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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carleen Quinn	(Term expires 2010)
John Lachapelle	(Term expires 2011)
Richard McLeod	(Term expires 2012)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Marilyn L. Knowlton (2010)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2010)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2010)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Knowlton (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER

William Demers (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Crane & Bell (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Richard McLachlin (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard McLachlin	(2010)
William Downey	(2011)
Marcia Graham	(2012)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Adam Nyborg	(2010)	Peter Ainsworth	(2011)
James Cunningham	(2010)	Susan Jessen, Chair	(2012)
Melinda Richmond	(2011)	George Lewis	(2012)
Harriet Taylor	(2011)		

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tom Eyman	Franconia (2010)	Jim Colongeli	Lafayette (2010)
Linda Gaitskill	Sugar Hill (2010)	Paul Greenlaw	Bethlehem (2010)
Mary Jo Greene	Easton (2011)	Kim Shillieto	Bethlehem (2010)
Tina Peabody	Franconia (2011)	Tammy Reardon	Easton (2011)
Toni Butterfield	Sugar Hill (2012)	Lynn Terres	Lafayette (2011)
		Julie Seeley	Bethlehem (2012)
		Steve Chardon	Lafayette (2012)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Kathleen Nelson	(2010)
Richard Langworthy	(2011)
William F McCarthy	(2012)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Kathleen Mead	(2010)
Sybil Carey	(2014)
Betsey Phillips	(2015)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mary Fowler	(2010)	Melinda Richmond (Chairman)	(2012)
Earl Collins - Planning Board	(2010)	Jane Cloran	(2012)
Don Lawton (Vice Chair)	(2011)	Sue Jessen	(2012)
Ken Mosedale	(Alternate - 2012)		

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Elizabeth Welch	(2010)	Kim Cowles – Chairman	(2011)
John Lachapelle	(2010)	Mary S Grote-Planning Board	(2011)
Kathryn McCarthy	(2010)	Tina Mangold	(2012)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Easton
Brian Canelas
Ashley Garrison

Franconia
Jeffrey J. Malcolm
Beth Horan

Sugar Hill
Gordie Johnk
Cindy McClaren

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$ 483,558.24
Investments – NH-PDIP		936,290.08
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$241,479.75	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>158,598.66</u>	
		400,078.41
Other Accounts Receivable		
Engineering Fees	740.00	
Health Insurance	417.32	
Town of Easton	4,631.19	
Town of Sugar Hill	11,931.28	
Water Department	<u>319.17</u>	18,038.96
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund		40,140.50
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,878,106.19

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		\$ 3,816.84
Due to Other Funds		
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund	105,971.34	
Land Use Fund	<u>10,660.00</u>	116,631.34
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	602,204.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	673,587.00	1,275,791.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,396,239.18

FUND EQUITY

TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>481,867.01</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$1,878,106.19

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

The spring of 2009 was ushered in with the adoption of the Water Project. This noteworthy event, approved by over ninety percent of voting residents, ensures the provision of a safe, clean water-delivery system for our community for years into the future. Harvard Street residents saw the removal of the tall pines lining the road, in preparation for piping construction.

Franconia Fire Department took delivery of their long-awaited new Fire/Rescue II vehicle. The Town Maintenance Building was completed and put into full operation, finally providing space for equipment storage and the opportunity for mechanical work to be conducted in a safe, protected environment. Copper Cannon Camps property, was sold with the funds deposited to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, earmarked for town buildings and maintenance. Tri-Town Transfer Station recently installed an addition and a new compactor is expected to be installed shortly. On September 24, the new, energy efficient Profile Junior/Senior High School Dedication celebrated this superior structure designed to support the education of our greatest community asset, our children.

The newly developed Franconia Employee Handbook sets the stage for Franconia to move ahead into the future with a professional method to address the concerns of our valued staff, supervisors, Selectmen and residents.

The Mittersill-Cannon Mountain land exchange is bringing more tourist trade to town businesses, based on the expanded slope area. The Alpine Clinic installation was recently completed and provides expanded medical services to our locality.

We welcome Paul Schmucker as the newly elected Chief of the Life Squad.

The Selectmen especially wish to note the passing of our oldest citizen, Hilda Smith, centenarian, volunteer and gardener extraordinaire. Hilda supported her husband, and Franconia, in her work as a volunteer forester and Tower Lookout.

We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to all the many volunteers who sacrificed their time and contributed their efforts in assisting this body in the execution of its duty. We note and applaud all the residents attending and contributing to meetings, both those of the Selectmen and the various committees.

It has been an honor to serve the people of Franconia. I thank my fellows and all residents for their help and support over the past three years. Carleen Quinn

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Selectmen,

Carleen Quinn, Chair
John Lachapelle
Richard McLeod

FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING

March 10, 2009

Moderator William Mead led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced that the polls would temporarily close, to be reopened shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow those who had not voted to do so. Mead noted that a television interconnection system between the main hall and the downstairs room was being used and thanked MOJO and the Lafayette Regional School for their help with equipment and technical assistance. He explained that because of crowding, this would be the last town meeting to be held in the Town Hall Building. Next year, it will probably be held at the elementary school. He explained the procedure to be used for the meeting and for the ballot vote that would happen later in the meeting and asked for everyone's respect throughout. Mead requested that all non-voters and non-experts who were seated in the main hall please move downstairs, so Franconia voters could move up and be seated on the main floor. Last he introduced the selectmen (Rich McLeod and Carleen Quinn), the administrative assistant (Sally Small), and the town clerk (Marilyn Knowlton); and recognized and thanked the outgoing selectman Carl Belz for his service.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. The motion passed by voice vote. Marsha Luce was recognized by the chair. She opposed waiving the reading of the minutes, because she challenges those minutes and wants to know how others remember the discussion about the part-time and full-time Recreation Department positions in the 2008 Warrant. There is no tape from that part of the meeting because the batteries ran out, and she believes the discussion in Article 3 involving a full-time position was misinterpreted in the minutes. She recalls that there was to be an elimination of a position in the Rec. Dept., so that they would have just a full-time person; now they have a full-time and a part-time person. She challenges this and wants to know what the impression of this discussion is for others who were in attendance last year. The moderator called for a copy of the minutes, and Chairman McLeod said they have only the minutes that are in the 2008 Financial Report. He read from that section of the minutes, and the pertinent section is: "There was a question from the floor about the proposed new full time position for Recreation Director with clarification that the current Director would be leaving and an additional part-time position would need to be advertised, as well. The Board confirmed this." Luce claims that what he read is an incorrect interpretation of what took place. She asked for a show of hands as to who thought that the part-time position was to be eliminated, which is why a full-time person was hired; not that there would be both a full-time and a part-time position. The moderator asked for a rough count of how many people who had been present at last year's meeting remembered the discussion (@75 people). His opinion is that even if there is a consensus on what happened last year, there isn't much that can be done now. He suggests that it brought up under new business, but not as approval of what did or did not happen last year. He determined to ask initially to accept the motion to waive the reading of the minutes, and then to ask for a consensus of what people think will happen. He proceeded to put the motion to waive the reading of the minutes to a vote, and it passed by voice vote.

Next he asked for a consensus as to whether the meeting agreed to abolish a part-time position in favor of a full-time person. She remembers that she stood last year and asked if this was the case, and she was told that it was. The moderator asked for a show of hands of those who recall the discussion (30), and another show of hands of those who remembered it each way. The result was indeterminate, thus the matter was unresolved. The moderator determined that it might be brought up again under new business but would move on with the meeting now.

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

Selectman (3-year term):	Richard McLeod	229
	Jeffrey Jesseman	150
Write-in:	(Lots)	
(2-year term):	John LaChapelle	277
Write-in:		
Treasurer (1-year term):	Tina Peabody	320
Write-In:		
Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term):	William F. McCarthy	325
Write-In:		
Library Trustee (3-year term):	Susan Jessen	320
(Two Vacancies)		
Write-In:	George Lewis	41
Water Commissioner (3-year term):	Marcia Graham	266
Write-In:		
Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term):	Betsey Phillips	278
Write-In:		

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Seven Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,762,600.00) for the purpose of making improvements to the Franconia Water System and related infrastructure; up to Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$3,751,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under the compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; with the amount of such bonds to be reduced by the amount of any grants coming from the United States Department of Agriculture (the size of which is currently estimated to be \$1,483,000.00) with the remaining Eleven Thousand Six Hundred (\$11,600) coming from surplus; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Voted on by written ballot after discussion—2/3rds ballot vote required.) The Selectmen and Water Project Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Note: The total cost of the project is \$3,850,000. \$99,000 was raised in 2008 and only \$87,400 was expended. We will use surplus to expend the remaining \$11,600.)

Members of the Water Project Committee were introduced by Carleen Quinn: Jim Hamblin, Jeff Woodward, Richard McLachlin, Bob Morency, Ned Densmore, Marcia Graham, and Bill Downey. As co-chair of the committee, Hamblin spoke to the article and recognized Stephanie Olsen, the committee's secretary.

In 2005 the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) performed a sanitary survey on the Franconia Village water system and found several serious deficiencies in the storage, treatment, transmission and ability to adequately maintain the system. A letter was issued to the Town of Franconia in March 2006, outlining the problems and recommending specific actions. The NHDES concluded in summary: "The managers of the water system need to develop a long-term plan to address the current deficiencies and future needs of the water system." These findings and recommendations are consistent with results of past surveys and engineering studies, including a 1949 report. Following receipt of the letter, the selectmen and the water commissioners formed the Water Study Group in 2007, and the group hired Stantec Engineering to work with them and DES to identify specific problems and develop a conceptual solution. The group's findings validated the DES findings and outlined a preliminary plan to identify the needed improvements and the approximate costs in an August, 2007 report. In February 2008, the Selectmen formed a Water Project Committee to formulate a prioritized needs analysis, a working engineering plan, approximate costs, and a time line from the preliminary plan, as a basis to seek funding sources and seek a bond to finance needed improvements. This resulted in the \$99,000 appropriation passed at last year's town meeting, of which \$84,000 has been spent to date. Simultaneously, the water commissioners initiated a water meter installation project to install water meters on all properties in the water system, and this was funded by existing water department reserve funds. It is not 90% complete, and its completion is a prerequisite for any DES or rural development funding. This warrant article represents the committee's proposed improvement plan and issuance of a \$3.57 million bond to finance immediate improvements. It is anticipated that approximately \$1.4 million of this amount will be forgiven in the form of a Rural Development (RD) grant for which we have a letter of commitment for financing of the balance by an RD grant of approximately \$2.26 million at a 2.75% interest rate. All of this has the support of the Board of Selectmen, the Water Commission, and the NHDES.

Why do we have to do it now? The NHDES has stated that these recommendations must be acted upon, and a major capital plan developed, or the Town could face fines for non-compliance and/or a moratorium on any new hook-ups to the system. There are also public safety issues surrounding several failed lead and copper level tests in 2003, 2004, and recently in 2008, as well as instances of close calls and future risks of running out of water during peak usage times. The NHDES, the Town's system operator, and Stantec, have all estimated that present water loss could approach 40-50%. *Our water system is failing today.* These risks and issues affect our elementary school, municipal buildings, business community, assisted living center, daycare center and the entire downtown community. An inevitable failure of the system, or serious regulatory action, threatens the viability of our Town.

Why is it important to approve the Plan and Bond vote this year? On a regulatory basis,

the NHDES has stated that as long as the Town moves forward in a timely fashion on correcting the problems and developing and funding a major capital improvements plan, they will not levy fines or moratoriums on the Town. It must be noted that the NHDES has partnered with the Town to date and provided important assistance and guidance in developing an improvements plan.

Tom Nesbitt of Stantec spoke on the system's deficiencies and the prioritized improvements. Stantec completed a preliminary engineering report on the existing system. The findings include:

(1) a large number (as much as 22,500 feet) of inadequate 2 1/2" water mains made of galvanized pipe which is 60-80 years old and which will rust and eventually leak. The large percentage of this pipe has created problems in the distribution system. There is a lack of loops in the system.

(2) the higher elevations of the system have low pressure. Normal design standards are 20 psi minimum for all flows up to 35 psi. Existing system users do not have these pressures available, and some have had to have booster pumps installed which can suck contaminated water into their pipes.

(3) a minimum of 350,000 gallons of storage is recommended, but current storage is less than half of that capacity. It is reported that there are some cracks in the concrete with potential leaks, but that can't be evaluated yet until the tanks are drained and a new tank is constructed. The roof structure of the reservoir is deteriorated and has ice damage.

(4) the water is corrosive and has low PH, with failure of the lead and copper rule over the last six months. Lead and copper are of particular concern due to the accumulation of heavy metals in the organs body, especially in the case of physical and mental development in children.

(5) loss of water. Lost water is estimated at 40-50%, and should be down as low as 15-20%.

The prioritized improvements were identified in two major groups and include:

(1) Source, Transmission, Storage Source

- Treatment of source: pH adjustment of raw water in liquid or powder form; booster pump station raised to a slightly higher elevation to increase pressure.
- Transmission: Loop existing system by adding an 8' line down Lafayette Drive to strengthen system down to school and nursing home
- Storage: Increase storage volume to 350,000 gallons and increase tank water elevation to 1160, resulting in a 23 psi pressure increase.

(2) Distribution System

- Replace all 22,000 feet of 2" galvanized pipe to increase water quality and volume and decrease lost water.

Jeff Woodward, committee co-chairman, discussed the financial aspects of the proposed bond, first giving the following project cost summary:

\$2,750,000	Construction Engineering
\$ 94,500	Preliminary Engineering
\$ 510,500	Final Design and Construction
\$ 82,500	Administrative & Legal Costs

<u>\$ 412,500</u>	Contingency (15%)
\$3,850,000	Total Project Cost

The probable financing scenarios include:

\$3,850,000	Total Project
\$1,483,000	Grant Money (40%)
<u>\$ (99,000)</u>	Already Paid by Town
\$2,268,000	Funded by Rural Development at 2.75% For 30 Years
\$ 112,268	Debt Service per Year on 30 Year \$2,268,000 Loan
<u>\$ 170,000</u>	Projected 2010 Franconia Water Dept. Budget
\$ 282,268	Total Revenue to be raised to cover water system & note

One significance of doing this now is that recently the committee was notified by RD that the grant money, which originally was \$1,150,000, had been increased by \$333,000 to \$1,483,000 because with the federal stimulus money now available, RD was afraid that their money would not be used this year, so they increased the grant money as an incentive to move forward with this project. Looking at other money available to us, the committee determined that the RD money was actually a better deal than the stimulus money at this time.

To pay for this, the loan at \$2,268,000 will require debt service payment of \$112,268 a year for 30 years. The expected budget for the Water Department for 2010 is \$170,000, totaling \$282,268 which is what we need to raise for the 2010 Franconia budget. Built into the \$170,000 figure is the \$50,000 capital reserve fund which will build and accumulate each year to do future renovations to the system. The current availability of grants and low interest loans are at historic levels. The historical grant level is a maximum of 30%, and this interest rate is the lowest ever offered. The NHDES and RD officials have indicated that these opportunities are unique and will probably not be available in the future. Also, the current economic conditions provide an environment in regards to construction and materials costs that are potentially very advantageous. This condition has been identified by Stantec, the engineering firm charged with developing and managing the improvement plan. There will never be a better time to do this project than today; construction is weak in the economy now and bids are expected to be aggressive, so Franconia will not be likely to have another situation like this available in the future.

The proposed funding formula was put together to reflect the most viable and fair formula to make this project happen for the community. Customers and taxpayers fund the project. The total town valuation for 2008 is \$300,516,919, and based on the tax rate, the value per \$1,000 is \$300,517. If the tax rate is increased by 13 cents per \$1,000, an additional \$39,067 would be raised. The 2008 water system's bills total \$198,218. If the average rate is increased by 23%, an additional \$45,590 would be raised from the customers (water systems users). The total of these three figures is \$282,875, and the total needed to fund the debt service on the bond and the Water Department is \$282,268.

Regarding the actual impact to water rates and taxes, the average property valuation in Franconia is \$250,000, with a \$250 value per \$1000. If we raise the tax bill by 13 cents per \$1,000, the total increase to the average tax bill will be \$32.50 per year. For the average user, the residential user pays an average bill of \$361, so a 23% rate increase

would be \$83 per year. For the commercial user, the average annual bill is \$3,623, so a 23% rate increase would be \$833 per year. The average residential water bill in the state of NH is \$450 per year, so that would bring our average rate in line with the state.

