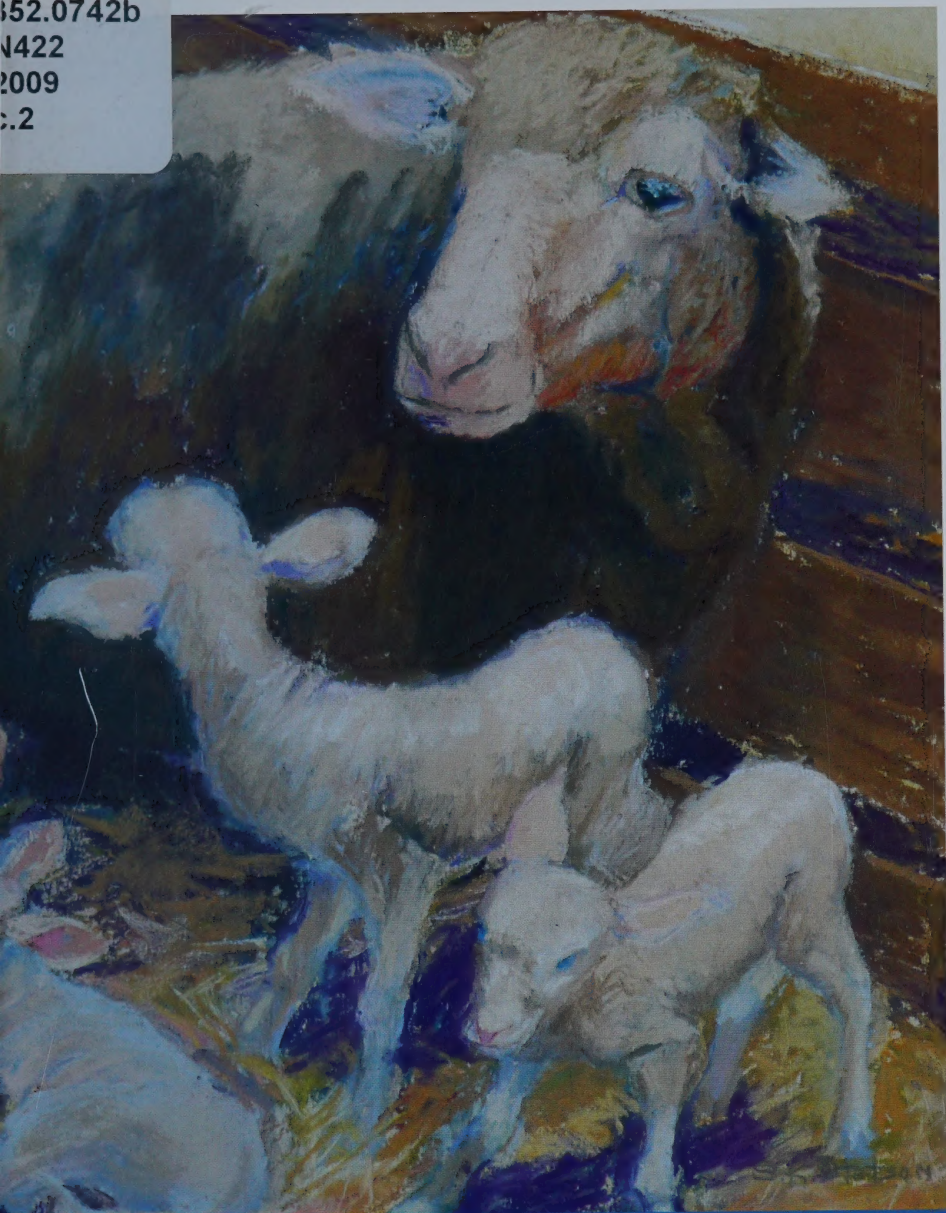


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COVER ARTWORK CREDIT

Susan Stetson, local artist, studied art at UNH and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rivier College. She paints still life and natural environments with oils or pastels in an impressionist realist manner. Susan not only shares her talent by lending us her artwork for display at the town hall, but she volunteers as the chairwoman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Susan's subject matter intrigues us with an unexpected theme of sheep and lambs. Her composition on the front cover allows the eye to easily flow across her painting with subtle and hidden bursts of colors and shades. Her technical correctness in the details of the animals makes us feel that we could reach out and touch their wool. On behalf of the residents of New Castle, thank you for sharing your wonderful talent with us.



Annual Report
For the Town of New Castle
Fiscal Year 2008-2009

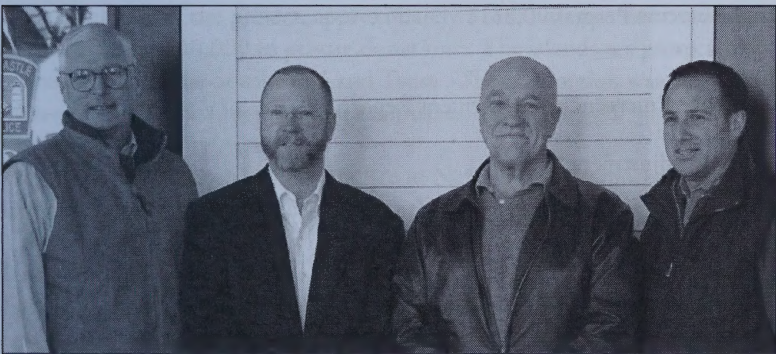
SPECIAL RECOGNITION & DEDICATION

Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

This town report is dedicated to the two Building Committees that over-saw the design, construction and completion for the new Municipal Safety Complex. The original committee was composed of David Merrill, Russell Cox and Dan Hughes. This first committee worked assiduously on the general concept for renovations to the town hall and fire station. The second committee was made up of Eric Katz, Dave McGuckin, Jeffrey Hughes, Thomas Smith and Susan Oliver Whitney. This group of dedicated volunteers worked diligently to ensure that the town got the absolute best building while being consciously aware of costs. This committee met every week for months to work with Ricci Construction resulting in our new municipal complex that stands behind the town hall. The group's contribution of time and energy was of tremendous help especially with their knowledge and expertise that benefited the town.

Dave McGuckin and Eric Katz showed exemplary leadership to this altruistic activity. They demonstrated that the power of individuals can effect remarkable change. The town is grateful for their energy, enthusiasm and dedication that were brought to this committee and project.



Dave McGuckin, Jeff Hughes, Tom Smith, Eric Katz

No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.

-Author Unknown

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Selectmen's Letter

Again this year, thanks are due to the Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments and other volunteers for their exemplary efforts during a winter storm event.

Construction of a new Safety Building, housing the New Castle Police and Fire Departments, was completed on Friday, October 30th, on schedule and on budget. The project and associated financing were approved at the May Town Meeting, and work began in early July. The objectives of the project were (1) maximum usability, functionality, and expandability (2) energy effectiveness (3) cost effectiveness and (4) appropriate design. The new building contains state-of-the-art heating, cooling, security and emergency back-up systems and provides a facility that is expected to serve the town of New Castle for the next 50+ years. Distinctive features of the building are its clean, white facade and two-over-two windows that match historic buildings surrounding it and the attractive cupola that allows natural light to brighten the 2nd floor.

The cost of construction, which was bonded thru the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank, was \$1,100,000. This was approximately \$118 per square foot and was financed over 10 years at an effective rate of 2.99%.

The success of this project would not have been possible without the substantial time and effort of Dave McGuckin and Eric Katz. In addition, Emergency Management Director, Dave Blanding, obtained a grant to fund the purchase of a new backup generator. The Safety Building can now function as an emergency site. It is planned to relocate the old generator to the Recreation Building so that it can be a shelter also.

At a Special Town Meeting, called by petition, on December 1, 2009 the purchase of the Back Channel Islands was overwhelmingly approved by voice vote. The transaction closed December 30. The total cost of the project, approximately \$188,000, was financed by a \$150,000 ten-year bond and over \$40,000 in private donations. The islands are protected by a conservation easement held by the Southeast Land Trust. The transaction was the culmination of several years of effort by the Open Space Committee.

Don White is the newly named chief of police in New Castle, promoted after 14 years with the department. Chief White has made excellent progress in rebuilding the department. Don Graves is the new Building Inspector. We are fortunate to have someone with his experience and credentials. At the last Town Meeting, a warrant article combining the Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions was approved. This year voters will have the opportunity to elect someone to fill the restructured position.

A Capital Improvements Program committee was formed by the Planning Board at the request of the New Castle Selectmen. Members are Stu Levenson, Mark Connolly, Bill Cronin, Eric Katz, and Tom Smith. The purpose of the program is to identify needed improvements and/or additions to the town's infrastructure and to prioritize them, subject to the commu-

nity's fiscal capacity, to better plan for the town's fiscal needs.

In December 2007, the Board of Selectmen made a commitment to improving energy efficiency throughout the town and formed the New Castle Energy Committee. This committee, chaired by Sandra Bisset, is responsible for recommending ways to reduce energy consumption across all sectors, thus reducing energy costs and the overall carbon footprint. Thus far energy audits have been conducted on the school and town hall, and the committee is in the process of assessing its next steps for implementing the recommendations from those audits. The Selectmen have stipulated that every initiative undertaken should have a payback schedule that exceeds the cost of the recommendation.

The New Castle tax rate for 2009 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) is \$4.97 up from \$4.68 in 2008. The actual operating expenses of the Town were budgeted to be the same in fiscal year 2009 as in 2008. The increase in the tax rate was the result of several factors, primarily schools and warrant articles. In addition, the state reduced revenues that they had traditionally passed on to cities and towns and increased certain charges. The Town also provided for modest wage and salary increases for employees.

It is anticipated that the rate will be up again this year. The special warrant articles approved at the Town Meeting last May and the Special Town Meeting included the bonds for the new Public Safety building and the back channel islands. The principal and interest payments will begin to impact the next tax rate. It also appears that the school portion of the rate will be up significantly.

The State Education Tax (the Donor Town property tax) will likely be re-implemented in a little over a year. Currently the tax is "collared"; i.e., the town retains the tax to spend on local education. When the tax takes effect in July 2011, as currently structured, it will add over \$2.00 or about 40% to the tax rate. Our state representatives jointly introduced legislation in an attempt to maintain the status quo, but it was defeated in committee.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen would like to encourage people to utilize the web site (www.newcastlenh.org) and attend public meetings of boards and committees. The input of informed residents is essential to the deliberative and decision making process.

