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NEW CASTLE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



ANNUAL REPORT  
*for the year 2007*

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## ABOUT THE COVERS

*Front—View From Cranfield Street*

*Back—New Castle Beach*

Photos courtesy of Priscilla Hodgkins



Annual Report  
For the Town of New Castle  
Fiscal Year 2006-2007

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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**The Annual Town Report Of New Castle  
Is Dedicated To**

***All the volunteers on the  
various New Castle Boards***

The Town could not function without their dedicated service, diligent hard work and constant commitment of the volunteers. Some of our Board members have been on the boards for well over ten years, not to mention that some are voted in as Chair person year after year. We honor all past and present board volunteers for stepping forward. New Castle is fortunate to have these hard working people who are conscientious and loyal. From the Selectmen, town employees and residents of New Castle we dedicate this town report to you.



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# Selectmen's Letter

This past year has seen many changes occur in personnel, volunteers and issues within the Town of New Castle.

With ongoing traffic and parking issues and the need to promote safety and reduce speed and traffic flow construction areas, new measures were adopted throughout Town, including the no U-Turn at the Town Hall driveway, signage and traffic lights. We encourage all of you to continue to abide by these changes to promote a better environment through out New Castle.

We accepted with regret the resignation of Bob Beecher, our Selectman Chairman of many years; Carl Roediger, our Fire Chief; Marcia Cronin, a Supervisor of the Checklist for many years; Jim Rini, our Health Agent, and many volunteers who gave many hours of service on various Town Boards. We wish to thank them all for their dedication and giving of their time and talents.

We also welcomed Dave Blanding as our new Fire Chief; Mark Wooley as our new Fire Officer; Steve Blanding, son of our fire chief, as our new Police Officer, who completed Police training this fall; Dr. Jim Zuckerman as our new Health Agent; Dr. Gordon Hand as our Assistant Health Agent and Sherrie Becker as our interim Supervisor of the Checklist. May elections also brought our Town a new Selectman – Lorn Buxton. We thank all of you for giving us your expertise.

This year, through the dedication and hard work of many volunteers, we saw the updating and computerization of election tools and voter registrations. Conservation grants were awarded to the Town to upgrade and enhance the quality of land and marsh areas in New Castle, Bull Toad Pond and the upcoming culvert replacement on Quarterdeck Lane and cleanup of invasives on both sides of the culvert. Our sports partnership at the Common Building continues with the Town of Rye. This ongoing partnership benefits the youths of Rye and New Castle.

Friends of Fort Stark, began a committee which has worked with the State to restore the Park to its natural beauty and which has been so recognized by the State. The UNH Pier and facility groups worked with local residents to review issues and concerns relative to the ongoing UNH projects next to the Coast Guard Station. Residents can visit the UNH Pier Facility project website at <http://facilities-dc.sr.unh.edu/ProjectFiles/MarineResearchFacility> or the current project status at <http://facilities-dc.sr.unh.edu/ProjectFiles/MarineResearchFacility/status.htm>.

An Energy Committee was created pursuant to Article VIII of 2007 Town Warrant. Sandra Bissett will chair the committee. The objective of the Committee will be recommendations to save energy and reduce emissions through changes to building design and renovation, procurement, landscape, water, waste, transportation and productivity. Every distinct Committee initiative must generate cash financial returns that exceed the cost of the recommendation. The Committee will complete its study and issue its recommendations prior to April 30, 2009.

Corcoran Environmental Services, Inc. was hired to provide rubbish and trash services. The actual pickup is proved by their sub-contractor, Oceanside. The new arrangement will save the Town money and provide better service, particularly improved safety through the use of smaller trucks. In addition, Corcoran will be introducing "single-stream" recycling shortly. They will provide larger bins which will accept virtually all trash as recyclable, significantly reducing our environmental impact. Please visit their website with any questions at [www.ces-online.com](http://www.ces-online.com).

It is also our intent to post Island Items, quarterly, on our website by August and to have one printing distributed annually with our Annual Report. Also, pursuant to State requirements, the Town will begin their 5-year property revaluation this spring, which will be done by Avitar Associates of N.E., Inc.

We, at Town Hall, feel that our Town has been run on a very efficient basis over these many years as we continued to keep our tax assessments low and services at a high standard. We have maintained a level of spending that reflects the sentiments of our residents, costs should be kept to a minimum. Now, however, we find ourselves at a juncture – to provide quality services to our residents, as well as safety and a good working environment for our dedicated Town employees – municipal costs will have to go up for our residents. Unfortunately, we must begin, immediately, to plan for an expansion that is mandated by State and Federal requirements, health and safety standards and space to work for our employees, elected officials and visitors. Even though we are a small town, the need for expansion has gone beyond our ability to provide an adequate environment in our municipal building.

Early last spring, we commissioned a Building Expansion Committee, comprised of Russ Cox, Dave Merrill, and Dan Hughes to review and assess our buildings and inside spaces. Their findings indicate that we must move forward as soon as possible to provide much needed and mandated space for our police, fire, municipal employees and elected officials, as well as space for storage. To accomplish this we have sought out a firm to help us move forward with preliminary plans that project our space needs and financial costs. This project is not something we want to do at this time, but rather it is a project that we must do now. We will be presenting our findings to you at town meeting and look forward to your review, input and support as we move forward with this project.

And finally, we thank all of our volunteers, residents and personnel who support us and the Town throughout the year. Without all of this collective help and service, we would not have such a wonderful town full of residents who enjoy living here.

New Castle Board of Selectmen  
Chairman Peter Gamester  
Selectman Gene Doherty  
Selectman Lorn Buxton

**Please note our new hours of voting begin at 9:00am and end at the beginning of Town Meeting at 7:00pm. Plan to vote and to attend your Town meeting.**

# 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, NH 03801  
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

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

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

## FULL TIME TOWN EMPLOYEES

David Blanding	-	Fire Chief/police patrolman
Steve Blanding	-	Police patrolman
Pamela Cullen	-	Secretary
Brad Meade	-	Supr. of Public Works
James Murphy	-	Police Chief
Chris Pufahl	-	Public works
Lynn Seward	-	Accountant
Donald White	-	Police Lieutenant
Mark Wooley	-	Fire Captain



## Town Officers – Elected/Appointed

Town Clerk	Willard Gleason	term exp 5/08
Assistant Town Clerk	Priscilla Hodgkins	indef appt
Selectmen	Peter Gamester, Chr	term exp 5/08
	Gene Doherty	term exp 5/09
	Lorn Buxton	term exp 5/10
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/08
Deputy Treasurer	Jennifer Roediger	indef appt
Collector of Taxes	Pamela P. Cullen	term exp 5/08
Deputy Tax Collector	Jenn Rosenson	indef appt (resigned 3/08)
Chief of Police	James C. Murphy	indef appt
Police Lieutenant	Donald White Jr.	indef appt
Patrolman	David Blanding	indef appt
Patrolman	Steven Blanding	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Donald White Jr.	indef appt
Building Inspector	Charles Petlick	indef appt
Assistant Bldg Insp	F. Andrew Schulte	indef appt
Supt. of Public Works	Brad Meade	indef appt
Road Agent	Brad Meade	appt exp 5/08
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/08
Health Officer	Dr. James Zuckerman	state appt
Deputy Health Officer	Dr. William Hand	state appt
Interim Fire Chief	David Blanding	temp appt
Fire Wards	Andrew Schulte	term exp 5/09 (resigned 2/08)
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/10
	Richard White	term exp 5/08
Public Works Board	Walter Liff, Chr.	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 5/10
	Patty Cohen	appt exp 5/10
	Thomas Boisvert	appt exp 5/09
	Michael Colotti	appt exp 5/08
Alternate	Ned Robinson	appt exp 5/10
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 5/10
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/10

Board of Adjustment (cont.)	Raymond Ambrogi	appt exp 5/07 (resigned)
	Donald Moore	appt exp 5/09
	Will Smith	appt exp 5/08
Planning Board Rep	Thomas Boisvert	appt exp 5/09
Alternate	Mark Gardner	appt exp 2010
Historic District Committee	Diane Seagren, Chr.	appt exp 5/08
	Richard Yeaton	appt exp 5/10
	Elaine Nollet	appt exp 5/10
	Nancy Borden	appt exp 5/09
	Marjorie Smith	appt exp 5/09
Alternate	Peter Follansbee	appt exp 5/09
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Lorn Buxton	term exp 5/10
Conservation Commission	Elisabeth Hume, Chr.	appt exp 5/08
	Lorna Robinson	appt exp 5/09
	Diana Appleton	appt exp 5/08
	Linda Ball	appt exp 5/10
	Connie White	appt exp 5/09
	Brian Mack	appt exp 5/08
	Nancy Gulley	appt exp 5/11
Alternate	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 5/08 (appt for 1 yr)
	Damon Frampton	term exp 5/08
	William Cronin	term exp 5/09
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Lorn Buxton	term exp 5/10
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/09
Town Historian	Deborah Schulte	indef appt
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Russell Cox	term exp 5/08
	Peter Reed Jr.	term exp 5/10
	William Cronin, Chr.	term exp 5/09
Library Trustees	Patricia Hickey	term exp 5/09
	Joan Lockhart	term exp 5/10
	Brad Greeley	term exp 5/08
Alternate	Paula Carroll	appt exp 5/08
Alternate	Christine Collins	appt exp 5/08
Library Director	Gene Fox	indef appt
Supervisors of Checklist	Leslie Parker, Chr.	term exp 5/10
	Sherrie Becker	term exp 5/08 (appt for 1 yr)
	Mary Rauh	term exp 5/08
Cemetery Trustees	David Merrill, Chr.	term exp 5/10
	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 . . . . .	4,000
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
Historian. . . . .	.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 8, 2007

Articles I through IV were voted by ballot with results indicated. Moderator Wayne Semprini opened the polls at 10am and declared them closed at 7pm.

