Report

It is with sadness that I begin this report, with the passing of Fred White, a 98 year old New Castle native, holder of the Boston Post Cane, and the ultimate historian of New Castle's distinctive past. His keen mind and dry sense of humor made our island's history and its people sparkle. He easily recalled details of New Castle in his lifetime, and also shared information he learned in his youth from his parents and other island elders. We all deeply miss Fred, but will be forever grateful for his love of New Castle's history and his willingness to answer our endless questions.

On a happier note, I am thrilled with the completion of the restoration of the New Castle Historical Society's Old Library Museum. The open house in November was a standing-room-only event with visitors enthralled with the many exhibits. With the permission of the Selectmen, I have given the following items to the Museum:

1. the last flag to be flown outside the old school on Main Street in 1952;
2. a geography book from the 1880s that was used by my great-grandmother Seddie White, and was donated to the Archives by my cousin Linda Ricker Walker;
3. a ceremonial sword, probably used by the Knights of Pythias or the Grange;
4. a collection of scrapbooks filled with newspaper clippings from the 1940s-1980s;
5. a box filled with more current clippings to be added to the scrapbooks.

These items are of little historical significance to the town in the archival sense, but are very important from a sociologically historical perspective.

It has been a pleasure to work with Rodney Rowland, President of the Historical Society, the other officers and board members, and Courtney MacLachlan, the Old Library Museum's Director of Research. Courtney has scanned and catalogued hundreds of our photographs into the computer at the Old Library Museum. She will continue to scan genealogical information as well as early historical records. This information will be more readily available to the public for viewing and for research.

I continue to work with students, authors, other historians and individuals in their research pertaining to New Castle.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Deborah Hutchinson Schulte  
Town Historian



# Supervisors Of The Checklist Report

The year 2006 was an extremely busy and demanding year for the supervisors. ElectioNet, the statewide voter database mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002, was implemented across New Hampshire. For the state, this meant a data conversion from many unique town record keeping systems to a single standardized system. For the New Castle supervisors, this meant a few days of training in Concord, followed by many long hours of data entry. ElectioNet was successfully inaugurated at the September primary election.

Meanwhile, there were three elections in 2006: the Town Election on May 9, the State Primary on September 12, and the General Election on November 7. At all of these elections New Castle's registered voters were requested to update their voter registrations so that the ElectioNet system would have complete information on every voter. The intent of the system is to prevent voter fraud (especially voting in more than one town) and improve the accuracy of records and election reporting. The system is only as good as the information in it, and thanks go to all residents who have updated their registration.

Wonderful volunteers helped as ballot clerks or supervisor aides at all the elections in 2006, including: Sherri Becker, Pauline Elkin, Nancy Euchner, Darcy Horgan, Nancy Kinser, Mary Beth Lambert, Sylvia Marple, Carolyn Payzant, Janet Prince, Carol Rieseberg, Lorna Robinson, Julie Sawyer, Marjorie Smith, Karen Stow, and Astrid Weeder. Their capable assistance is greatly appreciated!

During 2006 there were some changes in the office of Supervisors of the Checklist. In May, Marcia Cronin was elected to a six year term as Supervisor of the Checklist, with a term from May 2006 to May 2012. In addition, Roddi Chambers Smith, whose term was due to expire in May 2008, resigned as Supervisor. Mary Rauh was appointed to take Roddi's place until the May 2007 Town Election, at which time she will run for election to fill the final year of Roddi's term.

In registering new voters, the supervisors follow election laws established by the State of New Hampshire. If you are interested in understanding our election laws, there is a great deal of information at the Secretary of State's web site: [www.sos.nh.gov/electionsnew.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/electionsnew.htm). New residents or first time voters may register with the town clerk during regular office hours. In addition, voters may register at elections or with the supervisors of the checklist at posted sessions (see the checklist or watch legal notices in the newspaper). Changes to the checklist, such as party affiliation, address, or name, can also be made with the town clerk. A copy of the checklist is posted in the entry to the Town Hall.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Leslie Parker, Chair  
Marcia Cronin  
Mary Rauh

