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of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
FRANCONIA, NH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2008

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carl I. Belz	(Resigned)
Richard McLeod	(Term expires 2009)
Carleen Quinn	(Term expires 2010)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Marilyn L. Knowlton (2010)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2009)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2010)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Knowlton (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER

Christopher Polich (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Crane & Bell (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Richard McLachlin (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Marcia Graham	(2009)
Richard McLachlin	(2010)
William Downey	(2011)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Tom Allen	(2009)	Melinda Richmond	(2011)
Sue Jessen	(2009)	Harriet Taylor	(2011)
Barbara Belz	(2010)	Peter Ainsworth	(2011)
James Cunningham	(2010)		

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Crystal Hodgdon	Sugar Hill (2009)
Tom Eyman	Franconia (2010)
Linda Gaitskill	Sugar Hill (2010)
Mary Jo Greene	Easton (2011)
Tina Peabody	Franconia (2011)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Steve Chardon	Lafayette (2009)
Jim Payette	Bethlehem (2009)
Steve Huntington	Bethlehem (2010)
Jim Colongeli	Lafayette (2010)
Paul Greenlaw	Bethlehem (2010)
Tammy Reardon	Easton (2011)
Lynn Terres	Lafayette (2011)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Michael J. Ford	(2009)
Kathleen Nelson	(2010)
Richard Langworthy	(2011)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Kathleen Mead	(2010)
Karen Moore	(Resigned)
Betsey Phillips	(Appointed)
Sybil Carey	(2014)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative
Harriet Taylor, Library Representative
Tom Eyman, Church Representative

PLANNING BOARD

Bernardette Costa - Vice Chair	(2009)	Mary Grote	(2011)
Richard McLeod - Selectman	(2009)	Steve Heath	(2011)
Nanette Avril - Chairman	(2010)	Richard Reinhold	(Alternate - 2011)
Lydia Cumbee	(2010)	Earle Collins	(Alternate - 2011)
Barbara Belz	(2011)		

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Melinda Richmond (Chairman)	(2009)	Mary Fowler	(2010)
Barbara Belz - Planning Board	(2009)	Don Lawton	(2011)
Jane Cloran	(2009)	D. Edward Carbonaro (Alternate - 2011)	
Ken Mosedale	(Alternate - 2009)		

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Trevor Hamilton	(2009)	Richard Bennink	(2011)
Elizabeth Welch	(2009)	Kim Cowles - Chairman	(2011)
Mary S. Grote - Planning Board	(2011)	John Lachapelle	(2010)
		Kathryn McCarthy	(2010)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Easton
Brian Canelas
Tammy Gearhart

Franconia
Jeffrey J. Malcolm
Matt Massei

Sugar Hill
Gordie Johnk
Cindy McClaren

BALANCE SHEET
For the year ending December 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$ 567,558.51
Investments – NH-PDIP		778,802.16
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$353,104.77	
Yield Tax – Current	210.96	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>50,150.79</u>	
		403,466.52
Other Accounts Receivable		
Mac’s Market	2,813.00	
State of New Hampshire	1,360.00	
Town of Easton	3,908.00	
Water Department	<u>358.14</u>	8,439.14
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund		8,639.50
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,766,905.83

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		\$ 16,591.75
Due to Other Funds		
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund		14,133.41
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	631,596.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	596,685.00	<u>1,228,281.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,259,006.16

FUND EQUITY

TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>507,899.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$1,766,905.83

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

A wise selectman once said "It is the volunteers that staff the various groups, boards and committees as well as the citizen involvement and interaction between these groups (although sometimes not harmonious) that make small town government function." We have two excellent examples; the Capital Improvement Committee and the Water Project Committee. Thanks to the Water Project Committee we have plans in place and a bond warrant article ready to go. The CIP Committee has presented an eight year plan that projects the proper allocation of monies to Capital Improvement Projects and related infrastructure.

Recommendations of these various groups often lead to warrant articles at Town Meeting. This year is no exception. We are asking to add additional funds to last years' article to construct a maintenance building for the Building and Grounds Department. We are also asking for the sale of the so-called Copper Cannon Camp land. Both of these articles are the result of the Infrastructure Study Group recommendations.

The Highway Department, Town Buildings, Police Department and the Recreation Department have collaborated on securing a Department of Transportation federal grant called "Safe Routes to School". This \$94,500 grant will provide a safe walkway and bikeway to our Elementary School. This is a great opportunity for the Town. Thanks to Kim Cowles (Recreation Director), Scott Knowlton (Road Agent), Jeff Phillips (Town Buildings Supervisor) and Mark Montminy (Chief of Police). This project will only enhance another Board initiative, the Community Design Project, undertaken by the Planning Board under the leadership of Bernardette Costa. Kim also deserves recognition for our new gazebo, the successful concert series on the Dow and other special events. This work has caught the attention of the public, as is evidenced by attendance.

There have been recommendations for other Committees, such as a Capital Improvements Master Plan and a Budget Advisory Committee. These are matters that should be discussed by the new Select Board in 2009.

It was with regret that the Select Board accepted the resignation of Carl Belz. Carl was serving his second (3) year term as Selectman and was forced to resign for health reasons. Carl was a rational, calming, and deliberative voice on the Board. His presence lent a composure of civility and culture to a small town governing body. His absence was duly noted and emphasizes the wisdom of a three member Board.

Lastly, the Town witnessed the passing of three of its prominent citizens this year, Fred Griffin, Mickey Libby and Ruby Heath. Each contributed vitality and caring which made Franconia a better place.

Richard McLeod, Chairman
Carleen B. Quinn
Board of Selectmen
Town of Franconia

FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING – MARCH 11, 2008

Moderator William Mead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the polls would temporarily close, to be reopened shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow all those who had not voted to do so.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)
Ballots Cast 404

Selectman (3-year term):	Carl Belz	268
	Jeffrey Jesseman	132
Write-ins:	Kevin O'Brien	1

Treasurer (1-year term):	Tina Peabody	259
	Connie Wright	118
Write-ins:	Dick Langworthy	1

Moderator (2-year term):	William L. Mead	330
Write-ins:	Ned Densmore	1
	Steve Heath	2
	Tom Hughes	1
	Les Newell	1
	Jon Peabody	1
	Steve Plant	1
	David Schaffer	2

Trustee of the Trust Fund: (3-year term)		
Write-in:	Richard Langworthy	70
	Bobbie Barrand	1
	Dick Bennink	1
	Bill Cole	1
	Earle Collins	1
	Ramesh Dave	1
	Jennifer Gaudette	1
	Mary Grote	1
	Jeff Jesseman	1
	Phil Krill	1
	Claudia LaChapelle	1
	Ronald Taksar	1
	Jim Walker	1

Library Trustee (3-year term):	Peter F. Ainsworth	270
Three Vacancies	Melinda Richmond	275
	Harriet Taylor	300
Write-ins:	Dick Langworthy	1
Water Commissioner (3-year term):	William H. Downey	329
Write-ins:	Charles Herbert	1
	Hessler	2
	Scott Knowlton	1
	Jon Peabody	4
Supervisor of Checklist (6-year term):	Sybil Carey	342
Write-ins:	Amy Bahr	1
	Charles Herbert	1

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town would vote to appropriate ten thousand dollars (10,000.00) and authorize the Selectmen to contract with Ross Ambulance Service to provide transportation of Franconia Life Squad patients and to have the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) be expended from the Life Squad budget. (By Petition)

The article was read, moved and seconded. Steve Heath spoke to the article stating that the article was brought up to consider daytime coverage and the issue of members of the Fire Department driving the Life Squad van and having inadequate coverage on transports. Steve Heath made a motion to table the article since he thought it would be too much of an emotional issue to discuss at Town Meeting. There was a question about tabling the article and whether it could be brought up for discussion later in the evening when Article 8 was discussed. Discussion ensued from the floor with questions about the Life Squad Budget and whether a committee would be appointed to investigate the matter further. Steve Heath made a motion to table Article 2 to not be reintroduced tonight and to be reconsidered next year at town meeting after the Board of Selectmen had completed their fact finding. The motion was seconded and a hand vote was taken. The results of the hand vote declared the tabled motion passed.

ARTICLE 3: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$104,115.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	30,555.00
Financial Administration	46,621.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	10,375.00
General Government Buildings	84,609.00
Cemeteries	12,748.00
Insurance.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,530.00

(Chamber of Commerce.....)	10,000.00)
(North Country Council.....)	1,837.00)
(Regional Airport.....)	693.00)
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police.....	292,540.00
Fire.....	84,000.00
Life Squad.....	51,400.00
Forest Fire.....	4,215.00
Dispatch Phone Lines.....	29,937.00
(Franconia's Share.....)	29,387.00)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....	352,231.00
UTILITIES.....	16,400.00
HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....	9,403.00
(American Red Cross.....)	461.00)
(Ammonoosuc Community Health....)	1,800.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens.....)	1,000.00)
(Health Officer.....)	300.00)
(Littleton Regional Hospital.....)	1,575.00)
(North Country Home Health.....)	2,750.00)
(North Country YMCA.....)	250.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....)	1,267.00)
WELFARE.....	8,400.00
(General Assistance.....)	6,000.00)
(CAP.....)	2,400.00)
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Recreation Programs.....	91,937.00
(Franconia's Share.....)	41,120.00)
Parks.....	6,495.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	1,000.00
Museums.....	300.00
CONSERVATION.....	1,500.00
INTEREST.....	4,000.00
TOTAL..... (Franconia's Share \$1,229,444.00).....	\$1,280,811.00

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article highlighting some of the significant increases. There was a question from the floor about the proposed new full time position for Recreation Director with clarification that the current Director would be leaving and an additional part-time position would need to be advertised as well. The Board confirmed this. There was also a question about the increase in the special revenue fund. Sally Small spoke to this saying that Joan Marshall the Transfer Station Manager had been on an unpaid leave of absence and did not take health insurance benefits from the town but in anticipation of her possibly not returning to the position, the Town had to budget for hiring someone who may need health insurance. A voice vote was taken and Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$161,850.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings Truck, \$4,400; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment \$7,100; Highway Trucks, \$41,000; Highway Heavy Equipment \$19,600; Police Cruisers, \$7,250; Fire Equip Truck, \$37,000; Transfer Station Equipment \$17,500; Legal \$20,000; and Reassessment, 8,000.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There was a question about the legal expense amount. Rich McLeod said that so far this year \$9,000 has been incurred in legal expenses mostly due to a lawsuit that the Town is currently involved in with Kingcast.net. Question from the floor on who is representing the town in this suit. Rich McLeod answered that Dan Mullen of Primex was. Article 4 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$66,800.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Highway Improvement, \$50,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$1,000; Museum Maintenance, \$12,000 and Library Maintenance, \$3,800.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carleen Quinn spoke to the article. There was a question from the floor about the cemetery restoration fund and why no money was being raised. Sally Small spoke to the question explaining that the project that is underway for restoration of the Willow Cemetery still had money available for this year. When the project is completed this year the town would put more money into the Expendable Trust Fund. The article was called to a vote. Article 5 passed unanimously by voice vote.

At 7:50 PM Bill Mead stopped the meeting to open the polls for all those who had not voted. The polls closed at 8:00 PM and the meeting resumed.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Fire Tanker Truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 6 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand six hundred dollars from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund (\$25,600.00) previously established. Additional funding for this

appropriation will come from trading in the 2005 cruiser (\$3,400.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 7 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) to purchase a new Life Squad Van and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from selling the 1997 Life Squad Van (\$18,000.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carleen Quinn spoke to the article. There was a question from the floor about who was going to purchase the old Life Squad Van. Mark Taylor spoke to the question as a member of both the Franconia and Lisbon Life Squad and answered that the Town of Lisbon had offered to purchase it for \$18,000. Questions arose why if the van was good enough for Lisbon does Franconia need to purchase a new one? Mark Taylor said that Lisbon does not do transporting and for what they need the van for it is considered an upgrade. Gareth Slattery of the Franconia Life Squad spoke in favor of the Life Squad and told the people that it is more about the community and patient care and if people are only focusing on the money they are missing the picture completely. There was further clarification that the article was only asking for \$7,000 from taxation and that the bulk of the other money had been put aside for replacement as were the police cruiser and other new vehicle purchases. The article was called to a vote. Article 8 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) to refurbish the Sutphen Pumper Fire Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred fourteen thousand dollars (\$114,000.00) from the Fire Truck Pumper Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. The amount of twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000.00) is to come from general taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. George Whitcomb spoke to the article explaining the current condition of the chassis on the Sutphen Pumper which is rusted out. The main reason for such fast deterioration was the department's own fault for not washing the under chassis of the truck itself. The Fire Department is going to pipe water into the garage to begin properly rinsing the vehicles. There being no discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 9 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for the installation of water meters for both water systems with said funds to come from the Water Department surplus funds and no amount to come from taxation. The selectmen recommended this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article and gave an overview of why the article was created and clarified that the monies expended would actually come from the Water Department's budget surplus. Harry Stewart from the State of NH Water Division of DES was at the meeting and spoke to the current situation of the Franconia water system. The gist of Mr. Stewart's comments and facts led up to the obvious conclusion that the time had come for the Town to start a refurbishing project. Mr. Stewart said that meters would be a long term benefit and would also be necessary for the town to have for any long term borrowing of money to further the project. Jon Peabody spoke with an amendment to article 10 saying that he thought meters at Mittersill were a waste since people are only there part-time and he did not understand why the Water Dept. didn't borrow the money at a low rate to install meters instead of using the surplus. Jon read his amendment to the article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed two hundred-fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the installation of water meters in both water systems. And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow on credit of the town the sum of money so raised and appropriated and for this purpose authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds of the town under and in accordance with the provisions of the municipal finance act or any other enabling authority, delegating the Board of Selectmen the discretion of fixing the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate or discount rate in the case of notes. The places of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes and providing for the sale thereof, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, negotiate, and do all other things necessary to obtain such federal aid or assistance as may be available for the aforesaid project; all notes, bonds and interest payable hereunder and all other expenses incurred in connection with this project to be paid annually by the Franconia Water Department from revenue collected from its customers. There was more discussion from the floor about the amended article and explanations were given by members who have been working on the water project as to why they chose to fund the project this way. Ned Densmore spoke to the project overall and gave an overview of what the project would entail from a study that was done by Stantec. Ned said that a new group had been established to work on the funding piece of this project and a bond may be considered for next year. The committee's intention will be to include the people and to start having public hearings to keep people informed. Bill Mead read the amended Article 10 again and it was called to vote. The amended Article 10 did not pass by voice vote. Bill Mead read the original Article 10 and the vote passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$99,000.00) for design engineering and consulting plans recommended for improvements to the water system. These plans will have the cost estimates that will be used for applications to State and Federal agencies for grant and loan payments. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to this article emphasizing the importance of this article so that the Water Department could move forward with the redesign project. Harry Stewart also spoke to this article pointing out that the current water system is at capacity and there is no room for potential growth. There was a question from the floor about whether during the study they would also consider a plan for sewer. This was answered no, that currently there is no consideration

