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**TOWN OF ACWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the year ending December 31, 2008

*Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009*



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## Town Officers and Committees

Board of Selectmen	John Tuthill - 2011 Tom Esslinger - 2009 Gretchen Abendschein - 2010
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau - 2010
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2009
Treasurer	Scott Luther-Houghton - 2009
Road Agent	Kerry Smith
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Moderator	John Luther - 2010
Supervisors of the Checklist	Elizabeth Gowen - 2009 Rose Knight - 2010 Gordon Gowen - 2012
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Officer	Board of Selectmen Toni Bowman
Trustees of Trust Funds	Tim Perry - 2011 John Demars - 2009 Alston Barrett - 2010
Library Trustees	Guy Russell - 2011 Tanya Holt - 2011 Frances Brown - 2009 Joanne Smith - 2009 Melinda Loiselle - 2010
Cemetery Trustees	Jane Esslinger - 2011 John Putnam - 2009 Ruth Balla - 2010
Budget Committee	John Balla - 2011 Susan Metsack - 2011 Jack Rieck - 2009 Linda Christie - 2009 James Brown - 2010 Craig Oshkello - 2010 John Tuthill, Selectman

Planning Board	Jim Jennison - 2011 Laurence Williamson - 2011 Betsy Snider - 2009 Craig Oshkello - 2009 Stella Herpel - 2010 Doug Robinson - 2010 Gretchen Abendschein, Selectman
Alternates	Debby Hinman - 2010 Rob Vogel - 2011

Conservation Commission	Rob DeValk - 2011 Peter Maynard - 2011 Helen Frink - 2009 Dan Young - 2009 Debby Hinman - 2010 Sue Paton - 2010 Tom Esslinger, Selectman
Alternates	Sandy Brewer - 2009 Mark Wellens - 2010

Zoning Board of Adjustment	Rob DeValk - 2011 Frank Emig - 2009 Jay Phinizy - 2009 Stella Herpel - 2010 Gail Wilson - 2010
Alternates	Jim Elsesser – 2009 Lisa Earl – 2009

Energy Committee	William Sandoe – 2009 Peter Sotiropoulos – 2009 Joanna Dennett – 2010 Noah Tuthill – 2010 Susan Cutting – 2011 Alice Fogel - 2011
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Recreation Committee	Mary Lord
FMRSD Board	James Elsesser
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades
Tree Warden	G. Kristian Fenderson

## Regular Meetings and Events

Selectmen	First, third, fifth Mondays, 7:00PM
Town Clerk	Mon., Tues., Wed. 6:30PM-8:00PM Sat. 9:00AM-11:00AM
Tax Collector	Mon. 8:30AM-12:30PM
Planning Board	Last Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	First Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Cemetery Trustees	Last Thurs. of the month, 4:00PM
Library Trustees	Second Thurs. of the month, 2:30PM
Trustees of Trust Funds	Regular or Special meeting dates posted, Contact: Alston Barrett, Meeting Chair
Selectmen's office	Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM-12:30PM, 835-6879
Highway Garage	Answering machine 835-6866
Transfer Station	Wed. 11:00AM-6PM, Sat. 9:00AM-4 PM, Sun. 1:00PM-5:00PM, 835-6602
Library	Tues. & Thurs. 11:30AM-5:30PM, Sun. 11:30AM-4:30PM, 835- 2150
Emergency	911 Fire 352-1100 State Police Troop C 358-3333



**WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH  
MARCH 10, 2009**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until 9:00 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- Selectmen: 1 for 3 Year Term
- Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year Term
- Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year Term
- Library Trustee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
- Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
- Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year Term
- Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term
- Planning Board: 2 for 3 Year Terms
- Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 3 Year Term

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by non-partisan ballot to amend the Acworth Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article VI Crescent Lake District as follows:**

1. In section A, Uses Permitted, delete the following: “(See Article VII for uses allowed in the portion of the Crescent Lake District overlaid by the Conservation Zone)”.
2. In section B, Land Standards, amend item 2 to delete the following: “I.e., outside of the Conservation Zone”.
3. In section B, Land Standards, replace items 4., 5. and 6. with a new item 4 and a new item 5:
  4. *Except where B 1, 2 and 3 above impose more stringent standards, the standards of the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, RSA 483-B:9 Minimum Shoreland Protection Standards, shall govern the land standards of the Crescent Lake District including, but not limited to, natural woodland buffers, subsurface waste disposal systems and fertilizer usage.*
  5. *Local permits shall be required pursuant to Article XI, in addition to any State permit requirement under RSA 483-B. However, any variance or waiver granted by the Commissioner of Environmental Services under RSA 483-B:9, V(i) shall be deemed sufficient for purposes of this Ordinance, without granting of any parallel relief by the Acworth Board of Adjustment.*

**Amend Article VII Conservation Zone as follows:**

1. Replace section C, Boundaries of the Conservation Zone with the following:

*C. Boundaries of the Conservation Zone:*  
*Except for the shore lands of Crescent Lake, which shall be regulated pursuant to Article VI Crescent Lake District, the Conservation Zone shall be an overlay zone including all stream banks and shores of all natural ponds and lakes to a distance of one hundred feet from the maximum high water level.*

ARTICLE THREE: To vote by non-partisan ballot to amend the Acworth Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend General Provisions as follows:**

1. Add section I. as follows:

*Any building or land development project must conform to all state and federal regulations including but not limited to the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, RSA 483-B.*

Furthermore, you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on the following articles will commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on March 10 next at the Town Hall:

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 11, 2008.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to section 195:25 of RSA 195 concerning Cooperative School Districts, to direct the School Board to conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of Acworth from the cooperative district. By citizen petition.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,000.00 for the purpose of Hazard Mitigation culvert replacement on Crane Brook Road with \$54,000 to come from the 2009 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program if approved and the remaining \$18,000 to come from taxation. No expenditure shall be made if the grant application is denied.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a six year lease agreement for \$113,924 for the purpose of leasing a loader for the Highway Department, and to raise the sum of \$20,900 (Twenty thousand, nine hundred dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement will contain an escape clause allowing the Town to terminate the lease with no further obligation if a future Town Meeting does not appropriate the annual lease payment. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty five thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established 2000. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. Majority vote required. Selectmen recommend, Budget Committee does not recommend.

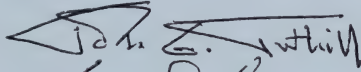
ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$992,093.00 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$1,026,743.00. This article does not include Special or Individual articles addressed.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,500 from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund into the General Fund. Said funds were derived from sustainable timber harvests managed by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the long-term Town Forest Management Plan. Submitted by the Conservation Commission.

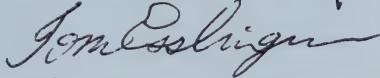
ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Acworth this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009. A True Copy of Warrant Attest: Board of Selectmen:

John Tuthill



Tom Esslinger



Gretchen Abendschein





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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS		
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
4130-4139	Executive		26,750	26,827	27,550		27,250	300	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		4,500	5,190	3,600		3,600		
4150-4151	Financial Administration		16,000	16,303	30,615		24,615	6,000	
4152	Revaluation of Property		14,300	13,731	14,300		14,300		
4153	Legal Expense		25,000	14,169	25,000		15,000	10,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration								
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		8,450	3,533	8,950		8,950		
4194	General Government Buildings		12,600	10,161	12,550		12,550		
4195	Cemeteries		14,650	13,191	14,650		15,800		
4196	Insurance		15,261	16,140	16,177		16,177		
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,012	1,012	1,047		1,047		
4199	Other General Government		55,807	54,797	57,165		57,165		
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>									
4210-4214	Police		10,500	4,095	10,000		8,000	2,000	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,971	8,999	9,600		9,600		
4220-4229	Fire		32,000	32,000	32,000		32,000		
4240-4249	Building Inspection								
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2,000	611	1,600		1,600		
4299	Other (Including Communications)								
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>									
4301-4309	Airport Operations								
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>									
4311	Administration								
4312	Highways & Streets		287,680	247,400	266,033		266,033		
4313	Bridges				1,000		1,000		



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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS cont.</b>								
4316	Street Lighting		2,000	1,882	2,000		2,000	
4319	Other		74,500	95,921	76,700		76,700	
<b>SANITATION</b>								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		97,930	84,107	79,230		79,230	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		2,500	1,683	3,500		3,500	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
<b>ELECTRIC</b>								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>								
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control		1,300	178	1,000		500	500
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		8,000	4,930	8,000		8,000	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.							
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		10,000	2,407	10,000		10,000	

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32.3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		SELECTING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		2,000	1,716	2,000		2,000	2,000
4550-4559	Library		23,800	23,800	22,610		22,610	22,610
4583	Patriotic Purposes		200	200	200		200	200
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
<b>CONSERVATION</b>								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		700	700	700		700	700
4619	Other Conservation		2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000	378	1,000		1,000	1,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		54,000	52,584	24,000		24,000	24,000
4903	Buildings		5,500	4,906				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		193,390	258,899	254,966		237,966	17,000
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		7,000	10,423	7,000		7,000	7,000
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.							
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>		1,023,301	1,014,873	1,026,743		992,093	35,800

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

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

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

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4909	Highway Department Loader				20,900		20,900	
4915	Capital Reserve-Highway Equip				25,000		0	25,000
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	45,900	XXXXXXXXXX	20,900	XXXXXXXXXX

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

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

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4903	Generator from EMP grant	7	8,180	8,995				
4903	Culvert replacement EMPG	8	0	0	72,000		72,000	
4902	Highway Department pickup	9	30,000	17,815				
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	72,000	XXXXXXXXXX	72,000	XXXXXXXXXX



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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		2,000	3,680	3,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5,000	3,777	4,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		14,612	22,627	15,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		100	49	100
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		123,196	134,077	128,000
3230	Building Permits		400	440	400
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,510	4,565	4,310
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues		4,860	9,721	4,860
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		37,481	39,972	39,970
3353	Highway Block Grant		130,292	130,056	129,226
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		223	260	260
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	7/8	4,090	13,680	54,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		7,600	7,930	7,500
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5,000	8,423	5,000
3502	Interest on Investments		4,000	5,565	4,000
3503-3509	Other		3,200	11,134	3,500
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		10,000	10,000	7,500
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		2,000	1,396	1,000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				25,000
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			356,564	407,352	436,626

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

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1,023,301	1,026,743	992,093
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	0	45,900	20,900
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	38,180	72,000	72,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,061,481	1,144,643	1,084,993
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	356,564	436,626	436,626
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	704,917	708,017	648,367

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$108,499  
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF ACWORTH  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**March 11, 2008**

**Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:35 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. – 10:10 p.m.**

**Business Meeting – 7:35 p.m. – 10:05 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until 9:00 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:  
Results of ballots cast – declared winners' names are noted in **bold print**

Selectmen – One person for three-year term	
Kenneth P. Christie	150
<b>John G. Tuthill</b>	<b>188</b>
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term	
<b>Marianne Nevelson</b>	<b>315</b>
Treasurer - One person for one-year term	
<b>Scott Luther-Houghton</b>	<b>315</b>
Moderator– One person for two-year term	
<b>John W. Luther</b>	<b>328</b>
Library Trustee – One person for three-year term	
<b>Guy W. Russell</b>	<b>302</b>
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term	
<b>John W. Balla</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Susan E. Metsack</b>	<b>233</b>
Laurence J. Williamson	149
Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term	
<b>Timothy L. Perry</b>	<b>271</b>
Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term	
<b>Jane Esslinger</b>	<b>299</b>
Planning Board – One Person for unexpired one-year portion of three-year term	
Margaret T. Kish	142
<b>Craig Oshkello</b>	<b>180</b>
Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term	
Stephen T. Davis	162
<b>James K. Jennison</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>Laurence J. Williamson</b>	<b>163</b>

Furthermore, you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on the following articles will commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on March 11 next at the Town Hall:

**Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Acworth Town Hall. John announced that the polls would be open after the meeting for those that still had not voted. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.**

**Selectman Thomas Esslinger started out by thanking all who helped in the completion of the remodeling of the town hall and to John Herpel who did all the trim work around the stage at no cost to the town. He encouraged everyone to look around. He also thanked in advanced John Putnam for the signs that he is making for the front and side of the town hall. Tom also noted that the basement is dry.**

**John Luther went over a few rules of how the meeting would be conducted. His expectations were again that people would be respectful to one another. He then began by reading the warrant.**

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 13, 2007.

