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2007

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DEDICATED JULY 2007

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HANNAFORD SUPERMARKETS
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JANE O'BRIEN, KIM PECKER, GEORGE POTTER,
ERIN STEFFENS, JEN THEODORE

2007 TOWN COUNCIL

Paul Roy, Sr., Chairman
Mike Izbicki
Kevin Keyes
Michael Scanlon
Bob Young
Normand Longval
William Jean

2007 SCHOOL BOARD

Cindy Chagnon, Chairperson
Sue Thomas
Steve Beals
Terry Wolf
David Sacks



TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Assessing, Planning and Zoning	472-8104
Auto/Dog/Voter Registration	472-3550
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates	472-3550
Finance and Personnel.....	472-9869
Parks and Recreation.....	472-5242
Public Works: Highway and Sewer.....	472-3070
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	472-3550
Town Office – Administration	472-5242

Website: www.bedfordnh.org

SAFETY COMPLEX

55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Building/Health Code Official/Inspector.....	472-3838
Fire Department – Business Line	472-3219
Police Department - Business Line.....	472-5113
FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE.....	911

Website: www.bedfordpd.com

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03110
Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am- 3:00 pm
Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 pm (*September through June*)

Telephone..... 472-3023

Website: www.bedford.lib.nh.us

OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Town Pool, 20 County Road (summer only)..... 472-7331

Transfer Station/Dump, Chubbuck Road

Hours: Tuesday – 7:00 am - 5:00 pm	472-4563
Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	
(Closed Sunday and Monday)	

BCTV – Channels 16 & 22, 10 Meetinghouse Road..... 472-8288



ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCILORS

Paul Roy, Sr., Chairman.....2009
Mike Izbicki, Vice Chairman.....2010
Kevin Keyes.....2008
Michael Scanlon.....2010
Bob Young.....2009
Normand Longval.....2009
William Jean.....2008
Bill VanAnglen.....(resigned 5/07)

TOWN CLERK

Wanda Jenkins.....2008

MODERATOR

Eugene Van Loan, III.....2008

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Benita Diamond, Chairperson.....2008
M. Elaine Tefft.....2010
Joan McMahan.....2008
Lynn Cornell.....(resigned 10/07)
Dorothy Witzel.....(resigned 10/07)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ryk Bullock.....2008
Scott Earnshaw.....2009
Mark Peicker.....2010

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Robert Brooks, Chairman.....2009
Anthony Frederick.....2008
Edward Moran.....2010

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager..... Russell R. Marcoux
Executive Assistant..... Dawn Boufford
Assessor..... William Ingalls
Building Code Official..... Wayne Richardson
Environmental Coord..... Steve Crean
Finance Director..... Crystal Dionne
Fire Chief..... Scott Wiggin
Information Systems..... Brian Davis
Library Director..... Mary Ann Senatro
Police Chief..... David Bailey
Planning Director..... Rick Sawyer
Public Works Director..... Jim Stanford
BCTV Station Manager..... Bill Jennings
Town Treasurer..... Edith Schmidtchen
Planning Director..... Karen White
.....(retired 8/07)
Recreation Director..... Craig Sanderson
.....(resigned 10/07)

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor..... John Lynch
US Senators..... Judd Gregg
..... John Sununu
US Representatives..... Paul Hodes
..... Carol Shea-Porter
Executive Councilor..... Raymond Wieczorek
State Senator..... Sheila Roberge

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
GENERAL COURT

Mark Clark
John Graham
Ken Hawkins
Edward P. Moran
Jayne Spaulding
Maurice Villeneuve



APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Goldberg, Chairman2010
Jon Levenstein, Vice Chairman2009
Harold Newberry, Secretary.....2008
Deb Sklar2008
Neal Casale.....2009
Karen McGinley2008
Robert Young, Councilor
Russell Marcoux, Town Manager

Alternates

Paul Roy, Sr., Councilor
Michael Burns2008
Christopher Riley2009

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christopher Bandazian, Chairman.....2008
Sara Clark2008
William Walsh2010
James O'Neil.....2009
Mike Izbicki, Councilor

Alternates

Derek Koziol2009
Eric Bernard2010
Normand Longval, Councilor

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mervyn Taub, Chairman.2008
Glenn Boston, Vice Chairman.....2009
Karen Simmons.....2009
David Brown2009
Anthony Clark2010
Bob Young, Councilor
Neil Casale, Planning Board

Alternates

Landy Labonte.....2010
William Jean, Councilor
Michael Burns, Planning Board

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Don Folsom, Chairman2008
Ralph Dieter2009
Howard Frizzell.....2010

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Greg Zimmermann, Chairman2008
Beverly Thomas.....2008
William Jean, Councilor
Deb Sklar, Planning Board

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Alternates

Andrew Noyes.....2009
Laura O'Donnell2010
Pamela Weeks-Dorji.....2008
Paul Roy, Sr., Councilor
Karen McGinley, Planning Board

PARKS AND RECREATION

William Foote, Chairman2009
Sue Thomas2008
Michelle Casale.....2010
Normand Longval, Councilor

Alternates

Lori Radke2010
Kim Daneault2008
Mike Izbicki, Councilor

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Eugene Mackie, Chairman2008
Robert Thomas2010
Mike Robinson2010
Michael Sills2010
Richard Rawlings2010
Mary Lou Wilson2008
Lauren Horton2009
Mike Izbicki, Councilor
William Jean, Councilor Alternate
Terry Wolf, School Board

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police Chief David Bailey, Chairman
Fire Chief Scott Wiggin
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works
Paul Roy, Sr., Councilor
Gerry Gagne, Resident.....2009
Ken Peterson, Resident.....2010
Tony Grande, Alternate2009
Mike Izbicki, Councilor Alternate

WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Thomas, Chairman.....2010
Paul Goldberg2008
Paul Arnold.....2008
Richard Moore2009
Kevin Keyes, Councilor
Michael Scanlon, Councilor Alternate
Steve Crean, Environmental Coordinator
Richard Sawyer, Planning Director



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DEDICATION



DOROTHY “DOTTIE” WITZEL

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Dorothy “Dottie” Witzel, one of Bedford's finest and most selfless citizens. Dottie was a long time resident of Bedford along with her husband Walter. In 1958, Dottie and Walter chose to make Bedford their home where they raised their 2 children, Valerie and Jeffrey.

After spending more than twenty-five years working for the telephone company, Dottie began to focus her time and energy in service to the residents of Bedford. For several years, Dottie was quite active in Town organizations including the Unity Club Fair, the Bedford Mothers Club and the Bedford Crimeline. After working as a ballot counter in the mid 1970's, Dottie continued to serve her community as a Supervisor of the Checklist. She was elected to the position in 1996 and was unanimously appointed as Chairperson in 2000, where she served as such until 2007. On November 28, 2007, Dottie was appointed as Supervisor of the Checklist Emeritus by the Bedford Town Council.

Dottie's devotion to her family, friends and community is admirable. She was a firm believer in doing what was best for the Town of Bedford. Dottie's unforgettable strength and character serves as an inspiration to us all.



Budgetary Town Meeting – McKelvie School
Wednesday, March 7, 2007

The Bedford Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at McKelvie School. Moderator Eugene Van Loan III opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced those seated on the stage: Councilors William Van Anglen, Lori Radke, Michael Scanlon, Andy Egan, Kevin Keyes, Paul Roy, Norm Longval; Town Manager Russ Marcoux; Finance Director Crystal Dionne; Town Clerk Wanda Jenkins. There were approximately 150 people present.

Moderator Van Loan turned the microphone over to Town Council Chairman Bill Van Anglen for a presentation.

Chairman Van Anglen said we have a number of recognitions that we'd like to give to some Town employees as well as some past Councilors and also to some Councilors that will be leaving us.

The first presentation is a proclamation to Roland Latulippe. Chairman Van Anglen read the proclamation:

TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS,
Roland Latulippe served as a part-time and auxiliary officer with the Bedford Police Department for over 45 years, retiring on December 31, 2006 at the age of 73;

WHEREAS,
Roland was born in his family's house at 14 Curtis Lane and grew up with five brothers and a sister. His father was a Bedford Police Officer and later a crossing guard. Roland went from grade school to working in a Manchester mill, and then into construction;

WHEREAS,
Roland was sworn in as a part-time special officer for the Bedford Police Department on September 5, 1961 at the age of 28. At that time, the Department consisted of the Police Chief, one patrolman, and two special officers;

WHEREAS,
Roland was proud of his arrest record of zero, which he credited to his unique approach to policing. He solved more problems by talking to people rather than having to arrest them. He even convinced more than a few potential dropouts into finishing high school;

WHEREAS,
Roland became an auxiliary officer for traffic duty on November 9, 1989. He was famous for his orange gloves that could be seen around Town, either directing traffic or waving at passersby;

WHEREAS,
Roland received over 600 get-well cards during a 16-month recovery period that occurred as a result of an accident in 1994; a tribute to Roland's positive impact and reputation within the community;

WHEREAS,
Roland was well known for his cheerful smile, his dedication to the Town of Bedford and his endless supply of tootsie rolls, which he kept in his pocket and distributed to children of all ages;

WHEREAS,
Roland was recognized for his years of service at a retirement party held in his honor on February 1, 2007. There on the whiteboard was written the phrase "1-800-CALL-ROLAND", a reference to his can-do attitude and dedicated work ethic;

THEREFORE,
Be it resolved that we, the Bedford Town Council, and on behalf of the members of the community, do hereby express our wholehearted thanks and appreciation to Roland for a job well done, and wish him the best of luck on his retirement.

PROCLAIMED BY THE BEDFORD, NH TOWN
COUNCIL THIS 7th DAY OF March 2007

William Van Anglen	Lori Radke
Michael Scanlon	Andrew Egan
Kevin Keyes	Paul F. Roy, Sr.
Normand Longval	



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Chairman Van Anglen presented Mr. Latulippe with a container of Tootsie Rolls. Chairman Van Anglen said for those of you who don't know, Roland's got a little bit of a movie star in his background. He was featured on a Megabucks commercial many years ago. They filmed him and they asked if you won Megabucks where would you go and he said Aruba. Roland has had a very interesting career. He's been an icon of the Town for years and Roland we appreciate everything you've done for us.

Roland Latulippe said I appreciate everything that everyone has done for me. If there be anything I could do today, I'd be more than willing to do it for you. This means a great deal to me and I am honored for all the things that have been going on; the Department giving me a farewell party; a couple of weeks ago I had an invitation to the School Board at which they gave me a gift also, which was a pair of gloves, but they weren't orange, they were black. I enjoyed that so much. Thank you very, very much everybody and God bless you all. Thank you.

Chairman Van Anglen said the next person we would like to recognize is somebody who has had this coming for a long time. In fact, over the last year the Council has intended to do this and hasn't had a chance to be able to do it. We'd like past Council and Past Chairman Bill Greiner to join us please. Councilor Greiner served on the Council for six years and I had the pleasure of serving for four of those six years with him. I can tell you that as a Councilor he was dedicated to his job. He had a lot of passion about what he thought and he was quite impactful on the Council. He did a lot of things that over the years helped us both financially and helped us as a community. Bill, it's long overdue. I apologize to you for taking this long. We want to thank you for all the years of service that you've given us. Chairman Van Anglen presented Mr. Greiner with a plaque that read:

*In appreciation of your dedicated service
to the Bedford Town Council from 2000 to 2006
and Chairman in 2003.*

Chairman Van Anglen said the next recognition that we'd like to give as a Council is to a Councilor who has served us well. The Council over the years has been represented by many different personalities. If you've lived in Town for any period of time and you watch our meetings, you'll see that there are a lot of different personalities out there. We've had Councilors who have been outspoken, Councilors who were very analytical, Councilors who have been controversial, and Councilors that have been quietly influential. As many of you know, this last year has been a year of change on the Council. During that year, there has been one Councilor that has been working as a stabilizing force. Through Lori Radke's compassion, calm approach, and even temperament, she has helped lead this Council through this time of change. Lori has been a friend and advisor to each of us. She has been an advocate for civility, fairness, and reaching out to the public and the voters. Lori has never forgotten who she is as a person or whom she represents. As the Vice Chair this year, I personally found her guidance and counsel during tough situations invaluable. Lori also holds the record for chairing the fastest Town Council meeting in the five years I've been on the Council, however, as normal, this Council does not have 100% alignment around the record. Lori, some of your fellow Councilors do not attribute the record to your skills as the chairman on that meeting, but the fact that I was not at the meeting. I don't know what they mean by that. I would attribute it to your skills as the chairman. Lori, on behalf of the Town Council and the community of Bedford, I would like to thank you for your years of commitment and service to the Town of Bedford. On a personal note, Kathy and I would like to thank you for allowing us to go on vacation in February, because my wife is the outgoing School District Clerk and Lori is running to be the School District Clerk, so my wife will not have to handle absentee ballots anymore during the election period anymore and Lori will. Lori, we'll miss your guidance, your counsel and your calming affect.



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Lori Radke said as many of you know, I'm not a woman with many words. The only thing I'd like to say is thank you Council for the three years that I've been all of you guys, and Councilor Danielson and Councilor Greiner too, it was a wonderful experience. I learned a lot. I enjoyed coming to the meetings. There was a lot of work, a lot of preparation, but I went to every meeting with an open mind and I enjoyed it. Also, the people I would really like to thank is all of you who voted me in three years ago and I hope I served you well. Thank you very much. Lori was presented with a plaque.

Chairman Van Anglen said last, but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Town Councilor Andy Egan for his dedication and hard work over the years. Andy's honesty, integrity and insight have enriched the Council and the community of Bedford. Andy has personally and selflessly sacrificed an incredible amount to serve the community and he will be sorely missed on this Council. I know I speak for the entire Town Council when I say that we wish Andy the most heartfelt thank you and the best of wishes in the years to come. On a personal note, I will miss Andy's guidance, sense of humor, and common sense approach to the issues we have faced over the years. I have always found his thoughts to be in the best interest of the community. Andy, we, and I, will miss you very much on the Council. Chairman Van Anglen presented Andy with a plaque that read:

*Bedford Town Council March 2003 to March 2007
In appreciation of your dedicated service to the citizens
of Bedford:
Your generous personal commitment of time and love of
the community has been an inspiration for us all:
You have been a model of leadership and
uncompromising integrity:
Thank you for all you have sacrificed to make
Bedford a better place.*

Lori Radke said about two years we had a gentleman, an artist in Town, who came and he presented to the Town, his name is Herb Lucas, a beautiful painting of Joppa Hill. I was sitting on the Council at the time and it was a beautiful painting. I looked over to Councilor Egan and I just remember the expression on his face. It was

just in awe. If you come to the Town Offices you'll see it. It's of the Joppa Hill with the cart up there near the tree. I always thought back then, if I'm on the Council and Andy Egan is still here, I want to make sure that we present him with that very same picture, so Andy, this is for you. We all agree that you deserve this. Lori presented Andy with the picture.

Andy Egan said that I certainly was not prepared for. As most of you know I've amassed quite a collection of these. This is a rather bittersweet occasion for me. The bitter part is stepping down and ending my service to this community. I hope I've comported myself well on your behalf. I've always tried to be a representative of the entire community. The sweet part is there are always new challenges out there. I will still be around. You will see me active this summer on behalf of the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation. I think you all had made me a lot prouder than I have you. You have shown tremendous forbearance, a tremendous understanding and caring, and I thank you all.

Lori Radke said about a year ago I had a conversation with our Chairman about being Chair. Apparently everybody wants to be Chair. If you ask me I think it's a little overrated. He wanted to be Chair. We talked about it. I told him to think it over. Do you really want to do that job? I have a gut feeling, Bill, it's going to be a tough year. Don't ask me why. It must be women's intuition. It's going to be a tough year. He said no, I want to be Chair. I said okay I'll support you and good luck. It was a busy year. There were some controversial topics and some intense meetings. Of course, a regional wide search for a new town manager. In thinking back, what better person to organize the search than a human resource professional, so it was meant to be that Bill was our Chair this year. Bill, you did a great job. You ran your meetings efficiently. You were fair and you treated each and every one of us with respect. What more can a Council ask for? Bill, it was an honor to serve beside you. The one thing I noticed while sitting next to you at the meetings, you enjoyed using your gavel. With that said, I would like to present to you your very



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own gavel. One more thing, on my three years on Council, I had the privilege of working with lots of great Chairs. Of course, Bill was this year and last year we had a wonderful Chair, who wasn't recognized for some reason or another. I believe Kevin Keyes did a wonderful job my second year as a Councilor and I think this is an opportunity to recognize our Chair from two years ago; better late than never. Kevin, thank you for being our Chair from the year 2005 to 2006.

Moderator Van Loan said we are going to now go the warrant. The business of this evening is Article 3 on the warrant, which is the budget. The other articles on the warrant are: the first article is the election of Town officers and the next article is a series of proposed zoning amendments. All of these together with the issues that are on the School District warrant, which includes the School District budget items and election of School District officers will all occur next Tuesday, March 13th, here at the McKelvie School. This is by ballot. The polls will be open, as to both Town and School matters, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. I want to repeat that. Trust me; do not listen to the radio when they tell you that the polls in New Hampshire are open at such and such a time. Typically they will over state it or under state it. Bedford – 7:00am to 7:00pm. If you are too late after 7:00pm, regardless of where you work or whatever the radio might have said, the polls close at 7:00pm. That is for all voting matters on the ballot.

Moderator Van Loan said I'm going to read the only item on the warrant, which is Article 3, and in this case it is on page 61 of the Town Report. I will read that and I will ask for a motion. Once that motion is seconded, I will ask the person who made the motion to speak to the article if he or she wishes to. I assume it's going to be one of the members of the Town Council. After we have had an introduction to the motion, then we will proceed to discuss the items on the budget. We will refer to pages 64 & 65 of the Town Report where the individual line items on the Town budget are enumerated. I will go down the individual items, which total up what the total budget is and I will read each line item. As I do, if

somebody has a question, wishes to discuss or wishes to make a motion, that is the time to do it. Although it is not a hard and fast rule, I want to make it as hard and fast as I can that once we pass an item, that we don't go back to it. If anyone wishes to make a motion, and because this is a Budgetary Town Meeting and essentially the only thing we're doing is raising and appropriating money, essentially the only motions that you can make are to increase or decrease the budget in a particular area. If you make such a motion to increase or decrease, I'll ask for a second and then you can speak to your motion. If you do make a motion, I will accept a secondary motion to that, but we're not going to get into third motions, fourth motions, etc. If anyone wishes to speak, I would ask that you approach the microphone. Please state your name and your residence in Bedford. I think all of you know that the only people that are entitled to speak or to vote at this meeting are residents and voters of the Town of Bedford. With respect to speaking, however, in a case where it seems appropriate because we have need for special information from somebody who might not be a registered voter, such as a Department Head or something that doesn't live in Town, upon request for permission, I would grant a non-voter permission to speak. However, when it comes to voting time, only registered voters who have passed through the checklist are entitled to vote. If you do wish to speak, I ask that you direct your comments to the Chair, not to members of the Town Council. This is not an adversary proceeding. This is an effort to vote. It's a democratic proceeding. We are here to vote on the budget. If you have a question, you direct it to me. I will in turn, if it's a question that you want some member of the Council to answer on some financial issue, I will refer it to them. They can answer it or not answer it as they choose, but we're not going to get into a private dialog between a citizen and a member of the Council. If you get a response that you don't like, you can talk back to me. Don't get into a private dialog with the Council and I would say the same thing to the Council. That it's your responsibility to direct your comments to the Chair and not to engage in private dialogs with members of the voting public. We're going to try to keep matters



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civil and we don't wish to engage in any adverse personal attacks, profanity or anything of the like. When all is done with respect to the discussion on a motion if there is a motion that's pending to add money or take money out of the budget, we will vote on that matter. Typically, I would call for the vote simply by a voice vote. If I am in doubt and unable to call that vote, I could ask for a standing vote of the yeas and the nays. By the same token, if there is a voice vote, and you don't think I've called it right, stand up and ask for what is known as a division, which means a standing vote. Regardless of whether I think I called it right or not, if you ask for a division, you're going to get one. The final possibility with respect to voting is a secret, written ballot. I have received no requests up to this point, but you are entitled as voters to request on any issue, a secret ballot. The way to do that if somebody requests it is that immediately before we vote on an issue, I can accept that request by five voters signing a piece of paper saying they request a secret ballot or after we have had the vote, whether it's by a voice vote or a standing vote, I will accept a secret written ballot request either orally or in writing by seven voters. Once we pass on to something else, there's no going back. We do have some designated areas in the back for non-registered observers. I will use as a guideline, but not be totally bound by it, Robert's Rules of Order and a little bit of common sense. This is your meeting. If you do not agree with a ruling that I make on any procedural issue, unless that procedural issue is something that is commanded by law, if it's a matter of some kind of discretionary procedural rule that I make, you are entitled to challenge that ruling and just like any other determination that we make tonight, it will be done by majority vote. If I make a ruling that you disagree with, you can say I wish to challenge the ruling of the Chair and if there's a second, we can have some discussion about. Unless it's something that's proscribed by State law, you can take a vote on it and you can overrule the Chair on any procedural ruling. I will ask you to turn to page 61 in your Town Report and I'm going to read Article 3.

Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$20,525,412
Police Special Detail	454,374
Recreation Day Camp	140,191
Bedford Comm. TV	299,913
Special Revenue Funds	57,500
Sewer Fund	<u>1,525,361</u>
 Total Appropriation	 <u>\$23,002,751</u>

MOTION by Council Chairman Van Anglen that we approve the Town Operating Budget in the total appropriation amount of \$23,002,751. Seconded by Lori Radke.

Council Chairman Van Anglen asked to speak to his motion.

Council Chairman Van Anglen said what I would like to do is on page 61 through 62, there is a summary of the budget. What I'd like to do is read through that summary that highlights the different areas of the budget and speak to the motion that way.

Council Chairman Van Anglen read a summary of the 2007 Town Council proposed budget as follows:

2007 Town Council
Proposed Municipal Budget Summary

There is an estimated tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.80 to support the 2007 budget. The estimated Town portion of the tax rate is \$3.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.



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- The Town Council budget includes \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue. The debt service payments for Joppa Hill have been fully funded, therefore there is no appropriation in the 2007 budget.
- The Election and Registration overall budget decrease is due to a reduction in the number of elections in 2007. However, this budget includes \$8,070 for the purchase of 50 new voting booths as well as \$3,000 for potential startup costs associated with moving the elections to the new high school/middle school if needed in 2007.
- The Finance and Personnel budget includes \$10,000 to be deposited into the Financial Software Capital Reserve account.
- The Information Technology budget includes funding for the replacement of various computers and equipment as recommended by the Information Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council. This budget also includes \$19,000 to be deposited into Capital Reserve accounts.
- The Assessing budget includes a \$15,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the 2008 valuation update.
- The Planning Department budget includes \$25,000 benefit payout for the retirement of the planning director and \$30,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the town wide master plan.
- The Safety Complex budget includes \$41,500 to begin replacement of the 10 heating units, which are beyond their life expectancy. This amount is offset by a Capital Reserve withdrawal of \$22,500.
- The Fund Balance Reserve budget was established in 2005 to address the long-term financial stability of the town and funding continues in 2007 with an appropriation of \$278,749.
- The Police Administration budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel and \$30,000 for anticipated police grants. The grants are offset completely by revenue.
- The Police Communications budget includes \$84,305 to fund 2 new positions, a Dispatcher and a Lieutenant for 6 months. These positions will require full year funding in future budgets. This budget also includes an \$18,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the future replacement of the dispatch radio console.
- The Police Patrol budget includes \$76,902 to fund 2 new patrol officer positions for 6 months, one of which will serve as the School Resource Officer for the School District. This SRO position is partially funded by the School budget in the amount of \$28,838. These positions will require full year funding in future budgets. This budget also includes a \$9,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the replacement of portable radios.
- The Fire Administration budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel and \$125,000 for anticipated fire grants. Revenues offset this budget item.
- The Fire Operations budget includes a full year of funding for the 5 new positions added at the 2006 Budgetary Town Meeting. Also included are three additional firefighter positions for 6 months, which is partially funded by the receipt of a 5-year SAFER grant. These new positions are recommended by the fire master plan study. The Fire Operations budget also includes \$205,000 for deposits to various Capital Reserve accounts for the future replacement of capital equipment and vehicles.
- The Public Works Administration budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel.
- The Public Works Local Road Maintenance budget includes \$2,665,450 for the principal and interest payments of the two existing road bonds and \$1,000,000 for local road maintenance. Public Works will also spend approximately \$4 million of the 2005 Road Bond during 2007.
- The Public Works Highway budget includes \$115,000 for the replacement of a compressor and mower, which are offset by capital reserves in the amount of \$100,500. The budget also includes \$291,000 for the purchase of two dump trucks and a loader/backhoe, \$131,000 of which is offset by revenue. There is an additional \$225,000 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts.
- The Transfer Station budget includes \$158,240 for the landfill bond payment.
- The Recreation Field budget includes \$52,000 for the Center Park, \$100,000 for the replacement of Timber Town which is offset by anticipated donations and a capital reserve withdrawal, all totaling \$61,200. Also included in this budget is \$50,000 to repair Selvoski field, and \$12,000 to replace a mower.
- The Library budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel, funding to a Capital Reserve for building repairs in the amount of \$34,700 and \$165,288 for the Library bond payment.
- The Conservation Commission budget includes \$329,228 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. This amount is offset by revenue.



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Moderator Van Loan said I'm going to suggest to you that you turn to page 64 in the Town Report. I'm going to read the various line items. I will be reading from the last column, which says 2007 Council Recommended, because it is those numbers which total up to the amount that is included in the budget warrant article of \$23,002,751. After I read it I will hesitate for a while. If there is some discussion, that's the time to do it. If not, no discussion or a motion, then we'll proceed down the appropriations until we get to the end. Although I did say that if there are any motions to be made with respect to specific line items, that they should be made at the time that we are discussing them, if anybody has a motion at the end, which is undifferentiated, example, say I want to cut the budget by 50% or I want to increase the budget by 50%, those can be made at the very end before we vote on the budget as a whole, because any such amendment is not intended to direct itself to specific line items.

Moderator Van Loan read the 2007 Proposed Appropriations (attached).

Town Council Line Item – Shuvom Goshe, 38 Hawthorne Drive asked why there's a difference between what the Manager recommended, a difference of almost \$400,000, and what the Town Council recommended and what the budget goes to. Council Chairman Van Anglen said the difference is that in the Town Council budget there's approximately \$602,000 in Capital Reserve for the purchase of land. The way our appropriation works and our budget way is that if we don't appropriate it, we can't spend it. So if this year we ended up selling a piece of land; we have pieces of land that have been donated and given that are landlocked and we sell them to abutters, and that's where this money comes from. If we were to sell a piece of land for \$200,000 and put it in the account, if a piece of land came around for \$800,000 and we only had the \$602,000, we couldn't buy it for the \$800,000, so right now there's \$602,000 in an account, if we don't have the money, it's offset by revenue, so there's zero tax impact. If we don't have the money we can't spend it, because we have to appropriate it and then show the revenue. Does

that explain what it's doing? Mr. Goshe said the increase between what the Manager wants and what the Council wants is for the potential of spending it in case anything comes up. Council Chairman Van Anglen said for the potential purchase of land, yes. Mr. Goshe said so that purchase will be made just without any further vote. Council Chairman Van Anglen said what would happen is we would negotiate according to the privacy laws in the State. We would then have to, in a public session, have an open hearing and have a discussion about voting on that property, however, it would be the Council's vote at that point, not the public's, but we would do it in an open discussion. We would invite public comments, and we would then make our decision as a Council. Mr. Goshe asked from year to year have you ever chosen not to purchase land when it became available. Council Chairman Van Anglen said we have had some situations where we have not done that, so that's why that number is at \$602,000.

Cemetery Line Item – Council Chairman Van Anglen said he would like to make a motion and then speak to the motion.

MOTION by Council Chairman Van Anglen that we reduce the Council recommended budget of \$37,450 for Cemeteries by the amount of \$18,500. Seconded by Councilor Radke.

Council Chairman Van Anglen asked to speak to his motion.

Council Chairman Van Anglen said when the Council put this budget together, we were in a bid situation on some of the work to be done in the cemeteries. We have actually come back and there is a bid that's come in that is \$18,500 less than what we thought that bid was going to be. I would recommend that we take that amount out of the budget because we're not going to be spending it on that amount. Moderator Van Loan asked what would that make the remaining number? Council Van Anglen replied \$18,950.

Moderator Van Loan said the motion has been made to reduce the budget in the area of



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Cemeteries by the amount of \$18,500 making the new Cemetery line item \$18,950. Is there further discussion on that motion? Hearing none, I'm going to call for a vote.

Vote taken – Motion is carried.

Public Safety Complex Line Item – Chris Shapley, Pilgrim Drive said part of this is a \$41,500 amount for the replacement of heating units. My point is that the Town has a large number of structures that are heated. Do we have a policy, looking forward, as to how we are going heat all these buildings? Have we considered rationalizing and including the option for example for supplementary coal heat in those buildings that are continuously manned? It's a lot cheaper per BTU. I think it's about a third or a quarter of the cost of oil or propane. It has the advantage that I've never heard of a coal spill or a coal leak. If we can move salt around we can move coal around and we don't import it. I was just wondering how the decision had been come to and whether or not it's part of a systematic approach to heating Town buildings including this very large, very cold building. I'd like to suggest that we delay spending the money until we've looked into it. Councilor Scanlon replied to be honest with you no is the short answer to your question. Mr. Shapley said you haven't looked into it. Councilor Scanlon said we have not looked into alternative heating sources. I will tell you that we have multiple facilities in Town that use different types. The Safety Complex uses natural gas, so it is not oil, so it's not imported. The point is that these units are actually costing us more money today to maintain them then it would be to replace them, so that's why we felt it was time to appropriate the funds to replace them. What I can tell you is that next year if you'd like that to be an issue, if you want to contact the Council, I'm sure we would be more than willing to put that on the agenda and have a discussion about it, but by not spending this money this year and replacing these units, we're going to have to put that amount of money into our Maintenance line item in order to keep the ones that we have there going. Mr. Shapley said the point is they will be in there for another 20 years and depending on

the decision you make now, you may be buying very expensive natural gas 10 or 15 years from now. Councilor Scanlon said I can't disagree with you, but unfortunately even if we decided tonight, unless you made a motion to give us enough money to retrofit those buildings for that, it would be impossible for us to do that next year. My point is that you can spend the money, replace the units and have them run more efficiently, which is going to use less fuel or we can take that same amount of money, put it into maintenance and just spend the money to try and put a couple of Band-Aids on the units that are on top of that roof right now. Quite honestly, whether or not these buildings can be retrofitted for anything such as a coal-burning furnace, I would have no idea if that's even possible at this point. Mr. Shapley said essentially you're just going to replace like the, there was no plan. Councilor Scanlon said there was no plan to change the type of fuel we use to heat those buildings, other than to upgrade and modernize the units on the roof. Mr. Shapley asked how much fuel does the Town of Bedford buy? Crystal Dionne replied I can tell you we bid out about 30,000 gallons for Town buildings. I'm not sure of the School side. We'd have to get back to you on that. Mr. Shapley said and you're paying how much for it? Ms. Dionne replied we're paying \$2.29. Mr. Shapley said so that's about \$66,000. The same amount of heat from coal would cost you about \$15,000. Councilor Scanlon said again, just to be clear, we would have to retrofit buildings, which would not be an inexpensive proposition, so we would have to look at what our return on our investment would be, and I don't know that these buildings could be economically retrofitted. It is possible. Tonight, I don't believe is really the place to debate whether or not we should do that only because we're talking about the budget. If you would like to reduce the budget you could make that motion, but that certainly would be something worth discussing next year in a regular meeting of the Town Council. Mr. Shapley said I would like to suggest that you delay or delete the renovation of the furnaces for \$40,000 if the Town is only spending \$60,000 on all buildings, I can't imagine that another season without changing the furnaces is going to cost that much. Moderator



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Van Loan said if you wish to make a motion you're entitled to do so.

MOTION by Chris Shapley that the replacement of these furnaces be deleted pending some inquiries to cheaper alternatives for fuel.

Moderator Van Loan said what we need is a dollar figure, because all we can deal with at this meeting is money. Mr. Shapley said it says \$41,500. Moderator Van Loan asked is that your motion? Mr. Shapley replied that is my motion. Moderator Van Loan asked if there was a second. Motion was seconded to reduce the budget in the area of Public Safety Complex by \$41,500, the intent being to forego at this point the retrofitting of those items. Is there discussion on the motion?

Elaine Tefft, 7 Meetinghouse Road said there is and there isn't. I'm hopeful that we're approaching the end of the heating season. That being the case, there is nothing requiring that \$41,500 to be spent in part or in whole on those heaters, and if we leave it in the budget, there is nothing to prevent you from either not spending it or spending it on something else, so possibly the new Town Council could look at alternative heating sources. I'm not conversant enough with coal heat to even comment on it, but if I have to speak to the motion to address it, I would like to leave the money in there in the event that it's not feasible to do anything else. I don't think we're going to be doing it this heating season. It will be going into the next heating season.