The timing of the project includes the public phase and bond hearing and vote are completed after tonight, if the bond is passed. Going forward, from March through July 2009, the final engineering would occur, along with a \$500,000 loan from DES to fund that portion. In July and August 2009, we would advertise and receive bids. On September 15, if all goes well, we would begin construction, and another \$500,000 would be borrowed from DES between September and December 2009 to pay for the initial construction. From April to July 2010, work would continue, and \$1,600,000 would be borrowed from DES to fund the remainder of the project. Work would continue between July and December 2010, with construction being completed in December of that year. On December 1, 2010, tax and water bills would reflect the increase. The bottom line for the tax rate increase is less than 1%, based on the 2008 tax rate. Breaking down the ratio to pay for the bond, the user would be paying 24% of the bond, and the non-user tax base would be paying 76% of the bond, so we feel this is a fair split to the whole community. Woodward says that although he is not a direct user in the system, as a member of the community who participates in town activities and with children in the schools, etc., he is an indirect user.

Woodward indicated that even if the bond vote is positive, the committee will continue to seek other grants. They actually have already applied for another one. If successful with future grants, they will use the new money to do more of the project. If the contingency fund (\$425,000) is not all used, that money will be turned around to do more of the project. If bids come in under projections, they will continue to do more of the project, so users can fund future improvements. He asked the town to vote yes for this bond to keep the village an active and vibrant place.

The moderator opened discussion from the floor. Steve Chardon asked about whether there's a formula for the calculation of the 13 cent tax increase. Answer: There will be 13 cents to be raised per \$1,000 of valuation each year for 30 years. The current tax rate is \$250,000, so it would be divided by 1,000 to get a \$250 value per \$1,000; dividing this by 13 cents equals \$32.50 x 30 years, or approximately \$1,000 over the life of the bond. It could possibly be less if property taxes go up or any new growth.

Ron Taksar commended the hard work of the committee. However, although he agreed that the system needs to be reconstructed and that bonding is the way to do it, and the only remaining question is who pays for it. He disagreed with the proposal to have non-users share in the cost, because the documents that established the water system say it is not a town system but is owned by the users. Having heard at a public hearing that the DES would like to see the water rates here stay average with the state, he explained the concept in averaging called "return to the mean" (i.e., if you spend less than normal for awhile, then you'll have to spend more than normal for a while in order to get back to average), and he reviewed a 30-year history of the town's water system, stating that over the decades, the users have not maintained or capitalized their system but have enjoyed unlimited water at an inexpensive cost; and that if they had maintained it properly, this bond cost could be decreased by as much as 33%. He feels this is instructive for the future as well. As for individual well owners, the well is part of the cost of a house and has ongoing maintenance costs which add up considerably; but the biggest unrealized

cost is that of electricity. Thus, operating a well in NH for a family of four might cost as much as \$7,000 over the life of this bond. He finds this article unfair to non-users of the system. With the \$99,000 raised last year, people who own wells have already paid about 75% of the engineering costs of this project. Taksar made an amendment that in the first line in Article 2, the word "Town" be deleted and be replaced with the words "users of the Franconia water system." The motion was read and seconded.

At this point, the moderator called a break in the meeting (7:50 p.m.) to open the polls for anyone who had not yet voted. He resumed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and asked that the ballot box be carried to those who were counting votes.

Discussion continued on the amendment to Article 2. Ned Densmore, water project committee member, agreed with Taksar that there are a lot of deficiencies, but that the committee chose to look forward 30 years instead of back 30 years. He said that there's no question that the town owns the system, and that if there were a breakdown and a business was without water, the town could be sued. He said the committee was sensitive to the sharing of cost between taxpayer and user, and the state average \$450 water bill was used as a basis for the 13 cent figure.

Jeff Woodward stated that the committee did consider having only the users fund the project. It would have increased users' bills by 67%, with the residential users' bill being increased to \$603/year and commercial users to \$6,000, doubling them. One customer would have an increase of \$19,000, and the committee felt this was an undue hardship and could affect our local businesses negatively. He posed the question, "What is a user?" His family uses the facilities in town, and his children went to school here, so he considers his family a user. Secondly, if only the users were asked to fund this, they probably could not get grant money since there is no legal entity behind them (vs. the town as a legal entity) and who would make a loan in excess of \$2 million to a group of people with no legal structure that could be held accountable for payback. Further, if this bond does not get passed, there are several residences and businesses in town who could not put a well in because of space/zoning limitations on their properties, and we might lose some of our businesses in town which would create the need to raise taxes to the same extent as this bond to make up for the lost revenue.

Jeffrey Burr, a well owner/non user, feels strongly that this is an infrastructure issue and supports the article as a resident and property owner. What has happened over 30 years is past, and it is important to keep the viability of our town and the stability of our property values as a community will be impacted by this vote. He commends the article and feels this is an opportunity to pull together as a community. Everyone is pulling in their belts this year, but if we pull together, we can make this project happen and be a stronger community for it.

Woody Denham asked about fire protection and if this project would enhance it in town. There will be increased storage, so protection would be increased in some areas; and new hydrants will be installed in some areas. He asked if users would still be able to get fire protection if they didn't pay.

Dr. Ramesh Dave feels this amendment's wording is divisive. Ken Ford hoped that we would not start dividing town services, such as the school and road plowing, into users

and nonusers, because everyone benefits from all the services. He is in favor of spreading the cost out so we can afford what's needed in our town.

Jon Peabody read Article 1 from the warrant of a special town meeting on October 13, 1935, in which the water system was established, to clarify that the town purchased and owned the water system. The moderator read the amendment to Article 2 again and called the question.

Nanette Avril asked for clarification about a majority vs. a 2/3 vote. The moderator said the amendment requires a simple majority, and the original article requires a 2/3 vote. The amendment was defeated by a voice vote, then a show of hands.

Discussion on Article 2 resumed. Jon Peabody, former water commissioner, said that how the money on this bond is spent still needs to be discussed and studied. He took exception to a lot of the information printed about this bond, stating that it does not account for the 35 capital improvement projects, the expansion of the system, or the hard work of past commissioners since the 1940s. He questions the words "close calls" in the project committee's printed discussion of the bond. All of this information is available from the water department's files or by talking to past water commissioners and people should investigate the records.

Woody Denham asked again about fire protection and if the new system would improve fire rates for residents. Nesbitt said that the water system is only one factor in insurance rates and would not significantly affect the rates.

Paul Foss asked if trenches dug for the new water lines would be able to accommodate future sewer treatment conduits. The moderator said sewer and water lines cannot be in close proximity, but said this question was not relevant to the article.

With no further discussion, the moderator called the question and balloting for Article 2 proceeded. (After the polls were kept open for an hour and the ballots were counted the article passed by a wide margin of 155 – 14 meeting the 2/3. Ned Densmore made a motion that the bond vote not be reconsidered. It was seconded and passed by voice vote.)

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

	(Regional Airport.....)	693.00)
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police.....		275,874.00
Fire.....		85,989.00
Life Squad		50,910.00
Forest Fire.....		3,565.00
Dispatch Phone Lines		27,130.00
	(Franconia's Share.....)	26,636.00)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....		345,188.00
UTILITIES		17,500.00
HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....		7,828.00
	(American Red Cross.....)	461.00)
	(Ammonoosuc Community Health....)	1,800.00)
	(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,000.00)
	(Health Officer.....)	300.00)
	(North Country Home Health	2,750.00)
	(North Country YMCA.....)	250.00)
	(White Mt. Mental Health.....)	1,267.00)
WELFARE		10,025.00
	(General Assistance	7,575.00)
	(CAP	2,450.00)
CULTURE & RECREATION		
Recreation Programs.....		99,451.00
	(Franconia's Share	42,745.00)
Parks		16,601.00
Patriotic Purposes		1,000.00
Museums.....		300.00
CONSERVATION		1,000.00
INTEREST		1,500.00
TOTAL.....	(Franconia's Share \$1,210,484.00).....	\$1,267,684.00

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Richard McLeod spoke to the article, stating that as a result of citizen input at the budget hearings, several changes to the warrant occurred after the printing of the town report. He proposed that the changes become an amendment to Article 3.

Article 1 Budget Revisions

Budget--Bottom Line:	\$1,267,684 (\$15,062) = \$1,265,749
Franconia's share:	\$1,210,484 (\$4,935) = \$1,205,549
Fire Department:	\$85,989 (\$1,000) = \$84,989
Culture and Recreation:	\$42,745 (\$3,000) = \$39,745
Parks / Franconia's share:	\$16,601 (\$935) = \$15,666

Selectmen agreed with the Recreation Department that both the Recreation Director and the Youth Director's positions. For this year, the committee decided that they will contribute \$3,000 of unanticipated revenues to the Recreation budget.

Tina Peabody questioned the math in the changes above. Sally Small explained that the actual gross amount of the line items includes unanticipated income available in Franconia's share, but the gross amount is correct.

Ray Holland questioned the budget in relation to the Life Squad situation, suggesting that if Ross Ambulance is contracted again by Franconia that the budget will need to be amended prior to voting on this article. His concern was less about money than about response. The moderator cut the discussion off at this time as irrelevant to the amendment.

The amendment made by Selectmen McLeod to Article 3 was read again. The motion passed.

Mr. Starr questioned the extreme amount of money included in the budget for dispatch phone lines. Richard McLeod explained that it was the Grafton County charge for the service. Sally Small noted that the figure was down from last year. Roger Odell said it was based on percentage of use, or number of calls, so we're paying for the service, not the phone lines.

Joel Peabody made a motion to amend Article 3's total budget to increase the budget total by \$9,850 to a new total of \$1,220,334 with the recommendation that the Selectboard enter in a five-year contract with Ross Ambulance Service of Littleton to provide ambulance service to the Town of Franconia with a 24/7 service. The Franconia Life Squad is providing the present ambulance service, and his complaint was that they have been unable to provide service on numerous occasions since taking over the ambulance service two years ago. The amendment was seconded. The moderator said that an amendment cannot commit funds for more than this year, so the "five year" wording would have to come out of the amendment. Rene Wills added background to this issue, saying there was a response problem (either no response or late response) by the Franconia Life Squad and that it presented a liability issue to the town. Brian Canelas agreed that a few calls were missed, but that Ross, too, missed some calls this year and also was not available 24/7. He said that Ross currently covers four towns with two people. He said that Mutual Aid is available to all towns, that Ross services a number of towns and therefore isn't always available promptly and won't get here any faster than we can, and that Dispatch logs arrival time at a call, rather than when first responders arrive at the scene, so it doesn't accurately reflect first response time at the scene. Holland asked Canelas where he works, and Canelas said in Ossipee. Holland said that Easton was voting this night to return to Ross. Holland questioned the practice that a person in an emergency has to wait for the Life Squad to show up and give the okay for Ross to transport. Ross can be in ten minutes after the second tone. Canelas added that the numbers in the amendment didn't work, because \$45,000 of the \$50,000 comes back to the Life Squad in transport fees, and it would cost the town the full amount to add Ross to the budget. Ray Holland, Joel Peabody, and Steve Heath all spoke to the amendment to revert back to Ross as our first responder. A lengthy back-and-forth ensued between those who wished to reinstate service with Ross and Brian Canelas who felt that the town would be served adequately with only Life Squad coverage. Canelas felt that it would be a shame to give up on the system we have now, because the service is working well and getting better and it costs the town less than Ross. There was a lot of disagreement among the parties over how many missed call had occurred in the past year, both by the Life Squad and by Ross, and whether Ross guaranteed timely response; the argument was not

resolved. Steve Plant questioned the amount of money collected by the ambulance service, noting a discrepancy in the budget; Sally Small explained that it was due to anticipated funds included in the town revenues to set the tax rate, and that the \$47K figure was the actual figure collected by the Life Squad.

The moderator halted the discussion to say that polls were closed on Article 2 and that counting could proceed on that article.

Heath claimed that if the Life Squad was our first responder, the town had been told that there would always be two people, as required by NH law, within a couple of minutes of the fire station to provide service. Canelas replied that isn't possible because all members no longer live that close. Heath objected to their saying they could provide service that in fact they couldn't. Canelas replied that there are two people on every night and that the first person responds to the scene before going to the station for the van.

The discussion on the Life Squad continued. Joel Peabody withdrew "five year contract" from the amendment so it could be legally discussed. The moderator read the new amendment and it was seconded.

Kathy Nelson asked if the Ross price in the five-year amendment would be the same for only one year. Joel Peabody said it was. Canelas repeated that \$47,000 transfer fees wouldn't be returned to the budget if the amendment passed to go with Ross.

Virginia Jeffreyes wondered if it has to be an either/or situation and suggested that whoever responds could also transport. Canelas said that already happens. Ray Holland asked Canelas to explain what happens when a call goes into 911. Canelas said the call goes to Concord and is then sent to the local dispatch (Grafton Co.); there's about a one-minute delay in that process before the tone goes out. A question was posed about whether an individual had a choice in who responds to their call.

Sam Williams said there was an emotional discussion last year about his issue and he thought that the Selectboard was going to take it under advisement. McLeod answered that until last month, discussions throughout the budgeting process with the Fire Department and the Life Squad regarding the operation of Life and Squad and their response were positive. They didn't realize there was a problem until recently. He talked to Ross who then said that their service was all or nothing. Joel Peabody responded that, in his amendment, Ross would be primary transport, but in a critical situation, we could transport and Ross could still bill for it. McLeod suggested that we consider a compromise with split coverage, contracting with Ross to be primary responder. Joel Peabody said what Ross wants is what we've had with them in the past. He requested a ballot vote, but Mead said we'd need to have had a written motion with five signatures for a ballot vote; so Peabody withdrew his request. Rick Gaudette asked who McLeod spoke with at the Fire Department, because he'd spoken to the FDP Chief McLachlin who said he hadn't had those discussions; McLeod thought he'd spoken to McLachlin several times in meetings and could refer to the minutes to confirm that. Steve Chardon asked if the Selectboard recommended the amendment, and there was a split decision.

The moderator called the question. He read Joel Peabody's amendment again, and the amendment was defeated with a voice vote and then a show of hands (51 yes/63 no). The moderator called for a vote on article 3 and it was passed.

The moderator announced the results of the ballot votes for town officers and Article 2.

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

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Tina Peabody asked a procedural question, saying the article was deceptive because money was put in and then taken out in another article. McLeod said if there was a procedural error, they were open to correcting it but thought it was always done that way. Sally Small said the capital reserve funds are always placed before other articles, but next year they can do it differently. Jim Hamblin said the CIP made a recommendation on the content, not the procedure.

Article 4 passed unanimously by voice vote. A member of the downstairs audience requested that the meeting pause so people could come upstairs to seats that had been vacated. The moderator paused the meeting accordingly and resumed after all were seated.

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

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. There was no discussion, and the article was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

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

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. There was no discussion, and the article passed with a voice vote.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. There was no discussion, and the article passed with a voice vote.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Steve Chardon asked if these articles were all with the recommendation of the Capital Improvement Committee; he was answered in the affirmative. The article passed with a voice vote.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Karen Collman asked about the location of the proposed building and was told that it would be at the end of Dow Avenue, as shown in the posted sketches. A question was clarified regarding the fact that \$70,000 had been voted into this fund for this building last year and had not been expended so could be taken out as surplus for the same purpose this year. Kelly McMurray questioned whether the location had been voted upon previously and what type of equipment would be traveling to and from the building. Rich McLeod answered that there had been a question last year about the building's being located *in* the cemetery, but that it would actually be located at the end of Dow Avenue next to the cemetery. Jeff Phillips responded as the head of the Maintenance Department that it would be the same equipment that has traditionally been used: no large 10- or 18-wheel vehicles, just the town maintenance truck, the sidewalk plow, etc. Jon Peabody referred to notes from the 2008 meeting with reference to Ruth Vaill's objection to the proposed location because: (1) current zoning would not support the proposed location; (2) her feeling that it could lower property values in that neighborhood, and (3) equipment should not be moving in and out of a special place reserved for people to pay their respects. Jeff Phillips responded, stating that three or four meetings on this subject had taken place this year, with Vaill in attendance, during which she and the Infrastructure Committee (IC) reviewed all of the possibilities; in the end, Vaill gave her blessing to this location, and the IC recommended it. The article passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. There was no discussion, and the article passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Responding to a question from Steve Chardon for clarification about this article, Richard McLeod explained that on the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, the town should look at the land that it owns with the purpose of selling it and getting revenue. This particular property was purchased by the town in 1952. In 1976, Franconia signed a 25-year lease for 46.85 acres of the land to Copper Cannon Camp for \$1/year, after which the lease was renewed for another ten years. Last year the Selectboard was approached by Copper Cannon Camp with the proposal of a long-term lease or purchase of all of Franconia's property off Route 142 in Bethlehem that abuts the camp. The camp has a good possibility of financing, and appraisals were done by Jim Walker and Stephen Paige, resulting in the \$250,000 value. In the event of a sale, the Selectboard decided to place the funds into the Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust to draw on for repairs in the future for certain town buildings. If there are concerns about where the funds are placed, he said that upon instructions of the Dept. of Revenue Administration (DRA), once a warrant is posted, its specifics cannot be changed. Chardon expressed his concern that such a large amount of money's placement into a trust fund might not be the best course of action at a time when that money could be used as a windfall to reduce the tax rate. He suggested putting only \$50,000 into the trust fund, and putting the rest toward the tax rate to help the taxpayers. McLeod explained the Selectboard thought it could be used for capital improvements for the long term, and Chardon replied that the town body already votes money into those trust funds regularly and that a quarter of a million dollars could be used differently. There was a question about the camp's intended use of the property in the event of its sale. McLeod said it would be used for camp activities, and that intention would explicitly be written into the P&S agreement. The town would also have the right of first refusal in the event of the camp's failure to complete the P&S conditions or a future sale. Ron Taksar asked if this sale included all the town's parcels in that location (McLeod answered that it did) and how much the town paid last year for this property. Sally Small replied that Franconia paid Bethlehem \$5,073.33 last year. She also spoke to the placement of funds in this article, explaining that when this article first was introduced in 1997, this trust fund was originally intended for the Town Hall but was amended at the 1997 Town Meeting to say "town buildings". In the Infrastructure Committee's report three years ago, they mentioned the town building, the highway garage, and possibly the transfer station as needing repairs. So this year, the Selectboard felt that if they added the property sale to this trust fund, it could be used for the town garage or for deficiencies in the town hall building. Steve Plant asked where the wording was incorrect (in the article or in the trust funds), and Small confirmed that it was in the trust funds, referring, with an apology, to the minutes of the 1997 town meeting to confirm the amended article. Jon Peabody asked for the number of actual acres involved in the proposed sale; Small replied about 124. Peabody asked how many of those acres the camp uses now; Small said they currently use about 48 acres, but Ron Taksar clarified