## Births Recorded In New Castle

### January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

| <u>Child's Name</u>                 | <u>Birth Date</u> | <u>Birth Place</u> | <u>Father's Name</u><br><u>Mother's Name</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Pinciario, Georgia L.               | 04/04/2006        | Portsmouth, NH     | Pinciario, Douglas<br>Pinciario, Anne        |
| Gonzales, Trafton J.                | 05/10/2006        | Portsmouth, NH     | Gonzales, Robert<br>Belz, Jessica            |
| Landry, William T.                  | 06/05/2006        | Portsmouth, NH     | Landry, Richard<br>Landry, Elizabeth         |
| White, Emily N.                     | 07/20/2006        | Portsmouth, NH     | White, Darcy<br>LaRose, Laura                |
| Rice, Norman John                   | 10/14/2006        | Portsmouth, NH     | Rice, Norman<br>Rice, Margaret               |
| Stewart, John T.                    | 10/23/2006        | Portsmouth, NH     | Stewart, William<br>Spaulding, Susan         |
| <b>Omitted from the 2005 report</b> |                   |                    |  |
| Cullen, Aden J.                     | 10/20/2005        | York, Maine        | Cullen, Jeffrey<br>Cullen, Gina              |

## Deaths Recorded In New Castle

### January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

| <u>Name Of Deceased</u> | <u>Date Of Death</u> | <u>Place Of Death</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Casso, Anthony          | 03/16/2006           | Portsmouth, NH        |
| Keefe, Christopher      | 03/22/2006           | New Castle, NH        |
| Themlitz, Karl          | 04/04/2006           | Portsmouth, NH        |
| Francis, Samuel         | 04/06/2006           | Portsmouth, NH        |
| Tucker, Arthur          | 04/13/2006           | New Castle, NH        |
| Frawley, Michael        | 05/10/2006           | New Castle, NH        |
| Kehoe, John             | 08/19/2006           | Portsmouth, NH        |
| Cox, Susanna            | 08/21/2006           | New Castle, NH        |
| White, Frederick        | 08/30/2006           | New Castle, NH        |
| Roy, Thomas             | 10/03/2006           | New Castle, NH        |
| Kaplan, Leonard         | 10/28/2006           | Portsmouth, NH        |
| Dewsnap, Donald         | 12/26/2006           | Portsmouth, NH        |

# Marriages Recorded In New Castle

## January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

| <u>Groom's Name<br/>And Address</u>   | <u>Bride's Name<br/>And Address</u>    | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Seagren, Leonard A.<br>New Castle, NH | McCormack, Diane<br>New Castle, NH     | 02/06/2006  | New Castle, NH  |
| Doherty, Neil B.<br>New Castle, NH    | Brown, Dana L.<br>Cambridge, Ma        | 06/15/2006  | Portsmouth, NH  |
| Gould, Brandon M.<br>Lebanon, Me      | Maziarz, Jennifer L.<br>New Castle, NH | 07/15/2006  | New Castle, NH  |
| Ewing, Bryan P.<br>New Castle, NH     | Lord, Karie F.<br>Rye, NH              | 09/15/2006  | New Castle, NH  |



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C. 1905



MISS M. F. BICKFORD, Manager

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THIS house is new, modern and beautifully situated on the left bank of the Piscataqua river, about two miles from the city of Portsmouth and within easy reach, by trolley, of Rye, Hampton, and York beaches; also by boat to the Isles of Shoals.

Its command of the river and harbor view is very fine. It also takes in many fine views of the picturesque scenery of New Castle, Portsmouth and historic Kittery.

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Good facilities for river and surf bathing, boating and fishing.

The dining room is large, well ventilated and cool, with a seating capacity for fifty.

The aim of this house is to give to its guests an attractive, home-like place, with all accessories of the best quality.

Reasonable rates by the day or week. For further information, address

Miss M. F. BICKFORD, Manager,

New Castle, N. H.



# New Castle Municipal Offices

## Selectmen's Office

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.  
Town Office Fax

431-6710

8 to 2pm  
433-6198

## Town Clerk

Mon., Wed.  
Thurs.

431-6710

9 to 1pm  
11am to 3pm

## Tax Collector

Wed., Thurs., Fri.

431-6710

8 to 2pm

## Library

Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

431-6773

1 to 7pm  
1 to 5pm  
9 to 3pm  
1 to 5pm  
9 to 1pm

## Fire/EMT's – Emergency

Business Line  
Fire Fax

911 or 436-2515

436-1132  
430-0162

## Police – Emergency

Business Line  
Police Fax

911 or 436-3113

436-3800  
436-7710



**FORMER POST CANE RECIPIENT**  
*Fred White and his wife Mary*



**NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*David and Steve Blanding*  
Father and Son



**RETIREMENT—DOUGLAS CUMMINGS**  
**22 YEARS WITH THE NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*Donald White, David Blanding, Doug Cummings, Steve Blanding*