New Castle Board of Selectmen
Lorn Buxton, Chairman
Peter Gamester
Patty Scholz-Cohen

New Hampshire Elected Officials

NATIONAL

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

Senator Jeanne Shaheen
New Hampshire Office
1589 Elm St., Suite 3
Manchester, NH 03101
603-647-7500

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

STATE

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

Executive Councilor
Beverly Hollingworth
209 Winnacunnet Road
Hampton, NH 03842
603-926-4880

State Senator
Martha Fuller Clark
152 Middle Street
Portsmouth, NH 03802
603-271-6333

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

Representative
Will Smith
PO Box 808
New Castle, NH 03854
603-436-6865

Town Officers—Elected/Appointed

Town Clerk	Priscilla Hodgkins	term exp 5/10
Assistant Town Clerk	Carol Gamester	indef appt
Selectboard	Lorn Buxton, Chair	term exp 5/10
	Peter Gamester,	term exp 5/11
	Patricia Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/12
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/10
Deputy Treasurer	Ronald Gagne	indef appt
Collector of Taxes	Pamela P. Cullen	term exp 5/10
Deputy Tax Collector	Priscilla Hodgkins	indef appt
Chief of Police	Donald White Jr.	indef appt
Patrolman	Chet Lang	indef appt
Patrolman	Alex Mitrushi	indef appt
Patrolman	Jared Knox	indef appt
Patrolman	Matthew Tyler	indef appt
Patrolman	Kurtis Boissonneault	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Donald A. White Jr.	indef appt
Building Inspector	Donald Graves	indef appt
Supt. of Public Works	Brad Meade	indef appt
Road Agent	Brad Meade	appt exp 5/10
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/10
Health Officer	Dr. James Zuckerman	state appt
Deputy Health Officer	Dr. William Hand	state appt
Town Historian	Deborah Schulte	indef appt
Fire Chief	David Blanding	indef appt
Fire Wards	Peter Rice	term exp 5/12
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/10
	Carl Roediger	term exp 5/10 (appt one yr)
Energy Committee	Sandra Bisset	appt exp 5/12
Public Works Board	Walter Liff, Chr.	appt exp 5/12
	Normand Houle	appt exp 5/12
	John Ireland	appt exp 5/10
	Walter Glidden	appt exp 5/10
Alternate	Reginald Whitehouse	appt exp 5/11
Alternate	Chester Fessenden	appt exp 5/10
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Peter Gamester	term exp 5/11
Planning Board	Mark Conolly, Chr.	appt exp 5/11
	Stuart Levenson	appt exp 5/12
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/10
	Ned Robinson	appt exp 5/12
	Haden Gerrish	appt exp 5/11
	Darcy Horgan	appt exp 5/12
Ex-Officio/Selectwoman	Patricia Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/12
Board of Adjustment	Susan Stetson, Chr.	appt exp 5/11

	Janet Harrigan	appt exp 5/10
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/10
	Donald Moore	appt exp 5/12
	Will Smith	appt exp 5/11
Planning Board Rep	Ned Robinson	appt exp 5/12
Alternate	Mark Gardner	appt exp 5/10
Historic District Committee	Nancy Borden, Chr.	appt exp 5/12
	Elaine Nollet	appt exp 5/10
	Marjorie Smith	appt exp 5/10
	Peter Follansbee	appt exp 5/11
Alternate	Irene Bush	appt exp 5/11
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Patty Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/12
Planning Board Rep	Haden Gerrish	term exp 5/10
Conservation Commission	Elisabeth Hume, Chr.	appt exp 5/11
	William Stewart	appt exp 5/12
	Linda Ball	appt exp 5/10
	Brian Mack	appt exp 5/11
	Alex Kennedy	appt exp 5/10
	Curt Gillespie	appt exp 5/11
	Nancy Gulley	appt exp 5/10
Alternate	Diana Appleton	appt exp 5/11
Alternate	Wm. B. Marshall, III	appt exp 5/12
Alternate	James Rini	appt exp 5/11
Planning Board Rep	Dary Horgan	appt exp 5/12
Budget Committee	Damon Frampton	term exp 5/11
	Thomas Smith	term exp 5/12
	David Borden	term exp 5/10
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Lorn Buxton	term exp 5/10
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/12
Trustees of the Trust Funds	William Cronin, Chr.	term exp 5/11
	Peter Reed Jr.	term exp 5/10
	Thomas Smith	term exp 5/12
Library Trustees	Patricia Hickey, Chr.	term exp 5/12
	Joan Lockhart	term exp 5/10
	Brad Greeley	term exp 5/11
Alternate	Paula Carroll	appt exp 5/10
Alternate	Sandra DeSisto	appt exp 5/10
Library Director	Christine Collins	indef appt
Supervisors of Checklist	Leslie Parker, Chr.	term exp 5/10
	Sherrie Becker	term exp 5/14
	Mary Rauh	term exp 5/12
Cemetery Trustees	David Merrill, Chr.	term exp 5/10
	Thomas Boisvert	term exp 5/12
	Jim Cerny	term exp 5/11
Recreation Committee	Guy Stearns, Chr.	appt exp 5/12

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Elected Positions And Salaries

<u>Position</u>	<u>Annual Salaries</u>
Selectman, Chair	\$2,000
Selectmen (2)	1,800
Town Clerk	7,200
Treasurer	4,000
Collector of Taxes	7,200
Cemetery Trustee (3)100
Moderator100 per election
Supervisor of Checklist (3)100 plus \$100 per election
Trustee of Trust Funds (2)100
Trustee of Trust Funds, Bookkeeper250
Historian250

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

Town Meeting

Great Island Common

May 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Town Moderator Wayne Semprini. All stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Rules of order read by Moderator and approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE I: Town offices

BALLOT

For following Town Offices: Candidates ran unopposed and were elected

Town Clerk	Priscilla Hodgkins	249 votes
Select Board Member	Patty Scholz Cohen	231 votes
Treasurer	William Marshall	249 votes
Tax Collector	Pamela Cullen	252 votes
Budget Comm 3 year term	Thomas Smith	230 votes
Budget Comm 2 year term	Damon Frampton	236 votes
Budget Comm 1 year term	David Borden	202 votes
Library Trustee	Patricia Burke Hickey	240 votes
Cemetery Trustee	Thomas Boisvert	236 votes
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	238 votes

MAUDE TREFETHEN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Roddy MacDonald 257 votes

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Fire Ward	Write-in Candidate Peter Rice	30 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 years	Write-in Candidate Thomas Smith	26 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds 2 years	Write-in Candidates William Cronin	14 votes

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment – Accessory Apts.

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Definitions of Accessory Apartments.

BALLOT item; YEA: 167; NAY: 66

ARTICLE III: Safety Complex: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.) for the construction of a new Fire/Police building to replace the existing New Castle Fire Station; and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA:I et seq., as amended to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept, federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Town officials to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and

to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Moved and seconded followed by discussion by Eric Katz, Chair of Public Safety
Question put to voters and voted on by paper ballots. Polls opened for one hour.
YAY: 197; NAY: 19; article passed.

Walter Liff made motion to take part of new business that normally would come at end of meeting be moved to be this time.

Moved and seconded and voted by hand vote: unanimous in affirmative.

New Castle Art Society presented financial awards to various local organizations as it ends its active status and closed its bank account.

To New Castle Historical Society \$510.

To Maude Trefethen School for \$210.

To New Castle Garden Club for \$110.

To New Castle Library for \$110.

To New Castle Fire Department for \$110.

ARTICLE IV: Town Operating Budget: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of \$1,836,535.00 for the general operation of the Town.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Moved and seconded. No Discussion. Question put to voice vote: unanimous approval.

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

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Moved and seconded. No Discussion. Question put to voice vote: unanimous approval.

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Moved and seconded. After discussion, question put to voice vote and was approved almost unanimously.

ARTICLE VII: On a petition from 26 legal voters of New Castle to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$175,000 for the construction of a sidewalk from the Wentworth community area to the town Common and another sidewalk from Ritson Street to the Maude Trefethen School. \$140,000 of this appropriation will be reimbursed by a Federal Transportation Enhancement grant. This appropriation is contingent upon receiving the grant and/or other funds to ensure that the net cost to the town's taxpayers will not exceed \$35,000 for the project's engineering and construction.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Moved and seconded.

Discussion: Amendment presented by David Borden: "to see if the town will raise and appropriate \$28,000 to hire CMA engineers to do a full set of engineering plans, to determine the construction costs of two sidewalks: one starting at the northern boundary of the Wentworth Community extending to the Town Common; the other extending from Ritson St. to the Maude Trefethen School."

Question put to hand count and was approved.

ARTICLE VIII: Are you in favor of combining the offices of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector to create a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector and to have the term of elected office be three years? If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting to choose a Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

Moved and seconded

Discussion: Priscilla Hodgkins, Town Clerk presented favorable plan.

Voice vote followed by hand vote: approved with one against.

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing "Water and Sewer Department Depreciation Trust Fund" for the purpose of funding maintenance, repair and replacement of Sewer Department facilities and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (2/3 vote required)

Moved and seconded, followed by discussion.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

ARTICLE X: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the "Water department Expendable Trust Fund", for the purpose of funding maintenance, repair, and replacement of Water Department facilities and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Moved and seconded, followed by discussion.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

No business.

ARTICLE XII: To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

A gift was presented to Gene Doherty as she ends her tenure on Select Board in appreciation of her many years of service.

Bill Cronin recognized Michael Armitage for many years of service.

Wayne Semprini gave congratulations to town for how it conducts business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Submitted by:
Priscilla Hodgkins
Town Clerk

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

NHMA PROPERTY /LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST

Effective July 1, 2009

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TAX COLLECTOR	\$75,000
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR75,000
TREASURER83,000
DEPUTY TREASURER83,000
TOWN CLERK	36,000
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	36,000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3)	137,000
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3)	5,000
BOAT PERMIT FEE AGENT (2)	1,000

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule Of Town Property
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

1.	Town Hall, land and building	\$871,200
	Furniture and equipment (Map 13 Lot 8)	80,000
2.	Recreation Building (Library) out buildings and land	11,903,200
	Furniture and equipment (Map 5 Lot 13)	225,000
3.	Municipal Safety Complex (Map 13 Lot 7)	688,600
	Police Department Equipment	17,500
	Fire Department Equipment	340,000
4.	Highway Department, land and building	0
	Equipment	45,000
	Material and supplies	6,000
5.	Water supply facilities	396,197
	Owned by Town of New Castle	
6.	Sewer plant and facilities	75,000
	Land and building (Map 16 Lot 48)	151,100
7.	School, land, and building	2,692,900
	Equipment (Map 12 Lot 33)	
8.	All other property and equipment	
	Cemeteries: Riverside (Map 15 Lot 10)	1,794,500
	Frost (Map 18 Lot 54)	372,900
	Prescott (Map 17 Lot 57)	349,600
	Oceanside (Map 5 Lot 13 Sublot 1)	1,051,100
9.	Other town owned lands and town landings:	
	Pit Lane lot (Map 10 Lot 9 & Map 10 Lot 9 Sublot 1)	561,500
	Town Landing, Laurel Lane (Map 11 Lot 30)	138,200
	Sand Pit (Map 12 Lot 3)	655,500
	Town garage, land, & cemetery (Map 17 Lot 56)	433,000
	Old library building & land (Map 17 Lot 58)	483,600
	Land-Walbach (Map 19 Lot 01)	1,122,500
	Land-Fort Point (Map 19 Lot 02 Sublot 1)	1,684,600
	Other land (Map 16, Lot 50, 51)	42,700
	Wentworth Road (Map 4 Lot 25)	19,600
TOTAL		\$26,200,997

Independent Auditor's Report

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

R. R. Bergeron
October 30, 2009
Portsmouth, NH

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2009 Assessed Valuation Report

	NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION
LAND AND BUILDINGS:		
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	9.08	\$136
Conservation Restriction	14.52	6,170
Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	1.76	387
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
Residential	305.91	442,232,300
Commercial/Industrial	10.05	17,877,100
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Total of Taxable Land	341.32	460,116,093
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable	121.06	53,936,200
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		192,976,600
Commercial/Industrial		53,063,000

Total Taxable Buildings		246,039,600
Tax exempt & non -taxable bldgs		6,355,200
Public Utilities: Electric		1,283,100
Mature Wood and Timber		0

Valuation Before Exemptions		707,438,793
Blind Exemption		50,000
Elderly Exemptions (5)		700,000
Deaf Exemption (\$50,000)		0

TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS		750,000
 NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE COMPUTATION		
		\$706,688,793
Less Public Utilities		1,283,100

NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX		\$705,405,693
		=====
TAX CREDITS:		
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans their spouses and widows (\$700 each)		
Other War Service Credits RSA 72:28 (\$500) (76)		38,000

TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT (76)		\$38,000
		=====

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2009 Tax Rate Computation

		---Municipal Portion---	
Gross Appropriations	\$3,072,185		
Less: Revenues	1,999,832		
Less: Shared Revenues	0		
Add: Overlay	12,605		
Add: War Service Credits	38,000		

Net Town Appropriation	1,122,958		
Special Adjustment	0		

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,122,958		
Municipal Tax Rate			\$1.58
		---School Portion---	
Net Local School Budget	1,729,956		
Regional School Apportionment	0		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0		
State Education Taxes	(1,570,396)		
Approved School Tax Effort	159,560		
Local Education Tax Rate			0.23
		---State Ed Taxes---	
Equalized Valuation (no util) X \$2.14			
735,548,350	1,570,396		
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
705,405,693			
State School Tax Rate			2.23
Pay to State	0		
		---County Portion---	
Due to County	656,468		
Less: Shared Revenues	0		

Approved County Tax Effort	656,468		
County Tax Rate			0.93

Combined Tax Rate			\$4.97
Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,509,382		
Less: War Service Credits	(38,000)		
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0		

Total Property Tax Commitment	3,471,382		

NEW CASTLE TAX RATES 1998 TO 2009

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Town	\$3.19	\$2.91	\$1.57	\$1.39	\$1.06	\$1.02	\$0.97	\$1.42	\$1.05	\$1.61	\$1.41	\$1.58
County	\$1.19	\$1.13	\$0.86	\$1.31	\$1.31	\$1.18	\$0.81	\$0.91	\$0.94	\$0.81	\$0.92	\$0.93
School	\$4.02	\$10.02	\$5.56	\$6.86	\$7.19	\$7.38	\$3.88	\$2.70	\$2.50	\$2.36	\$2.35	\$2.46
Total Rate	8.40	14.06	7.99	9.56	9.56	9.58	5.66	5.03	4.49	\$4.78	\$4.68	\$4.97

*Revaluation of property

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET—GENERAL FUND
30-June-09**

ASSETS:	General Funds
Cash & Equivalents	\$757,179
Investments	2,525
Accounts receivable	1,258
Tax Liens Receivable	19,307
Tax deeded property	1,029
Due from water fund	219
Due from sewer fund	358
TOTAL ASSETS	\$781,875
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LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	29,801
TOTAL LIABILITIES	29,801

FUND BALANCE:	
Unreserved	
Designated	0
Undesignated	752,074
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	752,074

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$781,875
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL FUND
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
REVENUES			
TAXES:			
Property Taxes	\$3,265,488	3,265,207	(281)
Boat Taxes	5,000	4,640	(360)
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	7,000	4,581	(2,419)
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	3,277,488	3,274,428	(3,060)
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	248,000	229,745	(18,255)
Building Permits	21,000	8,812	(12,188)
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,500	1,512	(988)
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	271,500	240,069	(31,431)
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Shared Revenue	16,000	15,909	(91)
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	48,000	45,695	(2,305)
Highway Block Grant	15,675	16,221	546
Conservation Grant	0	4,478	4,478
Other State Funds	0	0	0
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	79,675	82,303	2,628
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
	0		0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from departments	110,000	106,705	(3,295)
TRANSFERS:			
Conservation funds	0	29,313	29,313
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MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:			
Interest on Investments	24,050	7,843	(16,207)
Sale and Rental of Property	11,900	11,564	(336)
Fines and Forfeits	2,700	2,985	285
Other Miscellaneous Sources	24,173	11,656	(12,517)
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	62,823	34,048	(28,775)
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,801,486	\$3,766,866	(\$34,620)

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL FUND
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES</u>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$68,849	72,287	(3,438)
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	16,199	18,752	(2,553)
Financial Administration	104,880	99,870	5,010
Revaluation of Property	41,900	30,973	10,927
Legal Expense	17,800	29,119	(11,319)
Merit pool account	52,000	0	52,000
Planning and Zoning	17,549	10,996	6,553
General Government Buildings	29,500	14,203	15,297
Cemeteries	9,891	9,547	344
Insurance - Unallocated	0	397	(397)
Other General Government	10,000	0	10,000
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	368,568	286,144	82,424
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police & Animal Control	293,603	315,035	(21,432)
Ambulance	15,140	15,897	(757)
Fire	217,778	203,841	13,937
Emergency Medical Services	15,175	15,913	(738)
Building Inspection	17,560	9,407	8,153
Emergency Management	10,551	9,070	1,481
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	569,807	569,163	644
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Highways & Streets Maintenance	140,547	111,049	29,498
Street Lighting	6,300	7,419	(1,119)
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	146,847	118,468	28,379
SANITATION:			
Administration	2,956	1,695	1,261
Solid Waste Collection	91,390	93,988	(2,598)
Solid Waste Disposal	36,000	25,659	10,341
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	130,346	121,342	9,004
HEALTH:			
Administration	1,000	1,076	(76)
Pest Control	23,000	23,050	(50)
Health Agencies & Hospitals	12,650	12,650	0
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	36,650	36,776	(126)

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL FUND
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
WELFARE:			
Direct Assistance	\$10,000	8,615	1,385
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CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	107,902	101,504	6,398
Library	60,792	60,887	(95)
Recreation/Library Building	28,322	22,265	6,057
Recreation Commission	7,400	7,378	22
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	204,416	192,034	12,382
CONSERVATION:			
Other Conservation	27,103	38,950	(11,847)
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CAPITAL RESERVES:			
Transfers To Trust Funds	90,000	90,000	0
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:			
County Taxes	653,474	653,474	0
Local Education	1,657,645	1,657,645	0
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	2,311,119	2,311,119	0
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Total Expenditures and Other Uses	3,894,856	3,772,611	122,245
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Excess of expenditures & other uses over revenue and other sources	\$93,370	\$5,745	\$87,625
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 ENTERPRISE FUNDS
 June 30, 2009**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash (overdraft)	\$77,518	\$(98,284)
Investments	181,973	50,000
Accounts receivable	832	1,240
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Total Current Assets	260,323	(47,044)
Non-Current:		
Equipment	10,633	0
Service Lines and Stations	653,512	1,621,619
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(207,899)	(11,190)
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Total non-current assets	456,246	1,610,429
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TOTAL ASSETS	716,569	1,563,385
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Due to general fund	219	358
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Total Current Liabilities	219	358
	-----	-----
Total Liabilities	219	358
	-----	-----
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Invested in capital assets	470,811	1,332,844
Unrestricted	245,539	230,183
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Total Net Assets	\$716,350	\$1,563,027
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES
IN FUND NET ASSETS
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	\$49,344	164,165
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Water Purchases	14,743	0
Sewerage Assessment	0	107,564
Personnel Services	13,365	34,937
Non-Personnel Services	8,959	17,873
Depreciation	12,000	3,000
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Total Operating Expenses	49,067	163,374
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Operating Income	277	791
Non-Operating Revenues:		
Investment Earnings	1,807	0
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Transfers - Change in net assets	2,084	791
	=====	=====
Net assets at beginning of year	714,266	1,562,236
Contributed Capital - Town	0	0
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Net Assets at End of Year	\$716,350	\$1,563,027
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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009
 Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund**

<u>FUNDS PROVIDED:</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Net Income (loss) for the Year (change in net assets)	\$2,084	\$791
Add Back Depreciation	12,000	3,000
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	14,084	3,791
	-----	-----
Increase(decrease) in Working Capital	\$14,084	\$3,791
	=====	=====

CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:

Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:		
Cash and Investments	(\$36,056)	(\$95,870)
Accounts Receivable	832	1,240
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	(35,224)	(94,630)
Increase (Decrease) in investment activities:		
Equipment, service lines and stations	0	0
	-----	-----
(Increase) decrease in current liabilities:		
Deposits and accounts payable	49,308	98,421
	-----	-----
Increase(decrease) in Working Capital	\$14,084	\$3,791
	=====	=====

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009**

	BALANCE			BALANCE
	<u>06/30/08</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISBURSED</u>	<u>06/30/09</u>
<u>PRINCIPAL:</u>				
Road Race	\$15,341.00	\$4,172.00	\$-	\$19,513.00
Marchand Fund	\$5,919.00	\$117.00	\$-	\$6,036.00
Enterprise (Water & Sewer)	\$325,685.00	\$-	\$-	\$325,685.00
Library	\$9,630.00	\$-	\$-	\$9,630.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$121,563.00	\$19,928.00	\$-	\$141,491.00
SAU50-Special Education	\$87,251.00	\$-	\$-	\$87,251.00
Conservation	\$1,749.00	\$-	\$(1,749.00)	\$-
School Tuition	\$35,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$35,000.00
Vehicle & Equipment	\$214,864.00	\$90,000.00	\$(12,123.00)	\$292,741.00
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	817,002	114,217	(13,872)	917,347
INCOME:				
Road Race Funds	2,661	887	0	3,548
Marchand Fund	851	337	(117)	1,072
Enterprise (Sewer)	56,667	19,421	0	76,089
Library	0	490	(421)	69
Cemetery Maintenance	0	6,178	(6,178)	0
Special Education	16,476	5,226	0	21,702
Conservation	225	83	(307)	0
School Tuition	4,407	1,971	0	6,378
Vehicle & Equipment	13,045	11,040	(24,084)	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL INCOME	94,332	45,633	(31,107)	108,858
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$911,334	159,850	(44,979)	1,026,205
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Management's Discussion And Analysis
June 30, 2009

As management of the Town of New Castle, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

A. Financial Highlights

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$26,496,200. (See Note C. following)
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance in the general fund was \$752,074 a decrease of \$5,745 over the preceding fiscal year.
- There was no long term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current fiscal year.

B. Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proprietary Funds. Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

C. Government-Wide Financial Analysis

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

FY2009:	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total assets	\$ 24,246,624	\$ 2,279,954	\$ 26,526,578
Total liabilities	29,801	577	30,378
Total net assets	\$ 24,216,823	\$ 2,279,377	\$ 22,496,200
	=====	=====	=====
FY2008:	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total assets	\$24,252,718	\$2,424,808	\$26,677,526
Total liabilities	30,150	148,306	178,456
Total net assets	\$24,222,568	\$2,276,502	\$26,449,070
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By far the largest portion of net assets, is our investment (96.4%) in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment) less any related debt, if any, used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate such liabilities.

D. Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

Governmental funds. The Town has only a General Fund in this category. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of government's net resources available for (1) future emergency expenditures, and (2) funding future appropriations.

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in

the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the enterprise funds at the end of the year amounted to \$472,847. Factors concerning the finances of propriety funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

E. Tax

The New Castle tax rate is \$4.68. The modest decrease from last years rate of \$4.78 is the result of several significant offsetting changes. The recent revaluation of properties resulted in an increase in the total assessed value of 15.2%. Because the taxable base went up, the rate should go down by a corresponding percentage or approximately \$0.72. This decrease was principally offset by a \$0.35 increase in the school budget and a \$0.25 increase in the Rockingham County assessment. The residual increase in Town expenditures is primarily the result of a 5% increase in wages and the requirement for an extra payroll.

The State Education Property Tax (Donor Towns) will return as of July 1, 2011. Currently the tax is "collared", i.e., the tax is computed but the town retains the money to spend on local education. When Donor Towns takes effect, the law, as currently structured, will add over \$2.00 or about 40% to the tax rate.