Councilor Scanlon said one of the things I'd like to clarify is that \$41,000 isn't totally being used for the heating replacement of those units. \$22,500 is the cost to replace those units. Certainly as Ms. Tefft eluded to, if somebody comes forward and we can come up with a better alternative, nothing says that we have to move forward with this. The Council at that time could take the money and they could decide to do something else with it. Just the mere passing of it tonight, if someone can come forward with a much more cost efficient alternative that makes sense, I can't imagine that the seven Councilors wouldn't embrace that idea and certainly go forward with that. I would

personally recommend against removing this money. This money is needed. These units need to be replaced. If they are not replaced, it's going to cost us, I can't tell you it's going to cost us the whole \$22,000, we are spending a lot of money repairing those units. They are not running properly. They are running inefficiently, so we're using more fuel. Leave the money in the budget, and if the gentleman would like to come and speak to the Council, I'm sure the Council would be more than willing to listen to his alternatives. It would give us a chance to get this done. I don't know the timeframe of the replacement of these units, but I guarantee it wasn't in the winter months. It's probably in the summer months, so there are a few months to take a look at an alternative and I would think very quickly we could find out if it would be a cost effective measure. I would recommend not voting for this motion and leaving the money as is.

Moderator Van Loan asked if there was further discussion on the motion to amend.

Bob Jones, 11 Birkdale Road said I just want to point out that coal is one of the most polluting and carbon intensive energy sources. If it saves Bedford a couple of thousand dollars, I don't think it's worth doing.

Chief Wiggin, Bedford Fire Department said I have a little familiarity to those heating units. They are also cooling units throughout the summer months, so it you're just addressing the heating aspect of it, you're not even dealing with coal for the cooling aspect of it. These are called point of use units. They cover tenants, they cover 2nd floor, and they are all strictly duct plenum units. Any type of a coal unit has to have heat exchangers, hydronics and different types of elements that far will be exceeding this figure.

Moderator Van Loan asked if there was further discussion. Seeing none, I'm calling for a vote of the motion to reduce the budget by \$41,500 in the area of the Public Safety Complex.

Vote taken – Motion defeated.



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Manchester Transit Authority Line Item – Councilor Radke asked to make a motion and speak to the motion.

MOTION by Councilor Radke that we increase the budget from \$40,500 to \$43,200. Seconded by Council Chairman Van Anglen.

Councilor Radke asked to speak to the motion.

Councilor Radke said a couple of weeks ago, the Council received a memo from the Manchester Transit Authority that they are increasing the routes in Bedford, which is then therefore an increase in fees. They are adding additional routes to Bedford.

Moderator Van Loan asked if there was further discussion. Seeing none, I'm going to call for a vote.

Vote taken – Motion carried.

Traffic Control Line Item – Paul MacEwen, 22 Moores Crossing Road said I just wanted to know what traffic control entailed. Councilor Scanlon replied it is signals, red lights, and traffic signals. Mr. MacEwen asked some of that stuff isn't controlled by the State? Councilor Scanlon replied some of it is, but most of it is the Town of Bedford and we had three new ones, so we had to increase it by \$6,000 for that.

Recreation Department Fields Line Item – Councilor Scanlon asked to make a motion on fields.

MOTION by Councilor Scanlon to increase the Fields budget by \$30,000. Seconded by Councilor Radke.

Councilor Scanlon asked to speak to his motion.

Councilor Scanlon said the reason for doing this is the Timber Town Playground Committee has been in the process of raising funds and about a month or two ago during a budget session, originally we had budgeted for them to raise \$50,000. They felt that they were going to be able to raise more than

the \$50,000, so they asked us to raise the appropriations so if they were able to raise more than \$50,000 they could use those additional funds they raised and build us a better Timber Town playground or do some landscaping. It was an oversight. It was meant to be changed. It wasn't, so tonight I have to make the motion to add the \$30,000 and when we get to the revenue side, I'm going to make a motion to increase the revenues. Moderator Van Loan said no, we don't increase or decrease revenues. They are what they are. It's for informational purposes. All we deal with is the appropriations. If you wish to discuss what you anticipate to be changes in revenues based upon what former estimates were, this is the time to do it. Councilor Scanlon said what will happen is we will increase the revenue that we anticipated from \$50,000 to \$80,000, so if the Timber Town Playground Committee doesn't raise the \$80,000, we won't fund it through taxes, they just won't have that money to spend, so we'll have the \$50,000 from the Town and whatever the Timber Town Committee picks up. If they can raise \$80,000, then they can spend \$130,000. If they raise \$65,000, then they'll have \$115,000 to spend. There will be no impact on the tax rate. It's completely offset by anticipated revenues. Technically, unless we appropriate it, we can't spend it. That's all this is for.

Mark Clark, 38 Cortland Drive said I'm interested in why the Council recommended budget for 2007 as well as the \$30,000 that we're going to add is so much higher than what was expended in 2006 at \$324,026. Councilor Scanlon said it's quite simply we just have more projects. Last year we didn't have as many reconstruction projects. We have Selvoski Field being replaced. We have the Timber Town playground. We have the Town Center Park. We have just more things that we're doing this year that we were able to fit into the budget.

Moderator Van Loan asked for further discussion on Councilor Scanlon's motion to increase the budget by \$30,000 in the area of Fields under the Recreation Department.



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Paul MacEwen, 22 Moores Crossing Road said on Selvoski Field I'm not quite sure where that is. Councilor Scanlon said it's the softball field by the Town pool. Mr. MacEwen asked is that the one that has the little pond? Councilor Scanlon replied said there are a lot of wetlands around it. If you're at the Town pool and you are looking to the left of the Town pool, there's a softball field that sits down low, that's Selvoski Field. Mr. MacEwen said there's a little body of water right near it? Councilor Scanlon said yes, there are some wetlands around it. Mr. MacEwen asked what needs to be repaired to that? Councilor Scanlon replied mostly it needs to be built up and drainage put it because when it rains, it's under water. It just gets saturated. This is something we've been putting off for a while; just to make the field more playable. It's old, it's tired, and its time has come. Mr. MacEwen asked is there any way that could be postponed for another year and use your additional that you want to throw in there from that instead? You were talking about increasing the Field account. Councilor Scanlon said the revenue from that was through private donations. There was no tax impact on that \$30,000. If the committee that's raising funds for the Timber Town playground doesn't raise that additional \$30,000, it will not be spent. By removing Selvoski Field, there would be no, unless we wanted to give them an extra \$30,000 if that's what you are proposing. Mr. MacEwen said no. The way I kind of anticipated the discussion, it sounded like on anticipated donations and monies and if that didn't come about, then you have a project that's not fully completed and then where is the money coming from to complete it. Councilor Scanlon said the way it is, when we put the budget together, we anticipated that the Town would raise \$50,000, which actually \$12,000 of that will be offset by withdrawals from the Capital Reserve, so we're only raising \$38,000 in taxes with the other anticipation that this organization would raise \$50,000 to match the \$50,000 the Town had. To day they're a little over \$31,000 that they've already been able to raise. They have a fundraiser coming next week and they anticipate being able to raise over \$50,000, so the request from them came as if we're overly successful raising these funds we would like to be

able to invest those funds and maybe make the Timber Town better than we could for \$100,000. Unfortunately, since that money is coming to the Town if we don't budget to spend it, we can't spend it. So if they raised \$80,000 and gave it to us, we wouldn't have the ability to spend that \$30,000 this year because it wouldn't have been budgeted for this year, so we would be in the position where we would have to maybe put something off and allow them to do something next year, which could cost more money. You're better off, when you're doing it all, to get it all done and get it done right. It's important that if they are able to go out there and raise these funds that's just that much more that the Town of Bedford is getting for nothing. Mr. MacEwen said the field, is that number that you have is that from a bid number, somebody will do that field for? Councilor Scanlon said it's an estimate. We had people take a look at it. I believe the contractor that did the road work and the tennis courts and building the high school took a look at it and since he has his equipment there he felt he could get over there and repair that field for us with a savings. We had gotten an estimate as to what it would cost to do what we want to do, so do we have an actual this is what's going to cost us to do it, no, but we have an estimate. Mr. MacEwen said what I'm a little concerned about is originally when they took that land for that park, that was one big pond over there and then the Town filled in two thirds of it, so that field's actually on filled in land, so if there hasn't been a real hard look at that property, which is full of springs and stuff, I can see that project turning into a little bit of a nightmare. Councilor Scanlon said if the project costs more than we budgeted, it won't get done. We could if we wanted to move money from another part of the budget, but my guess would be if the quotes come back and the bids come back that are far and excessive of what we budgeted for, we probably would push that project off for another year. Mr. MacEwen said I was just wondered if it was a number that had been pulled out. Councilor Scanlon said we had gotten an estimate from the contractor, we said look this is what we want to do, what do you think? It wasn't a hard fast number, but it was like I can probably do that for this kind of money.



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Moderator Van Loan asked for further discussion on the motion to amend. Seeing none, the motion is to increase the budget by the amount of \$30,000 in the Recreational budget in the area of Fields.

Vote taken – Motion is carried.

Conservation Commission Line Item – Councilor Roy asked to make a motion.

MOTION by Councilor Roy that we increase that line by \$14,484. **Seconded by Councilor Scanlon.**

Councilor Roy asked to speak to his motion.

Councilor Roy said we were just informed that this particular item has received interest on investments through the Trust Fund in the amount of \$14,484. It's a zero impact on the tax dollar. We have the increase in revenue along with the increase in allocation.

Moderator Van Loan asked if there was further discussion. Seeing none, I'll call for a vote.

Vote taken – Motion carried.

Police Special Detail Line Item – Shuvom Goshe, 38 Hawthorne Drive asked what is a Police Special Detail? Moderator Van Loan said I believe this is just an in and out item. Councilor Kevin Keyes said when you have the Police Officers that are controlling traffic around construction projects and those types of things. Mr. Goshe said I always thought those were paid for by the construction projects, not the Town. Mr. Keyes said they are, but the construction company pays the Town and the Town has to pay the employees, so we have to come up with an estimate of how much work we expect to be done, how much of our Police services will be needed, and that's what we budget for. It's a non-tax item, but because of quirks of fund accounting we have to budget for it in this manner. Mr. Goshe said so if the estimate is less than what you put, the construction company just pays the Town less. That money is not spent. Councilor Keyes said that's correct.

Moderator Van Loan said just so everyone understands, that's what I meant by and in and out item. Under New Hampshire Municipal Law, the Town, even if it is reimbursed by a private contractor or sewer fees or whatever the case may be, the Town cannot spend money unless it appropriates the money, so although it may be what I just suggested it's an in and out item meaning that it doesn't cost us anything because somebody else ultimately pays for it, it must be part of the budget and must be appropriated.

Moderator Van Loan said according to my notes, we decreased the budget by \$18,500 in the area of Cemeteries; we increased the budget by \$2,700 for Manchester Transit Authority; we increased the budget by \$14,484 for the Conservation Commission; and we increased the budget by \$30,000 for Fields in the Recreation Department. The new number with the additions and subtractions is \$23,031,435.

Moderator Van Loan called for a vote on a motion to approve a budget for the Town of Bedford for 2007/2008 in the amount of \$23,031,435.

Vote taken – Motion carried.

MOTION to adjourn was moved and seconded.

Vote taken – Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

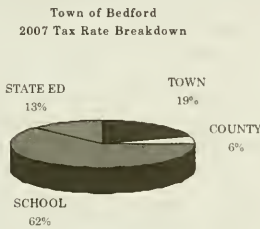


2007 TOWN POPULATION AND TAX RATE INFORMATION

RESULTS ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 13, 2007

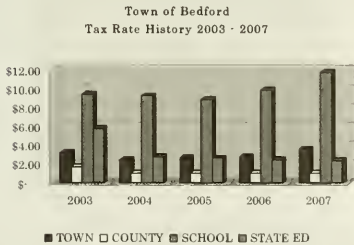
POPULATION – 22,631 (trended based on 2000 census) 2007 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$3,117,004,593

Table with 2 columns: Category (TOWN, COUNTY, LOCAL SCHOOL TAX, STATE EDUCATION TAX, COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE) and Amount (\$3.67, \$1.10, \$11.80, \$2.42, \$18.99)



Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2006 Tax Rate

Table with 2 columns: Category (TOWN, COUNTY, LOCAL SCHOOL TAX, STATE EDUCATION TAX, COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE) and Percent Change (28.8%, 1.9%, 18.6%, -2.8%, 16.2%)



ARTICLE 1: To Elect Necessary Town Officers FOR TOWN COUNCIL

For THREE Years

Table with 2 columns: Name (CHRISTOPHER BANDAIZAN, MICHAEL P IZBICKI, MICHAEL J SCANLON) and Term (1341, 1844, 1476)

For TWO Years

Table with 2 columns: Name (FRANK SLEDJESKI, ELAINE TEFFT, "BOB" YOUNG) and Term (268, 908, 1609)

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For THREE Years

Table with 2 columns: Name (EDWARD P MORAN, MELINDE LUTZ SANBORN) and Term (1952, 682)

FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For THREE Years

Table with 2 columns: Name (MARK T PEICKER, "MOE" VILLENEUVE) and Term (1664, 1136)

For TWO Years

Table with 2 columns: Name (SCOTT EARNSHAW) and Term (2490)

ARTICLE 2: PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Table with 2 columns: Amendment No. (1-8) and Status (Passed/Failed)

For Full Text of all Zoning Amendments see the 2007 Warrant printed in the Town's 2006 Annual Report beginning on page 58.



An Update from Washington
By Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter

Last year, the House of Representatives passed many important measures that affect our lives here in New Hampshire. From lowering the cost of student loans, to raising the minimum wage, to protecting middle-class families from the Alternative Minimum Tax, Congress addressed a wide range of issues that will benefit New Hampshire families.

To help families afford the rising costs of higher education, we passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which will cut interest rates in half for federal student loans, and save a typical student in New Hampshire \$4,430 over the life of a loan. The bill will also increase funding for Pell Grants for low-income students and provide loan-forgiveness for talented students who pursue public service fields like teaching or emergency response.

Congress passed legislation to protect 23 million families from a tax increase of up to several thousand dollars this year under the Alternative Minimum Tax. In July, we raised the federal minimum wage, increasing it from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour by 2009. At the same time, Congress also passed tax credits for small businesses. To find out how businesses can take advantage of the new tax benefits, visit www.sba.gov or contact my office at (603) 641-9536.

With energy prices rising, Congress increased the fuel efficiency standards for vehicles for the first time in thirty-two years. I'm also pleased that we passed an increase in funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which supports New Hampshire's Fuel Assistance Program. If you or someone you know needs help affording the cost of heating fuel this year, please

contact the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning at (603) 271-8317.

It was a busy year in my New Hampshire offices in Manchester and Dover as well, where we assisted over 1,200 individuals with inquiries to federal agencies including the passport office, Social Security, Medicare, and the VA. To apply for a passport, visit travel.state.gov and follow the online instructions, or see the Frequently Asked Questions section of my website.

Representatives from my office regularly visit towns across the First District to assist constituents in working with the federal government. For more information about the services that my office provides, please visit: www.shea-porter.house.gov.

To keep up to date on the latest developments in Washington, you can also track legislation using the Thomas search engine provided by the Library of Congress at www.thomas.gov.

I am honored to serve you in Congress, and I wish you a happy and prosperous year in 2008.

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter represents the First Congressional District of New Hampshire, which includes communities from Manchester to the Seacoast and through the Lakes Region up to Conway. Her Manchester and Dover District Offices can be reached by calling (603) 641-9536.

TOWN COUNCIL



Paul F. Roy, Sr., *Chairman*

I would like to begin by thanking the members of the Town Council for their assistance this past year as the Chair of your Town Council. Every member of the Council devotes much time and commitment to the position, and has to make many decisions in that post.



2007 was a year of change in Bedford. First, we welcomed our new Town Manager, Russell Marcoux to the position in February. In March, as we said farewell to two Council members who chose not to seek re-election, we welcomed two new members as a result of the March elections: Mike Izbicki and Bob Young. More change was yet to come with the resignation of Chairman Bill Van Anglen in May. Following that resignation, as the Council's Vice Chair, I became the Chair and Mike Izbicki was named the Vice Chair. In July, Bill Jean was unanimously elected to fill the unexpired term of Bill Van Anglen.

This year saw appointments to various Boards and Commissions, and shortly thereafter, approval of a formal Appointment Process, which was incorporated into the Council Rules of Procedure that was also adopted in June. This year, we saw the submission and adoption of Bedford's GOALS 2007 program, which incorporated joint goals of the Council and the Department Managers. Every four months, the Manager reports the status of those joint GOALS to the town. [Both the Rules of Procedure and the GOALS 2007 can be found on our WEB page.] In an effort to increase communications throughout the organization, we devote a segment of each Council agenda to meet with each of our department managers and the Chair of each of our town boards.

There are two things that are most visible in town: road improvement and winter road maintenance. The voters of Bedford have thus far approved \$20 million for road reconstruction. In 2007, in addition to the various roads that were rehabilitated through normal maintenance, Back River Road, Smith Road, County Road and Nashua Road were reconstructed along with other roads connecting to these major roads. (More details of all the affected roads is included in the Public Works Report.) In 2008, we will be spending the remaining \$4 million of the \$20 million road bonds, and we should be readdressing this road program for future funding.

The next most visible area is winter road maintenance, also known as snow removal! While we have experienced mild winters, the winter of 2007/2008 is proving to be a "real" winter! In December alone we saw the highest snow fall in recent memory, which means our highway maintenance crews are called into service on

weekends, nights and holidays, which seems to be when our biggest storms seems to appear!! Although our snow removal budget for 2007 was adequate, it was only as a result of the mild winter of 2006/2007. We do not expect that to be the case this current winter. While on this subject, I want to take a moment to thank all of our highway crews on behalf of the Council for an excellent job of keeping our roads clear of snow and ice.

Another major interaction with our residents is our Policies and Ordinances. This year, the Town Council amended our Building Code and Fire Code. In addition, the Council approved both an official Public Health and Temporary Sign Ordinance. We also approved an Energy Challenge Resolution and our involvement in *MetroCenter NH*, which is a regional organization to delve into such issues as economic development and transportation. The Council also met with the School Board on two occasions, and among its joint goals was the passage of a Memorandum of Understanding for school and town facilities and fields.

Many years ago, the town implemented an impact fee for roads from developers whose new projects were going to impact the town roads. Hannaford will be building a new store and pharmacy on Rt. 101, at the intersection of Hardy and Jenkins Road. The town was successful in having Hannaford pay the town's municipal share of those fees (\$227,000). Those funds are held in escrow awaiting completion of those improvements. That impact is both on a state road and local town roads.

Our Bedford Boston Post Cane program saw another transition this year. In May, long time resident and centenarian Doris Tarr Bongers assumed ownership of the cane. It was a pleasure presenting her with the Boston Post Cane and wishing her continued good health. She turned 100 in September. The Boston Post Cane tradition started in 1909.

During this year, the Council voted to amend and increase the following tax exemptions: Deaf and Hearing Impaired, Surviving Spouse and Senior Exemptions. The Council also approved our Fire Departments Labor Contract which had been outstanding. We also participated in the official grand opening and open house at Bedford's new High School and Lurgio Middle School in



September. This was truly a proud moment for Bedford.

Lastly, although she passed away in early January, 2008, I would be remiss if I did not mention the unfortunate passing of our long-time friend and town volunteer: Dorothy "Dottie" Witzel. She was recently named Supervisor of Checklist Emeritus by the Town Council in honor of her long-time relationship with the Town of Bedford. We will all miss her. I am also pleased that we are dedicating this Annual Report in her memory.

Even in a year of change, your Town Council was occupied with many agenda activities and policy items. I have enjoyed this past year as the Chairman of the Town Council, and would like to thank my fellow Councilors for their support and patience as we worked through a year of change and addressed the future needs of our community. I would also like to thank our Town Manager, as well as the Department Managers and employees for their hard work and dedication to making Bedford a better place to live, work, enjoy recreation and raise a family.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



Russell R. Marcoux, *Town Manager*
(with Executive Assistant Dawn Boufford)

I have just now completed my first year as your Town Manager. As you know, 2007 was a very busy year for the Town of Bedford. Not only did you get a new Town Manager, we had three new faces on the Town Council, along with a new Chair. Organizationally, when I arrived here, we had a vacancy in our Planner II position. We also knew that mid-year we would experience the expected retirement of our long time and well-

respected Planning Director, Karen White. Fortunately through the search process we located Rick Sawyer, who at the time was a Planner in Nashua. He assumed the Planner position in April, and worked side by side with Karen for a smooth transition to the Planning Director position. We were then fortunate to hire Cynthia May, who came to us from another community, as our Planner II.

As you know, our Parks and Recreation Director, Craig Sanderson was called to military duty. Late in the year, he decided that he would serve out his commitment to the military full-time. We were fortunate to have a staff on board that knew the processes and programs, and they worked diligently to be sure the Town of Bedford did not miss a beat in providing those services. This presents us with the opportunity for reorganization that will provide some growth and opportunity to our staff.

As you have heard me say before, I have been fortunate to inherit a good team of department managers and employees who have been very supportive, and willing to tackle some new ground. Credit goes to my predecessor, Keith Hickey, for his selection and staff grooming process. Although I could spend much time outlining all that has been accomplished this year, I direct you to our GOALS 2007 program that was completed this year for a summary of the many projects that we have worked on. That summary is located on our WEB page, and a copy is included in this report. We are currently in the process of presenting the GOALS 2008 program to the Council.

Unfortunately, this year, we saw two of our major road improvement projects on Rt. 101 and Rt. 3 postponed indefinitely by the NH-DOT. The Council has taken the position that the Route 101 project is important enough for public safety purposes alone, to address that project through our road bond program. Though not completed at this time, it is being addressed by the Council. On the brighter side of road improvements, your Roads Improvement Program continued this year with major work done in the Back River Road corridor, Nashua and County Road along with the Smith Road area. We are planning to complete the last \$4m of the \$20 million in road improvements in 2008.



Our first Budget was completed on schedule and reviewed by the Town Council. It is currently in the final hearing stage before the Budgetary Town Meeting on March 5, 2008. A copy of our entire Budget message can be seen on our WEB page.

Overall, this has been an exciting year and at the same time, a year of change. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Bedford as your Town Manager. Our Department Managers and all our employees strive to provide a positive experience for the citizens of Bedford when they come in contact with Bedford's town government, whether it be Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Assessing, Vehicle Registration or the many other departments that make up our town government. I am impressed with our employees' willingness to deliver services and work as a team to complete those goals. In addition, we would not have been able to accomplish what we did this year without the support and encouragement of our Town Council. We thank them as well for their support.

Please take a moment to surf our WEB page, www.bedfordnh.org. If you have any suggestions on we can improve your town government please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail at rmarcoux@ci.bedford.nh.us. Also, if you have the desire to serve your community, please feel free to contact our office with your areas of interest. Good government is made up of interested and involved citizens, and there are a myriad of boards, committees and commissions that welcome new ideas.

MEET YOUR DEPARTMENT MANAGERS



Front row, left to right: David Bailey, Police Chief; Wanda Jenkins, Town Clerk; Rick Sawyer, Town Planner; Crystal Dionne, CFO; MaryAnn Senatro, Library Director. Back row, left to right: Russ Marcoux, Town Manager; Brian Davis, IT Manager; Bill Ingalls, Assessor; Bill Jennings, BCTV; Scott Wiggin, Fire Chief; Jim Stanford, DFW Director; Jane O'Brien, Parks & Rec.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENTS

Crystal A. Dionne, CPA · Director

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

During 2007, the Town portion of the tax rate increased \$0.82, or 28.8% from \$2.85 to \$3.67 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The increase in the tax rate is due to a variety of factors. These include additional debt service payments commencing on the 2005 Road Bond, the addition of 4 new positions within the police department, expenses related to full year staffing of 5 new firefighter positions added in the 2006 budget, 3 additional firefighters positions, a substantial increase in the veterans' tax credit from \$100 to \$500, and general inflationary increases in operating costs. It is important to note that the property tax rate consists of four individual tax rates: town, county, school and state education. For any given year, the Department of Revenue Administration finalizes this rate in September or October. Therefore, the first half tax bill represents an estimate of your tax liability. Once the rate is set, the second half tax bill is adjusted to reflect this change in rate. It is also important to note that property taxes are due each July 1st and December 1st. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to statutory interest charges.

The Tax Collector's office is also responsible for all motor vehicle registrations. We are continuing with our online renewal process as a convenience to our residents. Motor vehicle registrations can be renewed online by visiting the town's website and clicking the *E-Reg license plate*. Not only can residents complete straight renewals online, but they can also receive instant quotes for motor vehicle state and town fees. Simply, fill in the fields with the requested vehicle information and E-Reg will calculate an estimate of the fees within seconds.

For further information regarding tax collections and/or motor vehicle registrations, including frequently asked questions, please visit the Tax Collector/MV Reg page, listed under Town Offices on our website, www.bedfordnh.org



FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

The Finance Department prepared its third Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) during 2007 for the 2006 calendar year. This report combines the Town's audited financial statements with a complete management analysis of the Town's financial health as well as various statistical tables, which provide valuable information for the last ten years. This report continues to meet the strict reporting standards of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and as such has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for all three years of compilation, 2004, 2005 and 2006. It is our intent to continue with this award program and submit our 2007 CAFR once complete.

The staff in both the Finance and Tax Collection offices, deserve my heartfelt thanks for all they do. Each staff member has shown a commitment and dedication to the Town that should make the residents of this community proud.

The following schedules are preliminary based upon the information available at the time of report printing. Final schedules may be obtained in the Town's CAFR once our financial audit is complete in the spring of 2008.

Treasurer's Report - Unaudited
 Treasurer: Edith Schmidtchen
 Assistant Treasurer: Daniel Murphy

General Operating Fund	
Balance January 1, 2007	\$13,264,373
Receipts:	
Tax Collector	63,203,536
Town Offices	3,656,022
Interest Earned	484,979
Total Receipts:	67,344,537
Total Available:	\$80,608,910
Disbursements:	
Town Charges	18,811,419
County	3,440,089
School District	44,269,969
Total Disbursements:	\$66,521,477
Balance December 31, 2007	\$14,087,433
<i>Escrow Accounts Various Depositors</i>	
Balance January 1, 2007	\$3,002,962
Receipts	706,078
Disbursements	(1,931,373)
Interest Earned	10,239
Balance December 31, 2007	\$1,787,906

Tax Collector's Report - Unaudited
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Uncollected Taxes, January 1, 2007:		
Property Taxes	-	1,457,632
Current Use	-	23,095
Yield Taxes	-	4,526
Sewer Rents	-	218,589
Taxes Committed, Fiscal Year 2007:		
Property Taxes	58,619,062	-
Current Use	151,660	-
Yield Taxes	4,488	-
Sewer Rents	724,222	-
Overpayments:	58,775	-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes:	135,144	-
Totals:	\$59,693,351	\$1,703,842
Collections During Fiscal Year 2007:		
Property Taxes	56,756,982	945,939
Current Use	136,660	23,095
Yield Taxes	4,482	4,526
Sewer Rents	521,346	218,589
Interest	135,144	-
Liens Executed	-	348,848
Overpayments:	58,775	-
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	1,922	32,192
Sewer	-	-
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2007:		
Property Taxes	1,860,158	130,653
Current Use	15,000	-
Yield Taxes	6	-
Sewer Rents	202,876	-
Totals:	\$59,693,351	\$1,703,842

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

	2006	2005	2004	Prior
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2007		122,032	29,786	169
Liens Executed In 2007	348,848			
Collections During Fiscal Year 2007	218,195	85,463	29,734	42
Unredeemed Liens December 31, 2007	130,653	36,569	52	127



STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/07

Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1992 Sewer Bonds (1998 refinance)				1999 Landfill Closure Bond			
2008	150,000	37,812	187,812	2008	100,000	53,760	153,760
2009	155,000	31,212	186,212	2009	100,000	49,280	149,280
2010	165,000	24,238	189,238	2010	100,000	44,800	144,800
2011	170,000	16,606	186,606	2011	100,000	40,320	140,320
2012	175,000	8,531	183,531	2012	100,000	35,840	135,840
Total	\$ 815,000	\$ 118,399	\$ 933,399	2013	100,000	31,360	131,360
1994 Public Safety Complex Bonds (2004 refinance)				2014	100,000	26,880	126,880
2008	110,000	19,881	129,881	2015	100,000	22,400	122,400
2009	105,000	17,406	122,406	2016	100,000	17,920	117,920
2010	105,000	14,781	119,781	2017	100,000	13,440	113,440
2011	100,000	11,894	111,894	2018	100,000	8,960	108,960
2012	100,000	8,894	108,894	2019	100,000	4,480	104,480
2013	95,000	5,894	100,894	Total	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 349,440	\$ 1,549,440
2014	90,000	2,925	92,925	2003 Road Reconstruction Bond			
Total	\$ 705,000	\$ 81,675	\$ 786,675	2008	800,000	134,400	934,400
1995 Library Bond (2004 refinance)				2009	800,000	113,000	913,000
2008	125,000	32,581	157,581	2010	800,000	90,000	890,000
2009	125,000	28,988	153,988	2011	800,000	65,000	865,000
2010	120,000	25,150	145,150	2012	800,000	39,000	839,000
2011	120,000	21,700	141,700	2013	800,000	13,000	813,000
2012	115,000	18,031	133,031	Total	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 454,400	\$ 5,254,400
2013	115,000	14,150	129,150	2005 Road Reconstruction Bond (issued 2006)			
2014	115,000	10,125	125,125	2008	1,200,000	426,000	1,626,000
2015	110,000	6,119	116,119	2009	1,200,000	381,000	1,581,000
2016	110,000	2,063	112,063	2010	1,200,000	336,000	1,536,000
Total	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 158,907	\$ 1,213,907	2011	1,200,000	288,000	1,488,000
2001 Joppa Hill Land Purchase				2012	1,200,000	240,000	1,440,000
2008	230,000	38,410	268,410	2013	1,200,000	192,000	1,392,000
2009	230,000	29,210	259,210	2014	1,200,000	144,000	1,344,000
2010	230,000	19,780	249,780	2015	1,200,000	96,000	1,296,000
2011	230,000	10,005	240,005	2016	1,200,000	48,000	1,248,000
Total	\$ 920,000	\$ 97,405	\$ 1,017,405	Total	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 2,151,000	\$ 12,951,000
Grand Total Bonded Debt:							
\$ 20,295,000 \$ 3,411,226 \$ 23,706,226							



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Town Council
Town of Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Bedford's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supple-

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mentary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The introductory section, supplementary statements and schedules, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Melanson Heath + Company P.C.

Nashua, New Hampshire
February 28, 2007



TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2006

	General	Road Reconstruction Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 21,905,293	\$ 10,971,641	\$ 3,698,014	\$ 36,574,948
Investments	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000
Receivables:				
Property taxes, net	1,544,816	-	-	1,544,816
Departmental and other	213,351	-	46,581	259,932
Intergovernmental	-	33,907	-	33,907
Due from other funds	115,209	-	11,083	126,292
Prepaid items	237,843	-	-	237,843
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 26,016,512	\$ 11,005,548	\$ 3,755,678	\$ 40,777,738
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 503,778	\$ 147,460	\$ -	\$ 651,238
Accrued liabilities	234,126	-	-	234,126
Retainage payable	15,760	198,427	-	214,187
Deferred revenues	163,836	-	-	163,836
Tax refunds liability	39,782	-	-	39,782
Due to other funds	11,083	112,459	2,750	126,292
Due to other governments	18,695,813	-	-	18,695,813
Other liabilities	-	-	69	69
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,664,178	458,346	2,819	20,125,343
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	451,587	3,415,738	-	3,867,325
Prepaid items	237,843	-	-	237,843
Other purposes	1,303,849	-	-	1,303,849
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	25,255	25,255
Unreserved:				
Undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	4,359,055	-	-	4,359,055
Special revenue funds	-	-	3,726,329	3,726,329
Capital project funds	-	7,131,464	-	7,131,464
Permanent funds	-	-	1,275	1,275
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	6,352,334	10,547,202	3,752,859	20,652,395
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 26,016,512	\$ 11,005,548	\$ 3,755,678	\$ 40,777,738



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Chloe S. Cox

President

Jeffrey R. Emery

Executive Director



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



*Roger Grenier, Information Support Technician
Brian Davis, IT Manager*

2007 saw another increase in the overall size of the network, both in infrastructure and computers. More and more employees are finding the need for computers in their normal, daily activities. There were an additional 5 computers installed throughout the town providing access to key town resources and applications for these employees.

The Technology Replacement Program (TRP) continues to be a critical component to the health and stability of the town's network resources. By identifying a life cycle for each component on the network, the IT department has been successful in keeping the town's resources up to date with a commitment from the Town Council to provide the funding necessary. The final steps of the TRP began in 2007 with the Business Impact Analysis plan. The BIA plan started in 2007 with the identification of critical resources on the town's network. Further steps in the coming year will categorize these resources to include a calculated impact of loss for each should a loss occur.

A town wide desktop management software/hardware solution was purchased to better facilitate the increase in desktop support needed as the network grows. This system will allow deployment of network resources and applications to all town computers via an administrative control panel that will significantly decrease the amount of time that would be spent on helpdesk type activities. As well, new computers requiring software installations will nearly be automatic providing another increase in time to deploy.