**Article Two moved by Ken Grant. Seconded by Mary Lord.**

**With no discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE TWO PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

**Article Three moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Claudia Istel.**

**With no discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE THREE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**Article Four moved by Linda Christie. Seconded by Rob Devalk.**

**After a brief discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE FOUR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to annually transfer any and all funds from the sale of burial lots to the unrestricted Cemetery Trust Fund. Such transfers shall be made no later than December 31 each year.

**Article Five moved by Theresa Berntsen. Seconded by Marianne Nevelson.**

**John Putnam addressed this article. With no further discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE FIVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund into the General Fund. Said funds were derived from sustainable timber harvests managed by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the long-term Town Forest Management Plan. Submitted by the Conservation Commission.

**Article Six moved by Rob Devalk. Seconded by Ken Grant.**

**Susan Paton addressed this article. With no further discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE SIX PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of approximately 32 acres of land (Map 225, Lot 7) that borders the Acworth Wetlands. This gift must be added to the Acworth Wetlands and a conservation easement placed on it through the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests or another land protection organization. Submitted by the Conservation Commission.

**Article Seven moved by Olga Bassine. Seconded by Evelyn Clowes.**

**Debbie Hinman addressed this article. After one other question, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute a quitclaim deed to the Estate of Remo Capello for property located off Burroughs Road, Tax map 207, Lot 13, for the purpose of removing a possible cloud on title.

**Article Eight Tom Esslinger motioned to postponed consideration of article eight indefinitely. Seconded by Marianne Nevelson.**

**After a brief discussion by Tom, the motion to postpone the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**POSTPONING ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,180.00 for the purpose of purchasing a generator for an Emergency Operations Center pursuant to the Town's Emergency Operations Plan; the Town share of \$4,090.00 to be raised by taxes with matching funds of \$4,090.00 to be provided from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program if approved. No expenditure shall be made if the grant application is denied. Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

**Article Nine moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Ken Grant.**

**Skip Auten addressed this article. After some discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote. Manifestly in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE NINE PASSED**

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,000.00 for the purpose of Hazard Mitigation culvert replacement on Crane Brook

Road; the Town share of \$23,000.00 to be raised by taxes with matching funds of \$23,000.00 to be provided from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program if approved. No expenditure shall be made if the grant application is denied.

Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

**Article Ten moved by Marianne. Seconded by Skip Auten.**

**Skip Auten addressed this article. With no further discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote. Manifestly in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE TEN PASSED**

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a Highway Department pickup truck. Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

**Article Eleven moved by Marianne Nevelson. Seconded by Theresa Berntsen. After some discussion, Hugh Gendron moved to amend this article. Seconded by Ralph Balla.**

**Hugh Gendron motioned to amend this article to \$20,000. Seconded by Ralph Balla. After a lengthy discussion Steve Davis moved the question on the amendment. Seconded by Ralph Balla.**

**Moving the question on the amendment passed by voice vote.**

**Amendment moved to vote by voice vote.**

**Moderator was unsure of vote so asked to vote again by show of voter cards.**

**YES 56 NO 69**

**AMENDMENT FAILED**

**After a further lengthy discussion on the original article, Tammy Gendron moved the question. Seconded by Ralph Balla.**

**Moving the question passed by voice vote.**

**Article Eleven was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**Moderator was unsure of voice vote so asked to vote by show of voter cards.**

**YES 65 NO 63**

**Moderator felt the count was too close so asked to vote again by secret ballot vote using letter "A". The letters were collected. Meeting was recessed at 8:30 p.m. to count ballots.**

**Meeting was called to order at 8:45 with the results.**

**YES 71 NO 66**

**ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED**

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,007,301.00 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$1,007,301.00 also. This article does not include Special or Individual articles addressed. Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

**Article Twelve moved by Marianne Nevelson. Seconded by Claudia Istel. Tom Esslinger motioned to amend this article to increase the amount by 16,000.00 on line item 4319 making the total budget to 1,023,301.00. Seconded by Evelyn Clowes.**

**After a lengthy discussion, Mike Nevelson motioned to move the question on the amendment. Seconded by Sue Metsack.**

**Moving the question passed by voice vote.**

**Amendment moved to vote by voice vote.**

**Moderator was unsure of vote so asked to vote again by show of voter cards.**

**YES 66 NO 58**

**AMENDMENT PASSED**

**Jim Brown proposed to amend the article to add: “after the vote the article not be brought up again for reconsideration.” Seconded by Ken Grant.**

**After further discussion, the amendment by Jim Brown was withdrawn.**

**After a lengthy discussion, Tom Esslinger motioned to move the question. Seconded by Torrey Greene.**

**Moving the question passed by voice vote.**

**Article twelve as amended to read 1,023,301.00 moved to voice vote.**

**Moderator was unsure of vote so asked to vote again by show of voter cards.**

**YES 64 NO 55**

**Article TWELVE AS AMENDED passed**

**Jim Brown motioned to reconsider article twelve. Seconded by Jay Phinzy.**

**Motion to reconsider article twelve was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE TWELVE FAILED**

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to endorse the restoration of the Acworth Meetinghouse. By citizen petition.

**Article Thirteen moved by John Putnam. Seconded by Jim Jennison.**

**After some discussion, Jim Jennison motioned to move the question. Seconded by Ralph Balla.**

**Moving the question passed by voice vote.**

**Article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

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

By citizen petition.

**Article Fourteen moved by Alice Brown. Seconded by Nellie Bernsten.**



**Jay Phinizy addressed this article. After a lengthy discussion, Deanne Sanville motioned to amend this article. Seconded by Jim Elsesser.**

**Deanne proposed to amend the article as follows:**

*To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:*

*Resolved: We the citizens of Acworth, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and free. Any tax that funds an unwieldy government system is unjust and oppressive. State leaders who make laws that increase the size, scope, and programs of government perpetuate higher and higher taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator, our Governor, and our town government to reject the philosophy of Big Government and the burdensome taxes it requires, to look for ways to drastically reduce the size and expenditures of our governments, to reject all unjust taxes, and to once again embrace the dream and goal of our forefathers to live free in New Hampshire.*

**After further discussion Ruth Balla moved the question on the amendment.**

**Seconded by Jim Genovese.**

**Moving the question passed by voice vote.**

**Amendment moved to vote by voice vote.**

#### **AMENDMENT FAILED**

**After further discussions on article fourteen, Linda Christie motioned to move the question. Seconded by Rob Devalk.**

**Moving the question passed by voice vote.**

**Article fourteen moved to vote by voice vote. Manifestly in the affirmative.**

#### **ARTICLE FOURTEEN PASSED**

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

**Claude Bassine motioned to discuss schools. Seconded by Ralph Balla**

**Claude Bassine wanted everyone to be aware of the meeting at Villas School and the importance of attending on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be discussion of the future of the Acworth School.**

**Lorraine Dion asked if the town had a PA system that could be used at town meeting. She indicated that she would like to have it used as it is hard to hear some people.**

**With no other business at hand, Ralph Balla moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Seconded by Jim Genovese.**

**Voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:05. Passed Unanimously.**

**Moderator announced at 10:05 p.m. that the business portion of meeting is adjourned and that anyone that wishes to vote may do so.**

**Polls closed at 10:10 p.m.**

**Meeting recessed at 10:15 p.m. to count ballots**

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlotte Comeau, Acworth Town Clerk



**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**

Municipal Services Division  
2008 Tax Rate Calculation

**TOWN PORTION**

Gross Appropriations	1,061,481		
Less: Revenues	(358,571)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,100)		
Add: Overlay	7,096		
Add: War Service Credits	8,900		
Net Town Appropriation	714,806		
Special Adjustment	-		
Approved Town Tax Effort		714,806	
	<b>Town Rate per \$1,000</b>		<b>7.05</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget	1,374,431		
Regional School Apportionment	(438,012)		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	-		
Less: Additional FY04 Targeted Aid	-		
Less: State Education Taxes	(215,123)		
Approved School Tax Effort		721,296	
	<b>Local School Rate per \$1,000</b>		<b>7.12</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

State Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	100,524,770		
State Education Rate per \$1,000	2.14		
Approved State School Tax Effort		215,123	
	<b>State Education Rate per \$1,000</b>		<b>2.15</b>
based on local assessed valuation (no utilities) of \$99,982,480			

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	286,856		
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,046)		
Approved County Tax Effort		285,810	
	<b>County Rate per \$1,000</b>		<b>2.82</b>

<b>TOTAL COMBINED TAX RATE PER \$1,000</b>			<b>19.14</b>
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,937,035
Less: War Service Credits	(8,900)
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT</b>	<b>1,928,135</b>

	local assessed valuation	tax rate per 1,000	taxes assessed
<b>PROOF OF TAX RATE</b>			
State Education Tax (no utilities)	99,982,480	2.15	215,123
All Other Taxes	101,357,980	16.99	1,721,912
		<u>19.14</u>	<u>1,937,035</u>

**TOWN OF ACWORTH  
MULTI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON**

<b>Rate per \$1,000</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>after reval 2006</b>	<b>pre reval 2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
Town tax	7.05	6.63	4.31	9.22	7.59	6.22	5.11	4.82	4.42	4.39	4.73
Local school tax	7.12	6.85	7.02	15.02	13.97	15.40	12.31	11.73	14.10	9.17	8.15
State school tax	2.15	2.00	1.98	4.23	4.14	4.03	4.97	5.83	6.45	6.01	6.10
County tax	2.82	2.11	1.77	3.79	4.06	4.10	3.93	3.98	4.85	3.93	2.52
	19.14	17.59	15.08	32.26	29.76	29.75	26.32	26.36	29.82	23.50	21.50

**Taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value**

Land/Building	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Town taxes	705.00	663.00	431.00	922.00	759.00	622.00	511.00	482.00	442.00	439.00	473.00
Local school tax	712.00	685.00	702.00	1,502.00	1,397.00	1,540.00	1,231.00	1,173.00	1,410.00	917.00	815.00
State school tax	215.00	200.00	198.00	423.00	414.00	403.00	497.00	583.00	645.00	601.00	610.00
County taxes	282.00	211.00	177.00	379.00	406.00	410.00	393.00	398.00	485.00	393.00	252.00
	1,914.00	1,759.00	1,508.00	3,226.00	2,976.00	2,975.00	2,632.00	2,636.00	2,982.00	2,350.00	2,150.00

**Town valuation summary (per ms-1)**

Land only	1,682,880	1,679,410	1,707,520	864,580	864,580	986,930	1,204,150	1,473,650	1,474,180	-	-
current use	-	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,110	2,550	-	-	-	-
conserv restrict	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
residential	35,524,100	35,293,400	37,167,400	16,190,046	16,190,046	16,099,150	16,041,950	16,016,978	15,802,988	15,802,988	15,802,988
commercial	364,700	364,700	403,500	35,300	35,300	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,300
subtotal	37,571,680	37,337,510	39,278,420	17,092,426	17,092,426	17,100,490	17,260,950	17,502,928	17,289,468	17,289,468	17,289,468

**Building only**

residential	59,160,000	58,435,400	57,602,800	28,023,850	28,023,850	27,424,050	26,957,100	26,382,150	25,629,200	25,629,200	25,629,200
manufact housing	1,429,600	1,429,600	1,429,600	768,500	768,500	706,800	757,800	754,600	616,350	616,350	616,350
commercial	2,165,300	2,176,200	2,199,100	1,160,300	1,160,300	1,159,000	1,156,400	1,154,400	1,050,100	1,050,100	1,050,100
subtotal	62,754,900	62,039,100	61,231,500	29,952,650	29,952,650	29,289,850	28,871,300	28,291,150	27,295,650	27,295,650	27,295,650