that the camp occupies the center third but the kids use the whole area. Jon Peabody suggested that for 100 acres, this price was a real bargain because there are other current sales on Route 142 with much higher price tags. Small said those are right on Route 142 with huge road frontage and development capability; whereas on the town's property, there's no real access, only a right of way, so a sale on the open market wouldn't be comparable to those other properties. Mark Hesler said he supports the sale but wants to know if that money could be used without voter approval. Technically it could be, according to McLeod, but the Selectboard asks the voters for approval of even small amounts. Hesler reaffirmed that he would prefer to see the funds go into tax relief or another trust fund that requires voter approval. McLeod repeated that, per the DRA, the placement of funds in an article can't be changed at this time. Small read from an email from Michelle Clark at the DRA, explaining that placement of funds can only be amended at public budget hearings, but not after placement on the warrant. She confirmed that if the article was voted down, the land sale could not take place; however, an affirmative vote would allow the sale, and the proceeds would go into this trust. Then, next year, a different fund could be established and the funds moved, if the voters desire to do so. McLeod gave oral assurance that the funds would not be spent before next year when the voters could make their wishes known. Tina Peabody discussed some of the mechanics of expendable trust funds.

The article was read, moved, and seconded. The article passed with a voice vote, then a show of hands.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. There was no discussion, and the article passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. There was no discussion, and the article passed with a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$75,116.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit.

Carleen Quinn spoke to an amendment of this article, explaining that at her request, the library board lowered the 5.8% COL raise to a 3% raise for library employees. The \$75,116.00 figure therefore was amended to \$73,207.00, reflecting a decrease of \$1,909.00 (2.8%). The amendment was read, moved, and seconded; it passed with a voice vote. Following this, the amended Article 14 was moved, seconded, and passed with a voice vote.

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

Kelley McMurray asked for clarification of exactly which trees on Harvard Street are involved and which side or both sides. Scott Knowlton spoke to this article, stating that it included all of the diseased red pines across from her house and all the way down the street. She asked about the leaning white pines. McMurray is concerned about safety issues in the area of the trees. He explained the history of this article, stating that was unclear why this article was on the warrant. He had gotten an estimate for the Selectmen to remove the diseased trees. The cost to remove the red pines was \$7,800 and to also take the white pines was \$10,200. He personally believes that when the Highway Block Grant Fund money comes through, it will be used to redo that road and the tree removal would be a part of that project. There was a discussion as to whether the article should be amended to include the white pines. Jon Peabody suggested that this article be defeated and that the block grant funds be used. A question was raised as to whether these trees were on town or private property, and Knowlton said that was an unresolved question. The article was read, moved, and seconded. The article was defeated with a unanimous voice vote.

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

Bernie Costa spoke against this article, stating that she is concerned about the trend in Articles 16-18. She doesn't think the town should use her money to donate to private organizations, even those that benefit children. She would prefer to make decisions herself about which organizations get her donations. Robert Williams has noticed that the new FCC building is brightly lit all night, which is unnecessarily wasteful energy-wise and out of keeping with the character of the town, and he feels we would be wasting our money to contribute to this article. The article was read, moved, and seconded. A voice vote was taken, then a hand vote, and the article was defeated.

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

Mary Fowler identified CNB as a non-profit counseling center in Littleton that is finding it difficult to meet its budget and is therefore asking for the town's support. offered to answer any questions. The article was read, moved, and seconded. There was no discussion, and the article was defeated with a voice vote, then a hand count (18 yes/21 no).

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

Officer Chris Fowler spoke to this article, stating that this coincides directly with police work, because domestic violence is a very real part of police work. The Police Department utilizes them heavily. In one case, he had to drive a victim all the way to

Plymouth which was the nearest facility that could help. Burch House is now the only emergency shelter in the area, and he feels that \$520 is very little money for all of the good that they do. A question was raised about Bancroft House in Franconia, but that is an intermediary halfway house, not an emergency crisis center. The article was read, moved, and seconded. The article passed with a voice vote.

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

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

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. The article was passed with a voice vote, then a hand vote.

ARTICLE 20: Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 72:70 Wood Heating Exemption:

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

Several questions surfaced regarding where it all ends. Why is the benefit to a few spread among all of the taxpayers? What about other green energies? Why is geothermal not included? Why should one person's local taxes go up to allow someone else to save money on their energy costs as well as their local and federal taxes? One person explained that this was an effort to encourage green energy in the state. Chris Collman discussed that this is similar to NH educational funding, where the richer towns support the poorer towns. Jack Cook spoke to the idea of doing something real to reduce our carbon footprint and explained how the overall cost of various types of green energy, along with this exemption, would work. The article was read, moved, and seconded. The article defeated with a voice vote, then a hand count (21 yes/25 no).

The question was asked if Article 19 could be reconsidered. The moderator said it could be done in other business in Article 23.

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

have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$37,500; and own assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article shall take effect for the 2009 tax year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Tina Peabody asked what the former figures were and how many Franconia residents use this exemption. Richard McLeod said it went up at each level by \$5,000, from \$10,000, \$15,000, and \$20,000 to \$15,000, \$20,000, and \$25,000, and that there were currently five residents with the exemption. A question was asked about the estimated increase to the town. Sally Small said that wasn't determined, but that the real reason for the change is that since this exemption's inception in 1997, the economy has changed and that this would help some of the elderly on fixed incomes stay in their homes. The income levels increased for single taxpayers from \$13,400 to \$ 25,000 and the assets limit rose from \$35,000 to \$40,000. McLeod added that it simply is reflecting inflation. The article passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Richard McLeod thanked the Water Project Committee (Jim Hamblin, Jeff Woodward, Ned Densmore) and the Water Commissioners for all of their diligent work in bringing the water bond vote to fruition. Harriet Taylor thanked all the people who worked hard all day and all night to make the Town Meeting and voting possible. The article was passed by voice vote.

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

Jon Peabody called a point of order regarding reconsideration of Steve Heath's amendment to Article 2 in the 2008 Warrant. He said there was supposed to be fact-finding pursued by the Selectboard after last year's meeting. The moderator proclaimed that once a motion is tabled, it's dead at the end of the meeting. Peabody thinks it has to be addressed, and Mead said it was addressed by a vote of the town. Peabody disagreed, saying it should have been on the warrant again this year. Mead suggested that the Selectboard look into it and that further action would not be taken at this time.

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider Article 19, and the motion was defeated with a voice vote and a show of hands.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed, and the moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:10PM.

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$115,598,183.00
Buildings	183,512,280.00
Manufactured Housing	1,960,500.00
Electric Utilities	<u>2,806,300.00</u>
 Gross Valuation	 \$303,877,263.00
 Elderly Exemptions	 (107,500.00)
Solar Exemptions	<u>(16,200.00)</u>
 Net Valuation	 \$303,753,563.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$6,266,678.00
Revenues	<u>(5,032,160.00)</u>
 Net Town Appropriations	 1,194,518.00
 Net School Appropriations	 2,310,008.00
Net State Education Appropriations	629,935.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>381,020.00</u>
 Total of Town, School & County	 4,515,481.00
 Add: Overlay	 15,908.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>25,125.00</u>
 Property Tax to be Raised	 4,556,514.00
Less Credits	<u>(25,125.00)</u>
 Taxes Committed to Treasurer	 \$4,531,389.00

2009 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$4.08
County	1.25
State	2.09
School	<u>7.60</u>
	\$15.02

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2009

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 104,100.00	\$379,500.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment		70,000.00	11,962.00
Town Hall, equipment			693.00
Library, land & buildings	100,100.00	430,200.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	96,300.00	320,900.00	
Fire Department, equipment			534,680.00
Police Department, equipment			17,951.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	134,300.00	86,500.00	
Highway Department, equipment			202,889.00
Transfer Station, equipment			7,760.00
Franconia Water Department			
Land & buildings	611,400.00	11,300.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			77,404.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	51,200.00		
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			58,347.00
Cemeteries	176,400.00		
Land in Franconia	442,100.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	142,900.00	163,200.00	
Heritage Museum	116,100.00	226,200.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	108,600.00	6,700.00	
Dow Strip	313,800.00		
Fox Hill Park	290,300.00		
	(1)	(1)	(2)
TOTALS	\$2,687,600.00	\$1,694,500.00	\$911,686.00

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$188,540.00
Motor Vehicle Title/Transfer Fees	808.00
Municipal Agent Fees	4,494.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,516.00
Dog Licenses	560.50
Pole License	10.00
Miscellaneous Fees (Payment from Town of Bethlehem MV Fees)	6,335.00
Vital Statistics	396.00
Marriage Licenses	360.00
UCC Filings and Requests	420.00
TOTAL	\$203,439.50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levy of 2009

For Year Ending December 31, 2009

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$4,532,189.00	
Yield Taxes	2,672.06	
Utility – Water	198,072.44	\$4,732,933.50
Overpayment of Property Taxes	7,634.91	
Interest Collected	4,163.09	11,798.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$4,744,731.50

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$4,289,025.74	
Yield Taxes	2,440.54	
Utility - Water	174,841.49	
Overpayments	7,634.91	
Property Tax Abatement	1,683.51	
Utility Charge Abatement	161.28	
Timber Yield Tax Abatement	231.52	
Interest Collected	4,163.09	\$4,480,182.08
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	241,479.75	
Utility-Water	23,069.67	264,549.42
TOTAL CREDITS		\$4,744,731.50

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2008**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2008		
Property Taxes	\$353,104.77	
Yield Taxes	210.96	
Utility – Water	10,631.33	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>25,702.26</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$389,649.32

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$278,197.82	
Yield Taxes	210.96	
Utility – Water	7,493.17	
Interest Collected	25,702.26	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	27.17	
Utility	68.08	
Uncollected Property Taxes	77,849.86	
Uncollected Utility Charge	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$389,649.32

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**

DEBITS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2008	\$	\$59,598.17	\$37,662.90
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	88,739.01		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>11.52</u>	<u>2,448.68</u>	<u>4,233.41</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	88,750.53	62,046.85	41,896.31

CREDITS

Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	2,059.13	17,264.44	13,124.42
Interest & Costs Collected	11.52	2,448.68	4,233.41
Abatements			
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>86,679.88</u>	<u>42,333.73</u>	<u>24,281.70</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$88,750.53	\$62,046.85	\$41,896.31

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Yvonne Bastianelli	\$ 8,127.45	\$8,571.00	9,073.14
Dutch Treat Restaurant	1,376.37		
John F. Flynn	6,068.01		
Eric T. Ford		115.37	
Forest Hills Associates	7,723.19	8,413.60	
Franconia Children's Center	2,786.28		
Kenneth Gauthier	5,422.39	3,021.23	
Ruth Holihan	992.19	414.67	
Jonathan R. Larrivee	4,632.76	4,553.89	
Robert H. Lodge, Jr.	4,267.67	4,672.34	3,048.50
Jeffery Malcolm	5,808.41		
John E. McKay	851.52	933.27	981.39
Joel C. McKenzie	3,225.31		
Stuart McKenzie	11,100.95	12,144.97	2,892.31
Northern NE Tel Operation	58.05		
Robert J. O'Neill Sr.	4,091.54	4,228.38	2,475.78
Jennifer G. Ort	277.71		
OTL Property LLC #8	4,608.08		
Robert P. Peckett, III	1,812.95		
Dennis Poltrino Realty Trust	570.61		
Samuel Ronci	5,024.34		
Safe Place Storage	6,607.24	1,062.57	
Debora A. Stravato	1,528.02	821.07	
Estate of Grace Taylor	276.38		
Von Pantz, Stokes Lott	798.08	874.61	942.51
William Wiggin	823.64	498.92	
TOTALS	\$88,859.14	\$50,325.89	19,413.63

2009 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance **\$1,346,312.15**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$567,509.99	
Tax Collector	4,652,913.00	
Town Clerk	196,974.52	
Selectmen	1,008,537.99	
Interest Earned	<u>307.80</u>	
 Total Regular Revenues	 5,858,733.31	
Unknown	85,356.51	
Loan Proceeds	175,000.00	
From NH-PDIP	<u>3,072,000.00</u>	
 Total Other Revenue	 3,332,356.51	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 9,191,089.82	 9,191,089.82
 Total Regular Disbursements	 (5,875,544.04)	
Transfer NH-PDIP	(3,229,000.00)	
Loan Payment	(175,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debit/Fees	(805.07)	
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 <u>(9,280,349.11)</u>	 (9,280,349.11)
 Ending Checking Balance	 \$ 478,250.70	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 778,802.16	
Deposits	3,234,796.03	
Interest Earned	2,310.54	3,237,106.57
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(3,079,618.65)</u>	(3,079,618.65)
 Ending Balance	 \$936,290.08	
 Ending Cash Balance		 \$1,414,540.78

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$241,254.76
Interest Earned	804.38
2008 Land Use Transfer	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Balance	\$242,059.14

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,287.43
Interest Earned	<u>11.34</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 3,298.77

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 34,877.64
Interest	99.60
Deposit-Trnst GF	7,618.65
Withdrawal-to GF	<u>(5,796.03)</u>
Ending Balance	\$36,799.86

FRANCONIA VILLAGE WATER PROJECT

Beginning Balance	\$ -0-
Deposits	257,443.16
Interest Earned	36.87
Withdrawals	<u>(229,507.29)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 27,972.74

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$80,872.45
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 40,783.40	
Deposits	116,768.39	
PDIP Transfers IN	76,295.44	
PDIP Transfers OUT	(100,500.00)	
Interest	12.87	
Unknown	1,962.28	94,538.98
Expenses	(133,080.42)	
Fees	-0-	<u>(133,080.42)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 2,241.96	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	40,089.05	
Deposits	100,500.00	
Interest Earned	256.12	100,756.12
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(76,295.44)</u>	<u>(76,295.44)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 64,549.73	
Year End Cash Balance		\$66,791.69

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$159,214.31
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 6,271.92	
Deposits	73,025.88	
PDIP Transfers IN	55,348.90	
PDIP Transfers OUT	(47,500.00)	
Interest	9.23	80,884.01
Expenses	(86,371.99)	
Fees	-0-	<u>(86,371.99)</u>
Ending Balance	783.94	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	152,942.39	
Deposits from Checking	47,500.00	
Interest Earned	503.34	48,003.34
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(55,348.90)</u>	<u>(55,348.90)</u>
Ending Balance	\$145,596.83	
Year End Cash Balance		\$146,380.77

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$4,684,729.63
3190 Interest & Penalties	24,328.13

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	207,023.50
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	92,891.50
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	34,109.52
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	80,897.78

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	266.86
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	225.00
4150 Financial Administration	22.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,288.00
4195 Cemeteries	550.00
4196 Insurance	80.50
4210 Police	1,300.00
4221 Life Squad	52,858.79
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	249.70
4520 Recreation & Parks Donations	762.50
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	19,986.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3501 Sale of Town Property	250,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	2,618.34

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	240,412.00
3916 Cemetery Trust Fund	2,000.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	102,548.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$5,799,147.75

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	31,117.63
BC/BS – Lovett	5,007.84
Dow Concerts	5,488.98
Dow Playground	241.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees	740.00

Police Coverage	280.00
Primex Payment to Library	220.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees	791.00
Recreation Deposit Fees	45.00
Village Water Project	5,342.50
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>175,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 224,273.95

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110 Property Taxes	\$4,599,694.49	
3120 Land Use Change Tax	21,320.00	
3185 Yield Tax	2,632.14	
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>61,083.00</u>	
		\$4,684,729.63
3190 Interest & Penalties		24,328.13

