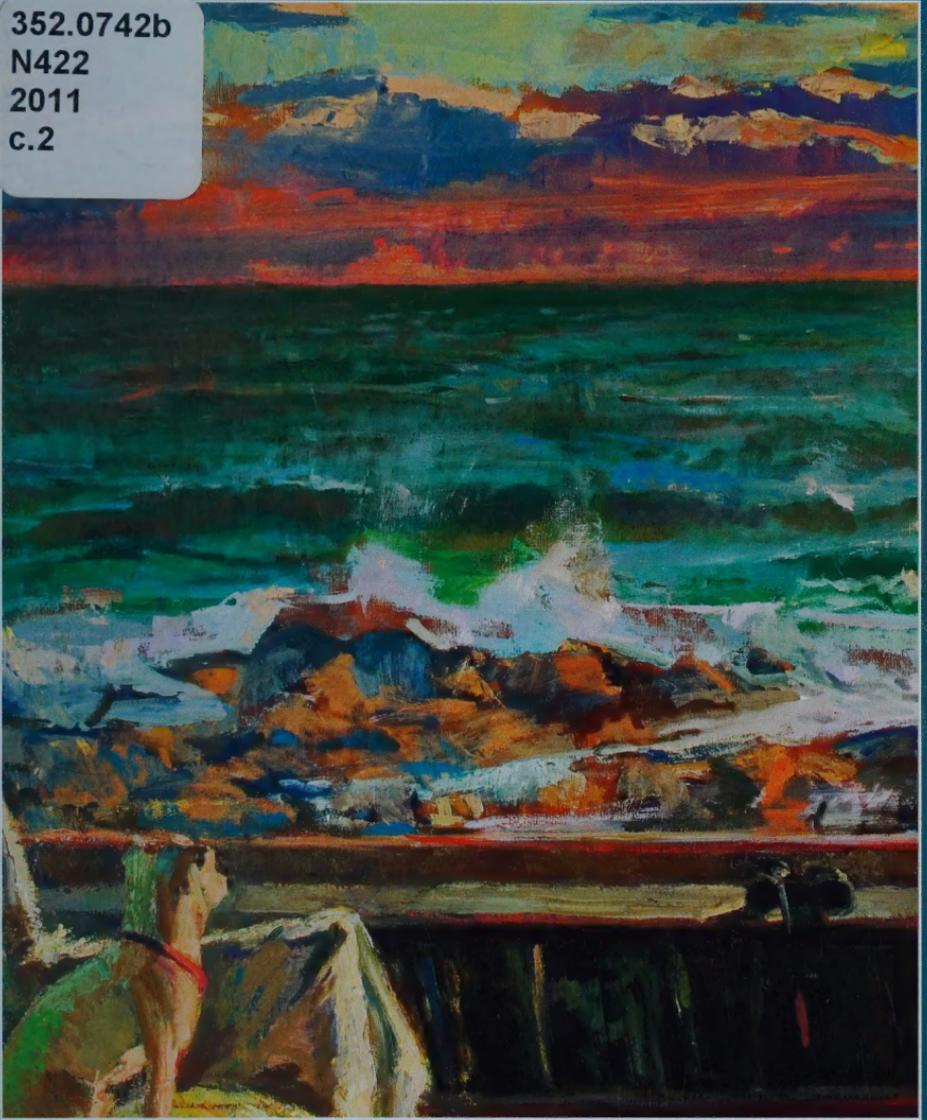


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Grant Drumheller resides in New Castle, NH. He brought his young family here first in 1986, staying in a rental on Wentworth Road for the winter.

Among his honors, Grant Drumheller has been a Visiting Artist at the American Academy in Rome and has been the recipient of the Fulbright Hays Grant to Italy, a National Endowment Artists Fellowship and a Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant.

His work will be featured in the book *100 Botton Painters*. In addition, he will be exhibiting at the Prince Street Gallery in New York in May, 2013.

Grant's work can be seen locally at the George Marshall Store Gallery in York Harbor, Maine, and the Greenhut Gallery in Portland, Maine, where he had a one-person show in September, 2011. He is currently Professor of Painting and Drawing at the University of New Hampshire. He is married to Karina and is the father of two grown daughters, Sarah Lucy and Tess.

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For the Town of New Castle
Fiscal Year 2010-2011

**THIS TOWN REPORT IS IN RECOGNITION OF
THE GREAT ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**

Many years ago, the town sponsored what was called "Adopt a Spot." For years various residents would contact the town hall during the spring to adopt an area of land that was owned by the town for planting lovely flowers. These generous residents would plant beautiful flowers for all to enjoy. In 1997, the Great Island Garden Club was formed with seventeen members. They not only planted in the town owned areas but increased their plantings to other sites in the town. Another project they spearheaded was our ever popular "Green Waste Days".

We now look forward to decorations/plantings throughout all the seasons of the year that enhances the village appearance, dressing the town up for residents and visitors alike. The town is very fortunate to have such a dedicated club to make this small village such a scenic place.

On behalf of the residents of the town, we would like to publicly thank the Great Island Garden Club members who have so diligently donated, planted, weeded, watered and maintained these areas and it is much appreciated. The Rain Garden at the Recreation Center that helps divert rain water runoff from impervious areas was a great project started by the club. We thank you for the evergreen trees that sit in the town hall planters with their white lights that bedazzle us during the winter, the inviting wreaths on town doors, and the welcoming perennials inter-mixed with bright colored annuals, all such gifts to the town. Thanks to all fifty plus members of the GIGC!

The GIGC has also participated in the historic gardens of Strawberry Banke Museum and the Portsmouth Festival of Trees.

Let us not forget the other areas in the town that have also been dressed in festive flowers and to acknowledge and thank those groups for their generosity as well:

The Piscataqua Landscaping Company for their plantings around the enormous anchor, donated by George Pitts, which invites us into the Common.

Thank you Craig Strehl for donating and constructing the land locked punt, which sits tethered to the small island of land that greets us as we enter the island from the causeway. We also thank the group of residents who generously donated the lovely tree and seasonal arrangements for everyone to enjoy that surround the punt.

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Select Board's Letter

As we reflect on 2011, we are pleased to report that it was another active and productive year for the town. In addition to our dedicated and capable staff, we are fortunate to have a great number of talented citizens who generously volunteer their time on behalf of the town. Thank you to all who have worked tirelessly to improve and enrich our island community.

Since last year's annual report and May meeting, the Town has undertaken a variety of projects. One of the more visible projects has been the construction of the sidewalk along 1-B between the Wentworth Homeowners' Association sidewalk and Wild Rose Lane. As you may recall, we encountered a surprise Halloween snowstorm which caused numerous power outages across the state. Those outages prevented PSNH from moving a utility pole along the sidewalk which in turn, disrupted a final blacktop layer from being applied to the path. The paving plants then closed for the winter. As a result, the job was not finished and was considered incomplete by the NH Department of Transportation. Therefore, the Town was unable to take ownership of the sidewalk and it was officially closed to pedestrians for the winter. Once the paving plants reopen this Spring, the final blacktop layer will be applied to the path and it will be open for use.

Another project completed this past year was the development of a more comprehensive and user-friendly website for the Town at www.newcastlenh.org. You'll now find a complete calendar of upcoming board and committee meetings, application forms and building permits to download, quick links to the New Castle Library and MHT School, and a listing of all the town's departments, boards, commissions, and committees. There is also updated information about the Great Island Common. You can also sign up for "e-alerts" to automatically receive notices from the town, as well as agendas or meeting minutes from any of our town's boards including the Select Board, Planning Board, Historic District Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, or Conservation Commission. And you may sign up for the Island Items newsletter and have it emailed to you the moment it is available. There's a tremendous amount of information available on the website, and we hope that it will be a useful tool for our citizens as well as for visitors to the town.

Last year at this time we were preparing for the possibility that the state legislature would institute a Statewide Education Property Tax and that New Castle would again become a "donor town," contributing upward of \$1.1 million to the state. Fortunately this didn't come to pass and has been forestalled for at least two years. However, until the Statewide Education Property Tax is eliminated by constitutional amendment there will always be a risk that donor towns will return.

As you are aware, New Castle underwent a town-wide property reassessment this past year. The State requires municipalities to reassess property at least every 5 years, or sooner, if there is a significant disparity between the sale price of homes and their assessed value, as based on an annual sample of transactions. The assessment process was completed in the fall and the new assessed property values were reflected in the December 2011 annual tax bill. Overall,

the revaluation reduced the total assessed valuation of the Town from about \$707 million to approximately \$637 million, or about 10%. Although most property assessments decreased by roughly 10%, the Town needed to collect the same total dollars in property tax. Therefore, the tax rate reflected about a 10% increase and went from \$5.80 in 2010 to \$6.39 in 2011. In other words, the tax bill for the average New Castle taxpayer was about the same as last year. Of course, no property in Town is exactly average and not every property in Town was revalued down by 10%.

The year's activities also included significant enhancements to the Town's emergency response and management capabilities. New Castle acquired a retired low-mileage emergency vehicle for \$4,500. Coincidentally, AMR was replaced as New Castle's ambulance service by the Portsmouth Fire Department. The net result was a \$7,500 savings for the Town this year and an estimated \$11,000 per year going forward. In addition, these changes will provide expedited response and improved patient safety.

In order to mitigate the risks associated with weather emergencies or other natural disasters, a backup power system has been implemented at the Recreation Building. If necessary, we now have a facility with ample space, heat, electricity, bathrooms, and a kitchen to accommodate our residents should the need arise.

Finally, we want to acknowledge a personnel change that took place this year. Steve Tabbutt has assumed the position as our new Supervisor of Public Works. We are fortunate to have an individual who grew up in New Castle and who knows the island so well.

We are grateful to the many hard working and dedicated individuals who make New Castle such a special place to live, and we encourage you to stay connected to the Town by attending public meetings of the boards and committees. The input from informed citizens is essential to a thriving and healthy community and helps to ensure that New Castle remains the exceptional island town that it is.