**Public utilities**

valuation totals	1,375,500	1,415,000	1,546,934	754,902	754,902	950,921	1,418,067	1,418,067	1,580,930	1,580,930	1,580,930
	101,702,080	100,791,610	102,056,854	47,799,978	47,799,978	47,341,261	47,550,317	47,212,145	46,166,048	46,166,048	46,166,048
Blind exempt	(30,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
Elderly exempt	(314,100)	(319,100)	(162,500)	(140,000)	(140,000)	(155,000)	(147,500)	(147,500)	(160,000)	(160,000)	(160,000)

**value for local taxes**

less utilities	101,357,980	100,457,510	101,879,354	47,644,978	47,644,978	47,171,261	47,387,817	47,049,645	45,976,048	45,976,048	45,976,048
value for state ed tax	(1,375,500)	(1,415,000)	(1,546,934)	(754,902)	(754,902)	(950,921)	(1,418,067)	(1,418,067)	(1,580,930)	(1,580,930)	(1,580,930)
	99,982,480	99,042,510	100,332,420	46,890,076	46,890,076	46,220,340	45,969,750	45,631,578	44,395,118	44,395,118	44,395,118

**Change in town valuation**

Town valuation	101,702,080	100,791,610	102,056,854	47,799,978	47,799,978	47,341,261	47,550,317	47,212,145	46,166,048	45,768,778	45,202,775
Valuation change	910,470	(1,265,244)	54,256,876	458,717	458,717	(209,056)	338,172	1,046,097	397,270	566,003	221,118

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures for 2008**

Appropriation title	Appropriated	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrafted
<b>GENERAL BUDGET</b>				
Town officers' salaries	\$ 26,750	\$ 26,827	\$ -	\$ 77
Elections and registration	4,500	5,190	-	690
Payroll tax expenses	16,000	16,303	-	303
Revaluation of property	14,300	13,731	569	-
Legal expenses	25,000	14,169	10,831	-
Planning and zoning	8,450	3,533	4,917	-
Town hall expenses	12,600	10,161	2,439	-
Cemeteries	11,650	13,191	-	1,541
Insurance	15,261	16,140	-	879
Regional planning assoc.	1,012	1,012	-	-
Town office expense	55,807	54,797	1,010	-
Police	10,500	4,095	6,405	-
Ambulance	8,971	8,999	-	28
Fire & Rescue services	32,000	32,000	-	-
Emergency management*	2,000	611	1,389	-
Highway maintenance	287,680	247,400	40,280	-
Street lighting	2,000	1,882	118	125
Highway parts, fuel, equip	74,500	95,921	-	21,421
Solid waste disposal	97,930	84,107	13,823	-
Landfill closure	2,500	1,683	817	-
Animal control	1,300	178	1,122	-
Health and other agencies	8,000	4,930	3,070	-
Welfare	10,000	2,407	7,593	-
Parks and recreation	2,000	1,716	284	-
Library operations	23,800	23,800	-	-
Memorial day expenses	200	200	-	-
Conservation commission	700	700	-	-
Conservation preservation	2,000	2,000	-	-
Interest expense	3,000	378	2,622	-
Equipment lease-hgwy trk	24,000	23,938	62	-
Equipment refit-hgwy trk	30,000	28,646	1,354	-
Buildings	5,500	4,906	594	-
Road projects and paving	193,390	258,899	-	65,509
Conserv. Comm. (LUCT)	2,000	2,000	-	-
Forest Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000	-	-
Equipment purch-pickup	30,000	17,815	12,185	-
Generator warrant article	8,180	8,995	-	815
Totals	\$ 1,058,481	\$ 1,038,260	\$ 111,484	\$ 91,388

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2008

Jan - Dec 08

### 3100 From tax collector

3110.1 Property taxes-current year	\$ 1,750,893.16
3110.2 Property taxes-prior years	191,270.31
3110.3 Property tax redemptions	37,864.13
3120.1 Land use change tax-current year	3,680.00
3185.1 Timber yield taxes-current year	3,776.72
3187.1 Excavation tax-current year	49.42
3190.1 Interest & costs-late property taxes	14,629.18
3190.3 Interest & costs-late luc taxes	16.00
3190.4 Interest & costs-lien redemptions	7,981.86
	2,010,160.78

### 3200 From town clerk

3220.1 Motor vehicle permit fees	128,484.50
3220 2007 Bounced checks replaced in 2008	325.00
3220 2008 Bounced checks replaced in 2009	(155.50)
3220.2 Town clerk fee	1,401.00
3220.3 Title application fees	426.00
3220.4 Title transfer fee	290.00
3220.5 Agent fee for State stickers	3,220.00
3220.6 E-registration fees	86.10
3290.1 Dog license fees-town portion	931.50
3290.2 Dog license fees-state portion	428.50
3290.3 Birth, death, marriage fees	367.00
3290.4 Pole license	10.00
3291.1 Filing fees	5.00
3291.2 Bad check fees	75.00
3291.3 Miscellaneous fees	105.00
	135,999.10

### 3350 From State sources

3351 Shared revenue block grant	9,721.00
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	39,971.69
3353 Highway block grant	130,055.50
3356 Forest land reimbursement	259.96
3359.1 Disaster assistance relief	9,590.47
3359.2 Other State grants	15,025.20
	204,623.82

### 3400 Revenue from services

3404 Transfer station fees	7,930.30
	7,930.30



# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2008

Jan - Dec 08

### 3500 Miscellaneous sources

3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	925.00
3501.3 Gove lot timber sales	8,422.52
3501.4 Sale of equipment	750.00
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	5,564.58
3502.2 Dividend NH Municipal Assoc.	122.00
3502.3 NH/VT Solid Waste Project distribution	5,814.20
3508.1 Miscellaneous gifts	1,200.00
3509.2 Recycling proceeds	3,247.73
3230.2 Building permits fees	440.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	90.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	1,581.00
3292.4 Miscellaneous fees	972.14
	<u>29,129.17</u>

### 3912 From special revenue funds

3912.1 Transfers from forest maintenance fund	10,000.00
	<u>10,000.00</u>

### 3916 Trust and agency funds

3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	1,396.00
3916.3 Reimbursed from Forest Maintenance funds	1,420.00
3916.4 Forest Maintenance Plan expenses paid	(1,420.00)
3916.5 Reimbursed from Conservation Comm. funds	2,554.18
3916.6 Conservation Commission expenses paid	(2,554.18)
	<u>1,396.00</u>

**Total cash receipts for 2008** 2,399,239.17

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statements of Disbursements for 2008

Jan - Dec 08

### 4130 Executive expenses

Selectman-John Tuthill	\$	2,000.00
Selectman-Gretchen Abendschein		2,000.00
Selectman-Thomas Esslinger		2,000.00
Treasurer-Scott Luther-Houghton		5,000.00
Tax collector-Marianne Nevelson		6,615.38
Deputy tax collector-Susan Metsack		961.53
Town clerk-Charlotte Comeau		6,500.00
Deputy clerk-Crystal Bascom		1,500.00
Health officer-Toni Bowman		250.00
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		26,826.91

### 4140 Elections and vital statistics

Stipends-election officials		4,084.50
Other		560.26
Public notices		222.06
Training		70.29
Vital record fees		253.00
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		5,190.11

### 4150 Payroll tax expenses

Payroll taxes-cleaning		123.65
Payroll taxes-dump attendant		1,099.73
Payroll taxes-election official		312.55
Payroll taxes-highway		10,156.09
Payroll taxes-planning board		82.26
Payroll taxes-town office		2,476.21
Payroll taxes-town officials		2,052.25
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		16,302.74

### 4152 Revaluation of property

Property assessing		11,671.37
Mapping		2,060.00
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		13,731.37

### 4153 Legal expenses

14,168.87

### 4191 Planning and zoning

Wages - Planning Board		1,075.27
Master Plan expenses		1,420.00
Miscellaneous expenses		48.00
Printing manuals, ballots		46.50
Public notices		840.87
Registry recording		102.00
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		3,532.64

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statements of Disbursements for 2008

	<u>Jan - Dec 08</u>
<b>4194 Town hall</b>	
Wages - cleaning	1,616.25
Electricity	1,006.68
Fuel oil	3,806.11
Landscaping	1,269.00
Mowing	1,760.00
Repairs	394.40
Supplies	308.10
	<hr/> 10,160.54
<b>4195 Cemeteries</b>	
Brush removal	600.00
Miscellaneous expenses	266.85
Mowing	3,490.00
Stone restoration	5,165.00
Tree Work	3,669.00
	<hr/> 13,190.85
<b>4196 Insurance</b>	
Property and general liability	7,379.46
State unemployment insurance	1,882.00
Workmens compensation	6,879.00
	<hr/> 16,140.46
<b>4197 Regional planning associations</b>	1,012.00
<b>4199 Town office expenses</b>	
Wages-administrative assistant	32,368.88
Audit of Town Clerk	1,325.00
Audit of Library	1,250.00
Bank service charges	29.55
Computer, software and support	4,447.45
Deed office recording fees	73.68
Dues to Associations	691.83
Miscellaneous	128.81
Office equipment	1,846.38
Office supplies	1,389.34
Outside consultants	600.00
Postage	917.42
Public notices	60.27
Services of forester	981.30
Telephone	1,331.39
Tax collector expenses	3,764.17
Town clerk expenses	1,906.29
Town reports	1,195.00
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	385.05
Workshops and training	105.00
	<hr/> 54,796.81

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statements of Disbursements for 2008

	<u>Jan - Dec 08</u>
<b>4210 Police</b>	
Contract services	60.00
Dispatch	3,573.06
Storage rent	462.00
	<hr/> 4,095.06
<b>4215 Ambulance</b>	8,999.02
<b>4220 Fire</b>	32,000.00
<b>4290 Emergency management</b>	
Emergency mgmt planning grant-generator	8,994.95
Miscellaneous	10.80
Planning and mitigation	600.00
	<hr/> 9,605.75
<b>4312 Highway maintenance</b>	
Wages-highway	132,759.80
Health insurance	25,699.68
Calcium chloride	10,894.25
Culverts	6,778.19
Materials-gravel and shurpak	2,795.69
Miscellaneous	589.77
Mower, chipper and equip rental	29,322.25
Salt	16,645.21
Sand screening and piling	21,915.00
	<hr/> 247,399.84
<b>4316 Street lighting</b>	1,882.10
<b>4319 Highway - general expenses</b>	
Building maintenance	5,335.75
Diesel fuel	24,171.36
Electricity	1,202.83
Emergency tow	783.00
Gas	1,939.75
Heating oil	6,236.61
Miscellaneous	836.53
New equipment	1,650.10
Repairs, parts	51,056.58
Supplies	1,113.50
Telephone	1,594.49
	<hr/> 95,920.50
<b>4324 Solid waste</b>	
Wages-dump attendant	14,375.50
Compactor trucking/rental fees	35,188.35
Demolition disposal fees	11,154.93
Electricity	584.98



# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statements of Disbursements for 2008

	<u>Jan - Dec 08</u>
Electronics recycling	783.90
Fluorescent disposal	235.20
Hazardous waste disposal	474.76
Miscellaneous supplies	338.97
Mixed paper disposal	26.75
NH/VT SWP settlement pymt (final)	20,000.00
Telephone	376.91
Tire disposal	516.68
Training	50.00
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	84,106.93
<b>4325 Landfill closure</b>	1,682.73
<b>4414 Animal control</b>	
Animal trapping	10.00
Dog tags	85.12
Vet and boarding	82.62
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	177.74
<b>4415 Health and other agencies</b>	
Alstead Food Shelf	800.00
Community Alliance of Human Ser	500.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	600.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	1,000.00
Sullivan County Hospice	250.00
S W Community Services	900.00
West Central Behavioral Health	880.00
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	4,930.00
<b>4445 Welfare</b>	2,407.19
<b>4520 Recreation</b>	
Electricity	313.51
Mowing	970.00
Program expense	432.36
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	1,715.87
<b>4550 Library</b>	
Wages-library	17,475.26
Payroll taxes-library	1,336.86
Miscellaneous	87.25
Library appropriation paid	4,900.63
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	23,800.00
<b>4583 Memorial day expenses</b>	200.00
<b>4611 Conservation commission</b>	
Crescent Lake testing	192.96
Miscellaneous expense	119.36
CC appropriation paid	387.68
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	700.00

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statements of Disbursements for 2008