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	196,950.00	
3230 Building Permits	3,861.00	
3290 Other Licenses & Fees	<u>6,212.50</u>	207,023.50

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	46,365.68	
3353 Highway Block Grant	<u>46,525.82</u>	92,891.50

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton		
Administrative Fees	2,000.00	
Recreation Programs	7,061.52	
Transfer Station	<u>25,048.00</u>	34,109.52
3379 Town of Sugar Hill		
Administrative Fees	2,300.00	
Dispatch Phone Lines	465.75	
Recreation Programs	22,939.03	
Transfer Station	<u>55,193.00</u>	80,897.78

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Copies and Printouts	138.50	
Current Use/LUCT Fees	85.00	
Payroll Tax Refund	<u>43.36</u>	266.86

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
Voter Checklist		225.00
4150 Financial Administration		
Bank Charges Reimbursed		22.00
4191 Planning and Zoning		
Hearing Fees	1,243.00	
Zoning Ordinances	<u>45.00</u>	1,288.00
4195 Cemeteries		
Burials		550.00
4196 Insurance		
Health Insurance Refund		80.50
4210 Police		
Donations	600.00	
Pistol Permits	130.00	
Police Coverage	65.00	
Police Report	255.00	
Refund Sale of Guns	<u>250.00</u>	1,300.00
4221 Life Squad		
Supplies Reimbursed	237.68	
Town of Easton	500.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	2,000.00	
Transport Payments	<u>50,121.11</u>	52,858.79
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)		
Wages Reimbursed	101.93	
Training Expenses Reimbursed	<u>147.77</u>	249.70
4520 Recreation & Parks		
Donations	750.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	<u>12.50</u>	762.50
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
Baseball Fees	1,420.00	
Soccer Fees	1,875.00	
Summer Recreation Fees	<u>16,691.00</u>	19,986.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		
3501 Sale of Town Property		250,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments		
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	307.80	
NH-PDIP	<u>2,310.54</u>	2,618.34
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Fire Truck	135,000.00	
Highway Truck	79,412.00	
Transfer Station Capital Improvements	<u>26,000.00</u>	240,412.00
3916 Cemetery Trust Funds		2,000.00

3917 Expendable Trust Funds		
Highway Improvement	66,409.00	
Library Building Maintenance Fund	750.00	
Museum Building Maintenance	24,989.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	<u>10,400.00</u>	<u>102,548.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUES

\$5,799,147.75

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department		
Computer Support	337.00	
Insurance-Commercial Auto	300.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	171.16	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	2,877.95	
Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance	397.45	
Cell Phones	910.15	
Payroll Taxes	1,385.59	
Supplies	677.81	
Gas & Diesel	134.51	
Truck Repairs	115.10	
Wages	16,723.02	
Water Payments	6,905.89	
Workers Compensation	<u>182.00</u>	<u>31,117.63</u>

BC/BS – Lovett		5,007.84
Dow Concerts		5,488.98
Dow Playground		241.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees		740.00
Police Coverage		280.00
Primex Payment to Library		220.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees		791.00
Recreation Deposit Fees		45.00
Village Water Project		5,342.50
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>175,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$ 224,273.95

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 94,810.81
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	26,807.41
4150 Financial Administration	50,906.63
4152 Revaluation of Property	14,545.55
4153 Legal Expense	2,727.54
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	3,948.99
4194 General Government Buildings	77,464.45
4195 Cemeteries	13,319.49
4196 Insurance	6,790.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	12,530.00
4199 Other General Government	281.27

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	271,296.25
4220 Fire	84,542.21
4221 Life Squad	51,726.65
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	2,525.65
4299 Emergency Dispatch Phone Service	27,067.65

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	342,061.71
4316 Utilities	18,565.09

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	8,048.00
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	8,934.55
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	91,163.73
4521 Parks	15,814.26
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	274.00

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	526.99
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DEBT SERVICE

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,349.31
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CAPITAL OULTAY

4902 Vehicles & Equipment	219,412.49
4903 Buildings	103,738.50
4909 Other Improvements	88,408.75

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4912 Special Revenue Funds	160,178.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	199,550.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>322,300.00</u>

SUB-TOTAL **\$2,323,615.93**

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS	5,828.13
WATER LIENS	3,494.65

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

4931 Grafton County	381,020.00
4933 School Districts	2,892,433.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>762.50</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$5,607,154.21

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department	31,117.63
BC/BS – Lovett	5,007.84
Dow Concerts	5,488.98
Dow Playground	241.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees	740.00
Police Coverage	280.00
Primex Payment to Library	220.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees	791.00
Recreation Deposit Fees	45.00
Village Water Project	5,342.50
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>175,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS \$ 224,273.95

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses		
Bethlehem Property Tax		2,907.47
Current Use/Land Use Change Recordings		34.00
Dues		1,112.46
Equipment		
Maintenance/Repairs	1,186.91	
New	<u>1,272.00</u>	2,458.91
Maps		1,890.00
Miscellaneous		569.31
Newspaper Notices		163.75
Postage		801.07
RSA Updates & Legal Material		235.25
Software Support		2,688.00
Supplies		1,597.77
Telephone		2,675.66
Training/Meetings		10.00
Salaries & Wages		
Administrative Assistant		22,372.93
Executive Secretary		10,842.46
Moderator		50.00
Secretary		14,647.99
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		24,461.98
Payroll Taxes		3,602.80
Retirement - Town Contribution		1,326.00
Unemployment Compensation		56.00
Workers Compensation		<u>307.00</u>
		\$ 94,810.81

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration		
General Expenses		
Newspaper Notices	75.00	
NH Votes Expense	90.75	
Supplies	<u>164.25</u>	330.00
Town Clerk		
General Expenses		
Dog Tags		74.18
Dues		20.00
New Equipment		5.35
Newspaper Notices		131.00
Postage		434.80
Software Programs/Support		2,246.34
Supplies		221.64
Telephone		1,119.12

Workshops/Meetings	219.40	
Salaries & Wages		
Ballot Clerks	219.66	
Supervisor of the Checklist	754.46	
Town Clerk	19,227.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	312.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,492.46</u>	26,807.41
4150 Financial Administration		
Accounting & Reports		
Bank Charges	40.88	
Checks & Supplies	358.90	
Direct Deposit Charges	734.43	
Town Report	1,795.00	
Auditor	13,000.00	
Tax Collection		
Dues	20.00	
Equipment	5.00	
Postage/Envelopes	1,351.65	
Software Programs/Support	2,003.96	
Recording Fees	129.10	
Supplies	186.43	
Tax Bills	140.22	
Salary & Wages		
Bookkeeper	22,372.93	
Tax Collector	4,798.80	
Treasurer	1,754.25	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>2,215.08</u>	50,906.63
4152 Revaluation of Property		14,545.55
4153 Legal Expense		
General Matters		2,727.54
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards		
General Expenses		
Legal Fees	160.00	
Maps	300.00	
Newspaper Notices	547.75	
Postage	108.69	
RSA Updates & Law Books	105.00	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings	152.00	
Supplies	91.90	
Salary & Wages		
Secretary	2,292.96	
ZBA Secretary	<u>14.20</u>	2,307.16

Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>176.49</u>	3,948.99
4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		2,672.71	
Dow Clock		966.76	
Equipment			
Maintenance	803.60		
New	<u>27.43</u>	831.03	
Heating Oil		7,190.70	
Insurance			
Buildings & Equipment	642.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>248.00</u>	890.00	
Library Insurance		1,357.00	
New Tools		286.13	
Newspaper Ads		85.26	
Plantings		183.48	
Sidewalk Plowing		777.44	
Supplies		1,515.69	
Uniforms		600.00	
Vehicles			
Gas	2,069.43		
Maintenance	313.75		
Repairs	<u>95.58</u>	2,478.76	
Salaries & Wages		36,156.52	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		16,511.84	
Payroll Taxes		2,802.13	
Retirement - Town Contribution		884.00	
Unemployment Compensation		199.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>1,076.00</u>	77,464.45
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity		170.77	
Equipment		707.22	
Supplies/Flags		1,652.23	
Tree Removal		450.00	
Waterline		648.84	
Salary & Wages		8,832.73	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		675.70	
Unemployment Compensation		28.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>154.00</u>	13,319.49
4196 Insurance			
Liability			6,790.0

4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.		
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	10,000.00	
Mt Washington Regional Airport	693.00	
North Country Council	<u>1,837.00</u>	12,530.00
4199 Other General Government		
Emergency Management Expense		281.27

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police		
General Expenses		
Building Maintenance	3,738.97	
CNHSOU	2,600.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	571.00	
Firearms		
Ammunition	595.15	
New	299.52	
Training	<u>96.35</u>	991.02
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	179.00	
Commercial Auto	423.00	
Liability	<u>5,398.00</u>	6,000.00
Maps-911		65.03
Miscellaneous		232.66
New Equipment		83.71
Office		
Equipment		
New	749.00	
Repairs/Maintenance	446.15	
Software/Support	4,401.00	
Supplies/Postage	<u>1,470.14</u>	7,066.29
Photography		30.00
Prosecuting		3,750.00
Radar Calibration		90.00
Radios		
Maintenance	60.00	
Pager Lease	<u>279.72</u>	339.72
RSA Updates & Law Books		746.97
Safety Equipment		403.09
Telephone		4,159.66
Uniforms		
Cleaning/Repairs	345.19	
New	<u>2,106.17</u>	2,451.36
Vehicles		
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	7,644.15	
Maintenance	2,945.86	
Repairs	3,276.89	
Supplies	<u>800.30</u>	14,667.20

Salaries & Wages

Officers	140,146.74	
Overtime	12,899.79	
Special Investigations	985.52	
Specials	3,939.91	
Training	3,951.96	

Taxes & Benefits

Health Insurance	33,787.70	
Payroll Taxes	2,917.09	
Retirement – Town Contribution	20,490.86	
Unemployment Compensation	653.00	
Workers Compensation	<u>3,537.00</u>	

271,296.25

4220 Fire Department

General Expenses

Administration and Supplies		1,362.59	
Building Maintenance			
Cleaning	1,615.64		
Electricity	3,415.84		
Maintenance	<u>3,305.22</u>	8,336.70	
Dues and Subscriptions		815.49	
Fire Prevention		1,051.90	
Gas and Diesel		1,493.28	
Heating Oil		6,369.04	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	355.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>3,145.00</u>	3,500.00	
Maps – 911		64.98	
New Equipment			
SCBA	1,204.92		
Fire Hose	1,500.00		
Turnout Gear	3,650.71		
Radios & Pagers	1,870.45		
Rescue Equipment	<u>6,992.06</u>	15,218.14	
Telephone		1,771.21	
Training and Prevention		1,267.68	
Vehicles and Equipment		7,826.03	
Salaries & Wages			
Fireman's Annual Pay		25,514.50	
Fireman's Fund		1,700.00	
Inspections		4,305.18	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		2,306.49	
Unemployment Compensation		255.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>1,384.00</u>	

84,542.21



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Lafayette Regional School
March 9, 2010 – 7:00 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Town Hall
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Lafayette Regional School

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

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,305,984.00 to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$99,411.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	29,192.00
Financial Administration	52,200.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	6,775.00
General Government Buildings	92,326.00
Cemeteries	15,347.00
Insurance	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,507.00
(Chamber of Commerce	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,814.00)
(Regional Airport	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	280,074.00
Fire	84,100.00
Life Squad	54,280.00
Forest Fire	3,578.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	28,983.00
(Franconia's Share	28,433.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

UTILITIES

HEALTH & HOSPITALS

(American Red Cross	461.00)
(Ammonoosuc Community Health	1,800.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,000.00)
(Health Officer	300.00)
(North Country Home Health	2,750.00)
(North Country YMCA	250.00)
(Support Center – Burch House	520.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health	1,267.00)

WELFARE

(General Assistance	7,575.00)
(CAP	2,500.00)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs

 (Franconia's Share

Parks	16,770.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Museums.....	300.00
CONSERVATION	1,000.00
INTEREST	16,049.00

TOTAL..... (Franconia's Share \$1,247,558.00).....\$1,305,984.00

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Eighty Three dollars (\$127,083.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment \$3,333.00; Highway Trucks, \$48,900; Highway Heavy Equipment \$16,500; Police Cruisers, \$7,800; Life Squad Van, \$1,500; Fire Equip Truck, \$7,800; Fire Pumper Truck, \$10,000; Fire Truck Tanker \$23,250; and Reassessment, 8,000.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$4,800.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Sidewalk Improvement, \$1,000; and Library Maintenance, \$3,800.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000.00) to purchase a Town Buildings truck and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The amount of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) to come from taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation to come from trading in the 2005 F-350 (\$10,000.00) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six thousand dollars (\$36,000.00) to purchase a new Tractor and to authorize the withdrawal of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy dollars from the Town Building & Grounds Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (\$19,370.00) previously established. The amount of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$6,630.00) to come from taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2002 John Deere Tractor (\$10,000.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$38,600.00) to purchase a 4 WD Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy dollars (\$21,670.00) from the Police Cruisers Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. The amount of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty dollars (\$10,830.00) to come from taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2005 Chevy Tahoe (\$6,100.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to replace the windows of the Heritage Museum and to authorize the withdrawal of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) from the Heritage Museum Expendable Trust previously established for this purpose and to authorize the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the Highway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Safety Equipment Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose and furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Forestry Fire Truck Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for this purpose and furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars (\$262,404.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and capital improvements, to include a compactor, with Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) from the Tri-Town Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose, Town of Sugar Hill (\$42,538.00), the Town of Easton (\$19,336.00), PAYT Fees (\$75,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$30,000.00), and Recycled Material (\$15,000.00) and to raise Sixty-Seven Thousand Thirty Dollars (\$67,030.00) from taxation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend appropriation

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase a new piece of equipment for the Dow Playground to replace the existing wooden Fire Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$78,285.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to solve the water runoff problem to the lower portion of the town hall building to allow for future office or department expansion and to authorize the withdrawal of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town is in favor of moving the Police Department from the Safety Services building to the basement of the town hall providing the water problem can be resolved.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying equipment under these statues up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 for each solar energy system, wind-powered energy system or wood heating energy system.

ARTICLE 19. Should the Town indicate its support for Senate Bill 154, which proposes to name a 2.8 mile portion of Route 18 in Franconia, which runs from Route 141 to Interstate 93 (Also known as 3-Mile Hill), after Corporal Bruce McKay, a police officer who was murdered while serving our community. (Ballot Vote by Petition)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,575.00) for the Littleton Regional Hospital to help provide medical services that benefit community members in Franconia and the surrounding area.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town would vote to authorize the Community Design Committee to seek funding opportunities such as grants or private partnerships for a proposed road connecting the rear of the businesses on the Gale River side of Main Street from Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank to Bob's Mobil.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to do the necessary repair and restoration of the clock and cupola at Dow Academy, before permanent damage occurs to the clock. (By Petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our Sate Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

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

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Authority Intermunicipal Agreement. Copies of the 2010 Amendment, as well as the existing Agreement, are available for review at the town office, and will also be available the day of the meeting.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to help offset the costs that ensure that children's needs are met and services are provided to facilitate safe reunification with biological families when possible.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe and productive after school environment for children from Franconia and other area towns. (By Petition) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 27. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Carleen Quinn
John Lachapelle
Richard McLeod
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2009	Actual 2009	Estimated 2010
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,660.00	\$ 5,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	3,000.00	2,632.00	3,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	59,671.00	61,083.00	59,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	18,000.00	24,328.00	10,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	250.00	-0-	250.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	185,000.00	196,950.00	190,000.00
3230 Building Permits	3,000.00	3,861.00	2,500.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	5,000.00	6,213.00	4,000.00
FROM STATE:			
3351 Shared Revenues	-0-	-0-	7,075.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	-0-	46,366.00	30,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	46,526.00	46,526.00	49,090.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:			
3379 Town of Easton	34,507.00	34,110.00	29,107.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	82,740.00	80,898.00	70,983.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	47,500.00	57,734.00	44,500.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	143,500.00	132,262.00	120,000.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	24,460.00	19,986.00	24,460.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	269,000.00	269,000.00	26,100.00
3502 Interest on Investments	2,500.00	2,618.00	2,500.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	-0-	-0-	13,500.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	241,000.00	240,412.00	66,040.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	-0-	102,548.00	95,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	3,751,000.00	3,751,000.00	-0-
Fund Balance (Surplus)	<u>81,600.00</u>	<u>81,600.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,010,254.00	\$5,172,787.00	\$852,105.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2009	Actual 2009	Estimated 2010
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$ 98,640.00	\$ 94,811.00	\$99,411.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	28,271.00	26,807.00	29,192.00
4150 Financial Administration	50,514.00	50,907.00	52,200.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	14,546.00	15,000.00
4153 Legal Expense	3,000.00	2,728.00	3,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	6,775.00	3,949.00	6,775.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	86,246.00	77,464.00	92,326.00
4195 Cemeteries	15,347.00	13,319.00	15,347.00
4196 Insurance	7,500.00	6,790.00	7,500.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12,530.00	12,530.00	12,507.00
4199 Other General Government	-0-	281.27	-0-
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	275,874.00	271,296.00	280,074.00
4220 Fire	84,989.00	84,542.00	84,100.00
4221 Life Squad	50,910.00	51,727.00	54,280.00
4290 Forest Fire	3,565.00	2,526.00	3,578.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	27,130.00	27,068.00	28,983.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	345,188.00	342,062.00	347,497.00
4316 Utilities	17,500.00	18,565.00	18,500.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	7,828.00	7,528.00	8,348.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	10,025.00	8,935.00	10,075.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	99,451.00	91,164.00	102,172.00
4521 Parks	15,666.00	15,814.00	16,770.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	300.00	274.00	300.00
CONSERVATION			
4619 General Expenses	1,000.00	527.00	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4723 Interest on TANS	1,500.00	2,349.00	16,049.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
FY 2009			
Article 7: Highway Truck	94,000.00	79,413.00	-0-
Article 8: Fire Equipment Truck	140,000.00	140,000.00	-0-
FY2010			
Article 5: Buildings & Grounds Truck	-0-	-0-	39,000.00
Article 6: Buildings & Grounds Tractor	-0-	-0-	36,000.00
Article 7: Police 4WD Cruiser	-0-	-0-	38,600.00