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

Town Clerk (one year)	Willard (Will) Gleason	103 votes
	Ruth Moulton	70 votes
Selectman (three years)	Lorn Buxton	149 votes
Treasurer (one year)	William B. Marshall	151 votes
Tax Collector (one year)	Pamela P. Cullen	163 votes
Budget Committee (three years)	James C. Murphy *	126 votes
Fire Ward (three years)	Reginald Whitehouse	13 votes
Trust Funds Trustee (three years)	Peter Reed Jr.	151 votes
Library Trustee (three years)	Joan Lockhart	66 write in votes
Supr of checklist (one year)	Mary Rauh	150 votes
Cemetery Trustee (three years)	David Merrill	163 votes

\*Resigned due to incompatible positions

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

School Board (three years):	Rod MacDonald	147 votes
Moderator (two years):	Wayne Semprini	158 votes
School Board Clerk (one year)	no one received enough votes to qualify	
School Board Treasurer(three years)	Clinton Springer	146

**ARTICLE II:** Zoning Amendment Number 1 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 125 YES to 47 NO.

**ARTICLE III:** Zoning Amendment Number 2 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 141 YES to 34 NO.

**ARTICLE IV:** Zoning Amendment Number 3 as specified in the warrant was ADOPTED by a ballot vote of 155 YES to 17 NO.

Moderator Semprini convened the business meeting at 7pm in the Recreation Building at the Great Island Common. He welcomed new residents and encouraged their spirited participation in the legislative deliberation of the community. He asked that the meeting recall in a silent moment members of the Town who had died during the previous year. He reviewed the rules of the meeting which were ADOPTED by a voice vote.

**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.

ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

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

ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

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

ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

**ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective action by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change as specified in the Warrant.

ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

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

1. Peter Gamester gave former Selectman Robert Beecher a plaque thanking him for his year of service to the Town. Everyone gave Robert a round of applause.
2. A reminder was given to everyone about the May 20, 2007 school meeting to discuss possible expansion.
3. Nancy Borden discussed the propose New Castle Market Cafe asking everyone to complete the questionnaire.
4. Gene Dougherty discussed the proposed New Castle Neighbors group.
5. Wayne Semprini thanked the Supervisors of the checklist for the excellent job they do.

**ARTICLE X:** To transact such business as may legally come before the meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned Motion was adopted by voice vote at 7:25pm.

A true and correct record of the Town Meeting and Election of Officers of New Castle, May 8, 2007, 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 . . . . .	\$81,000
Deputy Tax Collector. . . . .	81,000
Treasurer . . . . .	68,000
Deputy Treasurer. . . . .	68,000
Town Clerk . . . . .	36,000
Deputy Town Clerk . . . . .	36,000
Trustees Of Trust Funds (3) . . . . .	118,000
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, 2007**

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

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**TOTAL** **\$24,337,597**

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**FY2007 Assessed Valuation Report**

	NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED 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	305.741	367,068,000
Commercial/Industrial	10.049	16,198,000
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Total of Taxable Land	341.15	383,272,693
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable (\$55,309,000)	121.063	
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		179,893,500
Commercial/Industrial		43,546,700
		-----
Total Taxable Buildings		229,440,200
Tax exempt & non -taxable bldgs (\$6,323,600)		
Public Utilities: Electric		1,006,900
Mature Wood and Timber		0
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Valuation Before Exemptions		613,719,793
Blind Exemption		50,000
<b>ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:</b>		
Age 65 - 74 (\$100,000 each)	3	300,000
Age 75 - 79 (\$150,000 each)	2	300,000
Over Age 80 (\$150,000 each)		
Deaf Exemption (\$50,000)		
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<b>TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>650,000</b>
 <b>NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE COMPUTATION</b>		
		<b>\$613,069,793</b>
Less Public Utilities		1,006,900
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<b>NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX</b>		
		<b>\$612,062,893</b>
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<b>TAX CREDITS:</b>		
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans their spouses and widows (\$700 each)		
Other War Service Credits RSA 72:28 (\$500)	79	39,500
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<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**FY2007 Tax Rate Computation**

	---Municipal Portion---	
Gross Appropriations	\$1,695,766	
Less: Revenues	757,834	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,763	
Add: Overlay	17,196	
Add: War Service Credits	39,500	
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Net Town Appropriation	990,865	
Special Adjustment	0	
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Approved Town/City Tax Effort	990,865	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$1.61
	---School Portion---	
Net Local School Budget	1,384,343	
Regional School Apportionment	0	
Less: State Education Taxes	0	
State Education Taxes	(1,384,343)	
Approved School Tax Effort	0	
Local Education Tax Rate		0.00
	---State Ed Taxes---	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) X	2.24	
643,901,267	1,442,339	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		2.36
612,062,893		
Pay to State	57,996	
	---County Portion---	
Due to County	498,272	
Less: Shared Revenues	(3,379)	
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Approved County Tax Effort	494,893	
County Tax Rate		0.81
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Combined Tax Rate		\$4.78
		-----
Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,928,097	
Less: War Service Credits	(39,500)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
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Total Property Tax Commitment	2,888,597	

---PROOF OF RATE---

<u>NEW ASSESSED VALUATION</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
State Education Tax	\$612,062,893	2.36 1,442,339
All Other Taxes	613,069,793	2.42 1,485,758
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		\$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, 2007, 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 government activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2007, 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

Portsmouth, NH  
January 3, 2008

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BALANCE SHEET—GENERAL FUND  
30-June-07**

<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>	<b><u>General Funds</u></b>
Cash & Equivalents	\$692,379
Investments	2,399
Tax Liens Receivable	13,849
Tax deeded property	1,029
Accounts Receivable	2,658
Due from water fund	17,513
Due from sewer fund	29,334
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>759,161</b>
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<b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>	
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	36,191
Escrow deposit	65,000
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Total Liabilities	101,191
<b><u>FUND BALANCE:</u></b>	
Designated	
Unreserved Fund Balance	657,970
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$759,161</b>
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**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, 2007**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
<b>TAXES:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$2,570,484	2,573,601	3,117
Boat Taxes	6,000	3,154	(2,846)
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	7,000	1,389	(5,611)
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	2,583,484	2,578,144	(5,340)
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES:</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	245,000	241,331	(3,669)
Building Permits	17,150	26,251	9,101
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,800	4,795	2,995
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	263,950	272,377	8,427
<b>STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:</b>			
Shared Revenue	15,909	15,909	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	37,577	40,058	2,481
Highway Block Grant	15,980	17,213	1,233
Homeland security grant	114,000	0	(114,000)
Conservation Grant	0	1,065	1,065
Other State Funds	0	0	0
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	183,466	74,245	(109,221)
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	108,600	122,515	13,915
<b>TRANSFERS:</b>			
Conservation funds	500,000	0	(500,000)
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<b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:</b>			
Interest on Investments	7,000	37,250	30,250
Sale and Rental of Property	10,740	12,007	1,267
Fines and Forfeits	3,100	4,267	1,167
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	1,447	0	(1,447)
Other Miscellaneous Sources	7,488	21,157	13,669
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	29,775	74,681	44,906
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,669,275</b>	<b>\$3,121,962</b>	<b>(\$547,313)</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, 2007**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Executive	\$58,296	58,262	34
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	18,884	14,133	4,751
Financial Administration	84,724	123,953	(39,229)
Revaluation of Property	14,600	13,993	607
Legal Expense	11,800	18,538	(6,738)
Planning and Zoning	14,142	18,470	(4,328)
General Government Buildings	26,300	42,303	(16,003)
Cemeteries	7,383	5,716	1,667
Insurance - Unallocated	200	95	105
Other General Government	10,000	0	10,000
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	246,329	295,463	(49,134)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>			
Police & Animal Control	307,687	304,263	3,424
Ambulance	15,140	15,140	0
Fire	292,601	164,308	128,293
Emergency Medical Services	10,542	7,785	2,757
Hazardous Materials	900	807	93
Building Inspection	14,216	22,666	(8,450)
Emergency Management	24,503	1,122	23,381
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	665,589	516,091	149,498
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS:</b>			
Highways & Streets Maintenance	98,625	84,817	13,808
Street Lighting	7,100	6,994	106
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	105,725	91,811	13,914
<b>SANITATION:</b>			
Administration	1,654	1,480	174
Solid Waste Collection	49,920	48,020	1,900
Solid Waste Disposal	72,783	70,520	2,263
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	124,357	120,020	4,337
<b>HEALTH:</b>			
Pest Control	12,980	7,670	5,310
Health Agencies & Hospitals	10,000	10,100	(100)
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	22,980	17,770	5,210
<b>WELFARE:</b>			
Direct Assistance	\$15,000	4,647	10,353
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**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, 2007**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION:</b>			
Parks and Recreation	93,640	119,068	(25,428)
Library	49,934	50,318	(384)
Recreation/Library Building	24,900	24,112	788
Recreation Commission	6,350	350	6,000
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	174,824	193,848	(19,024)
<b>CONSERVATION:</b>			
Other Conservation	20,217	6,940	13,277
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<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	0	0	0
Interest - Long-Term Debt	0	0	0
Interest - Short-Term Debt	500	0	500
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	500	0	500
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
Land	500,000	0	500,000
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<b>CAPITAL RESERVES:</b>			
Transfers To Trust Funds	65,000	65,000	0
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<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:</b>			
County Taxes	551,135	551,135	0
Local Education	1,452,225	1,452,225	0
	0	0	0
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	2,003,360	2,003,360	0
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,943,881</b>	<b>\$3,314,950</b>	<b>\$628,931</b>
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources			
Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses	<b>\$(274,606.00)</b>	<b>(\$192,988)</b>	<b>\$81,618</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2007**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash (overdraft)	\$74,303	(17,052)	57,251
Investments	\$173,114	77	173,191
Accounts Receivable	1,080	0	1,080
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Total Current Assets	248,497	(16,975)	231,522
Non-Current:			
Equipment	10,633	0	10,633
Service Lines and Stations	653,512	1,621,619	2,275,131
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(181,667)	(4,914)	(186,581)
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Total Property, Plant & Equipment	482,478	1,616,705	2,099,183
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>730,975</b>	<b>1,599,730</b>	<b>2,330,705</b>
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Deposits and Accounts Payable	357	2,693	3,050
Due to General Fund	17,513	29,334	46,847
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Total Current Liabilities	17,870	32,027	49,897
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,870</b>	<b>32,027</b>	<b>49,897</b>
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<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in capital assets	470,811	1,332,844	1,803,655
Unrestricted	242,294	234,859	477,153
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Total Net Assets	713,105	1,567,703	2,280,808
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$730,975</b>	<b>1,599,730</b>	<b>2,330,705</b>
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES**  
**IN FUND NET ASSETS**  
**For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	\$49,331	144,390	193,721
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Water Purchases	13,786	0	13,786
Sewerage Assessment	0	66,716	66,716
Personnel Services	10,754	20,088	30,842
Non-Personnel Services	10,739	37,877	48,616
Depreciation	14,232	3,276	17,508
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Total Operating Expenses	49,511	127,957	177,468
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Operating Income (Loss)	(180)	16,433	16,253
 <b>Non-Operating Revenues:</b>			
Investment Earnings	8,398	27	8,425
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<b>Income(loss) before transfers</b>	<b>8,218</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>24,678</b>
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 Net assets at beginning of year	 704,887	 1,551,243	 2,256,130
Transfers-Change in net assets	8,218	16,460	24,678
Contributed Capital - Town	0	0	0
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<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$713,105</b>	<b>1,567,703</b>	<b>2,280,808</b>
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007  
**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)	\$8,218	\$16,460
Add Back Depreciation	14,232	3,276
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	22,450	19,736
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<b>Increase(decrease) in Working Capital</b>	<b>\$22,450</b>	<b>\$19,736</b>
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 <u>CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:</u>		
Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:		
Cash and Investments	\$22,267	\$24,323
Accounts Receivable	0	(4,941)
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	22,267	19,382
 Increase (Decrease) in investment activities:		
Equipment, service lines and stations	0	0
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 (Increase) decrease in current liabilities:		
Deposits and accounts payable	183	354
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<b>Increase(decrease) in Working Capital</b>	<b>\$22,450</b>	<b>\$19,736</b>
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