	<u>Jan - Dec 08</u>
<b>4619 Conservation preservation</b>	
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00
<b>4723 Interest expense</b>	
Interest on abatement refunds	54.30
Interest on tax anticipation notes	323.50
	<u>377.80</u>
<b>4901 Land purchased by tax deed</b>	1,741.48
<b>4902 Machinery, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	
Equipment lease-highway truck (International)	23,937.82
Equipment purchase-highway truck refit (Mack)	28,646.00
Equipment purchase-highway dept. pickup truck	17,815.00
	<u>70,398.82</u>
<b>4903 Buildings</b>	
Office furniture and equipment	2,010.32
Town hall renovations	2,895.35
	<u>4,905.67</u>
<b>4909 Improvements other than bdlgs</b>	
Allen road	69,467.04
Cold Pond road	110,821.16
Paving-other	6,210.00
Grout Hill bridge repairs	46,273.14
Wages-road engineering	8,382.00
Payroll taxes-road engineering	641.21
Town gravel pit development	17,104.86
	<u>258,899.41</u>
<b>4912 To special revenue funds</b>	
Conservation commission fund	2,000.00
Forest maintenance fund	8,422.52
	<u>10,422.52</u>
<b>4916 To expendable cemetery trust funds</b>	
Transfers to trustees of trust funds	925.00
<b>4931 Sullivan County</b>	286,856.00
<b>4933 FM Regional School District</b>	858,167.55
<b>Unanticipated grant expenses</b>	
Grant expenses-vital records preservation	265.20
Grant expenses-HCCP grant expenses	505.33
	<u>770.53</u>
<b>Abatements/overpymts refunded</b>	4,414.21
<b>Tax liens by town</b>	61,840.99
<b>Total cash disbursements for 2008</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,256,396.01</u></u>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Summary of accounts held by treasurer for 2008**

**General checking account**

Beginning balance 1/1/08	\$ 1,387.27
Transfers from money market	2,364,000.00
Expenditures per treasurer's report	(2,256,396.01)
Cons. Comm. bills paid	(3,974.18)
Revenues or expenses reported net	(1,603.92)
Tax anticipation notes paid	(100,000.00)
Performance bonds refunded	(2,000.00)
MMA bank charges included in expenditures	30.00
Ending balance 12/31/08	<u>\$ 1,443.16</u>

**General money market account**

Beginning balance 1/1/08	\$ 376,005.30
Revenues per treasurer's report	2,399,239.17
Proceeds from tax anticipation note	100,000.00
Transfers from Cons. Comm. to cover easement costs	2,554.18
Transfers from Cons. Comm. to cover forest maint. bills	1,420.00
Performance bonds received	2,000.00
Reimbursements reported net of an expense account	1,603.92
Bank charges	(30.00)
Transfers to general checking	(2,364,000.00)
Ending balance 12/31/08	<u>\$ 518,792.57</u>

**General savings performance bond account**

Beginning balance 1/1/08	\$ -
Performance bonds received	1,500.00
Ending balance 12/31/08	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

**Conservation commission savings account**

Beginning balance 1/1/08	\$ 13,286.40
LUC tax proceeds	2,000.00
2008 balance of appropriation	387.68
Interest income	53.68
Conservation commission expenses	(2,554.18)
Ending balance 12/31/08	<u>\$ 13,173.58</u>

**Forest maintenance savings account**

Beginning balance 1/1/08	\$ 14,615.14
Timber sale proceeds	8,422.52
Interest income	48.41
Forest management plan expenses	(1,420.00)
Transfer to general fund	(10,000.00)
Ending balance 12/31/08	<u>\$ 11,666.07</u>

**Town of Acworth**  
**Balance Sheets (All Funds, Comparative)**  
**December 31, 2008 and 2007**

	December 31	
	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ 1,443.16	\$ 1,387.27
Money market	518,792.57	376,005.30
Petty cash - town office	40.00	40.00
Petty cash - town clerk	50.00	50.00
Savings - performance bonds	1,500.00	-
Savings - conservation commission	13,173.58	13,286.40
Savings - forest maintenance	11,666.07	14,615.14
	546,665.38	405,384.11
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	173,357.46	187,349.26
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	331.25	-
Tax liens receivable - 2005 levy	108.52	15,183.87
Tax liens receivable - 2006 levy	16,982.87	32,355.62
Tax liens receivable - 2007 levy	54,998.21	-
Allowance for abatements-property tax	-	-
	245,778.31	234,888.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 792,443.69</b>	<b>\$ 640,272.86</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Liabilities		
School district payable	\$ 422,779.35	\$ 344,527.86
Performance bond refundable	1,500.00	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	424,279.35	344,527.86
Fund balances		
Fund balance - general	333,160.02	267,843.46
Fund balance - encumbered	10,164.67	-
Fund balance - conservation commission	13,173.58	13,286.40
Fund balance - forest maintenance	11,666.07	14,615.14
	368,164.34	295,745.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 792,443.69</b>	<b>\$ 640,272.86</b>



## 2008 Schedule of Town Properties and Values

Town Hall and Land 229-1	\$155,200
Contents per LGC/PLT	98,000
Library and Land 229-32	120,000
Contents per LGC/PLT	233,990
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	161,400
Equipment	250,000
Contents per LGC/PLT	98,208
Town Common 229-3	30,900
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,147,698</b>
<b>Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:</b>	
Roberts Lot 236-10	43,700
Howard Estate Lot 210-39	36,900
Ball Lot 230-3	11,900
Buss Lot 226-1	12,200
Callum Lot 234-18	32,800
Champney Lot 226-6	36,300
Crescent Lake Lot 201-60	15,300
Farnsworth Lot (Ball field)	62,200
Gove and Fournier Lots (Town Forest) 211-1	120,900
Hurd Lots 201-107 and 108	391,000
Jennison Lot 240-9	95,700
Nelson Lot 240-5	34,700
Onofrio Lot 229-30	38,900
Prouty Lot 250-2	7,800
Shaw Lot 210-36	39,500
Moto Lot 241-18	26,200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>979,800</b>
<b>Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:</b>	
Acworth Wetlands: Peirera/Diggert Lots 225-6	109,800
Pierce Brook Lot 209-7	47,200
Ward Lot 218-4	25,500
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	38,800
Contents per LGC/PLT	1,000
Five Points School House Lot 231-8	12,900
Prince Lot 246-57	2,500
Lubetkin/Cemetery Lot 234-13	35,300
Conservation Associates Lot 225-7	62,900
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>335,900</b>
<b>Additional Town lots per new mapping:</b>	
Derry Hill 234-19	49,900
Burrough Road 207-6	40,600
Stebbins Road 229-58	31,100
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	48,700
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>170,300</b>
 <b>Total</b>	 <b>2,633,698</b>

## 2008 Tax Collector's Report

The tax year has gone smoothly. The new style bills save a lot of time as we can use the town copier to print the bills. This is a more efficient use of office machinery. I appointed a new deputy, Susan Metsack. I want to thank Charlotte Comeau for being the deputy. I made the change because Susan is available to work on my posted office hours. Office hours will stay the same: Mondays 8:30 Am to 12.30 PM. I am usually in on Friday mornings also, but call first to check. Post marks are honored as the date of payment, so there is no reason not to mail your payments. If you include a stamped self addressed envelope, I will return your receipt.

There were 3 mortgage foreclosures in town, but 2 were averted and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one was just postponed. The taxes are not affected in a foreclosure because the town's lien has priority.

On August 4 2008, 44 Liens were executed for the town relating to 31 property owners and recorded with the Registrar of Deeds. The amount of the Liens was \$61,840.00 - \$56,957.73 for 2007 property taxes and \$4,883.26 in accrued interest cost. Total property taxes for 2007 were \$1,760,090. The delinquency rate in dollars is 3.2 % for 2007.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Map 241 Lot 18 was deeded to the Town for unpaid taxes for 2005, 2006, 2007 and 1<sup>st</sup> issue 2008 in the amount of \$1720.51.

Unpaid balances for 2008 property taxes on 1/30/2009 amount to \$48,662.30 for first issue and \$103,778.06 for second issue totaling \$152,400.36. These balances are accruing 12% interest. This number comprises 109 property owners and 212 properties, which is the same as last year. 42 Properties show a balance less than \$50.00. Total 2008 property taxes amounted to \$1,928,056.00. Percentage of late payers in dollars is 7.9 %.

Unpaid balances for 2007 liens on 1/30/2009 amount to \$53,331.45 comprising 36 properties owned by 32 owners. These balances are accruing 18% interest and mortgage search and notification fees. Unpaid liens will be deeded to the Town in 2010. Unpaid balances for 2006 liens on 1/30/2009 amount to \$15,936.58 comprising 13 properties owned by 11 property owners. These properties are scheduled to be deeded to the Town in 2009. Property owners will be officially notified by certified mail. I urge these property owners to contact me, so we can put a payment schedule in place. Please do not let this go to the last minute unless you have the full amount to discharge the lien. In 2007 there were 34 property owners who had liens for property tax two years old. In 2008 there are 49 property owners who had liens for property tax two years old. My plan is to mail the delinquency notices in the last week of February. The lien date for 2008 taxes will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

All in all I would say it was a good tax year. Again I thank the taxpayers for their patience and courtesy shown to me and my deputy in the last year.

Thank You, Marianne W. Nevelson, Tax Collector

**2008 Tax Collector's Report**

<b>Debits</b>	<b>Levy for 2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<i>Uncollected taxes</i>				
<i>Beg. Of Year</i>				
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ 187,296.26	\$ -	\$ -
Land Use Change	-	-	-	-
Yield taxes	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	30.44	-	-
<i>Taxes Committed</i>				
<i>This Year</i>				
Property taxes	1,928,065.00	-	-	-
Land use change	3,680.00	-	-	-
Yield taxes	4,422.64	-	-	-
Gravel taxes	49.42	-	-	-
Other charges	106.00	282.00	-	-
<i>Overpayment</i>				
Property taxes	-	3,192.28	-	-
Interest-Late taxes	1,624.29	11,332.60	-	-
Cost before lien	-	1,288.00	-	-
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b><u>1,937,947.35</u></b>	<b><u>203,421.58</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

**Credits**

<i>Remitted to Treasurer</i>				
Property taxes	1,752,827.54	133,728.83	-	-
Land use change	3,680.00	-	-	-
Yield taxes	3,776.71	-	-	-
Gravel taxes	49.42	-	-	-
Interest	1,622.01	6,449.94	-	-
Conversion to lien	-	61,840.99	-	-
Other charges	61.00	282.00	-	-
<i>Abatements made</i>				
Property taxes	1,880.00	1,089.98	-	-
Land Use Change	-	-	-	-
Yield taxes	314.68	-	-	-
Interest	-	29.84	-	-
<i>Uncollected taxes</i>				
Property taxes	173,357.46	-	-	-
Yield taxes	331.25	-	-	-
Interest	2.28	-	-	-
Other charges	45.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b><u>1,937,947.35</u></b>	<b><u>203,421.58</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

<b>Debits</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Unredeemed liens	-	32,922.75	14,810.99	-
Fiscal year liens	61,840.99	-	-	-
Interest and costs	1,693.24	2,205.01	4,462.61	-
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b><u>63,534.23</u></b>	<b><u>35,127.76</u></b>	<b><u>19,273.60</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

<i>Remitted to Treasurer</i>				
Redemptions	7,601.78	15,511.96	15,075.35	-
Interest and costs	934.24	2,632.93	4,089.73	-
Abatements	-	-	-	-
Unredeemed lien bal.	54,998.21	16,982.87	108.52	-
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b><u>\$ 63,534.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 35,127.76</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 19,273.60</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>

## 2008 Town Clerk Report

Crystal Bascom is doing a wonderful job as my Deputy. I certainly appreciate her hard work and willingness to fill in at the drop of a hat!! We make a great team! Crystal works on Monday evenings and processes registrations, dog licenses, and can give out absentee ballots. Any other business must be done on the days I am there. Crystal helped me after the general election in preparing the final numbers for the state and media and for that I am very grateful. It is so good to have a second pair of eyes when finalizing numbers late at night!