of incorporating sewer with this project. There being no further discussion, the article was called to vote. Article 11 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) to construct a maintenance building for the Buildings and Grounds Department to be located at the end of Dow Avenue behind the Elmwood Cemetery. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carleen Quinn spoke to the article stating that the Selectmen recommend this article. Ruth Vaill spoke not in objection of raising the money for the new building but for the location. Ruth pointed out that the current zoning would not support the location of this building and felt it could lower property values of trailer park and surrounding homes also that the cemetery is a special place reserved for people to pay their respects and should not have equipment moving in and out of a building continuously. Kathy Mead who had been a member of the Infrastructure Committee spoke stating that she was not in favor of the proposed location and that originally the \$70,000 quote given by Presby was for a location behind the Town Hall where septic and water could be easily tapped into. The cemetery location would require septic which would be an added cost. Other members from the floor asked to see plans of what this building would look like. Steve Plant brought forth RSA 674:54 stating that written notification needed to be given to the governing body and planning board including plans, specifications and explanations of proposed changes 60 days prior to start of construction. Also that the governing body or planning board may conduct a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of notice. Jeff Woodward spoke as the Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee stating that they did file a report with the Board of Selectmen and further explained that the water project came to the forefront and in order to at least get one project underway from the Infrastructure Committee's list they recommended the new maintenance building. Kathy Mead proposed an amendment to the article that read; to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars to be put in the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Bill Mead read the amended Article 12 and a vote was taken. The voice vote failed. A second amendment to Article 12 was read to keep the original Article pursuant to RSA 674:54. Bill Mead read this amended Article and there being no further discussion a vote was taken on second amendment to Article 12. The second amended article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty thousand two hundred eight dollars (\$260,208.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal with five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus, Town of Sugar Hill (\$38,013.00), the Town of Easton (\$17,279.00), PAYT Fees (\$76,500.00), Special Handling Fees (\$35,516.00), and Recycled Material (\$28,000.00) and to raise fifty-nine thousand nine hundred and dollars (\$59,900.00) from taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There being no discussion the Article was called to vote. Article 13 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There being no discussion the Article was called to vote. Article 14 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be added to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carleen Quinn spoke to the article. There being no discussion the Article was called to vote. Article 15 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-one thousand two hundred forty-five dollars (\$71,245.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There being no discussion the Article was called to vote. Article 16 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Rich McLeod spoke to the article. There being no discussion the Article was called to vote. Article 17 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

The article was read, moved and seconded. There being none the Article was called to vote. Article 18 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Bernardette Costa, Chair of the Planning Board spoke about establishing a Community Design Committee by the Planning Board to facilitate improvements and alterations in the village area. The committee would make recommendations regarding Main Street parking solutions and access to businesses, landscaping, and pedestrian amenities. It would work on signage and lighting. The Committee would also provide assistance with the development of a multi-use trail

system that would access the village businesses. Bernardette encouraged members of the community to become involved and give their input.

Sally Small also pointed out that Profile High School was in the process of updating their mission statement and were soliciting ideas via a survey from the community. Survey sheets were available in the rear of the Town Hall for anyone interested.

Carl I. Belz
Richard McLeod
Carleen B. Quinn
Board of Selectmen

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn L. Knowlton
Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$115,160,499.00
Buildings	180,635,720.00
Manufactured Housing	1,999,400.00
Electric Utilities	<u>2,806,300.00</u>
 Gross Valuation	 \$300,601,919.00
 Elderly Exemptions	 <u>(85,000.00)</u>
 Net Valuation	 \$300,516,919.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$2,569,414.00
Revenues	<u>(1,352,018.00)</u>
 Net Town Appropriations	 1,217,396.00
 Net School Appropriations	 2,179,215.00
Net State Education Appropriations	618,556.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>398,676.00</u>
 Total of Town, School & County	 4,413,843.00
 Less Shared Revenue	 (8,756.00)
Add: Overlay	18,723.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>24,000.00</u>
 Property Tax to be Raised	 4,447,810.00
Less Credits	<u>(24,000.00)</u>
 Taxes Committed to Treasurer	 \$4,423,810.00

2008 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$4.16
County	1.33
State	2.08
School	<u>7.25</u>
	\$14.82

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2008

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 104,100.00	\$379,500.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment			29,631.00
Town Hall, equipment			1,708.00
Library, land & buildings	100,100.00	430,200.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	96,300.00	320,900.00	
Fire Department, equipment			436,712.00
Police Department, equipment			28,695.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	134,300.00	86,500.00	
Highway Department, equipment			149,224.00
Transfer Station, equipment			7,142.00
Franconia Water Department			
Land & buildings	611,400.00	11,300.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			77,404.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	51,200.00		
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			58,347.00
Cemeteries	176,400.00		
Land in Bethlehem	185,055.00		
Land in Franconia	442,100.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	142,900.00	163,200.00	
Heritage Museum	116,100.00	226,200.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	108,600.00	6,700.00	
Dow Strip	313,800.00		
Fox Hill Park	290,300.00		
	(1)	(1)	(2)
TOTALS	\$2,872,655.00	\$1,624,500.00	\$788,863.00

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$205,910.00
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	492.00
Municipal Agent Fees	3,936.00
Dog Licenses	567.50
Pole License	10.00
Miscellaneous Permits/Fees	0.00
Vital Statistics	154.00
Marriage Licenses/Certificates	49.00
Certified Copy Fees to State	290.00
Marriage License Fees to State	266.00
UCC Filings and Requests	525.00
TOTAL	<u>\$212,199.50</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levy of 2008
For Year Ending December 31, 2008

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$4,424,063.00	
Yield Taxes	2,908.01	
Utility – Water	<u>203,019.71</u>	<u>\$4,629,990.72</u>
Overpayment of Property Taxes	9,651.80	
Interest Collected	<u>3,539.10</u>	<u>13,190.90</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$4,643,181.62</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$4,070,217.23	
Yield Taxes	2,697.05	
Utility - Water	191,439.62	
Overpayments	9,651.80	
Property Tax Abatement	741.00	
Utility Charge Abatement	948.76	
Interest Collected	<u>3,539.10</u>	<u>\$4,279,234.56</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	353,104.77	
Utility-Water	10,631.33	
Yield Taxes	210.96	<u>\$363,947.06</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$4,643,181.62</u>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2007**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2007		
Property Taxes	\$220,581.83	
Yield Taxes	1,049.75	
Utility – Water	8,924.84	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>16,671.06</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$247,227.48

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$163,806.79	
Yield Taxes	.00	
Utility – Water	5,762.89	
Interest Collected	16,671.06	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	2,027.39	
Utility	1,049.75	
Uncollected Property Taxes	<u>57,909.60</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$247,227.48

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008**

DEBITS

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2007	\$	\$42,813.87	\$10,208.50
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	66,799.60		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>2.64</u>	<u>1,314.39</u>	<u>747.98</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	31,524.94	44,128.24	10,956.48

CREDITS

Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	11,130.93	8,244.33	534.94
Interest & Costs Collected	444.03	1,290.02	184.67
Abatements	60.04	89.19	
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>19,889.94</u>	<u>6,956.65</u>	<u>1,326.05</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$31,524.94	\$16,580.19	\$2,045.66

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Yvonne Bastianelli	\$ 2929.41	\$4,397.64	
James F. Cantlon	4,900.06		
Heidi Casey Wright	464.48	517.38	
Stephen J. Catudal	917.38		
Dutch Treat Restaurant	852.57		
Harriet Harris	3,264.08		
Edward Keyes	2.78		
David A. Lamoureaux, Jr.	256.78		
James R. Martin	2,157.92		
McKay, John E.	462.26	472.00	456.97
Joel C. McKenzie	94.99		
Jean E. Nassar		95.01	
Robert J O'Neill, Sr	68.94		
Robert P. Peckett, III	2,708.70	1,401.71	226.45
Stephen G. Robillard		72.91	
Gregory F. Shaw	36.80		
William Silver	59.29		
Von Pantz, Stokes Lott	521.87		642.63
Roy B. Williams	<u>191.63</u>		
TOTALS	\$19,889.94	\$6,956.65	\$1,326.05

2008 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance **\$1,420,186.15**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 149,613.03	
Tax Collector	4,288,248.58	
Town Clerk	210,114.60	
Selectmen	984,608.73	
Interest Earned	<u>337.23</u>	
 Total Regular Revenues	 5,483,309.14	
Unknown	2,906.69	
Loan Proceeds	175,000.00	
From NH-PDIP	<u>1,978,000.00</u>	
 Total Other Revenue	 2,155,906.69	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 7,639,215.83	 7,639,215.83
 Total Regular Disbursements	 (5,563,559.52)	
Transfer NH-PDIP	(1,482,000.00)	
Loan Payment	(175,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debit/Fees	(759.35)	
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 <u>(7,221,318.87)</u>	 (7,221,318.87)
 Ending Checking Balance	 \$ 567,509.99	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$1,270,573.12	
Deposits	1,787,000.00	
Interest Earned	15,092.46	1,802,092.46
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(2,293,863.42)</u>	(2,293,863.42)
 Ending Balance	 \$ 778,802.16	
 Ending Cash Balance		 \$1,346,312.15

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$224,817.07
Interest Earned	5,574.27
2008 Land Use Transfer	<u>10,863.42</u>
Ending Balance	\$241,254.76

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,208.50
Interest Earned	<u>78.93</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 3,287.43

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 34,040.80
Interest Earned	<u>836.84</u>
Ending Balance	\$34,877.64

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$117,820.31
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 168.89	
Deposits	160,174.07	
PDIP Transfers IN	168,000.00	
PDIP Transfers OUT	(87,000.00)	
Interest	12.84	241,186.91
Expenses	(200,470.25)	
Fees	<u>(102.15)</u>	<u>(200,572.40)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 40,783.40	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 117,651.42	
Deposits	87,000.00	
Interest Earned	3,437.63	90,437.63
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(168,000.00)</u>	<u>(168,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 40,089.05	
Year End Cash Balance		\$80,872.45

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$178,084.61
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 893.26	
Deposits	74,157.59	
PDIP Transfers IN	87,000.00	
PDIP Transfers OUT	(58,000.00)	
Interest	5.54	103,163.13
Expenses	(97,735.47)	
Fees	<u>(49.00)</u>	<u>(97,784.47)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 6,271.92	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$177,191.35	
Deposits from Checking	58,000.00	
Interest Earned	4,751.04	62,751.04
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(87,000.00)</u>	<u>(87,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$152,942.39	
Year End Cash Balance		\$159,214.31

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$4,316,149.99
3190 Interest & Penalties	12,644.07

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	217,731.62
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	108,216.44
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	25,298.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	60,658.82

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	556.10
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	80.00
4150 Financial Administration	43.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	3,541.00
4194 General Government Buildings	80.00
4195 Cemeteries	1,900.00
4196 Insurance	570.54
4210 Police	1,478.66
4221 Life Squad	47,678.36
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	340.00
4312 Highway	6,388.26
4442 Welfare	25.00
4619 Conservation	270.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	25,309.30

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3501 Sale of Town Property	18,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	15,429.69

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	272,218.00
3916 Cemetery Trust Fund	2,000.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	82,016.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$5,218,622.85

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	18,517.35
BC/BS - Lovett	5,048.16
Closeout of CRBNA Account	2,171.78
Dow Concerts	7,182.61
Dow Gazebo	17,312.27
Dow Memorial Playground	176.00
Dow Playground	3,994.92
Homeland Security Grant	12,445.00

Planning Board Engineering Fees	920.00
Police Coverage	2,180.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees	90.00
Rink Building Addition	790.00
State of NH-MV	586.60
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>175,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 246,414.69

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110 Property Taxes	\$4,254,466.19	
3185 Yield Tax	2,012.80	
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>59,671.00</u>	
		\$4,316,149.99
3190 Interest & Penalties		12,644.07

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 Business Licenses/Permits	250.00	
3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	206,435.16	
3230 Building Permits	5,384.96	
3290 Other Licenses & Fees	<u>5,661.50</u>	217,731.62

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351 Revenue Sharing	17,693.00	
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	45,962.97	
3353 Highway Block Grant	<u>44,560.47</u>	108,216.44

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton		
Administrative Fees	2,000.00	
Recreation Programs	6,019.00	
Transfer Station	<u>17,279.00</u>	25,298.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill		
Administrative Fees	2,300.00	
Dispatch Phone Lines	482.82	
Recreation Programs	19,863.00	
Transfer Station	<u>38,013.00</u>	60,658.82

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Copies and Printouts	82.50	
Current Use/LUCT Fees	34.00	
Maps	143.00	
Payroll Tax Refund	77.94	
Retirement Refund	208.66	
Supplies Reimbursed/Rebates	<u>10.00</u>	556.10

4140	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
	Voter Checklist		80.00
4150	Financial Administration		
	Bank Charges Reimbursed		43.00
4191	Planning and Zoning		
	Hearing Fees	3,139.00	
	NH Plan Charette Donation	227.00	
	Recording Fees	25.00	
	Zoning Ordinances	150.00	
		<u>3,541.00</u>	3,541.00
4194	General Government Buildings		
	Use of Town Hall		80.00
4195	Cemeteries		
	Burials		1,900.00
4196	Insurance		
	Health Insurance Refund		570.54
4210	Police		
	Donations	125.00	
	Phone Reimbursement	127.49	
	Pistol Permits	170.00	
	Police Coverage	217.50	
	Police Report	237.00	
	Supplies Reimbursed	541.67	
	Witness Fees	60.00	
		<u>1,478.66</u>	1,478.66
4221	Life Squad		
	Detail Work	495.00	
	Town of Easton	500.00	
	Town of Sugar Hill	2,000.00	
	Transport Payments	44,683.36	
		<u>47,678.36</u>	47,678.36
4290	Emergency Management (Forest Fire)		
	Fines Paid to the Town	258.72	
	Training Expenses Reimbursed	81.28	
		<u>340.00</u>	340.00
4312	Highway Department		
	Transfer Station Reimbursement	2,145.00	
	State Storm Reimbursement	4,243.26	
		<u>6,388.26</u>	6,388.26
4442	Welfare		
	Assistance Reimbursed		25.00
4619	Conservation		
	Arbor Day Contribution		270.00
3409	Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
	Baseball Fees	2,105.00	
	Basketball Fees	760.00	
	Soccer Fees	2,126.00	
	Summer Recreation Fees	20,318.30	
		<u>25,309.30</u>	25,309.30