4903 Buildings			
FY2009			
Article 12: Maintenance Building	78,000.00	78,000.00	-0-
FY2010			
Article 16: Town Building Repairs	-0-	-0-	80,000.00
4909 Other Improvements			
ETF: Highway Improvement	-0-	66,409.00	-0-
EFT: Library Maintenance	-0-	750.00	-0-
EFT: Museum Maintenance	-0-	24,989.00	15,000.00
EFT: Sidewalks	-0-	10,400.00	-0-
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	287,252.00	280,514.00	262,404.00
Library	73,207.00	73,207.00	78,285.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Life Squad Van	11,500.00	11,500.00	1,500.00
CRF: Highway Trucks	46,600.00	46,600.00	48,900.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	16,050.00	16,050.00	7,800.00
CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle	2,200.00	2,200.00	-0-
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	12,500.00	12,500.00	10,000.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	49,000.00	49,000.00	7,800.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker)	10,000.00	10,000.00	23,250.00
CRF: Fire Safety Equipment	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
CRF: Forestry Truck	-0-	-0-	3,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
CRF: Legal	24,000.00	24,000.00	-0-
CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment	7,100.00	7,100.00	3,333.00
CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment	9,600.00	9,600.00	16,500.00
CRF: Transfer Station Equipment	3,000.00	3,000.00	-0-
CRF: Dow Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-
ETF: Sidewalks	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum	7,500.00	7,500.00	-0-
EFT: Library Maintenance	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
EFT: Rink Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended):			
FY2009			
Article 2: Water Project	3,751,000.00	3,751,000.00	-0-
Article 11: Water System Engineering	11,600.00	11,600.00	-0-
Article 18: Burch House	520.00	520.00	-0-
FY2010			
Article 14: Dow Playground Equipment	-0-	-0-	5,000.00
Article 20: Littleton Regional Hospital	-0-	-0-	1,575.00
Article 22: Dow Clock Repairs	-0-	-0-	40,000.00
Article 25: CASA	-0-	-0-	500.00
Article 26: Boys & Girls Club of NC	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,976,687.00	\$5,977,561.00	\$2,110,231.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$98,640.00	\$ 1,128.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	28,271.00	1,438.00
Financial Administration	50,514.00	22.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	-0-
Planning & Zoning	6,775.00	1,288.00
General Government Buildings	86,246.00	-0-
Cemeteries	15,347.00	550.00
Insurance	7,500.00	81.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,530.00	-0-
Police	275,874.00	1,300.00
Fire	84,989.00	-0-
Life Squad	50,910.00	11,589.00
Forest Fire	3,565.00	250.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	27,130.00	(34.00)
Highway Department	345,188.00	-0-
Utilities	17,500.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	8,348.00	-0-
Welfare	10,025.00	-0-
Recreation	99,451.00	(5,911.00)
Parks	15,666.00	200.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	300.00	-0-
Conservation	1,000.00	-0-
Interest	1,500.00	118.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,266,269.00	\$12,019.00

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$99,768.00	\$ 94,811.00	\$ 4,957.00	\$ -0-
29,709.00	26,807.00	2,902.00	-0-
50,536.00	50,907.00	-0-	371.00
15,000.00	14,546.00	454.00	-0-
3,000.00	2,728.00	272.00	-0-
8,063.00	3,949.00	4,114.00	-0-
86,246.00	77,464.00	8,782.00	-0-
15,897.00	13,319.00	2,578.00	-0-
7,581.00	6,790.00	791.00	-0-
12,530.00	12,530.00	-0-	-0-
277,174.00	271,296.00	5,878.00	-0-
84,989.00	84,542.00	447.00	-0-
62,499.00	51,727.00	10,772.00	-0-
3,815.00	2,526.00	1,289.00	-0-
27,096.00	27,068.00	28.00	-0-
345,188.00	342,062.00	3,126.00	-0-
17,500.00	18,565.00	-0-	1,065.00
8,348.00	8,048.00	300.00	-0-
10,025.00	8,935.00	1,092.00	-0-
93,540.00	91,164.00	2,376.00	-0-
15,866.00	15,814.00	52.00	-0-
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
300.00	274.00	26.00	-0-
1,000.00	527.00	473.00	-0-
1,618.00	2,349.00	-0-	731.00
\$1,278,288.00	\$1,229,748.00	\$50,707.00	\$2,167.00

NOTES

4221 Life Squad

General Expenses

Billing & Collections Fee		5,144.49	
Equipment		5,149.61	
Maps – 911		141.99	
Miscellaneous		1,767.33	
Radios & Pagers		614.84	
Rescue Booker		435.00	
Supplies		6,552.45	
Telephone		356.10	
Training		1,805.00	
Uniforms		441.95	

Vehicles

Commercial Auto Insurance	900.00		
Gas & Diesel	1,750.33		
Maintenance	414.41	3,064.74	

Wages & Benefits

Wages	23,731.99		
Payroll Taxes	1,792.16		
Unemployment Compensation	114.00		
Workers Compensation	615.00	26,253.15	51,726.65

4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires)

General Expenses

Mileage Reimbursed		118.51	
New Equipment		513.06	
Supplies		273.23	

Vehicles

Gas, Diesel & Oil	156.25		
Insurance	300.00		
Maintenance	417.65	873.90	

Salary & Wages

Fire Fighting Pay	452.87		
Fire Fighting Training	241.00	693.87	

Taxes & Benefits

Payroll Taxes		53.08	2,525.65
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4299 Dispatch Phone Lines

8123 Phone Line		931.95	
Grafton County Dispatch		26,135.70	27,067.65

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department

General Expenses

Building Maintenance		5,940.80	
Dues		20.00	

Equipment			
Maintenance	3,543.57		
New	3,622.96		
Rental	800.00		
Repairs	<u>2,507.72</u>	10,474.25	
Gas and Diesel		17,019.12	
Gravel		4,558.87	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	300.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>2,900.00</u>	3,200.00	
Newspaper Notices		226.00	
New Tools		912.49	
Radios/Radio Repair		210.60	
Random Drug Tests		97.00	
Roadside Mowing		2,200.00	
Safety		592.23	
Sand and Salt		37,782.69	
Storm Damage		28.62	
Street Sweeping		1,875.00	
Supplies		6,980.34	
Telephone		2,053.10	
Training/Workshops		120.00	
Uniforms		1,800.00	
Vehicles			
Maintenance	1,890.91		
Repairs	<u>9,079.87</u>	10,970.78	
Salaries & Wages			
Wages		122,219.03	
Overtime		13,751.09	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		34,167.17	
Payroll Taxes		10,401.71	
Retirement - Town Contribution		2,652.00	
Unemployment Compensation		823.00	
Workers Compensation		4,460.00	
Highway Improvement		46,525.82	342,061.71

4316 Utilities

Cable Consortium		56.00	
Street Lighting		<u>18,509.09</u>	18,565.09

HEALTH

4415 Health Agencies

American Red Cross		461.00	
Ammonoosuc Community Health Services		1,800.00	
Grafton County Senior Citizens		1,000.00	
North Country Home Health		2,750.00	
North Country YMCA		250.00	

Support Center at Burch House	520.00	
White Mountain Mental Health	<u>1,267.00</u>	8,048.00
WELFARE		
4442 Welfare		
General Assistance	6,484.55	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>2,450.00</u>	8,934.55
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
4520 Recreation		
Recreation Director	21,402.13	
Youth Director	16,101.54	
Recreation Director Expense	540.19	
Baseball and Softball		
Clinic/Umpire Fees	480.00	
League Fees	500.00	
Supplies	614.00	
Uniforms	1,018.67	
Basketball		
Referees	200.00	
Supplies	84.99	
Tournament Fees	335.00	
Uniforms	824.06	
Dow Maintenance Fund	1,500.00	
Rink and Ice Skating		
Rink Maintenance	1,030.48	
Supplies	92.30	
Utilities	1,593.82	
Rink Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	
Soccer		
Referees	200.00	
Supplies	1,032.16	
Tournament Expense	310.00	
Uniforms	338.37	
Summer Recreation		
Adventure Program	1,083.82	
Pool & Facilities	670.00	
Supplies	739.39	
Transportation	2,490.55	
Uniforms	801.52	
Salaries & Wages	17,025.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance	12,230.99	
Payroll Taxes	4,129.75	
Retirement-Town	884.00	
Unemployment Compensation	142.00	
Workers Compensation	<u>769.00</u>	91,163.73

4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity	173.08		
Field Maintenance	569.40		
Portable Toilets	<u>834.00</u>	1,576.48	
Equipment		44.63	
Parks Maintenance		525.16	
Supplies		441.93	
Wages		12,247.44	
Payroll Taxes		<u>978.62</u>	15,814.26
4583 Patriotic Purpose			1,000.00
4589 Museums- Building Insurance			274.00
4619 Conservation			
General Expenses			
Dues		200.00	
Trees		<u>326.99</u>	526.99
DEBT SERVICE			
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note			2,349.31
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Article 7 - Highway Truck		79,412.49	
Article 8 - Fire Equipment Truck		<u>140,000.00</u>	219,412.49
4903 Buildings			
Library Door Restoration		750.00	
Museum Roofs		24,988.50	
New Maintenance Building		<u>78,000.00</u>	103,738.50
4909 Other Improvements			
Highway Improvement		66,408.75	
Sidewalks		10,400.00	
Art- 11 Water System Engineering Design		<u>11,600.00</u>	88,408.75
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912 Special Revenue Funds			
Library Appropriation		73,207.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation		<u>86,971.00</u>	160,178.00

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4915 Capital Reserve Funds

Fire Truck – Equipment	49,000.00	
Fire Truck – Pumper	12,500.00	
Fire Truck – Tanker	10,000.00	
Highway Heavy Equipment	9,600.00	
Highway Truck	46,600.00	
Legal	24,000.00	
Life Squad Ambulance	11,500.00	
Police Cruisers	16,050.00	
Reassessment	8,000.00	
Town Buildings & Ground Equipment	7,100.00	
Town Buildings Truck	2,200.00	
Transfer Station Equipment	<u>3,000.00</u>	199,550.00

4916 Expendable Trust Funds

Heritage Museum Maintenance	7,500.00	
Highway Improvement	60,000.00	
Library Building Maintenance	3,800.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	1,000.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	<u>250,000.00</u>	322,300.00

SUB-TOTAL

\$2,323,615.93

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

5,828.13

WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS

3,494.65

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

4931 Grafton County Tax **381,020.00**

4933 School Districts

Lafayette Regional School District	1,283,685.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,608,748.00</u>	2,892,433.00

4934 State of New Hampshire

Animal Population Control	158.00	
Dog Licenses	39.50	
Marriage Licenses	304.00	
Vital Records	<u>261.00</u>	762.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$5,607,154.21

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department		
Computer Support	337.00	
Insurance – Commercial Auto	300.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	171.16	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	2,877.95	
Mittersill Fire Station Maintenance	397.45	
Cell Phones	910.15	
Payroll Taxes	1,385.59	
Supplies	677.81	
Gas & Diesel	134.51	
Truck Repairs	115.10	
Wages	16,723.02	
Water Payments	6,905.89	
Workers Compensation	<u>182.00</u>	31,117.63
BC/BS Lovett		5,488.98
Dow Playground		241.00
Planning Board Engineering Fees		740.00
Police Coverage		280.00
Primex Payment to Library		220.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees		791.00
Recreation Deposit Fees		45.00
Village Water Project		5,342.50
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>175,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 224,273.95

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

Beginning Balance		\$ 36,700.26
Income		
Town of Franconia	86,971.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	55,193.00	
Town of Easton	25,088.00	
PAYT Bags	79,288.00	
Special Handling Fees	34,544.85	
Recycled Material	18,429.44	
Interest Earned	<u>99.60</u>	299,613.89
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	5,870.15	
MSW Tipping	33,805.60	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	6,510.53	
Roll Off Tipping	19,829.36	
Tires	389.60	
Electronics	1,774.83	
Other	4,456.95	
Utilities	5,803.08	
General Expenses		
Dues	2,257.00	
PAYT Bags	0.00	
Insurance	494.00	
Supplies & Baling Wire	2,669.61	
Printing & Advertising	674.76	
Oil & Gas	1,114.46	
Training & Certification	585.00	
Uniforms	113.99	
Equipment Maintenance	4613.78	
Sanding	622.49	
Contingency	1,159.96	
Wages	106,130.59	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	17,780.18	
Retirement	2,278.00	
Unemployment Compensation	539.00	
Workers' Compensation	2,922.00	
Payroll Taxes	8,119.03	
Capital Improvements	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>280,513.95</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 55,800.20

2010 – 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2010 – 2016 Capital Improvements Plan was completed by a group of four citizens, appointed by the Planning Board and the CIP Chairperson. The Committee worked from April through December 2008 on this year's CIP. In January of 2010 the plan was adopted by the Franconia Planning Board and accepted by the Select Board.

The Committee interviewed all Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, Recreation, Library and Heritage Society representatives and the Town's Select Board and administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2010-2016. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and prioritized in relation to each other and the Town's historical yearly capital expenditures and the ability to raise monies to fund the projects in the future. The Committee's review and budgeting of projects was done in light of the substantial infrastructure projects recommended by the Infrastructure Study Group (ISG) and the approved and bonded Water System Improvement Project.

Next, a draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizens' review. This draft plan reflected a recommendation for 2010 of \$252,192. A Public Hearing was then held to elicit public comment on the draft. There was no Public comment received.

After the Public Hearing, a request from the Transfer Station, for an appropriation in 2010 for \$7800 for a new Trash Compactor, was withdrawn. The Transfer Station Department Head indicated that he would seek the funding for this capital expense from the departments Special Reserve Fund, created by revenue generated through department sales. This change brought the total recommended CIP budget for 2010, to \$244,392. This compares favorably to 2009 recommendation of \$239,850, an increase of 1.8%. This increase also includes the newly added carrying cost expense of \$13,549 for the Water Improvements Bond (WIB). The recommended budget over the seven year period 2010-2016 is \$1,779,395 compared to \$1,706,160, for the seven year period 2009-2015, presented last year. This increase includes the carrying costs for the WIB over the period.

New items, other than the mentioned bond costs, include requests and recommendations for the creation of reserve funds and adequate appropriations for a replacement Buildings and Grounds mower, future replacement of FD Turnout Gear and Breathing apparatus, and the replacement of the Forestry Truck. All of these new requests were fairly modest.

It should be mentioned that all Department Heads attempted to find savings and efficiency in their requests. In particular, the Road agent proposed a plan to refurbish and maintain the current Road Grader, instead of replacement. This resulted in significant savings over the budget period.

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

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

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

2) The CIP Committee recommends that the Town consider long term financing, either in the form of bonding or bank financing, for some of the larger proposed capital projects. In lieu of having reserved for these needs in years past, the identified timing of these projects, and the relative present cost of borrowing, this method of raising monies seems prudent and effective in managing the tax impact of these capital expenditures. The CIP Committee recognizes that this type of funding has been approved and bonded for the current Water Improvements project.

3) It should also be noted, that the Town is expected to receive the proceeds of the pending sale of the "Copper Cannon" land in the sum of approximately \$250,000 and that these funds use should be considered in relation to the Town's substantial infrastructure needs.

4) The CIP Committee recommends that the BOS prepare a comprehensive long range plan for the upgrades necessary at the Town Hall (windows, insulation, ADA bathroom, etc...) This seems especially necessary in light of the ISG's recommended reconfiguring and improvements to the building. Specifically, the CIP recommends that the BOS review the proposed move of the Police Department to Town Hall, or alternatives, in light of a sought after grant to replace the FD and Life Squad portion of the Safety Services building. It should be noted that the Town currently holds approximately \$274,005 in reserve funds for Safety Services improvements.