	BALANCE <u>06/30/06</u>	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	BALANCE <u>06/30/07</u>
<b>PRINCIPAL:</b>				
Road Race	\$14,300	0	(7,352)	6,948
Marchand Fund	4,946	904	0	5,850
Enterprise (Water & Sewer)	283,071	0	0	283,071
Library	9,898	0	0	9,898
Cemetery Maintenance	110,422	3,500	0	113,922
SAU50-Special Education	89,780	0	0	89,780
Conservation	1,526	0	0	1,526
School Tuition	35,000	0	0	35,000
Vehicle & Equipment	158,105	0	(88,311)	69,794
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
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<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>707,048</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>(95,663)</b>	<b>615,789</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Road Race Funds	1,553	217	0	1,770
Marchand Fund	1,443	117	(904)	656
Enterprise (Sewer)	25,650	4,957	0	30,607
Library	0	161	0	161
Cemetery Maintenance	0	1,982	0	1,982
Special Education	7,404	1,094	0	8,498
Conservation	81	51	0	132
School Tuition	852	1,720	0	2,572
Vehicle & Equipment	36,818	1,357	0	38,175
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>73,801</b>	<b>11,656</b>	<b>(904)</b>	<b>84,553</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$780,849</b>	<b>16,060</b>	<b>(96,567)</b>	<b>700,342</b>
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**TOWN OF  
NEW CASTLE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**2008 Warrant**

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**FY08/09 Budget**

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	Op. Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 7/1/07 - 6/30/08 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/1/06 - 6/30/07	Selectmen's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Appropriations	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
4130-4139	Executive		68,849	58,262	68,849		68,849	
4140-4149	Electric, Reg. & Vital Statistics		17,849	14,133	16,199		16,199	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		101,794	123,953	104,880		104,880	
4152	Revaluation of Property		14,300	13,993	41,900		41,900	
4153	Legal Expense		17,800	18,538	17,800		17,800	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		0	0	52,000		52,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		15,777	18,470	17,549		17,549	
4194	General Government Buildings		25,000	42,303	29,500		29,500	
4195	Cemeteries		7,383	5,716	9,891		9,891	
4196	Insurance		100	95	0		0	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	0	0		0	
4199	Other General Government		10,000	0	10,000		10,000	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
4210-4214	Police		295,267	301,877	293,603		293,603	
4215-4219	Ambulance		15,140	15,140	15,140		15,140	
4220-4229	Fire		280,039	164,308	232,953		232,953	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		14,403	22,666	17,560		17,560	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		6,281	1,122	10,551		10,551	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	10,978	0		0	
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	0	0		0	
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>								
4311	Administration		0	0	0		0	
4312	Highways & Streets		141,098	84,817	140,547		140,547	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0		0	
4316	Street Lighting		6,000	6,994	6,300		6,300	
4319	Other		0	0	0		0	
<b>SANITATION</b>								
4321	Administration		2,094	1,480	2,956		2,956	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		51,480	48,020	91,390		91,390	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		76,600	70,520	36,000		36,000	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	0	0		0	

**BUDGET**

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE**

**FY 2009**

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Op. Bud. Warr. Arr.#	Appropriations 7/1/07 - 6/30/08 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/1/06 - 6/30/07	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>									
4331	Administration		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4332	Water Services		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>ELECTRIC</b>									
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4353	Purchase Costs		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4359	Other Electric Costs		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>									
4411	Administration		0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
4414	Pest Control		13,420	7,670	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		0	10,100	0	0	0	0	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10,000	4,647	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		132,965	143,530	143,624	143,624	143,624	143,624	
4550-4559	Library		53,889	50,318	60,792	60,792	60,792	60,792	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>									
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		33,103	6,940	27,103	27,103	27,103	27,103	
4619	Other Conservation		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>									
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	0	0	0	0	0	

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,Y)	Op. Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 7/1/07 - 6/30/08 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/1/06 - 6/30/07	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>								
4901	Land		0	0	0	0	0	0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	0	0	0	0	0
4903	Buildings		0	0	0	0	0	0
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0
4914	To Enterprise Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sewer-		136,225	127,957	213,030	213,030	213,030	213,030
	Water-		53,910	49,511	50,066	50,066	50,066	50,066
	Electric-		0	0	0	0	0	0
	Airport-		0	0	0	0	0	0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *		0	65,000	0	0	0	0
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917 *		0	0	0	0	0	0
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *		0	0	0	0	0	0
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>		<b>1,600,766</b>	<b>1,489,058</b>	<b>1,744,183</b>	<b>1,744,183</b>	<b>1,744,183</b>	<b>1,744,183</b>

\* Use special warrant article section on next page.

**\*\* 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.

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3-V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year	
							RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	V	85,000	65,000	90,000		90,000	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED								
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	90,000	XXXXXXXXXX	90,000	XXXXXXXXXX

**\*\* 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.

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3-V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year	
							RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4415	Donations To Health Agencies	VI	10,000	0	12,650		12,650	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED								
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	12,650	XXXXXXXXXX	12,650	XXXXXXXXXX

ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues 7/1/06-6/30/07	Actual Revenues 7/1/06-6/30/07	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	<b>TAXES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		0	0	0
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		0	0	0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		0	0	0
3189	Other Taxes - Boat		6,000	3,154	5,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		4,000	1,389	3,000
	Inventory Penalties		3,000	0	4,000
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		245,000	241,331	248,000
3230	Building Permits		17,150	26,251	21,300
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,800	4,795	2,200
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		114,000	0	0
	<b>FROM STATE</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		15,909	15,909	16,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		37,577	40,058	48,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		16,338	17,231	15,675
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	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)		0	1,065	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		108,600	121,880	110,000
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	0	0
3502	Interest on Investments		7,000	37,250	24,050
3503-3509	Other		22,775	37,431	38,773
	<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		138,788	127,957	213,030
	Water - (Offset)		53,350	49,511	53,900
	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		500,000	0	0
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>		1,291,287	725,212	802,928



# **\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	7/1/07-6/30/08 ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1,600,766	1,744,183	1,744,183
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	85,000	90,000	90,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	10,000	12,650	12,650
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>1,695,766</b>	<b>1,846,833</b>	<b>1,846,833</b>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	770,466	802,928	802,928
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	925,300	1,043,905	1,043,905

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

**183,418**

## **THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE**

# **Town Warrant For 2008**

### **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 13th of May 2008, to act upon Articles I through X. The business session of the Annual Town Meeting will commence at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles XI through XVI. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will open at nine 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 to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.2 Terms Not Defined to change the 2000 International Residential Code to 2006 International Residential Code?

**(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 change the definition of Building Area to include attached and detached garages under Section 2.3.13a to read:

The gross floor area of all buildings on a lot including garages, detached buildings and covered porches and including 50% of the area of walkout basements, but excluding patios, decks and storage sheds of less than 80 square feet?