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

3501	Sale of Town Property		18,000.00
3502	Interest on Investments		

Connecticut River Bank	74.14	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	263.09	
NH-PDIP	<u>15,092.46</u>	15,429.69
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Fire Truck	114,000.00	
Life Squad Van	109,105.00	
Legal	23,923.00	
Police Cruiser	<u>25,190.00</u>	272,218.00
3916 Cemetery Trust Funds		2,000.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds		
Cemetery Restoration	5,000.00	
Highway Improvement	69,798.00	
Rink Maintenance	5,000.00	
Library Building Maintenance Fund	1,000.00	
Museum Buildings Maintenance	<u>1,218.00</u>	82,016.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$5,218,622.85
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)		
4332 Water Department		
Computer Support	1,174.00	
Insurance-Commercial Auto	321.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	99.02	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,554.99	
Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance	83.75	
MBS Cell Phones	207.51	
Payroll Taxes	672.47	
Supplies	588.95	
Truck Repairs	303.29	
Wages	8,790.02	
Water Payments	4,536.35	
Workers Compensation	<u>186.00</u>	18,517.35
BC/BS – Lovett		5,048.16
Closeout of CRBNA Account		2,171.78
Dow Concerts		7,182.61
Dow Gazebo		17,312.27
Dow Memorial Playground		176.00
Dow Playground		3,994.92
Homeland Security Grant		12,445.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees		920.00
Police Coverage		2,180.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees		90.00
Rink Building Addition		790.00
State of NH-MV		586.60
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>175,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 246,414.69

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 100,082.15
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	28,192.68
4150 Financial Administration	49,120.22
4152 Revaluation of Property	14,840.40
4153 Legal Expense	26,409.23
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	8,244.23
4194 General Government Buildings	79,544.69
4195 Cemeteries	12,807.95
4196 Insurance	7,483.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	12,530.00
4199 Other General Government	2,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	289,519.57
4220 Fire	79,420.84
4221 Life Squad	51,632.30
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	3,437.04
4299 Emergency Phone Lines	29,802.63

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	362,813.47
4316 Utilities	17,342.16

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	9,128.00
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	9,792.94
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	84,651.34
4521 Parks	12,286.15
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	269.00

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	949.50
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DEBT SERVICE

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	661.64
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CAPITAL OULTAY

4902 Vehicles & Equipment	297,240.42
4903 Buildings	7,218.40
4909 Other Improvements	162,197.67

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Funds	131,145.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	166,850.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>66,800.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$2,125,412.62
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS	12,372.60
WATER LIENS	3,631.34
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	400,538.00
4933 School Districts	2,691,190.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>602.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,233,746.56

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department	18,517.35
BC/BS – Lovett	5,048.16
Closeout of CRBNA Account	2,171.78
Dow Concerts	7,182.61
Dow Gazebo	17,312.27
Dow Memorial Playground	176.00
Dow Playground	3,994.92
Homeland Security Grant	12,445.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees	920.00
Police Coverage	2,180.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees	90.00
Rink Building Addition	790.00
State of NH-MV	586.60
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>175,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 246,414.69

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses		
Bethlehem Property Tax		5,073.33
Current Use/Land Use Change Recordings		125.34
Dues		1,112.46
Equipment		
Maintenance/Repairs	1,653.49	
New	<u>834.28</u>	2,487.77
Maps		2,369.22
Miscellaneous		591.27
Newspaper Notices		269.75
Postage		979.00
RSA Updates & Legal Material		270.85
Software Support		2,447.99
Supplies		1,283.77
Telephone		2,425.99
Training/Meetings		88.57
Salaries & Wages		
Administrative Assistant		22,222.30
Executive Secretary		10,090.77
Moderator		180.00
Secretary		14,243.97
Selectmen		3,500.00
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		24,862.50
Payroll Taxes		3,839.80
Retirement - Town Contribution		1,246.50
Unemployment Compensation		43.00
Workers Compensation		<u>328.00</u>
		\$ 100,082.15

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration		
General Expenses		
Newspaper Notices	225.00	
Supplies	<u>384.71</u>	609.71
Town Clerk		
General Expenses		
Dog Tags		69.61
Dues		20.00
New Equipment		91.92
Newspaper Notices		368.25
Postage		485.65
Software Programs/Support		2,081.11
Supplies		122.66
Telephone		1,194.28

Workshops/Meetings	371.00	
Salaries & Wages		
Ballot Clerks	1,074.78	
Supervisor of the Checklist	2,051.20	
Town Clerk	17,849.50	
Deputy Town Clerk	405.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,398.01</u>	28,192.68
4150 Financial Administration		
Accounting & Reports		
Bank Charges	193.70	
Checks & Supplies	133.22	
Direct Deposit Charges	624.57	
Town Report	1,550.00	
Auditor	12,000.00	
Tax Collection		
Dues	20.00	
Equipment	25.00	
Mortgage Search	429.00	
Postage/Envelopes	1,404.40	
Software Programs/Support	1,769.00	
Recording Fees	98.49	
Supplies	111.64	
Tax Bills	135.62	
Workshops/Training	227.48	
Salary & Wages		
Bookkeeper	22,222.30	
Tax Collector	4,304.00	
Treasurer	1,713.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>2,158.80</u>	49,120.22
4152 Revaluation of Property		14,840.40
4153 Legal Expense		
Capital Reserve Funds	23,923.06	
General Matters	<u>2,486.17</u>	26,409.23
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards		
General Expenses		
Legal Fees	243.00	
Maps	300.00	
Newspaper Notices	516.75	
Postage	506.87	
Printing	406.50	
RSA Updates & Law Books	245.00	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings	77.00	

Supplies		203.32	
Master Plan			
Professional Assistance	2,500.00		
Printing	219.50		
Supplies	<u>226.70</u>	2,946.20	
Salary & Wages			
Secretary	2,568.92		
ZBA Secretary	<u>31.72</u>	2,600.64	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>198.95</u>	8,244.23
4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		4,689.67	
Dow Clock		924.09	
Equipment			
Maintenance	672.70		
New	<u>1,408.55</u>	2,081.25	
Heating Oil		7,677.21	
Insurance			
Buildings & Equipment	642.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>246.00</u>	888.00	
Library Insurance		1,357.00	
New Tools		558.12	
Plantings		124.73	
Sidewalk Plowing		3,686.56	
Supplies		934.43	
Uniforms		600.00	
Vehicles			
Gas	2,945.94		
New Radio	594.83		
Maintenance	<u>288.40</u>	3,829.17	
Salaries & Wages		30,688.06	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		16,782.32	
Payroll Taxes		2,593.08	
Retirement - Town Contribution		831.00	
Unemployment Compensation		152.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>1,148.00</u>	79,544.69
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity		151.61	
Equipment		621.72	
Supplies/Flags		2,232.26	
Waterline		6.35	
Willow Restoration		1,200.00	

Salary & Wages	7,812.37	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	597.64	
Unemployment Compensation	22.00	
Workers Compensation	<u>164.00</u>	12,807.95
4196 Insurance		
Liability	6,865.00	
Unemployment Compensation-Audit	171.00	
Worker's Compensation-Audit	<u>447.00</u>	7,483.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.		
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	10,000.00	
Mt Washington Regional Airport	693.00	
North Country Council	<u>1,837.00</u>	12,530.00
4199 Other General Government		
Article 32 – Franconia Children's Center		2,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		
4210 Police		
General Expenses		
Boarding Fee – Stray Dogs	140.00	
Building Maintenance	4,212.43	
CNHSOU	2,500.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	1,175.20	
Educational Programs	137.40	
Firearms		
Ammunition	1306.26	
New	1,133.77	
Training	<u>320.46</u>	2,760.49
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	175.00	
Commercial Auto	415.00	
Liability	<u>5,270.00</u>	5,860.00
Maps-911		49.98
Miscellaneous		141.63
New Equipment		8,322.26
Office		
Equipment		
New	1,388.86	
Repairs/Maintenance	339.39	
Software/Support	5,401.25	
Supplies/Postage	<u>1,484.65</u>	8,614.15
Photography		120.49
Radar Calibration		60.00
Radios		
Maintenance	356.50	

Pager Lease	<u>568.69</u>	925.19	
RSA Updates & Law Books		866.60	
Safety Equipment		820.79	
Telephone		4,409.64	
Training Expense		1,131.99	
Uniforms			
Cleaning/Repairs	286.30		
New	<u>2,298.06</u>	2,584.36	
Vehicles			
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	9,145.21		
Maintenance	3,148.71		
Repairs	1,645.92		
Supplies	<u>1,909.35</u>	15,849.19	
Salaries & Wages			
Officers		140,590.10	
Overtime		18,286.17	
Special Investigations		876.45	
Specials		2,826.10	
Training		2,394.37	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		34,453.00	
Payroll Taxes		3,432.46	
Retirement – Town Contribution		21,707.13	
Unemployment Compensation		499.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>3,773.00</u>	289,519.57
4220 Fire Department			
General Expenses			
Administration and Supplies		923.72	
Building Maintenance			
Cleaning	2,368.60		
Electricity	3,147.10		
Maintenance	<u>2,623.44</u>	8,139.14	
Dues and Subscriptions		951.23	
Fire Prevention		206.35	
Gas and Diesel		3,465.04	
Heating Oil		5,402.21	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	350.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>3,000.00</u>	3,350.00	
Maps – 911		49.99	
New Equipment			
SCBA	3,000.00		
Fire Hose	1,642.07		
Turnout Gear	2,000.00		
Radios & Pagers	3,255.75		

Rescue Equipment	<u>227.59</u>	10,125.41	
Telephone		1,861.01	
Training and Prevention		3,985.00	
Vehicles and Equipment		3,837.43	
Salaries & Wages			
Fireman's Annual Pay		26,728.00	
Fireman's Fund		1,900.00	
Inspections		4,341.16	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		2,484.15	
Unemployment Compensation		195.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>1,476.00</u>	79,420.84
4221 Life Squad			
General Expenses			
Billing & Collections Fee		4,272.57	
Equipment		4,370.83	
Maps – 911		50.03	
Miscellaneous		25.00	
Radios & Pagers		1,134.89	
Rescue Booker		435.00	
Supplies		5,400.44	
Telephone		357.08	
Training		3,385.24	
Uniforms		1,241.39	
Vehicles			
Commercial Auto Insurance	771.00		
Gas & Diesel	1,691.96		
Maintenance	<u>422.36</u>	2,885.32	
Wages & Benefits			
Wages	25,432.17		
Payroll Taxes	1,899.34		
Unemployment Compensation	87.00		
Workers Compensation	<u>656.00</u>	28,074.51	51,632.30
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires)			
General Expenses			
Equipment Maintenance		63.50	
Mileage Reimbursed		9.79	
New Equipment		750.00	
Vehicles			
Gas, Diesel & Oil	468.73		
Insurance	300.00		
Maintenance	<u>863.63</u>	1,632.36	
Salary & Wages			
Annual Pay	550.00		
Fire Fighting Pay	234.82		
Fire Fighting Training	<u>154.58</u>	939.40	

Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		3,437.04
	<u>41.99</u>	
4299 Dispatch Phone Lines		
8123 Phone Line	965.63	
Grafton County Dispatch	<u>28,837.00</u>	29,802.63
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
4312 Highway Department		
General Expenses		
Building Maintenance	5,091.81	
Culverts	262.80	
Dues	20.00	
Equipment		
Maintenance	3,394.18	
New	6,321.79	
Rental	195.00	
Repairs	<u>2,648.68</u>	12,559.65
Gas and Diesel		27,590.25
Gravel		11,661.53
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	294.00	
Commercial Auto	<u>2,885.00</u>	3,179.00
Newspaper Notices		339.00
New Tools		459.61
Radios/Radio Repair		536.01
Random Drug Tests		110.00
Roadside Mowing		2,200.00
Safety		593.85
Sand and Salt		34,647.17
Storm Damage		15.76
Street Sweeping		2,300.00
Supplies		4,625.10
Telephone		1,662.85
Training/Workshops		204.00
Uniforms		1,800.00
Vehicles		
Maintenance	3,344.47	
Repairs	<u>9,288.80</u>	12,633.27
Salaries & Wages		
Wages		119,997.93
Overtime		21,282.33
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		35,710.96
Payroll Taxes		10,809.12
Retirement - Town Contribution		2,493.00
Unemployment Compensation		629.00
Workers Compensation		4,839.00

Highway Improvement	<u>44,560.47</u>	362,813.47
4316 Utilities		
Cable Consortium	56.00	
Street Lighting	<u>17,286.16</u>	17,342.16
HEALTH		
4415 Health Agencies		
American Red Cross	461.00	
Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	1,800.00	
Grafton County Senior Citizens	1,000.00	
Health Officer	25.00	
Littleton Regional Hospital	1,575.00	
North Country Home Health	2,750.00	
North Country YMCA	250.00	
White Mountain Mental Health	<u>1,267.00</u>	9,128.00
WELFARE		
4442 Welfare		
General Assistance	7,392.94	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>2,400.00</u>	9,792.94
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
4520 Recreation		
Recreation Director	16,807.78	
Youth Director	11,148.12	
Recreation Director Expense	311.15	
Baseball and Softball		
Clinic/Umpire Fees	560.00	
League Fees	533.75	
Supplies	819.56	
Uniforms	977.61	
Basketball		
Referees	260.00	
Supplies	160.47	
Tournament Fees	360.00	
Uniforms	5.00	
Dow Maintenance Fund	1,500.00	
Rink and Ice Skating		
Equipment Maintenance	73.45	
Icemaking	2,623.82	
Rink Maintenance	515.52	
Supplies	37.02	
Utilities	1,997.82	
Rink Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	
Soccer		
Referees	200.00	
Supplies	390.22	

Tournament Expense		460.00	
Uniforms		272.05	
Summer Recreation			
Adventure Program		977.97	
Newspaper Notices		345.00	
Pool & Facilities		50.00	
Staff Workshops/Training		355.00	
Supplies		490.69	
Transportation		4,382.03	
Uniforms		855.97	
Salaries & Wages		21,663.36	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		8,367.36	
Payroll Taxes		4,222.62	
Unemployment Compensation		108.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>820.00</u>	84,651.34
4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity	143.43		
Field Maintenance	1,076.54		
Portable Toilets	<u>921.00</u>	2,140.97	
Equipment		328.59	
Parks Maintenance		326.91	
Supplies		734.01	
Wages		8,363.02	
Payroll Taxes		<u>392.65</u>	12,286.15
4583 Patriotic Purpose			1,000.00
4589 Museums- Building Insurance			269.00
4619 Conservation			
General Expenses			
Dues		175.00	
Trees		<u>774.50</u>	949.50
DEBT SERVICE			
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note			661.64
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Article 7 - Police Cruiser		28,590.32	
Article 8 – Life Squad Ambulance		133,650.10	
Article 9 – Fire Pumper Truck		<u>135,000.00</u>	297,240.42
4903 Buildings			
Library Lightening Strike		1,000.00	