F. Safety Building

Construction of a new Safety Building housing the Police and Fire Departments was approved at the May Town Meeting. The objectives of the project are as follows: (1) maximum usability, functionality, and expandability; (2) energy effectiveness; (3) cost effectiveness and (4) appropriate design. The new building is expected to serve the town of New Castle for the next 50 or so years. The cost of construction, which was bonded through the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank, will be \$1,100,000. This will be approximately \$118 per square foot and will be financed over 10 years at an effective rate of 2.99%.

G. Vehicle & Equipment Trust Fund

The Town voted to appropriate \$90,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund. This continues our program of annual funding. The purpose of the program is to provide for major vehicle and equipment purchases, lease, or refurbishment, as necessary, to assure that the Town can maintain and replace assets as they age.

Requests for Information:

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

Board of Selectmen
PO Box 367
New Castle, NH 03854

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009**

	<u>LEVY FOR</u>	<u>PRIOR YEAR LEVIES</u>		
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006+</u>
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES:</u>				
Property Taxes				0.00
This Year's New Credits	\$(10,986.66)			
<u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u>				
Property Taxes		\$3,269,281.00		
<u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u>				
Property Taxes				
Abatements by Check		0.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes		4,761.50		
Credits Refunded	\$10,986.66			
TOTAL DEBITS		\$3,274,042.50	0.00	0.00
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>				
Property Taxes		\$3,255,648.00		
Interest		4,761.50		
Penalties				
Conversion to Liens		6,274.00	0.00	
ABATEMENTS:				
Abatements		7,359.00		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/09				
Overpayments returned		0.00		
		0.00		
TOTAL CREDITS		\$3,274,042.50	0.00	0.00
UNREDEEMED LIENS				
<u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u>				
Unredeemed liens balance beg of FY			\$5,023.52	
Liens executed during FY		\$6,930.28		
Interest & Costs		21.22	449.79	0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens beg of FY		2,770.00	2,728.00	\$3,317.00
Elderly Liens Executed during FY		2,744.00		
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS		\$12,465.50	\$8,201.31	\$3,317.00
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>				
Redemptions		\$1,363.78	\$2,842.10	0.00
Interest & Costs		21.22	449.79	0.00
Unredeemed liens balance beg of FY		\$5,566.50	\$2,181.42	0.00
Unredeemed Elderly liens end of FY		5,514.00	2,728.00	\$3,317.00
TOTAL CREDITS		\$12,465.50	\$8,201.31	\$3,317.00

**TOWN OF
NEW CASTLE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

2010 Warrant

FY10/11 Budget

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: New Castle

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____
or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): April 21, 2010

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Op. Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 7/1/09 - 6/30/10 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/1/08 - 6/30/09	Selectmen's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Appropriations	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		66480	72287	67770		67770	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		17606	18754	31906		31906	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		113769	98088	102109		102109	
4152	Revaluation of Property		17574	30974	12622		12622	
4153	Legal Expense		16500	29119	16500		16500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		36000	0	32000		32000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		18266	10505	19066		19066	
4194	General Government Buildings		24500	14204	19000		19000	
4195	Cemeteries		8633	9051	10883		10883	
4196	Insurance		32897	397	38500		38500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government		10000	0	10000		10000	
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		314725	306496	391130		391130	
4215-4219	Ambulance		17004	15897	17026		17026	
4220-4229	Fire		245102	211124	250454		250454	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		11838	8398	14456		14456	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		11864	8342	7683		7683	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets		122361	109575	120056		120056	
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting		7750	7419	7750		7750	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administration		1695	1695	1725		1725	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		100529	93988	93000		93000	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		33000	25658	29000		29000	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	Op. Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 7/1/09 - 6/30/10 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/1/08 - 6/30/09	Selectmen's Appropriations 7/1/10-6/30/11		Budget Committee's Appropriations 7/1/10-6/30/11		
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other								
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT									
4331	Administration		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4332	Water Services		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	
ELECTRIC									
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4353	Purchase Costs		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4359	Other Electric Costs		0	0	0	0	0	0	
HEALTH/WELFARE									
4411	Administration		1200	1077	1277	1277	1277	1277	
4414	Pest Control		23050	23050	23050	23050	23050	23050	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10000	8615	10000	10000	10000	10000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	
CULTURE & RECREATION									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		141840	126521	164205	164205	164205	164205	
4550-4559	Library		61345	60243	61345	61345	61345	61345	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		0	0	0	0	0	0	
CONSERVATION									
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		27953	38951	31453	31453	31453	31453	
4619	Other Conservation		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		0	0	0	0	0	0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	0	0	0	0	0	
DEBT SERVICE									
4711	Prime - Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	125000	125000	125000	125000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		30000	0	55960	55960	55960	55960	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		0	0	650	650	650	650	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	0	0	0	0	0	

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,Y)	Op. Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 7/1/09 - 6/30/10 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/1/08 - 6/30/09	Selectmen's Appropriations 7/1/10-6/30/11		Budget Committee's Appropriations 7/1/10-6/30/11	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land		0	0				0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			0				0
4903	Buildings							0
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							0
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					0		0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					0		0
4914	To Enterprise Fund					0		0
	Sewer-		264854	163373		289471		289471
	Water-		54200	49067		55672		55672
	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							
	SUBTOTAL 1		1842535	1542868		2110719		2110719

**** SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES ****

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

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	V	95000	90000	100000		100000		
4903	Fire/Police Building Bond				198500		198500		
4909	Sidewalk								
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED					xxxxxxx	298500	xxxxxxx	298500	xxxxxxx

**** INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES ****

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

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	
4415	Dontations to Health Agencies		12,650	10,000	12,650		12,650		
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED					xxxxxxx	13500	xxxxxxx	13500	xxxxxxx

ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
			Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
			7/1/07-6/30/08	7/1/07-6/30/08	7/1/09-6/30/10
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		0	0	0
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		0	0	0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		0	0	0
3189	Other Taxes - Boat		4640	5000	5000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		4581	3000	3000
	Inventory Penalties		0	0	0
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		0	0	0
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		0	0	0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		229745	248000	248000
3230	Building Permits		8842	14600	14600
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1482	1800	1800
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		15909	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		45695	45500	45500
3353	Highway Block Grant		16221	15650	15650
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		4478	0	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		106705	103000	103000
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		500	0	0
3502	Interest on Investments		7843	1000	1000
3503-3509	Other		25707	15800	15800
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		164166	289471	289471
	Water - (Offset)		51150	55672	55672
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	0
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		0	0	0
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		29313	0	0
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	1100000
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		716977	798493	798493

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	7/1/09-6/30/10 ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COM- MITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1836535	2110719	2110719
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	1195000	298500	298500
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	12650	13500	13500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3044185	2422719	2422719
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1879052	798493	798493
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1147133	1624226	1624226

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

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

Town Warrant For 2010

ROCKINGHAM, SS NEW CASTLE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, 11th of May 2010, to act upon Articles I through V. The business session of the Annual Town Meeting will commence at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles VI through XIII. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before seven o'clock in the evening.

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

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Section 10.0 Board of Adjustment to read as follows:

10.3 RULES OF PROCEDURE - All applications for review or action by the ZBA must be submitted in writing. Applications for variance or administrative action shall be on forms prepared by the ZBA and available from the Town Office. The Board may adopt and modify further rules of procedure so long as these are not inconsistent with this Ordinance or the RSA's.

After acceptance of an application as proper and within the jurisdiction of the ZBA applicant will be notified in writing of the date the ZBA will consider the matter and any responsibilities of the applicant.

The applicant shall pay, at the time the application is filed, an application fee in an amount set from time to time by the New Castle Board of Selectmen to cover internal costs. In

addition, the applicant is responsible for required legal notices and may be responsible for other outside costs incurred by the Town.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE III: Zoning Amendment Number 2: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 2, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Section 10.0 Board of Adjustment to read as follows:

10.5 CRITERIA FOR VARIANCES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

The authority of the ZBA to act and the criteria it is to follow are all determined by the relevant ordinances and RSA's. The ZBA will be guided by prior court decisions. The following are listed as guides:

VARIANCE: A variance is an authorization which may be granted by the ZBA, upon appeal, in specific cases, from the terms of the zoning ordinance if the following five conditions are met:

- (1) The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;
- (2) The spirit of the ordinance is observed;
- (3) Substantial justice is done;
- (4) The values of surrounding properties are not diminished; and
- (5) Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

(A) For purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:

- (i) No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application to the property; and
- (ii) The proposed use is a reasonable one

(B) If the criteria in subparagraph (A) are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

The definition of "unnecessary hardship" set forth in subparagraph (5) shall apply whether the provision of the ordinance from which a variance is sought is a restriction on use, a dimensional or other limitation on a permitted use, or any other requirement of the ordinance.

APPEAL FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION: If an applicant has been denied a building permit or is affected by some other decision regarding the administration of the New Castle Zoning Ordinance, and the applicant believes the decision was made in error under the provisions of the ordinance, the decision may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment. The appeal will be granted if the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the ZBA that the decision was made in error.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION: Certain exceptions of the zoning ordinance provide that a particular use of property in a particular zone [delete coma] will be permitted by special exception if specified conditions are met. The necessary conditions for each special exception are specified in the Ordinance. A request for special exception will be granted if the applicant shows that the special exception criteria stated in the ordinance are met.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE IV: Zoning Amendment Number 3: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 3, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Section 4.1.6. Mixed Use District Section 3 Prohibited Uses to read as follows:

The sale or dispensing of beer, wine or liquor to be consumed on the premises, with the exception of occasional beer and wine tastings approved by the State Liquor Commission in accordance with Section 179:44 of the Revised Statutes, and the regulations promulgated there under, provided such tastings are held indoors and only after Labor Day and before Memorial Day; and (see number 4)

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE V: Building Code Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Building Code 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Building Code under Section 8 (b) Fee to read:

- (b) A permit for the construction, installation or alternation of a building or structure, the fee shall be at the rate of seven dollars (\$7.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of estimated construction value. A minimum fee of fifty (\$50.00) will be charged.
- (c) A permit for the relocation of a building or structure from one lot to another or to a new location within the same lot, the fee shall be at the rate of seven (\$7.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the estimated cost of moving, including new foundations and work necessary to put the building or structure in usable condition in its new location.
- (d) A permit for the demolition of a building or structure shall be required but no fee shall be charged
- (e) The term “estimated construction value” as used in this section means the reasonable construction value of all services, labor, materials and use of scaffolding and other appliances or devices entering into and necessary to the prosecution and completion of work ready for occupancy; provided that the cost of excavation or grading, and of painting, decorating or other work that is merely for embellishment or not necessary for the safe and lawful use of a building or structure, is not deemed a part of such estimated cost.
- (f) At his discretion, the building inspector may use the most current R.S. Means construction data to verify construction value.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended operating budget in the amount of \$2,110,719 for the general operation of the Town.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,500 for the construction of a new Public Works building to replace the existing temporary Public Works building and to authorize the use of \$99,250 from the town's unreserved fund balance, with the balance of \$99,250 to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or June 30, 2012, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 to be used to pay Town donations to local non-profit agencies.