**(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 for Section 4.3.2, General Variances to delete the sentence that states: Variances may not be granted from either the general or specific requirements?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE V:** Zoning Amendment Number 4 - Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 4, as

Proposed by the Planning Board for Section 6.1.4.1 – Cluster development – Dimensional standards (i) Maximum building height to change BOCA Section 403.0 High Rise Buildings to International Residential Code?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VI:** Zoning Amendment Number 5 - Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 5, as proposed by the Planning Board for Section 2.2.3 Definitions – which would add the following definition for the term Minor Landscaping that reads:

**Minor Landscaping:** Minor landscaping shall mean the placement or installation of landscaping features that do not involve significant disturbance of soil or require or involve grading of the surface of the land. For the purposes of the Wetlands Conservation Ordinance the following specific landscaping activities shall be considered minor: (1) planting of non-invasive plant species; (2) tilling land for a residential garden with appropriate erosion controls; (3) installation of raised decks which do not meet the definition of structure as defined herein; (4) repairs to existing structures and facilities and (5) installation of foot trails or paths that do not concentrate storm water or contribute to erosion?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VII:** Zoning Amendment Number 6 - Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 6, as proposed by the Planning Board for Section 9.2.3 - Areas of Jurisdiction to add the following section:

The Wetlands Conservation District shall include all wetlands, tidal lands, Class A wetland buffers, Class B wetland buffers and Tidal Lands buffers as defined herein?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE VIII:** Zoning Amendment Number 7 - Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 6, as proposed by the Planning Board for which would make four interrelated changes in the Wetlands Conservation District in Section 9.2?

Definition of Wetland Buffers

**To Delete** Section 9.2.3.2.d - Managed Area: A managed area is defined as the area between 75 feet and 100 feet for wetlands and tidal lands with 100 foot buffers.

9.2.5.1. Conditional Uses: Conditional Use Permitted

**To Delete** Section d - Buildings, structures and site improvements or any alternation to the surface configuration of the land within the managed area of the wetlands and tidal lands buffers as set forth in section 9.2.3.2.d. and

**Replace with:**

d. Site improvements or alterations to the surface configuration of the land proposed within Class A or B Wetland buffers or Tidal Lands buffers as set forth in Section 9.2.3.2, provided that such improvements or alterations have been approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services pursuant to the provisions of the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B), as amended and provided that they satisfy all other requirements of Conditional Use Permits pursuant to Section 9.2.5.2.

**Add Section** 9.2.3.2.e. to read:

Buildings or structures set back in excess of 50 feet from the edge of Class A or Class B Wetlands or Tidal lands or which have received appropriate relief from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, provided such buildings or structures have been approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services pursuant to the provisions of the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B), as amended and provided that they satisfy all other requirements of Conditional Use Permits pursuant to Section 9.2.5.2.

Section 9.2.6 – Special Exceptions. To delete 1. Non-conforming lots (including paragraphs a-e in it entirety.

Section 9.2.5.2 - Conditional Uses: Conditions

**To Delete Section g.**

In cases where buildings, structures or other alterations of the surface configuration of the land are proposed within the managed area of wetlands and tidal lands buffers as set forth in section 9.2.3.2.d., the Planning Board shall determine that the proposed use: :

- 1) does not result in the construction of any detached permanent structure in the subject area;
- 2) is designed and constructed in a manner which minimizes the following impacts:

- creation of impervious surface;
- ground or soil disturbance;
- removal of natural vegetation;
- capacity of the buffer area to provide filtration and toxicant removal from the site to the buffered wetland.

**To Replace with:**

g. In cases where uses permitted under Section 9.2.5.1 are proposed to occur within any wetland or tidal land buffers as set forth in Section 9.2.3.2, the Planning Board shall determine that the proposed use is designed and constructed in a manner which minimizes environmental impacts, including the following:

- creation of impervious surface;
- ground or soil disturbance;
- removal of natural vegetation;
- capacity of the buffer area to provide filtration and toxicant removal from the site to the buffered wetland.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE IX:** Zoning Amendment Number 8 - Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 8, as proposed by the Planning Board for Section 9.3 Historic District Ordinance, which recodifies and reorganizes the existing components of the ordinance into eight sections and limits HDC approval to cases where the modifications proposed to buildings are visible from the Street; and adds specific review criteria for existing structures and new construction?

**9.3.1 Authority and Purpose**

Pursuant to RSA 673:1 and under the authority granted to the Town in RSA 674:46, the Town of New Castle has established an Historic District Commission and has enacted the New Castle Historic District Ordinance as an overlay zoning district within the New Castle Zoning Ordinance. The preservation of cultural resources, and particularly of structures and places of historic, architectural and community value is hereby declared to be a public purpose. The specific purposes of the Ordinance include the following:

1. To preserve and protect the buildings and the historic architectural landscape of the Historic District;
2. Conserve property values in the District;
3. Maintain continuity of scale and architectural style of constructed, reconstructed and renovated buildings within the District;
4. To promote the cultural and educational values of the historic buildings in the Town;
5. To further the implementation of the New Castle Master Plan.

### 9.3.2 Definitions:

Unless specifically defined below or in Section 2 of the New Castle Zoning Ordinance, words or phrases in this ordinance shall be interpreted to give them the same meaning as they have in common usage and so as to give this ordinance its most reasonable application.

1. Appearance. The architectural character and general composition of the exterior of a structure, including, but not limited to, the kind, color, and texture of the building material and the type, design, and character of all windows, doors, light fixtures, signs, and appurtenant elements.
2. Character. The aggregate of visible historic and architectural features and traits that together form the distinct nature of an historic district.
3. Construction. The act of adding to an existing structure or the erection of a new principal accessory or structure on a lot or property.
4. Demolition. Any act or process that destroys in part or in whole a landmark or structure.
5. Historic Property. Any historic site, place, building, structure, or object that is deemed by the Commission to have historic, cultural, or architectural significance.
6. Maintenance /Routine Maintenance. Ordinary maintenance and repair of any architectural feature that does not involve permanent removal or a change in design, dimensions, materials or outer appearance of such feature. It includes repairing/preserving original work with like materials to match what is original so that the repair is virtually indistinguishable.
7. Moving. Any relocation or removal of a structure on its site or to another site.
8. Preservation. The act or process of applying measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity, and materials of an historic structure, place, or feature.
9. Reconstruction. The act or process of reproducing by new construction, the form, features, and detailing of a non-surviving site, landscape, building, structure, or object for the purposes of replicating its appearance at a specific period of time and in its historic location.
10. Regulations. Design guidelines and standards of review promulgated by the New Castle Historic District Commission under authority granted in RSA 674:46- that interpret and implement statutory requirements and are in conformance with the Historic District Ordinance.
11. Rehabilitation. The process of returning property to a state of utility, through repair or alteration, which makes possible an efficient contemporary use while preserving those portions and features of the property which are significant to its historic, architectural, and cultural values.
12. Restoration. The act or process of accurately recovering the form, features, and character of a property and its setting as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of removal of features from other periods in its history and reconstruction of missing features from the restoration period.
13. Rules of Procedure. A set of rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to RSA 676:1 concerning the method of conducting the Commission's business.
14. Scale. The proportionate size or mass judged in relation to the predominant size and mass of structures in the area or neighborhood of reference
15. Significant change. Substituting a different feature or material or adding or subtracting from the original fabric or structure.
16. Texture. The visual and tactile quality of a surface, apart from its color or form.

### **9.3.3 Establishment of District**

An historic district is established as an overlay district to the other districts established in this zoning ordinance and is superimposed upon them. The permitted uses, regulations and procedures applicable in the Historic District shall apply in addition to the regulations of the underlying districts and other applicable ordinances.

1. **Overlay District Boundaries:** An historic district shall be shown on the Zoning Map as from time to time adopted and amended by the Town of New Castle. It may coincide with, cross, or include all or part of one or more of the underlying districts.
2. **Verbal Description:** The New Castle Historic District boundaries are defined on Maps of the Tax Assessor of the Town of New Castle. The Boundary of the district is described as follows: Beginning at the point where Portsmouth Avenue enters Great Island from the west at the town cemetery, and extending easterly to the intersection with Oliver Street, one lot deep along the southerly side of that avenue and to the Piscataqua River on the northerly side of that avenue. Thence extending northeasterly along Oliver Street including both sides of the street to the intersection with Cape and River Roads. Thence extending southeasterly along River Road to its intersection with Cranfield Street one lot deep along the southwesterly side. Thence extending in two directions: first, southwesterly along Cranfield Street to the intersection with Neals Lane, one lot deep on the southeasterly side of the street and to the Piscataqua River on the northwesterly side; second, northeasterly along Cranfield Street to the intersection with Main Street and thence easterly along both sides of Main Street to the intersection with Wentworth Road, thence easterly along Ocean Street, one lot deep on the southeasterly side of Cranfield Street and southerly side of Main Street and to the Piscataqua River on the northwesterly side of Cranfield Street and northerly side of Main Street and Ocean Street.

### **9.3.4 Historic District Commission**

Pursuant to authority and stipulations of RSA 673:1 and 674:46, and in order to carry out the purpose of this ordinance the Town of New Castle established an Historic District Commission, and Historic District Ordinance at the Annual Town meeting of 1993. There is herein established the New Castle Historic District Commission with the functions and duties as authorized in RSA 673-676 and set forth in this Article, and as may be needed to carry out the purpose of this Article.

#### **1. Membership**

- a. The Historic District Commission shall consist of five members and up to three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. All members and alternates must be residents of New Castle, and must have demonstrated interest and ability to understand, appreciate, and promote the purposes of this Article.
- b. One member shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen, one member shall be a member of the Planning Board, and at least two members shall be residents of the historic district. In appointing the remaining members and alternates the Board shall strive to include:

- 1) a local historical society member;
  - 2) a registered architect or a builder;
  - 3) a member of another land use board:
- c. Whenever a regular member of the Commission is absent or whenever a regular member disqualifies himself or herself, the chairperson shall designate an alternate to act in the place of the absent member.