5) The CIP Committee recommends that a comprehensive maintenance and improvements plan be developed for the Abbie Greenleaf Library. This is recommended in light of the current need for improvements to the roof and possible water damage repairs. Further, it is recommended that the Town review its maintenance and improvements plans for all non-operating department buildings that it owns and is responsible for.

6) The CIP recommends that the Road Agent, BOS and CIP work to develop a strategic Road Plan over the next year. This Plan should identify both critical upgrades, as well as the regular maintenance needs of the Towns road system over a 10-20 year period. This plan should include estimates of annual maintenance budgets, as well as costs of critical improvements needed. A funding plan should also be formulated and presented to the Town for comment and approval.

7) The CIP Committee recommends that all operating Department's generated revenue sources be analyzed and their review be integrated into the Town's budgeting process, specifically, the Transfer Station, Life Squad and Recreation Departments revenue streams. The Committee believes that the generation of these revenues, and their use to offset expenses, be more carefully considered.

8) The CIP Committee also recommends that the BOS develop a holistic plan to pursue available grants for offsetting the Town's future capital needs. All Departments should be encouraged to seek grants related to their specific needs and resources should be provided for them in these efforts.

Finally, the CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2010-2016 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully,

The CIP Committee
Jim Hamblin
Mogens Jessen
Barbara Lloyd
Brian Williams

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2009 Ford Equipment Truck	\$140,000.00	\$133,000.00	20	\$7,000.00
2008 Kenworth T300	146,548.00	131,894.00	20	7,327.00
Emergency Generator	15,000.00	10,500.00	20	750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	20,000.00	8,000.00	10	2,000.00
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	215,000.00	139,625.00	20	10,750.00
2008 Ambulance	135,000.00	108,000.00	10	13,500.00
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-		-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)		-0-		-0-
Scott Air Pack (10)	14,250.00	3,661.00	20	705.00
Protective Gear	15,000.00	-0-		-0-
5,000 ft. 4" Hose	20,000.00	-0-		-0-
3,000 ft 2-1/2" Hose	3,000.00	-0-		-0-
1,500 ft. 1-1/2" Hose	2,000.00	-0-		-0-
Fittings	4,000.00	-0-		-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	684.00	-0-		-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	10,000.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad)	393.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Computer	1,520.00	-0-		-0-
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	3,636.00	-0-		-0-
Mobile Radios (5)	18,000.00	-0-		-0-
Portable Radios (15)	12,800.00	-0-		-0-
Base Radio	3,500.00	-0-		-0-
Beepers (35)	16,975.00	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$837,306.00	\$534,680.00		\$42,032.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2008 Ford Crown Victoria	\$29,000.00	\$9,500.00	3	\$9,750.00
2005 Chevy Tahoe	26,657.00	-0-	5	5,269.00
1997 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	-0-		-0-
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	-0-		-0-
Siren, Lights	1,200.00	-0-		-0-
1999 Eagle Radar	3,095.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Eagle Radar	2,212.00	-0-	5	-0-
Matrix Personal Body Armor	1,180.00	-0-	5	-0-
2002 Sony Camcorder	650.00	-0-	6	-0-
2008 Video Cameras (2)	7,990.00	6,392.00	10	799.00
2001 Digital Cameras (2)	600.00	60.00	10	60.00

2009 Laptop Computer	749.00	599.00	5	150.00
2005 Dell Computers (2)	3,278.00	-0-	5	654.00
2008 Cannon Printer	649.00	389.00	5	130.00
2005 Typewriter	575.00	-0-	5	115.00
2002 Colt TR (2)	1,400.00	280.00	10	140.00
2002 Colt M-16A1 (2) - (Mil. Surplus)	150.00	30.00	10	15.00
2001 Colt AR-15/6520	700.00	70.00	10	70.00
2000 Colt TR	700.00	-0-	10	70.00
Sig. 45 cal (7-1997)	3,709.00	-0-	10	-0-
Sig. 9mm (1-1995)	587.00	56.00	10	56.00
Sig Sauer .45 cal (1- 2008)	600.00	480.00	10	60.00
1989 Mossberg 590 Shotgun (2)	393.00	-0-	10	29.00
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	<u>1,430.00</u>	<u>95.00</u>	10	<u>143.00</u>
Totals	\$97,612.00	\$17,951.00		\$17,510.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2009 Chevrolet Truck	\$79,412.00	\$68,067.00	7	\$11,345.00
2007 Chevrolet Truck	72,838.00	52,028.00	7	10,405.00
2000 Mack Truck	71,102.00	-0-	10	7,112.00
1995 Mack Truck	76,702.00	-0-	10	-0-
2007 Woodchipper	23,000.00	16,100.00	10	2,300.00
2004 Spreader	5,000.00	2,000.00	10	500.00
2006 Spreader	15,000.00	5,000.00	6	2,500.00
2006 CAT Backhoe/Loader	83,000.00	49,800.00	10	8,300.00
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	7,329.00	15	3,667.00
1985 Highway Sweeper	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1999 Radio	415.00	-0-	10	40.00
Radios	4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Snow Plow	5,000.00	2,500.00	3	500.00
Steam Jenny & Generator	3,700.00	-0-	10	-0-
Air Impact Wrench	650.00	65.00	10	65.00
Compressor	1,163.00	-0-	10	-0-
2 Chain Saws	1,000.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$510,882.00	\$202,889.00		\$46,734.00

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2009 Dell Computer	\$1,272.00	\$1,018.00	5	\$254.00
2008 Dell Computer	1,149.00	689.00	5	230.00
2004 Dell Computer	1,376.00	-0-	5	-0-
2003 Dell Computer	2,051.00	-0-	5	-0-
2001 Cannon Copier	250.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 Copier	1,395.00	-0-	5	279.00
2008 HP LaserJet Printer	350.00	210.00	5	70.00
1997 HP Laser Printer	860.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	-0-	5	-0-
1993 Typewriter	180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	-0-
Totals	\$9,972.00	\$1,917.00		\$633.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2006 Bobcat	\$ 9,452.00	(52%)	\$4,052.00	10	\$1,350.00
2009 Baler	6,935.00	(52%)	6,241.00	10	694.00
1999 Baler	4,928.00	(54%)	-0-		-0-
2008 Container	1,040.00	(52%)	832.00	10	104.00
2001 Container	1,863.00	(54%)	375.00	10	186.00
1999 Containers	2,430.00	(54%)	-0-	10	243.00
1985 Trash Compactor	20,000.00	(60%)	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$46,648.00		\$11,500.00		\$2,577.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Gravely 2602 Mower	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 1,135.00	6	\$1,133.00
2005 Trailer	2,200.00	825.00	8	275.00
2005 Ford Truck	29,000.00	5,800.00	5	5,800.00
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-		-0-
2002 John Deere Tractor	24,213.00	-0-	8	3,024.00
2005 59" Snow blower	2,850.00	-0-	5	570.00
1995 Toro Snow blower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Wright Mower	5,800.00	-0-	5	1,160.00
1992 Gravely Mower	2,588.00	-0-		-0-
1986 Gravely Sweeper	3,900.00	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$78,774.00	\$7,760.00		\$ 11,962.00

THE FRANCONIA/MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department has made great progress in the last year, with the support of the residents of Franconia and the Board of Selectmen. We hired Stantec Consulting Services, Inc from Concord, NH to help us through this renovation. They wrote up a plan to accomplish the following goals of building a new and larger 35,000 gallon storage tank, replacing all our galvanized pipes and other old pipes throughout the town, and, installing water meters in the homes and businesses of all our water users.

Stantec also helped to secure funding for this water project. We were able to get grant monies from Rural Development and also a loan from USDA. This money plus an increase in the entire Town tax base and an increase in the water rates for all water users will allow the Town of Franconia to make the necessary loan payments when they come due

Contract 1 which covers the replacement of all the pipes needing to be replaced was put out to bid in September. P & R Excavating Services of Lancaster, NH won the bid. Because it is so late in the season, it was decided actual construction would not start until spring. This allows time to work on a work schedule and logistics to be ready to start in the spring. Contract 11, which covers work up on McGowan Hill and the construction of the storage tank, will be going out to bid in the next few weeks.

Work is underway to create software to enable the water department to read the water meters monthly with a hand-held device. It will take almost one year until these reading scans be used to calculate the water bills. Please bear with us!

The Water Department continues to make repairs in our antiquated systems and we are looking forward to finishing the updating and repairing the town's water system. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Richard McLachlin
Water Commissioner

Bill Downey
Water Commissioner

Marcia Graham
Water Commissioner

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2009

REVENUES

Income	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Water Rents	<u>\$118,488.78</u>	<u>\$73,507.66</u>
Total Income	\$118,488.78	\$73,507.66

EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$ 12,095.46	\$ 6,103.54
Software	527.34	369.33
Postage	343.60	88.00
Bank Charges	89.86	-0-
Phone	1,721.99	197.98
Contract Labor	22,118.90	23,065.40
Computer Contract	1,173.33	-0-
Education	681.93	355.07
Water Testing	3,607.25	1,661.00
PSNH	4,974.17	5,870.36
Chlorine	1,342.01	671.19
Supplies	13,053.22	675.21
Misc. Expense	1,038.65	344.00
Repairs	8579.57	5,811.28
Grounds-Plowing	3,199.96	1,017.96
Pumps	171.00	5,427.30
Fire House Utilities	2,261.74	1,124.20
Equipment	9,516.67	4,758.33
Truck	332.90	206.44
Office Supplies	89.89	21.83
Well Development	-0-	-0-
Capital Improvements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenditures	\$86,918.42	\$57,768.42
Income Over Expenses	\$31,570.36	\$15,257.46
Meter Project	\$45,580.32	\$27,618.00
Transfers from NHPDIP to Date	\$45,580.32	\$27,618.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending December 31, 2009

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Cash on Hand/Checking	\$ 2,327.67	\$ 1,768.60
Reserve Account	64,549.73	145,596.83
Accounts Receivable	20,688.29	3,419.86
Stock on Hand	<u>28,605.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Total Assets	\$116,020.69	\$150,915.29

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	-0-	-0-
Surplus	<u>\$116,020.68</u>	<u>\$150,915.29</u>
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$116,020.68	\$150,915.29

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Storage Tank	\$ -0-	\$3,797.00
Mains	75,294.00	39,938.00
Hydrants	-0-	2,162.00
Pumps	-0-	8,506.00
Tools & Equipment	<u>6,721.00</u>	<u>3,705.00</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	\$82,015.00	\$58,108.00

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Endowment Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

FUND	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
	Beginning Balance	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Investment Income	Disbursed to Library	Expenses	Ending Balance
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	\$ 52,919.52	\$3,913.39	\$56,832.91	\$(5,914.25)	\$1,973.79	\$(3,600.00)	\$(328.19)	\$(7,868.65)
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	30,090.00	643.17	30,733.17	1,737.73	1,373.93	(2,843.66)	-	267.60
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	70,965.80	966.46	71,932.26	-	2,028.68	(2,028.68)	-	-
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	50,271.60	285.09	50,556.69	-	2,329.45	(2,329.45)	-	-
Phillips Fund	6,096.30	131.08	6,227.38	419.45	368.84	(741.35)	(20.00)	27.16
J.C. Blair Fund	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	(2,280.73)	1,258.63	(1,044.00)	(1.65)	(2,067.75)
J.C. Blair Fund	13,099.48	(490.25)	12,609.23	819.24	671.13	(1,367.44)	-	122.93
J.C. Blair Fund	9,961.93	1,302.34	11,264.27	-	343.18	(343.18)	-	-
Karl Schaffer Fund	12,883.16	219.56	13,102.72	737.86	539.08	(1,160.50)	-	116.44
Holt Fund	5,780.00	-	5,780.00	2,142.68	117.40	-	-	2,260.08
Lovett Fund			5,000.00	-	45.89	-	-	45.89
TOTALS	\$254,567.79	\$6,970.84	\$266,538.63	\$(2,338.42)	\$11,050.00	\$(15,458.04)	\$(349.84)	\$(7,096.30)

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on hand	\$33,937.58
Trust investments	385,954.72
Total Assets	<u>419,892.30</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	1,058.73
Permanently Restricted Funds	175,422.14
Reserved for special purposes	210,532.58
Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	<u>32,878.85</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	419,892.30

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2009

REVENUES

Town Appropriation	\$73,207.00
Non-Resident Card Fees	426.00
Bank Interest	36.38
Building Fund	1,500.00
Contributions & donations	1,823.50
Income to Special Accounts	796.90
Income from trust accounts	<u>17,722.38</u>
 Total Revenues	 \$95,512.16

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$26,110.56
Other Wages	22,304.87
Payroll Expenses	4,179.79
Books	7,098.01
Insurance – Health	9,358.07
– Business	1,104.00
Utilities	6,011.29
Office & Library Expenses	776.54
Computer and Internet Expenses	3,255.95
Bookkeeping	4,460.00
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	8,945.63
Dues & Fees	409.00
Postage	<u>203.37</u>
 Total Expenditures	 \$94,217.08
 Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	 1,295.08
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>31,583.77</u>
Ending Fund Equity	<u>\$32,878.85</u>

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

The library followed a national trend with increased circulation figures. Circulation of all types of material was up 8% with adult fiction up by 16%, juvenile fiction 10%, periodicals 24%, and books on CD 20%.

Many thanks to the volunteers who devoted time and energy to serve the library. Jenny Deupree led the Maypole dancers and musician Dennis Cote and his students performed. Members of the FRESH Ladies Book Club tended the flower garden at the front walkway. The Friends of the Library held three book sales. Dinny Richmond organized the book sales and coordinated a huge project of cleaning out the library's basement.

In May the library began using a new computer system called Alexandria for circulation and the catalog. Thanks to the experts at Profile Technologies the installation went very smoothly. Patrons and staff are all delighted with the new software. Data entry continues to add all items to the new catalog. The library now has a webpage (www.abbielibrary.org) which has some library information and a link to the library's catalog. Patrons can now search the library catalog from home, renew or place holds on books, and see what they have checked out.

Christopher Williams Architects of Meredith were hired to conduct a thorough building assessment that will be used by the Board of Trustees to set priorities for future maintenance and restoration. Details, an interior design company in Littleton, installed thermal shades that have done a great job of keeping the building cool in summer and warm in winter.

The Library is grateful to the following patrons who made donations this year: Richard Bennink, Dick Langworthy, Laura and Nathan Lovett. Memorial donations were made by the FRESH Ladies Book Club for Carole Bennink, the Lafayette Lions Club for Gaetana Costa and Catherine Small, Annie and Phil Payette for Thomas Giacobbe, Linda and Ken Ford for Olive and Phillip Lange, and Patricia and David Schaffer for Cpl. Bruce McKay.