In 2008, with the help of Peg Kish, I applied for and was approved for a grant in the amount of \$5,490.00 funded by the NH Moose Plates. With this along with what was left from the 2007 New Hampshire Department of State and the Vital Records Improvement Fund, all of Acworth's vital record books have been or are in the process of being restored by Brown's River Records Preservation Services. We have received the oldest books back already and they are beautiful. I expect that the rest will be back very soon and in time for town meeting. I will have them out on display so that everyone can see them.

2008 was the first year that we offered E-Reg in order that you can renew your vehicles via the internet. It wasn't used as much as I had anticipated but there were some people that took advantage of it. If you decide to register in this manner, go to the town website at [www.acworth.cc](http://www.acworth.cc) and under links, click on the button at the bottom that looks like this.



At the end of the process it will advise you to make out **two** checks one for the town and one for the state just the same as if you were to come up here. Keep in mind that as you complete this process on your computer, your registration is not renewed at this point. You still need to send your checks to the town office. Once I receive them, I will process the registration and mail you your new registration along with the stickers.

As a reminder, for your safety and ours, the office may be closed during inclement weather, so please call ahead.

For the Town of Acworth  
Charlotte Comeau  
Town Clerk



**2008 Town Clerk Report  
January 1 – December 31, 2008**

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

Vehicle Registrations	128,774.50
Clerk Fees	1,401.00
Title Fees	426.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,220.00
E-Convenience Fee	70.50
E-Log Fee	15.60
Bad Check Fees	<u>75.00</u>
	<b>133,982.60</b>

**DOGS**

Licenses Issued: **219**

Town Fees	872.50
State Fees	428.50
Late Fees	<u>59.00</u>
	<b>1,360.00</b>

**MARRIAGES**

Licenses Issued: **3**

Town Fees	21.00
State Fees	<u>114.00</u>
	<b>135.00</b>

**FILING FEES**

Vital Record Copies	
Town Fees	81.00
State Fees	151.00
Pole License	10.00
Miscellaneous Filing Fees	<u>55.00</u>
	<b>297.00</b>

**ELECTIONS**

Candidate Filing Fees	5.00
Voter Check List	<u>50.00</u>
	<b>55.00</b>

**REMITTED TO TREASURER    135,829.60**



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**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Certified Public Accountants**

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Acworth  
Acworth, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying Town Clerk's Report (cash basis of accounting) of the Town Clerk of the Town of Acworth for the year January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. This schedule is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the schedule 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 Town Clerk's Report is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the schedules. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

This financial statement has been prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted governmental accounting principles.

In our opinion, the schedule referred to above present fairly in all material respects the activity in the Town Clerk's account arising from the cash transactions for the year January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mason + Rich, P.A.*

MASON + RICH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Certified Public Accountants

July 12, 2008

## 2008 Selectmen's Report

Road projects and related issues were foremost on the Board's 2008 agendas. The Town Meeting vote for a budget which included paving Allen and Cold Pond Roads resulted in considerable citizen concern. The Board responded by establishing a Road Advisory Committee to address project questions which were being raised. RAC has evolved to include Townspeople with career road construction experience and is assisted by former state engineer Steve Gray. In preparation for actual project work the Committee worked with Road Agent Kerry Smith to evaluate material contained in the Town Gravel Pit and on a design for efficient Pit usage. With RAC's help the 2008 road projects were carried out satisfactorily and within budget.

In August the Grout Hill Bridge was closed following decking and structural damage caused by a Carroll Concrete truck. From the time of the damage Carroll Concrete worked with the Town to assess, plan and execute what became a replacement of the bridge. Steve Gray worked on the Town's behalf in meeting state bridge inspection requirements and within three months State Senator Bob Odell cut a ribbon on the new bridge opening it to traffic. The Town received a State Senate Resolution of congratulations in recognition of a successful public/private collaboration.

The Board had several meetings with citizens and representatives of ambulance services. In response to concerns expressed by Crescent Lake residents the 2008 ambulance contracts provided for coverage to be split between LeFevre Ambulance Service and Golden Cross Ambulance. In 2009 the Board will be looking for proposals by which time efficient coverage will be consolidated within one contract.

Though funds were appropriated the Board did not act to restructure the Transfer Station layout. A Solid Waste Advisory Committee was formed to look more closely at the Town's needs in relation to a changing market.

In recent years the Town has invested time and funds in several projects including an Emergency Operations Plan, a Hazard Mitigation Plan, and updates to the tax maps and Master Plan. It is gratifying to know that these efforts bring results. The Town Hall generator was possible due to a grant based on our EOP, our eligibility for the Crane Brook Road culvert grant is based on the HMP and our eligibility for a recently received Housing and Conservation Planning grant was partially based on having town maps and a Master Plan in place. In another area, our investment in the Town Hall and offices has resulted in greater use of the building. In 2008 the Hall was reserved for the Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting, numerous private functions and two popular weekly Recreation Committee activities. Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission hosted an area Listening Session here and the state Attorney General's office hosted an investment seminar for local towns.

The Board is aware that these are in difficult times for everyone. This increases the importance of making sound decisions which will use resources efficiently and serve the Town in coming years. Your input is valuable and we hope you will participate in your Town government.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Tuthill, Gretchen Abendschein, Tom Esslinger

## 2008 Highway Department Report

2008 was a year of progress for the Highway Department. I feel that we moved ahead on so many things. The Town finally has a permitted gravel pit with good quality sand and gravel for use on our roads. At a price of \$1.50 per yard to buy it at someone else's pit, that will be a valuable asset and without trucking! It would take roughly 50 to 60 years to go though all of this material. The old pit next to the dump is getting close to capacity, so the timing is right to get the new one operating. Most of our neighboring towns have to buy their winter sand. Some towns spend sixty to seventy thousand dollars per year just on winter sand.

The first phase of Cold Pond Road was a success. We put 3500 yards of bank run gravel on it from the new pit and purchased crushed gravel from Weeds in Newport for the surface to be paved over. Paving was done by All States Asphalt using a cold mix type asphalt that was made using our sand and purchased stone. The project was 6 tenths of a mile and pavement 19 feet wide. We've had many comments from residents who like driving on it. The 2009 Cold Pond Road work is intended to go to Heino Road; also about 6 tenths of a mile. No paving is planned for this section but the surface and drainage will be the focus.

We finally have an engineer on board. Steve Gray retired from NH DOT last year and he brings a wealth of knowledge in road building, reconstruction, costing and bidding. He's a pleasure to work with and I look forward to having his help on future projects.

The Town now has an active Road Advisory Committee. Torrey Greene, Tim Perry, Rob Vogle, Tom Esslinger make up the group with assistance from Steve Gray and myself. I feel everybody is bringing something to the table that makes this Committee work. We toured the Town so everyone could see the areas that need work and discussion as future projects. I can see us presenting realistic updates to the Planning Board for the Capital Improvement Plan. I appreciate the devotion these guys have for their Town and the expertise they bring to the Committee.

The Grout Hill Bridge started out as a disaster for Acworth and turned into a blessing. The old bridge was in poor shape and state inspectors were considering condemning it. A bad decision by a concrete truck driver forced the issue. With great cooperation between Carroll Concrete and the Select board, a new bridge was set in place in record time. I can't commend Carroll enough for all they did for us. The new bridge has no weight rating which means you can drive anything across that will fit. A few years ago quotes from bridge contractors averaged \$500k to replace it. The Town spent less than 10% of that on this upgrade. Steve Gray was instrumental in putting the project together. Carroll supplied labor and materials, the Highway crew took care of the approaches. I have never worked on a project that went so well. Thanks to all that were involved.

Much needed drainage work was done to Lufkin Loop. Culverts and ditches were created where there weren't any. Most of our time was spent on routine maintenance and the three big projects, paving preparation of Allen Road, Cold Pond Road upgrade and the bridge.

Prescott has started his seventh year for the Town, Bob Stocker returned for the summer and Keith Short is filling in this winter. Once again, thanks to you guys for your efforts. It is appreciated by most of the residents of Acworth. The courtesy and respect you show to the taxpayers doesn't go unnoticed.

Kerry Smith, Road Agent



## 2008 Solid Waste Report

Acworth residents disposed of 286 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2008 down 20 tons from the prior year, a 6.5% reduction. On average the town generated 1570 pounds of residential and commercial waste per day, or about 1.75 lbs per person. Based on state housing data the average Acworth household throws away about 4.5 lbs/day. While commercial waste and seasonal residences skew that figure upwards, Acworth's waste generation rate remains below state and national averages. An additional 100 tons of Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris were shipped from the transfer station in 2008, a 28% reduction from 2007. Combining MSW and C&D waste the overall generation rate is over one ton per day, about 6 lbs/household/day or 2.3 lbs/person/day. (Assumes 900 people in 347 households, NHOEP 2006.)

The recycling rate improved significantly in 2008 with 80 tons of mixed paper and mixed containers shipped for processing. Recycled tonnage was 28% of total MSW and 20.7% of MSW and C&D. While recycling markets collapsed in late 2008 the Northeast Resource Recovery Association paid Acworth \$3,895 for recyclable materials, offset by hauling and processing charges of \$2,980 for net annual income of \$915. The avoided disposal cost was \$6480 representing savings on disposal of approximately 20%. At current market rates the average net cost for shipping and processing recyclables is \$64/ton. By comparison in January 2008 the town was receiving \$80/ton for mixed paper. In December it cost about \$25/ton to process recycled paper, a \$105 spread in twelve months. Assuming no change in the market the cost of recycling 80 tons would be \$5200 with no offsetting income anticipated and an avoided disposal cost of about \$2400. Given the level of volatility in the disposal and recycling markets, budgeting for transfer station operations will be challenging in 2009.

The transfer station shipped 25 forty-yard containers of MSW in 2008 with an average weight of 11.4 tons. Average hauling cost was \$14.42/ton. Disposal cost was \$81/ton. Rental costs for equipment and containers was \$12.58/ton. Total cost for hauling, disposal and rental was \$30,891 for a per-ton cost of \$108. The average interval between shipments of C&D waste was three weeks and the average weight of the 15 containers was ~6.5 tons. Excluding rental costs, which are picked up on the MSW side, the cost to haul and dispose of C&D is over \$110/ton, or about \$0.06/lb. The average fuel and environmental surcharge on each of the 40 containers shipped to Newport was roughly \$30 or \$1200 for the year, adding about \$3/ton. The surcharge fluctuates and is not reflected in the per/ton calculation.

Wages, maintenance and other overhead costs are not included in the figures presented above. The disposal cost based on the total expenditures and a combined total of 386 tons shipped in 2008 comes to just over \$165/ton or \$0.08/lb. Other materials and costs: 334 tires@\$668, 5.18 tons of electronics@\$1068, Fluorescent lights@\$235, Payment to Keene Recycling Center for the household hazardous waste collection program@\$475.

James Jennison and Frank Emig are to be commended for their commitment to improving operations at the Acworth Transfer Station. Their ongoing efforts and service to the town are appreciated. Respectfully submitted, John Tuthill, for the Board of Selectmen

## 2008 Trustees of Trust Funds Report

The Board of Trustees met on January 11 to act upon a proposal from Citizens Bank. Documents of agreement were signed among Citizens Bank, Bank of New York, and this board. The benefits of which were to enhance security to our collateralized deposits held at Citizens Bank. Also the Bank of New York reports to us weekly, and monthly recapping our collateral position. Furthermore, the Government Accounting Standards Board for financial planning has elevated the classification on these deposits to a “Category One” level of security.

In the early spring we elected a bookkeeper, John Demars, and a chairman, Alston Barrett. Marianne Nevelson was reappointed as recording secretary. We also reviewed our investment policy and adopted the “Prudent Investor Rule” NH Senate bill 377.

The trustees were pleased to have installed sufficient filing cabinet space for our accumulated records, some of which by law shall be kept permanently and be available to the public. We were greatly assisted in this endeavor by Greta Perry.