In public safety, an outdated server was replaced, providing improved communication and access to

data. As part of this upgrade, the old communication methods to access key data used by police officers in their vehicles was upgraded to a secured, Verizon Wireless mobile data network. This proved to be faster and more reliable than methods used in the past.

Pictometry, a state of the art aerial photography information system was purchased and installed in a test environment. This new view of the entire town in high resolution images will allow departments like Planning, Public Works and others to better assess community impact to developments around town by visually comparing before and after results. In the future, Police and Fire will be able to use this tool to plan for major events, review tactics use in certain events and to plan for disasters.

Spam became a very large nuisance and time waster for the town in 2007. Spam and viruses were in the increase and some users were getting upwards of 50 spam messages a day. IT researched many different solutions to combat this growing problem. In the middle of June, 2007 a new Barracuda Networks Spam Firewall was purchase and installed to help combat this growing problem. Since its installation, over 3 million emails have been scanned and a staggering 96% were blocked for being spam. In addition, a further 2% were tagged as possible spam allowing for quick dismissal should they be, in fact, spam.

In 2007, the town's website was rated one of the best in the area for simplicity and information. We look forward to further improving its form and function in the coming year.

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Goldberg, Chairman

2007 proved to be a year of transition in the staff associated with the Planning Board. The members of the Planning Board said farewell to Bedford's first Planning Director Karen White who retired in August after 18 years of service to the Town. Karen had professionally overseen nearly two decades of extreme residential and commercial growth throughout the community and will be missed. The Chairman participated in the selection process of hiring a new Planning



Director early in the year. Rick Sawyer was hired as the new Director and started in April. Cynthia May was hired in July to fill the vacant Planner II position. The Board welcomed the new Town Manager Russ Marcoux as an ex-officio member replacing former Manager Keith Hickey. All of the new staff quickly showed the ability to provide professional support to the Board.

2007 continued the recent trend of extremely limited residential growth with only 11 new lots being created with another 11 lots having been approved but not recorded by years end. The 61 lot Preserve subdivision which was granted comprehensive approval in 2006 was granted a time extension and an alternative lot and roadway configuration in 2007. Commercial applications increased slightly from 2006 with a total of 216,863 square feet of new space being approved. A proposed workout club and wellness center at the intersection of Donald Street and Route 114 consumes 160,000 of the square feet approved in 2007.

Planning Board had a total of 96 agenda items in 2007. 13 conceptual reviews were completed for many projects which are likely to be submitted for final review in 2008 including a Kohl's Department Store and restaurant on Kilton Road, a fast food and retail development on South River Road and a mixed use development (160 elderly housing units, 84 assisted living units & 75,000 square feet of commercial space) at the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Route 101. Numerous previously-approved projects applied for extensions of time to complete conditions or begin construction.

Statistics for 2007:

- 7 Site Plans = 216,863 square feet of new commercial/industrial space
- 6 Change of Use Site Plans
- 6 Subdivision Plans = 22 new residential lots (11 recorded)
- 8 Lot Line Adjustment Plans
- 6 Home Occupation Permits
- 13 Conceptual reviews
- 50 Miscellaneous Items – minor plans, waivers, time extensions, comprehensive plans, design reviews, discussions, continued items and reports.

Major developments reviewed or approved included:

- Workout Club & Wellness Center – 160,000 square feet on Donald Street
- Bedford Self-Storage – 18,842 square foot expansion

- CVS – 14,839 square feet on South River Road
- Kohl's & Restaurant – Concept for 105,072 square feet on Kilton Road
- Hawthorne-Bedford – Design review for 160 elderly housing units, 84 assisted living units & 75,000 SF of commercial space at the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Route 101
- Unnamed Fast Food & Retail – Concept for 14,829 square feet on South River Road
- Holiday Retirement – Design review for a 97-unit congregate care facility on Meetinghouse Road
- Governor's View – Design review for a 13 lot subdivision off of Pulpit Road
- Governor's Ridge – Design review for a 12 lot subdivision off of Pulpit Road

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Rick Sawyer, AICP, Director

Personnel Changes

2007 was a year of significant change within the Planning and Zoning Department. Karen White retired in August after serving as Planning Director for eighteen years. Karen was Bedford's first professional planner and she was extremely influential in maintaining Bedford's desirability during two decades of unprecedented growth. Rick Sawyer was hired in April as the new Director and was able to work with Karen for four months prior to her departure. Rick comes to Bedford with 10 years of planning experience with the City of Nashua, NH. In July Cynthia May joined the Department as a Planner II replacing long time resident and planner Nancy Larson who had left in December of 2006 to become the Planning and Zoning Administrator for the Town of Merrimack. Cynthia is a registered Landscape Architect who brings with her years of experience in planning in the public and private sectors. Karen Elmer, Planner I took on added responsibility and additional night meetings to help maintain the high level of service that the Department provides to the boards, commissions and citizens during this year of transition.

Development Trends

New commercial and residential applications to the Planning Board remained similar to 2006 which continue to be well below the levels seen earlier in the decade. The decline in residential development is partially attributed to the limited supply of available land in Bedford coupled with the nationwide downturn in the housing market. The Planning Staff has been busy working with several potential large developments including, a Kohl's Department Store and restaurant on Kilton



Road, a fast food and retail development on South River Road and a mixed use development (160 elderly housing units, 84 assisted living units & 75,000 square feet of commercial space) at the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Route 101. The staff routinely fields questions from developers who mostly represent nationally known clients who want to be located in Bedford. Several project started or continued construction during 2007 including, CVS, Hannaford, Country Inn & Suites, Bentley Commons and Bedford Self Storage.

Transportation Planning

2007 was a year of unprecedented change in the State of New Hampshire’s Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan when approximately two billion dollars worth of projects were cut from the Plan including the proposed widening of Route 101 from Old Bedford Road to Wallace Road in Bedford. The State has also made it clear that due to inflation in the construction industry, a reduction in the gas tax revenue and with an expected cut in federal aid in 2008 that many projects will only be able to be completed with significant local funding or changes in the DOT funding mechanism. The Route 3 bridge over the F.E. Everett Turnpike was also cut but was later restored when highway toll prices were raised state wide. The Route 3 bridge is rapidly deteriorating and is priority number 63 on the State’s Red List. The State began construction of the Airport Access Roadway in July and it is expected to take approximately three years to complete. Construction of the Hardy/Jenkins Road and Route 101 signalized intersection is expected to begin in late winter of 2008. The Planning Board adopted an updated Route 3 Corridor Access Management Plan in September.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christopher Bandazian, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducts hearings on applications for relief from land use regulations. The most common types of applications concern requests for:

- 1) Variance from use or dimensional requirements;
- 2) Special Exceptions;
- 3) Equitable Waiver from dimensional requirements; and
- 4) Appeal from decisions of Administrative Officials.

Where there are unique or extenuating circumstances, the Board of Adjustment provides an avenue for relief from restrictions and for local resolution of land use issues. The Board of Adjustment can grant an application if the legal requirements for relief are met. However, the Board of Adjustment cannot grant relief if it would be the equivalent of rezoning or amending a zoning ordinance. After hearing evidence for or against an application, the Board of Adjustment deliberates and votes on all requests in public session.

In 2007, the Board of Adjustment heard 30 applications for variances, 3 applications for special exceptions, 1 application for an equitable waiver and 1 administrative appeal. The majority of the applications filed in 2007 were variance applications for relief from lot line or wetland setback requirements and special exception applications for accessory apartments for family members. The distribution of applications is reflective of the maturing status of development in Bedford. Of the applications decided in 2007, 28 were approved or approved in part, 5 were denied or denied in part and 2 were dismissed or withdrawn.

Members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Town Council. The Board of Adjustment is comprised of 5 regular members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council, and 3 alternate members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council. Karin Elmer, a member of the Planning Department, attends all ZBA meetings and provides information to the Board.

Applications to request a hearing and the meeting schedule of the Board of Adjustment (usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month) are available at the Town Offices and also are available online at the Town website, www.bedfordnh.org. Completed applications are due no later than 14 days prior to the desired hearing date. The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquiries regarding zoning questions and assists individuals with application procedures.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING

David Preece, AICP, SNHPC Exec. Director

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and



resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year are as follows:

- 1) Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 2) Conducted traffic counts at 40 locations in the Town of Bedford and forwarded data to the Town's Planning Director;
- 3) Coordinated Flexible Road Design Standards and Amendments to Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable meetings, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 4) Coordinated and facilitated region-wide Water Supply Task Force meetings on May 19, 2007 and October 17, 2007, on the proposed Merrimack River Basin and Groundwater Studies, which impact Bedford;
- 5) Facilitated a region-wide Brownfields Advisory Committee meeting on October 30, 2007, which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 6) Facilitated four Conservation Commission Institute forums on the Wildlife Action Plan, Natural Services Network, Open Space Plan, and Conservation Easements;
- 7) Continued participation in the planning process for proposed improvements at the NH 101/Hardy Road intersection;
- 8) Participated in the review process for improvements related to the new Bedford High School;
- 9) Sponsored three Planning Forums: Food Security and Agricultural Sustainability on October 9, 2007; Energy Sustainability on November 5, 2007; and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on April 19, 2007;

- 10) Hosted New Zoning Board Member Training on February 29, 2007, which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 11) Adopted, printed, and distributed copies of the Regional Comprehensive Plan to Bedford officials;
- 12) Prepared and distributed a Community Planning Assessment of the Town's policies and regulations to the Bedford Planning Board as part of the CTAP project;
- 13) Hosted a Legislation Open House in Concord for Legislative officials on March 20, 2007;
- 14) Digitized land use based on 2005 orthophotography into a GIS database for all of the SNHPC communities; and
- 15) Participated in regional economic development discussions with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce regarding Metro Center, which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 16) Coordinated review process for proposed developments of regional impact affecting the Town.

Bedford's Representatives to the Commission
 David J. Danielson
 Edward P. Moran, Jr.
 Harold Newberry
 Lori Radke – Alt.
 Michael Izbicki – Alt.
 Bedford's Executive Committee Member
 David J. Danielson

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Doris Peck Spurway, Secretary

The Board of Trustees, Donald Folsom, Chairman, Ralph Dieter, and Howard Frizzell held four (4) meetings during 2007.

Lot sales included 9, of which 1 was a 4-place lot; 7 were two-place lots and one was a single lot totaling \$10,800. Total burials were 22; 10 cremations and 12 full burials. Other transactions included three transfers and/or replacements. A new three-year contract for cemetery maintenance was signed this year with Einstein's Inc., a company located in Townsend, MA.

The trustees care for three other small cemeteries in town: Joppa Hill, Beals Rd. and Back River Rd. All fall under the category "historic" due to their original opening dates. The "Walker Monument", a historic site on Station Rd. is also maintained by the trustees.

For any information regarding rules and operation of these cemeteries, please contact one of the trustees.



SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Benita Diamond, Chairperson
Joan McMahan, Elaine Tefft

As of December 2007, the voting list recorded 3,043 Democrats 6,705 Republicans and 5,016 Undeclared, for a total of 14,764 registered voters.

Before each election the Supervisors of the Checklist hold evening and Saturday sessions for registration of new voters, as well as corrections to the checklist. These sessions are posted in the Town Office and the Library, and published in local newspapers. Residents may also register, correct or change their party at the Town Offices during regular office hours. Eligible residents are also allowed to register at the polls on voting days.

The Supervisors wish to thank Wanda Jenkins, Town Clerk, and her staff for handling the majority of registrations.

BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON COMMITTEE

The Bedford Village Common is town-owned land situated south of the Bedford Library and bordered by Bell Hill Road, Route 101, and Meetinghouse Road. The 9.44-acre parcel lies within the Historic District. During 2007, the Bedford Village Common Committee (BVCC) gave presentations before the Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Highway Safety Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Board, and Town Council to explain the various components of the master plan and site plan, to gather recommendations, and to gain approval of the plan. In November, a Dredge & Fill Application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Services along with a proposed Conservation Easement as required by wetland impact regulations. A model of the proposed Common, created by Kelley Comeau of TF Moran, is currently on display at the Bedford Library.

In Spring 2008, the Committee hopes to move forward with the installation of a fence along Route 101 to signify the boundaries of the Common and to organize a private fund-raising appeal to fund further development of the various components of the plan.

The BVCC is a Town Council appointed committee consisting of Beverly Thomas (Chair), Jayne Spaulding (Vice-Chr.), Jeanene Procopis (Sec.), Kristin Desmarais, Mervyn Taub, and Tom Riley. Town Representatives are Michael Scanlon (Town Council), Kevin Keyes (Town Council Alternate), and Cynthia May (Planning Department). Anne Cruess of TF Moran donates her consulting services to the group. The BVCC remains committed to providing volunteer assistance to the Town Council and Parks & Recreation Commission with the goal of developing a town common for the benefit of the citizens of our community.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission met for 11 regular meetings during 2007, and once for a site walk. A total of 22 applications were filed and heard. The Commission approved 6 commercial signs, 10 residential renovations, 4 landscape changes, and one above ground pool in the Historic District. There were no applications for new commercial buildings or renovations, nor were there any applications for new residential buildings.

Throughout the year, the Historic District Commission updated various components of the application in their continued effort to improve the Historic District review process. In January, the Commission approved a revised application form. During March, all property owners within the Historic District were mailed post cards informing them that the Historic District regulations had been recently updated. During the November meeting, the Commission accepted a redesigned Certificate of Approval/Notice of Disapproval.

The Historic District Commission continued to identify properties within the Historic District where possible violations of the regulations had been observed. These areas of concern were brought to the attention of the Zoning Department for follow-up.

There was an announcement that the Bedford Presbyterian Church received notification of designation to the National Register of Historic Places on June 12, 2007. At the June meeting, the Commission also heard a presentation from



the Bedford Village Common Committee for a discussion of the proposed park at the intersection of Route 101 and Bell Hill Road. In August, Town Councilor Bill Jean introduced Cynthia A. May, as the new Planner II and staff person serving the Historic District Commission.

Gregor Zimmermann continued to serve as Chairperson of the Historic District Commission through the entire year. Town Councilor Normand Longval served as the Council Representative through March, at which time Paul Roy was appointed to that seat. Greg Zimmermann and Bill Jean were re-elected to the Chair and Vice Chair positions in June. After the Town Council vacancy was filled in August, Bill Jean stepped down as Vice Chairperson for the Historic District Commission to become the Town Council Representative for the remainder of that term (through March 2008), and Councilor Roy moved to fill the Town Council Alternate position. Beverly Thomas was elected by the Commission to become the new Vice Chairperson. As for other Commission members, Andrew Noyes was re-appointed as an Alternate Commission member to a 3 year term. Laura O'Donnell was appointed as an Alternate Commission member, filling the 3 year position that has been vacant for a few years. Pamela Weeks-Dorji was also appointed as new Alternate Commission member in April for a one year term as a replacement for Timmie Maine Miller, who resigned earlier in the year due to scheduling and time constraints. Debbie Sklar served as a regular member, representing the Planning Board. Karen McGinley had been appointed as the Planning Board Alternate, but stepped down from that position due to scheduling conflicts later in the year, and that position has remained open.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

William H. Ingalls, Assessor

During the 2007 year, after including construction finished in 2007 that began in 2006, as well as any projects that began in early 2007, the Town of Bedford experienced a net growth of 1.3%. This is the slowest rate of growth Bedford experienced in many years; attributable to both a slowdown of the residential real estate market, and that several commercial projects simply have not

begun construction yet or are at this time only partially completed.

Residential	\$2,609,047,400
Com/Ind	\$490,317,800
Utilities	\$31,484,600
Exempt	\$88,243,978
Total	\$3,219,098,778

Property tax exemptions and credits totaled \$13,124,807; during 2007, the Bedford Town Council voted to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit to \$500 from \$100, the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit to \$2000 from \$1400, the Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit to \$2000 from \$1400, the 65-74 Senior Tax Exemption to \$76,350 from \$25,000, the 75-79 Senior Tax Exemption to \$81,350 from \$30,000, and the Senior Tax Exemption for those 80 years of age and older to \$120,000 from \$52,000.

The total assessed value of any property-residential, commercial, or exempt not completed by April 1, 2007, will not be reflected in the above listed amounts; total assessed values reflect the state of completion and physical condition of all property as of April 1. The total assessed value of all property completed after April 1, 2007 will be included in the numbers for 2008.

The total number of property conveyances in Bedford as reported by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration was 536; this is only two (2) less than in 2006.

We have all seen and heard for over a year now, about the sub prime adjustable rate mortgage situation, the foreclosures that have resulted, and how market values are plummeting across the country. Here in New Hampshire, we are weathering the storm better than most of the rest of the country. Information from several real estate trade journals indicates while things can always be better, they could also easily be a lot worse. Over the past year, real estate values across New Hampshire have declined an average of only 5%; in many areas they really haven't declined at all. In New Hampshire just under 30% of all residential improved property has no mortgage balance. Across the state foreclosures represent .44 of one percent of residential properties with mortgages. During the worst time most of us can remember, 1993, foreclosures represented .80 of one percent of such properties.



Foreclosures are predicted to peak mid 2008, and things are predicted to improve once the dust settles. In Bedford, during the period used by the Department of Revenue Administration to determine our assessment to sale ratio each year (October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007) it appears residential real estate declined only 2.2% overall. However, as is the case across the state, many areas in town have not declined at all; 86% of residential homes sold this period sold for more than their assessed value – only 14% sold either at or below their assessed value. So yes things have slowed some, but it is not catastrophic and there is no wholesale sell off of houses here in town; we are seeing fewer sales at the moment but the prices are not dropping as much as they are elsewhere.

As of December 31, 2007, the classification or specific property types are as follows:

Single Family Residence	6164
Residential Multi Family	45
Residential Vacant	463
Residential Mobile Home	6
Residential Condominiums	610
Commercial/Industrial Improved	522
Commercial/Industrial Vacant	43
Exempt	253
Utilities	28
Total	8,134

The Assessor's Office is continuing with the ongoing data re-verification and inspection program for the valuation update presently scheduled for 2008. In order to satisfy the "value anew at least once every five years" requirement of the State Constitution, this office will continuously re-verify and re-inspect properties throughout each year. Physical property characteristics either missed or changed will be added or removed from properties (if you've filled in a pool or torn down a shed let us know about it); this way, we can put off the majority of the cost of another revaluation and still use the most up to date information as possible. We ask and thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance in this important process.

A public access computer terminal is available in the assessing lobby along with tax maps for property research. Copies of records are available for a nominal fee. Assessment information can be accessed online at www.visionappraisal.com, and

maps/abutters lists for individual lots are available at www.mapsonline.net. Assessing office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mervyn Taub, Chairman

The slow-down in applications was very apparent as the year progressed. This year we recommended 8 applications against 18 in 2006, and 13 in 2005. These requests for dredge and fill permits, totaled 3 1/3 acres (144,748 sq. ft.) of which over 56,340 sq. ft. were for the Town or School Board projects. There were 2 mitigation offerings; one for 7.63 acres from the School Board, which will be put into permanent conservation with the Bedford Land Trust as the grantee of the easement; the other, which is still being finalized, will put 83 acres into permanent conservation on lands abutting the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. This is a very valuable addition to the Town's premier conservation property, and will considerably enhance its recreation and conservation possibilities. The report of the Pulpit Rock Sub-committee is below.

We were very sorry to lose Kermit Zerr as a commission member and also as the chair of the sub-committee on the wetlands. We thank him for his counsel and service and wish him well. The chair of the wetlands sub-committee has been assumed by Karen Simmons, whose efforts are much appreciated. Their report is below.

I would like to express my thanks to the Commission members, particularly the Vice-Chair, Glenn Boston who has ably deputized for me on several occasions, and the other members, Karen Simmons, David Brown, Anthony Clark and Landy Labonte, and the representatives from the Town Council and the Planning Board. Finally, our thanks to Karen Elmer, Planner, who is a tireless assistant and endless provider of answers to complex questions.

Wetlands Subcommittee

The Wetlands Subcommittee was established with approval from the Town Council in the summer of 2007. The goal of the Subcommittee is to explore ways to encourage people to care for wetlands and



respect wetlands buffers. The Subcommittee was chaired by Conservation Commission member Kermit Zerr. The other representative from the Commission is Karen Simmons. Members from the public are Richard Moore, Mark DellOrfano, George Drewett and Kathlene Bennis. Unfortunately, due to health concerns Kermit has stepped down. Karen Simmons is now chairing the Subcommittee, with David Brown from the Conservation Commission taking her place.

The group is educating itself about wetlands and buffers, and several members attended a seminar presented by the Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. In an effort to share this knowledge with others, the Subcommittee plans to hold an education session for the public, lead by experts in the field. Several other endeavors are being discussed.

Pulpit Rock Subcommittee

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission is charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area and invites you to visit your conservation area. It is a great choice when you are looking for a hike that is close to home, with over 3 ½ miles of moderate to difficult trails. Pulpit Rock committee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Clark Gott, Ray Landry, Doug Pryce, Eric Soederberg, and Conservation Commission Representative, Anthony Clark. Our thanks are extended to those who have helped out in past years at the Pulpit for our annual workdays and we would welcome your help. This year promises to be a busy one with the possibility of additional trails being developed. The Pulpit Rock workday will be scheduled for some weekend in late April or early May. Please check the Bedford newspapers in April for the date.

BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION

Don Foster – Chairman

The Bedford Parks & Recreation Department is dedicated to providing the diverse needs of a growing population with a variety of recreational, social and cultural activities and is responsible for preserving and maintaining the parks and the

recreation facilities that the Town has to offer its residents.

A number of special projects should be highlighted in the 2007 annual report including the numerous opportunities to promote public/private partnerships with the reconstruction and the addition of lights to the Legacy Multipurpose field off New Boston Road, the addition of lights and new backboards at the Legacy Basketball Court sponsored by the Bedford Basketball League, and the bathroom addition to the Warming Hut by the Bedford Cross Country Ski Club as well as area business and community sponsors. The largest project the Department handled was the Ann DeNicola Memorial Playground (aka Timber Town Playground), which included a fantastic Volunteer Build Day during the month of June. There are a number of people that the Department and Commission would like to say *thank you* to including Chairman Michelle Casale and the Playground Subcommittee who spent numerous hours researching equipment vendors, picking out equipment and ending with the 70+ volunteers who helped on "Build Day". We would like to say *thank you* to our community and the local businesses and service groups, along with the families and volunteers who, in 2007 generously supported the rebuilding of the Bedford Community Playground. Your help and donations have given so many children a cherished place to play and thrive. The corporate sponsors included the Town of Bedford, Bedford Friends of Recreation, Ann DeNicola Trust, Home Doctors Park Pediatrics, Fences Unlimited, Home Depot/KaBoom!, L.Newman Associates/Paul Mansback, Inc, Liberty Hill Construction, LLC, Manchester Redimix Concrete, Inc, Pediatric Health Associates, Rotary Club of Bedford, Spatial Construction, Harvey's Concrete Floor Company, HNH foundation, Bedford Lions Club, Bedford Men's Club, Eckman Construction, The Shottes Family, Keach-Nordstrom Engineering, Pro-Scape, R.E. Jenkins Construction and Meridian Land Services who helped make the new playground possible.

It was another ongoing year for this Department with the continuing project of the Bedford Village Common. As the Town continues to grow in population, many residents are looking for a common Town Center to hold a variety of recreational, social and cultural activities. Beverly



Thomas chairs the Bedford Village Common Committee, and they have come up with a master plan layout and a model that is available for residents to view at the Bedford Library.

The Recreation Department has met many new challenges during this year of transition with its director on extended military leave and then his resignation in November. Staffing levels continue to be a challenge within the department and as such a re-organization is anticipated for 2008.

The Recreation Department was proud to be able to offer another summer of fun filled Tuesday night "Family Cultural Series". These concerts are held outdoors at the Performance Stage and with the musical entertainment of "T-Bone" and "Johnny the K Show" and the famous "Wayne From Maine" over 200 families were in attendance on a weekly basis. The Department would like to thank our extra set of hands, which includes Sherry Charkin and the Coalition of Bedford Youth group. This was another great year.

Another area that the Recreation Department and the Recreation Commission focused on for the 2007-year is addressing the adult and senior citizens population of the Town. Along with the Bedford Adult & Senior Connections, the Recreation Department and Recreation Commission we were able to provide activities focused around the older age group in Town.

Bedford Connections, a Town Council sanctioned subcommittee, sponsored a "New" summertime activity known as the Adult Summer Concert Series in both July and August. These concerts, which were all well attended, had musical entertainment from Bedford resident, Paul Bordeleau and his "Young At Heart" sextet group sponsored by Hillcrest Terrace. They performed one sunny Monday afternoon at the Performance Stage to demonstrate their keyboarding skills. As Paul would say, these "Young at Heart" ladies are truly special and range in age from 73 to 93, proving that "you are never too old to learn something new". They all have been participants in a program that Mr. Bordeleau developed that are available through the Parks & Recreation Department known as "Elder Musik". The second Adult Summer Concert presented the "Amoskeag Strummers", and this was also combined as a "Meet & Greet" with the newly hired Town

Manager, Russell Marcoux. This program was more of 20s-50s type of music group that help the adults and seniors in Town entertain the afternoon away.

In 2007, local groups and political organizations sponsored political candidates like, Chris Dodd, Rudy Giuliani and John McCain who all used the Town Hall facility for campaign stops. As well, Michele Obama who came to enlighten the Bedford residents for an olde fashion Town Hall Meeting.

In December activities included intergenerational programs from the Recreation Department including Holiday Cooking classes for youngsters ages 6-12. Adult and Senior "Brown Bag Lunch Workshops" with a Genealogy program, "Dare to Write", and Bedford resident Mary Lou Wilson "Party Like A Pro", as well as an Adult Winter Concert by "Bow Junction", a bluegrass group from the Concord area. To round out the year the Department teamed up with the Bedford Presbyterian Church to hold the Annual Living Nativity and Holiday Reception sponsored by the Town Councilors. This year helping to serve the residents of Bedford were Councilor Michael Scanlon and his wife, Anne Scanlon and Councilor Paul Roy.

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)

Bill Jennings, Station Manager
Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager
BCTV Board Chairman, Gene Mackie

This years BCTV annual submission is dedicated to one of our station volunteers who pasted away this year; Rich Beyer. Rich started volunteering at BCTV in 1998. He was the host of Bedford All-Sports, Athlete of the Week and Just My Opinion. His commitment and dedication to promoting youth sports through community access television helped to bring the Bedford sports community closer together. Many of the student athletes that he interviewed from the various public and private schools that our Bedford youths attend, remember him fondly as a great sports enthusiast, a professional interviewer and a man that was sincerely interested in their sports and academic success. We will all miss Rich Beyer. His spirit will continue to live on at BCTV and he will always be remembered by those close to him as



“That Sports Guy”, who helped to pioneer sports broadcasting on BCTV.



Rich Beyer

Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town’s local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV has two channels. Channel 16 is for public and education programming and Channel 22 is for Government programming.

Channel 22 is dedicated to government programming. All town government meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22. School Board meetings are also broadcast on Channel 22, but will occasionally move to Channel 16 when there is a schedule conflict with live town government programming. Over 150 government and school board meetings were broadcast live on Channel 22 and Channel 16 in 2007. Every live meeting is then rebroadcast on Channel 22 the following week. In 2007 BCTV had the capability to broadcast live from the BCTV Town Meeting Room; the SAU; and McKelvie Middle School. The high school will replace McKelvie School for large general assembly meeting broadcasts in 2008.

Programming schedules are updated weekly and published in both Bedford newspapers as well as on the BCTV website. The BCTV website is www.bedfordtv.com

The station’s mission is to provide a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information. Use of the BCTV channels and facilities are free of charge to community members and non-profit organizations residing in Bedford.

The station also runs a community bulletin board for public service announcements. Any non-profit

organization can have their notices posted. BCTV is a non-commercial station.

The station exists as part of a standard contractual arrangement between the town and the local cable service provider, Comcast. Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast fund the operation of the station. The station is not funded by tax dollars.

BCTV is governed by a Board of Overseers which is made up of residents and a representative from the town council, and the school board. The board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the station. The station has two full time staff personnel and six part time government and school board videographers.

BCTV encourages residents to get involved with the station by volunteering as producers, directors, camera talent, editors, or hosts of their own shows. Training is available from station personnel for anyone interested in learning about the “television business”. In 2007, BCTV volunteers and staff produced many programs that covered an array of subjects. One program that received special recognition was produced by The Bedford Presbyterian Church. The BPC received a major award for their first place finish in the professional religious category for their program, “By You Bound- Hurricane Katrina Mission” from the Alliance for Community Media – Northeast Region. The ACM-NE is a community television media organization whose members include public access television stations from New England and New York. Producer Eric Wittenberg from the Bedford Presbyterian accepted the award on behalf of the church and BCTV.

The station, as part of its responsibility to support educational programming and broadcast services to the school system, worked closely with school administrators this year in preparation of the middle/high school opening in September, 2007. BCTV is providing funding for equipment and technical support which will allow for broadcast coverage of school events and town/school public hearings from the high school theater. Three wall mounted robotic cameras were installed along with additional broadcasting hardware in the theater control room to insure full meeting coverage.



BCTV also provided funding for Apple IMac and MacPro Workstations, Video Servers, and iMovie and Video Editing software to support a new high school video lab. Additionally the BCTV station will be used as an extension of the classroom. It is anticipated that our student volunteer base will increase as a result of our planned working arrangement between the high school and BCTV.

This year the station continued to upgrade and improve its broadcasting capabilities. A 1.2 Tb Video Server was added to replace individual DVD players for more reliable programming playback and scheduling flexibility. Additional graphics units were added to provide better broadcast graphics and allow for outside community access. Authorized town and school personnel now have remote access capability to provide emergency and general informational public service bulletins and crawls.

BCTV Board Chairman Comments

As Chairman of the Board of Overseers, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank BCTV's Station Manager, Bill Jennings and Assistant Station Manager, Coleen Richardson, all the volunteers who produce the programming cablecast on our two channels, and my fellow members of the BCTV Board. I want to especially thank former Board members Anne Scanlon, Chuck Grau, Ellen McAvoy, Bill Van Anglen and Michael Scanlon for their outstanding service, and welcome new board members Dick Rawlings, Mike Robinson, and Michael Sills. In addition I would like to thank our other BCTV board members for their support, Bob Thomas, Mary Lou Wilson, and Lauren Horton. I would also like to welcome Mike Izbicki and Bill Jean as our town council liaisons to the BCTV Board and Terry Wolf the school board liaison. Their support was invaluable to the board in 2007 and I look forward to working with them in 2008. Town residents can be very proud of its PEG Access station, its staff and volunteers who are the life blood of Bedford Community Television.

Please remember that Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is YOUR community access television station. Call us to learn more about how you can get involved with BCTV. Contact Station Manager, Bill Jennings, or Assistant Station Manager Coleen Richardson, by calling

472-8288 or signing on to the BCTV website at www.bedfordtv.com

BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

David C. Bailey, Police Chief



Left to right: Lt. Dave Davison, Capt. Dan Doudi, Sgt. Devon Kimball, Lt. Rob Gagliardi, Chief David Bailey

In 2007 more changes were made in the police department. Dan Doudi was promoted to Captain, making him commander of the patrol division and 2nd in charge of the department. Rob Gagliardi was promoted to administrative Lieutenant, in charge of communications and training. Lt. Dave Davison remains in charge of the investigative division. We also added a school resource officer, giving us one in the new high school and one in the Ross Lurgio Middle School, plus one new officer for the street and one new dispatchers position. All these new positions were recommendations of the MRI study and approved by the Town Council and the voters of Bedford at the annual budgetary town meeting. I thank all for their support in these endeavors and I feel very strongly that we need to continue to follow the recommendations of the report to catch up from the past and to prepare for the future.

The high school is now open with freshman and sophomores with the two other grades in follow in the next two years. It is a new experience for us and it is going very well. The two school resource officers and the department as a whole enjoys the support of the school administration and the staff. As a team we are all dealing with the issues that come with every high school in making it a safe and secure place for our students.



Motor vehicle accidents in 2007 decreased by almost 12% in 2007, due partially to the mild winter and our aggressive, but fair traffic enforcement. We stopped 725 more cars, issuing 383 more warnings and 342 more summonses. The highest volume of complaints we receive were speeding cars in neighborhoods and red light violators. We continue to run directed patrols targeting those violations and others. Fortunately we investigated no fatal accidents in Bedford this year, however State Police did investigate two on the turnpike, both in the area of Macy's.

Bedford continues to grow, although the pace has slowed somewhat, giving us time to catch up. Our job remains keeping Bedford a safe place to live. We do this in partnership with the other town departments, the Council and the citizens of Bedford who cooperate in being extra eyes and ears for us and more importantly, the ones who pay the bill. Those who know me, know I never forget that.

I want to finally thank my staff, from the newest patrolman to my command staff and the civilians who work for the department. I think we have one of the finest, most dedicated staffs in the State of New Hampshire.