Generous donations were made in memory of former Library Trustee Shirley Lyman. The funds were used to restore and frame stained glass windows that were located behind the circulation desk before the addition was built. The windows will be back on display in 2010.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2009

Services: Items Loaned		Accessions: Library Materials	
Adult Fiction	4,912	Total on 12/31/08	22,445
Adult Non-Fiction	2,183		
Juvenile Fiction	708	Purchased	
Juvenile Non-fiction	161	Books	146
Easy Reading	1,163	Paperbacks	34
Youth Fiction	136	Videos	0
Youth Non-Fiction	26	DVDs	18
Periodicals	706	Books on CD	0
Cassettes (Books on Tape)	116	Playaways	3
Books on CD	357		
CDs	143	Gifts	
Vertical File	0	Books	79
Puzzles	48	Paperbacks	88
Films	0	Videos	0
Videos	544	DVDs	24
DVDs	619	Books on CD	17
Audiobooks downloaded	189	CDs	0
		Cassettes (Books on Tape)	7
<u>Total</u>	<u>12,011</u>	Puzzles	0
		<u>Total Accessions</u>	<u>416</u>
Items Borrowed		Withdrawn	(1,133)
From NH State Library	8	Total on 12/31/09	21,728
From Other NH Libraries	705		
From Lafayette Regional	59	Books on CD Leased	12
Loaned to Other NH Libraries	466	Periodicals Purchased	34
		Periodicals Gift	5
New Borrower Cards:	35	Newspapers	4
<u>Total Active Borrowers</u>	<u>782</u>	Children's Programs	3
		Attendance	140

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year	PRINCIPAL Funds Added or Reinvested	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities
<u>Expendable/Maintenance Funds:</u>			
Sidewalk Improvement	28,469.28	1,095.44	-0-
Highway Improvement	6,888.36	60,070.81	-0-
Town Buildings Maintenance	18,894.21	250,066.46	-0-
Library Building Maintenance Fund	21,001.83	3,873.03	-0-
Safety Services Facilities Improv.	273,094.71	910.52	-0-
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	10,367.48	2,036.38	-0-
Cemetery Restoration	135.47	-0-	-0-
Heritage Museum	23,926.03	7,585.51	-0-
Emergency Management	6,827.25	23.23	-0-
	389,604.62	325,661.38	-0-
<u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u>			
Remedial Education	132,734.51	442.67	-0-
Lafayette School Maintenance	81,260.10	10,279.05	-0-
Bridge Construction	7,500.81	24.85	-0-
Reassessment	18,257.55	8,067.38	-0-
Legal	6,103.90	24,040.07	-0-
Police Cruiser	20,464.49	16,131.35	-0-
Handicap Access	78.91	-0-	-0-
Dow Field	6,434.31	1,522.44	-0-
Fire Truck Pumper	2,610.40	12,518.54	-0-
Highway Truck	76,566.22	46,891.88	-0-
Highway Heavy Equipment	29,925.83	9,707.58	-0-
Life Squad Van	5,624.97	19.49	-0-
Town Buildings Truck	17,809.84	2,261.21	-0-
Transfer Station Equipment	23,561.29	3,080.55	-0-
Fire Truck Equipment	86,681.68	49,326.30	-0-
Town Buildings & Grounds Equip	12,236.73	7,146.63	-0-
Fire Truck Tanker	5,029.58	10,024.55	-0-
	532,881.12	201,484.54	-0-
Cemetery Trust Fund	102,484.93	350.00	(1450.00)
Lucy Priest Scholarship Fund	108,487.58	-0-	-0-
Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund	10,005.81	-0-	-0-
	220,978.32	350.00	(1450.00)

December 31, 2009

Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	INCOME		Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year		
(10,400.00)	19,164.72	-0-	95.44	(95.44)	-0-
(66,409.00)	550.17	-0-	70.81	(70.81)	-0-
-0-	268,960.67	-0-	66.46	(66.46)	-0-
(750.00)	24,124.86	-0-	73.03	(73.03)	-0-
-0-	274,005.23	-0-	910.52	(910.52)	-0-
-0-	12,403.86	-0-	36.38	(36.38)	-0-
-0-	135.47	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
(24,989.00)	6,522.54	-0-	85.51	(85.51)	-0-
-0-	6,850.48	-0-	23.23	(23.23)	-0-
<u>(102,548.00)</u>	<u>612,718.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,361.38</u>	<u>(1,361.38)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
-0-	133,177.18	-0-	442.67	(442.67)	-0-
-0-	91,539.15	-0-	279.05	(279.05)	-0-
-0-	7,525.66	-0-	24.85	(24.85)	-0-
-0-	26,324.93	-0-	67.38	(67.38)	-0-
-0-	30,143.97	-0-	40.07	(40.07)	-0-
-0-	36,595.84	-0-	81.35	(81.35)	-0-
-0-	78.91	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	7,956.75	-0-	22.44	(22.44)	-0-
-0-	15,128.94	-0-	18.54	(18.54)	-0-
(79,412.00)	44,046.10	-0-	291.88	(291.88)	-0-
-0-	39,633.41	-0-	107.58	(107.58)	-0-
-0-	5,644.46	-0-	19.49	(19.49)	-0-
-0-	20,071.05	-0-	61.21	(61.21)	-0-
(26,000.00)	641.84	-0-	80.55	(80.55)	-0-
(135,000.00)	1,007.98	-0-	326.30	(326.30)	-0-
-0-	19,383.36	-0-	46.63	(46.63)	-0-
-0-	15,054.13	-0-	24.55	(24.55)	-0-
<u>(240,412.00)</u>	<u>493,953.66</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,934.54</u>	<u>(1,934.54)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
-0-	101,384.93	11,964.76	3,346.42	(2,000.00)	13,311.18
-0-	108,487.58	2,862.76	4,291.96	(4,100.00)	3,054.72
-0-	10,005.81	(3.66)	236.55	(200.00)	32.89
<u>-0-</u>	<u>219,878.32</u>	<u>14,823.86</u>	<u>7,874.93</u>	<u>(6,300.00)</u>	<u>16,398.79</u>

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2008 - 2009 REPORT

This has been another busy year for your Fire Department personnel.

Our fire equipment was toned out by the Grafton County Dispatch Center 98 times, between November 1, 2008 and October 31, 2009.

Divided into three main categories, this represents:

- 42 alarms for local fire activities in Franconia.
- 39 calls to Motor Vehicle Accidents in Franconia.
- 17 Mutual Aid calls to assist area fire department: Bethlehem (2), Easton (4), Franconia/Lincoln I-93 Parkway (2), Lincoln (1), Lisbon (3), Littleton (1), and Sugar Hill (4).

The calls into Franconia Notch are difficult, due to the long single lane sections of the Parkway. Accidents usually block travel in that respective lane. Lincoln and Franconia equipment are toned to stage at each Notch entrance. When it is determined which lane is still open, equipment is then able to travel to the accident scene along with moving traffic in the opposite travel lane.

Our 1988 Ford F-350 truck had been used to carry the major part of our 4" hose supply for many years. It was recently converted to a First Attack Unit and carried a 5000 watt portable generator, lighting equipment and reels of power cord, the power unit and all related Jaws of Life hydraulic equipment, chimney cleaning materials for chimney fires, a chain saw and roof saw, and numerous other items.

It was replaced this past summer with a new Ford F-550 fwd unit. We can now carry five suited firefighters to a fire or accident scene. It has a special build body configuration for all kinds of emergency tools. The Jaws of Life equipment is setup in the back of the body, with two pre-connected tools on 100 feet of high-pressure hose, ready for almost instant use. What used to take several minutes to setup is ready in seconds. The truck has a hi-power light over the rear body that extends several feet in the air. It is remotely controlled in both 360-degree rotation and high/low illuminating beam. Department personnel are very happy with the configuration of this new piece of equipment.

Our old 1934 American LaFrance participated in the 2009 Fourth of July activities Parade, held this year on Saturday July 4th. It was also tastefully decorated and displayed all day in front of the Fire Station on September 11.

The picture of our new 3A2 Emergency Unit was made available for this report, courtesy of firefighter Peter Gaudette.

A Roll of Your Fire Department Members

Richard McLachlin, Chief Rick Gaudette, Assistant Chief

Cray Ball	Don Eastman	Roger Odell	Brandon Sherburn
Brian Canelas	Harvey Flanders	Tom Palmer	Stanley Sherburn
Nelson Crowe	Peter Gaudette	Michael Parcell	George Whitcomb
Darrel Dietlein	Tyler Gaudette	Phil Payette	Mark Venezia
Pat Doughty	Kirk Luce	John Peckett	Ryan O'Hara, Junior Member

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

Burn Permits may be obtained from:

George Whitcomb	Fire Warden	603-823-5986
Richard McLachlin	Deputy Fire Warden	603-823-7778
Roger Odell	Deputy Fire Warden	603-823-5340

Thank you for your cooperation,
George Whitcomb
Forest Fire Warden

2009 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

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

COUNTY	ACRES	NUMBER OF FIRES
BELKNAP	13	16
CARROLL	7	30
CHESHIRE	3	29
COOS	42	42
GRAFTON	11	35
HILLSBOROUGH	12	94
MERRIMACK	1	45
ROCKINGHAM	62	30
STRAFFORD	2	3
SULLIVAN	20	10

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson _____	4
Debris _____	184
Campfire _____	18
Children _____	12
Smoking _____	15
Railroad _____	5
Equipment _____	5
Lightning _____	0
Miscellaneous _____	91

* IE: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

	<u>Total Fire</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2009	334	173
2008	455	175
2007	437	212
2006	500	476
2005	546	175

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had a moderate year due to budget constraints. Some of our goals were met while others stayed in disrepair because of this. Let's focus on the positive. We put new decking and runners on the bridge at Delage Farm Road. We top coated asphalt on ½ of Lafayette Road and we completed the Wells Road. Shoulder work was done on both.

We took down all the hazardous pine trees on Harvard Street. While some people are still very upset with this it has proven to be worth it. People should realize if we did not take them down either the water project would have or Mother Nature. It was a safety issue. With that, when all is said and done Harvard Street will be one of the best looking streets in town. Be patient.

We also did a lot of ditching and stoned some ditch lines. Brush cutting continued. We put gravel on Timber Lane and Beechwood. Next year we plan on doing some reclaiming to make some of the roads a lot smoother.

I have had meetings with the CIP and the Selectmen about how the 10 year plan is now a 30 year plan because of the lack of funding going into your roads. This happened because when the price of liquid asphalt jumped 300% the town never kept up with the times.

It has been a struggle for everybody involved trying to come up a balance and not driving out taxes out of control. If there are any comments, questions, or concerns please contact us directly and we will be more than happy to assist you. Thank you to The Towns People for your support. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Knowlton, Road Agent
Franconia Highway Department

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 2009 Annual Report

The Life Squad draws its membership from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. Each member dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care, to the communities they serve.

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

Congratulations to Bill Mead who having passed his National Registry Exams was advanced to the level of Paramedic. This means currently, five (5) of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Life Squad at year end had twelve (12) active members and a paramedic advisor. Additionally there are three (3) new members currently on probation. This will bring the squad membership to a total of fifteen (15) plus our advisor. The squad is well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

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

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

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT

Act. Chief Mark Taylor – EMT

Capt. Amy Cyrs – EMT

Bill Mead – EMT P

Steven Czarnecki – EMT –P

Bill Blackwell – EMT -I

Flo Place – EMT –I

Allan Clark – EMT

Jeff Gould - EMT

John Ireland – EMT

Zach Manglone – EMT

Linda Mordhorst - EMT

Jon Place – EMT

Gareth Slattery – EMT

Kyle Whitcomb- EMT

David White – EMT

Jeff Stewart – EMT -P

The number of calls that the Life Squad responded to in 2009 rose to 197, an increase of thirty (30%) percent over 2008 when there were 151 calls. The number of transports to the hospital also increased in 2009 to 92, a forty eight (48%) percent increase over 2008.

	<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports
Franconia	133	85	111	54	108	62
Sugar Hill	44	3	26	1	32	0
Easton	17	3	11	6	8	6
Mutual Aid	3	1	3	1	3	1
Total	197	92	151	62	151	69

Revenue from transports increased 11% in 2009 due to the increase in transports.

In 2009, the operating expenses were \$51,727 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$52,859 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$0.00 and a net surplus of \$1132. This is the first year the Life Squad has operated with a surplus.

The new ambulance that was put into service in 2008 was specifically designed to treat and transport patients. The ambulance currently operates at the Intermediate care level and in early 2009 will be upgraded to Advanced Life Support at the paramedic level.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schmucker - Chief
Franconia Life Squad

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2009, we have managed to operate within budget in spite of a cut from 2008. As we all know, a budget is a guideline and no one can guarantee the bottom line. There is no way to predict future expenses such as unexpected overtime, vehicle repairs and increase in crime reports and investigations. The members of the Police department have strived to keep costs down and are to be commended.

We have a new part time officer, Kevin Millar who is a certified full time officer in Lincoln. He is a welcome addition. He will help us out when needed as the other part time officers do. They are only utilized on as needed basis due to budget constraints. Please welcome him if and when you see him.

I would like to thank all the officers of the Police Department for their hard work during 2009. I would also like thank the community for its support. We will continue to try to be frugal with the budget without sacrificing Officer Safety and service to the community. As always, we welcome any constructive comments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Mark Montminy

	2008	2009		2008
911 Hangup	58	35	Motor Vehicle stops	148
Abandoned MV	15	21	Noise Complaints	6
Alarms	83	79	OHRV Incidents	1
Assaults	2	4	Admin. calls	256
Assist Citizens	40	32	Telephone Harassment	6
Assist Other Agency	18	15	Found/Lost Property	18
Burglary	8	12	Vehicle Repossessions	0
Car Breaks	1	2	Road Hazards/wires/trees	66
Child Abuse	1	2	Paperwork service	25
Building check/open door- window	15	22	Shots Fired	3
Civil Standby	16	12	Stalking	0
Disabled MV & Lockouts	137	173	Auto theft	3
Disturbance/fight/brawl	13	11	Suicidal person	1
Domestic animal complaints	50	65	Suspicious person	12
Domestic Disturbance	10	8	Suspicious Vehicle	20
Drug issues	2	1	Theft/Fraud/Gas drive off	22
Illegal Dumping	3	1	Threats	3
DWI	3	6	Trespass	7
Fish & Game calls	31	63	Unknown/other	50
Intoxicated persons	2	6	Vandalism	10
Juvenile Offenses	7	6	Vehicle Collisions	71
Medical Emergencies	157	136	VIN Verifications	0
Mental persons	1	3	Violation of Court Orders	1
Missing persons	13	8	Wanted Persons	5

PLANNING BOARD

Subdivisions

- Cuchulain Holding Co. LLC, Profile Road, Minor Subdivision – approved
- Presby, Route 142, Minor Subdivision – approved
- Skinner, Route 142, Major Subdivision – approved

Site Plan Reviews

- Franconia Gas, Easton Road – approved

This year the Planning Board began a comprehensive review of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Our goal was to assess each provision for:

1. Ease of understanding and readability;
2. Logic of its grouping with other provisions concerning the same or similar topics;
3. Effectiveness in attaining community goals, as stated in the updated Master Plan;
4. Compliance with new laws regarding Workforce Housing; and
5. Overall utility.

We also continued our evaluation of some proposed additional provisions to the Zoning Ordinance designed to encourage certain preferred land uses, such as cluster developments, workforce and senior housing.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanette Avril
Planning Board, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

No applications were filed with the Board during the year 2009.

Respectfully Submitted
Melinda Richmond, Chairman

FRANCONIA/EASTON/SUGAR HILL RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

We started with a great winter for skating and cross country skiing. The weather cooperated. We had Family Skate Nights on Wednesdays and skiing on Sunday mornings throughout the winter. This will all happen again so be sure to check the town website for updates and details; www.franconianh.org There is now music at the skating rink.

Trails are abundant in the Tri-Towns and we are in the process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the "Franconia Area Trails" group or FAT for short. The map will be available this spring if not sooner.

The Old Home Day, Top Notch Triathlon, Franconia Scramble, Hayseed Bluegrass Festival, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival and Summer Concert Series were all very successful bringing people and money to town. We hope to improve upon all the above and add new events when possible. The money raised from the Top Notch Triathlon and the Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament are in a fund to help with improvements to the rink. The total from these two events is \$11,000

Baseball/softball, soccer and basketball all had excellent attendance and successes along the way. These programs rely totally on volunteers. Both parents and people without children who just love the game make it all work.

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

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

Watch for next summer's concerts featuring big names such as; Crunchy Western Boys, Wicked Smart Horn Band, Tuba4th and White Mountain Swing.

Respectfully submitted,

Tri-Town Committee Members

Franconia: Jeff Malcolm & Beth Horan

Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren

Easton: Brian Canelas & Ashley Garrison

Kris Germain, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Franconia Conservation Commission 2009 Season:

- One small bridge on the Gale River Bend Trail was replaced.
- The Commission donated trees for the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration
- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration with representatives from the Town of Franconia.
- Trail signs were placed at the beginning of all trails in the town trail system

Richard Bennink and Trevor Hamilton both step down from the Conservation Commission.

We want to give a Big Thank you to Dick Bennink for all his years of volunteerism and dedication to the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cowles, Chairman
John LaChapelle
Kathryn McCarthy

Elizabeth Welch
Mary Grote
Tina Mangold

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

As some of you know the recycling market prices took a dramatic drop in October of 2008 and continued into the 1st quarter of 2009. This equates to a 57% decrease in recyclable income. The markets have started to rebound and hopefully will continue throughout 2010.

Recycled Products:

- Paper – 168 tons.
- Aluminum cans – 3.7 tons.
- Tin cans – 7.6 tons
- Scrap metal – 20 tons
- Glass – 75 tons
- Textiles – 4 tons
- #1 Plastics – 5.6 tons
- #2 Plastics – 5.5 tons

I want to thank all the Tri-Town residents for their recycling efforts. A special thanks to all my employees for making 2009 another successful year.