Museum	1,218.40	
Rink	<u>5,000.00</u>	7,218.40
4909 Other Improvements		
Cemetery Restoration	5,000.00	
Lafayette Road & Other Town Roads	69,797.67	
Art- 11 Water System Engineering Design	<u>87,400.00</u>	162,197.67
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
4912 Special Revenue Funds		
Library Appropriation	71,245.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation	<u>59,900.00</u>	131,145.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		
4915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Fire Truck – Equipment	37,000.00	
Fire Truck – Tanker	5,000.00	
Highway Heavy Equipment	19,600.00	
Highway Truck	41,000.00	
Legal	20,000.00	
Police Cruisers	7,250.00	
Reassessment	8,000.00	
Town Buildings & Ground Equipment	7,100.00	
Town Buildings Truck	4,400.00	
Transfer Station Equipment	<u>17,500.00</u>	166,850.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds		
Heritage Museum Maintenance	12,000.00	
Highway Improvement	50,000.00	
Library Building Maintenance	3,800.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	<u>1,000.00</u>	66,800.00
SUB-TOTAL		\$2,125,412.62
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS		12,372.60
WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS		3,631.34
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		400,538.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	1,129,727.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,561,463.00</u>	2,691,190.00
4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	80.00	



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall
March 10, 2009 – 7:00 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Seven Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,762,600.00) for the purpose of making improvements to the Franconia Water System and related infrastructure; up to Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$3,751,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under the compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; with the amount of such bonds to be reduced by the amount of any grants coming from the United States Department of Agriculture (the size of which is currently estimated to be \$1,483,000.00) with the remaining Eleven Thousand Six Hundred (\$11,600) coming from surplus; 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: 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 vote relative thereto. (Voted on by written ballot after discussion—2/3rds ballot vote required.) The Selectmen and Water Project Committee recommend this appropriation. *(Note: The total cost of the project is \$3,850,000. \$99,000 was raised in 2008 and only \$87,400 was expended. We will use surplus to expend the remaining \$11,600.)*

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,267,684.00 to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$98,640.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	28,271.00
Financial Administration	50,514.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	6,775.00
General Government Buildings	86,246.00
Cemeteries	15,347.00
Insurance.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,530.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,837.00)
(Regional Airport.....	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	275,874.00
Fire.....	85,989.00
Life Squad	50,910.00
Forest Fire.....	3,565.00

Dispatch Phone Lines	27,130.00
(Franconia's Share	26,636.00)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....	345,188.00
UTILITIES	17,500.00
HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....	7,828.00
(American Red Cross.....	461.00)
(Ammonoosuc Community Health....	1,800.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,000.00)
(Health Officer.....	300.00)
(North Country Home Health	2,750.00)
(North Country YMCA.....	250.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,267.00)
WELFARE	10,025.00
(General Assistance	7,575.00)
(CAP	2,450.00)
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Recreation Programs.....	99,451.00
(Franconia's Share.....	42,745.00)
Parks	16,601.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Museums.....	300.00
CONSERVATION	1,000.00
INTEREST	1,500.00
TOTAL..... (Franconia's Share \$1,210,484.00).....	\$1,267,684.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty dollars (\$175,550.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings Truck, \$2,200; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment \$7,100; Highway Trucks, \$46,600; Highway Heavy Equipment \$9,600; Police Cruisers, \$16,050; Life Squad Van, \$11,500; Fire Truck Pumper, \$12,500; Fire Equip Truck, \$49,000; Fire Truck Tanker \$10,000; Transfer Station Equipment \$3,000; and Reassessment, 8,000.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$72,300.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Highway Improvement, \$60,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$1,000; Museum Maintenance, \$7,500 and Library Maintenance, \$3,800.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be added to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

(Note: The funds are needed to replace the costs of the 2 lawsuits brought against the Town of Franconia, Police Chief Mark Montminy & Attorney General Kelley Ayotte, Martha McLeod and Terri Norelli by Christopher King & Kingcast.com.)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Four thousand dollars (\$94,000.00) to purchase a new Highway Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of Eighty Thousand dollars from the Highway Trucks Capital Reserve Fund (\$80,000.00) previously established. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2004 F-550 (\$14,000.00).

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand dollars (\$140,000.00) to purchase a Fire Equipment Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Thirty-Five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) from the Fire Equipment Truck Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 1988 Equipment Truck (\$5,000.00).

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000.00) to construct a maintenance building for the Buildings and Grounds Department. Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) is to come from taxation. The remaining Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) is to come from the fund balance (surplus).

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$287,252.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and capital improvements to include a new baler with Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) from the Franconia Transfer Station Equipment Capital Revere Fund established for this purpose, Town of Sugar Hill (\$55,517.00), the Town of Easton (\$25,235.00), PAYT Fees (\$75,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$25,000.00), and Recycled Material (\$20,000.00) and to raise Sixty Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$60,500.00) from taxation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will enter into a purchase and sales agreement with Copper Cannon Camp for the Town of Franconia's land that is located in Bethlehem and the camp's current location. The amount of \$250,000 from the sale will be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend appropriation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand-Five Hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be added to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$75,116.00) for the purpose of

operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) to remove the diseased red pine trees on Harvard Street.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Center for New Beginnings to help offset the cost of the counseling services provided to a number of Franconia families.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$520.00) for the Support Center at Burch House to help offset the cost of providing emergency shelter to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

ARTICLE 19. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 72:62 Solar Exemption:

1) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for an exemption for property tax purposes from the assessed value of real property equipped with a solar energy system, for the purpose of providing electricity, which exemption shall be in an amount of: A) 100% of cost less applicable Federal tax credit, and local rebates, or B) \$9.00 times the total watts of rated power capability less concomitant applicable Federal tax credit and local rebates, whichever is less.

2) Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 72:62 for an exemption for property tax for the purposes from the assessed value of real property equipped with a solar energy system, for the purpose of heating water, which exemption shall be in an amount of: A) 100% of cost less applicable Federal tax credit, and local rebates, or B) \$200 times the total system energy collecting capability in Thousands of Btu per day, (SRCC, Category D, Clear Day) less concomitant applicable Federal tax credit and local rebates, whichever is less.

ARTICLE 20. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 72:70 Wood Heating Exemption: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:70 for an exemption for property tax purposes from the assessed value of real property equipped with a wood-heating energy system which exemption shall be in an amount of 100%, provided that if it is an outdoor wood-fired hydronic heater (OWHH), it was either purchased after 8/10/2008, or if purchased prior to that date meets requirements of the New Hampshire HB 1405.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Franconia based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$20,000, for 80 years and older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years preceding April 1st, own the

real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$37,500; and own assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article shall take effect for the 2009 tax year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 22. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Richard McLeod
Carleen Quinn
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2008	Actual 2008	Estimated 2009
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	2,000.00	2,013.00	3,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	37,598.00	59,671.00	37,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	10,000.00	12,645.00	10,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	250.00	250.00	250.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	197,000.00	206,435.00	200,000.00
3230 Building Permits	4,000.00	5,385.00	2,500.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	5,000.00	5,662.00	4,000.00
3311 Federal Government (FEMA)	4,243.00	4,243.00	0.00
FROM STATE:			
3351 Shared Revenues	7,075.00	17,693.00	0.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	45,963.00	45,963.00	0.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	44,714.00	44,560.00	46,526.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	23,501.00	25,298.00	34,812.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	59,098.00	60,659.00	83,321.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	36,000.00	62,951.00	41,000.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	143,516.00	140,378.00	123,500.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	24,060.00	25,309.00	24,460.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	21,400.00	21,400.00	19,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	15,000.00	15,430.00	10,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
3914 Water Dept	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	249,600.00	272,218.00	241,000.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	0.00	62,425.00	0.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	0.00	0.00	3,751,000.00
Fund Balance (Surplus)	<u>155,000.00</u>	<u>155,000.00</u>	<u>81,600.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,352,018.00	\$1,498,088.00	\$4,724,969.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2008	Actual 2008	Estimated 2009
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$ 104,115.00	\$ 100,082.00	\$98,640.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	30,555.00	28,193.00	28,271.00
4150 Financial Administration	46,621.00	49,120.00	50,514.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	14,840.00	15,000.00
4153 Legal Expense	3,000.00	2,062.00	3,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	10,375.00	8,244.00	6,775.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	84,609.00	79,545.00	86,246.00
4195 Cemeteries	12,748.00	12,808.00	15,347.00
4196 Insurance	7,500.00	7,483.00	7,500.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12,530.00	12,530.00	12,530.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	292,540.00	289,520.00	275,874.00
4220 Fire	84,000.00	79,421.00	85,989.00
4221 Life Squad	51,400.00	51,722.00	50,910.00
4290 Forest Fire	4,215.00	3,437.00	3,565.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	29,937.00	29,803.00	27,130.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	352,231.00	362,813.00	345,188.00
4316 Utilities	16,400.00	17,342.00	17,500.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	9,403.00	9,128.00	7,828.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	8,400.00	9,793.00	10,025.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	86,285.00	84,651.00	99,451.00
4521 Parks	12,147.00	12,286.00	16,601.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	300.00	269.00	300.00
CONSERVATION			
4619 General Expenses	1,500.00	950.00	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4723 Interest on TANS	4,000.00	662.00	1,500.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
FY 2008			
Article 7: Police Cruiser	29,000.00	28,590.00	0.00
Article 8: Life Squad Van	135,000.00	133,650.00	0.00
Article 9: Fire Truck Refurbish	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00
FY 2009			
Article 7: Highway Truck	0.00	0.00	94,000.00
Article 8: Fire Equipment Truck	0.00	0.00	140,000.00
4903 Buildings			
FY2008			

Article 12: Maintenance Building	70,000.00	0.00	78,000.00
4909 Other Improvements			
ETF: Highway Improvement	0.00	69,788.00	0.00
EFT: Library Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
EFT: Museum Maintenance	0.00	1,218.00	0.00
EFT: Rink Maintenance	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	260,208.00	241,436.00	287,252.00
Library	71,245.00	71,245.00	75,116.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Life Squad Van	0.00	0.00	11,500.00
CRF: Highway Trucks	41,000.00	41,100.00	46,600.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	7,250.00	7,250.00	16,050.00
CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle	4,400.00	4,400.00	2,200.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	37,000.00	37,000.00	49,000.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker)	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
CRF: Legal	20,000.00	20,000.00	24,000.00
CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00
CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment	19,600.00	19,600.00	9,600.00
CRF: Transfer Station Equipment	17,500.00	17,500.00	3,000.00
CRF: Dow Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
ETF: Sidewalks	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	50,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00
ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum	12,000.00	12,000.00	7,500.00
EFT: Library Maintenance	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
EFT: Rink Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended):			
Article 2: Water Project	0.00	0.00	3,751,000.00
Article 10: Water Meters	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
Article 11: Water System Engineering	99,000.00	87,400.00	11,600.00
Article 15: Harvard Street Trees	0.00	0.00	7,800.00
Article 16: Franconia Children's Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Article 17: Center for New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	500.00
Article 18: Burch House	0.00	0.00	520.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,569,414.00	\$2,531,281.00	\$5,990,822.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$104,115.00	\$ 1,941.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	30,555.00	742.00
Financial Administration	46,621.00	43.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	0.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	24,000.00
Planning & Zoning	10,375.00	3,541.00
General Government Buildings	84,609.00	80.00
Cemeteries	12,748.00	1,900.00
Insurance	7,500.00	571.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,530.00	0.00
Police	292,540.00	1,479.00
Fire	84,000.00	196.00
Life Squad	51,400.00	11,678.00
Forest Fire	4,215.00	340.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	29,937.00	(67.00)
Highway Department	352,231.00	6,388.00
Utilities	16,400.00	0.00
Health Officer & Agencies	9,403.00	0.00
Welfare	68,40.00	25.00
Recreation	86,285.00	1,249.00
Parks	12,147.00	0.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	0.00
Museums	300.00	0.00
Conservation	1,500.00	0.00
Interest	4,000.00	430.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,280,811.00	\$54,547.00

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$106,056.00	\$ 100,082.00	\$ 3,702.00	\$ 0.00
31,297.00	28,193.00	1,691.00	0.00
46,664.00	49,120.00	0.00	2,456.00
15,000.00	14,840.00	0.00	0.00
27,000.00	26,409.00	591.00	0.00
13,916.00	8,244.00	5,672.00	0.00
84,689.00	79,545.00	5,144.00	0.00
14,648.00	12,808.00	1,840.00	0.00
8,071.00	7,483.00	588.00	0.00
12,530.00	12,530.00	0.00	0.00
294,019.00	289,520.00	4,499.00	0.00
84,196.00	79,421.00	4,775.00	0.00
63,078.00	51,722.00	11,356.00	0.00
4,555.00	3,437.00	1,118.00	0.00
29,870.00	29,803.00	67.00	0.00
358,619.00	362,813.00	0.00	4,194.00
16,400.00	17,342.00	0.00	942.00
9,403.00	9,128.00	275.00	0.00
8,425.00	9,793.00	0.00	1,368.00
87,534.00	84,651.00	2,883.00	0.00
12,147.00	12,286.00	0.00	139.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
300.00	269.00	31.00	0.00
1,500.00	950.00	550.00	0.00
<u>4,430.00</u>	<u>662.00</u>	<u>3,768.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
\$1,335,347.00	\$1,292,051.00	\$52,395.00	\$9,099.00

NOTES

Civil Union Licenses	38.00	
Dog Licenses	20.00	
Marriage Licenses	190.00	
Vital Records	<u>274.00</u>	<u>602.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$5,233,746.56

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department		
Computer Support	1,174.00	
Insurance – Commercial Auto	321.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	99.02	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,554.99	
Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance	83.75	
MBS Cell Phones	207.51	
Payroll Taxes	672.47	
Supplies	588.95	
Truck Repairs	303.29	
Wages	8,790.02	
Water Payments	4,536.35	
Workers Compensation	<u>186.00</u>	18,517.35
BC/BS Lovett		5,048.16
Closeout of CRBNA Account		2,171.78
Dow Concerts		7,182.61
Dow Gazebo		17,312.27
Dow Memorial Playground		176.00
Dow Playground		3,994.92
Homeland Security Grant		12,445.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees		920.00
Police Coverage		2,180.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees		90.00
Rink Building Addition		790.00
State of NH-MV		586.60
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>175,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$ 246,414.69

**TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Beginning Balance		\$ 30,618.87
Income		
Town of Franconia	59,900.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	38,013.00	
Town of Easton	17,279.00	
PAYT Bags	70,609.50	
Special Handling Fees	30,880.65	
Recycled Material	38,887.42	
Interest Earned	<u>836.84</u>	256,406.41
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	5,346.64	
MSW Tipping	31,676.27	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	6,153.68	
Roll Off Tipping	18,427.58	
Tires	444.60	
Electronics	1,881.55	
Other	3,546.64	
Utilities	5,467.71	
General Expenses		
Dues	2,188.49	
PAYT Bags	17,270.89	
Insurance	485.00	
Supplies & Baling Wire	2,103.34	
Printing & Advertising	20.00	
Oil & Gas	1,845.02	
Training & Certification	495.00	
Uniforms	459.16	
Equipment Maintenance	2,861.38	
Sanding	2,145.00	
Contingency	3,284.00	
Wages	103,569.28	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	18,055.86	
Retirement	2,339.00	
Unemployment Compensation	412.00	
Workers' Compensation	3,035.00	
Payroll Taxes	<u>7,923.07</u>	<u>241,436.16</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 45,589.12

2009 – 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2009 – 2015 Capital Improvements Plan was completed by a group of four citizens, appointed by the Planning Board and the CIP Chairperson. The Committee worked from April through December 2008 on this year's CIP. In February of 2009 the plan was adopted by the Franconia Planning Board and accepted by the Select Board.