## **2. Terms of Office, Officers, Vacancies, and Removal**

- a. Members shall be appointed by the Selectmen for three year terms. However, the initial appointment shall be staggered so that two members shall be appointed for three years, two members for two years, and one member for one year.
- b. The Commission shall annually elect a chairperson from the appointed members and may create other officers as it deems necessary. The term of every officer and chairperson elected by the Historic District Commission shall be one year. Both the chairperson and officers shall be eligible for re-election.
- c. The Selectmen shall act within sixty days to fill a vacancy, including expired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with RSA 673:12.
- d. Members may be removed for cause in a manner as provided by RSA 673:13; the chairperson may request the voluntary resignation of any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without just cause.

## **3. Meetings**

Meetings of the Historic District Commission shall be held at the call of the Chair and at such other times as the Commission members may determine in their Rules of Procedure, but not less than four times a year. Public notification and the public hearings of the Commission's actions shall be in conformance with RSA 91-A and other applicable statutory requirements.

Four (4) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

## **4. Powers and Duties**

The Commission shall have all the powers and duties vested in Historic District Commissions under RSA Chapter 674 and 675. In accordance with RSA 674:46 the Historic District Commission shall have the powers and duties to:

- a. Adopt and amend historic district regulations in the manner provided for in RSA 675:6, and adopt and amend Historic District Commission Rules of Procedure for the conduct of business in the manner provided for in RSA 676:1 and in accordance with RSA 91-A;
- b. Establish, adopt and make available, to applicants and the public, guidelines to be used by the Commission in reviewing and acting on applications for a Certificate of Approval to construct, alter, repair, move or demolish any building or structure within the historic district; such guidelines shall be consistent with the criteria established in Section 9.3.6 – Review Criteria.
- c. Approve or disapprove, in whole or in part, applications for Certificates of Approval for which a permit is required under Section 9.3.4., and file said Certificate of Approval or Notice of Disapproval with the Building Inspector;

- d. Request reports and recommendations from town departments and from other organizations and sources which may have information or can provide advice pertinent to the application or the proposal's impact on the District;
- e. Retain professional consultants as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article, subject to the availability of funds for this purpose;
- f. Act in an advisory role to other officials, departments, boards, commissions, and committees of the town, regarding the identification, protection and preservation of local historical resources;
- g. Act as a liaison between the local government and individuals and organizations concerned with historic preservation;
- h. Work toward continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation issues and concerns;
- i. Recommend and propose amendments and/or revisions of this Article and to the boundaries and limits to the Historic District to the Planning Board, and
- j. Keep or cause to be kept accurate and complete records of each application, all of which shall be a part of the public record.

### **9.3.5 Activities Subject to Approval by Historic District Commission**

Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any owner or person (including without limitation any municipal or governmental entity) to construct, alter, move or demolish any building, structure, or improvements which lies within the New Castle Historic District and is visible from any street without first obtaining a Certificate of Approval from the Historic District Commission in the manner prescribed in this Article. Exceptions are declared in Section 9.3.5.2.

#### **1. Activities Requiring Review**

For the purposes of this Article, the following activities shall require a Certificate of Approval from the Historic District Commission:

- a. Significant change, erection, alteration, relocation, or demolition of a building or structure, and construction on any site;
- b. Construction or reconstruction of any stonewall or fencing, and
- c. Use of "nontraditional" building materials. These materials may be utilized within the district provided the materials are indistinguishable from traditional materials and meet the approval of a majority of the commissioners.

#### **2. Exceptions**

For the purposes of this Article, the following activities shall not require a Certificate of Approval from the Historic District Commission:

- a. Routine maintenance and repair of any building, structure, stonewall or fencing.
- b. Painting or repainting of buildings, structures or fences in any color.
- c. Installation of replacement windows or doors provided that the replacements:
  - 1. are of like material and of the same size and architectural features;
  - 2. if the windows or doors have glass panes, the replacement panes shall be of the same number and size and may not utilize "snap in" muntins or grills.
- d. Any heating or ventilating ducts or flues extending less than four feet above the roof plane or extend less than 12 inches out from the plane or vent into a public way.



### **9.3.6 Review Criteria**

The following criteria shall be considered by the Historic District Commission in reviewing applications for Certificates of Approval. In accordance with Section 9.3.4, review standards and design guidelines consistent with the following criteria may be further specified in the Historic District Regulations as adopted by the Commission per RSA 675:6.

#### **1. Preamble:**

- a. New Castle is an historic town with its character reflected in the architecture of the structures that lie within the historic district. New construction should reflect and respect established architectural traditions. Contemporary architecture is not allowed in the Historic District.
- b. It is not the purpose of this ordinance to deny a citizen the right to erect, alter, relocate, or demolish a building or structure within the historic district so long as the result will not affect the character of the historic district.

#### **2. Criteria – Existing Structures**

- a. The impact of the proposed activity on the special character of the District, including the historical, architectural or cultural value of the buildings and streetscapes of the District.
- b. The compatibility of the exterior design, architectural components, texture and materials proposed to be used in relationship to existing structures and their setting.
- c. The scale and general size of new construction and renovations in relation to the existing surroundings, with consideration of such factors as height, width, streetscape, setbacks, number of stories, roof type, façade openings (windows, doors, etc.) and architectural details.
- d. The impact that the proposal will have on the setting and extent to which it will preserve and enhance the historical, architectural and cultural qualities of the district and the community shall be considered.

#### **3. Criteria – New Construction**

- a. New Construction will be consistent with the criteria for Existing Structure, listed above.
- b. The Architecture of a proposed new structure shall conform in form and style to typical historic structures of the neighborhood within the District. Such structure shall conform to a specified historic architectural style;
- c. Size of proposed structures should be similar in external dimensions to typical historic structures of the style, except where such dimension would conflict with the building code. Such structure shall be consistent with the prevailing size and scale of other structures within the District or relevant neighborhood.

### **9.3.7 Application Procedure**

#### **1. Application for Certificate of Approval**

- a. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for any exterior work with respect to any property situated in an Historic District, the owner shall submit a Certificate of Approval application to the Historic District Commission for consideration. The Building Inspector may issue the building permit only following approval of that application by the Historic District Commission or as provided in RSA Chapter 676:8 and 676:9.

- b. An application fee shall be required to accompany the application. The Historic District Commission shall establish an application fee schedule in its Regulations. Such fees shall be sufficient to cover the internal costs of review and processing of the application as well the cost of legal notices as may be incurred by the Town.

## **2. Information Required**

- a. The Application for Certificate of Approval shall include:
  - i. completed permit form;
  - ii. narrative description of the project;
  - iii. graphical renderings of sufficient clarity and detail to give the Commission a clear and certain understanding of the applicant's intention regarding the work contemplated.
  - iv. when required by the Commission, site plans, building plans, elevations, perspective sketches, photographs, building material samples or other information reasonably required by the Commission to make its determination of approval or disapproval.
- b. As necessary in reviewing applications for Certificate of Approval applications for their impact on the Historic District, the Historic Commission may request reports and recommendations regarding the feasibility of the applicant's proposal from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Fire Chief, Building Inspector, and other administrative officials who may possess information concerning the impact of the proposal on the historic district, and seek advice from professional, educational, cultural or other groups or persons as may be deemed necessary for the determination of a reasonable decision.

## **3. Hearings and Notices**

- a. The Historic District Commission shall conduct a hearing on the application within thirty-five days of the filing of a completed application package.
- b. The Commission shall issue a Certificate of Approval or Notice of Disapproval within ten days of the hearing date unless the applicant shall agree to an extension in writing.
- c. Failure to render a decision within the specified time shall be deemed to constitute approval by the Commission.
- d. Written notice of the Commission hearing dates shall be given by certified mail to each abutting property owner, in cases involving demolition, relocation, new construction, and/or substantial alteration. The costs involved in the above notification and required legal notices will be paid by the applicant.

## **4. Notice of Approval or Disapproval**

At the conclusion of its review, the Historic District Commission shall issue in writing one of the following documents:

### **a. Certificate of Approval**

- 1) If in the opinion of a majority of the Historic District Commission members present and voting, the applicant's proposal meets the purposes of this Article, then the Commission shall issue a Certificate of Approval together with any changes, conditions and/or stipulations necessary to comply with the provisions of this Article, signed by the chairperson.
- 2) After the issuance of this Certificate, the building inspector may issue a building, demolition or other permit for the approved project.

- 3) Such approval shall lapse one year from the date of Commission's actions, unless an extension of no more than one year has been granted prior to the expiration of the original action. Such extensions may be granted without a Public Hearing, unless the Commission deems one to be in the public's interest.
- 4) No more than one extension shall be granted; except, if authorized following a Public Hearing convened to consider such a request.

#### **b. Notice of Disapproval**

- 1) If in the opinion of the majority of the Historic District Commission members present and voting, the application does not meet the purposes of this Article, then the Commission shall issue a Notice of Disapproval in writing together with the reasons for such decision, signed by the chairperson of the Commission.
- 2) The issuance of a Notice of Disapproval shall prohibit the building inspector from issuing a building, demolition, or other permit.
- 3) If the applicant's proposal is denied, the applicant may, and will be encouraged to, make modifications to the proposed plans and to resubmit the application for a hearing without prejudice.

#### **c. Notice and Filing of Decision**

All decisions of the Commission shall be made available for public inspection within 72 hours, and placed on file with the town clerk.