New Castle Select Board

Patty Scholz-Cohen
Lorn Buxton
Dave McGuckin

New Hampshire Elected Officials

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District 1

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Executive Councilor
District 3
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603-658-1187

State Senator
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Hampton, NH 03842-1165
603-271-6933

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Town Officers–Elected/Appointed

Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Priscilla Hodgkins	term exp 5/13
Deputy Town Clerk	Carol Gamester	indef appt
Deputy Tax Collector	Pamela Cullen	indef appt
<u>Select Board</u>	Patricia Scholz-Cohen, Chair	term exp 5/12
	Lorn Buxton	term exp 5/13
	David McGuckin	term exp 5/14
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/12
Chief of Police	Donald A. White Jr.	indef appt
Sergeant	Alex Mitrushi	indef appt
Patrolman	Jared Knox	indef appt
Patrolman	Matthew Tyler	indef appt
Patrolman	Kurtis Boissonneault	indef appt
Patrolman	Derek Poirier	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Donald A. White Jr.	indef appt
Building Inspector	Donald Graves	indef appt
Sup Public Works	Steve Tabbutt	indef appt
Road Agent	Steve Tabbutt	appt exp 5/12
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/12
Health Officer	Dr. James Zuckerman	state appt
Deputy Health Officer	Dr. Gordon Hand	state appt
Town Historian	Deborah Schulte	indef appt
Fire Chief	David Blanding	indef appt
Deputy Fire Chief	Mark Wooley	indef appt
<u>Fire Wards</u>	Peter Rice	term exp 5/12
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/13
	Carl Roediger	term exp 5/14
<u>Energy Committee</u>	Sandra Bisset	appt exp 5/12
<u>Community Members</u>		
<u>Public Works Board</u>	Walter Liff, Chair	appt exp 5/12
	Normand Houle	appt exp 5/12
	John Ireland	appt exp 5/13
	Walter Glidden	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Reginald Whitehouse	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Chester Fessenden	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Peter Gamester	appt exp 5/14
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Dave McGuckin	term exp 5/14
<u>Planning Board</u>	Stuart Levenson, Chair	appt exp 5/12
	Darcy Horgan	appt exp 5/14
	Eric Katz	appt exp 5/13
	Ned Robinson	appt exp 5/12
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	David McArdle	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Peter Tarlton	appt exp 5/14
Ex-Officio/Selectwoman	Patricia Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/12

<u>Board of Adjustment</u>	Ned Robinson, Chair	appt exp 5/12
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/13
	Donald Moore	appt exp 5/12
	Will Smith	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Mark Gardner	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Todd Baker	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Susan Stetson	appt exp 5/14
<u>Historic District Committee</u>	Nancy Borden, Chair	appt exp 5/12
	Elaine Nollet	appt exp 5/13
	Marjorie Smith	appt exp 5/13
	Peter Follansbee	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Irene Bush	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Rodney Rowland	appt exp 5/14
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Patty Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/12
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	William Stewart, Chair	appt exp 5/12
	Elisabeth Hume	appt exp 5/14
	Brian Mack	appt exp 5/14
	Curt Gillespie	appt exp 5/14
	Nancy Gulley	appt exp 5/13
	Alex Kennedy	appt exp 5/13
	Lynn McCarthy	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Wm. B. Marshall, III	appt exp 5/12
Alternate	James Rini	appt exp 5/14
<u>Budget Committee</u>	Thomas Smith, Chair	term exp 5/12
	Damon Frampton	term exp 5/14
	Bill Stewart	appt exp 5/12
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Lorn Buxton	term exp 5/13
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/12
<u>Trustees of the Trust Funds</u>	Thomas Smith, Chair	term exp 5/12
	Peter Reed Jr.	term exp 5/13
	David Borden	term exp 5/12
<u>Library Trustees</u>	Brad Greeley, Chair	term exp 5/14
	Jenny Rosenson	term exp 5/12
	Sandra DeSisto	term exp 5/13
Alternate	Deedee Hammer	appt exp 5/12
Alternate	Anna Ambrogi	appt exp 5/12
Library Director	Christine Collins	indef appt
<u>Supervisors of the Checklist</u>	Sherrie Becker, Chair	term exp 5/14
	Mary Rauh	term exp 5/12
	Darcy Horgan	term exp 5/16
<u>Cemetery Trustees</u>	David Merrill	term exp 5/13
	Jim Cerny, Chair	term exp 5/14
	Terri Golter	term exp 5/12
<u>Recreation Committee</u>	Guy Stearns, Chair	appt exp 5/12

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Elected Positions And Salaries

<u>Position</u>	<u>Annual Salaries</u>
Select Board Chair	\$ 2,000
Select Board (2)	1,800
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	19,500
Treasurer	4,000
Cemetery Trustee (3)100
Moderator200 per election
Supervisor of the checklist (3)	100 plus 100 per election
Trustee of Trust Funds (2)100
Trustee of Trust Funds, Bookkeeper250
Historian250

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

Town Meeting

Tuesday - May 11, 2011

Called to order by Moderator Wayne Simpson at 7:05 p.m.

Citizens joined in the Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator asked for a moment of silence for town's people who had passed away this year. He also announced that Bill Lanham died today and recognized Mr. Lanham's many years of service to the town.

Moderator recognized Peter Gamester for 30 years of service. Mr. Gamester received a standing ovation.

Moderator reviewed the rules of order, which were put to a vote.

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE I: Town Offices – BALLOT ITEM

The following Town Officers were elected

			Votes
Select Board Member	3-year term:	David McGuckin	224
Treasurer	1-year term:	William Marshall	231
Budget Committee	3-year term:	Damon Frampton	119
Fire Ward	3-year term:	Carl Roediger	119
Trustee Trust Funds	3-year term:	David Borden	55
Library Trustee	3-year term:	Brad Greeley	219
Library Trustee	1-year term:	Jenny Rosenson	228
Cemetery Trustee	3-year term:	Jim Cerny	221
Cemetery Trustee	1-year term:	Terri Golter	224
School Board Member	3-year term:	Gary Rumph	212
School Board Clerk	3-year term:	No Candidates	

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Section 2.3 to insert a new definition as follows:

A Walkout Basement: A basement having the exterior elevation equal to or below the elevation of the existing basement floor and being accessed through a door or opening at grade level.

BALLOT ITEM: Yea: 190; Nay: 47

ARTICLE III: Building Code Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Building Code 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Building Code under Section 14 to amend the wording for Conflicts as follows:

In any areas of conflict between the Building Code and the Town Zoning Ordinance, the more restrictive Code or Ordinance shall govern.

BALLOT ITEM: Yea: 162; Nay: 74

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of \$2,203,719. for the general operation of the Town.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

After brief discussion the question was posed. S/B "Moved".

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing town vehicle and equipment and limit expenditures to vehicles and equipment with values equal to or in excess of \$10,000.00 per item with a life expectancy of five (5) years or longer and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (2/3 vote required)

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

After brief discussion the question was posed.

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,550 (Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty dollars) to be added to the New Castle Conservation Fund for the purpose of grant matching and conservation projects as proposed by the Conservation Commission.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

After brief discussion question called.

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

After brief discussion question called.

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$104,000 for the construction of a State approved sidewalk adjacent to Wentworth Road from the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Association property to Wild Rose Lane. The sidewalk will be 80% subsidized by a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant. The total cost of the project will be \$104,000 (including a 15% contingency); where \$83,200 (80%) is guaranteed to be reimbursed by the Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant, resulting in a net total expense to the Town of \$20,800. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the Federal Transportation Grant. If the grant is not received this article will be null and void.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Several citizens voiced concerns about cost and maintenance of the sidewalk.

It was moved and seconded to stop the discussion.

VOICE VOTE TO STOP DISCUSSION: PASSED

Question was called, with Moderator asking for voice and hand vote.

VOICE and HAND VOTE: PASSED

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

1. A Safe Place.....	\$500
2. Adult Learner Service Program	\$100
3. Aids Response - Seacoast.....	\$200
4. American Red Cross.....	\$500
5. Area Home Care & Family Services.....	\$1,250
6. CASA – Court Appt Special Advocates.....	\$200
7. Child & Family Services	\$600
8. Families First	\$300
9. McFarland Children’s Center.....	\$250
10. Meals on Wheels.....	\$1,500
11. Prescott Park Arts Festival	\$200
12. Rockingham County Community Action	\$100
13. RSVP – The Friends Program.....	\$1,000
14. Salvation Army	\$1,000
15. SeaCare Health Service	\$400
16. Seacoast Hospice	\$1,250
17. Seacoast Mental Health Center	\$2,550
18. Seacoast Visiting Nurses Assoc.	\$250
19. Sexual Assault Support Services	\$250
20. Wentworth Connections.....	\$350
21. Womanaid of Greater Portsmouth	\$750
Total	\$13,500

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Citizen made a motion to remove \$1,250 from line item 16, Seacoast Hospice, as it is no longer a non-profit organization. Brief discussion followed.

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Citizen made a motion to pay \$1,250 to Rockingham VNA Hospice. Brief discussion followed.

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The list as amended was brought to a vote.

1. A Safe Place.....	\$500
2. Adult Learner Service Program	\$100
3. Aids Response - Seacoast.....	\$200
4. American Red Cross.....	\$500
5. Area Home Care & Family Services.....	\$1,250
6. CASA – Court Appt Special Advocates.....	\$200
7. Child & Family Services	\$600

8. Families First.....	\$300
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21. Womanaid of Greater Portsmouth	\$750
Total	\$13,500

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE X: To Modify the Elderly Exemption Article (72:39-b)

Shall we modify the provision of RSA 72:39-b for elderly exemptions? The exemption based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be as follows: a person 65 to 74 years of age or older, \$125,000; for a person 75 to 79 years of age, \$175,000; for a person 80+ years of age and above, \$225,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, 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 five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 or if married, a combine net income of less than \$55,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. If passed, this exemption will be effective for 2012 taxes.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE XI: To Modify the Disabled Resident Article (RSA 72:37c)

Shall we modify the provision of RSA 72:37c for a disabled exemption? The exemption based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$75,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$55,000; and own assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. If passed, this exemption will be effective for 2012 taxes.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE XII: To Modify the Blind Exemption Article (RSA 72:37)

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:37 for a blind exemption? The blind tax exemption based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$55,000; and own assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. If passed, this exemption will be effective for 2012 taxes.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE XIII: To Modify the Deaf Exemption Article (RSA 72:38-b)

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:38-b for a deaf exemption? The deaf exemption, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for a least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$55,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. If passed, this exemption will be effective for 2012 taxes.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote to modify the Town Ordinance Noise Prohibition in

Section IV - Excessive Noise Prohibition to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no person shall be permitted to cause a radio, television, phonograph, or other machine capable of sound to operate at an unreasonable loud volume. The above items are listed by way of illustration rather than limitation. The test of reasonableness shall be applied and factors such as the nature and duration of the sound, the time of day or night the sound occurs, and whether other persons have been disturbed by the excessive noise are material considerations.

2. No person shall operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, moped, snowmobile, or OHRV on the No public streets or any other public place in the Town of New Castle so that the vehicle makes an unnecessary and excessively loud, unusual or other unnecessary noise, including but not limited to such noises as:

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Loud, unusual or other unnecessary noise: Includes any noise occasioned by any one (1) or more of the following actions of the operator of any vehicle:

- A. Misuse of power exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes know as “laying down rubber” or “peeling rubber.”
- B. Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency.
- C. Rapid acceleration by means of quick upshifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission.
- D. Rapid deceleration by means of quick downshifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission.
- E. Racing of engines by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor or gear selection, whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still.
- F. The blowing of any horn except as a warning signal or the use of any other noisemaking device, whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still.
- G. The defective or altered condition of the vehicle, engine system, muffler (as defined in RSA 266:59), and other moving parts.

Vehicle – Includes a bus, highway building equipment, motorcycle, motor truck, motor vehicle, semitrailer, sidecar, tractor, trailer or other vehicle all as defined by RSA 259:122, as amended.

No person, company, contractor, or their employee shall engage in exterior construction that results in excessive noise except after 7am and one half hour (1/2) before sunset. (Addendum 3-16-98)

- 3. Exterior construction shall include but not be limited to:
 - a. Excavation
 - b. Heavy equipment operation
 - c. Blasting
 - d. Exterior carpentry

The Board of Selectmen may allow a waiver of this section under special circumstances as determined by the Board. State and Local government officials are exempt from this section. Violation will be subject to an order to abate the noise source and be subject to a \$150.00 fine.

After discussion and questions asked by several citizens it was moved and seconded to table this item as there were too many areas that were not defined well enough for people to understand the ordinance.