Bedford Police Officers at the 2007 Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics in NH

Bedford Police Department – 2007 Annual Statistics

Incidents	20,356
Abandoned Vehicles	34
Accidents	1252
Investigated	1251
Fatal	0
Property Damage	1171
Injury	79
Other	2

Alarms Answered	2201
Arrests	
Adult	530
Juvenile	117
MV Summons Issued	1910
MV Warnings Issued	5817
Parking Tickets Issued	176
Assaults	41
Assist Fire	168
Assist Other PD	256
Bomb Threat	3
Assist Utilities	88
Animal Complaints	367
Burglary	39
Civil	72
Disorderly	296
Dog Complaints	639
Drugs	13
Family Offense Calls	242
Found Property	100
Fraud/Counterfeit	83
Gun Complaints	22
Harassment Incidents	40
Highway Conditions	381
Homicide	0
Internet Crime	12
Littering Complaints	19
MV Complaints	753
Phone Call Complaints	82
Lost Property	92
Rescue Assists	771
Robberies	1
Service Calls	572
Sex Offenses	28
Suicide	1
Sudden Deaths	10
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	870
Thefts	321
Town Ordinance Violations	150
Vandalism	181

BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott A. Wiggins, Fire Chief

This past year has been very rewarding with the increase in staffing. We hired the Fire Department's first Fire Inspector hired, John Powers came onboard in January and has worked with the Shifts on follow up inspections of businesses, commercial properties, outside burning permits, day care and foster care inspections and places of assembly.

In June we had three new firefighters start that were subsidized through the FEMA Fire Grant Program under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. This is a



five-year pro-rated program that provides us federal financial assistance. The three Firefighters are Corey Fecteau FF/EMT-I, David Sherwood FF/EMT-P, and Jason Shelton FF/EMT-I. This gives the community six personnel on duty 24/7 when we are at full staff.

This past year we received the highest number of calls for service in the department's history. While we experienced a slight reduction in overall fire related calls, an increase in medical services has kept the emergency crews very busy. This past spring there was a period of elevated fire danger several days of Red Flag Warnings, which means conditions are at a dangerous level for wildland fires to spread very rapidly. During this time we experienced several small fires but responded to several larger scaled events in our neighboring communities.

Also this past year the Bedford Fire Department hosted its first Citizens Fire Academy. This program was a six-week course attended by 16 Citizens under the direction of Captain Mark Klose. This gave the citizens an in-depth and hands on experience of the Bedford Fire Department, from firefighter training and requirements, equipment familiarization, they earned a CPR Certification, vehicle extrication, live fire extinguisher training and live practical evolutions in a smoke filled environment. The response by all participants was very positive and constructive.



Participants of the Citizens Fire Academy

A reminder to all citizens that the law requires a written fire permit anytime the ground is not covered with snow. Also, any portable fireplaces, which means devices such as chimineas, steel fire pits, and any devices designed to burn permissible combustible materials other than gas or charcoal are required to have a written permit. The fire

department will conduct a site visit and assess the installation and use, and if deemed appropriate a seasonal permit may be issued.

I would like to thank the general public for all of their support through donations and letters of appreciation that we have received over the past year.

2007 FIRE DEPT. STATISTICS

	2007	2006
Fire Calls	538	549
Ambulance	1287	1217
Miscellaneous		
Service Calls	157	156
Field Inspections	664	536
Plan Review	49	51
Burning Permits	633	729
Blasting Permits	23	15
Subtotal Miscellaneous	1526	1487
Total Service Provided	3351	3253

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry



late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!



Bedford Fire Department Honor Guard - 2007

BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Wayne A. Richardson, CBO Code/Health Official
Wayne H. Moore, Code/Health Inspector
Gary Pariseau, Health Inspector – Food Service

Health Department

The end of 2007 will bring us to the start of the town's fourth year having a part time department member dedicated to food service inspections. I am pleased to report to the residents the level of safe food handling by our food service establishments has greatly improved. Inspector Pariseau held three safe food handling courses for our establishments in town and all have had maximum attendance. The food service establishments here in Bedford are to be applauded for understanding the importance of these workshops and allowing and encouraging their personnel to attend them. In addition to the renewal of the existing facilities, the Health Department issued licenses for 11 new food services and another 6 for change of ownership.

Mosquito born illnesses continue to be a concern for residents of the town. This past year the town paid for 9 weeks of mosquito trapping. The company did an excellent job of selecting trapping sites to ensure an accurate evaluation of the town. The results of those trappings were negative. However, the Health Department continues to advise all residents your best defense against contracting these diseases is by self-protection and following guidelines to help reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home. These guidelines can be found by following the links on the Health Department page on the Town of Bedford web site. The web address is: www.ci.bedford.nh.us.

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported through November 8, 2007)
(excluding fires in the White Mtn. National Forest)

Causes of Fires Reported

Arson	5
Campfire	38
Children	22
Smoking	41
Debris	197
Railroad	5
Lightening	7
Equipment	3
Misc. *	119

(* powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires by Year

Year	# Fires	# Acres
2007	437	212
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100



The Health Department staff also worked together this year to draft the town's first comprehensive Health Ordinance. Up until this year all regulations pertaining to health related matters were dispersed through out different sections of the municipal codes making it difficult at best for individuals seeking regulation information. The new ordinance encompasses food service, septic systems, wells and public bathing facilities. These regulations are in addition to the statutory health regulations found in RSA 147.

Building Department

It would appear the continuing turmoil in the housing mortgage industry is affecting the rate of growth here in Bedford. The charts below speak for themselves by clearly indicating the drop in permitted building activity as well as the number of new completed dwellings. After a couple of very active years on the commercial side of construction there has been a reduction in activity. The department has increased the number of required inspections for permits due to changes in the building codes this past summer. Some of the new inspections include foundation footing inspections prior to pouring concrete for the footing and underground electrical conduit for electrical services from the utility easement up to the point of the building service. We anticipate some confusion starting in January as the new state gas-licensing requirement goes into effect. This regulation was enacted in 2006 but the licensing application portion was not complete until September 2007. We have already experienced some misunderstandings on the part of installers and service technicians about these requirements. I would just advise all residents to make sure if you are having service work or installation of any gas operated equipment to make sure and ask to see the license of the person actually doing the work. This year was an eventful one for the Town of Bedford because we issued the Certificate of Occupancy for the new middle/high school complex. The building department would like to express our appreciation to both the SAU office and the contractor for their cooperation during the project. While performing over 100 inspection visits, that at times encompassed several thousand sq ft of structure during the inspection; this could have been a very trying project. Certificates of Occupancy were issued for 55 new residential dwelling units and 7

new non-residential facilities. The permits were issued for the new Country Inn & Suites Hotel on South River Road and the site work has started for the Route 101 Hannaford's.

If you have questions about permits, when and if they are required or questions about food service establishments please visit the department web pages on the town web site or give us a call at 472-3838 with your questions.



Carlsson/GMAC Realtors presenting their donation of equipment to the Bedford Fire Department



BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

COMPARISON OF VALUE* OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR

YEAR	2004	2005	2006	2007
COMMERCIAL ADDITION	\$355,000 <i>2</i>	\$681,000 <i>3</i>	\$3,100,000 <i>2</i>	\$435,000 <i>1</i>
COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$3,257,204 <i>57</i>	\$3,671,432 <i>61</i>	\$6,791,002 <i>45</i>	\$11,242,635 <i>51</i>
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$16,466,011 <i>22</i>	\$20,651,000 <i>12</i>	\$715,000 <i>7</i>	\$8,459,000 <i>6</i>
NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING	\$44,757,530 <i>143</i>	\$36,117,500 <i>144</i>	\$28,601,268 <i>138</i>	\$16,653,000 <i>35</i>
NEW RESIDENTIAL	\$248,234 <i>11</i>	\$671,577 <i>21</i>	\$759,800 <i>22</i>	\$675,318 <i>24</i>
RESIDENTIAL ADDITION	\$6,172,510 <i>207</i>	\$5,945,497 <i>177</i>	\$6,552,761 <i>71</i>	\$4,774,781 <i>162</i>
RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$929,924 <i>45</i>	\$681,800 <i>36</i>	\$1,142,900 <i>24</i>	\$1,326,338 <i>46</i>
SEPTIC	\$431,900 <i>64</i>	\$342,700 <i>55</i>	\$507,686 <i>69</i>	\$361,350 <i>51</i>
SIGNS	\$144,357 <i>27</i>	\$146,230 <i>31</i>	\$144,808 <i>31</i>	\$227,610 <i>33</i>
SHEDS	\$135,429 <i>51</i>	\$135,717 <i>44</i>	\$113,698 <i>42</i>	\$19,525 <i>34</i>
SWIMMING POOLS	\$650,684 <i>36</i>	\$1,193,288 <i>38</i>	\$931,588 <i>46</i>	\$1,088,200 <i>33</i>
	\$73,548,783 <i>665</i>	\$70,237,741 <i>622</i>	\$49,360,511 <i>497</i>	\$45,262,757 <i>476</i>

Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure

Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating

New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings)

Figures in italics are the number of permits issued to generate the values in the table.

* = VALUES ARE BASED UPON FIGURES GIVEN ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Building permits

New Dwelling Units

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Single	161	193	210	136	143	82	53	35
Duplex	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	34	24	0	0	0	62	0	0
Apartmts	100	0	0	0	0	0	85	0
TOTAL	301	217	210	136	143	144	138	35

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Certificates of Occupancy

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Single	189	157	199	135	123	123	54	43
Duplex	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	30	25	19	0	0	0	27	12
Apartmts	58	70	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	297	253	218	135	123	123	81	55



BEDFORD PUBLIC WORKS

James B. Stanford, P.E., Director

Bedford Public Works has five divisions: Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 24 Full Time, 1 Full Time/Half Year, 1 PT and 2 seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including trash waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year, in part, with funding from the 12 million dollar bond appropriation approved in 2005. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of Town roads. In total, over 13 miles of Town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. Among the road projects, Back River Road from South River Road to the Merrimack Town Line underwent rehabilitation with drainage system upgrades and roadway alignment changes to improve sight distance. Another major rain event in April caused severe regional flooding and while we were spared the major road damage that was seen in surrounding communities, several roads were closed and needed repair.

I would like to thank all the staff members for their cooperation and congratulate them on their many accomplishments this past year.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Paul Belanger, Superintendent / Asst. Director

During the 2007 winter seasons there were 35 snow and/or ice events. While the early winter months did not yield significant snowfall totals, several major events in December led to record snowfall totals and we enter the New Year with a heavy snow-cover.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road

maintenance, brush clearing and drainage system construction. Much of the time this year was spent repairing road damage caused during the April flooding event. As part of the roads program, crews made several drainage system improvements off of Liberty Hill Road. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased two 6-wheel dump trucks.

WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISIONS

Stephen R. Crean, Environmental Coordinator

Wastewater projects completed in 2007 included: several pump repairs and minor sewer main extensions/connections along South River Road, Constitution Drive, Ridgewood Road, Atwood Lane and Nashua Road. Work also continued on updating the sewer master plan.

This was the first full year of scale operation and the new hauling/disposal contract at the transfer station. These factors combined with other site improvements and residential sticker program led to savings in overall transfer station costs. In effort to continue reducing costs, we investigated implementing single stream recycling and have advertised for proposals.

Building Maintenance projects included: installation of a controlled access system to Town Offices and ramp improvements to BCTV. To reduce energy costs, the lights at Town Offices were replaced with high efficiency lights/fixtures.



County Road at Riley Field



2007 ROADS PROGRAM

TREATMENT	ROAD NAME	FROM	TO
Rehabilitation	Back River Road Smith Road McAllister Road Nashua Road	South River Road Back River Road New Boston Road County Road	Merrimack T.L. Liberty Hill Road Goffstown T.L. Wallace Road
Reclaim/Overlay	Stowell Road Sunset Lane Tirrell Road Juniper Drive Checkerberry Lane Horizon Drive Monadnock Lane Veronica Drive Silver Spring Drive Ridgewood Road	Beech Street South River Road Back River Road Smith Road Smith Road Smith Road Horizon Drive Horizon Drive Back River Road South River Road	Merrimack T.L. End Preysnar Road Smith Road End Smith Road End 500 LF East End Atwood Lane
Wearing/Overlay	County Road County Road Nashua Road Appledor Road New Merrimack Road Appleleaf Drive Beals Road Palomino Lane Ridgewood Road Atwood Lane	Liberty Hill Road Back River Road County Road Liberty Hill Road Appledor Road Appledor Road Gage Girls Road South River Road Atwood Lane Palomino	Nashua Road Teaberry Lane Route 101 End End End Grafton Drive Plummer Road Ridgewood Private Way End

2007 PUBLIC STREET ACCEPTANCES AND PUBLIC WAY EXTENSIONS

There were no public streets acceptances or public way extensions during the 2007 calendar year.



April 2007 flooding on Route 101



April 2007 flooding on Route 101



BEDFORD WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce A. Thomas, P.E., Chairman

The Bedford Water and Sewer Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Town Council and make recommendations in conservation, planning, infrastructure, funding mechanisms and legislation.

Over the past year, the Committee met to advise the Town Council and Planning Board. The following was accomplished:

- We discussed updates to the Wastewater Facilities Plan and Sewer District Map.
- We discussed possible water main extensions to Garrison Drive, to the Flatley property at the intersection of Route 114 and 101, and to Route 101 and Bell Hill Road.
- We supported a House Bill 457 that restricts the use of water from private wells or public water systems for residential lawn watering during declared droughts. The Bill was signed into law and took effect on August 24, 2007.
- Recommendations were made to extend the sewer main on Nashua Road.
- Richard Moore, Committee Member and geologist for the United States Geological Survey presented to the Committee results of the New Hampshire Bedrock Aquifer assessment as it pertains to Bedford. The purpose of the assessment is to identify factors that affect the yields of wells, developing tools to predict well potential, producing maps to identify potential well yields, and to describe the ambient quality of ground water in bedrock throughout the State.
- Bruce Thomas, Paul Arnold, Rick Sawyer and Russ Marcoux met with representatives from the Pennichuck Water Service Company, and toured their main water treatment facilities, including a community well/treatment system and a pump house. The purpose of the meeting was to re-introduce Bedford decision makers with Pennichuck's available resources, to stay in tune with on-going water-related issues and to establish a relationship between the Town and Pennichuck to aid in future planning.

The Water and Sewer Advisory Committee meetings are typically scheduled for the second Friday each month at 7:45 a.m. I would like to thank the following members for serving on the Committee over the past year: Paul Arnold, Paul Goldberg, Richard Moore, Bruce Thomas, Town Council Representatives Kevin Keyes and Mike Scanlon, Steven Crean, Environmental Coordinator and Rick Sawyer, Town Planner. I particularly want to thank former Town Councilor Bill Van Anglen and Karen White, former Town Planner (now retired) for serving on this Committee for a portion of the past year and all of the years since the Committee was created in 2002.

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Ann Senatro, Library Director

Trustees: Robert Brooks, Edward Moran & Anthony Frederick

2007 was a remarkably active year at the Bedford Public Library. We checked out 227,000 items, the majority of which were books followed by DVDs and audio books on CD. Downloadable audio books, available through our web page, have become very popular as well. One area of explosive growth at the library is meeting room use. Numerous groups in town use the Richmond Room and the McAllaster Room for their meeting place. Our Quiet Study Room has students from elementary school to PhD candidates working on their studies. We are currently averaging over 100 meetings per month in the library building!

One of the highlights this year was our participation in the nationwide reading program, the Big Read. With grant support from our partnership with the Northeast Cultural Coop, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest, we were able to celebrate the classic American novel by Amy Tan, The Joy Luck Club. In addition to book discussions, we had many other programs including: a demonstration of tai chi and maj jong, a Chinese music concert, and a lecture on U.S.-China relations. We hope to continue this successful program in the future.



It was a very successful year again for the children's Summer Reading Program with 1,172 children participating in the "Reading Road Trip U.S.A.". The children read a total of 20,194 books! Thanks to our wonderful staff in the children's room and all of the families and children who participated. Bedford is consistently the leader in the state in number of children participating and number of books read. Our first annual Adult Summer Reading Program was also well received and we will plan to continue it next year. Reading is alive and well in Bedford!

At the Bedford Public Library we like to focus on the future of supporting the needs of the community in the technology age as well as preserving our past. Technology has allowed us to increase access to our library and broaden our reach. We are happy to report that this year we installed wireless Internet access in the library through a generous donation by Bedford resident, Laurie Heinz. Now, patrons can find a comfortable area in the library and connect to the Internet using their personal laptops. Using our online catalog, patrons can place holds on popular items and renew online from the work or home through our web page: www.bedford.lib.nh.us. Library Elf is a private service that many patrons are using to receive alerts before library items are due, when items are overdue, or when items are ready for pick up (holds) via e-mail. This year we also began offering patrons the ability to request items that are checked in at the library and have them pulled from the shelf and ready for pick up. Through our web page all Bedford cardholders have access to over 35 premium databases such as: Ebsco's Masterfile Premier for magazine searches, Newsbank for Union Leader articles, Automotive Repair Reference Center for car repair information and HeritageQuest for genealogy research.

According to the 1903 History of Bedford, there was a circulating library in Bedford as early as May 28, 1789. The library register of 1789, entitled a "List of Subscribers", details the library's original accessions as well as the 38 residents who were the original subscribers. This register is bound in leather with each entry written in cursive longhand. At the end of 2006, the library was awarded a partial grant from the Department of Cultural Resources, Moose License Plate Grant program to preserve the 1789 Library

Accession Book. The balance of the cost of conservation was donated by the Bedford Library Foundation. We look forward to displaying this unique, historic book this year for the public to appreciate. We also have a copy of the book on microfilm for research purposes. Many thanks to Frances Wiggin and Hope Inman for their efforts in obtaining this grant and the Library Foundation for enabling the completion of this project.

Susan Rotch, Head of Reference Services, for 16 years retired in April. Many colleagues, former staff and members of the community came out to wish her well at her retirement party. Susan was always ready to help patrons find information in a professional and cheerful manner. Susan's sign at the reference desk said it perfectly. "Bother Us for Information". No matter how busy it was, Susan always gave each person the attention and time necessary to assist them at the library. Stacey McKinley was promoted to Head of Reference upon Susan's retirement. Kersten Matera, an MLS student was hired to replace Stacey's position at reference. Unfortunately, Stacey had to relocate in August when her husband was transferred for work. Emily Weiss joined us in October as the new Head of Reference. Emily moved to New Hampshire from Connecticut where she had worked at the Darien Public Library. Joanna Baqqi was replaced by Anne Murphy as Head of Technical Services in April. Anne had previously worked at St. Anselm College.



Mary Ann Senatro and Susan Rotch

In addition to our regular staff we have many dedicated volunteers at the library to help support the staff with the many varied tasks that need to be accomplished. Helping us out this year were volunteers: Betty Clock, Judy Kazakavich, Marilyn McKenney, Alberta Dieter, Tina Campbell, Denise Schnaars, Jane Beaver, Larry



Johnson, Eugene Holley, Pam Vanarsdale, Jean McGiffin, Bhawna Sharma, Katherine Green, Cassidy Holliday, Kaitlin McGown, Ben Johnson, Anne Roberts, Julie Hunter and Cathy Vetrone. We greatly appreciate all of the assistance they have given us this year.

Our popular Museum Pass Program was expanded this year with generous donations from local organizations. The following passes are available and can be reserved at the library or online:

Children's Museum, Boston, sponsored by the Library Trustees

Children's Museum of Portsmouth sponsored by the Bedford Public Library Foundation

Christa McAuliffe Planetarium sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bedford

Millyard Museum sponsored by the Bedford Public Library Foundation

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, sponsored by the Friends of the Bedford Library

Museum of Science, Boston, sponsored by the Bedford Parent Teacher Group

New England Aquarium, Boston, sponsored by the Friends of the Bedford Library

SEE Science Center, sponsored by the Bedford Public Library Foundation

Strawbery Banke, sponsored by the Bedford Public Library Foundation

The Rotary Club of Bedford generously donated funds to the Children's Summer Reading Program and purchased a painting by artist, Dee Lessard, for the library. The Bedford Public Library Foundation donated additional DVDs for our collection, preservation of the 1789 library register, a laser color printer and other library enhancements. We are especially grateful to Eckman Construction Co. for donating money for the performers for the children's Summer Reading Program, as well as the Bedford Women's Club and the Bedford Men's Club and Citizens Bank making this one of our most successful years ever. The Lions Club provided us with library card protectors; and the Bedford Garden Club added to the beauty of our building with plantings and wreaths. We are especially grateful to the Friends of the Library who work tirelessly to make the Sunday Concert Series possible and the work of

the members of the Bedford Library Foundation in supporting the library. Many thanks also to the Bedford Youth Performing Company for staging productions for preschoolers at the library. We are so grateful to all of the readers in this community that use and support the library throughout the year.

In the coming year we are committed to reaching out to new users, encouraging children and adults to be avid readers, and to leading our community and our library into the world of electronic information.



2007 Library Statistics

Books on accession (12/31/2006)	69,365
Books purchased:	3,607
Books donated:	639
Sub-total	73,611
Books withdrawn:	6,736
Books on accession (12/31/07):	66,875

Library Holdings (12/31/07)

Books	66,875
Magazines	3,519
Audio books	2,627
Videos/DVDs	3,771
Compact discs	1,538
Total	78,330

Subscriptions - 2007

Magazines (titles)	122
Newspapers (titles)	8
Microfiche (titles)	29
Microfilm – (1 title)	32 rolls

2007 Circulation Statistics

Books	162,627
Magazines	6,412
Compact Discs	7,077
Videos/DVDs	40,975
Audio Books	12,381
Museum Passes	392



Subtotal	229,864
Electronic Resources	188,342
Total	418,206

Bedford Public Library – Special Account 2007

Cash on Hand 1/1/07 **\$8,764.48**

Income:

Meeting Room	180.00
Copies	2,173.73
Book Sales	3,886.52
Fines	20,354.08
Gifts	7,780.02
Non resident fees	735.00
Replacements	2,074.31
Grants	3,406.50
Miscellaneous	337.25
Trust Funds	319.82

Total Income **\$41,247.23**

Disbursements:

Miscellaneous	880.00
Programs	8,358.95
Copiers	3,166.99
Library Enhancements	7,123.98
Books and Media	10,600.83
Preservation Project	4,313.00
Total Disbursements	\$34,443.75

Cash on Hand 12/31/07 **\$15,567.96**

BEDFORD TOWN CLERK



Wanda L. Jenkins, Town Clerk

In the fall of 2006, I learned of grant money available through the NH Department of State and Vital Records Improvement Fund. A vital records preservation grant was available for purposes such as assessment and planning, improvements to the records storage environment, records security, related equipment, and the conservation of records. In March 2007, the Town of Bedford’s vital records were surveyed for

preservation planning purposes by a representative of the Northeast Document Conservation Center. Based upon the consultant’s report two fireproof storage cabinets along with miscellaneous supplies/equipment were purchased. In addition several books of recorded births, marriages and deaths were selected on their condition and usage to be disbound, flattened, have tape removed, pages mended and de-acidified as recommended by the consultant. The books, bound in new leather covers, were returned to the Town in the fall after the conservation treatment was completed to ensure the long-term preservation of these important Town records.

New Hampshire passed legislation, and Governor Lynch signed it into law, that authorized Town clerks to being on December 10, 2007, to provide applications for civil union licenses that would be legal to use beginning on January 2, 2008.

The Town Clerk’s office, in conjunction with the Animal Control Officer, Stephen Paul, made great strides to ensure that all dogs were licensed and held a current rabies certificate as required by NH State Statutes. This resulted in the licensing of over 3200 dogs for the year. In addition, an informational pamphlet which outlines the laws and Town ordinances that pertain to animals was developed and is available to residents.

On the day before Thanksgiving, and after weeks of speculation, the Secretary of State announced the much anticipated date for the NH Primary. The date of January 8, 2008 made headlines throughout the country and kept NH as the 1st in the nation for a primary election. The Primary election was the first to be held at the Middle/High School and resident’s comments were very positive about the new voting setup that enabled voters to move quickly through the voting process.

Dorothy “Dottie” Witzel who held the position of Supervisor of the Checklist during my nine years as Town Clerk passed away one day before the Primary. Dottie’s dedication to her job ensured the Town’s voting records were kept up-to-date and that they were maintained with accuracy. Her presence at the Town Offices will be missed and her friendship will be cherished by all who knew her.



Although there is constant change in our Town, I am very proud to have the opportunity through my office to become better acquainted with residents and to assist them in obtaining the information they seek. Working on a daily basis with Town employees who strive every day to provide a multitude of services to residents and non residents I know the quality and charm of our Town will be maintained.

TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS:

Debits:	
UCC Filings	5,935.00
Certified Copies	5,156.00
Marriage Licenses	3,285.00
Dredge & Fill	70.00
Articles of Agreement	5.00
Pole Licenses	0.00
Miscellaneous	598.59
Total Debits	\$15,049.59
Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$15,049.59

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT:

Debits:	
Licenses Issued	20,763.50
License Penalties	1,905.50
Dog Violations	5,200.00
Total Debits	\$27,869.00
Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$27,869.00
Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$42,918.59

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ryk Bullock, Scott Earnshaw, Mark Peicker

As the Trustees of the Trust Funds, we offer these brief comments on the reports that follow.

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town of Bedford or the Bedford School District in anticipation of specific uses, and (2) Trust Funds, which have been set up to support on-going projects, such as the Bedford library or the Bedford cemetery.

**Trust and Capital Reserve Fund Totals for
Year Ending December 31, 2007**

Capital Reserve Funds (unaudited)

<i>School Building Fund</i>	8,784.67
<i>School Maintenance</i>	46,459.63
<i>School Tuition</i>	141,953.74
<i>School Land Fund</i>	562,406.89
<i>Route 3 Improvement</i>	9,839.73
<i>Transfer Station Equipment</i>	6,204.90
<i>Transfer Station Improvement</i>	46,636.95
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	371,975.32
<i>Town Office Restoration</i>	36,520.58
<i>Safety Complex</i>	748.63
<i>Sidewalk Improvements</i>	12,736.00
<i>New Land Reserve</i>	407,512.41
<i>Radio Reserve</i>	58,596.67
<i>Fire Engine Replacement</i>	182,759.07
<i>Loader Replacement</i>	104,539.80
<i>Backhoe Replacement</i>	21,271.49
<i>Building Addition</i>	26,665.39
<i>Fire Equip Reserve</i>	82,678.12
<i>Pick Up Truck Replacement</i>	49,247.33
<i>Sewer Enterprise</i>	578,247.48
<i>All Purpose Tractor</i>	33,721.01
<i>Accounting Software Replacement</i>	67,202.64
<i>Master Plan</i>	108,442.24
<i>Traffic Signal Improvements</i>	32,338.32
<i>Sweeper Replacement</i>	117,799.90
<i>Grader</i>	105,893.35
<i>Chipper</i>	16,171.99
<i>Library Maintenance</i>	106,114.38
<i>Commercial Revaluation</i>	26,423.83
<i>One Ton Trucks</i>	91,078.60
<i>Portable Police Radios</i>	19,110.84
<i>Solid Waste Backhoe</i>	21,198.57
<i>Pool Building Maintenance</i>	5,194.58
<i>Sportsman Field</i>	20,778.32
<i>Parks Equipment - Massey Tractor</i>	33,245.32
<i>Ten Wheel Dump Truck</i>	51,945.81
<i>Fire Tanker</i>	77,918.72
<i>Plotter/Printer/Copier</i>	5,194.58
<i>Tape Backup</i>	7,272.41
<i>Sewer Systems Improvement</i>	103,891.62
<i>MS Open Licensing</i>	7,267.38
<i>Ambulance Replacement</i>	31,167.49
Total Capital Reserves	\$3,845,156.70

Total Trust Funds

<i>Total Principal</i>	54,455.00
<i>Total Revenues</i>	13,183.02
<i>Total Principal & Revenues</i>	\$67,638.02

Grand Total

<i>Capital Reserve Funds</i>	3,845,156.70
<i>Trust Funds</i>	67,638.02
<i>Grand Total</i>	\$3,912,794.72

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SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2007000079	EAMES DARYL R	MANCHESTER, NH	CASTILLO RAQUEL V	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	01/06/2007
2007000433	GROFT, JEFFREY H	BEDFORD, NH	DAFTARI, ZEEMEL	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/13/2007
2007000452	WINSLOW, ROBERT A	BEDFORD, NH	GAUTHIER, CAROL M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/14/2007
2007000521	SCOTT, SHANE A	BEDFORD, NH	FRIEDA, CRYSTAL L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/14/2007
2007000495	HARKNESS, JEFFREY A	BEDFORD, NH	TERNULLO, JOEY ANNE	NASHUA, NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	02/16/2007
2007000547	KALLESIS, JOHN A	BEDFORD, NH	RODNEY HEATHER L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	02/17/2007
2007000812	TALBOT, JOSEPH C	BEDFORD, NH	TALBOT, TAMMY A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/08/2007
2007000938	DEVRIES, CURTIS A	BEDFORD, NH	NORTH, CHERYL A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/08/2007
2007000900	SHAHEEN, PHILIP H	BEDFORD, NH	SUAREZ, MARTHA	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/10/2007
2007000947	SMITH, MICHAEL H	CHELMSFORD, MA	DEWHURST, JENNIFER L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	03/16/2007
2007001226	SHEPARD, PHILIP R	BEDFORD, NH	HILL, LOUISE M	LITCHFIELD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/25/2007
2007001372	PHELPS, DEREK J	BEDFORD, NH	DELOID, KRISTEN L	LITCHFIELD, NH	NASHUA	LITCHFIELD	04/14/2007
2007001484	SKILTON, RONALD W	BEDFORD, NH	MAJORS, PAMELA J	MERRIMACK, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/20/2007
2007001388	ARNOLDY, CHRISTOPHER R	AMHERST, NH	DUNHAM, ANDREA L	BEDFORD, NH	MERRIMACK	BEDFORD	04/21/2007
2007001403	CICCHETTO, MICHAEL D	BEDFORD, NH	HASSEY, JAMIE L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/21/2007
2007001635	GIOVAGNOLI, DANIEL R	AUBURN, NH	AXNE, JEANNINE L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	04/25/2007
2007001689	MILLMAN, JONATHAN P	BEDFORD, NH	EDE, MADINE M	BEDFORD, NH	AUBURN	MANCHESTER	05/05/2007
2007002119	FUDALA, MATTHEW D	EPSOM, NH	ROBITAILLE, JILL M	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/06/2007
2007002025	CROSSETTE, JACQUES P	BEDFORD, NH	HARRINGTON, GENEVIEVE C	MANCHESTER, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/19/2007
2007002061	WELLS, KEITH P	MERRIMACK, NH	LAVENTURE, SUMNER A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	05/23/2007
2007002124	REYNOLDS, DANIEL B	BEDFORD, NH	GILMORE, TABATHA K	BEDFORD, NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	05/27/2007
2007002727	KIERCE, KEVIN M	BEDFORD, NH	O'NEILLERIN, A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	PORTSMOUTH	05/27/2007
2007002289	SUFFERMAN, JOHN A	GOFFSTOWN, NH	SASSEVILLE, RENEE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/02/2007
2007002746	O'NEILL, PATRICK M	BEDFORD, NH	RAMMAGE, MICHELLE R	NEW BOSTON, NH	GOFFSTOWN	DERRY	06/03/2007
2007002587	ANDRADE, KEVIN C	BEDFORD, NH	LANDRY, NICOLE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/08/2007
2007003142	BARWELL, DREW C	BEDFORD, NH	DAVIS, AMANDA S	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/09/2007
2007003212	KENNEALLY, ROBERT G	BEDFORD, NH	VALLERAND, SAMANTHA G	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/23/2007
2007003739	HUBBARD, RICHARD H	BEDFORD, NH	PRINCE, KRISTIN M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/29/2007
2007003875	CLIFFORD, MARK H	BEDFORD, NH	CURRIE, CYNTHIA C	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/07/2007
2007003740	DEHLY, MARC D	BEDFORD, NH	SCOFF, BEATRICE A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	07/07/2007
2007003871	O'NEIL, KEITH R	BEDFORD, NH	BLAIS, HOLLY M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/07/2007
2007004182	RHEAUME, RONALD E	BEDFORD, NH	PERKINS, GAIL R	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	07/07/2007
2007004311	BROWN, ROBERT M	MONTPELIER, VT	EDRIDGE, JULIE D	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/14/2007
2007004743	FEDOROV, VASILY V	BEDFORD, NH	DENISEVICH, LYUBOV A	GREENFIELD, MA	BEDFORD	RYE	07/20/2007
2007004977	DIURKIN, JOHN F	BEDFORD, NH	MATTEAU, JESSICA L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	08/03/2007
2007004828	PARZYCH, RYAN J	NASHUA, NH	BOURGOIS, JENNIFER J	BEDFORD, NH	NASHUA	NEW CASTLE	08/04/2007