1. A Safe Place	\$500
2. Adult Tutorial Program	\$100
3. American Red Cross	\$500
4. Aids Response	\$200
5. Area Homemaker	\$2,000
6. CASA – Court Appt Spec Advocates	\$200
7. Child Advocacy	\$350
8. Child & Family Services	\$600
9. Families First	\$300
10. McFarland Children's Center	\$250
11. Meals on Wheels	\$1,500
12. Prescott Park	\$200
13. Rockingham County Community Action	\$100
14. RSVP	\$1,000
15. Salvation Army	\$1,000
16. SeaCare Health Service	\$400
17. Seacoast Hospice	\$1,250
18. Seacoast Mental Health	\$2,200
19. Seacoast VNA	\$250
20. Sexual Assault Services	\$250
21. Wentworth Connections	\$350
Total	\$13,500

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE X: To see if the town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2, II.

The money received from fees and charges for recreation programs shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the Recreation Revolving fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation committee (no further town meeting approval is required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI: On petition of Daniel Hughes and 29 other legal voters of New Castle to see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

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

ARTICLE XIII: To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 19th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

A true copy of warrant – attest

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2010**

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



Lorn Buxton, Chairman



Peter Gamester



Patricia Scholz-Cohen
Board of Selectmen

Town of New Castle
April 19, 2010

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK
 For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$231,206.00
Vital Records	251.00
All Other Sources	796.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	----- 232,253.00
Dog Licenses	=====
PAYMENTS REMITTED TO TREASURER	630.50 \$232,883.50 =====

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER
 For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009**

The following is the balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2009.

GENERAL FUND:

Checking Account	\$3,610.96
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	2,524.62
Bank North Investment Pool	752,848.77

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Checking Account	29,234.36
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	131,972.87
Conservation Funds	2,056.11

Respectfully Submitted,
 William B. Marshall, III
 Treasurer

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

RECEIPTS:

Town Appropriations	\$60,792.00
School Appropriations	\$3,000.00
Designated Gifts	\$1,240.91
Donations	\$3,411.05
Investments	\$421.00
Other	\$120.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$68,984.96**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Books, Videos	\$8,892.42
Children's Books	\$1,507.51
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$39,106.77
Software, Hardware, & Support	\$7,247.50
Operations	\$4,388.82
Programs & Professional Expenses	\$2,624.19
Other	\$505.75

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$64,272.96**

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH **\$4,712.00**

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2008 **\$12,850.44**

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2009 **\$17,562.44**

NH Representatives Letter to the Residents

Dear Neighbors:

New Castle in many ways addresses our problems as a community not just a municipality. Yesterday, one of our elderly neighbors had a fall on the pavement and within minutes a dozen people had showed up to help. We are proud to maintain our treasured Fort Stark because the state has no money. In spite of recessionary times we have built a new public safety building and purchased one of our last open spaces. Perhaps two hundred of our residents are involved in one way or another to maintain our island. The town's employees put in far more effort than they are required to. Where else would the town clerk also be the part time town baker?

Will Smith and I have learned that the job of state representative is as big as we want it to be. We both work hard because we feel there is much to be done.

In so many ways New Castle is the perfect town in a near perfect state. My own work is in three areas:

1. Support for the state's effort to improve how it works and to serve its citizens better. Although our state spends less per capita on our government than 46 other states, we can do much better. All three branches of our government are plagued by bureaucracy based on mistrust and the attendant micromanagement. Schools and our towns live in two separate worlds and duplication of effort is as common as gaps in essential services. Fortunately nearly all of the state agencies are supporting a gargantuan effort to share resources, to do more with less and to serve the public better, faster and cheaper. Last fall, Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Speaker Terie Norelli, other senators and representatives and I went through a course on "Lean Government" so that we can begin working on how the legislature itself can work better, faster and cheaper. We have already seen results of this work.
2. Our environment. A great part of The "New Hampshire Advantage" is our environment. We must work hard to ensure our impact on our air, land and water is minimized. The extremely controversial Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) which I co sponsored will help our watersheds in spite of its detractors. Rep. Nancy Stiles and I have sponsored a bill to ensure a review process for the CSPA. New Castle has voted to join the Southeast Watershed Alliance which we created last year. The alliance gives our diverse watershed an opportunity to work as one community to protect our waters, our fisheries and our beaches.
3. Energy. The state and our residents use much more energy than we need to in order to stay warm, cook dinner and travel from one place to another. For example, a capital investment of \$7 billion in private and public funds could help the state and its residents save half a billion dollars in fuel oil every year--a short payback even if oil does not go up in price. I have been asked by the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board to chair a working group which will help communities to tighten up their buildings and take advantage of available renewable energy. This will take time but will provide a lot of work for the construction trades.

As a state we have much work to do. We must continue our work to ensure that all the children have a great K-12 education and access to higher education. We need to fix our bridges and get moving with public transportation. We need to take better care of our sick and dependent populations. This will require rethinking the way we do business as a whole state. We will have to think as a large community. Perhaps great communities like New Castle will take the lead in helping the entire state.

Representative David Borden
Cell Phone 603.848.0463

Dear Residents:

New Castle is likely to face some significant financial costs due to recent decisions made by the NH Legislature.

The most significant issue is the strong likelihood that the town will be required to pay out most of its statewide education property tax starting in Fiscal Year 2011 (i.e., a return to the Donor Town situation). The state rate is estimated to be about 2.19 mils (\$2.19 per \$1000 valuation), which will total about \$1.5 million for New Castle in 2011. About \$1.2 million of this will be lost to the town as a result of the expiration of the "collar" established in 2008. Such loss will require either reduction of our school budget or increase of our tax rate by as much as 1.67 mils, or some combination of the two. I attempted to continue the collar via two House bills that I cosponsored (HB 1674 and HB 1677), which the Majority defeated, unfortunately. The problem could be compounded by additional pressure on state spending for schools if about \$160 million in Federal school funding received for FY 2010 is not available in future Fiscal Years.

The Legislature has passed down about \$133 million in costs to counties and towns in Fiscal Years 2010/11, mostly through elimination of revenue sharing and reduction in state contributions towards teachers, police and firefighter pensions. These will place additional pressures on local tax rates. Although the state has raised numerous taxes and fees in the state, it has unfortunately raised spending even faster, with an increase of budgeted spending of about 10% over FY 2008/09. I opposed this spending increase, and also cosponsored a proposal for an approach to reducing the budget (HB 1643), which the Majority defeated. As of the date of this writing, the House is considering further measures to close the looming budget gap (estimated at about \$140 million) for the current Fiscal Year.

Representative Will Smith

Capital Improvements Program Committee Report

February 10, 2010

It is important to note that the following report is the first attempt at providing a snapshot of potential town-initiated fiscal expenses only. No commitments to fund any of these items have been made, other than the vehicle and equipment trust fund which was created at the town's annual meeting a number of years ago to plan for scheduled replacement of these items. Funding of this trust is offered as a warrant article at every annual town meeting.

This report does not include an unrelated item that will have a significant effect on next year's tax rate. State mandated Donor Town Funding is expected to be re-enacted on July 1, 2011, which will send tax dollars from New Castle to other cities and towns within New Hampshire.

The Capital Improvements Program Committee was formed in the fall of 2009 at the request of the New Castle Selectmen. Committee members include Stu Levenson (Planning Board), Mark Connolly (Planning Board), Bill Cronin (Trustee of the Trust Funds), Eric Katz (Chair of Police/Fire Building Committee) and Tom Smith (Budget Committee).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Capital Improvements Program is to identify needed improvements and/or additions to New Castle's infrastructure and to schedule them in priority order to better plan for the town's fiscal needs. A capital project is defined as a physical public betterment or improvement involving a facility, a parcel of land or a piece of major equipment with a value exceeding \$10,000 and occurring no more frequently than every five years.

METHODOLOGY:

The committee reached out to those in charge of each of New Castle's departments: Public Works (facilities, roads, water and sewer), Police, Fire and School, as well as the town's Energy Committee. Each department head was asked to prepare an inventory of capital facilities and equipment as well as to compile a list of capital requests for the upcoming five-year period. The CIP committee then met with each department to review and better understand their needs.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT—Much time and effort had already been expended by the Trustees of the Trust Fund to develop a list of capital equipment and plan for its scheduled replacement through the establishment of a trust fund. This list has been updated and revised during this process. All equipment needs for the various departments are listed on the following summary sheet.

2. FACILITIES

a. Town Hall—Although physically in good condition, this building suffers from poor space utilization and lack of long term planning. No planned expenditures were put into the CIP for this building. It is recommended, however, that a study

- be done to determine if any future renovation or restoration work should occur.
- b. Public Works Building—This building is in poor condition and does not adequately serve the needs of the Public Works Department. It is estimated that a new building would cost approximately \$150,000.
 - c. Caretaker Cottage—This structure is in poor condition and will need significant work to remain a residence (possibly used for subsidized town employee housing). Estimates to repair are \$50,000 to \$60,000. The Selectmen need to make a decision as to the future use of this facility. No funds were put into the CIP for this building at this time.
 - d. All other buildings have no apparent capital needs in the next five years. (See School discussion below.)

3. ROADS—All repairs and upgrades are dealt with through the annual operating budget. There are no capital requirements in the upcoming 5 years.

4. WATER/SEWER—New water meters will be needed for all customers in the next 4 to 5 years. Estimated cost is \$40,000 to \$50,000. All other water/sewer infrastructure items are adequate for the 5 year planning period. Pump stations are deemed to be adequate for the foreseeable future.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT—Beyond equipment replacement, much discussion focused on the desire for increased water flows. As water lines are replaced (well beyond the 5 year planning period) larger pipes should be considered. It was also pointed out that the Portsmouth-owned pipes are overdue for replacement. Portsmouth is planning to replace these pipes, though no definite timetable has been established.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT—Projected needs relate to vehicles only.

7. SCHOOL—The School Board has determined that space needs, governmental requirements and energy inefficiencies dictate that some significant renovation be done to the school in the next 2-3 years. Although planning and needs assessments are in preliminary stages, projected estimated costs are in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 range.

8. ENERGY COMMITTEE—The Energy Committee has had input with all department heads regarding the energy efficiency of the town's facilities. Many of their recommendations will be incorporated into future projects (i.e. school renovation), but there are no stand-alone projects that make economic sense and rise to the level of a capital expenditure at this time.

CONCLUSIONS:

The most significant issues that New Castle residents must address in the next five years are the funding of a school renovation and construction of an adequate Public Works facility. Additionally, appropriate utilization of the Caretaker Cottage must be determined. In a slightly longer time horizon, Town leadership should address needs, utilization and vision of the Town Hall. As these items are determined, they should be added to the Capital Improvement Plan so that New Castle residents have an appropriate understanding of the upcoming needs as they relate to the fiscal condition of the town.

The Capital Improvement Committee would like to thank all participants in this process for their assistance and support of this project.

CIP Summary Spreadsheet

February 10, 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FY 11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>
Police	Sedan	\$28,100				\$32,400
Police	Sedan		\$29,200			
Fire	Engine 2 (4 Years starting in '10)	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000		
Fire	EMS Heart Monitor	\$22,900				
Public Works	Lawn Mower	\$15,600				
Public Works	Pick Up Truck (F350)		\$47,500			
Public Works	Pick Up Truck (F350)			\$78,400		
Public Works	Loader				\$40,000	
Public Works	Water Meters				\$45,000	
Public Works	New Building	\$150,000				
School	<u>Renovations***</u>		\$500,000			
	TOTAL	\$171,600	\$831,700	\$183,400	\$85,000	\$32,400

*** Planning for renovation in preliminary stages; this figure is merely a
 "best guess" at the magnitude of the project

Report Of The Town Clerk

The income for motor vehicle registrations was about \$17,000 less than the year before. That's quite a chunk of change for our town.