**MOTION TO TABLE (requires a 2/3 vote) to set aside at a future time – indefinite
VOICE VOTE: APPROVED**

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

There were no reports.

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

Lorn Buxton and Pamela Cullen gave tributes to Peter Gamester for over 30 years of service to the town as Selectman. Peter received a standing ovation.

*Dave McGuckin announced that a public hearing would be held on June 6, 2011, at 6 p.m. at the Maude H. Trefethen School for discussion about a "tuitioning in" program.

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Priscilla Hodgkins
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

*Amended 5/23/2011

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Town Officials Surety Bonds in Force
NHMA Property/Liability Insurance Trust

Effective July 1, 2011

POSITION	AMOUNT
TAX COLLECTOR.....	\$83,000
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR.....	83,000
TREASURER.....	91,000
DEPUTY TREASURER.....	91,000
TOWN CLERK.....	36,000
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK.....	36,000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3).....	125,000
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3).....	5,000
BOAT PERMIT FEE AGENT (2).....	1,000

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2011

As management of the Town of New Castle, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

A. Financial Highlights

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$26,809,456.(See note C following)
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance in the general fund was \$706,574 a decrease of \$38,174 over the preceding fiscal year.
- There was long term debt (i.e., bonds payable) of \$1,220.325 at the close of the current fiscal year.

B. Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health and welfare, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities include water and sewer operations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

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

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

C. Government-Wide Financial Analysis

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

FY2011:	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total assets	\$ 25,763,108	\$ 2,221,475	\$ 27,984,583
Total liabilities	<u>1,140,283</u>	<u>34,844</u>	<u>1,175,127</u>
Total net assets	\$ 24,622,825	\$ 2,186,631	\$ 26,809,456
	=====	=====	=====
FY2010:	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total assets	\$ 25,591,196	\$ 2,249,513	\$ 27,840,709
Total liabilities	<u>1,294,504</u>	<u>15,677</u>	<u>1,310,181</u>
Total net assets	\$ 24,296,692	\$ 2,233,836	\$ 26,530,528
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By far the largest portion of net assets, is our investment (96.6%) in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment) less any related debt, if any, used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate such liabilities.

D. Financial Analysis of the Government’s Funds

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

Governmental funds. The Town has only a General Fund in this category. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows,

outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of government's net resources available for (1) future emergency expenditures, and (2) funding future appropriations.

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the enterprise funds at the end of the year amounted to \$382,976. Factors concerning the finances of propriety funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

E. Taxes

The New Castle tax rate is \$5.80, up from \$4.97. The following table compares the current rate to last year's rate.

	<u>YE-6/30/11</u>	<u>YE-6/30/10</u>
Town Operations	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.42
Capital Investment & Dept	0.68	0.16
County	0.91	0.93
School	<u>2.78</u>	<u>2.46</u>
	<u>\$ 5.80</u>	<u>\$ 4.97</u>

The actual net operating expenses of the Town were budgeted to be approximately \$78,000 higher.

Virtually all of the increase is attributable to the addition of personnel in the Police Department to provide enhanced coverage. The Town also provided for modest wage and salary increases for employees. The impact on the tax rate was offset by utilizing \$80,000 from the unreserved fund balance.

The Second line of the table summarizes the impact of capital investment warrant articles approved at recent Town Meetings. These include the principal and interest payments on the 10-year bonds for the Public Safety building and the back channel islands. Fiscal year 2011 is the first year of principal payments and the first full year of interest payments. The impact of the bonds is about \$0.26 in the fiscal year 2011 and then will gradually decline to about \$0.20 over the 10-year life of the bonds. In addition, the prior Town Meeting approved the construction of the new Public Works building. This added a one-time \$0.28 to the rate. The project was completely paid for in the 2011 fiscal year. Our regular annual contribution to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund accounts for the other \$0.14.

F. Sidewalk Project

The May Town Meeting appropriated \$104,000 for the construction of a sidewalk adjacent to Wentworth Road. The sidewalk will be 80% subsidized by a federal Transportation Enhancement Grant. The project will be completed and paid for in the current calendar year.

G. Vehicle & Equipment Trust Fund

The Town voted to appropriate \$103,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund. This continues our program of annual funding. The purpose of the program is to provide for major vehicle and equipment purchase, lease, or refurbishment, as necessary, to assure that the Town can maintain and replace assets as they age. The Town also voted to limit expenditures from the Trust Fund to items greater than \$10,000 with a life expectancy of at least 5 years.

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

Select Board
Town of New Castle
PO Box 367
New Castle, NH 03854

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Net Assets
Government-Wide Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>Gov. Activities</u>	<u>Bus.Type Act.</u>	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current			
Cash & Short-term investments	\$765,014	\$178,050	\$943,064
Accounts receivable	4,049	6,750	10,799
Due from Enterprise funds	7,924	0	7,924
Prepaid Expenditures	100,000		100,000
Noncurrent:			
Accounts receivable	28,675	0	28,675
Capital assets (net of depreciation)	24,956,417	2,036,675	26,993,092
Deeded property	1,029	0	1,029
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Total Assets	\$25,763,108	\$2,221,475	\$27,984,583
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current			
Accounts payable	40,283	26,920	67,203
Current portion of long-term debt	125,000	0	125,000
Due to general fund	0	7,924	7,924
Noncurrent:			
Long-term bonds payable	975,000		975,000
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	\$1,140,283	\$34,844	\$1,175,127
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<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in capital assets (net of debt)	23,856,417	1,803,655	25,660,072
Unrestricted	766,408	382,976	1,149,384
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Total Net Assets	\$24,622,825	\$2,186,631	\$26,809,456
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet—General Fund
30-June-11

<u>ASSETS</u>	General Funds
Cash & Equivalents	\$705,180
Accounts receivable	4,049
Tax deeded property	1,029
Tax liens receivable	28,675
Due from water fund	2,556
Due from sewer fund	5,368

TOTAL ASSETS	\$746,857
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<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$40,283

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$40,283

<u>FUND BALANCE:</u>	
Unreserved	
Designated	
Undesignated	706,574

TOTAL FUND BALANCE	706,574

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$746,857
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
**Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes In Fund Balances**
Budget and Actual—General Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>GENERAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FUND ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES:			
TAXES			
Property Taxes	\$4,050,528	\$4,056,514	\$5,986
Boat Taxes	5,000	4,295	(705)
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	3,000	5,078	2,078
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	4,058,528	4,065,887	7,359
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	248,000	219,743	(28,257)
Building Permits	14,600	27,776	13,176
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,800	6,307	4,507
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	264,400	253,826	(10,574)
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Shared Revenue	0	0	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	45,500	45,409	(91)
Highway Block Grant	15,650	20,587	4,937
Conservation Grant	0	1,607	1,607
Other State Funds	0	0	0
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	61,150	67,603	6,453
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
	0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from departments	103,000	136,634	33,634
TRANSFERS:			
Conservation funds	0	922	922
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MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:			
Interest on Investments	1,000	2,582	1,582
Sale and Rental of Property	9,600	10,221	621
Fines and Forfeits	3,200	1,275	(1,925)
Other Miscellaneous Sources	3,000	12,489	9,489
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	16,800	26,567	9,767
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,503,878	\$4,551,439	\$47,561
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
**Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures,
 And Changes In Fund Balances
 Budget and Actual—General Fund**
 For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES</u>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$67,770	\$71,912	\$(4,142)
Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	31,906	29,697	2,209
Financial Administration	102,109	102,321	(212)
Revaluation of Property	12,622	28,377	(15,755)
Legal Expense	16,500	9,470	7,030
Merit pool account	32,000	0	32,000
Planning and Zoning	19,066	12,456	6,610
General Government Buildings	19,000	16,479	2,521
Cemeteries	10,883	10,729	154
Insurance - Unallocated	38,500	45,343	(6,843)
Other General Government	10,000	788	9,212
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	360,356	327,572	32,784
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police & Animal Control	391,130	395,512	(4,382)
Ambulance	17,026	16,750	276
Fire	235,974	240,650	(4,676)
Emergency Medical Services	14,480	10,823	3,657
Building Inspection	14,456	14,134	322
Emergency Management	7,683	5,471	2,212
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	680,749	683,340	(2,591)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Highways & Streets Maintenance	120,056	96,141	23,915
Street Lighting	7,750	8,647	(897)
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	127,806	104,788	23,018
SANITATION:			
Administration	1,725	1,576	149
Solid Waste Collection	93,000	90,524	2,476
Solid Waste Disposal	29,000	22,659	6,341
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	123,725	114,759	8,966
HEALTH:			
Administration	1,277	1,077	200
Pest Control	23,050	23,050	0
Health Agencies & Hospitals	13,500	12,250	1,250
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	\$37,827	\$36,377	\$1,450
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
**Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes In Fund Balances
Budget and Actual—General Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
WELFARE:			
Direct Assistance	\$10,000	\$78	\$9,922
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CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	130,760	129,690	1,070
Library	61,345	61,345	0
Recreation/Library Building	25,695	32,571	(6,876)
Recreation Commission	7,750	7,428	322
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	225,550	231,034	(5,484)
CONSERVATION:			
Other Conservation	31,453	21,268	10,185
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PRINCIPAL ON LONG-TERM DEPT	125,000	120,325	4,675
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INTEREST ON DEBT:			
Long-term	55,960	41,035	14,925
Short-term	650	3,806	(3,156)
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	56,610	44,841	11,769
CAPITAL RESERVES:			
Transfers To Trust Funds	100,000	100,000	0
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:			
County Taxes	644,027	644,027	0
Education Taxes *	1,962,704	1,962,704	0
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	2,606,731	2,606,731	0
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Transfer to Capital Project Fund	198,500	198,500	0
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Total Expenditures and Other Uses	4,684,307	4,589,613	94,694
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Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	(\$180,429)	(\$38,174)	\$142,255
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* Local Assessment	\$417,056
State Enhanced Assessment	1,545,648
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	\$1,962,704
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Proprietary Funds
Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2011

	<u>WATER</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>SEWER</u> <u>FUND</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash (overdraft)	\$125,890	\$(130,297)
Investments	132,457	50,000
Accounts receivable	2,061	4,689
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Total Current Assets	260,408	(75,608)
Non-Current:		
Equipment	10,633	0
Service Lines and Stations	653,512	1,621,619
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(231,899)	(17,190)
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Total non-current assets	432,246	1,604,429
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$692,654	\$1,528,821
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	2,793	24,127
Due to general fund	2,556	5,368
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Total Current Liabilities	5,349	29,495
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Total Liabilities	5,349	29,495
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Invested in capital assets	470,811	1,332,844
Unrestricted	216,494	166,482
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$687,305	\$1,499,326
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Proprietary Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes
In Fund Net Assets
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	\$59,043	\$268,288
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Water Purchases	19,990	0
Sewerage Assessment	0	257,461
Personnel Services	14,437	38,608
Non-Personnel Services	19,553	13,479
Depreciation	12,000	3,000
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Total Operating Expenses	\$65,980	\$312,548
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Operating Income (Loss)	(6,937)	(44,260)
Non-Operating Revenues:		
Investment Earnings	2,025	1,967
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Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(4,912)	(42,293)
Transfers	-----	-----
Change in Net Assets	(4,912)	(42,293)
Net assets at beginning of year	692,217	1,541,619
Contributed Capital - Town	0	0
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Net Assets at End of Year	\$687,305	\$1,499,326
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Proprietary Funds
Statement of Cash Flows