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2007005167	LEIBIG, BRUCE E	BEDFORD, NH	GELFAND, LINDA A	GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	MANCHESTER	08/11/2007
2007005302	DIONNE, DONN R	BEDFORD, NH	RUSSELL, STEPHANIE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/11/2007
2007005379	REED, ROBERT A	BEDFORD, NH	LECZYNSKI, ANDREA B	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/19/2007
2007005628	ROBINSON, BRIAN W	BEDFORD, NH	DEFRONZO, ELIZABETH A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/26/2007
2007005669	SKIDMORE, CHARLES A	BEDFORD, NH	O'CONNOR, CONNIE M	STRAFFORD, NH	STRAFFORD	PORTSMOUTH	08/31/2007
2007006304	SEGALINI, ANDREW S	BEDFORD, NH	BLANCHARD, NICOLE J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/01/2007
2007006300	STEWART, ERIC K	BEDFORD, NH	SWARTZENTRUBER, JULIE	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/08/2007
2007006297	HUGHES, CRAIG M	EXETER, RI	LANGRIDGE, KATHRYN T	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/08/2007
2007006389	HOSE, SHUVOM	BEDFORD, NH	MARBLE, LJALANIA J	BROOKLINE, NH	MANCHESTER	BROOKLINE	09/08/2007
2007006385	SUSSMAN, SCOTT F	BEDFORD, NH	SUSSMAN, KATHERINE G	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	09/13/2007
2007006603	HUMPHREY, JEFFREY A	BEDFORD, NH	LOZEAU, JESSICA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/15/2007
2007006746	SAUERBRY, EHREN R	BEDFORD, NH	WEATHERFORD, JENNIFER A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MERRIMACK	09/15/2007
2007007015	TETRO, SCOTT E	BEDFORD, NH	WARD, DANIELLE M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HOLLIS	09/22/2007
2007007082	LOONEY, MARK F	BEDFORD, NH	AMES, REBECCA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MEREDITH	09/23/2007
2007007201	GUINES, JEREMY I	BEDFORD, NH	BRADBURY, CAREY W	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/29/2007
2007007101	BACKUS, AARON M	BEDFORD, NH	BOURNIVAL, KRISTIN A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	GOFFSTOWN	09/29/2007
2007007750	CHABOT, DANIEL M	MANCHESTER, NH	CHABOT, SANDRA L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/06/2007
2007007526	SMONEAU, DANIEL R	MANCHESTER, NH	BAYER, JULIE A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	10/06/2007
2007007842	MCGINLEY, DAVID S	BEDFORD, NH	MCGINLEY, SUSAN KAREN	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/07/2007
2007008198	CHAPUT, BRIAN G	BEDFORD, NH	OMER, ANNETTE M	GOFFSTOWN, NH	BEDFORD	GOFFSTOWN	10/13/2007
2007007832	LUBA, COREY T	BEDFORD, NH	BASILIERE, KATHARINE R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MILFORD	10/14/2007
2007008009	LAPOINTE, MARC P	BEDFORD, NH	PEPPERS, KATHY A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	10/18/2007
2007008137	LOVEJOY, JAMES M	BEDFORD, NH	YORK, LAURIE E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/24/2007
2007008327	CHABOT, GARY N	CLAREMONT, NH	CHABOT, THERESA E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	10/26/2007
2007008255	HOSKER, PETER L	BEDFORD, NH	WHITE, JUDY A	EAST HAMPSHIRE, NH	HAMPSHIRE	ATKINSON	10/28/2007
2007008424	KELLEY, BRIAN A	BEDFORD, NH	STAROWICZ, EMILY A	MANCHESTER, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	11/03/2007
2007008566	WIGGIN, TAYLOR J	BEDFORD, NH	DOWNING, JENNIFER	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	11/09/2007
2007009139	MCDONOUGH, JAMES K	BEDFORD, NH	NORDABY, MELISSA J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/21/2007
2007009245	MURPHY, MATTHEW M	MANCHESTER, NH	LOVETT, KATHLEEN A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	PORTSMOUTH	12/22/2007
2007009324	TOUSSAINT, SCOTT G	BEDFORD, NH	CRANSTON, CAROLINE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/31/2007

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Child's Name	Date Of Birth	Place Of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
GUTTMAN, SETH GEOFFREY	01/02/2007	NASHUA, NH	GUTTMAN, STEVEN	GUTTMAN, HELENA
DIJAZ, ISABELLA MARIE	01/02/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	DIAZ, CHAD	KELLY, KATELIN
SERINO, ANTHONY MAXIMUS	01/18/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	SERINO, ANTHONY	SERINO, KIMBERLY
VALLERAND, ZABREYA NICOLE	01/24/2007	NASHUA, NH	MORRISSEY, CHARLES	VALLERAND, SAMANTHA
O'NEIL, FINIAN MARTELL	01/25/2007	NASHUA, NH	O'NEIL, WILLIAM	MARTELL-O'NEIL, ROBIN
KAMIENSKI, JOHNA THAN RICHARD	01/26/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	KAMIENSKI, BRIAN	KAMIENSKI, SHANNON
SCOTT, ANIKA KIRAN	01/30/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	SCOTT, DEXTER	SCOTT, POONAM
SANUTH, THOMAS VINCENT	01/30/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	SANUTH, THOMAS	SANUTH, SARAH
DOLDO, BRADY MONTGOMERY	01/30/2007	NASHUA, NH	DOLDO, JOSEPH	DOLDO, DIANTHE
WILENSKY, DEREK EVAN	01/31/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	WILENSKY, MARK	WILENSKY, LAUREN
AVELLA, KEATON ANTHONY	02/01/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	AVELLA, DAMON	AVELLA, HEATHER
DANIELSON, ZACHERY JOSEPH	02/06/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	THERREN, BRIAN	DANIELSON, ERIN
BOYD, COLBY STEVEN	02/06/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	BOYD, SCOTT	BOYD, DARLENE
GAGNE, BRODY ANTHONY	02/07/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	GAGNE, TIMOTHY	GAGNE, COLLEEN
FELLERS, ANNA ROSS	02/15/2007	DOVER, NH	FELLERS, KYLE	FELLERS, EMILY
PROULX, BRADY MATTHEW	03/01/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	PROULX, MATTHEW	PROULX, DAWN
KELSALL, NATHAN ROBERT	03/05/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	KELSALL, CHRISTOPHER	KELSALL, CHRISTINE
LOSSMAN, WILLIAM THOMAS	03/12/2007	NASHUA, NH	LOSSMAN, WILLIAM	LOSSMAN, INDIA
GOLDSTEIN, CALEB CORREIA	03/14/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	GOLDSTEIN, JEREMY	GOLDSTEIN, TAMMY
GOLDSTEIN, MACKENZIE CORREIA	03/14/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	GOLDSTEIN, JEREMY	GOLDSTEIN, TAMMY
MCGILL, SAGE GRACELYN	03/20/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	MCGILL, DAVID	MCGILL, ERIN
DUREPO, DAVID ROBERT	03/21/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	DUREPO, DAVID	DUREPO, BETHANN
JOHNSON, COLIN BLAKE	03/27/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	JOHNSON, MATTHEW	JOHNSON, GRETCHEN
JOHNSON, ANNA FAITH	03/27/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	JOHNSON, MATTHEW	JOHNSON, GRETCHEN
REANY, MCKENNAH FAITH	03/30/2007	NASHUA, NH	REANY, THOMAS	REANY, TARA
SANTORSA, CHRISTOPHER FRANK	03/31/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	SANTORSA, MICHAEL	WESTCOTT, LAURIE
SANTORSA, KATHERINE YATES	03/31/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	SANTORSA, MICHAEL	WESTCOTT, LAURIE
FRONGILLO, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER	04/03/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	FRONGILLO, RICHARD	FRONGILLO, JANET
BATTAGLIO, EAN JOHN	04/04/2007	CONCORD, NH	BATTAGLIO, CHRISTOPHER	BATTAGLIO, KINDRA
STABILE, MADELINE DOWD	04/25/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	STABILE, HARRY	STABILE, ALLISON
WINSLOW, SARAH CATHERINE	04/25/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	WINSLOW, ROBERT	WINSLOW, CARON
DALEY, KAITLYN ANNE	04/26/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	DALEY, KENNETH	DALEY, CHERYL
SKEEN, KAYLA MORGAN	04/27/2007	NASHUA, NH	SKEEN, JEFFREY	SKEEN, KAREN
QUIROGA, ANDRES MAURICIO	05/09/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	QUIROGA, FABIO	QUIROGA, SARAH
MACWILLIAM, MEREDITH RAE	05/14/2007	PETERBOROUGH, NH	MACWILLIAM, RAE	MACWILLIAM, KRISTIANA
KAPETAN, SARAH ELIZABETH	05/17/2007	MANCHESTER, NH	KAPETANGIANNOPOULOS, PANU	KAPETAN, MELANIE
FARNUM, AIDAN JAMES	05/29/2007	NASHUA, NH	FARNUM, MATTHEW	FARNUM, JULIE

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SFN	Child's Name	Date Of Birth	Place Of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
2007005620	GOOKIN,MADISON SHEA	06/01/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	GOOKIN,GEORFREY	GOOKIN,LORI
2007005629	SCHUMACHER,DILLON PATRICK	06/02/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	SCHUMACHER,BRIAN	SCHUMACHER,ALICIA
2007006087	KANURU,RAJEEV RAO KODALI	06/02/2007	NASHUA,NH	KANURU,RAJA	KANURU,RAJITA
2007005781	CHIRAS,JUSTIN SCOTT	06/05/2007	NASHUA,NH	CHIRAS,SCOTT	CHIRAS,USA
2007005918	LAMBERT,ZACKARY TYLER	06/08/2007	NASHUA,NH	LAMBERT,NORMAN	BURGESS,JENNIFER
2007006221	LOONEY,ROMAN SEAN	06/17/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	LOONEY,BRIAN	LOONEY,KRISTINE
2007006244	DANISH,EMMERSON LADEN	06/19/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	DANISH,CHRISTIAN	DANISH,KELLY
2007006273	NADEAU,MASON JAMES	06/19/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	NADEAU,DANIEL	NADEAU,DANIELLE
2007006820	MCDONOUGH,BENJAMIN ROBERT	06/27/2007	EXETER,NH	MCDONOUGH,TIMOTHY	MCDONOUGH,AMANDA
2007006924	KASHIWABARA,MOLLY ELIZABETH	07/01/2007	NASHUA,NH	KASHIWABARA,STEVEN	KASHIWABARA,DIANNE
2007006999	DUBE,MEREDITH ROSE	07/09/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	DUBE,MICHAEL	DUBE,DANA
2007007501	TETRO,BRIANNA MARIE	07/20/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	TETRO,SCOTT	WARD,DANIELLE
2007007895	BISHOP,CAMILLE LANGLEY	07/29/2007	NASHUA,NH	BISHOP,ROBERT	BISHOP,MANDI
2007008840	BIBAWI,CHRISTINA KARIM	08/09/2007	NASHUA,NH	BIBAWI,KARIM	ISKANDER,SHERINE
2007008927	THERRIEN,COLBY MICHAEL	08/14/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	THERRIEN,MICHAEL	THERRIEN,ERICA
2007009701	KATSIKAS,ALEXIS MAY	08/20/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	KATSIKAS,KEITH-ALLAN	KATSIKAS,REBECCA
2007009819	MILLER,GABRIELLA JOANNE	08/22/2007	NASHUA,NH	MILLER,ROBERT	BILODEAU,ERIN
2007009334	LASPINA,ALEXANDER SEBASTIAN	08/04/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	LASPINA,ALFRED	LASPINA,AUDREY
2007009335	LASPINA,AVA SOUTHERN	09/04/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	LASPINA,ALFRED	LASPINA,AUDREY
2007009972	DUBE,GRACE EVELYN	09/11/2007	NASHUA,NH	DUBE,MARC	DUBE,LAURA
2007009868	KIM,ISABEL SEON-AH	09/14/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	KIM,JAMIE	KIM,MI-YOUNG
2007010353	BENJAMIN,CALEIGH LYNN	09/30/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	BENJAMIN,MICHAEL	RAICHE,CRYSTAL
2007010684	VILELA,ALEXIS CATHERINE	10/04/2007	LEBANON,NH	VILELA,STEPHEN	VILELA,PATRICIA
2007010631	SEALEY,TYRECE DONALD	10/05/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	SEALEY,MICHAEL	SEALEY,AMY
2007011064	FILION,EVAN MATTHEW	10/15/2007	NASHUA,NH	FILION,MATTHEW	FILION,STACY
2007011090	ZARELLA,CLAUDIA RUTH	10/19/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	ZARELLA,GEORGE	ZARELLA,CHERYL
2007011824	HODGKINS,CATHERINE SUSAN	11/01/2007	NASHUA,NH	HODGKINS,DEREK	HODGKINS,KELLY
2007011989	BILOTTA,ELISA BEATRICE	11/07/2007	NASHUA,NH	BILOTTA,ALESSANDRO	SANCHEZ-REYES,GEORGINA
2007012556	DINESH,SIDDHARTH	11/20/2007	NASHUA,NH	VIJAYARAGAVAN,DINESH	DAKSHINAMOORTHY,SUDHARANI
2007012679	KUMAR,DEEPIKA AJAY	11/28/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	KUMAR,AJAY	HIRYANNAHUH,PADMAJA
2007012621	SNOW,MAKENNA LYN	11/29/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	SNOW,JONATHAN	SNOW,KELLY
2007013266	O'BRIEN,CALLAHAN JEAN	12/10/2007	NASHUA,NH	O'BRIEN,TERENCE	O'BRIEN,NICOLE
2007013131	SMITH,WYATT HOGAN	12/13/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	SMITH,MICHAEL	SMITH,JENNIFER
2007013464	DOUCETTE,MAREE LUCIENE	12/20/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	DOUCETTE,PAUL	DOUCETTE,KERRI
2007013667	COLLINS,AVA NORA	12/27/2007	MANCHESTER,NH	COLLINS,DENNIS	COLLINS,MOLLY
2007013899	GOREHAM,AIDEN MICHAEL	12/31/2007	NASHUA,NH	GOREHAM,JOSEPH	GOREHAM,KATHLEEN

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SFN	Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
2007000150	COMIRE, IRENE	01/07/2007	BEDFORD	LANGLEY, ALBERT	SIMONEAU, BEATRICE	N
2007000250	SWANSON, HAROLD	01/09/2007	BEDFORD	SWANSON, ADOLPH	ACKERMAN, KERSTIN	Y
2007000329	COBURN, BRIAN	01/09/2007	MANCHESTER	COBURN, GEORGE	BEAN, ALINE	N
2007000284	DESCHENES, ALBERT	01/10/2007	BEDFORD	DESCHENES, LOUIS	MICHAUD, ERNESTINE	Y
2007000431	NELSON, RUTH	01/12/2007	MANCHESTER	BROWN, ANDREW	ALLEN, MURIEL	N
2007000325	GREENBERG, MARGARET	01/13/2007	BEDFORD	AWANN, JOSEF	PLATZ, CHRISTINA	U
2007000360	VILLENEUVE, LEONA	01/13/2007	BEDFORD	LETTRE, JOSEPH	DAMOUR, EUGENIE	N
2007000402	POULIN, LEONARD	01/13/2007	BEDFORD	POULIN, HECTOR	BERUBE, JULIETTE	U
2007000404	MONTAGNO, EVANGELINE	01/13/2007	BEDFORD	MACTOCCHIO, DOMINICK	D'INNOCENZA, LUCIA	N
2007000406	NELGEBAUER, MARY	01/14/2007	BEDFORD	NELGEBAUER, JOSEPH	REINGOLD, SOPHIA	N
2007000415	BREWER, GERTRUDE	01/14/2007	BEDFORD	LECLERC, HENRY	CHATEL, ANNA	N
2007000464	LEOUTSAKOS, RICHARD	01/15/2007	BEDFORD	LEOUTSAKOS, LEO	RHEAULT, LUCILLE	N
2007000483	SCOTT, DEAN	01/18/2007	MANCHESTER	SCOTT, WILLIAM	PERSON, ESTHER	N
2007000584	OSBERG, MARGERY	01/20/2007	BEDFORD	OSBERG, CARL	PETERSON, ANNIE	U
2007000638	BAILEY, JENNIE	01/23/2007	BEDFORD	YAGELLO, EDWARD	BOZEK, KATHERINE	N
2007000693	TRUSKA, IRENE	01/24/2007	BEDFORD	GAMACHE, WILLIBERT	CHARTIER, DIANA	N
2007000774	DIONNE, RAY	01/26/2007	BEDFORD	DIONNE, DONALD	GREMER, ELAINE	N
2007000807	CROATTI, ARMANDO	01/28/2007	BEDFORD	CROATTI, GIOVANNI	PEDROSI, CARMELINA	U

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2007000882	FOREST, GEORGE	01/30/2007	BEDFORD	FOREST, JOSEPH	GOTTSCHALKE, MARTHA	Y
2007000892	DUVAL, HENRI	01/31/2007	MANCHESTER	DUVAL, AUGUSTE	BOUCHARD, ROSE	Y
2007001053	MEHR, JUDITH	02/05/2007	BEDFORD	HANGEN, JOHN	HEIM, HELEN	N
2007001147	AMPHAVANNASOUK, KONGKHAM	02/09/2007	BEDFORD	KEOCHANHAYONG, CHANT	KEOCHANHAYONG, FONG	N
2007001175	MELANSON JR, RAYMOND	02/09/2007	MANCHESTER	MELANSON SR, RAYMOND	GREEN, BERNICE	N
2007001204	GOULET, RACHEL	02/09/2007	NASHUA	PLANTE, SIMEON	RICHARD, ROSEANNA	N
2007001166	RICHMOND, ROSE	02/10/2007	BEDFORD	LEVINGSTON, FRANK	SHAPIRO, SARAH	N
2007001255	BICKFORD, VASILIKE	02/12/2007	BEDFORD	PAPPAGEORGE, THOMAS	APOSTOLOS, FROSSO	N
2007001365	GAUDES, EDITH	02/15/2007	BEDFORD	BLAKE, EDWARD	HURD, GERTRUDE	N
2007001432	LEDBETTER, JOSEPHINE	02/16/2007	NASHUA	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
2007001478	BELANGER, LOIS	02/20/2007	MERRIMACK	BERTHUME, ALBERT	LECLAIRE, AURORE	N
2007001470	DENAULT, THERESA	02/21/2007	BEDFORD	CHABOT, THEOPHALUS	LEMELIN, LAURA	N
2007001634	STEVENSON, FLORENCE	02/25/2007	BEDFORD	COURT, ARTHUR	VON WALTERSDORF, LOUISE	N
2007001711	CHARTIER, AUICE	02/28/2007	MANCHESTER	LAMBERT, HERMIDAS	SIMARD, MELANIE	N
2007001696	SMITH, RUTH	03/01/2007	BEDFORD	GARLAND, GEORGE	THISTLE, ANNIE	N
2007001740	TWOMEY, FLORENCE	03/02/2007	MANCHESTER	STRATIGAKIS, THOMAS	UNKNOWN, PENORA	N
2007001757	WILLIAMS, BERTHA	03/02/2007	BEDFORD	HILL, ARTHUR	CHAMPANY, ADELINE	N
2007001853	LONG, SYDNEY	03/05/2007	MANCHESTER	LONG, JEFFREY	IMAROUS, DANIELLE	N

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2007001903	PRAATT, LORRAINE	03/07/2007	MANCHESTER	HENRY, STEVE	LAMPRON, EVELYN	N
2007001913	JUDKINS, DALE	03/07/2007	BEDFORD	JUDKINS, NAHUM	SMITH, BLANCHE	N
2007001958	WISNIEWSKI, ANNE	03/08/2007	BEDFORD	KAROLISZYN, JAN	KACZMARSKI, MARYA	N
2007002011	SPAULDING JR, ALBERT	02/10/2007	BEDFORD		HUNTLEY, DEBORAH	N
2007002172	LISH-HERNESS, BARBARA	03/17/2007	MANCHESTER	CAYER, ABDON	LAMBERT, CLARA	N
2007002326	DESMARAIS, HONORE	03/19/2007	BEDFORD	DESMARAIS, CYPRIEN	BELANGER, REGINA	Y
2007002707	CLARKIN, IMA	03/29/2007	BEDFORD	RITCHIE, THOMAS	SMITH, AGNES	N
2007002689	MULROY, MARGARET	03/31/2007	MANCHESTER	ROBERSTON, GEORGE	STEVENSON, ALICE	N
2007002874	MARINELLO, EDITH	04/08/2007	BEDFORD	GIGLI, ORESTE	SICANI, ERSILA	N
2007002888	NOEL, OLIVETTE	04/09/2007	BEDFORD	SANTERRE, ARTHUR	DENAULT, DONALDA	N
2007002923	SHEA, TIMOTHY	04/09/2007	BEDFORD	SHEA, TIMOTHY	KEENAN, MARGARET	Y
2007002930	QUIRK JR, JAMES	04/10/2007	MANCHESTER	QUIRK SR, JAMES	ROBINSON, RUTH	Y
2007003015	ROULEAU, STEVEN	04/12/2007	MANCHESTER	ROULEAU, DONAT	RYBCZYK, VIOLET	N
2007003086	TSETSILAS, VIVIAN	04/14/2007	BEDFORD	OSBERG, SVEN	JOHNSON, AUGUSTA	N
2007003109	MOORE, MARY	04/15/2007	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
2007003320	BUXTON, RITA	04/21/2007	BEDFORD	BISSON, JOSEPH	TROMBLY, LUCY	N
2007003222	MCCOULLAN, LEONARD	04/21/2007	MANCHESTER	MCCOULLAN, EDWARD	SMITHSON, GLADYS	N
2007003288	WHYLAND, JOSEPH	04/21/2007	MANCHESTER	WHYLAND, JOSEPH	ANDERSON, ADA	N

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2007003315	O'NEIL, MARJORIE	04/24/2007	MANCHESTER	MALLON, BERNARD	PERRY, PAULINE	N
2007003374	SENAV, AURELIA	04/26/2007	BEDFORD	ST ONGE, LOUIS	HAMEL, EUGENIE	N
2007003578	VERDERAME, ROSARIA	05/03/2007	MANCHESTER	BARRACO, ANTONIO	SCORDIA, ROSINA	N
2007003651	LEARY, NANCY	05/05/2007	BEDFORD	PENNEY, ROBERT	PERKINS, KATHRYN	N
2007003644	SIMARD, IRENE	05/06/2007	BEDFORD	PAQUETTE, ERNEST	HOULE, MARIA	N
2007003837	TURNER, BILLY	05/12/2007	BEDFORD	TURNER, JOSEPH	MCCLEERY, WILNA	Y
2007003847	CARR, ROBERT	05/12/2007	BEDFORD	CARR, ROY	JOHN, RUBY	N
2007003903	DUGUAY, SUZANNE	05/14/2007	MANCHESTER	PRINCE, ROCH	GUIMOND, LAURETTE	N
2007004017	DAVIS-SAMMIS, WENDY	05/20/2007	BEDFORD	COLMES, BERNARD	VERNON, DOROTHY	N
2007004203	HUNTER, LOIS	05/25/2007	BEDFORD	TACKELLA, MATTHEW	BANZER, AGUSTA	N
2007004279	AUBIN, YVONNE	05/27/2007	BEDFORD	BERNARD, STANLEY	OLIVIER, BLANCHE	N
2007004292	CLARKSON, CYNTHIA	05/30/2007	BEDFORD	WARE, LEROY	STOCKWELL, EDITH	N
2007004311	LIMA, WALTER	05/30/2007	BEDFORD	LIMA, MARION	D'SOUZA, AGNES	N
2007004345	JOHNSON, ELFRIEDE	06/01/2007	BEDFORD	MURGULLA, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, ELIZABETH	N
2007004469	STONE, PHILIP	06/05/2007	CONCORD	STONE, HARRY	RUDOFISKY, ELIZABETH	Y
2007004629	CHIANG, HUI-CHUNG	06/11/2007	MANCHESTER	CHEN, PEI	CHEN, HUNG	N
2007004694	JOHNSON, WALTER	06/13/2007	BEDFORD	JOHNSON, ROBERT	FIRMAN, A	Y
2007004711	MANNING, JOAN	06/15/2007	BEDFORD	WHITE, JOHN	KERR, IMARY	N

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2007004807	RZEZNIKIEWICZ, ANNETTE	06/16/2007	BEDFORD	RZEZNIKIEWICZ, THEODORE	HERBUT, MARY	N
2007004888	BELOCK, JOHN	06/21/2007	MANCHESTER	BELOCK, CHARLES	KULYA, MARY	Y
2007005017	RICHARD, DAVID	06/25/2007	BEDFORD	RICHARD, AMIE	DESROSIERS, ALICE	N
2007005085	WATKINS, ARTHUR	06/26/2007	MANCHESTER	WATKINS, GEORGE	ROBERTSON, HENRIETTA	N
2007005286	SHEVENELL, NORBERT	07/03/2007	BEDFORD	SHEVENELL, URBAN	BARRET, BINA	Y
2007005335	ANDERSON, JEANNETTE	07/04/2007	BEDFORD	BARRY, FRANK	LAVOIE, LAVINA	N
2007005359	SENECHAL, LUCILLE	07/08/2007	MANCHESTER	LEFEBVRE, NAPOLEON	ROBERGE, EMMA	N
2007005380	POPE, VERONICA	07/08/2007	MANCHESTER	MCLAUGHLIN, PATRICK	MEEHAN, KATHERINE	N
2007005460	OBRIEN, DORIS	07/11/2007	BEDFORD	SWENSON, ERIC	JOHANSSON, AUGUSTA	N
2007005630	SOKOL, WILLIAM	07/19/2007	MANCHESTER	SOKOL, ANTHONY	PITZINSKI, WANDA	Y
2007005665	ROBERTS, DENIS	07/20/2007	MANCHESTER	ROBERTS, DAVID	NOLAN, JANET	N
2007005684	CLAUSEN, AMELIA	07/21/2007	MANCHESTER	WOLLOW, ANTHONY	ARZAKAUSKIS, SOPHIA	N
2007005768	GLENFIELD, JEANNE	07/22/2007	BEDFORD	GIBSON, MERCER	PEIRCE, ANNA	N
2007005692	NYE, JOSEPHINE	07/23/2007	BEDFORD	KULA, ALBERT	MAREK, ANNA	N
2007005738	BLANCHETTE, NAPOLEON	07/23/2007	BEDFORD	BLANCHETTE, HENRY	GAGNON, MARIE	N
2007005837	INNIE, PAULINE	07/26/2007	BEDFORD	INNIE, SAMUEL	THORGERSON, EVELYN	N
2007005948	CROTEAU, CAMERON	07/26/2007	MANCHESTER	CROTEAU, CHRISTOPHER	OUELLETTE, CANDICE	N
2007005860	HEISER, MARGARET	07/26/2007	MANCHESTER	MCAHON, WILLIAM	WILSON, SADIE	N

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2007005953	BUCK, DORIS	07/27/2007	BEDFORD	BUCK, XAVER	GRUNAU, FRIEDA	N
2007005951	ZAKAS, GEORGE	07/30/2007	BEDFORD	ZAKAS, JOHN	KYLA, MARY	N
2007006087	CLACK, MARY	08/03/2007	BEDFORD	KEAN, EDWARD	SOULE, ELLEN	N
2007006316	ROBERTS, FLORENCE	08/14/2007	BEDFORD	ELLIOTT, WALDO	SMITH, NEILL	N
2007006337	LEGENC, JOHN	08/14/2007	BEDFORD	LEGENC, MARTIN	BARA, MARY	Y
2007006428	SMITH, MARTIN	08/17/2007	MERRIMACK	SMITH, HARRY	MARTIN, HELENE	Y
2007006445	KOSIBA, MARY	08/17/2007	BEDFORD	MIELKO, CASMIR	LISOSKA, ANNA	N
2007006446	HOFFMAN, SHIRLEY	08/18/2007	BEDFORD	KINGSFORD, CARLETON	JOHNSTON, CALFERNA	N
2007006402	RUBEN, RAY	08/19/2007	BEDFORD	RUBEN, BERNARD	SILVERMAN, ADA	N
2007006441	MUEHLBACH, BERNADETTE	08/19/2007	BEDFORD	MUEHLBACH, WILLIAM	COOK, MELISSA	N
2007006516	BEYER, RICHARD	08/21/2007	BEDFORD	BEYER, JOSEPH	SCHUEJERMANN, MARGARET	N
2007006521	ANDERSON, PAULINE	08/21/2007	BEDFORD	CHARBONNEAU, EDUARDO	LEBLANC, ANNETTE	N
2007006626	GRENIER, JEAN	08/24/2007	BEDFORD	GRENIER, WILLIE	LETENDRE, CORANNA	Y
2007006760	KEYES, STEPHEN	09/02/2007	MANCHESTER	KEYES, JOHN	SULLIVAN, HELEN	Y
2007006889	VARELLA, IRENE	09/02/2007	BEDFORD	TELLIER, GIDEON	CARRIER, LOUISE	N
2007006810	GARDZINA, ELINOR	09/03/2007	BEDFORD	HARDY, JOHN	SHAW, MARION	N
2007007028	LAMY, ROGER	09/10/2007	BEDFORD	LAMY, OVILA	GARIEPY, MARIE	Y
2007007228	LESMERISES, BERTRAND	09/17/2007	GOFFSTOWN	LESMERISES, OSCAR	GAUDREAU, YVONNE	Y

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2007007291	O'NEARA JR, WALTER	09/21/2007	BEDFORD	O'NEARA SR, WALTER	ALLEN, GRACE	Y
2007007405	DUCHARME, PAUL	09/23/2007	MERRIMACK	DUCHARME, GERARD	BERGERON, FLEURETTE	N
2007007379	RHEAUME, CYNTHIA	09/25/2007	BEDFORD	GAGE, RUSSELL	MORENCY, EVA	N
2007007533	COTE, BABY BOY	09/28/2007	MANCHESTER	COTE, LANCE	PEMBERTON, JULIE	N
2007007528	CORMIER, ROLANDE	09/30/2007	BEDFORD	FRANCK, JAMIES	GAGNON, ALMA	N
2007007598	CAGAN, FERNAL	10/03/2007	BEDFORD	HEALY, MILTON	BROWN, GLADYS	N
2007007614	MASSON, DORIS	10/03/2007	BEDFORD	CHALIFOUR, ALBERT	BLANCHARD, BEATRICE	N
2007007603	REALMUTO, PETER	10/04/2007	BEDFORD	REALMUTO, PHILIP	INGOGLIA, ANNA	Y
2007007667	BOURGAULT, JEANNINE	10/05/2007	BEDFORD	DUBE, DELPHIN	LEFEBVRE, YVONNE	N
2007007710	CRAIGEN, JANE	10/06/2007	MANCHESTER	TOBEY, THOMAS	DORAN, MARIE GRACE	N
2007007741	WIRTZ, JULIETTE	10/08/2007	BEDFORD	BUSSIERE, NAPOLEON	HEBERT, AGNES	N
2007007788	CORALE, ELEANOR	10/08/2007	BEDFORD	FEROLA, FRANCISCO	FREITAS, MARIA	N
2007007831	SWIESZ, ESTHER	10/11/2007	BEDFORD	TUTTLE, JOSEPH	UNKNOWN, RUTH	N
2007007845	O'BRIEN, JEAN	10/12/2007	MERRIMACK	LYTKOWSKI, THEODORE	VINCEK, GENEVIEVE	N
2007007910	PETERSEN, MONICA	10/13/2007	MANCHESTER	MULHERN, JOHN	JEROME, ROSE	N
2007007899	SMITH, HELEN	10/14/2007	BEDFORD	BRUCE, HARRY	KOFFEL, ANNA	N
2007007929	MARCUS, DOROTHY	10/15/2007	BEDFORD	PERPER, SAMUEL	STURMAN, LILLIAN	N
2007007972	CURRAN, CATHERINE	10/16/2007	BEDFORD	SALERNO, JOSEPH	PALSEVINO, AGATHA	N

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2007008055	CORMIER, ALFRED	10/18/2007	MANCHESTER	CORMIER, ALFRED	LEBLANC, HELENA	Y
2007008044	HOLT, SANDRA	10/19/2007	MANCHESTER	LAFFERRIERE, ROBERT	DAME, DRUCILLA	N
2007008152	CRAWFORD, PETER	10/24/2007	BEDFORD	CRAWFORD, WILLIAM	TROW, GERTRUDE	N
2007008196	SEGAL, NORMAN	10/25/2007	BEDFORD	SEGAL, DAVID	SANEL, BELLA	Y
2007008324	OUELLETTE, FRANK	10/28/2007	MERRIMACK	OUELLETTE, FRANCOIS	DEGRANDMAISON, SOPHILDA	Y
2007008300	CORCORAN, MICHELE	10/28/2007	MANCHESTER	DOYLE, WALTER	GERRIOR, DOROTHY	N
2007008310	VALLEE, BERTHA	10/29/2007	BEDFORD	LANGLOIS, DONAT	TONDREAU, BLANCHE	N
2007008384	YAROMA, ALEXANDER	11/01/2007	BEDFORD	YAROMA, GEORGE	UNKNOWN, KSENIA	Y
2007008496	HART, ELSA	11/03/2007	BEDFORD	WISNIEWSKI, MIECZYSLAW	MAKIEWICZ, WLADYSLAWA	N
2007008498	BELCHER, DORIS	11/03/2007	MERRIMACK	MCLAUGHLIN, WALTER	DIWYER, NORA	N
2007008633	LAWRENCE, JOHN	11/10/2007	MERRIMACK	FRIEDENWALD, GILBERT	BEEHMAN, RUTH	Y
2007008777	BELANGER, RICHARD	11/13/2007	BEDFORD	BELANGER, GEORGE	ROUKEY, ADELINE	Y
2007008765	SHAGOURY, ALEXANDRIA	11/14/2007	BEDFORD	TAMOOSH, ABRAHAM	TARAB, WADIA	N
2007008786	DOBBIE, FREDERICK	11/15/2007	MANCHESTER	DOBBIE, WILLIAM	PROULX, ADDIE	Y
2007008828	CROWLEY, ROBERT	11/16/2007	MANCHESTER	CROWLEY, ROBERT	WHITTLE, HELEN	Y
2007008868	SCHULTZ, MARGILYN	11/16/2007	BEDFORD	BERNIER, LEON	BROWN, RITA	N
2007008914	CROUSE-WEISBERG, DEBORAH	11/18/2007	BEDFORD	CROUSE, BRUCE	WEBSTER, JANICE	N
2007008968	MURRAY, JEANNETTE	11/22/2007	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	MASTINE, RITA	N

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2007009166	ROSTAD JR, GUNNAR	11/29/2007	BEDFORD	ROSTAD SR, GUNNAR	MAGARIAN, MARGUERITE	N
2007009230	WOLFE, EVELYN	12/02/2007	BEDFORD	RESNICK, JACK	DAVIS, JEANETTE	N
2007009429	O'HARA, JOHN	12/06/2007	MANCHESTER	O'HARA, FRANCIS	LUNNEY, GERTRUDE	Y
2007009408	SCANLON, PHOEBE	12/07/2007	BEDFORD	GOODMAN, GEORGE	DUFFY, ANNA	N
2007009416	SHRULL, EMELDA	12/08/2007	BEDFORD	POULQUIN, ALPHONSE	CHEVALIER, OLIVINE	N
2007009431	MILES, BETTY	12/09/2007	MANCHESTER	ASH, ERVIN	KINDER, MARY	N
2007009536	SEAVER, DOROTHEE	12/12/2007	MERRIMACK	MAYHEW, LEON	PAGEOTTE, CECILIA	N
2007009615	GILBERT, MARJORIE	12/14/2007	BEDFORD	RICHARDS, RUSSELL	SNOW, EMMA	N
2007009632	ROZMUS BLANCHE	12/15/2007	BEDFORD	MROZEK, JOHN	PLANKOWSKA, AGAITHA	N
2007009637	GRADY SR, RICHARD	12/15/2007	MANCHESTER		HAMEL, ALEXINA	Y
2007009621	PANUCZAK, RICHARD	12/16/2007	BEDFORD	PANUCZAK, MARTIN	NAPIERKOWSKI, HELEN	Y
2007009706	BOULANGER, MARIE	12/16/2007	BEDFORD	BOULANGER, NAZARIE	CLOUTIER, ALICE	N
2007009824	DEMOS, JAMES	12/21/2007	BEDFORD	DEMOS, GEORGE	UNKNOWN, ANGELIKA	N
2007009967	MOSHER, DANIEL	12/23/2007	BEDFORD	MOSHER, RODNEY	SHEA, DOROTHY	N
2007009823	WILLIAMS, MARY	12/24/2007	BEDFORD	MITCHELL, EVERETT	MARBROW, VERONICA	N
2007009944	RWET, DOROTHEA	12/26/2007	BEDFORD	TIERNEY, THOMAS	DOUCETTE, DORA	N
2007009987	DAMAZYN, ELEANOR	12/27/2007	BEDFORD	ROUINC, MICHAEL	TOMASCO, HELEN	N
2007009959	WIKE, ROBERT	12/27/2007	BEDFORD	WIKE, ROBERT	MASSEY, OLIVINE	N

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2008 MUNICIPAL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bedford Middle/High School on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1 through 5. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Article 6 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bedford Middle/High School (46 Nashua Road).