On November 12 the trustees were pleased to host Terry Knowles and Audrey Blodgett of the Charitable Trust Unit of the Attorney General’s office to present an educational seminar on new laws concerning the application of the “Prudent Investor Rule”. In addition to Acworth Trustees, several trustees from neighboring towns, Selectman John Tuthill, and bank officers attended

Home Healthcare, Hospice, and Community Services (VNA) received supporting funding from the Faithful, Richard, and Clarence Jeffrey Memorial Fund to again provide health screening services under “The Nurse is In” banner. The services provided were 18 Bone Density and Lung Capacity screenings and 66 flu vaccine immunizations. The trustees fully support these endeavors and hope that more people will make use of this mostly free service.

The Acworth Silsby Free Library continues to benefit from the Faithfull S. Jeffrey (1990) bequest. This supports “the purchase of books, periodicals, and other materials conducive to intellectual and cultural enjoyment of the inhabitants of Acworth”. The income from this fund is restricted to “supplement regular appropriations for books and periodicals which might not otherwise be obtainable from public funding”. With this support the Library was able to obtain over 300 books in a very broad range of categories and interests. These include the classics, recent fiction and non-fiction, art, biographies, travel, science, and children’s books.

As fiduciaries, the trustees hold both public and private funds in trust. With our obligations of “loyalty, care, and management” our duties include acting in the best interests of the trusts, management and investment of the trusts, and to establish an investment policy. Our successes are mainly attributable to our prudent and conservative decisions made during times of financial market exuberance. We did not invest in equities as tempting as they may have appeared in the first half of 2008. This policy resulted in no losses in principal, but broadly there were gains to income for the benefit of the library, cemeteries, health, and town.

Respectfully submitted, Alston W. Barrett, John S. Demars, Tim Perry, Trustees



REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2008

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Grand Total	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Year End		
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	37,796.25	--	--	--	37,796.25	2.3	272.01	--	3,678.59	41,474.84
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	8,194.57	--	--	--	8,194.57	0.6	66.47	--	1,944.84	10,139.41
n/a	C/P Road Paving	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	25,000.00	--	--	--	25,000.00	2.7	327.23	--	785.43	25,785.43
1913	Edward C. Ball	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.2	24.47	4.46	338.80	877.55
1913	Julia A. Buswell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	--	--	--	1,077.50	0.5	53.04	609.14	123.36	1,200.86
1916	Mary L. Bowers	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	--	--	--	1,616.25	0.8	78.38	13.27	988.06	2,614.31
1922	TW Place	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	--	--	--	269.38	0.1	13.03	2.25	173.46	442.84
1922	William W Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	573.02	--	--	--	573.02	0.3	28.30	4.88	387.21	960.23
1924	Horace G. Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	--	--	--	269.38	0.2	24.58	4.23	295.04	833.79
1925	Henry A. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	--	--	--	1,077.50	0.5	53.06	9.14	723.37	1,800.87
1925	Laura L. McKeen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.14	4.50	347.35	886.10
1925	Abiram Mitchell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,023.63	--	--	--	1,023.63	0.5	50.12	8.63	676.97	1,700.60
1929	Charles K. Wood	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.12	4.50	347.33	886.08
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.12	4.50	347.33	886.08
1930	Charles Elliot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	--	--	--	269.38	0.1	13.05	102.25	342.88	342.88
1930	Hyram Hayward	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.12	4.50	347.31	886.06
1931	Ada L. Wellace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	--	--	--	1,077.50	0.5	53.04	9.14	723.35	1,800.85
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	511.81	--	--	--	511.81	0.2	25.04	4.32	338.43	850.24
1932	Oarett Eaton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	134.69	--	--	--	134.69	0.1	6.97	1.20	101.17	235.86
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.12	4.50	347.29	886.04
1934	Ashton A. Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.12	4.50	347.29	886.04
1937	George W. Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.12	4.50	347.29	886.04
1937	Frank McNaughton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.12	4.50	347.29	886.04
1937	Walker Slader	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	--	--	--	1,616.25	0.8	80.02	13.79	1,099.18	2,715.43
1938	George W. Call	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.11	4.50	347.31	886.06
1939	Alger E. Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.11	4.50	347.31	886.06
1940	Charles M. Thornton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.11	4.50	347.31	886.06
1941	Gertrude C. Reade	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	--	--	--	1,077.50	0.5	49.98	8.61	618.89	1,696.39
1941	Weston Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.10	4.50	347.29	886.04
1941	Olin R. Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	--	--	--	269.38	0.1	13.04	2.25	173.49	442.87
1942	James Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.13	4.50	347.33	886.08
1942	HW Allen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.13	4.50	347.33	886.08
1943	Ella Prentiss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.13	4.50	347.33	886.08
1944	Almon E. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	700.38	--	--	--	700.38	0.3	34.08	5.88	466.90	1,157.28
1944	Francis Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	377.13	--	--	--	377.13	0.2	16.96	3.27	266.16	643.29
1945	Edwin S. Chatterton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	--	--	--	1,616.25	0.8	80.04	13.79	1,099.22	2,715.47
1946	Horace Rugg	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.14	4.50	347.33	886.08
1946	Erving Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	--	--	--	808.13	0.4	40.03	6.89	549.67	1,357.80
1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.11	3.70	180.54	728.29
1946	W.A. Bamey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.3	26.11	4.50	347.32	886.07
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	--	--	--	538.75	0.2	24.59	4.23	295.09	833.84
1947	The Bass Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	--	--	--	1,077.50	0.5	50.00	8.60	618.93	1,696.43

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			%	Year				Year End			Year End	
1951	Grace Muzzy	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.33	886.08
1951	Horace Dintler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.33	886.08
1952	Barent C Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	18.40	3.17	84.67	623.42
1952	George W Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.33	886.08
1954	Roscoe Hull	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.05	9.14	723.37	1,800.87
1955	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.05	9.14	723.38	1,800.88
1957	C M Emerson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.33	886.08
1957	Frank & J. Metcalf	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	22.73	3.68	186.73	725.48
1957	N. G. & J. Websler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.11	4.50	347.30	886.05
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	23.03	3.97	242.80	781.55
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	40.02	6.89	549.63	1,357.76
1958	Elmer E Wheeler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13				808.13	53.06	9.14	723.37	1,800.87
1958	Arthur Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.06	9.14	723.37	1,800.87
1959	Lufkin-Robbins	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.12	4.50	347.31	886.06
1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.12	4.50	347.31	886.06
1959	Reed-Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.06	9.14	723.36	1,800.86
1960	Hobart-Jones	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.06	9.14	723.36	1,800.86
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	24.58	4.23	295.06	833.81
1961	Solon L Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13				808.13	40.02	6.89	549.65	1,357.78
1961	Arthur Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.11	4.50	347.30	886.05
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.05	9.14	723.35	1,800.85
1962	Heyward Liv. & Hol.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	2,693.76				2,693.76	133.09	22.93	1,822.63	4,516.39
1962	D Moody & W Huntley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.06	9.14	723.38	1,800.88
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.06	9.14	723.38	1,800.88
1962	Meader-Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13				808.13	40.03	6.89	549.65	1,357.78
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.05	9.14	723.34	1,800.84
1965	Wm. & Belle Pitkin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13				808.13	40.01	6.89	549.62	1,357.75
1965	Herbert F Hartwell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	673.44				673.44	33.90	5.84	477.33	1,150.77
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	51.44	8.63	622.19	1,699.69
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	51.55	8.88	671.11	1,748.61
1968	Wm & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	3,232.56				3,232.56	159.20	27.43	2,169.81	5,402.37
1969	Eva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.07	9.14	723.36	1,800.86
1969	Paul Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.30	886.05
1969	Dorothy N Fought	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.05	9.14	723.34	1,800.84
1971	Harry D Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.06	9.14	723.34	1,800.84
1972	Myrtle E Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.30	886.05
1977	Albin Dressell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	888.94				888.94	44.88	7.77	633.40	1,522.34
1979	Everett Knight	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.06	9.14	723.38	1,800.88
1979	Earl Luther Sr.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	53.05	9.14	723.26	1,800.78
1979	Scott Farney	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.31	886.06
1979	Edwin B Dallin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	26.13	4.50	347.31	886.06
1983	Madeline & Leon Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	17.13	2.95	41.80	580.65
1984	Cora-Ruiter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50				1,077.50	30.80	5.31	(32.29)	1,045.21
1984	Eva & Jos. Dempsey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75				538.75	13.95	2.41	(64.95)	1,045.21
1987	Elesser Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13				808.13	16.88	3.17	(184.66)	623.47



Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	%	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance Year End	Grand Total
1990	Streeter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	(480.17)	0.2	18.06	3.11	(465.22)	612.28
1991	George Wright	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	(279.61)	0.1	7.83	1.35	(273.13)	265.62
2000	Hammond Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	(694.08)	0.1	11.56	2.00	(684.52)	392.98
2003	Ernest & Geneva Lamphear L	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	(860.80)	0.1	4.96	-	(855.94)	221.66
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	-	-	-	5,162.48	285.49	1.6	163.35	1.11	427.73	5,590.21
1991	R Mitchell FBO Cem Fund	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	10,325.00	-	-	-	10,325.00	1,564.17	3.5	360.27	135.00	1,789.44	12,114.44
2005	Cemetery Trust Acworth Acct	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	5,074.24	925.00	-	-	5,999.24	414.48	0.3	40.08	-	454.56	6,453.80
1992	R & C Jeffrey Mem Lib Fun	Library	Citizens CAP	73,068.80	-	-	-	73,068.80	660.81	21.9	2,625.00	2,667.78	618.03	73,686.83
2000	S. Codman Hislop FBO Slusy	Library	Citizens CAP	14,620.39	-	-	-	14,620.39	131.47	4.1	489.76	495.61	125.62	14,746.01
1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	127.97	-	-	-	127.97	29.37	0	1.79	1.26	29.90	157.87
1924	W. L. Woodbury	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	853.15	-	-	-	853.15	195.84	0.2	11.89	8.43	199.30	1,052.45
1924	Abram Mitchell	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	405.25	-	-	-	405.25	93.03	0.1	5.65	4.01	94.67	499.92
1939	Walter Slaeder	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	139.97	-	-	-	139.97	32.12	0	1.94	1.37	32.69	172.66
1989	Madeleine Lindsay	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	209.02	-	-	-	209.02	47.99	0	2.92	2.07	48.84	257.86
1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	89.58	-	-	-	89.58	20.54	0	1.24	0.88	20.90	110.48
1989	Friends of Library	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	85.32	-	-	-	85.32	19.57	0	1.18	0.84	19.91	105.23
1989	Anonymous Donation	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	42.66	-	-	-	42.66	9.79	0	0.60	0.42	9.97	52.63
1989	Silsby Library Donation	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	85.32	-	-	-	85.32	19.57	0	1.18	0.84	19.91	105.23
1989	G.F. & M.G. Hanson	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	170.63	-	-	-	170.63	39.18	0	2.38	1.69	39.87	210.50
1990	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	85.32	-	-	-	85.32	19.58	0	1.19	0.84	19.93	105.25
1990	Helen Smith	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	142.48	-	-	-	142.48	32.48	0	1.98	1.40	33.06	175.54
1990	Mary Smith	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	119.44	-	-	-	119.44	27.40	0	1.65	1.17	27.88	147.32
1990	Ellen Sawyer Sheldon	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	17.06	-	-	-	17.06	3.93	0	0.22	0.15	4.00	21.06
1991	Maude H. Moody	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	443.64	-	-	-	443.64	101.84	0.1	6.18	4.38	103.64	547.28
1999	Nancy Sandoe Mem	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	840.35	-	-	-	840.35	192.90	0.2	11.72	8.31	196.31	1,036.66
2000	Nancy Sandoe	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	213.29	-	-	-	213.29	48.95	0	2.98	2.11	49.82	263.11
2000	Ella & Leon Newton	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	853.15	-	-	-	853.15	195.85	0.2	11.89	8.43	199.31	1,052.46
2001	Nancy Politrack	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	85.32	-	-	-	85.32	19.57	0	1.18	0.84	19.91	105.23
2003	J. David Lyle	Miscellaneous LI	Citizens CAP	42.66	-	-	-	42.66	9.79	0	0.60	0.42	9.97	52.63
1991	R Mitchell FBO T/O Acworth	Town	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	-	-	-	5,162.48	1,122.48	2.8	275.30	-	1,397.78	6,560.26
1990	F Richard & C Jeffrey-VNA	Town	Citizens CAP	55,840.41	925.00	-	-	55,840.41	6,186.28	27.5	2,716.20	2,032.00	6,870.48	62,710.89
				<b>316,714.99</b>	<b>925.00</b>	-	-	<b>317,639.99</b>	<b>53,624.87</b>		<b>10,663.37</b>	<b>6,641.25</b>	<b>67,646.99</b>	<b>375,286.98</b>

## 2008 Library Report

Acworth Silsby Library had 1,660 visits from patrons in 2008 and welcomed 31 new cardholders. This year we added hundreds of new books, providing a wider range of authors and titles, as well as filling in our collection of classics and favorite authors.