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

FUNDS PROVIDED:

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Net Income (loss) for the Year (change in net assets)	\$(4,912)	\$(42,293)
Add Back Depreciation	12,000	3,000
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	7,088	(39,293)
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Increase in working capital	\$7,088	\$(39,293)
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CHANGES IN ELEMENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:

Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets:		
Cash and Investments	\$6,393	\$(15,591)
Accounts Receivable	905	(4,745)
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	7,298	(20,336)
Increase (Decrease) in investment activities:		
Equipment, service lines and stations	0	0
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(Increase) decrease in current liabilities:		
Deposits and accounts payable	(210)	(18,957)
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Increase in working capital	\$7,088	\$(39,293)
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**TOWN OF
NEW CASTLE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

2012 Warrant

FY12/13 Budget

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: New Castle

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

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____
or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

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

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/11-6/12 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/10-6/11	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 7/1/12-6/30/13 (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 7/1/12-6/30/13 (Not Recommended)		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		71207	71912	73048	73048	73048	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		33199	29697	33199	33199	33199	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		106427	102321	111542	111542	111542	
4152	Revaluation of Property		40680	28377	13900	13900	13900	
4153	Legal Expense		15700	9470	15700	15700	15700	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		33104		35860	35860	35860	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		19065	12456	17283	17283	17283	
4194	General Government Buildings		19000	16479	39530	39530	39530	
4195	Cemeteries		10883	10729	12883	12883	12883	
4196	Insurance		46800	45343	52000	52000	52000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government		10000	788	10000	10000	10000	
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		409937	395512	440770	440770	440770	
4215-4219	Ambulance		17303	16750	5000	5000	5000	
4220-4229	Fire		262212	251473	275997	275997	275997	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		14806	14134	16000	16000	16000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		7800	5471	7571	7571	7571	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets		121725	96141	123541	123541	123541	
4313	Bridges							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/11-6/12 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/10-5/11	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		169868	169669	172001		172001	
4550-4559	Library		61345	61345	61345		61345	
4583	Patriotic Purposes							
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		26178	21268	27078		27078	
4619	Other Conservation							
DEVELOPMENT								
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		141410	120325	142538		142538	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		20678	41035	18318		18318	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		5000	3806	6000		6000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	- Sewer		306114	312548	403253		403253	
	- Water		67862	65980	74000		74000	

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/11-6/12 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 7/10-6/11	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 7/1/12-6/30/13 (Recommended)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 7/1/12-6/30/13 (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 7/1/12-6/30/13 (Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 7/1/12-6/30/13 (Not Recommended)
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (cont.)							
	- Electric							
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		2203719	2050660	2358056		2358056	

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues 7/10-6/11	Selectmen's Estimated 7/12-6/13	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes				
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes		4295	3500	3500
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		5078	3500	3500
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		219743	240000	240000
3230	Building Permits		27776	28100	28100
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6307	5710	5710
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		45409	43260	43260
3353	Highway Block Grant		20587	17224	17224
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		1607		
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		136634	115750	115750
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5000		
3502	Interest on Investments		2582	850	850
3503-3509	Other		18985	16350	16350
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues 7/10-6/11	Selectmen's Estimated 7/12-6/13	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (cont.)					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		268288	403253	403253
	Water - (Offset)		59043	74000	74000
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		922		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance				
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			822256	951497	951497

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR 7/1/11-6/30/12	SELECTMEN'S 7/1/12-6/30/13	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	2203719	2358056	2358056
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	225550	118525	118525
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	13500	13000	13000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2442769	2489581	2489581
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	900591	951497	951497
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	15242178	1538086	1538086

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

Town Warrant For 2012

ROCKINGHAM, SS
NEW CASTLE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, 8th of May 2012, to act upon Articles I through II. The business session of the Annual Town Meeting will commence at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles III through IX. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before seven o'clock in the evening.

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

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Section 9.2 WETLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT, to read as follows:

9.2.1 Purpose and Intent:

The purpose of the Wetlands Conservation District is to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the community by controlling and guiding the use of land areas defined as wetlands and buffers. It is intended that this Article shall:

1. Prevent the development of structures and land uses on or within a functional buffer of naturally occurring wetlands which will contribute to pollution of surface and groundwater by sewage or toxic substances or sedimentation;
2. Prevent the degradation, destruction of, or significant changes to, natural wetlands and their buffers which provide flood protection; provide filtration of water flowing into tidal water, ponds and streams, augment stream flow during dry periods and are connected to the ground or surface water supply;
3. Protect wildlife habitats, maintain ecological values and support other public purposes such as those cited in RSA 482-A:1;
4. Protect potential water supplies and existing aquifers (water bearing stratum) and aquifer recharge areas;

5. Prevent unnecessary or excessive expense to the Town for the purpose of providing and/or maintaining essential services and utilities which might be required as a result of development in wetlands;

6. Prevent unnecessary or excessive expense to individual property owners arising from damages by flooding or other consequence resulting from development in wetlands.

9.2.2 Non-Local Permits:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article or local approval of proposed uses, any permits required by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services or the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers shall be obtained prior to the use or alteration of wetlands in the Town of New Castle.

9.2.3 Areas of Jurisdiction:

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

1. Definition of Wetlands:

a. Wetlands: Pursuant to RSA 482-A:2 and RSA 674:55, "Wetlands" means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. They include, but are not limited to: swamps, bogs, marshes, ponds, as well as any other area falling within the state wetlands jurisdictional definition of RSA 482-A:4. Wetlands may include soils that are defined as poorly and very poorly drained.

b. Tidal Lands: All lands submerged by the highest observable tide including land which borders on tidal waters, such as banks, bogs, salt marsh, swamps, meadows, flats or other lowlands subject to tidal action. The highest observable tide line shall mean the "reference line" as defined in RSA 483-B:4, XVII and is hereinafter referred to as such.

c. Isolated Non-bordering Wetlands: Those areas of 3,000 square feet or less which satisfy the definition above of "wetlands" but which (1) are not within 100 feet of any other wetlands and do not abut a marsh, pond, bog, river, natural intermittent or perennial stream; (2) do not contribute to flood storage or the proper conveyance of surface water runoff; (3) are not identified as a vernal pool; and (4) have not been identified in the surveys referenced in Section 9.2.3.2 as having high function and value.

2. Definition of Wetland Buffers: Variable wetlands buffers are established for wetlands and tidal lands as follows:

a. Class A Wetland Buffers: buffers of 100 feet are established from the edge of the named wetlands listed below. These wetlands are identified in the 2005 Wetlands Study ("Wetlands Survey – Town of New Castle" and "2005 Wetland Study Map") and evaluated to be wetlands with the highest functional values and requiring a higher degree of protection:

Wetlands ID# 23 Lavenger Creek
Wetlands ID# 22 Secret Pond
Wetlands ID# 24 Quarterdeck Lane
Wetlands ID# 16 Pit Lane "A"
Wetlands ID# 26 River Road

b. Class B Wetland Buffers: Buffers of fifty (50) feet are established from the edge of all wetlands that are not named as Class A or as non-bordering wetlands. Isolated non-bordering wetlands shall have no required buffers.

c. Tidal Lands Buffers: Buffers of 100 feet are established from the reference line of any tidal lands

3. Delineation of District Boundaries: The limits of the Wetlands Conservation District are hereby determined to be the following:

a. Town Level Map: Those areas identified, classified and mapped as wetlands in the study entitled "Wetlands Study, Town of New Castle, New Hampshire" prepared for the Town of New Castle by Oak Hill Environmental Services and dated October 2005 (herein after referred to as the "2005 Wetlands Study"). The map contained in this Study shall serve as the general delineation of the District, and may be supplemented with other Town level wetlands mapping sources prepared using the standards of the evaluative criteria for wetlands delineation referenced in the following section.

b. Site Level Delineation: For the purposes of the administration of the Wetlands Conservation District, the area of jurisdiction shall be delineated through site specific wetlands identification prepared by a certified wetlands scientist using the standards of the evaluative criteria for wetlands delineation as set forth in the publication entitled Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands, January, 1989. Such delineation shall include all swamps, bogs, salt and fresh water marshes, vernal pools, and ponds, and all other wetlands as defined by Section 9.2.3.1. Site level wetlands delineation shall be carried out at the expense of the landowner.

4. Boundary Appeals: In the event that the Building Inspector, Planning Board, or Conservation Commission questions the validity of the boundaries of a wetland area on a specific parcel of land, or upon the written petition of the owner of any abutter of said property to the Planning Board, the Board may call upon the property owner to secure the services of a certified wetlands scientist to examine said area and report the findings to the Planning Board for their determination of the district boundary. Site level wetlands delineation necessary to resolve boundary appeals shall be conducted at the expense of the landowner.

9.2.4 Permitted Uses:

1. Any use otherwise permitted by the zoning ordinance and state and federal laws that does not involve the erection of a building or structure or that does not alter the surface of the land by the addition of fill or by dredging or any other means.

2. Forestry and tree farming, excluding the construction of access roads.
3. Wildlife habitat development and management.
4. Recreational uses consistent with the purpose and intent of this Article as defined in Section 9.2.1.
5. Conservation areas and natural trails.

9.2.5 Conditional Uses:

1. Conditional Use Permit: A conditional use permit may be granted by the Planning Board (RSA 674:21 II) for the following uses or alterations in the Wetlands Conservation District provided that all of the conditions listed in subsection 9.2.5.2 below are met. Conditional use permits may only be granted after review and recommendation by the Conservation Commission and may require the submission of such information as contained in the DES Wetland Bureau "Minimum Impact Expedited Application" as necessary and reasonable to determine that the proposed use will meet the conditions set forth below.

- a. Construction of roads and other access ways, and for pipelines, power lines, and other transmission lines, provided that the proposed construction is essential to the productive use of land not within the Wetlands Conservation District;
- b. Construction of those uses that constitute common treatment associated with a permitted use, e.g., boardwalk for use in a natural trail, etc.
- c. Water impoundments constructed for the enhancement of a wetland area.
- d. Site improvements or alterations to the surface configuration of the land proposed within Class A or B Wetland buffers or Tidal Lands buffers as set forth in Section 9.2.3.2, provided that such improvements or alterations have been approved by the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B), as amended and provided that they satisfy all other requirements of Conditional Use Permits pursuant to Section 9.2.5.2.
- e. Buildings or structures set back in excess of 50 feet from the edge of Class A or Class B Wetlands or Tidal lands or which have received appropriate relief from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, provided such buildings or structures have been approved by the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B), as amended and provided that they satisfy all other requirements of Conditional Use Permits pursuant to Section 9.2.5.2.