Article 1. Election of Town Officers

To elect 2 Town Councilors for three-year terms, 1 Library Trustee for a three-year term, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a six-year term, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a four-year term, 1 Town Clerk for a three-year term, 1 Town Moderator for a two-year term and 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three-year term.

Article 2. To see how the Town will vote on

ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-2 DEFINITIONS by deleting the words shown in strike through and adding the words in bold as follows:

Amend Article 45-2 Definitions by deleting the existing definition of "Commercial Use" - ~~An occupation, employment, or enterprise that is carried on for profit by the lessee or licensee and replacing it with the following definition: Any use involving in part or in whole the sale of merchandise, materials or services, but not including home occupations as defined in this section.~~

[This amendment is intended to clarify that commercial uses may be carried on by for profit as well as not for profit entities.]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-2 DEFINITIONS by adding the following words shown in bold as follows:

Amend Article 45-2 Definitions as follows: "Structure" - A combination of materials for occupancy or use, such as a building, bridge, trestle,

tower, framework, tank or group of tanks exceeding a total of 500 gallons, tunnel, tent, stadium, platform, shelter, pier, wharf, bin, sign, fences and retaining walls over six feet (6') in height, swimming pools, sports courts, or the like.

[This amendment is intended to allow tanks or groups of tanks that total 500 gallons or less to be exempt from the minimum structure setback requirements.]

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-2 DEFINITIONS as follows:

Amend Article 45-2 Definitions by adding the following definition: "Kennel" - An establishment licensed to operate a facility housing dogs, cats or other household pets and or where grooming, breeding, boarding, training, or selling of animals is conducted as a business.

[This amendment is intended to add a definition for Kennel which currently does not exist.]

Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 45-9-6 U.S. ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE ZONING DISTRICT, Permitted Uses by adding Subsection (y) Kennel; and

Amend Appendix 45-A Table of Uses by adding Kennel as a commercial use permitted in the Commercial (CO) and Performance Standards (PZ) Zones.

[This amendment is intended to specifically allow kennels in the Commercial (CO) and Performance Standards (PZ) Zones.]

Amendment No. 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance by deleting the words shown in strike through and adding the words in bold as follows:

To amend Article 45-11-2 DISTRICT REGULATION FOR SIGNAGE, Section (i) Route 3 Performance Zoning District, Subsection (1) as follows: All signs shall be set back from the side and rear property lines at least ~~fifty feet (50')~~ thirty feet (30') and from the front property line at least ten feet (10').



[This amendment is intended as housekeeping to be consistent with Article 45-11-1(a) which was amended in 2006 and currently provides for a thirty foot (30') setback.]

fire-walls shall be required for buildings containing single attached dwellings.

[This amendment would make the installation of fire suppression sprinkler systems mandatory for attached elderly housing units.]

Amendment No. 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Article 3. Proposed Charter Amendment

To amend Article 45-4-2 USE REGULATIONS, Section (b) Uses Permitted By Right With Conditions Imposed, Subsection (2) Elderly Housing, by deleting Subsection (d) Parking in its entirety; and

Shall the municipality approve the charter amendment summarized below?

To amend Appendix 45-A Table of Uses by deleting footnote number 28 - Elderly Housing, Subsection (d) Parking in its entirety.

Sections 1-3-5 (filling vacancies on the Town Council), 1-4-1 (appointment of a Town Manager), 1-4-4 (determination by Council that Town Manager is incapacitated), 1-4-6 (authority of Council to overrule the Town Manager with respect to disciplining of a department head), 1-5-11(a) (authority of Council to incur debt), and 1-5-12(c) (waiving competitive bid requirements) of the Town Charter are to be amended by deleting from each section the existing language requiring a super-majority vote of five councilors and inserting in place thereof the following language requiring a super-majority vote: "affirmative vote of five (5) councilors."

[This amendment is intended as housekeeping so to be consistent with the Land Development Control Regulation Section 322.2 Off-Street Parking Requirements and the 2002 Amendment which removed all other parking requirements from the Zoning Ordinance.]

Explanation: Each of the listed sections currently requires a super-majority vote of the Town Council, by using different language. The intention of this amendment is to use the same language throughout, to ensure consistency in the interpretation of these sections. For clarification purposes, it is the intention of the Council, by making these changes to the Charter, to ensure that these items, in order to pass, need the affirmative vote of at least five Councilors.

Amendment No. 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance by adding the words in bold as follows:

Article 4. Issuance of Long Term Debt for Reconstruction of Roads

To amend Article 45-4-2 USE REGULATIONS, Section (f) Supplemental Provisions, Subsection (1) Home Occupations, Level II Subsection (e) as follows: Septic system design/capacity for home occupations that have **any non-resident employees** or that utilize large water or waste water volumes, such as day care facilities, hair salons, and catering services shall be verified in writing by a licensed NH septic designer or a professional engineer.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed eight million six hundred thousand dollars (\$8,600,000) for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Town roads, eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) of which to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) of which to come from interest earnings on the investment of these bond proceeds and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. (This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)

[This amendment is intended to require applicants seeking Home Occupation permits who have non-resident employees to verify that their septic systems are capable of handling any additional flow, if any.]

Amendment No. 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance by deleting the words in strike through as follows:

To amend Article 45-6-5 Cluster Residential Development, Design Requirements Section (j) Design Standards for Single Attached Dwelling for Elderly Housing, Subsection (3) as follows: The installation of residential sprinkler systems ~~or the construction of~~



Explanation: The issuance of this long-term debt will address two major concerns in Town, one being the continuation of our Town road reconstruction and rehabilitation program which began in 2003 and the other being necessary safety improvements at the intersection of Route 101 and Nashua Road. It is the intent of the Council to first handle the Route 101/Nashua Road safety improvements due in part to the increased traffic resulting from the opening of the new Middle/High School on Nashua Road. Engineering consultants hired by the School District have projected the cost to be approximately \$3,000,000. At the completion of the engineering and design phase for the Route 101/Nashua Road project, if the cost does not reasonably resemble the original projection, the Council may reallocate funding as necessary providing such reallocation shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford. The remaining funds will be used to continue the Town roads program as described through 2009.

THE TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 5 IS SUBMITTED BY CITIZEN PETITION

Article 5. Issuance of Long Term Debt for Reconstruction of Town Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed twelve million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$12,900,000) for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of town roads, twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) of which to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) of which to come from interest earnings on the investment of these bond proceeds and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. NONE of these monies are to be used for any road NOT owned and maintained by the Town of Bedford. Revenue from the issuance of bonds or notes under this Article shall not be used for reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of roads that are the responsibility of the State of New Hampshire, including but are not limited to, Route 101, Route 114, and the Everett Turnpike. (This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)

Explanation: This issuance if this long-term debt will address major concerns in the Town of Bedford, regarding the continuation of our Town road reconstruction and rehabilitation program which began in 2003. It is the intent of the signers to insure that town monies are spent fixing town roads first and demanding that the State of New Hampshire accept responsibility to improve and maintain its own infrastructure. All funds will be used to continue the Town roads program.

TOWN ARTICLE 6 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2008 AT THE BEDFORD MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (Nashua Road).

Article 6. - Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$21,353,088
Police Special Detail	421,875
Recreation Day Camp	140,191
Bedford Comm. TV	256,393
Special Revenue Funds	57,500
Sewer Fund	1,409,788
Total Appropriation	\$23,638,835

The Town Council approved this warrant on January 23, 2008.

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of January 2008.

*Paul Roy, Sr., Chairman
Mike Izbicki, Vice Chairman*

**2008 Town Council
Proposed Municipal Budget Summary**

There is an estimated tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.25 to support the 2008 budget. The estimated Town portion of the tax rate is \$3.92 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.

- The **Town Council** budget includes \$949,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue.
- The **Election and Registration** overall budget increase is due to an increase in the number of elections in 2008.
- The **Finance and Personnel** budget includes \$5,000 to be deposited into the Financial Software Capital Reserve account.
- The **Information Technology** budget includes funding for the replacement of various computers and equipment as recommended by the Information Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council. This budget also includes \$36,000 for IT



consulting services and \$30,500 to be deposited into Capital Reserve accounts.

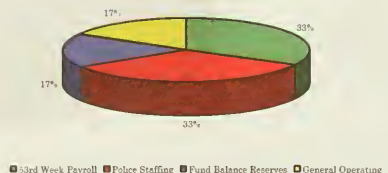
- The Assessing budget includes \$40,000 for assessing services to conduct a commercial reassessment.
- The Planning Department budget includes \$130,000 for the Town-Wide Master Plan which is offset by a Capital Reserve withdrawal of \$103,989.
- The Safety Complex budget includes \$16,000 to replace 3 additional heating units which are beyond their life expectancy (the replacement project began in 2007). The budget also includes \$129,881 for the safety complex bond principal and interest payment.
- The Payroll Adjustment budget includes \$261,141 for payroll and benefit expenses for the 53rd week in 2008.
- The Fund Balance Reserve budget was established in 2005 to address the long-term financial stability of the town and funding continues in 2008 with an appropriation of \$430,000.
- The Police Administration budget includes \$30,000 for anticipated police grants. The grants are offset by revenue.
- The Police Communications budget includes full year funding for the Dispatch and Lieutenant positions added in the 2007 budget. Also included is funding for a dispatcher/records clerk for 6 months as recommended by the MRI study. This position will require full year funding in future budgets. This budget also includes an \$18,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the future replacement of the dispatch radio console.
- The Police Patrol budget includes a new Lieutenant position for 6 months which will require full year funding in future budgets. This budget also includes a \$9,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the replacement of portable radios.
- The Police Detective budget includes a new detective position for 6 months which will require full year funding in future budgets. This budget also includes the SROs positions previously budgeted for under patrol.
- The Fire Administration budget includes \$110,000 for anticipated fire grants. Revenues offset this budget item.
- The Fire Operations budget includes a full year of funding for the 3 new positions added in the 2007 budget which are part of the 5-year federal SAFER grant program. This budget also includes \$200,000 for deposits to various Capital Reserve accounts for the future replacement of capital equipment and vehicles.
- The Public Works Local Road Maintenance budget includes \$2,560,400 for the principal and interest payments of the two existing road bonds and \$1,000,000 for local road maintenance. Public Works will also spend approximately \$4 million of the 2005 Road Bond during 2008.

- The Public Works Highway budget includes \$166,000 for the replacement of a sweeper, which is offset by a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$112,295. The budget also includes \$230,000 for the purchase of two dump trucks, \$69,000 for the purchase of a one-ton truck and \$26,000 for the purchase of a pickup truck. The one-ton and pickup trucks are completely offset by Capital Reserves. There is an additional \$163,000 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts.
- The Transfer Station budget includes \$153,760 for the landfill bond payment and \$40,000 for Capital Reserve deposits.
- The Recreation Field budget includes \$5,000 for the Center Park and \$55,000 to replace the Massey tractor (offset by capital reserves of \$32,000). Also included in this budget is \$35,000 for Capital Reserve deposits for equipment replacement.
- The Library budget includes approximately \$25,000 for part-time wages/benefits for additional circulation desk and clerical assistance. Also included is funding to a Capital Reserve account for building repairs in the amount of \$24,400, \$10,000 to establish a reserve for future parking lot construction and \$157,581 for the Library bond payment.
- The Conservation Commission budget includes \$354,795 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. This amount is offset by revenue.

**Breakdown of
Town Council Budget
Increase of \$0.25**

Full Yr. Police Staffing 2007	\$0.05	1.4%
53 rd week Payroll	\$0.08	2.2%
Police Staffing per MRI Study	\$0.03	0.8%
Fund Balance Reserves	\$0.04	1.0%
General Operating Increase	\$0.05	1.4%
Total Increase	\$0.25	6.8%

Town of Bedford
2008 Proposed Tax Rate Increase
\$0.25 over 2007 rate





Town of Bedford, New Hampshire
2008 Municipal Budget

ALL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS

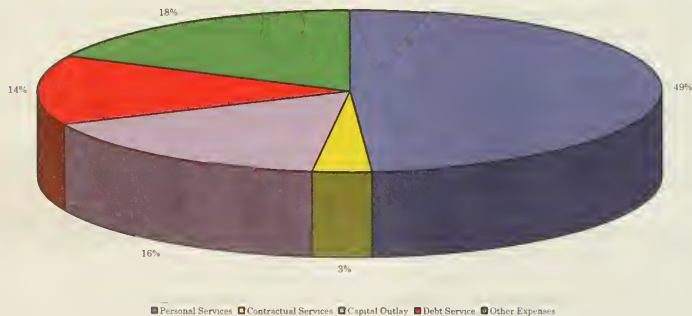
Appropriations by Function

Description	2006 Prior Year Actual	2007 Current Year Budget	2008 Council Recommended	Dollar Change	% Change
General Fund					
Town Manager	494,271	465,416	763,129	297,713	63.97%
Town Clerk	137,564	106,799	131,823	25,024	23.43%
Finance	2,110,602	2,420,156	2,591,816	171,660	7.09%
Information Systems	238,017	291,526	344,660	53,134	18.23%
Assessing	141,735	153,727	196,979	43,252	28.14%
Planning & Zoning	320,860	344,934	423,566	78,632	22.80%
Police	3,021,945	3,283,036	3,552,041	269,005	8.19%
Fire	2,353,180	2,716,767	2,944,978	228,211	8.40%
Public Works	6,026,782	7,605,842	7,473,647	(132,195)	-1.74%
Recreation	595,013	788,013	554,540	(233,473)	-29.63%
Library	905,286	983,252	1,032,504	49,252	5.01%
Other General Government	463,439	1,394,628	1,343,405	(51,223)	-3.67%
Total for Division	\$ 16,808,694	\$ 20,554,096	\$ 21,353,088	\$ 798,992	3.89%

Appropriations by Budget Category

Description	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Council Proposed	Dollar Change	% Change
Personal Services	8,427,718	9,493,359	10,458,896	965,537	10.17%
Contractual Services	420,260	416,164	620,709	204,545	49.15%
Capital Outlay	2,496,088	3,761,761	3,501,477	(260,284)	-6.92%
Debt Service	1,737,949	3,126,159	3,001,622	(124,537)	-3.98%
Other Expenses	3,726,680	3,756,653	3,770,384	13,731	0.37%
Total Department - All GF	\$ 16,808,694	\$ 20,554,096	\$ 21,353,088	\$ 798,992	3.89%

2008 Expenditures by Budget Category
All General Fund Departments





2008 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

** Year-to-Date figures are preliminary (unaudited)**

DEPARTMENT	2007 WORKING BUDGET	2007 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/07	2008 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2008 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	1,017,578	257,569	517,580	966,580
TOWN MANAGER	195,471	183,341	260,687	260,687
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION	25,689	26,707	45,913	45,913
TAX COLLECTOR	129,273	129,169	137,303	137,303
TOWN CLERK	84,133	83,178	84,650	85,910
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	309,371	307,428	326,231	326,231
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	294,362	288,159	313,660	344,660
ASSESSING	157,188	135,893	196,980	196,980
LEGAL EXPENSE	65,000	55,889	65,000	65,000
PLANNING BOARD	26,019	22,060	26,532	26,532
ZONING BOARD	5,881	3,890	6,081	6,081
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	1,462	807	1,463	1,463
PLANNING	313,589	293,980	385,990	389,490
TOWN HALL	19,250	17,151	18,784	18,784
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	210,918	215,109	221,026	221,026
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	292,178	308,692	262,449	278,449
CEMETERIES	18,950	14,410	18,790	18,790
INSURANCE	1,650,538	1,542,383	1,674,477	1,674,477
NH MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	16,500	16,389	17,000	17,000
SOUTHERN NH PLANNING	13,200	13,065	13,100	13,100
MANCHESTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY	43,200	42,600	43,200	43,200
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	4,800	5,871	3,000	3,000
PAYROLL ADJUST - 53RD WEEK	-	-	261,141	261,141
FUND BALANCE RESERVE	278,749	278,749	292,749	430,000
UNALLOCATED RESERVE	100,000	13,088	100,000	100,000
POLICE				
Administration	426,023	425,254	472,554	477,554
Communications	438,683	379,700	503,634	531,497
Patrol	1,654,983	1,651,392	1,595,494	1,595,494
Detectives	438,715	449,410	599,901	631,993
Animal Control	35,329	36,357	37,054	37,054
Subtotal Police	\$ 2,993,733	\$ 2,942,113	\$ 3,208,637	\$ 3,273,592
FIRE				
Administration	294,437	295,806	316,661	332,661
Operations	2,052,730	2,117,974	2,180,632	2,192,832
Building Inspection	138,808	142,985	143,939	144,439
Health Department	27,329	26,657	27,146	27,146
Hydrant Rental	240,000	239,815	247,900	247,900
Subtotal Fire	\$ 2,753,304	\$ 2,823,237	\$ 2,916,278	\$ 2,944,978



2008 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

** Year-to-Date figures are preliminary (unaudited)**

DEPARTMENT	2007 WORKING BUDGET	2007 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/07	2008 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2008 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	292,003	267,738	302,889	302,889
Local Road Maintenance	3,665,450	3,568,993	3,560,400	3,560,400
Highway	1,627,036	1,668,460	1,591,644	1,714,144
Winter Maintenance	504,951	661,731	455,702	455,702
Traffic Control	84,700	92,877	81,500	81,500
Solid Waste	1,224,905	1,093,175	1,136,486	1,137,986
Subtotal Public Works	\$ 7,399,045	\$ 7,352,974	\$ 7,128,621	\$ 7,252,621
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	15,000	5,404	15,000	15,000
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY	9,600	8,155	8,805	8,805
RECREATION				
Administration	83,086	51,966	100,161	50,161
Programs	91,501	93,812	91,226	91,226
Pool	88,732	74,548	85,863	85,863
Fields	501,369	510,465	304,506	306,006
Subtotal Recreation	\$ 764,688	\$ 730,791	\$ 581,756	\$ 533,256
LIBRARY	983,252	968,559	1,000,804	1,032,504
TOWN EVENTS	4,075	1,807	2,500	2,500
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	358,100	1,550	358,035	358,035
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 20,554,096	\$ 19,090,168	\$ 20,514,222	\$ 21,353,088
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
Police Special Detail	454,374	268,876	421,875	421,875
Recreation Day Camp	140,191	93,524	140,191	140,191
Bedford Community Television	299,913	288,261	256,393	256,393
Sewer Fund	1,525,361	1,307,182	1,409,788	1,409,788
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Other Special Revenue Funds	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 23,031,435	\$ 21,105,511	\$ 22,799,969	\$ 23,638,835

Debt Service Payments (*principal and interest*) are included in the above proposed budget in the following departments:

Public Safety Complex:	\$129,881	Landfill Closure:	\$153,760	Total General Fund: \$3,001,622
Road Resurfacing:	\$2,560,400	Library:	\$157,581	

Sewer Enterprise: \$187,812



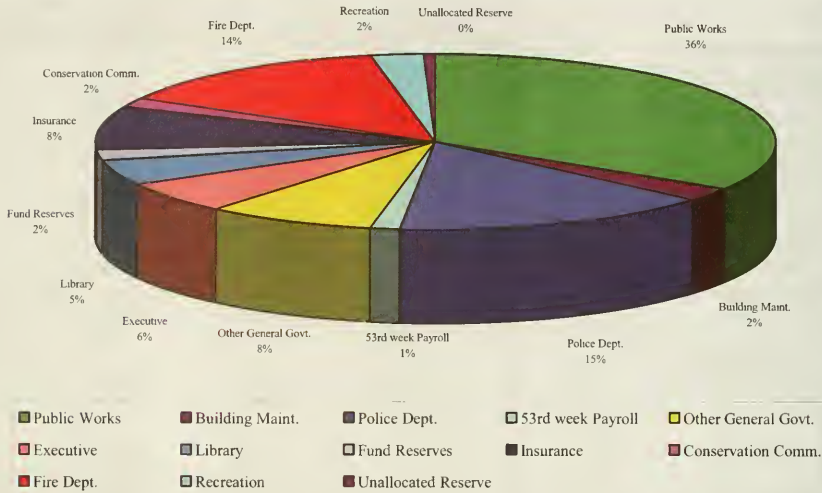
2008 PROPOSED REVENUES

** Year-to-Date figures are preliminary (unaudited)**

DEPARTMENT	2007 APPROVED BUDGET	2007 REVENUES 12/31/07	2008 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2008 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	1,000,000	241,000	500,000	949,000
TOWN MANAGER	17,000	17,818	18,000	18,000
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION	100	-	400	400
TAX COLLECTOR	15,564,704	15,493,478	15,880,745	16,224,646
TOWN CLERK	40,500	36,678	38,000	41,000
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	1,237,090	1,541,311	1,393,090	1,393,090
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	6,000	6,190	-	-
ASSESSING	-	-	25,317	25,317
PLANNING BOARD	45,000	26,500	50,000	50,000
ZONING BOARD	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	500	500	500	500
PLANNING	1,000	20,088	105,089	105,089
TOWN HALL	3,500	2,745	3,000	3,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	9,600
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	137,990	139,612	120,766	120,766
CEMETERIES	10,000	10,800	7,000	7,000
POLICE				
Administration	112,350	69,557	103,850	103,850
Patrol	115,345	100,429	120,622	120,622
Subtotal Police	\$ 227,695	\$ 169,986	\$ 224,472	\$ 224,472
FIRE				
Administration	513,921	610,466	559,546	599,546
Operations	5,000	11,171	5,000	5,000
Building Inspection	219,500	156,515	172,500	147,500
Subtotal Fire	\$ 738,421	\$ 778,153	\$ 737,046	\$ 752,046
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	511,064	514,329	501,532	519,897
Highway	237,189	237,188	207,295	207,295
Transfer Station	188,548	192,147	175,075	175,075
Subtotal Public Works	\$ 936,801	\$ 943,664	\$ 883,902	\$ 902,267
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	3,600	4,529	3,600	3,600
RECREATION				
Administration	95,000	84,217	15,000	15,000
Programs	56,000	37,207	45,000	45,000
Fields	11,900	14,355	32,000	32,000
Pool	59,500	58,648	69,500	69,500
Subtotal Recreation	\$ 222,400	\$ 194,427	\$ 161,500	\$ 161,500
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	354,795	-	354,795	354,795
TOTAL 2008 GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 20,554,096	\$ 19,634,479	\$ 20,514,222	\$ 21,353,088
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
Police Special Detail	454,374	276,494	421,875	421,875
Recreation Day Camp	140,191	92,585	140,191	140,191
Bedford Community Television	299,913	311,122	256,393	256,393
Sewer Fund	1,525,361	1,174,411	1,409,788	1,409,788
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND				
Other Special Revenue Funds	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500
TOTAL 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES	\$ 23,031,435	\$ 21,489,090	\$ 22,799,969	\$ 23,638,835



2008 PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN



BEDFORD TAX VALUATIONS/RATES 1993 THROUGH PRESENT

YEAR	POPULATION	TAXABLE VALUATION	CHANGE IN VALUATION	TAX RATE per \$1000	TAX RATE BREAKDOWN			
					TOWN	COUNTY	SCHOOL	STATE ED
1993	12563	1,195,310,400	21,537,536	17.85	2.53	1.86	13.46	
1994	12563	1,236,413,255	41,102,855	17.76	2.59	1.76	13.41	
1995	12563	1,281,763,269	45,350,014	17.76	2.59	1.90	13.27	
1996	12563	1,315,999,904	34,236,635	17.99	2.59	2.00	13.40	
1997	12563	1,387,656,824	71,656,920	18.56	2.59	1.87	14.10	
1998	12563	1,457,530,853	69,874,029	18.39	2.71	1.77	13.91	
1999	16500	1,545,320,034	87,789,181	17.25	2.71	1.72	6.81	6.01
2000	18274	1,643,252,340	97,932,306	18.30	2.71	1.76	8.18	5.65
2001	19205	1,721,025,413	77,773,073	19.11	2.71	1.78	8.46	6.16
2002	19205	1,792,937,256	71,911,843	19.56	3.23	1.79	8.67	5.87
2003	19205	1,846,056,597	53,119,341	20.34	3.29	1.71	9.47	5.87
2004	19205	2,929,901,304	1,083,844,707	15.74	2.50	1.10	9.33	2.81
2005	19205	3,002,978,758	73,077,454	15.44	2.71	1.10	8.94	2.69
2006	19205	3,085,197,931	82,219,173	16.34	2.85	1.08	9.92	2.49
2007	19205	3,117,004,593	31,806,662	18.99	3.67	1.10	11.80	2.42

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II. GENERAL GOVERNMENT												
A.	Town Office Building Reserve	36,521	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
B.	Municipal Buildings	-	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.	TOB Facility Improvements	-	-	2,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Bond Proceeds/P&I Pmts	-	-	(2,500,000)	-	-	373,750	360,000	346,250	332,500	318,750	305,000
D.	Land Purchase Reserve	407,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.	Accounting Software	67,203	5,000	30,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(102,203)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F.	Commercial Reassessment	26,424	40,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	95,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	(25,317)	-	-	-	-	-	(80,000)	-	-	-	-
G.	Joppa Hill Bond Payments	268,410	268,410	259,210	249,780	240,005	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Withdrawal from Liquid Act	(268,410)	-	(259,210)	(249,780)	(240,005)	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	Large Volume Tape Backup	7,272	7,000	19,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(14,272)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I.	MS Open Licensing	7,267	7,000	7,000	26,250	7,000	7,000	7,000	26,250	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(21,267)	-	-	-	-	(21,000)	-	-	-
J.	Plotter/Printer/Copier	5,195	6,000	6,000	23,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(17,195)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K.	Planning Software	-	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L.	Photometry Software Image Library	-	10,500	21,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(10,500)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III. POLICE DEPARTMENT												
A.	Radio Console Reserve	58,597	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	166,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(146,597)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	Safety Complex Bond	-	129,881	122,406	119,781	111,894	108,894	100,894	92,925	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.	Safety Complex Reserve	749	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D.	Patrol Vehicle Replacement	19,111	75,816	78,849	114,003	86,563	90,025	127,626	98,731	102,681	142,788	112,499
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(14,272)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.	Portable Radios	19,111	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	72,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(64,111)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III. FIRE DEPARTMENT												
A.	Ambulance Reserve	31,167	50,000	50,000	160,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	175,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(131,167)	-	-	-	-	(150,000)	-	-	-
B.	Fire Equipment Reserve	82,678	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.	Fire Engine Replacement	182,759	75,000	75,000	100,000	125,000	125,000	375,000	125,000	685,000	50,000	50,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	(275,000)	-	-	-	-
D.	Fire Substation	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	255,000	244,000	233,000	222,000	211,000	-	-	-
	Bond Proceeds/P&I Pmts	-	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.	New Quint Fire Engine	-	600,000	600,000	153,000	146,400	139,800	133,200	141,600	-	-	-
	Bond Proceeds/P&I Pmts	-	-	(600,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F.	Tanker Replacement	77,919	75,000	75,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	227,919	-	-	-	-
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.	Ladder Truck Replacement	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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IV. RECREATION											
A. Parks Vehicles/Equipment	33,245	55,000	45,000		43,500	63,500	30,000		15,000		
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(32,000)	Massey Tractor								
B. Trail Design, Maintenance, Signage	-		25,000								
Little League Complex			50,000	100,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(50,000)							
D. Repairs to Sportsman Field	20,778		150,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(20,778)								
E. Parks Building	-		1,000,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
F. Field Development & Repairs	-		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
G. Pool Building Maintenance	5,195	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
H. Kubota Tractor Replacement	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(20,000)					
I. Jacobsen Mower Replacement	-	30,000	60,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(30,000)								
V. LIBRARY											
A. Library GOB	-	157,551	153,988	145,150	141,700	133,031	129,150	125,125	116,119	112,063	
Roof Replacement (2017)	3,688	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	35,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(29,621)
C. Exterior Painting (2010)	38,855	8,000	8,000	60,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(54,855)							
D. Interior Painting (2009)	11,835	2,000	15,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(13,835)								
E. Well Replacement (2009)	19,899	3,000	25,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(22,899)								
F. Parking Lot Repairs (2014)	10,578	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(28,578)
G. Septic System (2016)	5,865	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	20,000	
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(17,865)
H. Carpet Replacement (2015)	15,395	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	48,000	
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(43,395)
I. Parking Lot Construction (2010)	-	10,000	70,000	150,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(80,000)							
VI. LAND USE											
A. Master Plan	108,442	130,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(103,989)									
B. Route 3 Improvements	9,840		850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	5,000,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(4,250,000)
C. Route 101 Improvements	-		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	6,000,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(5,000,000)

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VII. SOLID WASTE											
A. Solid Waste Backhoe	21,199	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	90,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(81,199)			
B. Landfill Closure Bond	-	153,760	149,280	144,800	140,320	135,840	131,360	126,880	122,400	117,920	113,440
Transfer Station Improvements	46,637	30,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
D. Transfer Station Equipment	6,205										
VIII. PUBLIC WORKS											
A. Road Maintenance/Drainage	-	965,600	3,987,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000
Add Road Maintenance from Bonding	4,000,000										
Road Bond #1 (Repayment (2003))		934,400	913,000	890,000	865,000	839,000	813,000				
Road Bond #2 (Repayment (2006))		1,626,000	1,581,000	1,536,000	1,488,000	1,440,000	1,392,000	1,344,000	1,296,000	1,248,000	
Drainage Improvements	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Traffic Signal Improvements	32,338	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	100,000			
Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(92,338)			
D. Pickup Trucks	49,247	26,000	26,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	29,000	30,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(26,000)	(20,000)					(20,000)	(20,000)		
E. One-Ton Trucks	91,079	69,000	60,000	73,000	60,000	78,000	80,000	82,000	170,000	70,000	70,000
Capital Reserve Deposit		10,000	60,000	(73,000)	60,000	60,000	70,000	70,000	170,000	70,000	70,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(69,000)		(73,000)		(78,000)	(80,000)	(82,000)	(145,000)		
F. Six Wheel Dump Trucks	-	230,000	355,000	244,000	377,000	259,000	400,000	412,000	283,000	437,000	300,000
Capital Reserve Deposit			100,000	100,000		100,000			100,000		
Capital Reserve Withdrawal									(100,000)		
G. Ten Wheel Dump Trucks	51,946	20,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	158,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(141,946)					
H. All Purpose Tractor	33,721	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	104,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(93,721)				
I. Front-end Loader	104,540	15,000	132,000	25,000	25,000	35,000	35,000	150,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(119,540)					(120,000)			
J. Loader/Backhoe	21,271	15,000	15,000	15,000	80,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(66,271)						
K. Sweeper	117,800	166,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	196,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(112,295)					(160,000)				
L. Roadside-Mower/Tractor	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	99,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(90,000)			
M. Bulldozer	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
N. Fuel Storage Tanks	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	96,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	(90,000)
Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(75,000)						5,000

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VIII. PUBLIC WORKS										
O. Compressor	-	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	60,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(51,000)			
P. Chipper	16,172	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	25,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
Q. Mechanics Equipment	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000				
R. Grader	105,893	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	246,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
S. Generator	-	30,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
T. Sidewalk Reserve	12,736									
U. Building Addition	26,665									
TOTAL MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES										
(total expenditures less capital reserve withdrawals)	5,060,337	11,624,099	10,450,278	10,647,506	10,507,901	10,300,201	9,264,546	7,116,205	6,956,056	5,504,818
PROJECTED NET ASSESSED VALUATION										
(projected annual growth \$40m)	3,117,004,593	3,152,978,758	3,232,978,758	3,272,978,758	3,312,978,758	3,352,978,758	3,392,978,758	3,432,978,758	3,472,978,758	3,512,978,758
TAX RATE IMPACT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS										
(total capital expenditures/assessed valuation) * 1000	1.60	3.64	3.23	3.25	3.17	3.07	2.73	2.07	2.00	1.57

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IX. ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Sewer and BCTV										
(does not affect general fund expenditures or the tax rate)										
A. Sewer System Improvements	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
B. Sewer Capacity Reserve	578,247	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
C. 1992 Sewer Bonds	187,812	186,212	189,238	186,606	183,531					
D. SAU Robotic Camera Upgrade BCTV	18,000									
E. HS Press Box Studio	7,795									

NOTES: RED = Capital Reserve Deposit BOLD = Projected Equipment/Project Cost

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Bedford, New Hampshire

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2008 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

SESSION I (Deliberations)
Tuesday, February 5, 2008 - 7 p.m.