### **9.3.8 Administration and Enforcement**

#### **1. Appeals**

Any person or persons jointly or severally aggrieved by a decision of the Historic District Commission shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676:5 and RSA 677:1-14. Appeals must be filed directly with the Zoning Board of Adjustment within thirty (30) days of the date of decision of the HDC without the need for the filing of a motion for rehearing with the HDC.

#### **2. Enforcement**

In case of the violation of any ordinance or regulation made under the authority conferred by RSA 676, the Historic District Commission, in addition to other remedies, may institute injunction, mandamus, abatement or any other appropriate action or proceeding to prevent or enjoin or abate or remove such violation.

#### **3. Penalties**

Violation of this historic district ordinance may be made punishable as provided by RSA 676:17.

### **9.3.9 Validity**

If any section, clause, provision, portion or phrase of these Articles shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent authority, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other section, clause, provision, portion or phrase of this Article.

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE X:** Building Code Amendment Number 1 - Are you in favor of adopting Building Code Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for Section 1(a) to change the 2000 International Building Code and the 2000 International Residential Code to the 2006 International Building Code and the 2006 International Residential Code?

**(ON THE BALLOT)**

**ARTICLE XI:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

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

**ARTICLE XII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,650 to be used to pay town donations to local non-profit agencies.

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

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**Total** **\$12,650**

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

**ARTICLE XIII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of \$1,744,183.00 for the general operation of the Town.

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

**ARTICLE XIV:** On petition of William Duncan and 19 other legal voters of New Castle to see if the Town will approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

**Resolved:** We the Citizens of New Castle, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

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

**ARTICLE XVI:** To transact such business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

A true copy of warrant – attest

Peter Gamester, Chairman  
Gene F. Doherty  
Lorn Buxton  
Board of Selectmen



TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**Management's Discussion And Analysis**  
**June 30, 2007**

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, 2007.

A. Financial Highlights

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$26,422,597.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance in the general fund was \$657,970, a decrease of \$192,988 over the preceding fiscal year.
- There was no long term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current 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 impact of the government's near 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.



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.

FY2007:	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business Type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current & other assets	\$759,161	\$ 231,522	\$990,683
Capital assets	<u>23,483,799</u>	<u>2,099,183</u>	<u>25,582,982</u>
Total assets	24,242,960	2,330,705	26,573,665
 Total liabilities	 \$101,191	 \$49,897	 \$151,088
	=====	=====	=====
Net assets:			
Invested in cap. Assets, net	23,483,799	1,803,655	25,287,454
Unrestricted fund balance	<u>657,970</u>	<u>477,153</u>	<u>1,135,123</u>
Total net assets	\$24,141,769	\$2,280,808	\$26,422,577
	=====	=====	=====
 FY2006:	Governmental	Business Type	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	
Current & other assets	\$ 882,816	\$189,873	\$1,072,689
Capital assets	<u>23,510,388</u>	<u>2,116,691</u>	<u>25,627,029</u>
Total assets	24,393,154	2,306,546	26,699,718
 Total liabilities	 \$31,858	 \$50,434	 \$82,292
	=====	=====	=====
Net assets:			
Invested in cap. assets, net	23,510,338	1,803,655	25,313,993
Unrestricted fund balance	<u>850,958</u>	<u>452,475</u>	<u>1,303,433</u>
Total net assets	\$24,361,296	\$2,256,130	\$26,617,426
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By far the largest portion of net assets \$25,582,982 (96.8%) 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 (1) future emergency expenditures, and (2) funding future appropriations.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$657,970, a decrease of \$192,988 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 \$477,153. Factors concerning the finances of propriety funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

#### E. ENTERPRISE FUND RATES

The water rate has remained stable for over 15 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.

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, 2007**

	<u>LEVY FOR</u>		<u>PRIOR YEAR LEVIES</u>	
	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b><u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 06/30/07:</u></b>				
Property Taxes				0.00
<b><u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u></b>				
Property Taxes		\$2,574,068.00		
<b><u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u></b>				
Property Taxes				
Abatements by Check		0.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes		1,627.75		
New this fiscal year	4,475.80			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	4,475.80	2,575,695.75	0.00	0.00
<b><u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u></b>				
Property Taxes		2,560,219.17		
Interest		1,627.75		
Penalties				
Conversion to Elderly Lien		10,563.83	0.00	
<b><u>ABATEMENTS:</u></b>				
Abatements		3,285.00		
<b><u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/06</u></b>				
Overpayments returned	4,475.80	0.00		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	4,475.80	2,575,695.75	0.00	0.00
<b><u>UNREDEEMED LIENS 6/30/01</u></b>				
<b><u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u></b>				
Unredeemed liens balance beg of fy		5,375.99	3,317.00	
Liens executed during fiscal year		11,350.02		
Interest & Costs		613.06	0.00	0.00
Elderly Liens Executed	2,728.00			
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	\$2,728.00	17,339.07	3,317.00	0.00
<b><u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u></b>				
Redemptions		8,922.21	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs		613.06	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Elderly liens end of fy		0.00	3,317.00	0.00
Unredeemed liens balance beg of fy	\$2,728.00	7,803.80	0.00	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	\$2,728.00	\$17,339.07	3,317.00	0.00

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK**  
**For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$247,658.00
Dog Licenses	795.50
Marriage Licenses	135.00
Vital Records	148.00
All Other Sources	363.10
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	249,099.60
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PAYMENTS REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$249,099.60
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**  
**For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

The following is the balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2007.

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Checking Account	\$26,997.26
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	2,398.98
Bank North Investment Pool	630,437.47
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Checking Account	79,486.05
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	173,113.93

*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	49,934.00
School Appropriations	3,000.00
Designated Gifts	821.71
Donations	179.00
Investments	421.48
Other	61.00

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>54,417.19</b>
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Books, Videos	9,646.37
Children's Books	2,352.36
Designated Gifts	408.14
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	37,204.54
Software, Hardware, & Support	2,816.07
Operations	5,534.53
Programs & Professional Expenses	1,379.81
Other	814.00

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>60,155.82</b>
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<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<b>(5,738.63)</b>
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<b>CASH ON HAND 6/30/2006</b>	<b>15,963.44</b>
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<b>CASH ON HAND 6/30/2007</b>	<b>\$10,224.81</b>
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# Report Of The Town Clerk

Minutes of the annual meeting of May 2007, a report of the Town clerk's receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and the annual compilation of vital records are printed elsewhere in volume.

Revenues for the fiscal year were down less than 1%, which is not a significant amount. The small decrease is mainly due to people buying fewer new cars. The mail renewal program continues to work very well.

Other than the Town Election, the only other election we had was the presidential primary. At the Presidential, we had an excellent turn out. As normal, everyone working on both elections did an excellent job.

It continues to be a pleasure to be of service to all of the residents of New Castle in the area of car registration. As I have said in the past the thing that makes New Castle the Great Island is the people.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Willard Gleason

Town Clerk

# Report Of Police Department

*"Democracy is a process by which the people are free to choose the man who will get the blame."*

L.J. Peter

*"The holy passion of friendship is a sweet and steady and loyal and enduring in nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asking to lend money."*

Mark Twain

Well here it is—another year gone. There are issues and there is news, so let's start with...

## TRAFFIC ENFORCMENT

Speeding will always be a problem. It will be here long after you and I are gone, but that being said, we have given out a record number of speeding summonses and stopped a record number of speeding vehicles.

Many of the stops are people who live here on the Island and have forgotten to slow down. There is an increase with traffic in the summer as the Common becomes more popular, and every charity road event seems to come here.

We are also in the process of buying an electronic speed sign for use as a tool to remind people what their speed is and they need to slow down.

## PARKING

Parking, oh yes, parking. This is an issue that will always be with us, as vehicles get bigger, and New Castle gets more popular, it is not going away anytime soon. Parking fines have increased, so we will see what happens with that.

Get your resident stickers. That helps a lot in knowing who belongs where in town; the tickets do help the tax rate. As for the sticker color...well.

## SAFETY COMPLEX

Well, on this subject the news is all bad. We are currently in violation of both State and Federal Law with regards to processing of arrested persons, record keeping and evidence storage, sexual assault and juvenile confidentially issues. Never mind building codes, labor codes and ADA rules. It's a mess. The place is a "lawsuit waiting to happen" and if it does happen that will NOT help our tax rate at all. It is a matter of penny wise.....

Along with the issues of a safe working environment for the police and fire officers to work in. We do not want to see someone injured, because we did not care to fix a problem that we knew about. Please let's get started on this issue.

## SEACOAST EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (SERT)

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

We wish to thank The New Castle Fire Department, Chief Blanding and his crew with special thanks to Terri and Teddy Golter in keeping our EMS skills current. Thanks to Chief Roberts of the Coast Guard Station, Portsmouth Harbor for all their help and cooperation and to the Board of Selectmen for their support.

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

### **Synopsis Police Activity**

Suspicious Activity/criminal Complaints	257
Medical Assists/Assist FD	78
Total Arrests	69
Alarms	389
Domestic Complaints	27
Mutual Aid calls	175
Building Residence Checks (vacation)	302
Unsecured Building/Residences	103
Assist Other Town Agencies	1010
Assist Citizens	367



# Fire Department Report

2007 was a year that saw many personnel changes at the New Castle Fire Department.

In August, Fire Chief Carl Roediger left for the greener pastures of the Portsmouth Fire Department. Carl made many positive changes and improvements to the department. He will be missed.

In December, Captain Mark Wooley, a 18 year veteran of the department, was hired to fill the full-time position left vacant by Carl. Mark will be on duty at the station Monday through Friday 7:30 – 3:30.