2. Conditions:

- a. That the use for which the permit is sought cannot feasibly be carried out on a portion or portions of the lot which are outside the Wetlands Conservation District or associated buffers;
- b. That the design, construction and maintenance of the proposed use will, to the extent feasible, minimize detrimental impact on the wetland and be consistent with the purpose and intent of this Article;

c. There is no feasible alternative to the proposed use that has less detrimental impact on wetlands or tidal lands;

d. In cases where the proposed use is temporary or where construction activity disturbs areas adjacent to the immediate use, the landowner agrees to restore the site as nearly as possible to its original grade and condition following construction, if required as a condition by the Planning Board;

e. That the proposed use will not create a hazard to individual or public health, safety and welfare due to the loss or degradation of wetland, surface waters, the contamination of groundwater, or other reason;

f. Where required, permits shall be obtained from the N.H. Department of Environmental Services under RSA 485-A:17 or RSA 482-A, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under section 404 of the Clean Water Act;

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

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

h. The Planning Board, after consultation with the Conservation Commission, may require the applicant to submit an environmental assessment when necessary to evaluate an application made under this Section. In cases where the Planning Board has determined that the proposed use may result in detrimental impacts to the subject wetland, the applicant may be further required to submit a mitigation plan to reduce or eliminate said impacts. The cost of this assessment and mitigation plan shall be borne by the applicant. The Planning Board may also assess the applicant reasonable fees to cover the costs of the review of technical studies required under this section.

i. Where required by the Planning Board, the applicant shall agree to submit a performance security to ensure that all construction and any required restoration or mitigation per 9.2.5.2.d or 9.2.5.2.h, is carried out in accordance with an approved design or stated conditions. The security shall be submitted, in a form and amount and with surety and conditions satisfactory to the Town, prior to the issuance of any permit authorizing construction.

9.2.6 Special Exceptions:

1. Water Dependent Structures

The construction of footbridges, boardwalks and wharves only may be erected within the Wetlands Conservation District, provided: (1) said structures are constructed on posts or pilings so as to permit unobstructed flow of water; (2) the natural contour of the wetland is preserved; and (3) the Conservation Commission has reviewed the proposed construction. The Board of Adjustment shall review applications for such uses in accordance with the procedures and criteria established in Section 6.3 MARINAS, DOCKS AND PIERS.

9.2.7 Lot Size Determination:

Wetlands areas may be used to fulfill up to 25% of the minimum lot size or other density limitations required by the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, provided that the non-wetland area of the lot is sufficient in size and configuration to adequately accommodate all required structures and utilities such as sewage disposal and water supply, including primary and auxiliary leach field locations.

9.2.8 Wetland Buffers:

1. No subsurface wastewater disposal system shall be constructed within 75 feet of any wetland or tidal water lands.

Setback requirements for all septic systems are determined by soil characteristics.

a. Where the receiving soil down gradient of the leaching portions of a septic system is a porous sand and gravel material (i.e. material with a percolation rate equal to or faster than two minutes per inch) the setback shall be at least 125 feet from the reference line or the edge of any wetland.

b. For soils with restrictive layers within 18 inches of the natural soil surface, the setback shall be at least 100 feet from the reference line or the edge of any wetland.

c. For all other soil conditions where there is no restrictive layer within 18 inches of the natural soil surface and/or where the soil gradient is not a porous sand and gravel material (i.e. material with a percolation rate equal to or faster than two minutes per inch) the setback shall be at least 75 feet from the reference line or the edge of any wetland.

2. Construction of a building, structure, site improvements or any other alteration to the surface configuration of the land, excluding minor landscaping improvements, shall be prohibited within all Class A, Class B and Tidal Land buffers as established in Section 9.2.3.2, except as may be granted by Conditional Use Permit per section 9.2.5.1.

3. Marinas, docks and piers as referenced in Section 6.3 shall be exempt from these buffer requirements – See Section 9.2.6.2 -- Water Dependent Structures.

4. Pesticides and/or fertilizer use with the exception of limestone is prohibited within 25 feet of the reference line for tidal wetlands and shoreline, or from the edge of the wetland for freshwater wetlands. From 25 to 250 feet only fertilizers containing low phosphate and/or slow release nitrogen may be used. (Reference RSA 483-B:9,II).

5. All construction, forestry and agriculture activities within 100 feet of any wetlands shall be undertaken with special care to avoid soil erosion and siltation of wetlands. The Planning Board, pursuant to its subdivision and site plan review authority, may require an erosion control plan approved by the Rockingham County Conservation District for any project that results in surface alteration or soil disturbance undertaken in this area.

6. Natural Woodland Buffer: Where natural woodland buffers exist within 150 feet

of the edge of a wetland a well distributed stand of trees, saplings, shrubs and ground cover must be maintained in accordance with the following:

The 150' wide protected Natural Woodland Buffer is divided into two zones. The first 50', beginning at the reference line, is the Waterfront Buffer Zone and the second between 50' and 150' from the reference line, is the Woodland Buffer Zone. Different vegetation removal limitations apply within each of these zones:

a. Live tree and sapling cutting and removal of ground cover is limited to the following criteria, based on that established in the N.H. Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) as amended in 2008:

1. Live trees and saplings may be removed provided that a minimum combined tree, sapling, shrub and groundcover is maintained. This shall be determined using the 50' x 50' grid point scoring system implemented by NH Department of Environmental Services for the CSPA. Within each grid segment a minimum score of 50 points must be maintained.

Trees and Saplings (Diameter):

1 to 3 inches	= 1 pt
Greater than 3 to 6 inches	= 5 pts
Greater than 6 to 12 inches	= 10 pts
Greater than 12 to 24 inches	= 15 pts
Greater than 24 inches	= 25 pts
Shrub and Ground cover (May not account for more than 25 points in any grid): 4 square feet of shrub area	= 1 pt
50 square feet of Ground cover	= 1 pt

2. Diameters for scoring are measured at a height of 4.5 feet above the ground.

3. Shrub and Ground cover may not account for more than 50% of the pts assigned per grid.

4. If there is insufficient area to account for a full grid (2500 square feet) the required points shall be maintained as proportional to a full segment.

b. Branches may be trimmed, pruned, and thinned to the extent necessary to protect structures, maintain clearances and provide views. Limbing of branches for the purpose of providing views is limited to the bottom half of trees and saplings to help ensure the health of the tree or sapling.

c. Stumps and their root systems must remain intact in the ground within 150 feet of the reference line. The opening for building construction is limited to 25 feet outward from the building, septic system, and driveway.

d. Tree clearing for access and egress to accessory structures is limited to 10 feet outward from the footprint.

Within the Woodland Buffer Zone:

For lots larger than ½ acre, 50% of this zone, excluding areas covered by impervious surfaces, must be left in an unaltered state. "Unaltered State" means existing natural native vegetation allowed to grow without cutting, limbing, trimming, pruning, mowing or other similar

activities except as needed for plant health, normal maintenance and renewal.

For lots less than ½ acre, 25% of this zone must be left in an unaltered state. “Unaltered State” means existing natural native vegetation allowed to grow without cutting, limbing, trimming, pruning, mowing or other similar activities except as needed for plant health, normal maintenance and renewal.

9.2.9 Appeals:

Any order, requirements, decision, or determination of the Planning Board made under this ordinance may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as set for in RSA 676:5.

9.2.10 Review Procedure:

Any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Planning board made under this ordinance may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as set forth in RSA676:5.

Appendix: Wetland Survey – Town of New Castle

ID#	Geographic Name	Historic Name	Size (Ac.)	Type
#1	Crosby “A”	Bartlett’s Swamp	14.54	PEM1H
#2	Crosby “B”		.07	POWC
#3	Crosby “C”		.63	PFO/SS41C
#4	Crosby “D”		.43	PFO/SS41C
#5	Crosby “E”		.49	PEM1E
#6	Wild Rose Lane “A”		.03	PFO1Y
#7	Wild Rose Lane “B”		.04	PFO1Y
#8	Little Harbor Road “A”		.21	PFO1B
#9	Little Harbor Road “B”		.44	PFO1B
#10	Marina		1.10	E2AB1N
#11	Wild Rose Lane “C”		1.72	PEM1H
#12	Great Island Common		4.37	PEM1E
#13	Cemetery	Shaw’s Pond	.57	PFO14/SS
#14	Bull Toad Pond	Bull Toad Pond	2.00	PEM/OW
#15	Wentworth Road “A”	Walford’s Swamp	4.20	PEM1E
#16	Pit Lane “A”	Souter’s Pond	2.50	PEM1E
#17	Pit Lane “B”		3.41	PSS/EM1E
#18	Wentworth Road “B”		1.27	PSS/EM1E
#19	Colonial Lane		.60	PFO1E
#20	Neal’s Lane “A”	Kitt’s Marsh	.33	PSS/EM1E
#21	Neal’s Lane “B”		.41	PSS/EM1E
#22	Secret Pond	Secret Pond	3.45	PEM1H
#23	*Lavenger Creek	Lavenger Creek	9.35	E2EM1
#24	*Quarterdeck	Kitt’s Marsh	1.06	PEM1E/E
#25	Ritson Street		.21	PFO1E
#26	*River Road	Muskito Hall	.85	E2EM1
#27	Duck’s Head		.65	PEM1E

Note: *=Estuarine

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE III: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of \$2,358,056 for the general operation of the Town.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,525 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Five dollars) to be added to the New Castle Conservation Fund for the purpose of grant matching and conservation projects as proposed by the Conservation Commission.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be used to pay Town donations to local non-profit agencies as follows:

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

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following addition to the Town Ordinances:

Section XIII: Building Numbers

1. Any building or structure for which a number has been designated shall have such numbers affixed or displayed in such manner so as to be plainly visible from the street that abuts the main entrance to the property. Violators shall not be fined more than \$25.00 for each day that such numbers are not affixed.

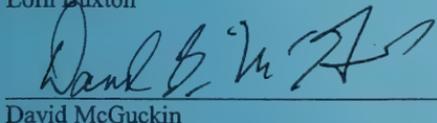
ARTICLE VIII: To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE IX: To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting. Given under our hand and seal this 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

A true copy of warrant – attest


Patricia Scholz-Cohen


Lorn Buxton


David McGuckin

Select Board

Independent Auditor's Report

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

R. R. Bergeron
November 15, 2011
Portsmouth, NH

The entire auditor's report is on file at the Town Hall.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Schedule of Town Property
For fiscal year ending June 30, 2011

1.	Town Hall, land and building	\$ 856,400
	Furniture and equipment (Map 13 Lot 8)	80,000
2.	Recreation Building (Library) out bldgs/land	10,268,600
	Furniture and equipment (Map 5 Lot 13)	225,000
3.	Municipal Safety Complex (Map 13 Lot 7)	1,515,800
	Police Department Equipment	17,500
	Fire Department Equipment	340,000
4.	Highway Department	
	Equipment	45,000
	Material and supplies	6,000
5.	Water supply facilities	
	Owned by Town of New Castle	396,197
6.	Sewer plant and facilities	22,500
	Land and building (Map 16 Lot 48)	59,600
7.	School, land, and building	
	Equipment (Map 12 Lot 33)	2,440,300
8.	Islands: Long Rock & Mill (Map 8 Lot 11)	113,700
	Birch (Map 11 Lot 1)	20,600
9.	Cemeteries: Riverside (Map 15 Lot 10)	806,600
	Frost (Map 18 Lot 54)	283,300
	Prescott (Map 17 Lot 57)	185,100
	Oceanside (Map 5 Lot 13 Sublot 1)	1,032,900
10.	Other town owned lands and town buildings:	
	Pit Lane lot (Map 10 Lot 9 & Map 10 Lot 9 Sublot 1)	322,800
	Town Landing, Laurel Lane (Map 11 Lot 30)	120,600
	Sand Pit (Map 12 Lot 3)	449,200
	Town garage, land, & cemetery (Map 17 Lot 56)	337,100
	NC Historical Society Building & land (Map 17 Lot 58)	349,500
	Land-Walbach (Map 19 Lot 01)	812,500
	Land-Fort Point (Map 19 Lot 02 Sublot 1)	1,792,600
	Other land (Map 16, Lot 50, 51)	3,900
	Wentworth Road (Map 4 Lot 25)	19,600
TOTAL		\$ 22,922,897