SESSION II (Ballot Vote)
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS
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DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Ryk Bullock 2010

Clerk

Lori Radke 2010

Treasurer

Peter Herdklotz 2010

School Board

Cindy Chagnon, Chairperson 2009

Sue Thomas, Vice Chairperson 2008

David Sacks 2010

Steve Beals 2008

Terry Wolf 2009

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REPORT OF THE BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The 2006-2007 school year was again one of new challenges, new directions, and great anticipation as the new high school/middle school complex neared completion and the “Light of Learning on the Hill” as some have referred to this new complex was readied for its first students. This project will improve the lives of every student in the Bedford School District because the reconfiguration of the whole district addresses the overcrowding in all of the existing grades K through 8 facilities. The three current elementary schools will house students through grade 4, McKelvie Middle School will become an intermediate school with grades 5-6, and the new Ross A. Lurgio Middle School will house grades 7-8.

As McKelvie transitions to an intermediate school, one of Bedford’s traditions occurred for the last time as the McKelvie Eighth Grade Graduation was held on Preston Field behind the school. Since we will now have our own high school and most eighth-graders will attend Bedford High School together, the board voted, upon the recommendation of the administration, to no longer have elaborate graduations for the middle school. This graduation also marked the final farewell to retiring McKelvie Principal Jan Raudonis who has ably served the district in many capacities for over twenty-seven years. Her intelligence, dedication, and graceful presence will be missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with her.

As the opening of the new high school approaches, the School Board has been very busy with establishing policies and operational procedures that will be instituted in the building. The Bedford High School Student/Parent Handbook with its rules and regulations as well as the Honor Code contained in it was developed by the High School Planning Team, the administration, and the board. The curriculum offerings or the Program of Studies was developed by the High School Planning Team and approved by the board after much careful scrutiny and study.

Throughout this year, two other volunteer groups have been very instrumental in helping the transition to the new schools and district reconfiguration to occur as smoothly as possible. These are the Parent Advisory Committees, one for McKelvie Intermediate School and one for Bedford High School, that met monthly throughout the 2006-2007 school year reviewing many different components of the schools from co-curricular programs to operational procedures. These committees were composed of community members, parents, students, school board members, and administrators. The input, particularly of the community members, parents, and students, has been very helpful in making the transitions to these schools easier for all involved. The School Board would like to thank the members of these committees for all of their time and effort.

The School Board would also like to thank the newly formed Bedford Education Foundation (BEF) whose mission is to “support academic excellence in Bedford’s public schools by raising and providing funds for the benefit of its students.” BEF has established a Grants Program that yearly will award grant money to teachers, staff, and administrators for ongoing professional development and innovative projects that enhance the curriculum and refine teaching practices. The first grants for summer workshops were awarded to teachers in May 2007.

As the School Board and others anxiously awaited the fall 2007 opening of the new schools’ complex, a sub-committee of the board dedicated many hours to researching the best method of improving the traffic access options to the middle school/high school, especially when there are more student drivers as the eleventh and twelfth grades are added to the high school. After the voters overwhelmingly defeated the connector road plan linking Wallace and Nashua Roads as the secondary access to the schools’ site, the board formed a subcommittee composed of board members Steve Beals and David Sacks, Superintendent

Tim Mayes, and Chief Financial Officer Mark Conrad to carefully research the most viable options. In March 2007, the voters approved repurposing money remaining from the connector road study to hire professional traffic consultants to continue the study and determine actual costs for the preferred options. Councilor Mike Izbicki also agreed to join the committee as the liaison from the Bedford Town Council.

As the School Board moves forward to the 2007-2008 school year, there is always much more work to be done. The board reinstated the Bedford Curriculum Committee in June 2007 to study how effectively all aspects of the curriculum are being instituted in our schools. This committee, headed by Assistant Superintendent Chip McGee, is composed of teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and board members Terry Wolf and Cindy Chagnon. This committee meets monthly and reviews present curriculum practices as well as planned changes in policy and practice. Their recommendations are then presented to the School Board for final approval.

The board also hired a firm to do a security analysis for all of the schools in the district to see what can be done to make the buildings safer and more secure. Although there have never really been any security incidents in the past in Bedford, the board wanted to be proactive in addressing this issue.

All of us on the Bedford School Board, Sue Thomas, David Sacks, Steve Beals, Terry Wolf, and myself, Cindy Chagnon, would like to thank all of the dedicated employees of the Bedford School District for all that they do every day to improve the lives and the education of all the children of Bedford. Thank you also to the citizens of Bedford for your support of the educational needs of our schools and understanding how vital an excellent educational system is for our children, our town, our state, and our nation.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Chagnon, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2006/07 school year was historic for the Bedford School District. After years of planning and hard work by many people, the district made significant strides in completing the construction project that included a new middle school and high school facility. This construction will allow the district to address its crowded grades Kindergarten through 8 facilities and to begin educating its high school students in Bedford.

The district continues to use student performance data to assist staff in designing instruction and establishing benchmarks for student growth. This performance data is also used as one factor in determining the district's professional development programming. It was through these efforts and the consistent, high quality instruction and support by our professional and support staff that our grades Kindergarten through 8 students met or exceeded their expected academic growth as measured by the Northwest Evaluation Assessment (NWEA) Program.

Construction Project/Facilities

A significant milestone this year was the near completion of the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School and Bedford High School. The facilities and the site work will continue through the summer in preparation for the 2007/08 school year. These new facilities will provide the community with additional resources and the schools with additional capacity. Since the 2000/01 school year, our student enrollment in grades Pre/Kindergarten through 8 has increased by 452 students, from 2,614 to 3,066. With the opening of Bedford High School in the fall of 2007 and current growth in grades Pre/Kindergarten through 8, we expect the district enrollment to exceed 4,700 students when the high school has all four grades in the fall of 2010.

For most of this year, the board has studied improved access options to the middle school/high school. In March 2006, voters defeated a warrant article 1,711 to 2,702 for a

connector road linking Wallace and Nashua Roads to provide a second access to the high school/middle school site. As a result, the school board formed a committee to study additional traffic approaches to the high school/middle school to make recommendations to the full school board in 2007/08. After 18 months of research, the committee, which was comprised of board members Steve Beals and David Sacks, Chief Financial Officer Mark Conrad, Town Council Liaison Mike Izbicki, and Superintendent of Schools Tim Mayes, narrowed the viable options from seven to three:

1. A driveway to Wallace Road
2. A driveway through Chestnut Drive to NH Route 101 with a signalized intersection.
3. A signalized intersection at Nashua Road and NH Route 101 with an emergency access road via Chestnut Drive.

In March 2007, voters approved repurposing the remaining design funds for the connector road to be used to further study other options. With this approval, the committee recommended to the full school board that these three options be more fully studied by a traffic engineering firm and that a full report be made to the community in the fall of 2007. With this additional study and information, these options could be evaluated for possible consideration as part of the town and school district budget process for 2008.

Parent Advisory Committees

The school board established two Parent Advisory Committees, one for Bedford High School and one for McKelvie Intermediate School, for the purpose of providing feedback to the administration and staff on:

1. the transition of the students to the new school;
2. school structures, programs, curriculum, and schedules; and
3. other tasks as may be assigned by the chairperson.

Both committees met monthly throughout the 2006/07 school year to review the development of the schools, and co-curricular programs. The committees provided input on policies and a voice for parents and the community to the administration. This was constructive in planning for the opening of these new schools. We owe deep gratitude to the members of each committee who volunteered their time to help with the planning of the reconfiguration of our schools.

Measurable Goals

In 2006/07, all teachers in the district again set measurable goals for their students. These goals, established by teams of teachers at a given grade level or for a given pod at the middle school, were based upon annual assessments such as the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) *Measure of Academic Progress* or other standardized measures. Teachers established S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timed) goals. At the end of the year, teachers evaluated student progress on these goals. Although it is unrealistic for every student to reach every goal every year, as a district our students grew significantly. As measured by NWEA, 52 of the 70 groups of students met or exceeded growth expectations. This includes students across all range of abilities in grades 3 through 8 for math, reading and language usage. This data provides our staff with a clear picture of the instructional needs of our students.

Summer Curriculum Institute

In the summer of 2007, the district held its third Summer Curriculum Institute. Thirty-two teachers participated during the week long institute, which provides a structured opportunity for teachers to revise the curriculum. Teachers worked in small teams across schools, subject areas, and grade levels. In 2007, teachers prepared the language arts program for implementation in kindergarten, reviewed science instruction in grades 1 through 4, restructured the science and social studies units in grade 4, streamlined an integrated unit in grade 5, and developed an immigration unit that combined

social studies and language arts in grade 8. The revisions were done with support from the instructional specialist for math and science, the instructional specialist for language arts and social studies, and a technology integration specialist. These district summer institutes provide valuable time for our staff to collaborate, critically review and revise our curriculum, and provide students with aligned curriculum and assessments.

Recruiting and Retaining Professional and Support Staff

In March 2007, the voters approved the third year of a three-year negotiated contract with the Bedford Education Association (BEA), Bedford's teachers' association. The contract allows us to compete with surrounding districts in attracting and retaining high quality staff. The contract also moderates increases for health insurance through cost sharing with employees.

Voters also approved the second of a three-year contract with the Bedford Education Support Staff Association (BESSA), Bedford's custodian and maintenance association; and the second year of a three-year contract with the Bedford Education Personnel Association (BEPA), which includes secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff. All the agreements included increased employee health insurance cost sharing.

This year also marked the first Bedford School District Job Fair, attended by over 300 prospective employees, held at Riddle Brook School in February 2007. Director of Human Resources Carol Sideris provided the district with much needed direction and expertise. With over 150 positions to fill with the opening of Bedford High School and the district grade reconfiguration, district staff worked hard to recruit and hire quality people for administrative, professional, and support positions. Much of our time this year was spent recruiting, interviewing, and observing these candidates so that we could ensure a good fit with our district.

Management/Labor Health Insurance Study Committee

In October 2006, a Management/Labor Health Insurance Study Committee, commissioned by the school board, began to research health insurance programs, market options, and industry trends.

As a result of the investigation by the study committee, the board was provided information to develop strategies for employee medical insurance for the next contract negotiation sessions. Completing the investigation/study process cooperatively with representatives of the district's employee bargaining units provided a common understanding of potential options. The committee completed its work in May, and made a formal presentation and report to the school board in June 2007.

Recognition

The Bedford School Board has served this community well through countless hours of board meetings, work sessions, and committee work, in addition to time spent with the community listening to opinions and discussing educational concerns. In recent years, the demands placed on the board members have led to an increased commitment of time, and has resulted in significant improvements in the district: successful completion on the middle school/high school construction project, and a productive transition to a new grade configuration beginning in the fall of 2007. I would personally like to thank the current and past board members for their service to the district. It is through the board's efforts that the Bedford School District can best align itself with the vision and expectations of the community.

It is also important to recognize the contribution made by our school volunteers. The Bedford School District has been recognized by the NH Partners in Education as a "Blue Ribbon" school district because of the high degree of volunteerism in its schools. We are fortunate to be able to tap this rich resource. Our students and staff benefit from the school volunteers' service, caring attitude and knowledge.

No educational organization can achieve its goals without the dedication of administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, food service personnel, custodians and maintenance staff, nurses, secretaries and clerks, technology support, committed and curious students, and supportive taxpayers. In the final analysis, it is the people, their relationships and accomplishments that define the organization, not the facilities. We are fortunate to have talented, generous individuals who make our school district a great place to work and learn.

Finally, I want to recognize Jan Raudonis, Principal of the McKelvie Middle School, who retired in June, 2007 after twenty-seven years of quality service to the Bedford School District as a teacher and administrator. Principal Raudonis provided sensitive and vital leadership for McKelvie's students, parents and faculty throughout her tenure.

Communication

I encourage all of Bedford citizens to share with me their ideas, feedback, and/or compliments of our staff and students. We welcome you into our schools to visit and/or to volunteer. Our website is rich in information about our school district. Please visit us at www.sau25.net. The more you know what is happening in your schools and the more feedback we receive from the community, the better our schools can become.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy K. Mayes
Superintendent of Schools

MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Memorial School prides itself on being a school community that fosters respect, safety, caring, and a commitment to excellence in education. As a result, it's an exciting place for children to learn and staff members to work. Daily Morning Meetings provide an opportunity for teachers and students to greet each other, share information, participate in a team-building or academic activity, and review the morning message that may highlight the agenda for the day and/or special events or accomplishments. Monthly All School Meetings provide us with the opportunity to come together as a school to celebrate the learning and accomplishments of students and staff.

During the year, the Memorial staff continued its focus on ensuring that all students grow in their literacy skills of reading, thinking, and writing. Based on the analysis of a variety of assessments including the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessments, teachers are able to design targeted instruction that is academically challenging. Our teachers also continue to engage in professional conversations focused on improving students' writing, reading comprehension, and mathematical reasoning. Curriculum implementation and monitoring students' academic growth continue to be a top priority.

The Memorial School staff recognizes the important role that parents play as our partners in education. In an effort to reach out to parents, the staff sponsored Fall Into Learning: Family Math and Literacy Night. This event provided parents with an opportunity to learn more about our reading, writing, and math curricula by participating in hands on learning opportunities with their children. Parents also had an opportunity to learn more about the Everyday Math Program by attending an informative presentation given by Jo Hendry, the district's Instructional Specialist for Math and Science. We are thankful for the many hours our parent volunteers contribute to our school. Their work enhances the learning of our students. We proudly received our seventeenth Blue Ribbon

Achievement Award in recognition for the time and dedication of Memorial School volunteers.

The first phase of our playground revitalization is complete. During recess students have fun climbing Memorial Mountain, running on our fitness track, and climbing up the chimney climb, climbing wall and peg climb. They also enjoy sliding down the large custom made slides that were mounted in the sides of the mountain. More trees were planted and in a few years they will bring some much needed shade to our playground. We are grateful to the Parent Teacher Group (PTG), parents, and area businesses that continue to help our playground dream become a reality.

Our fourth and fifth graders participated in an Artist-in-Residence program with potter, Rob Rossel. Students built clay bowls that were glazed and fired. They used their bowls at a culminating celebration where each student made and enjoyed an ice cream sundae.

Memorial School received the Creative Communication's Poetic Achievement Award in the fall of 2006. This award is given to schools whose students' entries to the poetry contest were of exceptionally high merit. Thirty-six student poems were accepted for publication.

Spring Fling brings the Memorial School community together for a fun-filled evening. To prepare for the event, staff, students, families and area businesses create unique baskets filled with various items. On the day of the event, families and the staff have an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful dinner sponsored by Carrabba's. The fun continues as those in attendance take a chance to win one of the many donated baskets. Proceeds from this event are used to help fund our Artist-in-Residence program and the playground revitalization project.

We are pleased to highlight the accomplishments of several of our teachers. Anne Rogers,

our music teacher, was nominated for New Hampshire Teacher of the Year, an honor that is well deserved. Over the years Anne has done much to provide elementary school students with a diverse and enriching music experience. Anne, along with colleagues Leslie Fredette and Martha Westlund, has provided a vision for our many Artist-in-Residence programs. In addition, she has selflessly given countless hours to ensure the success of our playground initiative. Two of our teachers, Andrea Campbell and Denise Fournier, were recipients of the first Bedford Education Foundation (BEF) Teacher Grants.

Memorial School had five Destination ImagiNation (DI) Teams compete at the regional DI Competition. Ellie Schwartz, our school librarian, was responsible for coordinating this enrichment opportunity for our students. Members of the teams had fun working with peers to present creative solutions to this year's challenges.

Our students also had an opportunity to display their creativity when their inventions and Rube Goldberg Machines were showcased at our school's Invention Convention. The following winners displayed their inventions and Rube Goldberg Machines at the state Young Inventors Convention: Shay Evans, Colleen Keyes, Micaela Healy, Merrell Readman, Julianna Heneage, Erika Proulx, Mellissa Baroff, Lyena Birkenstock, and Emily Costello.

Karam Sandu was Memorial's Spelling Bee and Geography Bee winner. He represented our school at the Manchester Area Spelling Bee and the state level Geography Bee at Keene State College.

The end of the school year was bittersweet for the Memorial School staff and many of our students and their parents. We said so long to both fourth and fifth grade students as they moved to the newly created McKelvie Intermediate School. We also said a fond farewell to our fifth grade staff members: Debbie Kelly, Kathy Medeiros, Marie Alsup, Lisa Smith, Becky Kelliher, and Caitlin Fossum.

As always, we are thankful for a supportive community including: the Bedford School Board, central office administrators, the PTG, our volunteers, local businesses, and the Bedford taxpayers. Without your dedication and support, we would not be able to provide excellence in education for our children. In conclusion, I want to recognize the collaborative efforts of my administrative colleagues and their staffs as we worked collaboratively to transition to a new district grade configuration for 2007/08.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Ilg, Principal

PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The mission of the Peter Woodbury School is to integrate teaching, learning and caring in our community. We strive to cultivate an environment that fosters academic excellence, respects diversity, and builds a foundation for lifelong learning. Curriculum and assessment initiatives by all educators focus on defining and achieving high standards of learning and instruction. The use of technology supports curriculum integration by creating innovative teaching and learning experiences that blend with academic standards.

Highlights of the school year included ...

Curriculum/Assessment

Using the results of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and other assessment programs, all grade levels set measurable goals for academic programs and student instruction. An example of this is that our school's fifth grade teachers designed an instructional program that involved all of their students in lessons that focused on number operations standards. Differentiated instruction, flexible grouping and shared teacher planning sessions were key instructional techniques that contributed to the success of this grade level goal, as well as the academic growth of each student.

During this academic year, the "Reading Streets" program was piloted successfully in one kindergarten classroom.

New teachers were supported by the district's Mentor Program, where veteran teachers guided our new staff through curriculum and assessment expectations, while orienting them to grade level, school and district standards and procedures.

Responsive Classroom

A positive school climate and culture has been established through the implementation of the strategies and beliefs of the "Responsive Classroom Program." Staff and students use the

strands of this program to build the positive culture and community that you find in our school. Our teachers have found that using this program has brought together the academic and social curriculum. Teachers, with their students, have daily morning meetings where they greet each other and share news and announcements for that day. The different component areas of "Responsive Classroom" include: Morning Meeting, Rules and Logical Consequences, Guided Discovery, Academic Choice, Classroom Organization and Family Communication. Using each of these strands helps maintain a respectful culture where students strive to do their best, become a productive community member, and feel safe at school.

School Safety

The Peter Woodbury School's Crisis Management Team discussed school security and safety issues on a monthly basis. It also monitored the emergency drills that our staff and students practiced at our school. In addition to the ten fire drills that we practice every year, our staff and students practiced lock downs, shelter in place, reverse evacuations and drop drills. Teachers prepared the children at morning meetings and practiced with the children from a standpoint of safety to reduce and/or eliminate anxiety. Our children have been highly praised for their behavior during these drills – both by our staff members and the local authorities.

Recognition

Teachers Claire Jeffrey, Diane Lonergan, Rosemary Nunnally, Donna Beecher, Lisa Lindsey, and Connie Roberge were named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. The "NH Presidential Awards" recognizes teachers who can serve as role models for their colleagues. In December, grade four teacher Kris Possee was recognized as a recipient of the "NH Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching," and grade two teacher Rosemary Nunnally was recognized as a

recipient of the “NH Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.” In May, Rosemary Nunnally was named the “NH Presidential Science Teacher of the Year” and was recognized by the President of the United States in a ceremony at the White House.

Volunteer Program

In October, the NH Partners in Education Program recognized Peter Woodbury School’s Volunteer Program as it received its seventeenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for its exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers and staff.

In its last year at our school, Peter Woodbury School’s Community Action Team (CAT) involved all of our fifth grade students in outreach programs. The students are challenged to assist their school, town, state, country and world communities. Student projects included food and clothing drives, a recycling program, visits to the residents of Harborside Healthcare, and volunteering for the N.H. Special Olympics organization. The CAT team was coordinated by fifth grade teacher Ginny Toland.

The Peter Woodbury School’s Student Council, coordinated by fifth grade teacher Cathy Fields, provided our students with an experience in governance and school/community service.

Under the direction of grade two teacher Connie Roberge, staff members, volunteers and students enhanced and maintained the Habitat Garden and other areas of our school grounds. Students in grades kindergarten through 4 designed, planted, and harvested their respective grade level gardens that are themed after a curriculum area. Kindergarteners tended a Jack-in-the-Beanstalk garden, first graders a Peter Rabbit garden, second graders a Butterfly garden, third graders a Bat garden, and fourth graders a Bird Garden. They enriched their knowledge in these subject areas while developing an appreciation for the natural world around us.

Bedford businesses, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group (PTG), and other support organizations enhanced learning and instruction through dona-

tions to special projects, classroom resources, and student visitations. We have also established school/business partnership relationships with the Bedford Mall and the Bedford Target store.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Peter Woodbury staff, the Bedford School Board, administrators, central office staff, the PTG, parents, and community members for their dedication to academics, learning and children. Our students deserve a special thank you for putting their effort into overcoming challenges and reaching their highest potential.

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Williams, Principal

RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with great pride that I deliver this report on behalf of Riddle Brook School. During the 2006/2007 school year, the students of Riddle Brook School were part of a learning community where the importance of academic achievement, personal growth, and the respect of community were paramount. With the use of research-based curricula, data analysis, formative and summative assessments, integrated technology, and experiential learning, our students continued to grow in their thinking and learning skills.

The delivery of curriculum and instruction is the key to providing students with a solid foundation of skills and the desire to expand their thinking and knowledge base. Teachers in kindergarten through grade five presented solid language arts instruction. *Open Court* was fully implemented in grades one through four, with *Scott Foresman* being piloted in kindergarten and grade five. In terms of mathematics, *Everyday Mathematics* was fully implemented in kindergarten through grade three, with two pilot classes in grade four. Additionally, our special educators, reading support personnel, and S.E.E.D. (Students Experiencing Educational Diversity) teacher were trained in these programs and provided our students with additional instruction appropriate to their individual levels and needs.

Over the summer, a number of our teachers worked on the district's science and social studies units. This work ensured that our students received instruction that aligned with state and district standards. Our students benefited a great deal from hands-on, experiential learning in science and social studies. Some highlights of the year included, animals and their habitats in grade one, metamorphosis in grade two, the solar system in grade three, New Hampshire history in grade four, and the Iditarod in grade five.

In the area of writing, we were fortunate to have had two of our teachers, Kathy Effenberger and Jennifer Paguyo, apply and receive a grant

through the Bedford Education Foundation. This grant afforded them the opportunity to attend a weeklong workshop at Columbia University on the topic of Lucy Calkins' Writers' Workshop. The teachers found the knowledge and application gained at this workshop invaluable. To quote Mrs. Effenberger, "Honestly, adopting Writers' Workshop has been one of the best things I've ever done as a second grade teacher. The enthusiasm the students are showing for writing is amazing. One of my students was working with another Riddle Brook School teacher last month and told her that his favorite part of the day is writing time because he is a real author who can write books. There are actually audible groans when we have to cancel writing time because of a scheduling conflict!" In addition, Mrs. Effenberger and Mrs. Paguyo led grade level and school based workshops on the philosophy and application of the program. They continue to work with their colleagues in honing their instructional skills in the area of writing using this program.

We continue to use the *Responsive Classroom* approach in all of our classrooms at Riddle Brook School. This approach emphasizes social, emotional and academic growth in a strong and safe school community. The goal of any *Responsive Classroom* school is to facilitate optimal student learning. Because of this commitment, Kathleen Brennan, a fourth grade teacher at Riddle Brook School, began the Consulting Teacher Certification program. Once certified, Mrs. Brennan will be able to provide *Responsive Classroom* Level I training and ongoing support of classroom implementation to our school and district employees.

In addition to the wonderful accomplishments by our students and staff within the classroom, we also had many things to be proud of outside of the school day. Following Hurricane Katrina in September of 2005, several Riddle Brook School teachers located a school in D'Iberville, Mississippi that needed help. This group of teachers organized fundraising efforts over the last two years, ultimately donating supplies to the school in Mississippi. As a culminating event, during the summer of 2006, ten Riddle Brook School teachers traveled to Biloxi,

Mississippi where they worked and helped to not only rebuild the Sacred Heart School and one of its teacher's homes, but also lived and worked with Hands On Network, which is an organization doing important work in the Biloxi area. This is an effort that highlights the caring and giving spirit found at Riddle Brook School.

As in past years, we had a wonderful partnership with our Parent Teacher Group (PTG) and parent volunteers at Riddle Brook School. We were fortunate to have parents in our classrooms assisting our teachers with events such as, *It's a Gas*, *Math Superstars*, and *Junior Great Books*. As a result, Riddle Brook School was awarded the New Hampshire Partners in Education Program's Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for our outstanding school volunteer program. I would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all of our parents and community members who have, and continue to, volunteer in our school!

We had three exciting evening events at Riddle Brook School in the winter and spring of 2007. In January, our *Math Night* was a big hit with students, parents and staff members. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to teach their parents the various "math games" that they play in the classroom as a reinforcement of math skills taught in our *Everyday Mathematics* program. In March, we broke up the winter doldrums by having *Family Movie Night*, sponsored by our C.A.R.E. (Community Advocating Riddle Brook Excellence) Team. Riddle Brook School students and their families were invited to our multipurpose room to watch the original version of *Herbie the Love Bug*. In May, we had our annual *Family Fun Night*. During this exciting evening, participants were able to bid on baskets put together by individual classrooms at Riddle Brook School, participate in a "Cake Walk" to sponsor our Destination ImagiNation team, have their faces painted, dance to a DJ and eat popcorn and ice cream sundaes. Money raised at this event was designated toward future Artist in Residence endeavors.

Although we are proud of the accomplishments of all our students, we had several Riddle Brook School students compete in local, regional and national competitions. In January, Max Vivado

was the winner of Riddle Brook School's National Geographic Bee, and Colin Delano was the winner of our Geography Bee of the U.S.A. In February, Charlie Minicucci won the Riddle Brook School 2007 Spelling Bee contest, and went on to the regional competition in March. Also in March, Michael Brown participated in, and won, Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club's One Act Playwriting Contest. Michael's play was entitled, "After the Holidays." He and sixteen of his Riddle Brook School fourth grade peers presented the play to our school, as well as at the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club Theater.

Once again, Riddle Brook School had a number of students participate in Destination ImagiNation. Our third grade team of David Kassler, Abby Hibbard, Brionne Frazier, Zack Rubenstein, Kayla Steinberg and Silas Jackson went on to compete in the regional competition. Our fourth grade team of Ryan Whittenberg, Brinnay Frazier, Tim Philbin, Adam Stone and Duncan Cate placed second in the regional competition and went on to compete in the state finals. Our fifth grade team of Lydia Lawrence, Rachel Collins, Jackie Valeri, Jessie Dalrymple, Emma Lynch, and Jenna Lecours competed in the national competition at the University of Tennessee, placing in the top twenty.

The mission of Riddle Brook School is to create a safe, respectful and responsive environment where each child can share the joy of lifelong learning together with school, home and community members. We are committed to academic excellence as we inspire our students to achieve to their highest potential and to be contributing members of society. It is because of the talent, dedication and partnership of our teachers, staff members, central office administrators, school board, district level colleagues, parents, and community members that we are able to provide this commitment to our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly McCarthy,
Asst. Principal (2006/07)

McKELVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2006/2007 school year marked the end of an era. The McKelvie Middle School graduated its final class and was given a new name for the 2007/08 school year: McKelvie Intermediate School. The intermediate school was formed to house the 5th and 6th grade students and the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School was built for the 7th and 8th graders. Although this was its last year as a middle school, the students and staff of McKelvie made it a fantastic year.

McKelvie used several points of data to drive curriculum and instruction. In the fall, all students participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). All three grades also participated in the Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) Measure of Academic Progress in the spring. Teachers combined the data from these formalized tests with their own observations and assessments to create curriculum that is most effective for their students.

McKelvie's commitment to community service and charity is unwavering. Local Marines were presented over 1,000 toys for the "Toys for Tots" drive at a heartwarming rally. Staff and students celebrated their patriotism and spirit of giving. Students collected clothing for Child and Family Services. This successful drive resulted in the collection of truckloads of clothing. The FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America), Band, and Chorus students conducted a very successful food drive during the annual winter concert benefiting the New Horizons Food Pantry. Faculty members raised funds and awareness of the Special Olympics by taking part in the annual "Penguin Plunge." This dip is in the frigid Atlantic Ocean and is the culmination of months of fundraising. All funds directly benefit the Bedford Bobcats Special Olympic Team.

Opportunities for student achievement and service learning extended beyond the classroom. Along with the traditional athletic teams, students at McKelvie excelled in local and state

competitions including: Technology Students Association Conference, MathCounts, First Lego Robotics, New Hampshire State Geography Bee, and the Manchester District Spelling Bee.

The community continued to support McKelvie with their time and funds. The Brindisi Relays, a day of racing sponsored by the Bedford Rotary Club, presented the McKelvie Science Department with a check for \$4,300. ILevel by Weyerhaeuser awarded the McKelvie Mount Cardigan Program \$5,000 to be used to enhance the communication system that is used on the mountain.

Reflecting on McKelvie Middle School's final year, I can't help but be completely impressed with the diligence, spirit, brilliance, and generosity of the students, staff, and families. I thank the community, parents, school board, central office, and especially the students for making the last year of McKelvie the best one.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Joyce
Asst. Principal (2006/07)

**2007 ANNUAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT MEETING
Session I - Deliberations**

February 6, 2007

The Bedford School District Deliberative Session I was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at McKelvie Middle School. School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bullock led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Bullock introduced those seated on the platform: Superintendent Tim Mayes, Chief Financial Officer Mark Conrad, Assistant Superintendent Chip McGee, School Board Chairperson Cindy Chagnon, Vice Chair Sue Thomas, Board member David Sacks, Board member Steve Beals, School District Counsel Kathy Peahl, School District Clerk Pro-temp Edith Schmidtchen, and recording clerk Christie Moore.

Moderator Bullock introduced retiring Officer Roland Latulippe and recognized his many years of service to the Bedford community. Chairperson Chagnon thanked Mr. Latulippe for his dedication. Mr. Latulippe said his service to the community would continue even in retirement. He thanked everyone for their kind wishes.