The Committee interviewed all Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, Recreation, Library and Heritage Society representatives and the Town's Select Board and administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2009-2015. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and prioritized in relation to each other and the Town's historical yearly capital expenditures and the ability to raise monies to fund the projects in the future. The Committee's review and budgeting of projects was done in light of the substantial infrastructure projects recommended by the Infrastructure Study Group (ISG) and the proposed Water System improvement project proposed by the Water Project Committee (WPC).

Next, a draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizens' review. This draft plan reflected a recommendation for 2009 of \$246,410. A Public Hearing was then held to elicit public comment on the draft. The most significant Public comment received at the Hearing, in relation to the draft, were comments regarding the recommendation to maintain two Police vehicles and to budget a reserve fund for both their scheduled replacement during the budgeting period. The committee had spent extra time on this request during the review process, having a lengthy review with the Police Department. After further discussion, in light of comments received at the Public Hearing, the Committee reaffirmed their recommendation for both vehicles, concluding that the small potential savings did not warrant the disadvantages of having a single vehicle.

After the Public Hearing, two of the original requests, one by the Transfer Station and one by Building and Grounds, were withdrawn. This change brought the total CIP budget for 2009, to \$239,850. This compares favorably to 2008 recommendation of \$239,150, an increase of 2/10th %. The recommended budget over the period 2009-2015 is \$1,706,160 compared to \$1,668,720, for the period 2008-2014, presented last year.

It should be noted that the Highway budget was up, due primarily to the inclusion of potential paving projects from the Building and Grounds Department and Transfer Station into the Highway Departments paving budget. This change should favorably impact the costs of these projects as they are consolidated with the Town's overall paving needs.

The CIP Committee would like to highlight a few specific findings and concerns that it recommends receive further consideration by the CIP, Planning and Select Boards as well as the community at large:

- 1) The CIP Committee recommends to the Select Board that a Capital Acceptance Plan (CAP) or similar process be established for the large infrastructure projects that have been recommended by the Infrastructure Study Group (ISG.) A CAP type process would

assist the Town Administrators and the standing Committees CIP, PB, working with the citizenry, to establish the best strategy for the execution of a given project(s) and secure its acceptance for funding. This effort would take into consideration the current Master Plan, CIP, ISG recommendations and present tax burden in crafting an acceptable and effective strategy to address the Towns substantial infrastructure needs.

2) The CIP Committee recommends that the Town consider long term financing, either in the form of bonding or bank financing, for some of the larger proposed capital projects. In lieu of having reserved for these needs in years past, the identified timing of these projects, and the relative present cost of borrowing, this method of raising monies seems prudent and effective in managing the tax impact of these capital expenditures. The CIP Committee recognizes that this type of funding is currently being recommended by the WPC, BOS and Water commission for the proposed improvements to the Water System.

3) The CIP Committee plans to continue to develop a more structured and rigorous RFP process for the proposal and acceptance of capital needs requested by the Operating Departments and Town organizations. By improving this process, the Committee, working with the requestors, hopes to improve the efficiency, accuracy and cost effectiveness of the individual requests. It is also anticipated that this effort will improve the appropriate timing and level of Reserve Fund appropriations. The Operating Departments were very helpful this year in relation to these efforts.

4) The CIP Committee recommends that the BOS prepare a comprehensive long range plan for the upgrades necessary at the Town Hall (windows, insulation, ADA bathroom, etc...) This seems especially necessary in light of the ISG's recommended reconfiguring and improvements to the building. Specifically, the CIP recommends that the BOS review the proposed move of the Police Department to Town Hall, in light of the Building and Grounds Department exiting the facility. It should be noted that the Town currently holds approximately \$272,000 in reserve funds for Safety Services improvements.

Finally, the CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2009-2015 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully,
The CIP Committee
Mary Fowler
Jim Hamblin
Mogens Jessen
Brian Williams

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2008 Kenworth T300	\$146,548.00	\$139,221.00	20	\$7,327.00
Emergency Generator	\$15,000.00	\$11,250.00	20	\$750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	10	\$2,000.00
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	\$215,000.00	\$150,375.00	20	\$10,750.00
2008 Ambulance	\$135,000.00	\$121,500.00	10	\$13,500.00
1988 Ford Equipment Truck	\$20,000.00	-0-		-0-
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	\$40,000.00	-0-		-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)		-0-		-0-
Scott Air Pack (10)	\$14,250.00	\$4,366.00	20	\$705.00
Protective Gear	\$15,000.00	-0-		-0-
5,000 ft. 4" Hose	\$20,000.00	-0-		-0-
3,000 ft 2-1/2" Hose	\$3,000.00	-0-		-0-
1,500 ft. 1-1/2" Hose	\$2,000.00	-0-		-0-
Fittings	\$4,000.00	-0-		-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	\$684.00	-0-		-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	\$10,000.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad)	\$393.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Computer	\$1,520.00	-0-		-0-
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	\$3,636.00	-0-		-0-
Mobile Radios (5)	\$18,000.00	-0-		-0-
Portable Radios (15)	\$12,800.00	-0-		-0-
Base Radio	\$3,500.00	-0-		-0-
Beepers (35)	\$16,975.00	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$717,306.00	\$436,712.00		\$35,032.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2008 Ford Crown Victoria	\$29,000.00	\$19,250.00	3	\$9,750.00
2005 Chevy Tahoe	\$26,657.00	\$5,269.00	5	\$5,332.00
1997 Spec. Mountain Bike	\$350.00	-0-		-0-
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	\$9,758.00	-0-		-0-
Siren, Lights	\$1,200.00	-0-		-0-
1999 Eagle Radar	\$3,095.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Eagle Radar	\$2,212.00	-0-	5	\$444.00
Matrix Personal Body Armor	\$1,180.00	-0-	5	\$236.00
2002 Sony Camcorder	\$650.00	-0-	6	-0-
2001 Video Cameras (2)	\$10,360.00	\$2,072.00	10	\$1,036.00
2001 Digital Cameras (2)	\$600.00	\$120.00	10	\$60.00

1999 Laptop Computer	\$3,353.00	-0-		-0-
2005 Dell Computers (2)	\$3,278.00	\$654.00	5	\$656.00
2005 Label Printer	\$300.00	\$60.00	5	\$60.00
2005 HP Printer	\$920.00	\$186.00	5	\$184.00
2005 Typewriter	\$575.00	\$115.00	5	\$115.00
2002 Colt TR (2)	\$1,400.00	\$420.00	10	\$140.00
2002 Colt M-16A1 (2) - (Mil. Surplus)	\$150.00	\$45.00	10	\$15.00
2001 Colt AR-15/6520	\$700.00	\$140.00	10	\$70.00
2000 Colt TR	\$700.00	\$70.00	10	\$70.00
Sig. 45 cal (7-1997)	\$3,709.00	-0-	10	-0-
Sig. 9mm (1-1995)	\$587.00	\$56.00	10	\$59.00
Sig Sauer .45 cal (1- 2008)	600.00	540.00	10	60.00
1989 Mossberg 590 Shotgun (2)	\$393.00	-0-	10	\$29.00
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	\$1,430.00	\$238.00	10	\$143.00
Misc. Office	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	5	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$106,157.00	\$29,235.00		\$18,459.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2007 Chevrolet	\$72,838.00	\$48,558.00	6	\$12,140.00
2004 Ford Truck	\$44,794.00	-0-	4	-0-
2000 Mack Truck	\$71,102.00	-0-	10	\$7,112.00
1995 Mack Truck	\$76,702.00	-0-	10	-0-
2007 Woodchipper	\$23,000.00	\$18,400.00	10	\$2,300.00
2004 Spreader	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	10	\$500.00
2006 Spreader	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	6	\$2,500.00
2006 CAT Backhoe/Loader	\$83,000.00	\$58,100.00	10	\$8,300.00
1986 Caterpillar Grader	\$55,000.00	\$10,996.00	15	\$3,667.00
1985 Highway Sweeper	\$12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1999 Radio	\$415.00	\$40.00	10	\$42.00
Radios	\$4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Snow Plow	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	3	\$500.00
Steam Jenny & Generator	\$3,700.00	-0-	10	-0-
Air Impact Wrench	\$650.00	\$130.00	10	\$65.00
Compressor	\$1,163.00	-0-	10	-0-
2 Chain Saws	\$1,000.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$476,264.00	\$149,224.00		\$37,126.00

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2008 Dell Computer	\$1,149.00	\$877.00	5	\$272.00
2004 Dell Computer	\$1,376.00	\$272.00	5	\$276.00
2003 Dell Computer	\$2,051.00	-0-	5	-0-
2001 Cannon Copier	\$250.00	-0-		-0-
2005 Copier	\$1,395.00	\$279.00	5	\$279.00
1998 Computer	\$2,077.00	-0-	5	-0-
2008 HP LaserJet Printer	\$350.00	\$280.00	5	\$70.00
1997 HP Laser Printer	\$860.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Fax Machine	\$399.00	-0-	5	-0-
1993 Typewriter	\$180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	\$690.00	-0-	8	-0-
Totals	\$10,777.00	\$1,708.00		\$897.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2008 Container	\$1,040.00	(52%)	\$936.00	10	\$104.00
2001 Container	\$1,863.00	(54%)	\$561.00	10	\$186.00
2006 Bobcat	\$9,452.00	(52%)	\$5,402.00	10	\$1,350.00
1999 Baler	\$4,928.00	(54%)	-0-		-0-
1999 Containers	\$2,430.00	(54%)	\$243.00	10	\$243.00
1985 Trash Compactor	\$20,000.00	(60%)	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$39,713.00		\$7,142.00		\$1,883.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Grovely 2602 Mower	\$6,800.00	\$2,268.00	6	\$1,133.00
2005 Trailer	\$2,200.00	\$1,100.00	8	\$275.00
2005 Ford Truck	\$29,000.00	\$12,428.00	7	\$4,143.00
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-		-0-
2002 John Deere Tractor	24,213.00	\$12,105.00	8	3,027.00
2005 59" Snow blower	2,850.00	570.00	5	570.00
1995 Toro Snow blower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Wright Mower	5,800.00	1,160.00	5	1,160.00
1992 Gravely Mower	2,588.00	-0-		-0-
1986 Gravely Sweeper	3,900.00	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$78,774.00	\$29,631.00		\$ 10,308.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2008

REVENUES

Income	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Water Rents	<u>\$131,402.88</u>	<u>\$74,762.84</u>
Total Income	\$131,402.88	\$74,762.84

EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$ 7,159.48	\$ 2,522.68
Software	782.67	391.33
Postage	-0-	125.00
Bank Charges	140.40	49.00
Phone	322.96	118.35
Contract Labor	23,585.10	18,421.20
Computer Contract	2,376.34	-0-
Water Testing	4,599.00	1,971.00
PSNH	6,230.87	4,769.24
Chlorine	1,156.31	329.16
Supplies	3,003.89	361.75
Misc. Expense	275.51	666.96
Repairs	10,293.81	1,991.40
Grounds-Plowing	4,341.50	6,691.80
Pumps	-0-	10,996.88
Fire House Utilities	1,205.90	603.20
Truck	1,211.03	605.52
Well Development	-0-	3,797.99
Capital Improvements	<u>7,726.50</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenditures	\$74,411.27	\$54,412.46
Income Over Expenses	\$56,991.61	\$20,350.38
Meter Project	\$94,737.87	\$43,099.39
Transfers from NHPDIP to Date	\$81,562.37	\$26,748.96

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet For The Year Ending December 31, 2008 Accrual Basis

ASSETS

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Cash on Hand/Checking	\$39,394.89	\$6,248.23
Reserve Account	40,089.05	152,942.39
Accounts Receivable	10,028.12	1,209.68
Stock on Hand	<u>29,173.00</u>	<u>370.00</u>
Total Assets	\$118,685.06	\$160,770.30

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	-0-	-0-
Surplus	<u>\$118,685.06</u>	<u>\$160,770.30</u>
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$118,685.06	\$160,770.30

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Storage Tank	\$ -0-	\$3,892.00
Mains	76,839.00	40,341.00
Hydrants	-0-	2,402.00
Pumps	-0-	10,997.00
Tools & Equipment	<u>565.00</u>	<u>710.00</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	\$77,404.00	\$58,342.00

THE FRANCONIA & MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

As we mentioned in the 2007 Town Report, after receiving the support of the Franconia Select Board, the Water Source Study Group (WSSG) was established. The WSSG then selected the engineering firm of Stantec Consulting from Manchester, NH. While working closely with the Select Board and the NHDES, they studied the Village water system and a priority list of required upgrades was written.

This list included:

- A new 350,000 gallon water storage tank.
- Replacement of all the galvanized pipes and many other old pipes throughout the town.
- The installation of water meters and back-flow devices in the homes of all our water users.

The next step was to appoint a Franconia Water Project Committee (WPC) who again hired Stantec to formulate working engineering plans, establish costs, and identify funding sources and formulas to be used as a basis for a bond vote to fund the necessary improvements.

In March 2008 at the Town Meeting the Town authorized the appropriation of \$99,000 for Stantec to engineer and to manage the construction of the project. The plans are just about completed. They have identified funding sources and a proposed funding formula has been worked out.

A Bond Hearing must now be held and has already been scheduled for February 2009. This will be followed by a vote at the March 2009 Town Meeting and would allow the Town to move forward with this much needed and long delayed water project.

There have been many leaks and problems of all kinds with our antiquated system. The Water Department will continue to fix whatever they can and

As you know, the installation of the water meters is more than half-way finished now. Things have gone smoothly overall, although there have been some small expected problems along the way. The installations will soon be shutting down due to the freezing temperatures but will resume again in the spring. Again, all monies used to fund the water meter project have been gathered from the water user fees and no taxes have been used.