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2011 Assessed Valuation Report

ASSESSED LAND AND BUILDINGS:	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	9.08	\$182
Conservation Restriction	14.52	11,962
Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	1.76	387
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
Residential	304.03	379,821,300
Commercial/Industrial	10.05	15,637,000
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Total of Taxable Land	339.44	395,470,831
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable	123.23	43,736,100
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		189,305,300
Commercial/Industrial		51,262,700

Total Taxable Buildings		240,568,000
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		6,848,900
Public Utilities: Electric		1,283,100
Mature Wood and Timber		0

Valuation Before Exemptions		637,321,931
Blind Exemption (1)		50,000
Elderly Exemptions (4)		600,000
Deaf Exemption (\$50,000)		0

TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS		650,000
NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE COMPUTATION		\$636,671,931
Less Public Utilities		1,283,100

NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX		\$635,388,831
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TAX CREDITS:		
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans their spouses and widows (\$700 each)		
Other War Service Credits RSA 72:28 (\$500) (73)		36,500

TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT (73)		\$36,500
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2011 Tax Rate Computation

	---Municipal Portion---	
Gross Appropriations	\$2,442,769	
Less: Revenues	960,591	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	
Add: Overlay	13,923	
Add: War Service Credits	36,500	

Net Town Appropriation	1,532,601	
Special Adjustment	0	

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,532,601	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$2.40
	---School Portion---	
Net Local School Budget	1,918,171	
Regional School Apportionment	0	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0	
State Education Taxes	(1,481,781)	
Approved School Tax Effort	436,390	
Local Education Tax Rate		\$0.69
	---Education Tax---	
Equalized Valuation (no util) X \$2.325		
\$637,325,285	1,481,781	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
\$635,388,831		
State Education Tax Rate		\$2.33
	---County Portion---	
Due to County	614,573	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	

Approved County Tax Effort	614,573	
County Tax Rate		0.97

Combined Tax Rate		\$6.39
Total Property Taxes Assessed	4,065,345	
Less: War Service Credits	(36,500)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	

Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,028,845	

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Non-Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>30 Jun 10</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u> <u>FUNDS</u>	<u>DISPURSED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>30 Jun 11</u>
Marchand	\$6,340.23	\$337.41		\$6,677.64
Sewer	\$325,685.37	\$0.00		\$325,685.37
Library	\$9,650.00	\$0.00		\$9,650.00
Cemetery Maint	\$155,050.00	\$33,000.00		\$188,050.00
Special Education	\$87,251.47	\$0.00		\$87,251.47
School Tuition	\$35,000.07	\$0.00		\$35,000.07
Vehicle & Equipment	\$59,376.75	\$0.00	(\$31,726.74)	\$27,650.01
School Bldg	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	(\$27,814.57)	\$2,185.43
Water	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
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TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$693,353.89	\$48,337.41	(\$59,541.31)	\$682,149.99
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INCOME				
Marchand	\$1,102.55	\$334.70	(\$337.41)	\$1,099.84
Sewer	\$95,930.55	\$20,401.03	(\$18,909.00)	\$97,422.58
Library	\$112.32	\$487.51		\$599.83
Cemetery Maint	\$6,288.70	\$7,436.18		\$13,724.88
Special Education	\$26,908.10	\$5,486.91		\$32,395.01
School Tuition	\$8,336.84	\$2,062.25		\$10,399.09
Vehicle & Equipment	\$0.00	\$2,506.66	(\$2,506.66)	\$0.00
School Bldg	\$37.25	\$479.68	(\$516.93)	\$0.00
Water	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
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TOTAL INCOME	\$138,716.31	\$39,194.92	(\$22,270.00)	\$155,641.23
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TOTAL	\$832,070.20	\$87,194.92	(\$21,932.59)	\$837,791.22
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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tax Collector's Report (MS-61)

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

	LEVY FOR		PRIOR YEAR LEVIES	
	2011	2010	2009	2008
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES:</u>				
Property Taxes				0.00
This Years' New Credits	(\$6,566.29)			
<u>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:</u>				
Property Taxes		\$4,062,675.00		
<u>OVERPAYMENTS:</u>				
Property Taxes				
Abatements by Check		0.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes		4,526.62		
Credits Refunded	\$6,566.29			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$-	\$4,067,201.62	0.00	0.00
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>				
Property Taxes		\$4,042,145.00		
Interest/penalties		4,453.05		
Conversion to Liens		12,552.00	0.00	
<u>ABATEMENTS:</u>				
Abatements		7,978.00		
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/09</u>				
		0.00		
Overpayments returned		0.00		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$-	\$4,067,128.05	0.00	0.00
	2011	2010	2009	2008
<u>UNREDEEMED LIENS</u>				
<u>LIENS EXECUTED:</u>				
Unredeemed liens balance beg of FY			\$13,156.82	
Liens executed during FY		\$13,560.63		
Interest & Costs		118.18	458.00	172.89
Unredeemed Elderly Liens beg of FY			2,945.00	\$15,738.00
Elderly Liens Executed during FY		3,520.00		
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$-	\$17,198.81	\$16,559.82	\$15,910.89
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</u>				
Redemptions		\$4,357.04	\$11,709.12	4,179.00
Interest & Costs		118.18	458.00	172.89
Abatements of Unredeemmed Liens				
Unredeemed Liens End of FY		\$9,203.59	\$1,447.70	
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY	\$-	3,520.00	2,945.00	\$11,559.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$-	\$17,198.81	\$16,559.82	\$15,910.89

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Report of the Treasurer

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

The following is the balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2011

GENERAL FUND:

Checking Account	\$(17,975.78)
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	2,535.10
Bank North Investment Pool	715,842.79
Capital Project for Back Channel Islands	54.32
Capital Project for Public Safety Complex	187.58
Recreation Fund	30,446.37
Safe Path	14,509.05
Conservation Funds	1,440.98
Capital Project for DPW Building	13,195.86

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Checking Account	\$45,592.62
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$82,456.98

Respectfully Submitted,

William B. Marshall, III
Treasurer

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Public Library

**Statement of Receipts
and Disbursements**

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

RECEIPTS:

Town Appropriations	\$61,345.00
School Appropriations	\$3,000.00
Designated Gifts	\$676.52
Donations	\$473.30
Investments	\$461.03
Other	\$718.10

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$66,673.95**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Books	\$6,747.40
Videos	\$1,766.71
Children's Books	\$3,409.86
Periodicals & Newspapers	\$1,353.17
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$41,257.84
Software, Hardware, & Support	\$2,613.80
Operations	\$2,903.58
Programs & Professional Expenses	\$2,334.73
Other	\$175.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$62,562.09**

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH **\$4,111.86**

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2010 **\$21,884.17**

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2011 **\$25,996.03**

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Report of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Receipts of Town Clerk for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011

Motor Vehicle Permits:	\$ 219,768
Vital Statistics:	\$ 725
Other sources:	\$ 136
Total receipts:	\$ 220,629

Payments remitted to Treasurer: \$ 220,629

The income from motor vehicle registrations decreased by \$6,100 from the year before, which reflects the trend we have seen for the last three years.

The Tax Collector's financial report can be found elsewhere in the book which includes information about property taxes, liens, and abatements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

As there are no big-ticket items or changes at the state level that will adversely affect our tax rate, I take this opportunity to offer a brief look back in time, to a very busy era in New Castle.

Fifty years ago the agenda for town meeting in 1962 included three articles related to the purchase of Camp Langdon, which became the 27 acres of Great Island Common. Also on the agenda: a petition for the town to accept four new streets on Bos'n's Hill: Walton, Davidson, Ritson, and Ball.

The population was just under 900, which was an increase of about 330 from a decade earlier – an increase of more than 50%. The registered births numbered 18; marriages: 10 and deaths 12.

The tax collector's report included names of delinquent taxpayers, a practice that went away a few years later, along with the Poll tax. The town received \$78,000 in property taxes. In 1962 the operating budget for the Police Department was \$7,000, for the Fire Department \$1,500 and the three teachers at MHT were paid a total of \$15,000 – that is each received between \$4,500 and \$6,000.

To put these figures in further perspective: in 1962 a loaf of Wonder Bread was 25 cents, a gallon of gas was 31 cents, and a brand new Chevrolet 4-door sedan was \$2,500.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Hodgkins
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Report of the Town Treasurer

The negative balance in the General Fund checking account on June 30, 2011, occurred because some payment checks were issued near the end of June, but would not be cashed until July. Funds are always transferred into checking just before check recipients could cash them.

New Hampshire has an investment pool, whereby any town can put funds and get them back on demand. New Castle has used this pool over the years. Several years ago, our bank must have realized that the Pool was part of their competition; so, they offered to at least match the Pool's interest payments. This they have done and then some. It is cheaper and more convenient to have the Town's savings and checking account with the same institution.

Lastly, a big thank you to all of us who seem to be doing a darn good job of keeping money coming in and money going out and knowing where it came from and where it went. You and the Select Board know why.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Marshall III
Treasurer

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Police Department Report

The New Castle Police Department would like to thank all the residents for their support throughout the past year. We are proud to be part of a community with great values. Again, in a flash, another year has gone by. Where does the time go? This has been an unusually mild winter on the Island (I am not complaining) and with spring here we are gearing up for a very busy summer ahead.

A few friendly reminders on safety: Please keep your doors and windows locked when you are away; keep your cars secured when parked in your driveways; and if you see something suspicious please call. This will help us keep the community safe.

Also be mindful of your speeds, and remember the walkers and joggers are out in full force in the nice weather. Be sure when you are going away to fill out a vacation house request form so that we may know when you're away and keep an eye on your home. The forms can be obtained on-line at the New Castle Police Department web page. In closing, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

License fees remitted to Treasurer	-	\$505.50
Fiscal year 7-1-2010 to 6-30-11		
Total		<u>\$505.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. White Jr.
Chief of Police

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Police Department 2011 Statistics

911 Hang up calls	16	Drug Narcotics Violation	1
Accidents	14	DWI	2
Alarms	52	Follow-up	68
Animal Control Incidents	113	Found/Lost Property	34
Assaults	1	House Checks	8
Assist Citizens	177	Indecent Exposure	1
Assist Non-Police Dept.	26	Intoxicated Subject	3
Assist Other Police Dept.	70	Involuntary Emergency Admittal	1
Assist Town Hall	54	Juvenile Offenses	1
Assist DPW	61	Missing Person	5
Assist Fire Dept.	73	Motor Vehicle Complaints	24
Building/Property Check	1414	Parking Complaints	27
Criminal Mischief	9	Parking Enforcement	137
Criminal Threatening	1	Road Hazard	28
Criminal Trespass	10	School Crossing	152
Dept. Business/Court	190	Suspicious Activity	67
Directed Patrol	53	Suicide	1
Disturbance	6	Theft	13
Domestic Violation	1	Traffic Enforcement	438
Water Rescue	2	Traffic Stop	860
Well Being Check	23		

Total Calls for Service In 2011 - 4267

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fire Department/Emergency Management

2011 was a successful year for the Fire Department. The men and women of the department processed 180 calls for service, including 90 calls for Emergency Medical Aid. We provided mutual aid response to Portsmouth, Rye, North Hampton, York, Kittery, U.S. Coast Guard and the Pease Air National Guard Base.