The registration fee paid to the town is based on the original manufacturer's retail price multiplied by the "mileage" that begins at .018 for a new car and goes down to a low of .003 for a six year-old vehicle. For example: a bright and shiny 2010 Lexus has a list price of about \$49,000 and the town fee for the first year is \$882. On the other hand, the town fee for a well-loved 2003 Buick with an original list price of \$18,000 is \$54.00.

Was it possible that 20 people who owned new high-end vehicles moved out of New Castle? Or 40 people with mid-range vehicles? Doubtful, at best. But how else account for the drop in registration fees?

Just before the worst of the economic predictors bloomed in early fall of 2008 many New Castle residents were buying new cars – smaller, more gas-efficient vehicles—and saying goodbye to their gas-loving SUVs, while many others registered fewer cars.

More recently the trend is going in the other direction. In the last two months Carol Gamester, Deputy Town Clerk and I have noticed a definite increase in the number of new car registrations. One morning I registered eight (deluxe) new cars. That's a lot of new cars – pricey or otherwise – for a town with a population of 1,000.

The citizens of New Castle are an astute and economically wise bunch. We are proud of our New England heritage of abstemiousness and frugality. Now that our fiscally conservative neighbors are once again filling their garages with luxury models, we can assume the economy is on the rise and we will see our IRAs fatten-up and the DMV receipts will hit \$248,000. Here's hoping.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Hodgkins, Town Clerk

Report Of Police Department

On behalf of the New Castle Police Department, I would like to thank all the residents of New Castle that have supported the police through a new transition period, and many thanks to all for our New Safety Complex.

As you all are aware, the Police Department over the last year has gone through some major changes, not only with personnel but a new image. The goal for the department is to identify and respond to the needs of the community of New Castle in order to deliver effective and professional law enforcement services to all.

I would like to also introduce and welcome some new faces you may have met or seen on patrol at the police department: Officers Jared Knox, Matthew Tyler, Alex Mitrushi, and Kurtis Boissonneault. There are two old faces too: Chet Lang and myself.

A friendly reminder to all to pay attention to the posted speed limits in town. You will see us out and about in full force within the coming months with speed enforcement. That is still the number one complaint we receive, along with walkers and cyclists riding two or more abreast. So again, please slow down and drive with care. Also along with speed enforcement, we will be enforcing loud motorcycle exhaust pipes with our new decibel meter.

In 2009, there were a large number of break-ins for our small community, as well as some in 2010. We ask that all residents please keep their homes and vehicles locked. Please contact the police department if you notice any suspicious activity.

We are settling into our new building and, with that said, feel free to contact me or any of the officers with any questions or concerns that you may have.



Respectfully submitted,
Police Chief Donald A. White Jr.

STATS

Total Felonies	12	Total Crimes Related Incidents	14
Total Arrest (On View)	22	Arrest (Unspecified Type)	20
Total Non Crime Related Incidents	5	Total (P/C's)	15
Total Arrest (Based on Incident/Warrants)	3	Total Juvenile Arrests	10
Warrants (Open Warrants)	2	Restraint Orders	1
Citations	828	Parking Tickets	70
Trespass Violations	150	Narcotics Cases	11

Fire Department / Emergency Management Report

2009 brought great change to the Fire Department. Our old fire station was replaced by a wonderful new building. The new building addressed many deficiencies and safety issues that we had with the old building. The town has provided the volunteer Firefighters, EMTs and members a nice, safe and efficient place to do their important work. The New Castle Fire Department thanks everyone who supported the project and helped make it happen.

We had several new members join the department:

- Firefighter David Decolfmacker from Portsmouth
- Firefighter Cameron Holt-Corti from Portsmouth
- Firefighter/EMT Joseph Lipp from U. S. Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor
- Firefighter/EMT Marisa Moe from U. S. Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor
- Firefighter Karinne Spethman from U. S. Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor
- Member Peter Tarlton from New Castle
- Firefighter Dan Vermeersch from Portsmouth
- Firefighter Justin Wright from Portsmouth

Firefighter 2 Ryan Chase completed the demanding EMT- Intermediate course and is now a licensed NH EMT-I.

There were no major fires, incidents or storms in town during 2009.

The department responded to 161 calls for service, including 89 Medical Aid calls.

Department training was held every Monday evening during the year.

Emergency Medical training was held on the second Wednesday evening of every month.

The New Castle Fire Department stands ready to serve the town.



Respectfully submitted,
David M. Blanding
Fire Chief / Emergency Management Director

Planning Board Report

This past year the New Castle Planning Board continued its work on several initiatives, including adopting a Capital Improvement Plan, headed by Stu Levenson. Members of the CIP Committee included Bill Cronin, Eric Katz, and Tom Smith. This plan outlines projected Town capital needs over the next several years and can serve as a blueprint for municipal planning purposes.

Under the leadership of Vice Chair Ned Robinson, the Planning Board continues to study the State's Work Force Housing initiative, a State law requiring municipalities to consider work force housing needs in its land use ordinances.

Work continues on the Town Master Plan, with this year the New Castle Energy Committee presenting and the Board accepting its plan for Town energy assessment and needs. Town Master Plan work will continue into 2010.

Proposed Town zoning changes for 2010 include Building Code-Section Eight fee updates as well as permitting the Town Building Inspector to use the most current version of R.S. Means constructing data to verify construction data—defined as “the reasonable value of all services, labor, materials and use of scaffolding and other appliances or devices entering into and necessary to the prosecution and completion of the work ready for occupancy.”

Work continues on implementing the State's Shoreland Protection Act as amended. The Board considers the Act in its deliberations; the Act basically requires no person to undertake any activity in protected shoreland or cause or allow any activity to contribute to violations of surface water quality standards or shore erosion.

The Planning Board's charter is to assess and monitor zoning ordinances with input from the Selectmen, Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, the Building Inspector and State and County officials, and the townspeople of New Castle.

I would like to thank the members of the Board: Ned Robinson, Co-Chair, Patty Cohen, Town Select-person; former Chair, Stu Levenson; former Vice Chair Dave Merrill; Haden Gerrish; new member Darcy Horgan; and our esteemed Secretary, Anita Colby for all their tireless efforts to help keep New Castle the special place we all love. Special recognition to our former Chair Michael Colotti who passed away in 2009. Mike contributed greatly to New Castle and his efforts will be long remembered and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Connolly, Chairman

Zoning Board Of Adjustment Report

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard eight new cases in 2009, one less than 2008.

Cases heard by the ZBA in 2009:

February 2009-1 -- 52 Main St., Variance for office in a mixed use district was denied.

March 2009-2 -- 25 Grist Mill Lane, Special Exception for an accessory apartment was approved.

May 2009-3 -- 40 Atkinson Street, Variance to replace shed, excavation and retaining wall within tidal buffer. Variance for expansion of an existing non-conforming structure. Variance as project exceeds maximum lot coverage. Variance for minimum building side and rear setbacks. The application was modified to: Variance to construct retaining wall, add fence and Grass Pav II, all within 50 ft. of the tidal land buffer. Variance to allow change in the details of replacement of a non-conforming structure with the stipulations: 1. the non use of parking and 2. there be an accurate recording of the dimensions of the existing building. Approved.

2009-4 -- 80 Cranfield St., Special Exception for new dock was approved with changes.

2009-5 -- 350 Portsmouth Ave., Special Exception to replace existing pier was approved.

2009-6 -- 52 Main St., Hearing was continued to July.

July 2009-6 -- Variance to dispense complimentary wine and beer was denied. Variance to allow summer seating was continued. Amendment to previous decision of the Board to allow limited cooking where no cooking was allowed was approved.

December 2009-7 -- 18 Becker Lane, Special Exception for addition to existing dock was not heard due to a Supreme Court Decision regarding Lakeside Lodge vs. New London which declared that the State rather than cities and towns had jurisdiction in such cases. The board declined to proceed with the hearing as it had no jurisdiction in this case.

The Board requests all applicants to submit a completed application with all required documentation including detailed drawings and approvals from other boards as appropriate. In most cases, the applicant should begin with the Building Inspector. Applications are available at the Town Hall.

Effective January 1, 2010, new legislation was approved which changed the criteria an applicant must meet when seeking a variance. The criteria are:

1. The variance is not contrary to the public interest.
2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed.
3. Substantial justice is done.
4. The values of the surrounding properties are not diminished.
5. Literal enforcement of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship.

The Zoning Board is very fortunate to have the experience of Donald Moore, Russ Cox, Janet Harrigan, Mark Gardner, Will Smith, and Ned Robinson, Representative from Planning Board, and thanks them for their service. The Board would also like to thank Pam Cullen, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Tax Collector, and Anita Colby, Secretary, for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Stetson, Chair

Report Of The Historic District Commission

During the year of 2009, the Historic District Commission continued its role to preserve and protect the historic buildings and the architectural landscape of the District.

This year, most of our work focused on outbuildings; sheds, garages, boat houses. We also reviewed 3 fences, two of which are on Main Street, and decidedly improve, although don't replace, the current chain link fences, which surround a town cemetery.

The major project of the year has been the redesign of the Moore House, formerly the Barington House, at 12 Walbach St. We worked closely with the architect Lisa DeStefano, through four long work sessions, to arrive at a design that satisfied both the board's and the Moore's requirements.

During the summer we worked with Chet Lang on our website. It has been up and running for some time now. The HDC application is available to be downloaded, as well as the zoning ordinance, design criteria and a map, which locates the historic district.

This year, Dick Yeaton resigned, a longstanding HDC member of many years, who gave thoughtful, reasoned opinions to the board. We will miss him. However, we welcome our new members, Hayden Gerrish, liaison from the Planning Board, and Patty Cohen, liaison from the Selectboard.

Many thanks to all the members of the HDC board, who take seriously their mission to preserve the architectural landscape of the historic district. A special thanks to Anita Colby who continues to guide and assist the board and the chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Borden, Chairwoman

Conservation Commission Report

Saving the Back Channel Islands was the conservation highlight of 2009! Thanks to overwhelming citizen support at a special town meeting, effective December 30, 2009, the Back Channel Islands are now owned by the Town of New Castle and protected by an easement through the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. The three islands: Mill, Long Rock and Birch, are sanctuaries of unspoiled wilderness - now protected forever.

Members of the Open Space Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, identified the islands as a critical priority for conservation and, working with the Southeast Land Trust, negotiated a purchase price of \$160,000 (well below the assessed values). At the special town meeting, Citizens voted for the town to fund up to \$150,000 for the purchase and protection of the islands. During the month of December, over 70 families and organizations in New Castle contributed an additional \$35,000 of private funding needed by the Southeast Land Trust for the total purchase and closing costs plus fees associated with establishing the easement.

It is rare to have the opportunity to protect such high value properties, integral to our natural resources and exemplifying the character of New Castle Island, at a manageable cost. This is clearly a win - win for all!

During 2009, the Commission continued its work in the Pitch Pine Restoration area on the Common. Many volunteers have helped plant pitch pine seedlings and native plants as well as spending hours weeding, clearing around and maintaining the young trees and shrubs as they mature. The battle against the invasive Oriental bittersweet and others goes on and, hopefully, the good guys are winning the fight.

Quarterdeck Lane's new culvert has proven to be a success! The innovative, improved design of the newly installed culvert allows more tidal water flow thus keeping the marshes healthier.