The final phase of adding a new well to Mittersill is also near completion. The electrical connection is all that is needed and will be completed in the spring. Many costly repairs needed to both the Franconia and Mittersill systems indicate the necessity to finalize the water project. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Richard McLachlin
Water Commissioner

Bill Downey
Water Commissioner

Marcia Graham
Water Commissioner

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Endowment Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

FUND	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
	Beginning Balance	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Investment Income	Disbursed to Library	Expenses	Ending Balance
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	\$ 59,439.77	\$(6,520.25)	\$52,919.52	\$(4,377.34)	\$2,363.56	\$(3,600.00)	\$(300.47)	\$(5,914.25)
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	30,065.29	24.71	30,090.00	267.60	1,469.73	-	-	1,737.33
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	69,930.31	1,035.49	70,965.80	-	2,684.87	(2,684.87)	-	-
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	49,273.77	997.83	50,271.60	-	2,447.95	(2,447.95)	-	-
Phillips Fund	6,323.09	(226.79)	6,096.30	67.16	372.29	-	(20.00)	419.45
J.C. Blair Fund	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	1,057.88	12.08	(3,350.69)	-	(2,280.73)
J.C. Blair Fund	12,678.59	420.89	13,099.48	122.93	696.31	-	-	819.24
J.C. Blair Fund	15,072.51	(5,110.58)	9,961.93	-	522.17	(522.17)	-	-
Karl Schaffner Fund	12,849.51	33.65	12,883.16	116.44	621.42	-	-	737.86
Holt Fund	5,780.00	-	5,780.00	1,839.75	302.93	-	-	2,142.68
TOTALS	\$263,912.84	\$(9,345.05)	\$254,567.79	\$(905.58)	\$11,493.31	\$(12,605.68)	\$(320.47)	\$(2,338.42)

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on hand	\$35,988.35
Trust investments	<u>410,395.76</u>
Total Assets	446,384.11

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	<u>103.46</u>
Permanently Restricted Funds	149,800.54
Reserved for special purposes	286,879.44
Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	<u>9,600.67</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	446,384.11

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2008

REVENUES

Town Appropriation	\$ 71,245.00
Non-Resident Card Fees	754.00
Bank Interest	47.69
Charges for services	253.66
Contributions & donations	920.77
Insurance dividends	839.99
Income from trust accounts	<u>12,978.93</u>
 Total Revenues	 \$ 87,040.04

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$ 25,391.49
Other Wages	23,677.44
Payroll Expenses	5,107.93
Books	6,399.46
Insurance – Health	9,049.04
– Business	1,110.00
Utilities	6,129.80
Office & Library Expenses	990.76
Computer and Internet Expenses	7,792.13
Bookkeeping	1,105.98
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	5,630.51
Programs	194.00
Dues & Fees	797.50
Training	20.00
Postage	173.93
Mileage	145.07
Equipment Lease & Purchase	430.73
Professional Fees	<u>38.00</u>
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 94,183.77
 Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	 (7,774.73)
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>17,375.40</u>
Ending Fund Equity	<u>\$ 9,600.67</u>

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

The Library has received donations over the years in the form of trust funds, and this year they were used for some significant expenses. The building's front door was refinished by John Serino thanks to funds bequeathed by Elisabeth Buxton. The Blair Technology Fund paid for two new PCs, a printer and scanner. Both sources were also used to purchase the new Library computer system, Alexandria. We gratefully acknowledge generous donations from Judith Aydelott, Dick Bennink, Bernice Dinner, Thomas Hoffman, Laura Lovett, Sylvie Magown, Stanley Niebruegge, Annie and Phil Payette, and Patricia and David Schaffer.

On July 31 the building was hit by a lightning strike that destroyed computer equipment and damaged the roof and chimney. Thanks to Profile Technologies, the computers were soon replaced. The Board of Trustees researched and negotiated with many contractors before selecting Construction Services of New Hampshire to repair the exterior. Fortunately, insurance will cover the cost.

The FRESH Ladies Book Club has planted a beautiful crabapple tree in memory of Helen Pimental; we look forward to seeing the 'Purple Prince' variety's flowers this spring. In memory of Carole Hutton Bennink, the Club's members have also made a donation for new books.

The holiday lights on the Library's tree were impressive, and they lifted everyone's spirits. Somewhat impressive as well was the Library's utility bill for December and January! The expense was offset by savings achieved by the installation of energy-saving light fixtures throughout the building.

The community celebrated an ancient festival with the Maypole Dance. Many thanks to the dancers and their leader, Jenny Deupree, for helping us celebrate spring.

The Board of Trustees and Library staff continue their commitment of providing technology services. The new PC can keep up with truly high-speed Internet; it is also equipped with a multi-port memory card reader. Many people are taking advantage of wireless access to the Internet (WiFi) which became available at the Library in 2008. The year 2009 will have the debut of our state-of-the-art catalog and circulation system.

Many thanks for the time and energy volunteered by Bruce McLaren of Community Financial Services Group, Kathy Mead for her beautiful flower border on the front walkway, and Dinny Richmond for the Friends of the Library book sale and countless projects at the Library.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2008

Services: Items Loaned		Accessions: Library Materials	
Adult Fiction	4,252	Total on 12/31/07	22,518
Adult Non-Fiction	2,188		
Juvenile Fiction	645	Purchased	
Juvenile Non-fiction	180	Books	134
Easy Reading	1,085	Paperbacks	27
Youth Fiction	158	Videos	0
Youth Non-Fiction	9	DVDs	14
Periodicals	569	Books on CD	0
Cassettes (Books on Tape)	233	CDs	0
Books on CD	297		
CDs	53	Gifts	
Vertical File	0	Books	90
Puzzles	32	Paperbacks	107
Films	5	Videos	4
Videos	551	DVDs	0
DVDs	614	Books on CD	29
Audiobooks downloaded	233	CDs	0
		Cassettes (Books on Tape)	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>11,104</u>	Puzzles	7
		<u>Total Accessions</u>	<u>0</u>
Items Borrowed		Withdrawn	(485)
From NH State Library	7	Total on 12/31/07	22,033
From Other NH Libraries	600		
From Lafayette Regional	57	Books on CD Leased	12
Loaned to Other NH Libraries	481	Periodicals Purchased	37
		Periodicals Gift	7
New Borrower Cards:	75	Newspapers	4
<u>Total Active Borrowers</u>	<u>731</u>	Adult Programs	1
		Attendance	15
		Children's Programs	10
		Attendance	131

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

		PRINCIPAL	
	Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities
<u>Expendable/Maintenance Funds:</u>			
Sidewalk Improvement	26,804.51	1,664.77	-0-
Highway Improvement	25,773.09	50,913.27	-0-
Town Building Maintenance	18,440.97	453.24	-0-
Library Building Maintenance Fund	17,743.33	4,258.50	-0-
Safety Services Facilities Improv.	266,542.16	6,552.55	-0-
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	13,036.42	2,331.06	-0-
Cemetery Restoration	5,013.46	122.01	-0-
Heritage Museum	12,759.75	12,384.28	-0-
Emergency Management	6,663.48	163.77	-0-
	392,777.17	78,843.45	-0-
<u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u>			
Remedial Education	129,549.72	3,184.79	-0-
Lafayette School Maintenance	98,390.25	2,335.85	-0-
Bridge Construction	7,320.77	180.04	-0-
Reassessment	9,965.10	8,292.45	-0-
Legal	9,676.28	20,350.62	-0-
Police Cruiser	37,446.86	8,207.63	-0-
Handicap Access	77.12	1.79	-0-
Dow Field	4,807.33	1,626.98	-0-
Fire Truck Pumper	114,069.00	2,541.40	-0-
Highway Truck	34,245.17	42,321.05	-0-
Highway Heavy Equipment	3,003.36	26,922.47	-0-
Life Squad Van	112,001.75	2,728.22	-0-
Town Buildings Truck	13,062.66	4,747.18	-0-
Transfer Station Equipment	5,814.64	17,745.65	-0-
Fire Truck Equipment	48,276.01	38,405.67	-0-
Town Buildings & Grounds Equip	-0-	12,236.73	-0-
Fire Truck Tanker	-0-	5,029.58	-0-
	627,706.02	196,858.10	-0-
Cemetery Trust Fund	101,484.93	1,000.00	-0-
Lucy Priest Scholarship Fund	108,487.58	-0-	-0-
Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund	10,005.81	-0-	-0-
	219,978.32	1,000.00	-0-

December 31, 2008

Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	INCOME Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
-0-	28,469.28	-0-	664.77	(664.77)	-0-
(69,798.00)	6,888.36	-0-	913.27	(913.27)	-0-
-0-	18,894.21	-0-	453.24	(453.24)	-0-
(1,000.00)	21,001.83	-0-	458.50	(458.50)	-0-
-0-	273,094.71	-0-	6,552.55	(6,552.55)	-0-
(5,000.00)	10,367.48	-0-	331.06	(331.06)	-0-
(5,000.00)	135.47	-0-	122.01	(122.01)	-0-
(1,218.00)	23,926.03	-0-	384.28	(384.28)	-0-
-0-	6,827.25	-0-	163.77	(163.77)	-0-
<u>(82,016.00)</u>	<u>389,604.62</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,043.45</u>	<u>(10,043.45)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
-0-	132,734.51	-0-	3,184.79	(3,184.79)	-0-
(19,466.00)	81,260.10	-0-	2,335.85	(2,335.85)	-0-
-0-	7,500.81	-0-	180.04	(180.04)	-0-
-0-	18,257.55	-0-	292.45	(292.45)	-0-
(23,923.00)	6,103.90	-0-	350.62	(350.62)	-0-
(25,190.00)	20,464.49	-0-	957.63	(957.63)	-0-
-0-	78.91	-0-	1.79	(1.79)	-0-
-0-	6,434.31	-0-	126.98	(126.98)	-0-
(114,000.00)	2,610.40	-0-	2,541.40	(2,541.40)	-0-
-0-	76,566.22	-0-	1,321.05	(1,321.05)	-0-
-0-	29,925.83	-0-	322.47	(322.47)	-0-
(109,105.00)	5,624.97	-0-	2,728.22	(2,728.22)	-0-
-0-	17,809.84	-0-	347.18	(347.18)	-0-
-0-	23,561.29	-0-	246.65	(246.65)	-0-
-0-	86,681.68	-0-	1,405.67	(1,405.67)	-0-
-0-	12,236.73	-0-	136.73	(136.73)	-0-
-0-	5,029.58	-0-	29.58	(29.58)	-0-
<u>(291,684.00)</u>	<u>532,881.12</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>16,509.10</u>	<u>(16,509.10)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
-0-	102,484.93	11,322.22	2,642.54	(2,000.00)	11,964.76
-0-	108,487.58	1,514.85	5,447.91	(4,100.00)	2,862.76
-0-	10,005.81	32.75	213.59	(250.00)	(3.66)
<u>-0-</u>	<u>220,978.32</u>	<u>12,869.82</u>	<u>8,304.04</u>	<u>(6,350.00)</u>	<u>14,823.86</u>

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

This has been another busy year for your Fire Department personnel. Our equipment was called out 105 times between November 1, 2007 and October 31, 2008.

Divided into five categories, this represents:

- 35 alarms for local fires in Franconia.
- 33 calls to Motor Vehicle Accidents.
- 20 Mutual Aid calls to assist the fire departments in Sugar Hill, Easton, Bethlehem, Littleton, Lincoln, and Twin Mountain.
- 15 Miscellaneous calls: Power Lines down, Knox Box alarms, malfunctioning fireplaces, and for smoke emanating from an outside furnace stack.
- 2 calls to Franconia Notch Staging: Due to the long single lane sections in the Parkway, accidents usually block travel in that lane. Lincoln and Franconia equipment normally stage at each Notch entrance when called out. Then the required trucks are able to continue to the accident scene along with moving traffic in the opposite travel lane.

Our 1993 Sutphen attack unit has, over time, developed a very bad chassis rust problem. It was determined that it would require immediate major work, if we expected to keep it in operation for the proposed twenty year replacement period. The 1000 gpm water pump was in good condition and the body behind the cab is of Stainless Steel construction. It appeared advantageous for us to combine a brand new four or five man standard truck chassis with the water pump, compartment body, and 1000-gallon plastic water tank from the Sutphen.

We then interviewed several truck salesmen for a suitable new truck chassis to transfer this equipment onto. The Kenworth Company presented the lowest bid, and their truck was ordered. On arrival, it then went to a company in Canada to rework the cab to a four-door five-man fire truck configuration. When that was completed, it was then delivered to Bradford, NH, and in August we took the Sutphen there for the change-over.

For less than half what we would have had to pay for an all-new manufactured unit comparable to 3E2, we now have a replacement unit that we believe is superior to the original fire truck we received in 1993.

Our old 1934 American LaFrance participated in the 2008 Fourth of July activities Parade, held this year on Saturday July 5th. It was also tastefully decorated and displayed all day in front of our Fire Station on September 11, 2008.

The picture of our new 3E2 Fire Truck and F-450 Ford Fast Squad unit was made available for this report, courtesy of fireman Peter Gaudette.

A Roll of Your Fire Department Members

Richard McLaughlin, Fire Chief Rick Gaudette, Assistant Fire Chief

Cray Ball, Firefighter
 Brian Canelas, Firefighter
 Nelson Crowe, Firefighter
 Darrel Dietlein, Firefighter
 Pat Doughty, Firefighter
 Don Eastman, Firefighter
 Harvey Flanders, Firefighter
 Peter Gaudette, Firefighter
 Tyler Gaudette, Firefighter
 Kirk Luce, Firefighter

Roger Odell, Firefighter
 Tom Palmer, Firefighter
 Michael Parcell, Firefighter
 Phil Payette, Firefighter
 John Peckett, Firefighter
 Brandon Sherburn, Fireman
 Stanley Sherburn, Firefighter
 George Whitcomb, Firefighter
 Mark Venezia, Firefighter
 Ryan O'Hara, Junior Member

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

In Franconia open burning requires a permit year-round. For Homeowner protection NO permit is issued without an on-site inspection.

Burn Permits may be obtained from:

George Whitcomb	Fire Warden
Richard McLachlin	Deputy Fire Warden
Roger Odell	Deputy Fire Warden
Harvey Flanders	Deputy Fire Warden

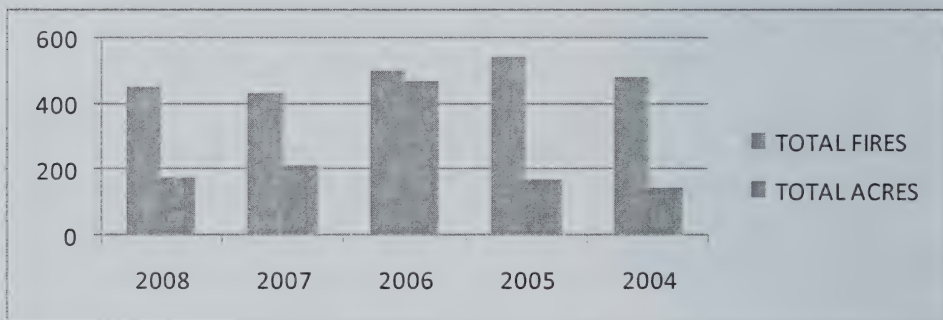
Thank you for your cooperation,
 George Whitcomb
 Forest Fire Warden

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest

COUNTY	ACRES	NUMBER OF FIRES
BELKNAP	43	82
CARROLL	6	40
CHESHIRE	28	45
COOS	5	18
GRAFTON	12	52
HILLSBOROUGH	13	54
MERRIMACK	12	67
ROCKINGHAM	35	46
STRAFFORD	9	20
SULLIVAN	12	31



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2
Debris	173
Campfire	35
Children	23
Smoking	36
Railroad	2
Equipment	11
Lightning	11
Miscellaneous	162*

* IE: power lines, fireworks, electric

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Your Highway Department this year has done many different things to meet our goals. Our main concern was meeting our goals while keeping in mind the cost of fuel. The skyrocketing prices put a damper on us for a while, but we adjusted to this by working (4) - 10 hour days this past summer allowing us to conserve fuel consumption. While it was not liked by some, including us, we did what we had to do to save the Town money.