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

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Calendar Year End 2009

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2009) **\$25,881.50**

INCOME

Membership Dues	28,088.76	
Local Business Discount Cards		234.90
Franconia Village Committee		273.00
Town Funds		
Franconia	\$10,000.00	
Sugar Hill	6,500.00	
Easton	<u>100.00</u>	
		16,600.00
Interest Earned		76.70
Miscellaneous		.19
Fundraisers:		
Antique Show	1,645.00	
Auction	2,610.00	
Cookie Tour	460.62	
Lupine Festival	<u>10,687.24</u>	
		15,402.86
Scholarship Fund		25.00
Reimbursed Expenses		6,274.00
Web Site/News Letter/Magazine Ads		<u>5,510.00</u>
Total		\$72,485.41

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll and Expenses		\$ 29,119.19
Telephone		1,018.11
Electricity		320.77
Office, Booth Repairs, Misc.		4,514.16
Postage		554.37
Advertising		34,133.30
Insurance		604.00
Internet		418.16
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Administrative & Office		696.90
Dues & Subscriptions		525.47
Franconia Village Committee Exp		273.00
Lupine Festival		8,355.49
Misc.		160.15
Donations & Scholarships		1,000.00
Penalty Taxes		<u>1,310.71</u>
Total		\$83,003.78
Ending Balance (December 31, 2009)		\$15,363.13

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Board of Selectmen, Residents, and Friends,

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

We continued to grow our Chamber membership in 2009 and are currently at an all time high of 140 members, while expanding our involvement in our communities by supporting community events in order to enhance the presence and work of the Chamber. This year, the Chamber made contributions to the Franconia Recreation Department to help fund the concerts and such on the Dow field and worked together with the Recreation Department to bring back the holiday decorating contest throughout the three communities and other areas of our members. We contribute to "Old Home Day" events via the Lafayette Lions and hope we can continue to do so in the coming years.

As President of the Franconia Notch Chamber, I am very proud of our Strategic Plan which has clear and innovative goals and objectives. Our Team structure is run on the hard labor of volunteer hours. Literally hundreds and hundreds of combined volunteer hours went to forming and implementing the strategic plan and implementation of its goals and objectives as the Chamber continues to grow. Through successful application for JPP Grant funding, we have once again been able to increase the number of our FNCC brochure to 60,000 with a distribution to every corner of the State of New Hampshire. FNCC successfully obtained matching grant funding for premier marketing pieces such as Ski NH Magazine, White Mountain Attraction Visitors Guide and a web presence on each that is sure to attract more guests, family and friends to our region of the White Mountains. Successful grant funding and hard work is showing returns to our communities and area businesses through the "Rooms and Meals Tax" returned to the Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill which have seen a significant increases over the last five years. This is a good indication that the Chamber marketing strategy and collaborative effort are very successful.

The FNCC website (www.franconianotch.org) is packed with useful information and itineraries for things to do, scenic drives, places to go, and things you must see. Folks who usually request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web at an even greater rate. Our online presence and the number of unique monthly hits is impressive, and will be even more so due to upgrade search engine optimization and integrated events calendars with Littleton Area Chamber and Lincoln/Woodstock Chamber. There is now so much to do on the calendars that folks are more inclined to extend their stay to take in all that our region of New Hampshire has to offer. As more and more travelers make their travel plans by visiting our website, the site will continue to transform to meet the demands of the future and take advantage of newer and better technology.

FNCC continued to maintain display racks at Peabody Lodge, Notch View building and Tramway building on Cannon Mountain. This allowed every business the opportunity to

display their business information directly in front of every visitor to Cannon Mountain Ski area for the winter months. We established a better and more marketable presence at the Tramway building, by making it a true Welcome | Information Desk by working with the State Park administrators. To enhance this area, we partnered with the Granite State Ambassadors program in order to staff the Tram Desk whenever possible with volunteers who are knowledgeable of our Region of the White Mountains. We stock and replenish our FNCC brochures and our area businesses in these areas weekly, year round, and more often in peak season weeks to meet the demands for information of our area and all that we offer.

We had approximately 2900 visitors who came to our Welcome Center on Main Street seeking information about our area. 2009 showed an average 8% increase in the number of visitors and as much as 15% in peak times over the statistics for 2008 despite poor economic conditions. Another 2,500 requests for information by phone and internet were also handled during the Welcome Center open season of mid-May through the end of October. Your continued support helps to provide folks who are visiting with the latest information and directions to area attractions and retail businesses as well as the services available and/or provided. This keeps visitors here to explore and rediscover all the great and beautiful things our area has to offer. This year, we replaced the deteriorating roof at the Welcome Center with a better and longer lasting metal type roof in and effort to protect the investment made in our Welcome Center building. The FNCC also upgraded the Public Restroom area behind the Welcome Center and installed new flooring, toilet, and sink components in order to keep the restroom looking neat and clean and welcoming to our guests.

Other significant services provided at the Welcome Center are to the residents of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. Information on all Town services is readily available by calling the Chamber, stopping at the Welcome Center for information from the staff directly, from postings on the bulletin board or from all the business rack cards and brochures that are available. New and established residents of our area need this service when making vacation plans for families, guests and their own seasonal visitors.

The free wireless hotspot WiFi at the Welcome Center continues to support access to guests and locals who need high speed access to web mail or social networking while on vacation or visiting our area and WiFi allows folks to browse our website to find information on our lodgings, dining, local services, shopping and calendar of events pages- whatever other area attraction or service they may need, including our community websites. This is especially useful during the time of year when the Welcome Center is not open or after hours. WiFi is accessible within a 700-foot radius around the Welcome Center.

The Franconia Notch Region Chamber slogan "Four Seasons, One Destination" and our new chamber logo are gaining much attention from our friends at the Department of Travel and Tourism Division in Concord. With our Collaborative Team leading the way, we've been able to reach out to neighboring communities, businesses, and chambers of commerce to work together whenever feasible. Working with area chambers allows us to improve the marketing and distribution of vital information on events and business offerings in and around the Franconia Notch Region and in the North Country. DTTD has

mentioned the Franconia Notch Chamber as a prime example of how working together as a Region can benefit Tourism all around the State of New Hampshire.

Our strategy is to continue to inspire folks to return and forever cherish our Franconia Notch Region of New Hampshire. Again this year, with seasoned, successful, and well planned events, such as the “Lupine Festival” and “The Antique Show”, “Old Home Day”, Littleton Regional Hospital’s “Outdoor Wellness Expo”, “Top Notch Triathlon”, “Hayseed Festival” and some very new and creative events in the planning stages for the Dow Field and Cannon Mountain, we will give our Residents and guests an experience worthy of the majestic beauty that surrounds us.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated by every member of the Franconia Notch Region Chamber of Commerce, by every resident, and by every guest who has come to love the Franconia Notch Region of New Hampshire. Together we are making a difference and through your continued support and through open doors of collaboration, we’ll continue to grow our Chamber to meet the increasing demands of our time to better serve all of the needs of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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

THE FROST PLACE

During 2009, The Frost Place museum and poetry center continued to draw visitors from across New Hampshire and the United States, and indeed from throughout the world. More so than is true of any of his twentieth-century literary peers, Robert Frost's fame and influence continues to grow. People of all ages love his poems, and many of those who come to Franconia to see the simple house owned by the Frost family more than eighty years ago describe themselves as "pilgrims."

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

Since 1977, The Frost Place has awarded a Resident Poet fellowship to allow a contemporary poet to live and work in the house for two months of the summer, and the 2009 Resident Poet was **Rigoberto González**, who currently teaches at Rutgers University.

For the fourth year The Frost Place also hosted a young poet as a William W. Cook Fellow, an award for a Dartmouth senior or recent graduate, which this past year was given to **Matthew Ritger**, who worked as a museum docent and conference assistant.

In 2009, the Frost Place's programs included two conferences, which have earned national acclaim: the **Conference on Poetry and Teaching** in late June/early July, and the **Frost Place Advanced Seminar**, in early August. During each conference, evening readings are open to the public with no admission fee, and local poetry enthusiasts are welcome to attend.

The Frost Place also hosts an annual open house in early July, in celebration of New Hampshire's official "Frost Day," to give neighbors and townsfolk a chance to meet the staff and the new Resident Poet. This year, **Frost Day will be Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 2 pm**, and will include a reading by 2010 Resident Poet **Adam Halbur**.

As has been of concern throughout New Hampshire and the U.S., the economic climate has not been conducive to expansion in the non-profit sector, and The Frost Place had to cut back on staff and programs for 2009 in order to position ourselves for sustainability in the future. We made the decision to hold only two conferences in 2009, the Conference on Poetry and Teaching and the Advanced Seminar. However, through the generosity of a board member providing free teaching services, a smaller conference called **The Intensive Workshop** was also held, concurrently with the Advanced Seminar, and the Abbie Greenleaf Library kindly provided teaching space. All three conferences were oversubscribed and very successful.

In July, 2010, we look forward to reviving **The Festival and Conference on Poetry** (July 8-14), which will be in its 32nd year. There will be nightly readings open to the public in the Henry Holt Barn at The Frost Place. **The Conference on Poetry and**

Teaching (June 27-July 1) and the **Frost Place Advanced Seminar** (August 8-13) will also feature nightly readings open to the public.

Fortunately, 2009 marked a year of significant grant support for The Frost Place, providing primarily administrative and program support as well as scholarships for deserving poets at the summer conferences.

The **National Endowment for the Arts** awarded a \$10,000 grant to support the summer programs and scholarships for under-served participants. The **Park Foundation** generously provided general operating support. In addition, funding was received from the **Turtle Ridge Foundation** for work on the Poetry Trail.

The year 2009 marked the establishment of a supporting organization, **Friends of The Frost Place**, which is registered as a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. Although donations to the Frost Place have always been tax-deductible through the Town of Franconia, many grantors stipulate that their donations must be made to a 501(c)(3) organization; therefore Friends of The Frost Place will enable The Frost Place to benefit from a wider array of donors, mainly foundations and government funders. A grant for \$5200 was received by the Friends group from the New Hampshire Council on the Arts, and will be applied toward staffing The Frost Place.

By guaranteeing the upkeep of the house, the Henry Holt Barn, the garden and poetry trail, The Frost Place offers a museum experience that is not glamorous but authentic. By providing supportive poetry workshops and readings, The Frost Place appears well positioned to address challenges of the future while maintaining a powerful connection with the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Deming P. Holleran
Chair, Board of Trustees

FRANCONIA ENERGY TEAM

An Outgrowth of the Town's 2007 Vote

The **Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Fair** April 5, 2008, and the **Practical How-to** on November 15, 2008, both at Profile School, were jointly sponsored by the Energy Teams of Bethlehem, Franconia and Littleton, and people from Easton and Sugar Hill. They showed how successful a Regional undertaking could be. Out of that came the decision early in 2009, to expand the Franconia Energy Team to include participation, on a full-time basis, of people and Energy teams outside Franconia. With expanded capability and responsibility, the organization has now become:

THE AMMONOOSUC REGIONAL ENERGY TEAM

An Outgrowth of the Franconia Energy Team

The Team still meets in Franconia Town Hall, and its expanded efforts pivot around Franconia.

Its expanded mission is to:

- Promote awareness, understanding, and the practice of energy conservation and the use of sustainable energy resources by our towns, businesses, organizations, and residents.
- Facilitate the use of local business and local incentives for these purposes.

Other changes can be seen on our website at its new URL:

<http://www.AmmEnergy.org/>.

The list of email recipients of the Team's North Country Energy News has also increased substantially. If you would like to be added to this list, email me at jackcook@ncia.net. The news you will receive by *occasional* emails will be about the work of the Team, significant news related to global warming, and important actions you can take to help control the temperature of the planet our progeny will inherit.

The Team prepared warrants for the 2009 Town meeting suggesting property tax exemptions for the installation of solar and primary wood-burning renewable energy systems (to be found elsewhere in this report). One passed and one did not.

Last summer, Pat Garvin made contact with Corey Johnson of Clean Air-Cool Planet who offered to help the Team survey how, where, and how much energy the Franconia town government uses, and to sum it up with his STOCC software program. Pat drove the process of finding town bills and records. Sally Small and Town office staffers were extremely helpful. Bottom line:

Franconia energy use, equivalent carbon emissions, and costs, by sector

	Buildings		Vehicles		Streetlights		Grand Total
	#	% of total	#	% of total	#	% of total	
Cost	\$55,844	47%	\$45,805	39%	\$17,286	15%	\$118,935
CO2 (lbs)	408,743	53%	309,072	40%	52,173	7%	769,987
Energy (million BTUs)	2,227	51%	1,938	44%	196	5%	4,361

Source: *STOCC*

This 2008 energy expense is the baseline for improvements in plant and policy the Franconia Select Board wants as soon as possible.

At this writing (1/07/10), the formal STOCC report is not complete.

See our website: www.AmmEnergy.org , where you can find available rebates, tax credits, exemptions, etc. for your energy-saving projects.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Cook, Team Organizer

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

President's Summary for 2008-2009

This past year, the Board was active in sponsoring many events as well as overseeing the continued upgrading and maintenance of the Museum and Interpretive Center.

December 2008 - Annual Christmas Open House and Songfest

February 2009 – Hosted Skating Party in conjunction with the Abbie Greenleaf Library Book Sale

April 2009 - Welcome Reception for new and veteran volunteers
Received a Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to have the Iron Furnace Property appraised

May 2009 – Opening of the Museum and Summer Exhibit “Artistic Heritage and Legendary Skiers of the Franconia Area”

June 2009 – Plant Sale as part of the Lupine Festival schedule of events

July 2009 – Provided a Museum Float for the annual Lions Club 4th of July Parade and received the “President’s Trophy” for the second year in a row

Hosted a Poetry Reading by the Frost Place poet in residence, Rigoberto Gonzalez

Iron Furnace Property Appraised by Lamprey Appraisals

September 2009 – Hosted a talk by Dave Nielson, former caretaker of The Old Man of the Mountain

Arranged for New Roof installed on the Museum and Interpretive Center Cabin

October 2009 – Iron Furnace nominated by the NH Preservation Alliance as a Seven to Save property of historical significance in the State of New Hampshire

November 2009 – Hosted annual meeting and dinner at the Horse and Hound Inn

In addition, our dedicated board and volunteers published two newsletters and performed spring and fall cleanup events on the Museum and Interpretive Center Properties. We continue to acknowledge and appreciate the support of the Town of Franconia and Garnet Hill.

Respectfully,
Phil Krill
Outgoing President

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother
February 23, 2009 Littleton, NH	Katherine Rosseland McPhaul	David McPhaul Meghan McPhaul
August 24, 2009 Littleton, NH	Braden Thomas Gignac	Peter Gignac Christi Gignac
December 17, 2009 Littleton, NH	Preston Riley Buczala	Carrie Buczala

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
May 30, 2009 Franconia, NH	Robert W. Anthony Georgia L. Driscoll	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
August 29, 2009 Sugar Hill, NH	Adam C. Nyborg Jill M. Brewer	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 6, 2009 Franconia, NH	Chandler W. Stowell Elizabeth W. Cordle	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 17, 2009 Franconia, NH	Pauline Wockenfuss	Adam Schmoll	Martha Moulton
January 19, 2009 Franconia, NH	Phyllis Rogers	Leon Stevens	Doris Deyette
April 3, 2009 Franconia, NH	Thomas Bentley	William Bentley	Maude Cooper
April 11, 2009 Littleton, NH	Theodore Morrell Sr	Theodore Morrell	Beatrice Carignan

April 12, 2009 Franconia, NH	Charlene Pollock	Hamilton Pollock	Ophelia Wentworth
April 14, 2009 Franconia, NH	Katherine Emmons	Milton Mooney	Katherine Marsh
May 2, 2009 Franconia, NH	Jacob Garabedian	Vartan Garabedian	Mary Balian
May 3, 2009 Franconia, NH	Robert Young	James Young	Lena Hunt
May 24, 2009 Franconia, NH	Davis Clark	Davis Clark	Callie Smith
June 1, 2009 Franconia, NH	Margaret Ireland	Percy Trasher	Emma Laforme
June 19, 2009 Littleton, NH	Eleanor Chase	Roy Smith	Elizabeth Hoffman
June 20, 2009 Franconia, NH	Barbara Baines	George Baines	Mildred Unknown
June 23, 2009 Franconia, NH	Marion Rice	Dana Greeley	Alleta Baker
June 24, 2009 Franconia, NH	Shirley Lyman	E Lester Carroll	Marguerite Martin
July 29, 2009 Franconia, NH	Thomas Hughes	Francis Hughes	Helen Conroy
August 13, 2009 Franconia, NH	Eleanor Gardner	Charles Colby	Ethel Berry
August 13, 2009 Littleton, NH	Richard Ander	John Ander	Martha Behr
August 26, 2009 Franconia, NH	Catherine Ramsey	William Ayer	Bridgett Mcgonagle
September 6, 2009 Franconia, NH	Richard Little	Horace Little	Lillian Miller
September 12, 2009 Franconia, NH	Victor Hickox	Howard Hickox	Frances Pryor
October 7, 2009 Franconia, NH	Robert Chase	Roland Chase	Irene Connor

October 18, 2009 Franconia, NH	Hilda Smith	Max Troster	Milda Matthes
October 26, 2009 Franconia, NH	Frances Heald	Harry Heald	Mary Mooney
November 21, 2009 Franconia, NH	E. Sheridan	Frederick Willoughby	Marjorie Izatt
December 7, 2009 Franconia, NH	Fred Parent	Henry Parent	Mary Lemay
December 15, 2009 Franconia, NH	Beverly Grautski	Eugene Carr	Mae Rash
December 17, 2009 Franconia, NH	Dorothy Delisle	George Bullard	Agnus Bailey

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TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

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

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

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

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

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

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

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

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