Many hours were spent training, maintaining certifications and checking and maintaining equipment. Fire training was held every Monday night, except holidays. Emergency Medical Training was held on the third Wednesday night of each month. Individual members attended classes sponsored by the New Hampshire Fire and EMS Academy and the Seacoast Chief Fire Officer's Mutual Aid District.

Erin Kelly and Jonathan Ripley, both of Portsmouth, completed the Fire Fighter 1 course and are now certified.

Recruiting and retention remains good with several new members added from Portsmouth to replace our Coast Guard members who transferred last year.

Rescue 7 is working out well. The EMTs are very pleased with the added capabilities it brings.

The new Engine 4 is serving us well. The crew is trained to use it to its full capabilities. There have been a couple of changes to the Emergency Management Team. Teddy Golter has agreed to serve as the Deputy Emergency Management Director and Andy Schulte is the new Radiological Defense Officer. Just in time for the Seabrook Drills in 2012.

I would like to thank the volunteer members of the New Castle Fire Department for their exceptionally dedicated service to the town. They stand ready, day and night, to answer the call, whatever it may be, to go in harms way to help and protect the people of New Castle.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Blanding, Fire Chief/Emergency
Management Director

Report of the Planning Board

In December of 2011, Haden Gerrish stepped down as Chairman of the New Castle Planning Board. As the incoming Chair, I would like to express my gratitude to Haden for all of his time, effort and leadership on behalf of the Planning Board throughout the past several years. Fortunately, he has left behind a group of strong and capable individuals with a wide range of expertise to continue the important work of this Board.

Reflective of the general economic times, there were a relatively small number of projects that came before the Planning Board in 2011. Most of the proposals that were reviewed by the Board involved construction within the Wetlands Conservation District. The goal of our related ordinances is to ensure that any new projects minimize negative impacts to the highly sensitive ecology of the shoreline or interior wetland areas.

In almost every case, I believe that our ordinances have provided the flexibility for home owners to work together with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission to develop responsible plans that will ultimately protect the character of the island.

During 2011, much work was also done to revise and update our Town's Master Plan. Last updated in 2002 this document is intended to provide the rationale for all of our land use ordinances. More specifically, by articulating broad goals and facts regarding land uses, the Master Plan provides the justification for our ordinances and any restrictions they may impose. The Master Plan committee has received much assistance and guidance from the Rockingham Planning Commission throughout this process. It is our hope to finalize the new plan in 2012.

Another goal for the upcoming year is to continue the development of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the town. New Castle's CIP will attempt to anticipate long term capital improvement expenditures as well as to plan for intelligent funding of those projects. A CIP committee has been formed and they will work together with the Budget Committee and the Selectmen to develop this plan.

As always, the Planning Board is constantly assessing the value of the Town's land use ordinances with input from the Selectmen, the Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission and the Building Inspector. It is our goal to create regulations that promote the rights to enjoyment of private property while at the same time maintaining the character of our town.

I would like to thank the members of the Board, Secretary Anita Colby and the staff at the Town Hall for their efforts on behalf of the Planning Board. The many hours of hard work and dedication of this group of people are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Levenson, Chairman

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Notice Regarding RSA 674:39aa
Restoration of Involuntarily Merged lots

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merged status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- A. During your ownership, without your consent; or
- B. Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must make a request to the local governing body no later than December 31, 2016

Once restored your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39aa

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

New Hampshire State Law gives the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) four responsibilities.

1. Consider appeals of Land use decisions of the Planning Board, Historic District Commission, or Building Inspector.
2. Consider requests for a variance from the requirements of an ordinance or statute.
3. Make special exceptions in situations authorized by the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Consider requests for an “equitable waiver of dimensional requirements.”

In practice, in New Castle, the significant majority of cases considered by the ZBA are requests for variances. The concept of a variance comes from the longstanding legal understanding that when it comes to uses of land, “one size does not fit all.” Sometimes it is appropriate to allow a property owner to do something a little differently than the Zoning Ordinance requires, if “literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship.” However, the hardship must be as a result of the terrain or dimensions of the land itself, not simply because the land owner feels that it would be more convenient for them if they did not need to conform to the Zoning Ordinance.

During the past calendar year, nine property owners submitted applications requesting one or more variances to different provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, including one application that originally had been filed in 2010, but was amended in 2011 and treated as a new filing. One of the applications filed in 2011 was withdrawn prior to a hearing by the ZBA. Of the eight that were considered by the ZBA, five were granted with various conditions attached to those approvals. Of the three applications that were denied one proposal was revised by the applicants so that the Building Inspector could issue a building permit without further delay. Additionally, the request for a variance originally filed in 2010, involving a proposed lot split, became moot as a result of a change in state law effective on July 24, 2011. That new law enabled the property owners to restore the boundary line dividing two contiguous parcels of land without meeting the subdivision requirements.

In addition, one property owner filed a request for “an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements” which, after due consideration by the ZBA, was granted as the most equitable way of resolving an unintentional violation of Zoning Ordinance Section 4.2, Table 1. The ZBA wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to the following persons: Don Graves, New Castle Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer; the Board of Selectmen, and Pam Cullen, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen; and Anita Colby, Recording Secretary of the ZBA, for their continued support and help in carrying out the responsibilities and duties imposed upon the ZBA by the Laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Robinson, Chair

Conservation Commission

Thanks to the people of New Castle and their strong support of the Conservation Commission a great deal was accomplished in 2011!

We brought understanding and smiles to the faces of our school age children and their teachers by involving them in the River Road salt marsh restoration project; we detangled parts of the Common, restoring native vegetation and opening up some very fetching views; and we completed a significant salt marsh restoration on River Road aimed at reducing mosquitoes and improving habitats for native birds and fish. These projects were made possible by informed, supportive people working together. Healthy wetlands and marshes, and the native plants that thrive there, provide habitat for biodiversity and act as filters for our ground and surface waters. Water quality is the lynchpin to maintaining our quality of life, our enjoyment of our surroundings and preserving the reasons we choose to make New Castle our home.

The Common

The Commission continued to expand its restoration and ecological enhancement at the Great Island Common this year. You will notice that in the Pitch Pine Barren, young sapling trees are starting to grow and thrive, the dunes are supporting our beach thanks to continued growth of dune grass in the area, and Bull Toad Pond, a very rare ecosystem, continues to improve as a habitat for native plants and wildlife.

We continued our efforts against invasive plants on the land bordering Oceanside Cemetery and the southern boundary of the Common. These areas had become overgrown with invasive plants such as multi-flora rose and bittersweet. Many native trees, shrubs, and ground covers were already killed or were being threatened by these plants. Pockets of the highly invasive swallow-wort needed treatment as well. Grant funds from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) allowed for brush removal and herbicide treatment during spring, summer, and fall. We completed the last phase of what has been a substantial ten-year NRCS grant-funded project with continued treatment of the invasives and strategic replanting of native vegetation.

In an effort to encourage treatment of invasive plants throughout the Town, the Commission expanded its collaboration with Public Works, the Great Island Garden Club, the Historical Society, the Cemetery Committee and citizens of the town who sought assistance.

Salt Marsh Restoration & Education and Outreach

The salt marsh on River Road has been restored. This project was completely funded by two grants: An Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) grant, from the NH Department of Environmental Services, and a NH Department of Agriculture Grant. Without their financial aid, support of the neighboring property owners and the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) which provided crucial professional services for both grant applications and project management, this project would not have been successful.

We restored tidal flow to the marsh improving the health of native salt marsh vegetation and reducing habitat for invasive plants. The improved flow will also drain back areas of the marsh helping with mosquito control and providing better habitat for native fish animals.

The students at MHT had the opportunity to visit the River Road salt marsh during restoration. On site they discussed the steps taken to restore the salt marsh and the importance of the salt marsh to the ecosystem of New Castle. The students look forward to the DOT Stormwater Exhibit, scheduled to come to the school on May 4th, which will show the importance of stormwater management to minimize the impact of pollution on our watersheds.

The Green Team

Commission and Green Team members logged over one hundred hours of volunteer time at the Common, Lavenger Creek Marsh, and River Road Marsh in 2011. These hours contribute toward the required match for grants and therefore reduce money spent by the Town.

During 2011 the NCCC reviewed many wetlands applications as part of the town's process for residents wishing to embark on major landscaping or construction projects within the protected wetlands and shorelands. The Commission works with residents and guides them through the town and state regulations.

The hardworking members of the Conservation team are to be commended for their dedication to the cause of protecting and preserving the natural resources of the island.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Stewart, Chairman

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
The Public Works Water & Sewer Dept

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

HOW WATER & SEWER USAGE ARE MEASURED

Water meters measure in cubic feet and are billed in “units”.

One unit of water = 748 gallons.

The minimum charge for water is 20 Units (14,960 gallons)

HOW WATER AND SEWER ARE BILLED

Please note that our 30 year sewer contract with Portsmouth expired in 2008. Because Portsmouth has been federally mandated to upgrade its water and sewage processing, the increased costs of doing this are now reflected in our bills.

A “minimum charge” of 20 units applies to all accounts.

As you will have noticed, the minimum current rates for water and sewer have increased as follows: 20% Water---now \$41.80/Billing Cycle 25% Sewer---now \$204.40/Billing Cycle Every unit beyond the minimum is charged as follows: Water--\$2.09 Sewer--\$10.22

Bills are issued in April, August, and December.

SEPARATE METER FOR OUTDOOR USE

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

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Liff
Chairman, Public Works Board

The website is: www.americanwater.com then click on “Save Water”, then “Saving Tips” – indoors.

Cemetery Trustees Report

Terri Golter was elected as our newest Trustee, to fill the remainder of Tom Boisvert's term.

The Cemetery Trustees manage five cemeteries: Riverside, Oceanside, Frost, Tarlton, and Marvin. We encourage families to plan ahead by buying a cemetery plot without the stress of a family emergency. Oceanside, opened in 2004, is the only cemetery with available plots and they are in three sizes: 4x5-foot plots sized for 2 cremations, 5x10-foot plots sized for 1 casket and several cremations, and 10x10-foot plots sized for 2 caskets and multiple cremations. We recently affirmed our policy to limit sales to New Castle residents.

We had seven burials in 2011: 4 in Riverside and 3 in Oceanside. Only 2 burials were residents who died in New Castle during 2011, and we sold 9 lots in Oceanside.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cerny
Terri Golter
Dave Merrill



Detail of the Abigail Frost gravestone in the old Frost Cemetery across from the Congregational Church, showing a likeness of the deceased.

Energy Committee Report

The town of New Castle participated in the NH Energy Technical Assistance Planning (ETAP) program. As part of the Program the town chose two buildings to receive Building Assessments, Town Hall and the Recreation Center/ Library. The Building Assessments were completed and a written report was submitted by Peregrine which provided recommendations for energy improvements to both buildings. A summary report known as the New Castle Energy Action List was compiled and is available at the Town Hall.

In addition to the ETAP work a number of residents have been working on registering the New Castle Town Hall in the NH Historic Places registry at the NH Division of Historic Resources. It is our intent that once registered we will be able to work towards getting future grants to assist us in getting energy efficiency improvements as well as other preservation improvements to be identified and reviewed for the New Castle Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bisset, Chairwoman

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Historic Commission Report

The Historic District Commission (HDC) worked during the past year to preserve and protect the buildings and architectural landscape of New Castle's Historic District. We focused on the continuity of scale and architectural style of buildings in the district.