We also had 6 new Probationary Firefighters that have joined the Department:

Zachary Wienhold, from Portsmouth.  
Brian McDevitt, from New Castle  
Christopher Freddette, from Portsmouth.  
John Robichaud, from New Castle.  
Ryan Chase, from Portsmouth.  
Ian Shearman, from Portsmouth.

These men are in training to become certified Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Apparatus Operators.

## *Emergency Activity:*

Medical Emergencies – 71	Fire Alarms – 37
Fires – 16	Motor Vehicle Accidents – 1
Public Assists – 18	Hazardous Conditions – 9

## *Mutual Aid to other Departments:*

Rye – 11	York Beach – 1
Newington – 1	Portsmouth – 3
North Hampton – 1	U. S. Coast Guard -2

*Respectfully submitted,*  
David Blanding  
Chief of Department

# Planning Board Report

This past year the Planning Board has worked on several initiatives to further strengthen our land use policy and zoning ordinances. Our goal, as stated in the Master Plan, is to insure that we protect the unique character of the island, preserve the ecology of the shoreline and prevent overdevelopment of individual lots and neighborhoods.

At the 2007 Town Meeting, the Planning Board proposed and voters approved new regulations restricting the building density allowed on any given land parcel. These changes were the result of an extensive process which evaluated the effectiveness of regulations relating to lot coverage, maximum living area, set backs and building heights. The resulting modifications appear to be working well.

With the assistance of the Rockingham Planning Commission, the Planning Board continued to evaluate all of our conservation related ordinances. Much work has been done to develop a New Castle Conservation Plan which, when completed and approved, will serve as a guide for future regulations and ordinances. Additionally, The Planning Board is studying minor modifications to the Wetlands Conservation District ordinance that was passed in 2006. Having now worked with the ordinance for two years, it is apparent that small adjustments should be made so that the regulations are more workable for residents as well as those administering town policies.

The Planning Board recently formed a subcommittee to assess the Town's ordinances relating to the Historic District. A comprehensive review of this section of the zoning regulations has not been done since the establishment of the Historic District. As a result, the Planning Board wants to insure that our Historic District ordinances are effective at protecting the unique character of the downtown area while providing a reasonable and workable set of guidelines for homeowners in that section of town.

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.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Stu Levenson  
Chairman

# Zoning Board Of Adjustment Report

The purpose of the Board of Adjustment is to hear appeals and administer special provisions in the Zoning Ordinances dealing with variances, special exceptions and with administrative decisions pertaining to the New Castle, New Hampshire land use regulations.

The Board may grant variances from provisions but cannot amend the Zoning Ordinances nor change zoning districts. It serves as the appeal mechanism over decisions by the building inspector in matters of interpretation (and enforcement) of the Zoning Ordinance. (1)

The ordinances were adopted by the town for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, general welfare of the community and the intent of the Master Plan. (2)

Principles guiding the town in the design of its ordinances include maintaining “a just balance between the rights to the enjoyment of private property and the community’s obligation to meet its existing and probable future needs to protect the general welfare of its inhabitants including, but not limited to, health, safety, order, convenience and prosperity, and to protect the character of the town including, but not limited to, conservation and preservation of natural and man-made resources.” (3)

The Zoning Board received nine cases for deliberation which was two less than the prior year. The Board received two requests for rehearing where the previous year had four.

The year’s cases included requests for:

1. Variance from side and front yard setback requirements, withdrawn, and variance for construction within the tidal wetland buffer, granted.
2. Variance to construct a carriage house within the managed area of tidal wetlands, granted with restrictions.
3. Special exception to build a replacement shed within 50 ft. setback from wetland, granted
4. Variance to allow more than one principal building on a lot, denied. Request for rehearing, denied and upheld by the court.
5. Variance for addition to exceed building height and building area. Variance from height requirements, denied. Building area variance not required, administrative ruling.
6. Variance to change non-conforming portion of building, approved with restrictions.
7. Variance for construction within buffer zone of class A wetland, approved pending recommendation from Conservation Commission and DES approval.

8. Variance for landscaping within tidal buffer zone, granted. (Hearing was postponed to 2008 due to weather.)
9. Variance to construct sewer connection within wetland buffer zone where easement was previously granted, granted. (Hearing was postponed to 2008 due to weather.)

The Board would like to thank Ray Ambrogi for his many years of service. Ray consistently brought thoughtful and considered contributions to the deliberations of the board and we look forward to his return.

- (1) Zoning Ordinance, Section 10.2
- (2) Ibid, Section 1.0
- (3) Master Plan, p.2

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Susan Stetson, Chair

## **Report Of The Historic District Commission**

As usual it has been another busy year. Applications this year have ranged from simple window replacements to the tearing down and rebuilding of residences. Many of these applications are very challenging and require several meetings prior to approval. We have found a vast spread in the knowledge and understanding of the HDC requirements by applicants, builders, and even architects.

In order to clarify the HDC ordinance and make it more user friendly, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review and rewrite the ordinance. The members of the committee were: Bob Beecher- former Planning Board Chair and Selectman, Nancy Borden- Vice Chair HDC, Mike Collotti- Planning Board Ex-officio Member of HDC, Peter Follansbee- HDC Member, and Diane Seagren- HDC Chair. The committee was guided and aided in this project by Cliff Sinnott from the Rockingham County Planning Commission.

The rewritten ordinance has been reorganized to make it easier to understand. Some substantive changes are recommended. For example, the permitted use of snap-in window grills has been eliminated. Several definitions have been added to the ordinance. Review criteria for existing and new structures have been added.

Until a few years ago the HDC had the jurisdiction to review only exterior elevations which could be viewed from the street. The ordinance was then amended to give the HDC jurisdiction over all elevations, whether visible from the street or not. The Ad Hoc Committee has recommended to the Planning Board that its jurisdiction be limited to what is visible from a public or private roadway.

My thanks go out to the HDC Commissioners for their hard work and dedication. I also thank town residents who have come before the HDC for project approval, for your patience.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Diane Seagren, Chair

## **Report Of The Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission's primary responsibility is protecting and preserving the natural resources of the island. During 2007 the NCCC reviewed eighteen wetlands applications, including docks, and dealt with three wetlands violations.

The year 2007 brought a USDA grant to the town to replace the culvert under Quarterdeck Lane and, at the same time, to start dealing with the invasive plant, *Phragmites australis* (Common Reed). The replacement culvert is a new design that will allow more tidal water to flow under the road. More salt water, returning the marsh to its original state, will help control the many invasive plants that have taken over since they don't tolerate salt. This is a beginning of the long process to restore the island's degraded marshes to once again being saltmarshes. It is planned that work will commence in April of 2007.

Work on the Pitch Pine restoration area on the Common continues with great success. Volunteers and children from Maude Trefethan have planted dozens of native blueberry plants as well as other appropriate native plants. The children also grew and planted seedlings and spread thousands of native Lupine seeds (*Lupinus perennis*) in the area. The purpose of the Lupine planting last June was to provide a habitat for the endangered Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*), the state insect of New Hampshire which lives in pine barrens.

Volunteers and commissioners persist in their battle against the invasive plants which threaten to destroy much of the native vegetation in the Pitch Pine area, around the cemetery and all over the island. In cooperation with the Cemetery Commission, volunteers have begun to combat the bittersweet plants growing on trees around the new cemetery. Cutting bittersweet vines at their base will thwart the choking and overshadowing advance of these vines. Educational posters identifying some of these invasives include information about proper ways to deal with them. They are displayed in the library, town hall, and post offices. There will also be an informational display about invasive plants at this year's town meeting.

The winter beach erosion continues and adds credibility to Bull Toad Pond's classification as an overwash salt pond. We plan continued monitoring of the dune since it is one of New Castle and New Hampshire's greatest natural features and is part of the rare ecosystem which includes the Pitch Pines and the pond.

The Commission submitted well over 100 volunteer hours to the Rockingham Country Conservation District, the organization which manages the substantial grants received by the town. These hours served as credit for restoration costs the town would otherwise have incurred as its share of these grants.

The very accurate wetlands maps, completed in 2006, continue to aid residents looking for information about their properties' relationship to wetlands.

My thanks to all the members of the Commission for their continued hard work and dedication to the cause of protecting the environment. We're a great team and we're accomplishing a great deal!

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Beth Hume, Chairperson

## **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 the Wentworth Road to the corner of Main Street. Properties situated within this area are billed directly by Portsmouth for their water usage.

The DPW Board is comprised of the following people who generously donate their time to the Town of New Castle: Peter Gamester, Reg Whitehouse, Walter Glidden, Chet Fessenden, John Ireland, and Norm Houle. It is with great regret that we have had to accept the resignation of Norman Kent in February. Norman has been a very valuable asset to the board for the past 12 years. His dedication and meticulous attention to detail will be greatly missed!

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. This rate has not changed since last year.

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.

As reported two years ago, the Town of New Castle will be incurring capital improvement costs sometime in the near future 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. Again, as of writing this report, we have not heard from Portsmouth as to the amount of the capital improvement cost.

Just a reminder: we will 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. Please also be aware that it is a violation to discharge a sump pump so as to allow its water to reach the street. We appreciate your cooperation in both these matters.

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

## **Building Official's Report**

There were a total of 58 Building Permits issued during calendar year 2007 for various improvements, remodeling projects, additions, and 5 new homes, 3 of which were replacements of existing buildings.

Once 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, often 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.

Be aware that items that are not easily portable are not allowed in the property set backs without a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Andy Schulte has been of tremendous help in being my deputy while I have been away on vacation. He is very well qualified and capable and the town is fortunate to have someone of his abilities in my absence. Thanks Andy.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Charles Petlick

Building Official

## **Report Of Trustees Of Trust Fund**

The Town's Trust Funds totaled \$780,849 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 06 and \$700,341 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 07. These totals represent the sum of nine (9) separate funds representing permanent endowments, capital reserves and temporary escrows established by town meeting votes, school board votes, gifts and cemetery "Right to Inter" purchases. By State law the individual Trust Funds are maintained separately.

