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**DEDICATION
RUSSELL R. MARCOUX**

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Russell (Russ) R. Marcoux, Bedford's Town Manager since 2007.

Russ spent the majority of his career in public service. He began his service as a Nashua alderman in 1976 and then alderman-at-large until 1983. In 1983 he accepted the position as the Director of Administration for the City of Nashua. During that time he served on numerous city boards and committees. In 1996, Russ accepted the position as Town Manager in Framingham, MA until 1999 when he then became the Manager for Smithfield, RI. He returned to New Hampshire in 2004 as the Town Administrator for Derry and then took his final position here in Bedford as our Town Manager until his untimely passing in November 2011.

Russ's devotion to his family, friends and community was to be admired. He believed in doing what was best for the community he served and therefore held himself to the highest ethical standards. Those who knew Russ best would tell you that he always had a smile to give and a story to share. The following quote was one of his favorites and is indicative of how he perceived life:

"Be Patient...Be Positive...Be Persistent. Be who you are and say what you feel. Because those that matter...don't mind. And those that mind...don't matter." Dr. Seuss



TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

| | |
|--|----------|
| Assessing, Planning and Zoning..... | 472-8104 |
| Auto/Dog/Voter Registration..... | 472-3550 |
| Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates | 472-3550 |
| Finance and Personnel | 472-9869 |
| Parks and Recreation..... | 472-5242 |
| Public Works: Highway and Sewer..... | 472-3070 |
| Tax Collector/Town Clerk | 472-3550 |
| Town Office – Administration..... | 472-5242 |

Website: www.bedfordnh.org

SAFETY COMPLEX

55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

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|---|----------|
| Building/Health Code Official/Inspector | 472-3838 |
| Fire Department – Business Line..... | 472-3219 |
| Police Department - Business Line..... | 472-5113 |
| FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE..... | 911 |

Website: www.bedfordnh.org

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays.

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|----------------|----------|
| Telephone..... | 472-3023 |
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Website: www.bedfordnh.lib.nh.us

OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

| | |
|---|----------|
| Town Pool, 20 County Road (summer only)..... | 472-7331 |
| Transfer Station/Dump, Chubbuck Road..... | 472-4563 |
| Hours: Tuesday – 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm | |
| Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm | |
| (Closed Sunday and Monday) | |
| BCTV – Channels 16, 22 & 23, 10 Meetinghouse Road..... | 472-8288 |



ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCILORS

Bill Dermody, Chairman.....2014
 Christopher Bandazian, Vice Chairman2014
 Paul F. Roy, Sr.2012
 Normand Longval2012
 Ken Peterson (appointed).....2012
 Jason Carrier2012
 Jim Scanlon.....2013

TOWN CLERK

Lori Radke2014

MODERATOR

Ryk Bullock2012

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Joan McMahan, Chairperson2014
 Benita Diamond2012
 Ellen Bostwick2016

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Scott Earnshaw, Chairman.....2012
 Mark Peicker2013
 Ken Hawkins.....2014

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Edward Moran, Chairman.....2013
 Robert Brooks2012
 Anthony Frederick2014

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor John Lynch
 US Senators..... Kelly Ayotte
Jeanne Shaheen
 US RepresentativesCharlie Bass
Frank Guinta
 Executive Councilor..... Raymond Wieczorek
 State Senator Raymond White

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

John Cebrowski
 John Graham
 Ken Hawkins
 Edward P. Moran
 Keith Murphy
 Maurice Villeneuve

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager Russell R. Marcoux*
 Acting Town ManagerCrystal Dionne
 Executive Assistant.....Dawn Boufford
 Assessor William Ingalls
 Building Code Official..... Wayne Richardson
 Environmental Coordinator. Steve Crean
 Finance Director/Tax CollectorCrystal Dionne
 Police Chief..... David C. Bailey*
 Police Chief..... John Bryfonski
 Fire ChiefScott Wiggin
 Information SystemsBrian Davis
 Library Director Mary Ann Senatrot
 Planning Director Rick Sawyer
 Public Works Director Jim Stanford
 BCTV Station Manager Bill Jennings
 Town Treasurer Edith Schmidtchen
 Recreation ManagerJane O'Brien

*Russ Marcoux, deceased November, 10, 2011

*Chief David C. Bailey retired June 1, 2011



APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|--|------|
| Paul Goldberg, Chairman..... | 2013 |
| Jon Levenstein, Vice Chairman | 2012 |
| Harold Newberry, Secretary | 2014 |
| Christopher Riley | 2012 |
| Deb Sklar | 2014 |
| Karen McGinley..... | 2014 |
| Russell Marcoux, Town Manager | |
| Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works | |
| Rick Sawyer (Planning Director) | |
| Cynthia May (Planner II) | |
| Colleen Mailloux (Planner II) | |
| Bill Dermody, Councilor | |
| Alternates | |
| David Wall..... | 2012 |
| Philip Cote | 2014 |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | |
|--|------|
| James O’Neil, Chairman..... | 2012 |
| Sharon Stirling | 2013 |
| Eric Bernard..... | 2014 |
| Bill Jean | 2014 |
| Karin Elmer (Planner I, Staff Liaison) | |
| Jim Scanlon, Councilor | |
| Alternates | |
| John Morin..... | 2012 |
| Terry Radke | 2013 |
| Jeffrey Ropes | 2014 |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|--|------|
| Mervyn Taub, Chairman..... | 2014 |
| Kevin Gagne, Vice Chairman..... | 2012 |
| Landy Labonte | 2012 |
| Glenn Boston | 2012 |
| Anthony Clark..... | 2013 |
| Karin Elmer (Planner I, Staff Liaison) | |
| Harold Newberry, Planning Board | |
| Paul F. Roy, Sr., Councilor | |
| Alternates | |
| Eric Buck | 2013 |
| Michelle Salvatore | 2014 |