During the year we issued 14 certificates of approval, ranging from a complete tear down and rebuild, to various sheds, garages, decks, dormers and stone walls. We worked closely with our applicants to find solutions acceptable to them and that fit into the architectural landscape of the village.

I would like to thank the HDC board members for their commitment and seriousness with which they make decisions and again Anita Colby for her gracious assistance and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Borden, Chair

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Road Agent Report

As the newly hired public works director and road agent, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I was hired last May and replaced Brad Meade.

The accomplishments and tasks this past fall included repairing the much needed fence on Walbach Street, grading and patching many of our roads, and the constant battle of roadside trimming of trees and bushes.

This coming year we will continue to maintain the Island and keep up with the growing season.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Tabbutt
Road Agent

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Building Inspector's Report

The New Castle Building Department had another vigorous year. A total of 189 building permits were processed in 2011. This represents an increase of 7% compared to 2010. The total revenue generated was \$34,557. Two hundred thirty six inspections were performed encompassing all building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, zoning and conservation related issues.

As a public safety message **Article 315.2** in the 2009 Residential Building Code requires an existing house that undergoes additions or renovations to comply with the following:

R315.2 Where required in existing dwellings. Where work requiring a permit occurs in existing dwellings that have attached garages or in existing dwellings within which fuel-fired appliances exist, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in accordance with **R315.1 Carbon monoxide alarms**. For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in dwelling units within which fuel-fired appliances are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages.

To reach the Building Inspector call 603-431-6710 ext 15.

The Building Inspectors, hours and inspection times are as follows:

Tuesday	4:30 - 6:00pm
Wednesday	12:00 - 5:00pm
Thursday	4:30 - 6:00pm

The following represents an accounting of all permits issued for 2011:

New single family	5 [incl. rebuilds]	Accessory buildings	8
Residential remodel	37	Electrical	33
Mechanical	33	Plumbing	22
Sheds	2	Generators	16
Fireplace	3	Roof replacement	15
Demolition	7	Misc.	8

Respectively submitted,

Donald Graves
Building Inspector

Archives and Records

On June 10, 2011, the Boston Post Cane was presented to Capt. William Williams, born January 3, 1913, New Castle's oldest resident. A proclamation of honor was read by Patty Cohen, Chair of the Select Board. Capt. Williams received the cane, a bouquet of flowers, chocolates and the framed proclamation, signed by town officials, from town historian Deb Schulte – who is proud to call him her cousin.



Capt. Williams, better known to many as “Uncle Bill”, is a retired sea captain who grew up in New Castle and attended local schools. He sailed with the Iberian Lines for many years, visiting ports around the world, while always calling New Castle ‘home’. Being a mariner was a natural choice for him as he comes from a long line of sea captains and fishermen in the local Ruee and Pridham families. Longevity runs in his family as well. His mother, Mabel Pridham Williams held the Boston Post Cane in the 1970s. Bill has a quick wit and enjoys telling sea yarns. We all wish him continued good health and happy adventures.

Photo by Jim Cerny (2011)

The previous Boston Cane recipient was Mrs. Marion Rowe, who passed away at age 98, on March 30, 2011, having lived here for about 70 years.

Working with the New Castle Historical Society, I continue to interview some of our residents who have lived here many years for our oral history projects. You may go to “New Castle Movie – YouTube” to enjoy one of these interviews with Ruth Mori Lanham and Nancy Tabbutt McCarthy, produced by Dennis Neil Kleinman. This production was a special creation combining snippets of the video-taped interview with photographs of New Castle scenes and people taken in the earlier part of the 1900s. I gratefully appreciate and thank Dennis for his generosity, enthusiasm, and the beautiful musical score accompanying this movie. This is the only oral history in this format.

It was my pleasure to assist the Historical Society with the script for their very successful Historical Trolley Tour in September 2011. Thank you to Mrs. Betty Thayer, her committee, and her son Jerry Thayer as narrator on the tour, for their outstanding work.

Otherwise, I fill many hours as your town historian/archivist assisting with genealogy searches, with research requests, and maintaining the records of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Hutchinson Schulte
Town Historian/Archivist

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Trustees of the Trust Fund

The town's trust funds totaled \$832,070 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 10 and \$837,791 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 11. These totals represent the sum of nine (9) separate funds representing permanent endowments, capital reserves and temporary escrows established by town meeting votes, school board votes, gifts and cemetery "Right to Inter" purchases. By state law the individual trust funds are maintained separately.

Library earnings were disbursed to the Library Trustees. Earnings from the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund were transferred to principal or retained as income in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund. Funds from the other trust funds are disbursed in accordance with the requirements of the establishing body for the particular trust fund.

The Provident Bank continues to hold all of our trust funds. They remain a very conservative bank with zero exposure to the sub-prime market. All of our funds are insured. As of 30 Jun 2011 most of the funds were invested in 22 CDs with a very small amount invested in savings accounts. All CDs are five (5) year CDs that mature between Aug 2012 and Dec 1015 with interest rates ranging from 2.067% to 5.25%. Savings accounts pay current money market rates.

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

Please call if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Smith, Chair
Peter Reed
David Borden

Library Trustees' Report

Our Library has had an excellent year under the guidance of our Library Director Christine Collins and the leadership of its Board of Trustees. Chief among the improvements this year has been a new software program which helps us manage our collection, check books in and out and contact those with reserved materials. It has a report creating function that will enable us to know more clearly what is being taken out so that we can tailor our collection closer to your needs. The new software will enable us to access the library catalog on line.

Other noteworthy highlights during the past year:

- The Library Director led a number of book groups at the library.
- Special events were held during the year to encourage people young and old to use the library and read books. These include the Children's Summer Reading Program, Halloween Story Time, Holiday Open House, book groups and occasional lectures.
- We continued to display local artists' work to liven the Library and support our local talent.

Other noteworthy highlights during the past year:

- We have passes available to patrons for the Portland Museum of Art as well as the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester and the MFA in Boston. These are great favorites of the citizens of New Castle.
- Our Nook and Kindle are pre-loaded with a selection of books so you may learn how this new technology works.
- The library is a member of NH Downloadable Books, which gives our patrons access to more than 4,000 audiobook titles and 1,000 eBook titles.
- In her capacity as the school librarian, the Library Director gives book talks each month at the school and the students visit the library during winter months for various programming and book discussion groups.

New to the Board this year is alternate Deedee Hammer. She is an active volunteer and works with the Director on special projects for our children. The Library depends upon the active involvement of a number of volunteers from our town. Donating more than 1,000 hours last year, they are indispensable to the operation of our community library. Thank you to: Anna Ambroggi, Louise Aspen, Carolann Ball, Barbara Bouchard, Paula Carroll, Mary Ann Driscoll, Jane Finn, Brad Greeley, Maggie Kennedy, Joan Lockhart, Ann McAndrew, Barbara Muir, Jenny Rosenson, and Ellen Shea. And we honor Pat D'Antonio for her many years of faithful service to our town and to our library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Greeley, Chair
Sandy DeSisto, Treasurer
Jenny Rosenson, Secretary
Anna Ambroggi, Alternate
Deedee Hammer, Alternate

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Supervisors of the Checklist Report

The Supervisors held several Public Sessions throughout the year in which new voters registered and registered voters could make changes to their registration. Current Checklists were printed and displayed at the Town Hall.

New Castle had a Town Election May 10, 2011, in which 252 registered voters voted. A special thanks goes to our capable volunteers who served as ballot clerks: Sally Martens, Karen Mitchell, and John and Carolyn Payzant. If any registered New Castle voters would like to volunteer to help at an election, please let one of the Supervisors know of your interest!

State Law requires that the voter checklist be verified every ten years. The Supervisors met several times throughout the summer to meet this requirement. Purge letters were sent to registered voters who had not voted in the last 4 years. As a result, 39 voters were removed from the Checklist. A letter of certification of these results was sent to the Secretary of State's office in Concord as required by law.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Becker, Chair
Mary Rauh
Darcy Horgan

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Recreation Committee Report

The 2011 Easter Egg Hunt drew close to 100 children, despite rain that forced us into the Rec. Building for the first time in 15 years. Being indoors didn't dampen the enthusiasm one bit as the kids ran to every nook and cranny gathering candy filled eggs. Each child also received a special gift. Our special thanks go out to Pamela Stearns for helping to coordinate the activities, and the Fire Dept., which once again provided transportation throughout town, for the damp Easter Bunny.

Halloween once again proved to be full of Tricks and Treats! Over 150 brave souls managed enough courage to enter the haunted Town Hall to collect a bag full of treats.

Much of our effort in 2011 went into conducting the 17th Annual Great Island road race. It was our largest race ever, with 1394 people registered for the race including 70 hearty New Castle residents who ran or walked the 5K course. As always, the Fun Runs were a hit, with over 200 kids age 1 – 12 taking part. The race generated close to \$20,000, which is being used to support the Great Island Common playground and Skating Rink as well as the Portsmouth HS Cross Country and Track teams, Rye JH Cross Country and Track teams, MHT Track team and new this year, the **Thomas W. Quinn** scholarships. Tom was a founding member of the race and provided our t-shirt art for 13 years. He was a friend to many in town and will be missed. Starting this spring, the race will fund 2 scholarships of \$2,000 in Tom's name. The scholarships will be awarded by an independent committee and will go to college bound graduating seniors who share Tom's love of running and/or art. Once again we are thankful for all who were an integral part of the race, through baking food, and/or volunteering your time and resources. We would also like to thank the Police and Fire Departments for all of their efforts to ensure the safety of all who participated and the following sponsors who are so vital to the race:

Holloway Mercedes-Benz, Wentworth by the Sea Marina, Ocean Properties/Wentworth by the Sea Hotel, Gastroenterology, PA, Liberty Mutual, Sports Medicine Atlantic Orthopedics, Swix, Rocky Coast Print Works, The Runner's Alley, Sport and Spine and Henry's Market.

Please be sure to join us on October 7th, for the 2012 race!

The "year without a winter" was a frustrating one for the skating rink. On the one hand, we had very little snow to deal with, but on the other hand, we had an abundance of warm weather which left us with just a few weeks of decent skating. Despite the short season, there was plenty of work to setup, maintain and pack up the rink. We want to thank all our rink volunteers and in particular, Chet Fessenden, for their dedication and hard work.

The town of New Castle continues its close relationship with Rye Recreation. Rye offers a wide variety of programs to New Castle residents of all ages. If you have an interest, please contact Rye Rec. (964-6281), to get a full schedule of programs.

A healthy and happy 2012 to all!

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Stearns

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Select Board's Office

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

431-6710 ext 10

8am to 2pm
433-6198

Town Clerk - Tax Collector

Monday, Wed. & Thursday

431-6710 ext 11

8am to Noon

Accountant

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

431-6710 ext 12

8am to 2pm

Library

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

431-6773

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

Fire/EMT's - Emergency

Business Line
Fire Fax

911 or 436-2515

436-1132
430-0162

Police - Emergency

Business Line
Police Fax

911 or 436-3113

436-3800
436-7710

Building Inspector

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

431-6710 ext 15

4:30 to 6:00pm
12:00 to 5:00pm
4:30 to 6:00pm

All Town Boards

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