Our Library internet connection was greatly improved by relocating the satellite dish this summer. Many visitors use our two computers or bring in their laptops for our wireless connection. The computers have software for children to introduce computer usage and educational games.

With an enhanced connection to the internet, we are moving ahead by automating and bar-coding our collection. We have completed this work with the fiction and are now logging non-fiction books into our database. Eventually we will add patrons and electronically monitor the circulation of books. As we handle the books, we are also making repairs and re-covering the many books that need attention.

The Book Sale, held each year during Old Home Days in August, provides additional funds to purchase new books. We thank all those who participated either by donating books to the sale or by purchasing books. We donated unsold books to several local organizations. We will be accepting donations of books in the month of July 2009 as we prepare for next year's sale.

Our Arts and Crafts Sale is held in early November at the Town Hall. It is now a Library tradition and an exciting day, with lots of vendors, shoppers, food, and prizes.

We sold our collection of VHS movies and are working to build up our collection of DVD movies. We are an active member of the Nubansit cooperative, which provides a collection of movies and audio books that rotate bi-monthly among 23 local libraries. Nubansit has introduced us to Playaways, a new form of portable audio books.

Inter-library loans (ILL) continue to be a popular way for patrons to read books not owned by our library. We brought 194 ILL books to Acworth for our patrons in 2008.

We have relocated our audio-book collection and will acquire more books on CDs as technology moves away from tape cassettes.

Income received in 2008 totaled \$30,864.37 from the following sources: Town Appropriation \$23,800.00; Trust fund income \$3,213.25; savings & CD interest earned \$2,273.11; revenue from book sales \$853.01; unrestricted gifts \$465.00; craft sale & copier/printer income \$230.00; pass-thru funds (forwarded to Town or AHS) \$30.00; restricted gifts \$0. Operating expenses for 2008 totaled \$38,593.54 expended as follows: Payroll & taxes \$18,899.37; fees/supplies & other (including Alexandria software) \$5,590.52; books/periodicals/audio/video \$5,420.70; building repairs/upgrades \$4,911.43; utilities \$2,199.48; grounds care \$1,025.00; heating system \$547.04.

Susan Metsack and Linda Thomson-Mohr; Phone 835-2150; [acworthl@sover.net](mailto:acworthl@sover.net)  
Library hours are Sun 11:30am-4:30pm, Tue and Thur 11:30am to 5:30pm

## **2008 Library Trustees Report**

Visible Library improvements made in 2008 include a new front door built of oak. Its design matches the style of the old double door but is sturdy, energy efficient, and meets safety codes. The old door is being stored for future appropriate use. The outside entryway and window frames have been repainted. A re-built front step replaces the decaying old one. The Library's foundation drainage has been upgraded to prevent water from coming into the basement, and the basement has been thoroughly cleaned and de-cluttered and is being renovated. Storm windows were repaired to increase weather efficiency. The front walkway was paved to improve safety, accessibility, and to facilitate maintenance. A bright new book display shelf was installed to help showcase new arrivals.

A portion of the walkway was paid for by a gift from the Friends of the Library (FOL) and some new light fixtures were installed in the front room (currently the children's room) also paid for by a gift from the FOL. Thank you Friends for your support.

Satellite internet was installed in January 2008 and after much trial and tribulation, we finally got it working consistently late spring. Our apologies to the patrons who experienced inconvenience while we worked the bugs out. Now that consistent service has been achieved, we have upgraded the connection speed. We also have wireless access installed at the Library so patrons may bring their own laptops to work on.

We will continue to make changes in 2009, renovating a portion of the basement to have more usable space. Also this year a concerted effort will go into re-building the Library's website, which is currently very outdated.

Be sure to stop in, check out all the new acquisitions, use the computers/internet access and see what changes are going on.

Guy Russell, Tanya Holt, Joann Brown, Joanne Smith, Melinda Loiselle,  
*Acworth Silsby Library Trustees*



## ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2008

<u>ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>	<u>12/31/2007</u>	<u>12/31/2008</u>
CHECKING	\$2,973.02	\$416.91
SAVINGS	\$13,649.91	\$22,691.45
CD'S	<u>\$40,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,785.40</u>
	\$56,622.93	\$48,893.76

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2008 BUDGET</u>	<u>2008 ACTUAL</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$23,800	\$23,800	
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
ESTIMATED CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$1,250	\$2,273	
ESTIMATED MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$500	\$775	
ESTIMATED RESTRICTED INCOME : TRUST FUNDS & GIFTS	\$3,000	\$3,163	
ESTIMATED DESIGNATED INCOME : BOOK SALES & GIFTS	<u>\$1,750</u>	<u>\$853</u>	
	\$30,300	\$30,864	
<u>EXPENSES (Library &amp; Town Funds)</u>			
SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	\$20,600	\$18,699	(\$1,701)
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$50	\$5,201 *	\$5,151
OTHER MAT'L (AUDIO/VHS/DVD)	\$0	\$220	\$220
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL	\$3,150	\$547	(\$2,603)
ELECTRICITY	\$900	\$939	\$39
COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,690	\$1,261	(\$429)
SUPPLIES & EQUIP.	\$500	\$940	\$440
POSTAL / BANK FEES	\$235	\$211	(\$24)
SNOW REMOVAL & LAWN CARE	\$1,100	\$1,025	(\$75)
DUES / FEES / TUITION	\$200	\$340	\$140
PROGRAMS	\$750	\$0	(\$750)
COMPUTER / COPIER	\$725	\$3,217	\$2,492
MISC. EXPENSE	\$400	\$883 *	\$483
BUILDING REPAIR (see resolution)		\$3,510 *	
DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$0	\$1,401 *	\$1,401
'PASSTHRU' FUNDS (to Town or AHS)		\$0	\$0
LIBRARY FUNDS TO ANALYZE BUILDING ISSUES		\$0	\$0
	<u>\$30,300</u>	<u>\$38,594</u>	<u>\$4,783</u>

2008 EXPENSES USING RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)

* BOOKS & PERIODICALS (Jeffery Trust Fund Interest)	\$4,341
* LIGHT FIXTURES (F.O.L. gift)	\$401
* SIDEWALK (F.O.L. gift)	\$1,000
* OLD HOME DAY - STEVE BLUNT (Jeffery Trust Fund Interest)	\$0
* BUILDING REPAIR	\$3,510
* NEW LIBRARIAN COMPUTER/SOFTWARE	
	<u>\$9,253</u>

2009 DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS

Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund	\$19,853	(restricted gift)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund	\$3,618	(restricted gift)
Sidewalk (gift from Friends of the Library)	\$0	(restricted gift)
Children's room lighting project (gift from Friends of the Library)	\$1,099	(restricted gift)
Designated income account from income-producing equipment & book sales	\$1,483	(designated income)
Building repair / drainage problem resolution	\$19,490	





MASON + RICH

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Certified Public Accountants**

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Acworth  
Acworth, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying Report of the Silsby Public Library (cash basis of accounting) of the Library Trustees of the Town of Acworth for the year January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. This schedule is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the schedule 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 Silsby Public Library Report is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the schedules. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

This financial statement had been prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted governmental accounting principles.

In our opinion, the schedule referred to above present fairly in all material respects the activity in the Silsby Public Library's accounts arising from the cash transactions for the year January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mason + Rich, P.A.*

MASON + RICH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Certified Public Accountants

July 12, 2008

## 2008 Sexton's Cemeteries Report

The year 2008 was another busy and productive year in the Acworth Cemeteries. We were able to remove many overgrown shrubs and weed trees from most of the north and center sections of old cemetery. Several of the very oldest and most beautiful monuments had become totally obscured and are now once again visible. There still remains more brush removal to be done around stones in the southern sections. We hope to begin clearing brush from the margins of the new cemetery in 2009.

More dead and damaged large trees that were a serious threat to monuments along the north boundary were removed. A new young Sugar Maple was planted to replace one of the huge old Maples in the west end that had been removed last year.

Much repair work was completed on monuments in the northern section and part of the center sections of the old cemetery. Ninety-eight monuments were reset, straightened, or repaired, including one of the largest in the northeast corner of the cemetery. Fortunately some of the repair costs were reimbursed to the town by endowed funds.

We feel that we have made progress with our mowing schedule. Trimming is always one of our major routine expenses and we would like to remind people that anything in the way of plantings or other obstacles that impede maintenance contributes to our costs and can detract from the general appearance of the cemetery. New plantings are not permitted without the prior approval of the Sexton.

In 2009 we will continue to develop our survey of the new cemetery bringing records up to date and laying out additional cemetery plots for purchase.

In the past years the Trustees were very fortunate to have the routine maintenance of the old cemetery on the Batchelder-Nye road done on a volunteer basis by the late Charles Young. In the near future that cemetery should be the object for some deferred tree work and monument repair. This cemetery with its ancient beautiful stones is one of Acworth's and New Hampshire's most significant historic sites.

In light of current economic conditions the trustees have decided to reduce by \$3000.00 the amount raised from taxes of the 2009 cemetery budget through the use of monies from various unrestricted trust funds. The projected amount to be raised by taxes in 2009 is nearly identical to our 2008 budget.

We also note with great sadness the passing on January 9, 2009 of our colleague, friend, and former sexton Kenneth Bogel who gave many years of dedicated service to the care of our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees of Cemeteries

G.Kristian Fenderson, Sexton

## 2008 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report

The Company responded to 64 calls this year as follows:

- Medical Emergency 36
- Cancelled en route 3
- Chimney Fire 3
- False Alarm 3
- Mutual Aid-Cover Assignment 3
- Mutual Aid-Structure Fire 3
- Structure Fire 3
- Rekindle 2
- Power Line Down 2
- Vehicle Accident 2
- Controlled Burn 1
- Heavy Equipment Fire 1
- Natural Vegetation Fire 1
- Rubbish Fire 1

Another busy year for the Company, with two major structure fires that sadly resulted in the loss of two homes. In both cases, the structures were fully involved by the time the first equipment arrived, but adjoining buildings were saved. In both cases too, mutual aid responses from adjacent towns were crucial in knocking down the fires as quickly as they were.

This year also saw the introduction of new reporting software for the office of the Fire Marshall. All the member towns in the Southwestern Mutual Aid District were trained in the use of the new software, which allows users to log onto a website that displays that town's incidents as soon as they happen. These incident reports can then be supplemented with information from participating units directly, including lists of participating personnel, equipment dispatched and photos from the scene. This data can all be compiled at the state level and is especially useful for grant applications.

Members of the Company have also been kept busy with individual training and certification, training exercises with adjacent towns and mandated annual testing of pumps and equipment. We especially enjoyed our chance to visit the Acworth School for exercises related to Fire Safety Month in October and are grateful to all for their enthusiastic participation.

Even though our membership is probably as high as it has ever been, and there is usually good turnout at all incidents, we always welcome new members, particularly those who are in town during the day.

## 2008 Planning Board Report

During the course of the past 12 months the Board has had several projects that it can take pride in completing. The Master Plan Addendum has been finalized and adopted; we responded to residents' issues by giving you the opportunity to vote on Zoning Ordinance amendments; and we were awarded a grant for over \$17,000 through the State Housing and Conservation Planning Program.

We are proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of the original Master Plan, a document that remains relevant three decades later. The Addendum makes several updates to this vital document of Town planning and fulfills our statutory obligation for regular updates.

The Joint Boards meetings held this spring and fall were a great opportunity to share our concerns and issues, and there was meaningful action taken on several of these. Citizens and Conservation Commission members brought forward concerns about zoning ordinances pertaining to the Crescent Lake District especially in light of recently strengthened State Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act regulations. Resulting are the Zoning Ordinance amendments that will be voted at this year's Town Meeting. This is an effort to allow owners greater flexibility while maintaining the health of the lake and the Cold River. The Planning Board recommends you approve these amendments.