During 2009 the NCCC reviewed fifteen (15) wetlands applications as part of the town's process for residents wishing to embark on major landscaping or construction projects within the protected wetlands and shorelands. The Commission endeavors to educate residents about town and state regulations that protect our natural resources. In order to keep up to date, Commission members attend many workshops and seminars sponsored by state and federal organizations. These educational sessions cover a wide variety of topics such as invasive plants, conservation easements, groundwater pollution, woodland and shoreland buffers and native plants.

My thanks to all the hardworking members of the Commission for their dedication and enthusiasm to the cause of protecting and preserving the natural resources of the island.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hume, Chairwoman

Report of the Public Works Water & Sewer

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

The DPW Board is comprised of the following people who generously donate their time to the Town of New Castle: Peter Gamester, Walter Glidden, Chet Fessenden, John Ireland, Norm Houle, and Reggie Whitehouse.

The following is part of the information that was provided to you along with your December water bill:

HOW WATER AND SEWAGE ARE MEASURED

Water meters measure in cubic feet and are billed in "units". One unit of water= 748 Gals. The minimum charge for water is 20 Units (14,960 Gals.).

Sewage rates are assessed against fresh water units, one-for-one. For those customers who receive fresh water directly from the Portsmouth system, but dispose of their sewage through the town's system, we obtain water readings from Portsmouth to calculate the sewer bill.

HOW WATER AND SEWER ARE BILLED

Bills are issued every four months: April, August, and December. A "minimum charge" of 20 units applies to all accounts. Currently the minimum charge for water is \$34.80. The minimum charge for sewer (at 20 units) is \$68.84. Every unit beyond the minimum is charged \$1.74 for water and \$3.442 for sewer.

PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENT

Please refer to your copy of the information sheet that was sent to you in December, or you may obtain another copy at the Town Hall. The explanations are too lengthy to report here.

SEPARATE METER FOR OUTDOOR USE

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

The 30 year sewer contract between New Castle and Portsmouth which entered into on February 22, 1978 has expired. Presently we are in negotiations with Portsmouth for a new contract. This may result in a higher sewer charge for residents of New Castle.

We are planning to make improvements on the existing water meter pit at the intersection of Wentworth Road and Main Street. This will prevent stagnation within the water distribution system under certain flow conditions. This improvement may cost approximately \$50,000. We are hoping that the Town will qualify for federal funds to pay for this necessary upgrade.

Just a reminder: Please make sure that no sump pumps are discharging into the town sewer, as this is a violation of Section 5 Paragraph H of the Sewer & Water Ordinance of the Town of New Castle. Please also be aware that it is a violation to discharge a sump pump so as to allow its water to reach the street. We appreciate your cooperation in both these matters.

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

Energy Committee Report

In 2007, New Castle was one of 165 municipalities - of the 183 municipalities in the state - that passed the New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution, that calls on the federal government to prioritize climate change policy and enables the formation of a local energy committee for the town of New Castle, to address energy efficiency and conservation, emission reductions, and other energy related issues in the community.

Role of the NCEC

- The role of the New Castle Energy Committee is to:
- Coordinate energy conservation activities among municipal officials, town departments, zoning and planning boards, town committees, the elementary school, businesses, residents, and other community groups or activities;
- Work with town officials to develop a capital improvement plan that includes energy efficiency and conservation strategies;
- Develop a comprehensive energy plan or strategies for the town;
- Identify sources of funding including regional, state and federal grants, and organize fundraising activities;
- Recommend revisions and/or the development of regulatory and planning documents; and
- Coordinate energy related outreach and awareness activities in the community.

The New Castle Energy Committee (NCEC) was formally established in July 2008. The NCEC has worked diligently to identify the town's energy uses and potential cost savings. The NCEC formed into sub-task teams and one of these, the building weatherization team, identified potential energy improvements for several municipal buildings. The Building Weatherization Team for which David McArdle was the team lead, developed for all of the municipal buildings an energy assessment (excluding the school) with a pay back schedule for various improvement items. A Fact Sheet on the Weatherization program, and recommendations was delivered to the Town Selectmen on September 15, 2008. After this presentation we evaluated the Maude Trefethen Elementary School and had an energy audit conducted by Paul Button of Energy Audit Unlimited. The SAU50 during 2009 implemented the recommendations (i.e. install programmable thermostats and contract with a contractor to isolate the warm air and improve the insulation in attic).

In 2008, New Castle was awarded a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation in partnership with Clean Air- Cool Planet and the Rockingham Planning Commission, prepared an inventory report of energy use, energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions for all municipal buildings of the Town of New Castle, for the baseline year 2008.

Overall, the Town Hall has the highest energy costs of building area of the municipal buildings, followed closely by the Maude H. Trefethen Elementary School. The Maude H. Trefethen Elementary School has the highest energy use intensity per square foot and the highest overall carbon dioxide emissions per square foot of building area of the municipal buildings. In addition to the energy inventory for municipal buildings the NCEC developed a draft Energy Chapter for the Town Master Plan. The draft Energy Chapter to the New Castle Town

Master Plan was submitted to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board for review on May 30, 2009. The Planning Board endorsed the draft Energy Chapter and intends to incorporate the energy chapter into the Town of New Castle Master Plan and plans to have a public hearing in May 2010.

The town of New Castle established in the fall of 2009 a Capital Improvement Plan, of which the NCEC reviewed with this adhoc committee, the energy efficiency improvement projects for the immediate and long-term.

In December 2009, the town of New Castle was selected to participate in the Municipal Energy Assistance Program (MEAP). MEAP is made possible through the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Fund. The program is a collaborative effort to carry out a sequence of greenhouse gas emissions inventories and energy audits for 48 geographically diverse communities in New Hampshire, setting the stage for these communities to perform renovations to selected buildings that would reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The MEAP Coordinator for New Castle is Sandra Bisset.

New Castle had completed its baseline inventory in 2008 and was therefore ready to participate in the second part of the MEAP project, which was to have the SDES Group conduct a Decision Grade Audit for one building and 25 hours of community energy advocacy services. After reviewing the energy inventory SDES identified that the New Castle Town Hall would receive the decision grade audit, which was completed on January 19th and reported to the Board of Selectmen on February 1, 2010. The completed SDES Energy Audit document is available upon request at the Town Hall.

Another activity taken on by the NCEC, was to submit to the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants, which required formal applications due by February 15th. The applications were submitted for the Town Hall to retrofit the building envelope, what is called a Building Energy Efficiency Measure (BEEM) and for the Maude Trefethen School to retrofit the boiler system as well as a renewable energy category. Both of these applications were very detailed which included quotes and payback schedules. Unfortunately, New Castle was not awarded the grants which were announced on March 10, 2010.

NCEC also received a grant from the New England Grass Roots Fund in September 2009 to review and propose an energy system for the main town complex; the grant is to be completed by June 30th of 2010. The NCEC is currently preparing a proposal.

Please contact the Town Hall if you are interested in participating in the New Castle Energy Committee, we need your involvement to make a difference in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bisset, Chairwoman

Building Inspector's Report

The Town of New Castle experienced a changing of the guard, so to speak, in 2009. Charles "Chuck" Petlick retired from the position and I, Donald Graves, assumed the leading role of Building Inspector.

I would like to thank Chuck for his help and insight in making the transition as smooth as it was, along with all the other people I have met along the way.

New Castle has had a fairly active year relative to the Building Department. A total of seventy permits were issued including two new home permits: one at Vernnard Court and one at Lilac Lane. This year already appears to be showing signs of ample activity.

The following are two Public Service messages: (1) To determine what/when a building permit is required and (2) Carbon monoxide alarm requirement as determined by the adopted International Residential Building Code.

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit .

Should any questions arise I may be reached at 431-6710 extension 15.

Respectively submitted,
Donald Graves

Road Agent Report

We still have a problem with trees and shrubs overhanging into the town roads. During the winter months we have removed obstructions and dead trees from town properties. We need the cooperation of all homeowners to trim back all low or overhanging shrubs that protrude into the town roads or obstruct the vision at intersections.

After having the December 2008 ice storm and trying to recover, we went into 2009 with several snow and ice events. During and after the winter, New Castle road crews would like to thank you for your volunteer help with brush pick up on roads, culvert cleaning and hydrant shoveling. Each year road cleaning and patching will be done as soon as possible in the spring. In 2009, we stayed well within our budget for salt and sand.

If you see any potential problems on the roads please give us a call.

JOBS COMPLETED IN 2009

- Several street signs replaced
- A new culvert installed on Quarter Deck Lane
- Guard rails repaired on Piscataqua Street and River Road
- Extensive road trimming
- Six sewer man holes repaired on Piscataqua Street

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Meade
Road Agent

Report of Trustees of Trust Fund

The Town's Trust Funds totaled \$911,335 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 08 and \$1,026,205 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 09. These totals represent the sum of ten (10) separate funds representing permanent endowments, capital reserves and temporary escrows established by town meeting votes, school board votes, gifts and cemetery "Right to Inter" purchases. By State law the individual Trust Funds are maintained separately.

The Water and Sewer Dept Depreciation Expendable Trust Fund was changed to the Sewer Department Expendable Trust Fund as directed by the unanimous passing of Article IX during the 12 May 09 Town Meeting.

A Water Dept Expendable Trust Fund was established as directed by the unanimous passing of Article X during the 12 May 09 Town Meeting.

Library earnings were disbursed to the Library Trustees. Earnings from the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund were transferred to principal in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund. Funds from the other Trust Funds are disbursed in accordance with the requirements of the establishing body for the Trust Funds.

All assets in the Conservation Trust Fund were moved to the Town Treasurer per NH RSA TITLE III, TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES, CHAPTER 36-A, CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS, Section 36-A:5, Appropriations Authorized Part II.

The Provident Bank continues to hold all of our Trust Funds. They remain a very conservative bank with zero exposure to the sub-prime market. All of our funds are insured. As of 30 Jun 09 96% of the funds were invested in CDs. The remaining 4% of the funds were invested in savings accounts. All of the CDs are five (5) year CDs that mature between Aug of 2012 and Mar of 2014 with interest rates from 3.198% to 5.25%. Savings accounts pay current money market rates. The return for FY 09 was ~4.75%. We are forecasting a total return of ~4.25% for fiscal year 2010.

The three Trustees meet as required for investment or disbursement purposes.