Our project schedules went as planned. Lafayette Rd. and Toad Hill Rd. reclamation was right on time and turned out well. This project is only 1/3 done and we hope to continue this next year. We are working closely with the CIP Committee and coming up with new ideas for the future. We have given them an updated 5 year plan with prices set in 2008 and we can only hope that the price for asphalt will drop.

We were awarded a \$94,500 Grant for the Safe Routes to School Program. This project will begin in the spring of 2009 and will be a total rebuild of the sidewalk from the intersections of Route 18 / Route 116 down to the school. It will be A.D.A compatible, have granite curbing, tip downs and meet all current specs.

I would like to say "Thank You" to Louie, JR and Jeff for their efforts this past year. For working through all the obstacles put in our way and understanding the cuts which needed to be made.

Overall it has been a good year. If there are any comments, questions, or concerns please contact us directly and we would be more than happy to answer you. Please keep in mind when you do, that if we are doing something there is usually a reason behind it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Knowlton, Road Agent
Franconia Highway Department

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Life Squad continues to receive praise for its member's professionalism and high level of skills from the Littleton Regional Hospital and from patients. Members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton and are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves.

All members are at a minimum, Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a 24 hour refresher course and an extensive practical exam.

Currently, seven of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and two members are nationally registered paramedics and Brian Canelas, Bill Mead, and Evelyn Easton are currently in school to become paramedics which is a two year process. Franconia is fortunate to have the highest medical credentials of any municipal ambulance or first responder service in the area.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Franconia Life Squad at year end had 15 active members and a paramedic advisor. Long term members Robert Anthony, Tim Bray and Dean Wright resigned due to other commitments. All three were dedicated members of the Life Squad who have dedicated years of service to serving others and will be missed. The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area, with quality emergency medical care.

Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

Chief Bill Mead – EMT-IA

Chief Brian Canelas – EMT-I

Captain Bill Blackwell – EMT 1

Allan Clark – EMT

Amy Cyrs – EMT

Steven Czarnecki – EMT-P

Evelyn Easton – EMT-I

Jeff Gould – EMT

John Irleand – EMT

Linda Mordhorst – EMT

Flo Place – EMT-I

Paul Schmucker – EMT

Gareth Slattery – EMT

Jeff Stewart – EMT-P

Mark Taylor – EMT

David White – EMT

The number of calls that the Life Squad responds to has remained relatively constant over the past three years. In 2008 there were 151 calls, 2007 151 calls and in 2006 155 calls. The number of transports to the hospital has declined over the past three years from 70 in 2006, 69 in 2007 and 62 in 2008.

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>	
	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports
Franconia	111	54	108	62	105	65
Sugar Hill	26	1	32	0	40	1
Easton	11	6	8	6	9	3
Mutual Aid	3	1	3	1	1	1
Total	151	62	151	69	155	70

Revenue from transports increased 33% in 2008 even though transports were down 10%. A portion of that is explained by more Advanced Life certified providers on the Life squad which results in higher reimbursements from insurance companies and Medicaid and a portion is timing of collections.

In 2008, the operating expenses were \$51,704 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$47,678 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$4,025. This is the lowest cost the Life Squad has cost the town in many years.

During December we placed in service a new ambulance specifically designed to transport patients. It is one of the only all wheel drive ambulances in the state and is expected to serve the Life Squad for many years.

I have stepped down as Chief of the Life Squad as I am extremely busy with my paramedic studies and other responsibilities. I will continue to remain as a member. The new Chief is Brian Canelas and I am confident that he will do a good job of guiding the Life Squad into the future.

I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mead - Chief
 Franconia Life Squad

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Overall the 2008 year has seen an increase in calls for service compared to 2007. In 2007 the total calls for service were 1,918. In 2008 the total calls for service increased to 1,962. In some categories the incidents are lower, in others there is a clear increase for 2008. Some of the incident decreases are due to actual crime decreases, some incidents have been offset by handling other calls for service, and others are due to lack of manpower to handle more crimes as they occur.

In 1990 the total calls for service was only 630. Over the last 18 years our calls for service have more than tripled with the growth of the Town and surrounding areas, yet we have not increased the manpower to handle these calls. We must look towards the future and plan for the needs of our Town residents. With the increasing crimes being committed in surrounding towns as they continue to grow, it may not be long before the Town of Franconia will begin to also feel their burden with the easy access to Interstate 93 and the Cannon Mountain Ski Area. I encourage any citizen who is the victim of or sees a crime occurring to report it to the Police Department thus enabling the Officers to prevent it from happening to anyone else.

As we go through the economic hardships our country is facing now, the nationwide amount of crimes have already begun to increase as is typical in these times. I will do all I can to try to keep costs down to the taxpayers of Franconia, but I cannot allow Officer Safety to be sacrificed nor the services needed by the community to keep everyone safe. We will continue to improve the Police Department the best we can and welcome any suggestions from the public on how we can provide more services to you.

I would like to thank the community for its support. I would also like to take this time to thank the Officers of the Police Department for their continued dedication and support. The Town of Franconia is fortunate to have such dedicated Officers protecting them.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Mark Montminy**

Summary of Activity

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Disabled MV & Lockouts	123	137	Illegal Dumping	1	3
Abandoned MV	21	15	Fish & Game Violations	47	31
DWI	4	3	MV Complaints	74	45
MV Accidents	93	71	MV Stops	261	148
Mentally Ill Persons	0	1	Noise Complaints	7	6
Police Escorts	1	2	OHRV Complaints	1	1
Suspicious Vehicles	16	20	Administrative Calls	378	256
Suspicious Persons	9	12	Phone Harassment	3	6
Theft of MV	2	3	Found/Lost Property	25	18
Sexual Assaults/Rapes	0	1	Road Hazards	74	66
Burglaries	5	8	Paperwork Service	21	25
Assaults	7	2	Records Requests	58	34
Theft of Services/Fraud	32	22	Suicidal Persons	2	1
Alarm Activations	109	83	Criminal Threatening	5	3
Intoxicated Persons	3	2	Recovered MV	0	1
Shots Fired	5	3	Criminal Trespass	6	7
Drug Law Violations	3	2	Vandalism	4	10
Abandoned 911 Calls	34	58	Court Order Violations	3	1
Domestic Violence	15	10	Wanted Persons	10	5
Assist Citizen	26	40	Welfare Checks	20	18
Assist Other Agency	17	18	Missing Persons	9	13
MV Break-ins	5	1	Medical Emergencies	136	157
Open Door/Windows	23	15	Juvenile Offenses	3	7
Civil Standby	9	16	Follow Up Invest.	49	47
Public Disturbances	16	13	Animal Complaints	60	50
Child Abuse	0	1	All Other Investigations	46	50

PLANNING BOARD

Subdivisions

- Eleanor Lovett, Wells Road, Minor Subdivision – approved

Lot-Line Adjustments

- Walker-Huggett, Forest Hill – approved
- Taylor, Fransted Campground – withdrawn
- Knee-Dowd, Upper Valley Road – approved
- Moyer, Summit Drive – approved

Site Plan Reviews

- Alpine Clinic, Profile Road – approved
- Verizon Wireless Telecommunications Facility, Cannon Mountain – approved

The Planning Board finished the new Master Plan by reorganizing and editing it where needed. Public copies are in the Town Hall and Library. Thanks to Sybil Cary for her many hour spent editing.

Verizon's site plan review request required the Board to create and approve a new set of forms called "Application for Wireless Telecommunication Facility Site Plan Review" and it companion Checklist form.

The Planning Board gave its input at a Water Project meeting reviewing where the Town's future water demand might be anticipated.

The Board continued working on the Master Plan priorities of increasing the Town's workforce and senior housing. We spent a great deal of meeting time reviewing how other towns have handled these issues and, with the help of North Country Council, drafted a new Cluster Development Section of the Zoning Ordinance. Public hearings are ongoing at this time.

The PLAN NH Community Design Charrette weekend, that considered the redesign of Main Street, spearheaded by the Franconia Community Design Committee, was a great success. Bernardette Costa and the other Community members spent many hours preparing for the planning/working sessions with the PLAN NH Team volunteer professionals. A written report of the team's recommendations is being prepared currently. The Franconia Safe Routes to School Task Force also participated in the PLAN NH weekend and their work is being incorporated into the written recommendations as well. Thank you, to all community members and innkeepers who attended, for your participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanette Avril
Planning Board, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative findings and grants variances to the Town's zoning ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant exceptions for use in keeping with certain provisions of the ordinance.

In July 2008, the ZBA granted a Special Exception to Article III, Section 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit Kenneth King the business use of the garage located in a Residential B zone on Profile Road.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Richmond, Chairman

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Franconia Conservation Commission 2008 Season:

- Fox Hill was inspected by the SPNHF and received a very good report for the maintenance and upkeep of the Fox Hill area.
- One small bridge on the Gale River Bend Trail was lost during a late summer storm. It will be replaced in 2009
- The Commission donated trees for the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration.
- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration with representatives from the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Cowles, Chairman

Richard Bennink
Kim Cowles
Mary Grote

Trevor Hamilton
John Lachapelle
Kathryn McCarthy

Elizabeth Welch

FRANCONIA/EASTON/SUGAR HILL RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Tri-Town Recreation Department has had a phenomenal year. A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to all who made this happen.

We started with the new full-time position of Park and Recreation Director, Kim Cowles, who's responsible for the facilities, trails and events. With this came the construction of the Gazebo. And with that came a summer full of music and fun.

Trails are abundant in the Tri-Towns and we are in the process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the "Franconia Area Trails" Group or FAT for short.

The Old Home Day, Top Notch Tri-Athlon, Franconia Scramble, Hayseed Bluegrass Festival, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival and Summer Concert Series were all very successful bringing people and money to town. We hope to improve upon all the above and add new events when possible.

Baseball/Softball, Soccer and Basketball all had excellent attendance and success along the way. These programs rely totally on volunteers. Both parents and people without children who just love the game make it all work.

Kris Germain has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff around her and our team of recreation counselors proved just that.

THANK YOU to Tom Eyman and Joe Peterson for their time, money, and undying love of softball and the construction of the batting cage at the ball field.

Thanks to the money raised from the Top Notch Triathlon and the Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, we made some improvements to the rink. The warming hut received a little face lift, we purchased some new boards and a new hand held Zamboni (but Kim really wants one she can drive). All of this equals nice ice.

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the Town Website (www.franconianh.org) for more details.

Watch for next summer's concerts featuring big names such as:

- Crunchy Western Boys
- Steven Tyler
- Mick Jagger
- Wicked Smart Horn Band
- Jimmy Buffet

- Tuba4th
- and many more!!

Respectfully submitted,
Tri-Town Committee Members

- Jeff Malcolm & Matt Massei – Franconia
- Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren – Sugar Hill
- Brian Canelas & Tammy Gearhart – Easton

Kris Germain, Youth Program Director
Kim Cowles, Parks & Recreation Director

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2008 Was my first year as Transfer Station Manager. It was both a challenging and rewarding experience. I was able to learn more about the recycling industry and hopefully make this facility run more efficiently.

Recycled Products:

- Paper – 398,698 lbs.
- Aluminum cans – 8,050 lbs.
- Tin cans – 15,120 lbs.
- Scrap metal – 40,000 lbs.
- Glass – 211,697 lbs.
- Textiles – 5,400 lbs.
- #1 Plastics – 6,684 lbs.
- #2 Plastics – 10,092 lbs.

Your Transfer Station has compiled a 42% recycling rate, which is far above the State average of roughly 22%. I would like to thank you and my employees, Mary Hayward, Kevin Dauphine, and Nate Hartford, for making this another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Wells, Manager
Tri-Town Transfer Station

FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Calendar Year End 2008

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008) \$27,192.90

INCOME

Membership Dues	17,231.75	
Local Business Discount Cards		260.00
Franconia Village Committee		500.00
Town Funds		
Franconia	\$10,000.00	
Sugar Hill	6,500.00	
Easton	<u>400.00</u>	
		16,900.00
Interest Earned		48.08
Fundraisers:		
Antique Show	1,538.00	
Auction	1,175.00	
Lupine Festival	<u>8,622.00</u>	
		11,335.00
Reimbursed Expenses		<u>6,236.31</u>
Total		\$52,511.14

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll and Expenses		\$ 15,115.74
Telephone		1,105.66
Electricity		261.31
Office, Booth Repairs, Misc.		1,253.62
Postage		634.57
Advertising		22,726.21
Bank Fees		-0-
Insurance		955.00
Internet		479.21
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Administrative & Office		521.85
Dues & Subscriptions		323.00
Lupine Festival		5,977.60
Misc.		108.77
Donations & Scholarships		4,275.00
Penalty Taxes		<u>1,040.00</u>
Total		\$53,822.54
Ending Balance (December 31, 2008)		\$25,881.50

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Board of Selectmen, Residents, and Friends,

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank each of you for your continued support for the Chamber of Commerce. Through your funding and support we are able to market our area the Franconia Notch Region as a wonderful place to nurture business, recreation, and as a preferred place to live.

This year we continued to grow the Chamber membership which is currently at a new all time high while expanding our involvement in our Communities by supporting Community events in order to enhance the presence and works of the Chamber. This year, the Chamber made donations in support of the Franconia Recreation Department to help fund the concerts and such on the Dow field and worked together with the Recreation Dept. We hope to continue this support in the coming years.

As President of the Franconia Notch Chamber, I am very proud to have helped to initiate the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund which has been started by a generous donation from Franconia Notch Vacations, Mr. Cort Roussel, Owner in support of our community Schools and our students who may have a genuine interest in business.

This year the Chamber successfully implemented the Strategic Plan which demanded the formation of four Teams: Marketing/Web, Events, Collaboration, and Membership. Each Team consists of a Team Leader and volunteers. Literally hundreds and hundreds of combined volunteer hours went in the forming and implementation of the strategic plan which was developed by Mrs. Kathe Tortorice of Building Alternatives, INC. of Franconia whose expertise with strategic planning came to us from her working for Digital Corporation for many years has proven effective for the Chamber. Through successful application for JPP Grant Funding we were able to increase the FNCC brochure distribution to 40,000 brochures distributed to every corner of the State of New Hampshire. Successful grant funding and hard work is showing returns to our communities and area businesses as the "Rooms and Meals Tax" returned to the Town of Franconia and Sugar Hill has seen significant increase over the last year. This is proof positive that the Chamber marketing strategy and collaborative efforts are showing good returns.