In July the Board's application for a State Housing and Conservation Planning Program grant was one of six to be approved by the Office of Energy Planning for professional assistance in mapping and data gathering to benefit Town planning efforts. The Town is responsible for matching the grant with just over \$1000 in volunteer hours toward the project. Housing and demographic data, historic and natural resource mapping, build-out analyses and public outreach are included in the project. A public hearing to introduce the grant goals was held at Town Hall on September 25, 2008. A Planning Board steering committee for the project meets at 7PM on the third Thursday of each month to oversee volunteer efforts and coordinate with Ken McWilliams and Mark Goodwin, who won the planning assistance contract bid. The project is due to be completed by February 2010 with a report available to the public.

This year will be our second year with a Capital Improvements Program. This is an excellent tool to plan and schedule large fiscal projects. With input from the Treasurer, the Board of Selectmen and the Road Advisory Committee, the Planning Board was able to adopt a CIP that balances the need for growth with fiscal responsibility. The intent is for the CIP to be used as a guide, knowing that unplanned events will occur and changes and adjustments should be made accordingly. The CIP is advisory and was passed to the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee for their review.

The Board also considers matters of public business during the year. Five subdivision applications were received. One was withdrawn, the other four approved, creating 6 new lots. Two permanent and three temporary driveways were approved. It should be noted that the State Department of Transportation permits driveways on State roads. Also, one Class VI road building permit was supported, and an excavation permit was approved.

The Planning Board meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7PM, and we invite and encourage the public to attend. Our diversity and our common goals make Acworth a better Town.

Doug Robinson, Chair; Stella Herpel, V. Chair



## 2008 Energy Committee Report

*The mission of the Select Board-appointed Acworth Energy Committee is to help the town find ways to reduce its fossil fuel consumption in town buildings and vehicles, and to develop strategies to help private citizens consume less fuel in their homes and travels. In 2008, The Energy Committee continued to organize public events and otherwise provide information to town residents about approaches to saving energy.*

### Evening Events

Seven evening events focusing on energy conservation and climate change were held, free to the public. These included three public speakers, one pot-luck and discussion group, and three film showings.

- Pablo Fleischman of Green Energy Options discussed technologies and other ways to improve energy efficiency at home.
- Jim Merkel spoke about low ecological footprint/low income living as outlined in his book, *Radical Simplicity*
- Noah Tuthill of GroSolar presented about Solar Hot Water technology, costs and opportunities.

Films shown:

- The Great Warming, a documentary film about climate change
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour, a film about grave problems facing the planet's life systems and potential solutions
- The Power of Community, How Cuba Survived Peak Oil about the growth of Cuba's urban farms when fossil fuel supplies were cut off.

### Other Outreach

The Energy Committee's primary focus has continued to be providing information on energy issues relevant to the town, including:

- Information about Energy use and costs of road paving in rural communities and Car Idling
- Data about energy use and costs of Acworth town buildings
- Sustainability tour of the Orchard Hill community
- Articles about Acworth Energy Committee events were printed in the Claremont Eagle Times and the Keene Sentinel
- Networking and collaborating with the active Walpole Energy Committee
- Table at the Orchard Hill School summer fair

### Monthly Meetings

The Acworth Energy Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall. All are welcome. We are seeking new members for the committee since two members are moving.

We are: Alice Fogel, Noah Tuthill, Susan Cutting, Joanna Dennett, William Sandoe, Daniel Young, and Peter Sotiropoulos.

## 2008 Conservation Commission Report

In 2008 the Conservation Commission worked with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to add the gift of 32 acres bordering the Allen Road and the Cold River to the Acworth Wetlands and place a conservation easement on the property as directed by the citizens' vote on Article Seven at the 2008 town meeting.

The commission continues to work with the SPNHF and the NH Office of Energy and Planning as we provide stewardship oversight on four of the ten conservation easement properties in town.

In 2008 a considerable amount of time was spent understanding the changes to the NH Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) and its impact on the town of Acworth. Under the revised CSPA both Crescent Lake and the Cold River shorelands are protected to a distance of 250'. Commission members attended NH Department of Environmental Services workshops about the revised CSPA. At the request of the Board of Selectmen the Commission created an informational letter to be distributed to all Crescent Lake and Cold River property owners who apply for building permits or request information about state and local regulations regarding building within the protected shorelands of Acworth. The letter provides pertinent state and local websites and phone numbers.

Our two Town Forests are managed by the Conservation Commission with support from the Forest Advisory Board and our Town Forester, Peter Rhoades. Both forests are managed for timber production, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and outdoor recreation.

The Annual Green Up Day (roadside trash pick-up) was held the first Saturday in May. More than 20 adults and children turned out to help, in addition to several others who pick up trash along their own roads. Thanks to all who pitched in and to those who made final sweeps around town to collect the last piles and bags.

The commission shared the costs with the Unity Conservation Commission for the May, July, and Sept. water quality monitoring tests of Crescent Lake. The commission continues to be involved with the Cold River Local Advisory Committee on their annual water quality monitoring and other projects related to the Cold River.

The commission reviewed numerous wetlands and DES permit applications, conducted site visits as requested by the BOS, began review of town owned lands, and advised citizens about state and local regulations with regard to conservation issues.

Respectfully,  
Susan Paton, Chair

Debby Hinman, Vice Chair

**Members:** Sandy Brewer Rob DeValk, Helen Frink, Peter Maynard **Alternate:** Mark Wellens

## **2008 Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee Report**

The Crescent Lake Association has once again been able to keep the lake water clean and free of exotic weeds. This was made possible through the dedication of our Lake Hosts and their 692 boat inspections on 460 boats. In addition to this program, lake association volunteers participated in the annual lake bottom inspection, and both the water testing and the weed watching programs.

All this has been made possible through the financial support of the Towns of Acworth and Unity, along with the Crescent Lake Association members and state grants. Unfortunately, the state funding has been decreasing and will probably continue to do so. Thus far we have been able to make up the short fall by having yard sales, raffles, and extra donations from association members.

The future will continue to bring challenges, but the Crescent Lake Association is committed to keeping Crescent Lake water clean for the enjoyment of all.

Respectfully submitted,

Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee - 2008

Jerry Bushway – Unity

Bill Paton – Acworth

John Demars – Acworth

Tim Perry – Chairman – Acworth

Lorraine Dion – Acworth

Stan Rastallis – Unity

Jim Howe – Acworth

Mark Wilson – Unity

Bob Kroupa – Unity

Fred Yates - Acworth

# 2008 Cold River Local Advisory Committee Report

Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizens appointed by select boards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole. These representatives volunteer their time to help municipal boards and residents manage the natural, cultural, scenic and scientific resources of the Cold River watershed. The CRLAC also reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and evaluates water-related issues of local or statewide significance.

## CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2008:

### 1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- Assisted residents/boards/business owners with the resolution of a variety of potential water quality degradation issues.
- Reviewed and commented on stream debris removal, a stream buffer property transfer and road/bridge/gravel pit projects.
- Participated in the Alstead Community Conservation Partnership Task Force and Land Conservation Leadership Course.
- Supported local and state efforts to fund stream restoration projects in Flood-damaged areas and develop partnerships with federal wildlife officials for habitat improvements.
- Advised Lempster officials on potential impacts to Dodge Pond of a contaminated site and proposed subdivision.

### 2. Workshops, Events & Education

- Participated in the 2008 NH Watershed Conference.
- Completed presentations on water quality testing and ground water resource challenges for Conservation Commissions in Acworth, Alstead, Lempster and Walpole.
- Published/distributed a brief public summary of the 2007 water sampling results.

### 3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- Completed the sixth year of our voluntary sampling program, including three “routine” and three additional water quality and water level monitoring events on the Cold River, its tributaries and two ponds (Newell/Dodge).
- Analyzed over 125 water samples in the field for pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity and temperature.
- Raised additional funds for over 150 bacteria, nutrient, metal and salt analyses conducted by the state laboratory.
- Completed a winter road salt impact study in Alstead & Walpole including 70 additional field and lab samples.
- Added 29 new sampling sites on: Warren Brook and Camp Brook (Alstead); Honey Brook (Marlow/Acworth); Dodge Brook and its tributaries (Lempster); and Great Brook and its tributaries including Ram, Brush Meadow and Jewett Brooks (Langdon/Walpole).
- Assisted state/federal officials with the site selection process for a new flow gauging station on the Cold River.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation in any of our projects and is actively seeking new members/alternates. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. Please contact any CRLAC member for more info.

Sincerely

**Acworth:** Deborah Hinman (Chair)

**Alstead:** Mike Heidorn (Water Quality Monitoring), Carol Drummond and Sam Sutcliffe (Treasurer)

**Langdon:** Jennifer Polcari (Vice Chair) and Cathy MacDonald

**Lempster:** Susan Lichty

**Walpole:** Charles Montgomery (Scribe) and Austin Hunter



## 2008 Recreation Committee Report

It has been another busy year for the Acworth Recreation Committee. This year Michelle Turner has added Nia Dance classes to the exercise choices at the Town Hall. Olga Bassine continues to teach Tai Chi to a dedicated group each Wednesday night.

Last spring, we had a two baseball teams, including t-ball and rookie. Skeet Peltier coached the t-ball team with the help of Chris Stewart. Mary Lord, Tina Christie and Tammy Gendron all coached the rookie team.

We had two Acworth soccer teams in the fall, with over 25 players between the two teams. Skeet Peltier and Andy Solomon were the coaches for the 5-6 year-olds, and Mary Lord coached the 7-8 year olds. An older girls team, mostly made up of Acworth girls, played in Alstead, with Sarah Miller and Katie Irish coaching.

Once again, we sponsored a Halloween Play starting at the Lord's barn. This year it was again written by the talented Donna Wentworth. The grand finale featured the band of Will Turner, Charlie Brown and Lon Livengood. Many members of the community participated in the play, which was well attended.

The skating rink has had a great year. It continues to have excellent ice and has been enjoyed by many in the community.

The Recreation Committee is always interested in hearing from community members about the types of activities they would like us to sponsor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lord  
Committee Chair

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACWORTH  
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2008**

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Bell, Taylor Lily-Ann	01/23/2008	Claremont, NH	Bell, Ryan	Labrie, Naomie
Bowman, Loretta June	03/21/2008	Keene, NH	Bowman, Shawn	Bowman, Tonia
Bernaiche, Cecily Elizabeth	04/08/2008	Claremont, NH	Bernaiche, Richard	Bernaiche, Kelly
Gore, Haley Morgan	04/21/2008	Lebanon, NH	Gore, Randell	Llantada, Margaret
MacDougall-Jones, Amos Cricket	08/07/2008	Acworth, NH	Jones, Daniel	MacDougall, Sadie
Porter, Rylie Rebecca	10/29/2008	Keene, NH	Porter, Tony	Porter, Jennasys
Bell, Emma Riyan	12/16/2008	Claremont, NH	Bell, Ryan	Labrie, Naomie

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACWORTH**

**JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2008**

<b><u>Decedent's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Death</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>
Pettersen, Edna	96	Keene, NH	01/04/2008
Carr, Austin	76	South Acworth, NH	02/03/2008
Davis, Margaret	88	Acworth, NH	04/14/2008
Dearden, George	82	Keene, NH	06/15/2008
Hersey, Carolyn	64	Dover, NH	08/22/2008
Velleco, Elisabeth	83	Keene, NH	10/20/2008

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACWORTH**

**JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2008**

<b><u>Groom's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Bride's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Marriage</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Marriage</u></b>
Kline, Arthur T.	Howes, Tamsen	Acworth, NH	03/16/2008
Bragg, Mark A.	Hudson, Linda M.	South Acworth, NH	08/09/2008
Jago, Charles W.	Carr, Sandra L.	South Acworth, NH	08/27/2008
Rowe, Jeremy A.	Howe, Melissa A.	Acworth, NH	08/30/2008
Balla, John W.	Auger, Tara L.	South Acworth, NH	12/24/2008











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