The Library and Cemetery Maintenance Trust Funds have their earnings disbursed annually to the Library Trustees and the Town respectfully. Funds from the other seven Trust Funds are disbursed in accordance with the requirements of the establishing body for the Trust Funds.

During fiscal year 2007 the funds were invested in either Federal Agency bonds with short fixed terms, bond mutual funds or money market funds. Yields were down during this fiscal year with a total return of approximately 2.2%. Some of this low return is attributed to unrealized capital losses as of 30 Jun 07.

Last August (fiscal year 2008) the Town's funds were moved from AG Edwards to Provident Bank, located in downtown Portsmouth. Provident is a very conservative bank with zero exposure to the sub-prime market. All of our funds are insured. As of Jan 2008, 99% of the funds were invested in CDs. The remaining 1% of the funds are invested in savings accounts. All of the CDs are five (5) year CDs that mature in Aug of 2012 with an interest rate of 5.25%. Savings accounts pay current money market rates. We are forecasting a total return of just over 5% for this fiscal year (FY 2008).

The three Trustees meet as required for investment or disbursement purposes. Please call if you have any questions.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Russell Cox

Peter Reed

Bill Cronin, Chair



# Library Trustees' Report

*"Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy... In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed."*

~Germaine Greer

The Trustees of the Library would like to thank the residents of New Castle and the town leaders for their continued commitment to our public library. Under the direction of librarian Gene Fox, the New Castle Library continues to offer a high standard of services to the community: printed books, audio and video materials, programs, and information technology. The town of New Castle is fortunate to have this institution in our midst.

The library's program highlights from the previous year include:

- In February, Diane Kordas entertained children in the Macomber Room with stories and a puppet show.
- The library offered a screening of Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth" to a large group of residents who gathered in the Macomber Room.
- In June, The Currier Museum of Art brought an interactive presentation to the library, "Adventures, Fables, and Fantasies: Stories in Art" to launch the Summer Reading Program
- Magician B.J. Hicks performed a spell-binding Halloween magic show to children at the library.
- In November, Jeremy D'Entrement, trustee of Portsmouth Light, gave a talk on haunted lighthouses.
- New Castle author Ron King read from, discussed, and answered questions about his recently published book, *The Quantum July*.
- In December, the library hosted our annual Open House and Solstice Party for New Castle residents.
- Throughout the summer, the New Castle Neighbors sponsored the well-attended Tuesday night film series in the Macomber Room.
- During the year, the library has hosted art shows by residents Susan Stetson, Maddi Alana, and Haden Gerrish.

We would like to thank Barbara Battis for her years of service as an alternate trustee and volunteer coordinator and welcome Paula Carroll back to the board, joining Christine Collins as an alternate trustee. We would also like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Sam Asano for donating an iMac to the library as well as attending to our ailing server after it crashed during an electrical storm this summer. We appreciate his time and generosity. We hope to replace the server in the upcoming year. Thank you to Pauline Elkins for generously funding the purchase of the Library tote bags, with feature art by Carolyn Payzant.

This fall, we upgraded to a fiber-optic system at the library in order to offer more reliable internet service. The library is a place where residents and students to gather to read, socialize, and utilize information technology. Our internet stations are consistently occupied, and the demand continues to increase. We are doing our best to stay current with the way information

is accessed and shared and to provide the townspeople with that service. In addition to the public terminals, the library continues to offer WI-FI (wireless internet). Patrons are welcome to bring their WI-FI enabled laptops to the library.

The New Castle Library collection is steadily outgrowing shelving capacity. There are no more empty shelves, and we continue to 'weed' non-circulating, outdated material. More than 1300 items—books, audiobooks, videos, and DVD's—were added to the collection in 2007. The library's holdings now number 17,077 catalogued items (while dozens of uncatalogued items remain from pre-automation). Nearly 7,000 of those materials circulated in 2007, more than 200 of them going to other public libraries in New Hampshire. More than 300 items were loaned by other NH libraries to patrons of N.C. Library. When Gene is unable to honor requests to purchase materials for our collection, he seeks to borrow them from other libraries using a NH State Library-maintained database. The library's book collection continues to grow as well as our CD, audiobook, and DVD collection. The library welcomes the Maude H. Trefethen elementary school students on Wednesday afternoons for special programs with the librarian, to check out books, and to use the library's resources for research.

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 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 and passion.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Patty Hickey

Brad Greeley

Joan Lockhart

Christine Collins (alt)

Paula Carroll (alt)

## Cemetery Trustees Report

Things continue to go well with our private contractor who takes care of Riverside, Marvin and Frost Cemeteries. Also we would like to thank the Parks Department for cutting Oceanside Cemetery at the Commons. I would like to take this time along with David Merrill to extend our thanks and gratitude to Bill Lanham whose term expires this year. Bill has been a trustee for 24 years and his tireless efforts and knowledge has been a great asset to the town. Thanks Bill for all your hard work.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
David Merrill, Chairman  
Tom Boisvert  
Bill Lanham

## Archives & Records Report

The Boston Post Cane has been presented twice this year. The first time was to Constance Barton, 96, mother of Ted Barton on Main Street in May of 2007. Sadly, she passed away in December 2007. The next eldest resident is Marion Rowe, 95, born September 1912, mother of Janet Rowe and living on Main Street. Marion, widow of Fred Rowe, has lived in her home since the late 1930s. Each woman received a certificate acknowledging her status as eldest resident, and a bouquet of flowers. A reporter from the Portsmouth Herald newspaper recorded the women's stories. The Boston Post Cane is kept in the glass display case in the Town Hall for all to see and enjoy.

The present New Castle Congregational Church, built as a replacement to an earlier church, was begun in 1828. This year it was placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places. The Church retains many of its original features including the pews with locking doors, windows and front doors, interior stairways, the belfry, and exterior clapboards. The present pulpit was added in 1852, and the tin ceiling in 1897. The master builder of the Church was Thomas F. Foye. Most of the work for this honor was completed by Church members Elizabeth Rhoades Aykroyd, a former resident, and her husband Doug, now of Hampton, NH. Also serving on the committee were Ruth Lanham, Clint Springer, William Drew and myself.

I continue to work with the New Castle Historical Society's archivists, sharing our early records, photographs, and genealogical information for scanning into their computers. This enables an easier access to these items by the public. In addition, requests for genealogical searches, clarification of historic events and assisting local writers keep this position interesting.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Deborah Hutchinson Schulte  
Town Historian

## Supervisors Of The Checklist Report

2007 was the year that the supervisors put ElectioNet, the new online statewide voter registration system, to work. We attended several training sessions in Concord and Portsmouth to learn how to use the system. As a result, we were able to “clean up” our voter registration list by removing about 200 names of people who no longer live in New Castle. In addition, we began resolving duplicate registrations: people who had moved and were listed as residents in more than one New Hampshire town. It turns out that there were about 30,000 duplicate registrations throughout the state! As you can see, ElectioNet is vastly improving the accuracy of our voter registration lists.

The Town Election on May 8, was our only election in 2007. New Castle residents Nancy Euchner, Darcy Horgan, Sylvia Marple, Carolyn Payzant, Janet Prince, Lorna Robinson, and Ned Robinson served capably as ballot clerks. As I write this, I just heard that election workers in a Texas town got bored and walked off the job during the Presidential Primary there! In contrast, New Castle is fortunate to have many who are so willing volunteer their time to participate in our democratic process.

During 2007, there were some changes in the office of Supervisors of the Checklist. In May, Mary Rauh was elected for one year to finish a six year term previously held by Jean Woodworth and Roddi Smith. Then in August, Marcia Cronin resigned as supervisor. Marcia was instrumental in helping convert our voter registration system to ElectioNet and we were sorry to lose her. To take her place, Sherri Becker was appointed to serve until the May 2008 Town Election, at which time she will run for election.

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

Mary Rauh

Sherri Becker

## Births Recorded In New Castle

### January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u> <u>Mother's Name</u>
Moulton, Leslie D.	07/29/2007	York, Me	Moulton, Todd Moulton, Ruth
Doherty, Brighid L.	03/16/2007	Cambridge, Ma	Doherty, Neil B. Brown, Dana L.

## Deaths Recorded In New Castle

### January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

<u>Name Of Deceased</u>	<u>Date Of Death</u>	<u>Place Of Death</u>
Becker, Barbara	01/22/2007	Portsmouth, NH
Liff, Paul	05/17/2007	Portsmouth, NH
Arsenault Jr, Edmund	06/21/2007	Dover, NH
Quigley, William	06/30/2007	Dover, NH
Tarbell, Thomas	07/14/2007	New Castle, NH
LaRose, Lucille	09/12/2007	New Castle, NH
Dwyer, Joan	09/28/2007	New Castle, NH
Tarbell, Daniel	11/20/2007	New Castle, NH
Morrill, Mary	12/13/2007	New Castle, NH
Smith, Gladys	12/19/2007	Portsmouth, NH
Barton, Constance	12/24/2007	Durham, NH

## Marriages Recorded In New Castle

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

<u>Groom's Name</u> <u>And Address</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u> <u>And Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mallett, Wallace E	Bisset, Sandra S.	05/25/2007	New Castle
Haskell, Curtis M.	Weston, Christine A.	08/04/2007	Somersworth
Gagne, Merrill J.	Rieseberg, Jennifer A.	09/23/2007	New Castle
Came, Brian A.	Domanick, Teresa L.	10/13/2007	Portsmouth





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