Please call if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Cronin, Chair
Pete Reed
Tom Smith

Attachment 1 – The Purpose, Type and Governing Body for Each Trust Fund

1. Road Race

- a. Purpose - To promote recreation and running activities on the Seacoast (approved by a simple majority of the Recreation Committee) and other non-recreational activities (approved by ALL members of the Recreation Committee).
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body - Recreation Committee
- d. Established 05 May 99
- e. Authorized by Selectmen

2. Marchand

- a. Purpose - Acquire by purchase seeds, flowering plants, shrubs, bushes and trees to be used only at the Great Island Common. No man-made construction authorized.
- b. Non-expendable – Only income may be used for authorized expenditures. Any accrued income not expended for a period of three (3) years shall become principal.
- c. Governing body – Trustees of Trust Funds
- d. Established 15 Nov 71
- e. Authorized by the Andree Marchand will

3. Sewer

- a. Purpose – Maintenance, repair and replacement of Sewer Department facilities
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body – Selectmen
- d. Established 12 May 09
- e. Authorized by the passage of Article IX, at the 12 May 09 town meeting

4. Library

- a. Purpose – Fund library activities
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be use for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body – Library Trustees
- d. Established 31 Jan 67
- e. Authorized by RSA Title XVI, Libraries, Ch, 202-A, Sec 202-A:22

5. Cemetery Maintenance

- a. Purpose – Maintenance and repairs of Town owned cemeteries
- b. Non-Expendable – Only income may be used for authorized expenditures.
- c. Governing body - Cemetery Trustees
- d. Established 27 Feb 1900
- e. Authorized by RSA Title XXVI, Cemeteries; Burials; Dead Bodies, Ch 289, Cemeteries, Cemetery Trustees, Sec 289:9

6. Special Education

- a. Purpose – Meeting the unanticipated expenses of educating educationally disabled children.
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body – School Board
- d. Established 12 Feb 02
- e. Authorized by the passage of Article 2, at the 12 Feb 02 School District meeting

7. School Tuition

- a. Purpose – Paying the regular tuition costs for unbudgeted students attending the Rye Middle School and/or Portsmouth High School
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body – School Board
- d. Established 09 Mar 05
- e. Authorized by the passage of Article 4, at the 09 Mar 05 School District meeting

8. Vehicle & Equipment

- a. Purpose – Purchase of capital equipment (currently defined by the State as purchases of \$10,000 or more with a life expectancy of 5 years or longer) for the Police, Fire and Public Works departments.
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body – Selectmen
- d. Established 13 May 97
- e. Authorized by the passage of Article 10, at the 13 May 97 town meeting

9. Water

- a. Purpose – Maintenance, repair and replacement of Water Department facilities
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body – Selectmen
- d. Established 12 May 09
- e. Authorized by the passage of Article X, at the 12 May 09 town meeting

10. School Building & Grounds

- a. Purpose – Renovating, maintaining and performing professional studies to the Maude H. Trefethaen School.
- b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
- c. Governing body – School Board
- d. Established 11 Mar 09
- e. Authorized by the passage of Article 4, at the 11 Mar 09 School District meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Cronin, Chair
Peter Reed
Tom Smith

Library Trustees' Report

After an extensive search last spring, the Board of Trustees appointed Christine Collins as our new Director. Her performance has been exceptional: she has extended the library's patron base, expanded our relationship with Maude H. Trefethen Elementary School, and increased our number of active community volunteers at the library. We feel fortunate to have Christine as our director.

Highlights and accomplishments from the previous year:

- The library hosted an active Summer Reading Program with a kick-off event by the NHSPCA, a visit from R.E.A.D. certified dog Maize, a Stuffed Pet Show, story times, summer reading logs, crafts, games and reading prizes. Almost 40 children participated this summer. Thank you to Bowl-O-Rama for donating 15 bowling gift certificates and The Ice House for donating 15 ice cream certificates.
- Dick Smyser joined us in the Macomber Room on August 5th to talk about his new book, Kennedy and the Berlin Wall. His presentation was informative and very well received.
- In September we held our first Library Book Sale. Patrons and visitors purchased a great number of books and enjoyed performances of Irish Step Dancing by MHT students. The sale raised over \$800 for children's programs at the library.
- The library hosted a Flashlight Halloween Story Time on October 27th. Children listened to Halloween stories and had special treats by the light of jack-o-lanterns and flashlights.
- MHT students began visiting the library after Thanksgiving. Students spend time in the library choosing books and learning about the library's resources; the Macomber Room is used for book groups, reading programs, and class time.
- The first Friday of each month, Christine presents a library-to-the-school program at MHT. She works closely with teachers to enhance their curriculum and shares new books from the library's collection.
- The library was awarded a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) this fall. The grant included: 110 new children's books for the school; a story telling and presentation of books at MHT by Duncan McDougall, Executive Director CLiF; and a story telling at Community Childcare Center of Portsmouth, nominated by the library, and gift of two books for each child at the Center.
- We had 62 community members join us at our Holiday Open House on December 16th. Patrons visited with one another and enjoyed refreshments and holiday cheer.
- The library continued to update and develop our collection: books, DVDs, and periodicals. If we do not have the title you are looking for, ask about the New Hampshire State Library Interlibrary Loan. This is a fast and free service.
- During the year, we continued to showcase the work of local artists.
- Our internet service is utilized by residents as well as island visitors throughout the year. In addition to the public terminals, the library offers wireless internet service. Patrons are welcome to bring their WI-FI enabled laptops to the library.

The Trustees meet in the Macomber Room of the library on the third Tuesday of each month. Residents are welcome to attend or contact us with comments and suggestions. Meeting dates and times are posted at the library and Town Hall.

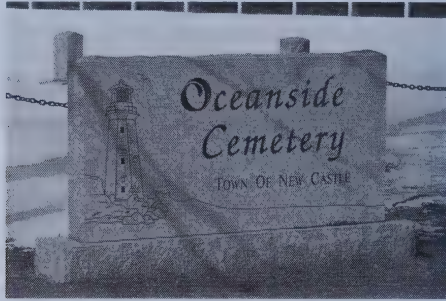
Library hours: Tuesdays 1-7, Wednesdays 1-5, Thursdays 9-3, Fridays 1-5, and Saturdays 9 -1.
Storytime hours: Thursday at 9:30 and Saturday at 10:00.

We would like to thank our fourteen loyal volunteers who bring energy and enthusiasm to the day-to-day working of the library. They are an invaluable resource and indispensable to the operation of our community library. Thank you to: Pat D'Antonio, Anna Ambrogio, Louise Aspen, Barbara Bouchard, Paula Carroll, Mary Ann Driscoll, Brad Greeley, Maggie Kennedy, Joan Lockhart, Ann McAndrew, Barbara Muir, Carol Rieseberg, Jenny Rosenson, and Ellen Shea.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Hickey, Chair of the Library Trustees
Brad Greeley, Treasurer
Joan Lockhart, Secretary
Paula Carroll, alternate
Sandy DeSisto, alternate

Cemetery Trustees Report

This was an uneventful year, with a small number of burials in the Riverside and Oceanside Cemeteries and no changes in the trustees. We escaped tree damage from windstorms and began a program of annual trimming of limbs in Riverside. At Oceanside activities include support of the work of the Conservation Commission to eliminate invasive species in the undeveloped (Phase II) portion of the cemetery and installation of a granite bench memorial near the flag pole. We renewed the lawn care contract with GSPM for two more years. As members of the New Hampshire Cemetery Association we attend the semiannual meetings to keep up to date with changes in laws and practices.



Respectfully submitted,
Dave Merrill, Chairman
Tom Boisvert
Jim Cerny

Archives & Records Report

Much of my time this year has been devoted to assisting the New Castle Historical Society with their 'New Castle by the centuries' panels that will become a prominent feature on the walls of the Old Library Museum. Considerable information regarding life on Great Island, later known as New Castle, is depicted highlighting the development of the Forts, the neighborhoods, the early families, fishing, the evolution of boats, homes, transportation and lighthouses, and shipwrecks from the early 1600s to today.

The panels will have maps of the island showing changes, as well as some drawings and photos pertinent to the history of New Castle. Brief, bulleted information will appear along side of the maps. More detailed information for each century will be available in loose-leaf binders coordinated with each panel including biographies of some of the influential people who lived here, specific lists of the earliest land grant owners, and names of the local members of the Sons of Liberty who participated in the raid on Fort William and Mary taking the gun powder that was later used in the American Revolution. There are names of the home owners and locations of the homes which housed the Revolutionary soldiers during that war, many of which still stand today. Also, included are census records of 1790 and 1880 listing the names of our residents at those times. The later census names the women and children, as well as the occupations of the heads of households.

As of this writing, we are still working on the 1800s, 1900s and this century. It has been my pleasure to work with Nancy Borden, Joan Lockhart, Patricia D'Antonio, Elaine Nollet, Marg Smith, Darcy Horgan, Joan Hammond, Jim Cerny, Bill Drew, Carol White and Andy White. Also, many thanks and appreciation to Denise Brown, the artist, who has enthusiastically embraced our vision and is bringing it to life.

I must thank Cynthia Thomas, genealogist extraordinaire, for her gift of hundreds of obituaries from the Portsmouth Herald newspaper from the late 1800s to the mid 1900s. Also, thanks to Ruth Lanham for her gift of many obituaries to the Old Library Museum, which they graciously shared with me. I, too, will copy those from Mrs. Thomas to share with the Museum. These obituaries help fill in family relationships as well as share the interesting details of our residents' lives in our vital statistics files.

I continue to assist people on their genealogical journeys as well as writers and other historians pursuing details of New Castle's history.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Hutchinson Schulte
Town Historian

Supervisors of the Checklist Report

As an odd-numbered year, 2009 was relatively quiet in terms of elections, with the Town Election on May 1 as the only election of the year. Although the supervisors were prepared for secret balloting at the Special Town Meeting on December 1, their services were not needed as New Castle voters passed in open meeting the town purchase of islands for conservation.

After a couple of years in use, Electionet, the statewide voter database used for registering voters and tracking elections, is now in full swing, making for more accurate registrations and elections in New Castle and throughout the state.

In September the supervisors appointed Darcy Horgan as an assistant to the supervisors. Darcy is a “supervisor in training” and will run for election in the May 2010 Town Election to replace Leslie Parker whose term is ending.

In registering new voters, the supervisors follow election laws established by the State of New Hampshire. If you are interested in understanding our election laws, there is a great deal of information at the Secretary of State’s web site: www.sos.nh.gov/electionsnew.html. New residents or first time voters may register with the town clerk during regular office hours. In addition, voters may register at elections or with the supervisors of the checklist at posted sessions (see the checklist or watch legal notices in the newspaper.) When registering, bring a photo ID and proof of your street address (not post office box) such as your driver’s license, lease, or bill. Changes to the checklist, such as party affiliation, address, or name, can also be made with the town clerk. A copy of the checklist is posted in the entry to the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Becker, Chair
Leslie Parker
Mary Rauh

Births Recorded in New Castle

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Houston, Lorelei C.	04/29/2009	Exeter, NH	Houston, David	Houston, Sharon
Rice, Margaret-Ann	11/12/2009	Portsmouth, NH	Rice, Norman	Rice, Margaret-Ann

Deaths Recorded in New Castle

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

<u>Name Of Deceased</u>	<u>Date Of Death</u>	<u>Place Of Death</u>
Kern Sr., William	02/09/2009	New Castle
Came, Brian	04/09/2009	Exeter
Brigham, Roy	05/01/2009	Portsmouth
Beecher, Robert	05/04/2009	New Castle
Fort, Nancy	07/31/2009	Portsmouth
Colotti, Michael	09/21/2009	New Castle

Marriages Recorded in New Castle

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rosenson, Joshua J.	Brown, Erica M.	06/28/2009	New Castle
Levin, Harvey J.	Asner, Adrienne E.	12/28/2009	Portsmouth

New Castle Municipal Offices

Selectmen's Office

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

431-6710 ext 10

8am to 2pm
433-6198

Town Clerk

Monday
Wed. & Thurs.

431-6710 ext 11

3pm to 6pm
8am to 11am

Tax Collector

Wed., Thurs., Fri.

431-6710 ext 10

8am to 2pm

Accountant

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

431-6710 ext 12

8am to 2pm

Library

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

431-6773

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

Fire/EMT's - Emergency

Business Line
Fire Fax

911 or 436-2515

436-1132
430-0162

Police - Emergency

Business Line
Police Fax

911 or 436-3113

436-3800
436-7710

Building Inspector

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

431-6710 ext 15

5 to 6:30pm
12:30 to 5:30pm
5 to 6:30pm

All Town Boards

431-6710 ext 10

Road Agent

Supt. Of Public Works/Common

431-6710 ext 13

431-6710 ext 13

Website

www.newcastlenh.org

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