Again, through successful application for matching JPP Grant Funding, we developed and implemented a brand new Franconia Notch Chamber website www.franconianotch.org having an integrated events calendar, pristine photography, relocation services, Town services, and fantastic Member Directories with the ease of ability to keep up to date with the latest information and events. Oh yes, and through the use of technology, the site can be read in seven languages which is proven to be important as more and more foreigners are visiting our area due to the high value of the Euro and Canadian dollar against our American dollar. The website is packed with useful information and itineraries for things to do, scenic drives, places to go, and things you must see. Folks who used to request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web at an even greater rate. Our online presence and the number of monthly hits is impressive but, now will be even more impressive due to upgrade search engine optimization and integrated events calendars with Littleton Area Chamber, Lincoln/Woodstock Chamber, and Twin Mountain Chamber. There is now so much to do on the calendars that folks are more inclined to

extend their stay while visiting to take in all the North Country has to offer. As more and more travelers make their travel plans by visiting our website, the site will continue to transform to meet the demands of the future.

Once again this year, FNCC maintained two (2) spinning display racks at Peabody Lodge and Notch View buildings on Cannon Mountain, and the Cannon Tram Display area containing our area businesses brochures as well as the FNCC Brochures. This allowed every business the opportunity to display their business information directly in front of every visitor to Cannon Mountain Ski area for the winter months.

We had approx. 2500 documented visitors stop in at our Welcome Center on Main Street seeking information about area. Another 2,000 phone and internet requests for information were also handled during the Welcome Center open season of mid-May – end of October. Your continued support helps to provide folks who are visiting with the latest information and directions to area Attractions and Retail Businesses. This keeps tourists in our area to explore and rediscover all the great and beautiful things our area has to offer. Again, this year, many poets and writers used the benches and FREE wireless Wi-Fi Hotspot located at the Library and Welcome Center areas. The wireless hotspot continues to support access to visitors' web mail and allows them to browse the web for a great Inn, B&B, Motel, Restaurant, Retail Shop, or whatever other area attraction or service they may need which is especially useful during the time of year when the Welcome Center is not open or after hours. The Wi-Fi is accessible within a 500-foot radius around the Welcome Center on Main Street next to Town Hall and all one has to do is stop by there sometime to see the folks using the Wi-Fi Hotspot in their cars or on the Town Library lawn and benches.

A new slogan “Four Seasons, One Destination!” and a brand new Chamber Logo were developed and implemented this year. With the hiring of our new Executive Director, Barbara Ashley, we have been able to reach out to neighboring communities and businesses and through collaborative team efforts, work together with surrounding area chambers to improve the marketing and distribution of vital information on Events and Business offerings in and around a large portion of the Franconia Notch Region.

Our hope is to continue nurture an environment and experience that will inspire folks to return and forever cherish our area of New Hampshire. Again this year, with seasoned, successful, and well planned events, such as the “Lupine Festival” and “The Antique Show”, “Old Home Day”, “Christmas in Franconia Cookie Tour”, LRH “Outdoor Wellness Expo”, “Hayseed Festival” and with new and creative events yet to be planned on the Dow Fields and Cannon Mountain, we will give our Residents and visitors a place that they will gladly call home and an experience worthy of the Majestic Beauty that surrounds us.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated by every Member of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce, by every Resident, and by every visitor, who has come to love Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and the surrounding Towns. Together we are making a difference and through your continued support and through open doors of collaboration we'll continue to grow the Chamber to meet the growing demands of our time to better serve all of the needs of our Communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank P. Grima, President
Franconia Notch Region - Chamber of Commerce

THE FROST PLACE

During 2008, The Frost Place museum and poetry center continued to draw visitors from across New Hampshire and the United States, and indeed from throughout the world. More so than is true of any of his twentieth-century literary peers, Robert Frost's fame and influence continues to grow. People of all ages love his poems, and many of those who come to Franconia to see the simple house owned by the Frost family more than eighty years ago describe themselves as "pilgrims."

The Frost Place staff (now including our half-time administrator, **Therese Reger**, along with seasonal interns and volunteers) enjoys telling visitors about the museum's unique partnership with the Town of Franconia, which had the remarkable foresight at Town Meeting in 1976 to approve purchase of the property to insure its preservation.

Since 1977, The Frost Place has awarded a Resident Poet fellowship to allow a contemporary poet to live and work in the house for two months of the summer, and the 2008 Resident Poet was **James Hoch**, who currently teaches at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

For the third year we also hosted a young poet as a William W. Cook Fellow, an award for a Dartmouth senior or recent graduate, which this past year was given to **Jacob "Jake" Schindel**, who worked as a museum docent and conference assistant.

In 2008, the Frost Place's programs included four conferences, which have earned national acclaim: the **Young Poets Conference** in late April, the **Conference on Poetry and Teaching** in late June/early July, the **Festival and Conference on Poetry**, in late July/early August, and the **Frost Place Advanced Seminar**, in early August.

During each conference, evening readings are open to the public with no admission fee, and local poetry enthusiasts are welcome to attend.

The Frost Place also hosts an annual open house in early July, in celebration of New Hampshire's official "Frost Day," to give neighbors and townsfolk a chance to meet the staff and the new Resident Poet. The **2009 Frost Day will be Sunday, July 5, 2009 at 2 pm**, and will include a reading by 2009 Resident Poet **Rigoberto González**.

As has been of concern throughout New Hampshire and the U.S., the economic climate of 2008 was not conducive to expansion in the non-profit sector, and The Frost Place has had to cut back on staff and programs for 2009 in order to position ourselves for sustainability in the future. In November, we bade farewell to our executive director of the past three years, Jim Schley, and made the decision to hold only two conferences in 2009, the Conference on Poetry and Teaching (June 28-July 2) and the Advanced Seminar(August 2-7).

Fortunately, 2008 marked a year of significant grant support for The Frost Place, guaranteeing particularly the upkeep of the house and barn.

The **New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources** awarded a coveted "**Moose Plate**" grant for \$10,000 for historic preservation and moisture-abatement procedures, and **The Corporate Fund** of the **New Hampshire Charitable Foundation** granted

\$5000 for marketing. In addition, funding was received from the **NH State Council on the Arts**, and the **NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program**. The **Samuel P. Hunt Foundation** and the **Adolf and Virginia Dehn Foundation** provided much-needed support for restorations and repairs on the house, with an emphasis on Frost's work room.

By guaranteeing the upkeep of the house, the Henry Holt barn, the garden and poetry trail, The Frost Place offers a museum experience that is unglamorous but authentic. By providing supportive poetry workshops and readings, The Frost Place appears well positioned to address challenges of the future while maintaining a powerful connection with the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Deming P. Holleran
Chairman, Board of Trustees

**FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL
AND
FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM**

The Heritage Council in its 26th year hosted many events in 2008.

- February – **Skating Party** at the Town Skating Rink.
- May – **Opening** of the Museum summer exhibit “Vintage Clothing at the Turn of the 20th Century”.
- June – **Garden Party** at the Museum during the area Lupine Festival.
- July – **Preparing a museum float** for the 4th of July parade. Jewell Friedman (our former volunteer Curator and Administrator) was the Grand Marshall and the Museum float won the “Presidents Award” trophy making it a banner day.
- August – **The Museum received a 19th century pump organ** donated by Anita Bonnevie.
- September –
 - **The Museum hosted the Franconia Chamber** of Commerce meeting.
 - **The Museum hosted the 4th grade students** from Lafayette School to experience a day in the life of a family in Franconia during the 1880’s.
 - **Organ Concert** at the Museum with Anita Bonnevie performing.
- October – **Haunted House and Trick or Treating** venue at the Museum open to the public.
- November – **Annual Meeting** at the Horse and Hound Inn
- December – **Christmas Open House and Song Fest** - This year comparing the traditions of Old England and New England

The museum again saw a change in part time Administrators. Michele Lowry left the position to pursue her own business on a full time basis. Michele made many contributions to our organization during her tenure. To replace Michele, we were fortunate to find Therese Reger. Therese has been a business entrepreneur in the area and is well known to many. She has given us valuable assistance and we are delighted to have her. Therese works for us ten hours per week and the Frost Place 20 hours. She has shown the capability of enabling the many synergies between the two organizations.

The Iron Furnace Interpretive Center continues to draw many visitors from all parts of the United States and around the world. The Iron Furnace is one of the very few left in the United States and the only octagonal stack ever known to exist.

Thanks to the Grafton County Department of Corrections, the outside of the Museum was painted this summer and looks terrific. The trees in front of the Museum were also trimmed for safety and added light.

Our Heritage Council Board consists of eleven dedicated volunteers – Amy Bahr, Bruce Dinner, Valerie Greene, Ernie Hansberger, Nancy Heinemann, Barbara Holt, Phil Krill, Muriel Manghue, Sue Rysanek, Beverly Taksar, and Kay Whitcomb.

We also have three board members emeritus –Jewell Friedman, Bea Hunt, and Shirley Lyman. We once again were privileged to have two students from the White Mountain School come on Monday afternoons to help us with various tasks and thereby fulfill their community service obligation.

We continue our goal of enhancing the history and cultural environment of the Franconia area.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Krill, President
Franconia Area Heritage Council

FRANCONIA ENERGY TEAM

An Outgrowth of the Town's 2007 Vote

At its **March 13, 2007 Town Meeting** Franconia (along with 163 other New Hampshire towns) passed Warrant Article 21 and registered its intent to be proactive in saving energy and reducing emissions,

Warrant Article 21 (in part):

“To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Franconia.

These actions to include:

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

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

By **six to one** we voted “**Yes.**” In response to that vote, the Franconia Energy Team began to take shape in the summer of 2007.

Working Toward Fulfilling That Vote

You might have seen our little group of three or four people holding our first meetings in the late afternoon sun at the picnic table on the lawn at the northwest intersection of Easton Rd. and the Gale River. Our mission statement grew out of those early meetings:

It is the mission of the Franconia Energy Team:

- To learn ways to decrease our energy use and to supply our energy needs using sustainable resources;
- To implement that knowledge, and share it with each other;
- To encourage its practice by our community, our organizations, our businesses, and our governments.

The Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Fair April 5, 2008, jointly sponsored by the Energy Teams of Bethlehem, Franconia and Littleton, and people from Easton and Sugar Hill was our first learning/teaching project. Thirty-two exhibitors crowded the new gym at Profile School, and attracted some 400 visitors from across the County. If you missed the Fair, and you have access to a computer, you can electronically “go to the Fair.” Visit <http://www.franconiaenergy.com/> and see pictures, read its story, and find Exhibitor contact information and direct links to their websites.

A Practical How-To was the Regional Planning Team's second event. Held on November 15, also at Profile School, it was jointly organized and run by the Team and by Building Alternatives, Inc. of Franconia. A full day of informative talks by 13 speakers and 15 exhibits educated us on ways to make and fund energy savings in our homes and businesses. Again, on our website is a list of the speakers, their topics, and their affiliations. Over the coming weeks, we will round out that list with website links and contact information.

Ongoing Efforts

The effort to save Energy belongs to all of us. Franconia Residents, as a group, constitute the biggest user of Energy in Town (with the possible exception of Cannon Mountain.) Some will remember Pogo's famous observation: "We have met the enemy, and they are us!" The Franconia Energy Team can, and does, work with the Select Board to improve the energy efficiency of our public buildings and vehicles, but only we, the individual property owners and residents, can control our use of energy.

Our global energy system is complex, and science cannot project exactly how or when the planetary tipping-point might be reached. We know two things: 1) there *is* one along the current persistent upward curve of atmospheric greenhouse gasses, and 2) just about every comprehensive study discovers it to be sooner than was indicated by the previous one.

Our biggest Energy uses are in our homes, our businesses, and our travels. While every bit we can save is good, big chunks must come from every one of us, - soon.

This current economic crisis is a particular opportunity. Our North Country building trades promise to be hard hit by the lack of demand. It is they who install insulation, replace windows, and install renewable-energy heating systems. Both Federal and local governments offer incentives to make investments in energy savings even more attractive. This is, **right now, a win-win-win deal!**

Watch our website: <http://www.franconiaenergy.com/> . We will be listing available rebates, tax credits, exemptions, etc. for your energy-saving projects.

Respectfully submitted
Jack Cook, Organizer

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Maiden Name
February 29, 2008 Franconia, NH	Belkin Brubaker Holder	Jonathan Holder Mary Brubaker
March 5, 2008 Lebanon, NH	Ava Elizabeth White	Renee White
July 6, 2008 Littleton, NH	Reece Helena Kenney	Michael Kenney Beth Kenney
August 12, 2008 Lebanon, NH	Cora Shaw Downey	William Downey Lucy Downey

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
January 1, 2008 Franconia, NH	Jason L. Johnson Valerie A. Anthony	Browns Summit, NC Franconia, NH
May 31, 2008 Bretton Woods, NH	Jitin Asnaani Apara R. Dave	Boston, MA Franconia, NH
July 12, 2008 Franconia, NH	Lorin L. Newell Carleen B. Quinn	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 13, 2008 Sugar Hill, NH	Richard J. Bouchard Heather L. Oster	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 20, 2008 Sugar Hill, NH	Joseph D. Garrison Ashley J. Walker	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH

**CIVIL UNIONS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date & Place Of Civil Union	Name and Surname Of Person A & Person B	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
January 1, 2008 Hart's Location, NH	Donald N. Blair Jeffrey T. Burr	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 5, 2008 Franconia, NH	Loretta Durkee	William Keefe	Mary Nicholson
February 27, 2008 Franconia, NH	Ruby Heath	Bertram Herbert	Goldie Chase
March 21 2008 Franconia, NH	Helen Pimental	Harry Davis	Louise Curtis
March 28, 2008 Franconia, NH	Rita Coulombe	Ovila Duclos	Clementine Duguay
April 13, 2008 Franconia, NH	Virginia Henderson	Raymond Lucas	Ruby Emery
April 15, 2008 Franconia, NH	Anna West	Raymond Choate	Glenna King
April 20, 2008 Franconia, NH	Anne Gelber	Benjamin Gordon	Ethel Meister
April 20, 2008 Littleton, NH	Thomas Phillips	George Phillips	Myrtle Diver
May 26, 2008 Franconia, NH	Margaret Card	John Strobridge	Bernice Conant
June 6, 2008 Franconia, NH	Archie Herbert	Huyler Herbert	Bridget McBride
July 21, 2008 Littleton, NH	Patricia Walsh	Jack Nicolais	Martha Dowling
August 4, 2008 Littleton, NH	Marjorie Clement	Herbert Harvey	Bessie Fisher
September 1, 2008 Franconia, NH	Stella Cryans	William Cryans	Annie Maguire
October 5, 2008 Franconia, NH	Frederick Giffin	Vaughn Griffin	Grace Coan
October 18, 2008 North Haverhill, NH	Roger Bolduc	Unknown	Catherine Bolduc
October 25, 2008 Littleton, NH	Dorothy Wing	John Tann	Hazel Taylor
October 31, 2008 Franconia, NH	Madelyn Lynaugh	Lyle Sweet	Evelyn Paye
December 1, 2008 Franconia, NH	Carole Bennink	John Keane	Anna Heineman

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-7752

DAILY	12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (Monday).....	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

MONDAY.....	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

TUESDAY (2nd each month)	7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY (office hours).....	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

MONDAY.....	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY.....	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	CLOSED
FRIDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY.....	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

MONDAY.....	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY.....	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (November - April)	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (May - October).....	2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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