Moderator Bullock expressed thanks to Kathy Van Anglen and his staff for their work and support. He also thanked the McKelvie custodial staff, Bedford Highway Department, Bedford Police Department, and Bedford Fire Department for their assistance.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. Bullock. He announced that he had received petitions for vote by secret ballot on Articles II, III, and X, unless petitioners agreed to withdraw. Mr. Bullock proceeded to read Article I:

ARTICLE I. [Election of officials.] *To elect all necessary school district officials. (Vote by official ballot.)*

Moderator Bullock stated the election would be held March 13th at McKelvie Middle School. He next read Article II:

ARTICLE II. [Funding Bondable Start-up Costs] (Special Warrant Article) *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422) (Gross Budget) for the purpose of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection necessary to furnish and equip the new high school/middle school; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall the district authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; and, furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$69,525) for the first year's principal and interest payments? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

Chairperson Chagnon offered an explanation of Article II for the benefit of those who were not at the budget and bond hearing. She said the Board and administration had been searching for a way to lower the tax rate during the year the high school would be opened. She said the bond option would mitigate a tax spike. A significant portion of the start-up costs could be bonded. The bond would allow the district to buy furniture and equipment all at once which saves the district money in the long run. Ms. Chagnon said the Board wanted to bond the grandstands as the expense was not included in the initial budget. She said library books could also be purchased with the bond. She said the Board hoped the public would vote for the bond. The tax impact if the start-up costs are bonded is 2 cents. If the start-up costs are included in the operating budget, the tax impact will be 83 cents. Ms. Chagnon said the 10-year bond rate would be 4.85%. The second year tax impact would be 10 cents, then decline annually for the remainder of the bond.

Moderator Bullock proceeded in reading Article III.

ARTICLE III. [Study and design of high school/middle school secondary access.] (Special Warrant Article) (Non-Lapsing for three years) *Shall the school district raise and appropriate Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Six Dollars (\$97,706) to study, design and/or engineer improved/additional traffic approaches to the high school/middle school? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Board member David Sacks explained that in 2005 an Article approving money to study a proposed connector road was approved. The study of the proposed connector road failed. Mr. Sacks said Article III would repurpose the remaining funds from that 2005 Article to study the design of secondary access to the new school site. Mr. Sacks noted that this Article did not impact the tax rate.

Paul MacEwen, 22 Moore’s Crossing: Mr. MacEwen asked if a secondary access road was needed since the entrance road was wide enough for emergency vehicles to get through if needed. Mr. Sacks said secondary access was necessary in a situation where the primary access was blocked by traffic. Mr. Sacks said secondary access helps alleviate traffic at the site as well.

Paul MacEwen, Sr., 300 South River Road: Mr. MacEwen asked if a 3/5 ballot vote would be required for this Article since the Moderator had a petition for secret ballot vote on this Article. Mr. Bullock said the petition for secret ballot only applied to a vote taken during the deliberative session.

Mr. Bullock proceeded to read the Articles.

ARTICLE IV. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$556,618) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the*

Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

There being no discussion, Moderator Bullock moved to the next article.

ARTICLE V. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] *Shall the school district, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

There being no discussion, Moderator Bullock moved to the next article.

ARTICLE VI. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$36,313) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

There being no discussion, Moderator Bullock moved to the next article.

ARTICLE VII. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] *Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

There being no discussion, Moderator Bullock moved to the next article.

ARTICLE VIII. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$115,800) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

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ARTICLE IX. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] *Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

There being no discussion, Moderator Bullock moved to the next article.

ARTICLE X. [Operating budget.] *If Article II passes so that the cost of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection for the new high school/middle school is spread over several years by bonding, shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifty Two Million Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand*

Seven Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$52,768,763)?

However, if Article II does not pass, shall the district’s aforesaid operating budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year be increased by the amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422), which is the amount required to purchase bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection all in one year, and shall the district therefore raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, plus the additional \$2,715,422, for a total of Fifty Five Million Four Hundred Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$55,484,185).

[Should this Article X be defeated, and Article II passes so that the cost of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection is spread over several years by bonding, the operating budget shall be Fifty Million Three Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$50,310,393) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

However, should this Article X be defeated and should Article II also be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fifty One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$51,764,247) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

Vice Chair Sue Thomas explained that this Article raised all the money that wasn't included in the bond. She said once all of the articles have been voted on, the impact of the vote is added up to determine the tax rate. This Article states the costs that could possibly result from the votes on the budget and bond articles. She said the original plan of the Board was to put the start-up costs in the operating budget. However, they realized that the tax impact could be lessened by bonding the costs. She said if Article II failed the furniture and equipment still had to be purchased. The start-up costs would be put back into the operating budget if the bond was not approved. The default budget is included in Article X to cover the event that the operating budget fails. The default budget would allow the opening of the high school, but not the new middle school. The new middle school would remain closed until the following year's budget was approved. Since the district already has middle school facilities, the students would still be served in that event. Ms. Thomas said basically the default budget is the money needed to run the schools aside from the negotiated contracts. The increase in the tax rate without the bond would be \$3.32 versus an increase of \$2.49 if the bond is approved.

Paul MacEwen asked the duration of the bond. Board Chair Chagnon responded the bond was for 10 years.

Beverly Barry, 59 Liberty Hill Road: Ms. Barry said she thought the start-up costs were included in the original price of the construction of the new school. Vice Chair Thomas said there was an allowance for cabinets and some hardware only. Ms. Barry asked why the start-up costs were not included even though the items would be needed. Chairperson Chagnon said the intent had been to include the start-up costs in the operating budget. Board member Sacks explained that the Board wants to give the residents another option through bonding the start-up costs. He said the start-up costs were included in the proposed first year operating budget when the high school project was proposed.

Paul Brock, 37 Bracken Circle: Mr. Brock said he wanted to make a motion to amend Article X.

The amendment read as follows: "change the amount at the end of paragraph one to \$52,771,263 and change the amount at the end of the paragraph two to \$55,486,685; such changes increasing the operating budget by the sum of \$2,500; and shall such increases be used solely for the purpose of increasing the stipend paid to Bedford School Board members; thereby increasing said stipend from \$250 per annum to \$750 per annum." Moderator Bullock asked if any one would like to second the motion. The motion was seconded by _____. Mr. Brock said the stipend should be changed as recognition of the increased responsibility for Board members resulting from the opening of the new middle school and high school. Mr. Brock noted that the New Hampshire state average for this type of stipend is \$820. Mr. Brock said the tax impact of this increase would be .00075 per thousand.

Mr. John Graham, 8 Ministerial Circle: Mr. Graham proposed voting against the stipend increase. He said the increase should have been proposed within a Warrant Article.

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive: Mr. Stull agreed with Mr. Brock that the stipend was too small. He said highly qualified people needed to be attracted to serve on the Board. He said he supported the amendment. Mr. Stull asked if he could make a further amendment. Moderator Bullock said he was required to wait until a vote had been taken on Mr. Brock's proposed amendment.

Mr. Brock argued that the deliberative session was intended for the proposal and discussion of amendments to the Articles. He said he had proposed the amendment in an appropriate manner.

Moderator Bullock asked if the petitioners still requested a secret ballot. The petitioners responded that they still wanted a secret ballot. Mr. Bullock asked members of the press and unregistered voters to move to one side of the gym while the vote was taken. Mr. Bullock announced that any citizen wishing to vote absentee in the upcoming March election could do so at the town office without having to go to

the school district office as well. He said the ballots should be at the Town Office by February 15th. He said he hoped this benefited the residents.

Mr. Bullock requested the ballot box be opened and inspected. He gave the instructions for the secret ballot. The vote was taken. The amendment passed by a vote of 46 to 27.

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive: Mr. Stull made a motion to amend Article X. The amendment would increase the budget amounts at the end of the first and second paragraph by \$15,000. The \$15,000 would be solely used to fund studies to determine the appropriate methods for determining groups and levels in Bedford High School. Moderator Bullock asked if any one wanted to second the motion. Mr. Tom Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Stull said he had attended several School Board sessions where ability grouping was discussed. He said he was concerned that appropriate studies still needed to be done. He said he believed it was important that education be targeted to the individual student in a way that best helps them learn. He said the system of levels Bedford is familiar with could certainly be improved. He said there are a number of approaches to leveling. The decision of how to do it should be based on statistics and studies. The additional \$15,000 would pay for data acquisition or possibly an assistant.

Pamela Cohen, 22 Quincy Drive: Ms. Cohen explained that she had chaired the Bedford High School Curriculum Research Committee. She said grouping was researched for BHS. She said she did not support the motion. The committee's research determined a flexible program that would allow for more or fewer levels to be offered to best meet the needs of the students. She said she did not believe there was a more effective way to study grouping for BHS until the students were in classes.

Phil Bruno, Beech Street: Mr. Bruno said he also served on the same committee with Ms. Cohen. He said they extensively studied various leveling options. He said micromanaging should not be done in this matter. He said as a parent of a

Manchester West High School student, he observed that the levels there did not serve the students well.

Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive: Mr. Hawkins said he would want to know specifically how the \$15,000 would be used and how much the study would cost overall.

Paul Remus, 65 Meetinghouse Road: Mr. Remus said the budget was not a line item budget. He asked if the School Board could use the money for something else if the amendment passed. Vice Chair Thomas said they could use it for something else unless the use was mandated in the Article.

Joleen Worden, 7 Birchwood Circle: Ms. Worden said she was in favor of multiple levels. However, she felt that the final version passed by the School Board allowed for flexibility to add levels if needed. She said they could not assume the first year would be perfect. They must evaluate students each year. She said she believed the residents had to have faith that the administration would add more levels if they were needed. She said she didn't think adding \$15,000 to the budget would make a difference.

Vice Chair Thomas said she voted against the grouping model passed by the Board. However, the decision was made after a lot of study and discussion. She said even though she understood Mr. Stull's point, she believed changes could be made after the first year BHS is open. She said she didn't think adding the money to the budget would benefit the process.

Board member Beals said after listening to research the Board realized there was no perfect answer. He said the Board wanted to build flexibility into the program so it could be adapted to the needs of the students. He said the professional staff was very aware of what the community wanted. He said no one on the Board took a hard line on this issue. He said as BHS moves forward, the administration would have student data to consider. He said the Board was very sensitive to meeting the needs of all students.

Paul MacEwen, 22 Moore's Crossing: Mr. MacEwen asked how leveling was different that the coding that is done in grades K through 8. Chairperson Chagnon said coding is actually used for Special Education students. She said a multi-level approach would be used at BHS. She said there would be a Foundations Level for Special Education students. There would be another level that was intended to be challenging for a large percentage of students. Honors and AP classes would also be offered. She said the Board was also researching the IB program. She said the Board and administration wants to reach every child. BHS will offer a math lab and a social studies lab that any student can go to for help. Decelerated classes will be offered in Algebra I to help students meet the new state graduation requirement.

Roy Stewart, Hickory Lane: Mr. Stewart said the School Board and Administration had been very careful with the taxpayers' money over the past few years. He said he had no doubt if a study of leveling was needed the district could afford it without this amendment. Chairperson Chagnon said \$15,000 was a small amount relative to the overall budget. She said the study would be affordable without the amendment.

Moderator Bullock asked Mr. Stull if he wanted to consider withdrawing the proposed amendment after hearing the discussion. Mr. Stull withdrew the amendment proposal.

Mr. Bullock went on to read Article XI.

ARTICLE XI. [Acceptance of gifts.] *Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion was held.

Moderator Bullock reminded the attendees that a vote on the Articles would be taken on March 13, 2007 at McKelvie Middle School.

A motion was made to adjourn the session. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Moore
Recording Clerk

**2007 ANNUAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT MEETING
Session II - Election/Ballot Vote**

March 13, 2007

Bedford School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the polls in the gymnasium at the McKelvie Middle School at 7:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Bullock closed the polls.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., after all ballots were tallied and accounted for, Moderator Bullock announced a total of 3,157 ballots were cast (2,931 regular ballots, and 226 absentee ballots) with the following results:

ARTICLE I. (Election of Officers)

School Board (3-year term – one position)

- David Sacks – 2,413 votes

David Sacks was declared elected.

School District Moderator (3-year term – one position)

- Ryk Bullock – 2,510 votes

Ryk Bullock was declared elected.

School District Clerk (3-year term – one position)

- “Lori” Radke – 2,527 votes

Lori Radke was declared elected.

School District Treasurer (3-year term – one position)

- Peter Herdklotz – 2,464 votes

Peter Herdklotz was declared elected.

ARTICLE II. [Funding bondable Start-up Costs] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand

Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422) (Gross Budget) for the purpose of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection necessary to furnish and equip the new high school/middle school; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall the district authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; and, furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$69,525) for the first year’s principal and interest payments? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 2,517 votes; No – 589 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article II passed.

ARTICLE III. [Study and design of high school/middle school secondary access.] (Special Warrant Article) (Non-Lapsing for three years) Shall the school district raise and appropriate Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Six Dollars (\$97,706) to study, design and/or engineer improved/additional traffic approaches to the high school/middle school? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 2,116 votes; No – 965 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article III passed.

ARTICLE IV. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen

Dollars (\$556,618) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 2,393 votes; No – 696 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IV passed.

ARTICLE V. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] *Shall the school district, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2,288 votes; No – 724 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article V passed.

ARTICLE VI. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$36,313) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2,542 votes; No – 553 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VI passed.

ARTICLE VII. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] *Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2,372 votes; No – 667 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VII passed.

ARTICLE VIII. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$115,800) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2,444 votes; No – 612 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VIII passed.

ARTICLE IX. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] *Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2,309 votes; No – 705 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IX passed.

ARTICLE X. [Operating budget.] *If Article II passes so that the cost of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection for the new high school/middle school is spread over several years by bonding, shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifty Two Million Seven Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$52,771,263)?*

However, if Article II does not pass, shall the district's aforesaid operating budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year be increased by the amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422), which is the amount required to purchase bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection all in one year, and shall the district therefore raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, plus the additional \$2,715,422, for a total of Fifty Five Million Four Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$55,486,685)?

[Should this Article X be defeated, and Article II passes so that the cost of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection is spread over several years by bonding, the operating budget shall be Fifty Million Three Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$50,310,393) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

However, should this Article X be defeated and should Article II also be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fifty One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$51,764,247) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.]

(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 2,290 votes; No – 750 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article X passed.

ARTICLE XI. [Acceptance of gifts.] *Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2,708 votes; No – 349 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XI passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Van Anglen
School District Clerk

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION BALLOT**

AND

**2008/2009 PROPOSED BUDGET
INFORMATION**

**Bedford, New Hampshire
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2008
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Bedford High School

Ballot Questions

ARTICLE I. To elect all necessary school district officials.

- For School Board (3-year term) – Vote for not more than two (2)
 - “Bob” Donahue
 - “Bill” Foote
 - “Don” Graff
 - Gary T. Pariseau
 - _____ (Write-in)
 - _____ (Write-in)

ARTICLE II. [To purchase land for and to fund a new emergency accessway to the middle school/high school.] (Special Warrant Article) In order to provide for an emergency, second accessway to the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School/Bedford High School complex off Chestnut Drive shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$445,000), (a) to purchase approximately 1.3 acres of land located adjacent to the middle school/high school owned by Chalant Development Corporation and consisting of Tax Map parcel #20-22-8; and (b) to construct the emergency accessway thereon, Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) of which will come from moneys previously raised and now accumulated in the School District Land Fund and One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) of which will be raised through general taxation? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE III. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$683,066) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IV. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article III is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE V. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$60,984) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school**

board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

ARTICLE VI. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article V is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VII. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars (\$143,016) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VIII. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VII cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IX. [Operating budget.] Shall the district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately in Articles II, III, V, and VII, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifty-Five Million Fifty-One Thousand Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$55,051,097)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget

shall be Fifty Four Million Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$54,362,437) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE X. [Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 PROPOSED	Increase (Decrease)
PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL			
Salaries	\$2,365,006	\$2,484,295	\$119,289
Supplies & Texts	125,877	117,288	(8,589)
Furniture & Equipment	24,559	34,291	9,732
Utilities	89,274	76,524	(12,750)
Other	25,680	22,698	(2,982)
TOTAL	\$2,630,396	\$2,735,096	\$104,700
MEMORIAL SCHOOL			
Salaries	\$2,287,252	\$2,410,940	\$123,688
Supplies & Texts	110,828	103,833	(6,995)
Furniture & Equipment	40,590	25,343	(15,247)
Utilities	115,709	113,814	(1,895)
Other	24,432	25,010	578
TOTAL	\$2,578,811	\$2,678,940	\$100,129
RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL			
Salaries	\$2,425,383	\$2,535,736	\$110,353
Supplies & Texts	140,012	128,036	(11,976)
Furniture & Equipment	39,793	43,385	3,592
Utilities	214,253	183,881	(30,372)
Other	44,999	42,187	(2,812)
TOTAL	\$2,864,440	\$2,933,225	\$68,785
McKELVIE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL			
Salaries	\$2,575,841	\$2,828,438	\$252,597
Supplies & Texts	127,475	178,910	51,435
Furniture & Equipment	38,024	47,761	9,737
Utilities	206,977	190,954	(16,023)
Other	19,156	18,892	(264)
TOTAL	\$2,967,473	\$3,264,955	\$297,482
ROSS A. LURGIO MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Salaries	\$3,238,326	\$3,301,515	\$63,189
Supplies & Texts	374,149	377,553	3,404
Furniture & Equipment	31,693	35,599	3,906
Other	43,731	38,933	(4,798)
TOTAL	\$3,687,899	\$3,753,600	\$65,701
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION			
Salaries	\$3,358,424	\$4,437,694	\$1,079,270
Tuition - Manchester	3,315,200	1,655,500	(1,659,700)
Supplies & Texts	132,988	265,529	132,541
Furniture & Equipment	17,662	24,959	7,297
Census & Attendance	0	117,622	117,622
Utilities	721,640	707,250	(14,390)
Other	47,196	64,760	17,564
TOTAL	\$7,593,110	\$7,273,314	(\$319,796)

	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 PROPOSED	Increase (Decrease)
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Salaries	\$4,480,926	\$4,715,954	\$235,028
Supplies, Texts & Equipment	58,919	56,332	(2,587)
Psyc & Other Support Services	1,205,238	1,425,313	220,075
Tuition	1,575,794	1,301,447	(274,347)
Federal Funds	564,323	575,018	10,695
Transportation	540,030	605,324	65,294
Other	15,875	15,875	0
TOTAL	\$8,441,105	\$8,695,263	\$254,158
DISTRICT WIDE			
Salaries	\$1,390,231	\$1,542,791	\$152,560
Supplies, Text & Equipment	878,074	604,738	(273,336)
Insurance	111,600	128,341	16,741
Benefits	10,456,966	11,647,870	1,190,904
Regular Transportation	1,527,386	1,581,877	54,491
Federal Funds	138,322	134,929	(3,393)
Debt Service	4,491,416	4,768,876	277,460
Arch./Eng./Const. Services	217,706	170,000	(47,706)
Other	226,202	264,760	38,558
TOTAL	\$19,437,903	\$20,844,182	\$1,406,279
SCHOOL BD & DISTRICT OFFICERS			
Salaries	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$0
Services & Supplies	142,800	152,000	9,200
Hiring, Printing & Dues	43,811	34,351	(9,460)
TOTAL	\$193,011	\$192,751	(\$260)
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT			
Salaries	\$621,491	\$714,797	\$93,306
Services	10,245	7,995	(2,250)
Supplies & Equipment	15,000	17,000	2,000
Utilities	17,333	17,120	(213)
Travel, Meetings & Dues	17,800	19,500	1,700
TOTAL	\$681,869	\$776,412	\$94,543
MAINTENANCE			
Salaries	\$268,300	\$366,285	\$97,985
Supplies, Equipment & Repairs	935,060	1,065,289	130,229
Contracted Services	186,196	154,888	(31,308)
Utilities	188,980	201,273	12,293
TOTAL	\$1,578,536	\$1,787,735	\$209,199
FOOD SERVICE			
Salaries	\$333,974	\$375,546	\$41,572
Supplies & Equipment	529,927	658,201	128,274
Benefits	128,771	138,943	10,172
TOTAL	\$992,672	\$1,172,690	\$180,018
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$53,647,225	\$56,108,163	\$2,460,938

Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

REVENUES AND CREDITS 2008-2009

DESCRIPTION	Actual 2006-07	Approved 2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Difference
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	\$696,734	\$1,760,468	\$600,000	(\$1,160,468)
REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES				
School Building Aid	\$1,445,185	\$1,239,262	\$1,222,239	(\$17,023)
Handicapped Aid - Catastrophic	687,398	525,000	525,000	0
Child Nutrition Program	11,391	12,250	12,250	0
Drive Education	3,875	12,000	18,000	6,000
Other	514	0	0	0
REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES				
Grants	\$129,796	\$138,322	\$138,322	\$0
Child Nutrition Program	88,143	85,000	90,526	5,526
Disabilities (IDEA) & Preschool Incentive	618,344	564,323	575,018	10,695
Medicaid	160,832	100,000	75,000	(25,000)
Other	2,802	0	0	0
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES				
Sale of Bonds or Notes ⁽¹⁾	\$800,000	\$2,715,422	\$0	(\$2,715,422)
Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	97,706	0	0	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Expendable Trust Fund	0	0	275,000	275,000
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES				
Tuition - Regular Day School ⁽²⁾	\$58,176	\$60,000	\$65,000	\$5,000
Tuition - Community Education	0	0	10,000	10,000
Transp. Fees - Regular Day School ⁽³⁾	58,750	0	0	0
Earnings on Investments	1,146,862	40,000	40,000	0
Food Service Sales	711,422	895,425	1,069,913	174,488
Rental of Facilities	40,124	40,000	55,000	15,000
Donations	2,531	0	0	0
Other (Impact Fees & Misc. Rev.)	247,713	895,000	193,132	(701,868)
TOTAL FUND BAL. & REV.	\$7,008,298	\$9,082,472	\$4,964,400	(\$4,118,072)
Equitable Education Grant	\$2,866,863	\$3,010,206	\$3,010,206	\$0
TOTAL FUND BAL., REV., & GRANT	\$9,875,161	\$12,092,678	\$7,974,606	(\$4,118,072)
State School Assessment	\$7,594,356	\$7,479,772	\$7,483,986	\$4,214
Local School Assessment	\$30,600,759	\$36,790,197	\$40,924,571	\$4,134,374
TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS	\$38,195,115	\$44,269,969	\$48,408,557	\$4,138,588
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$47,270,276	\$53,647,225	\$56,108,163	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$48,070,276	\$56,362,647	\$56,383,163	

Note 1: The 2006/07 appropriation includes an \$800,000 bond issue for a water main extension.

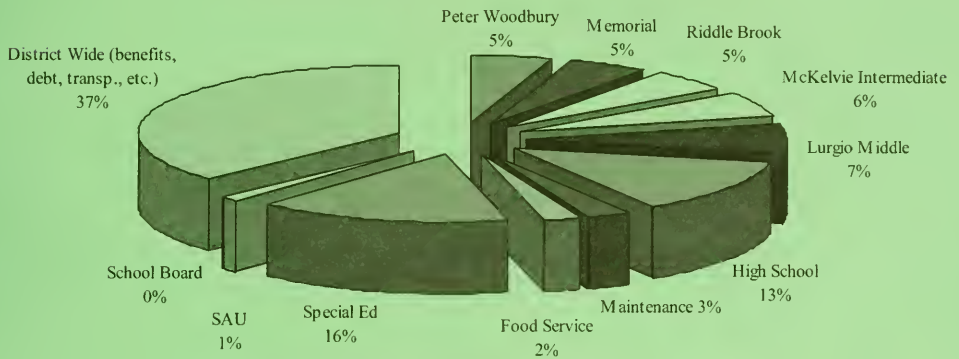
The 2007/08 appropriation includes \$2,715,422 bond issue for the middle school/high school start up costs.

Note 2: Regular day school tuition is generated by students attending a district preschool program.

Note 3: The transportation fee has been eliminated since students are now transported within Bedford.

2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET ANALYSIS

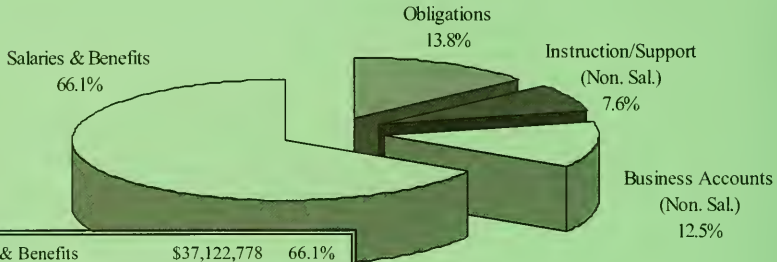
The following is an analysis of the proposed school district budget:



The above analysis of the budget allocates costs to the schools, departments, and programs for which they are incurred. The chart provides a quick visual comparison of the total budget.

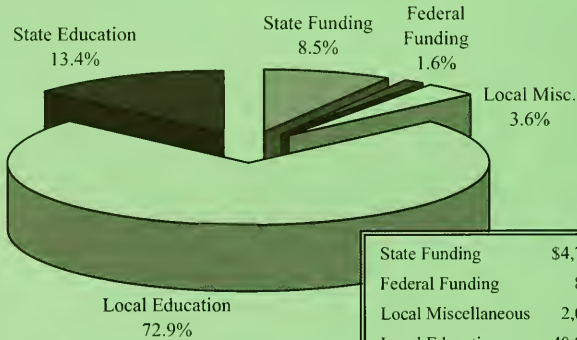
Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE ANALYSIS



Salaries & Benefits	\$37,122,778	66.1%
Obligations	7,725,823	13.8%
Tuition-MHSW	\$1,655,500	
Tuition-Other	1,301,447	
Debt Services	4,768,876	
Instruction/Support (Non. Sal.)	4,264,052	7.6%
Business Accounts (Non. Sal.)	<u>6,995,510</u>	<u>12.5%</u>
TOTAL	\$56,108,163	100.0%

2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUE ANALYSIS



State Funding	\$4,787,695	8.5%
Federal Funding	878,866	1.6%
Local Miscellaneous	2,033,045	3.6%
Local Education	40,924,571	72.9%
State Education	<u>7,483,986</u>	<u>13.4%</u>
TOTAL	\$56,108,163	100.0%

Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

RESIDENT SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

9/07

SCHOOL	K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr. 6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	Total 9/07	9/06	Inc/Dec 9/06-9/07
Memorial	57	93	100	96	106									452	454	-2
Peter Woodbury	77	129	137	118	118									579	565	14
Riddle Brook	83	131	120	148	134									616	605	11
McKelvie Int.						390	344							734	658	76
Lurgio Middle								327	369					696	695	1
Bedford High										322	266			588	485	103
West High										2	11	216	213	442	445	-3
Central High										0	0	2	0	2	2	0
Memorial High										0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Bishop Brady										10	10	14	20	54	62	-8
Bishop Guertin										12	35	16	19	82	83	-1
Derryfield							6	13	11	14	23	14	13	94	94	0
Grace Christian	2	2	1	3	4	1	0							13	17	-4
Holy Family		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	2	1	10	8	2
Mt. Saint Mary	2	1	1	4	2	2	1							13	8	5
Mt. Zion	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	6	2	17	23	-6
Nashua Christian	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	10	12	-2
St. Benedict	1	0	2	2	1	2	1							9	9	0
St. Casimir	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0					1	6	-5
St. Catherine	2	0	1	1	1	0	1							6	6	0
St. Paul's										2	0	1	0	3	3	0
Trinity										7	15	30	22	74	89	-15
Villa Augustina	5	1	3	4	0	3	2	0	1					19	34	-15
*Other	100	9	10	12	13	8	10	10	20	9	15	13	14	243	232	11
TOTAL	330	367	377	390	382	407	366	352	404	383	380	314	305	4757	4596	161

* Includes Bedford School District special education out-of-district enrollments.

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

DEBT SERVICE COSTS BY FISCAL YEAR (Principal & Interest)							
FY	RBS	Additions	MS/HS	MWW	Start-up	Cost	Balance
1999	\$295,557					\$295,557	\$7,874,400
2000	\$755,583					\$755,583	\$7,874,400
2001	\$737,448					\$737,448	\$7,484,400
2002	\$719,313					\$719,313	\$7,094,400
2003	\$701,178	\$52,563				\$753,740	\$9,885,400
2004	\$683,043	\$402,363				\$1,085,405	\$9,495,400
2005	\$669,791	\$413,600				\$1,083,391	\$8,804,400
2006	\$651,424	\$405,600	\$1,076,877			\$2,133,901	\$55,594,400
2007	\$633,056	\$396,800	\$3,345,996	\$21,309		\$4,397,162	\$52,481,081
2008	\$614,689	\$387,200	\$3,344,471	\$75,530	\$67,081	\$4,488,971	\$51,353,882
2009	\$596,321	\$376,800	\$3,343,971	\$73,530	\$378,252	\$4,768,875	\$47,649,123
2010	\$577,954	\$364,800	\$3,345,346	\$71,530	\$371,175	\$4,730,805	\$43,813,536
2011	\$559,389	\$352,000	\$3,343,921	\$69,580	\$360,375	\$4,685,265	\$40,114,052
2012	\$540,626	\$339,200	\$3,343,168	\$67,750	\$349,575	\$4,640,319	\$36,541,510
2013	\$521,765	\$326,400	\$3,343,934	\$65,990	\$338,438	\$4,596,526	\$33,083,592
2014	\$502,706		\$3,344,459	\$64,230	\$326,963	\$4,238,358	\$29,735,706
2015	\$483,450		\$3,343,690	\$62,470	\$315,488	\$4,205,098	\$26,816,113
2016	\$463,996		\$3,345,053	\$60,710	\$298,125	\$4,167,884	\$23,998,385
2017	\$444,345		\$3,343,120	\$58,950	\$284,875	\$4,132,290	\$21,287,577
2018	\$424,595		\$3,343,500	\$57,190	\$271,625	\$4,096,910	\$18,663,340
2019	\$404,260		\$3,341,750	\$55,430		\$3,801,440	\$16,129,030
2020			\$3,345,250	\$53,670		\$3,398,920	\$13,943,239
2021			\$3,343,750	\$51,890		\$3,395,640	\$12,233,487
2022			\$3,342,125	\$50,090		\$3,392,215	\$10,601,606
2023			\$3,345,000	\$48,290		\$3,393,290	\$9,041,885
2024			\$3,342,125	\$46,470		\$3,388,595	\$7,553,527
2025			\$3,343,250	\$44,625		\$3,387,875	\$6,131,506
2026			\$3,343,000	\$42,775		\$3,385,775	\$4,773,535
2027			\$3,346,000	\$40,925		\$3,386,925	\$3,475,135
2028			\$3,342,000			\$3,342,000	\$2,236,118
2029			\$3,345,625			\$3,345,625	\$1,091,058
2030			\$3,341,500			\$3,341,500	(\$0)

DEBT ISSUES

Riddle Brook School Construction	
Date Issued:	5/1/1998
Maturity Date:	8/15/2018
Amount (principal):	\$7,874,400
Interest Rate	4.81%

Additions to RBS/SAU Office & Water Line Extension to McK	
Date Issued:	11/1/2002
Maturity Date:	11/1/2012
Amount (principal):	\$3,181,000
Interest Rate	3.37%

Middle School/High School Construction	
Date Issued:	7/15/2005
Maturity Date:	7/15/2029
Amount (principal):	\$47,505,000
Interest Rate	4.34%

Manchester Water Works Water Line Extension	
Date Issued:	6/1/2006
Maturity Date:	7/1/2026
Amount (principal):	\$800,000
Interest Rate	4.52%

MS/HS Start-up Costs Furniture, Equipment, Bleachers and Library Books	
Date Issued:	7/19/2007
Maturity Date:	8/15/2017
Amount (principal):	\$2,681,350
Interest Rate	4.28%

COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

	2005-2006	2006-2007
EXPENDITURES	\$8,223,817	\$8,797,132
REVENUES		
State Sources		
- Catastrophic Aid	530,855	687,398
- Equitable Education Aid	0	0
Federal Sources		
- Individuals with Disabilities Act	509,990	618,344
- Medicaid Funds	169,989	160,832
Other Sources		
- Tuition*	46,842	58,176
TOTAL Revenues	\$1,257,676	\$1,524,750
NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST	\$6,966,141	\$7,272,382

**Tuition is generated by typical students electing to attend the district's preschool program.*

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Trust Fund	Balance June 30, 2006	Interest Earned 2006/2007	Withdrawals 2006/2007	Balance June 30, 2007
Maintenance	\$43,354.58	\$1,903.18	\$0.00	\$45,257.66
Tuition	\$132,499.94	\$5,781.27	\$0.00	\$138,281.21
Land	\$524,951.87	\$22,904.84	\$0.00	\$547,856.71
New School Fund	\$177,032.73	\$1,524.67	(\$170,000.00)	\$8,557.40
GRAND TOTALS	\$877,839.12	\$32,113.96	(\$170,000.00)	\$739,952.98

Information provided by the Trustees of the Trust Fund.

On July 10, 2006, the Bedford School Board approved the withdrawal of \$170,000 from the New School Fund for the purpose of constructing athletic fields, including site work, lights, and a utility building as part of the middle school/high school project. Prior to the withdrawal, the board held a Public Hearing as required under RSA 198:20-c, II.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of the School Board
Bedford School District
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated August 25, 2006, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Bedford School District. The combining and individual fund schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

August 25, 2006

Gregory A. Colby, CPA
PLODZIK & SANDERSON,
Professional Association

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