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Ralph Dieter, Chairman | 2012 |
| Elizabeth HoSang..... | 2013 |
| John Wood | 2014 |

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

| | |
|--|------|
| Brian Driscoll, Chairman..... | 2014 |
| Bernie Ruchin, Vice Chair..... | 2013 |
| John Bostwick..... | 2012 |
| Andrew Noyes | 2013 |
| Cynthia May (Planner II, Staff Liaison) | |
| Colleen Mailloux (Planner II, Staff Liaison) | |
| Philip Cote (Planning Board Liaison)..... | 2012 |
| Paul F. Roy, Sr., Councilor | |

PARKS AND RECREATION

| | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Michelle Casale, Chairman..... | 2013 |
| Diane Phelps | 2012 |
| Dennis “Mac” McMahan | 2012 |
| Dennis Tokac | 2014 |
| Normand Longval, Councilor | |
| Alternates | |
| Robert Angelini..... | 2012 |
| Sue Thomas..... | 2013 |
| Shaun Oparowski | 2014 |

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION

| | |
|--|------|
| Mike Sills, Chairman | 2013 |
| Richard Rawlings, Vice Chair | 2013 |
| Katherine Potter | 2012 |
| Kathy Benuck..... | 2013 |
| Robert Thomas..... | 2013 |
| David Watson..... | 2014 |
| Bill Greiner | 2014 |
| Don Graff, School Board Liason | |
| Bill Jennings, Station Manager | |
| Coleen Richards, Assistant Station Manager | |
| Christopher Bandazian, Councilor | |

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

| | |
|--|------|
| Police Chief John Bryfonski, Chairman | |
| Fire Chief Scott Wiggin | |
| Gerry Gagne..... | 2012 |
| Madonna Lovett Repeta..... | 2014 |
| Tony Grande, Alternate | 2012 |
| Paul Hannan, Alternate | 2013 |
| Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works | |
| Anne Wiggin, School Department | |
| Paul F. Roy, Sr., Councilor | |



WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Paul Arnold, Chairman2014
- Richard Moore2012
- Bruce Thomas2013
- Paul Goldberg2014
- Steve Crean, Environmental Coordinator
- Rick Sawyer, Planning Director
- Ken Peterson, Councilor

ENERGY COMMISSION

- Chris Bandazian 2012
- Tom Sullivan..... 2012
- Gary Gilbert 2012
- Brian Simler 2012
- Scott Albert 2013
- Philip Richard 2014

BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON COMMITTEE

- Beverly Thomas, Chair
- Jeanene Procopis, Vice Chair
- Richard Poisson
- Debra Sklar
- Bill Demody, Council

BEDFORD BUSINESS RESOURCE GROUP

- Doug Pearson, Chair
- Susan Butler
- Stephen Lawrence
- Dallas Lagerquist
- Dana Wallace
- Robert McCarthy
- Jason Carrier, Councilor

DOG PARK COMMITTEE

- Sandra LaMontagne
- Dennis “mac” McMahan
- Fred Hurwitz
- Christine Vigue
- Jim Scanlon
- Norm Longval, Councilor
- Steven Paul, ACO



**TOWN OF BEDFORD
BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2011**

The Bedford Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at the Bedford High School auditorium. Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced those seated on the stage: Bart Mayer – the Town’s legal counsel, Russ Marcoux – Town Manager, Crystal Dionne – Chief Financial Officer, Lori Radke – Town Clerk, and Councilors Mike Izbicki (Chairman), Bill Dermody (Vice Chairman), Norm Longval, Paul Roy, Sr., Chris Bandazian, Jim Scanlon, and Ken Peterson.

Moderator Bullock thanked his staff: his Assistant Moderators and Ballot Clerks. He acknowledged the assistance from Bedford High School staff including Todd Zollman, Jim Pingree, Bill Jennings and Coleen Richardson of BCTV, the Highway Department, Fire Department, Chief Bailey and the Police Department.

Moderator Bullock established the following rules for the meeting: After an Article is introduced, any comments from the body will be accepted and he asked that they stick to the subject and be brief so that others can have the opportunity to speak; when a speaker is recognized by the Moderator, he/she will come to the microphone and give their name and address and then speak; all comments and questions will be directed to the Moderator; if a question is asked and any individual or official on the stage wishes to respond, the Moderator will recognize that person who then may speak; after an Article or issue is introduced and the comments, if any, from the body have been heard, the Moderator will accept a motion relative to that Article or issue from the body should any be offered; should any amendment be offered, the body will vote on the issue or Article as amended after the amendment has been established, in other words, only one amendment will be accepted at a time; the Moderator will rule on the propriety of any issue; should two or more members of the body feel that the Moderator’s ruling is in error, they may move for an appeal, then the entire assembly may vote on the Moderator’s ruling and the appeal will be affirmed or defeated by a simple majority; it is the Moderator’s ruling that any motion for reconsideration of action taken by the assembly must occur prior to moving on to the next issue of business; in addition, RSA 40:10 allows a meeting on a vote by vote basis to protect a vote or Warrant Article against reconsideration. After any vote passes at the meeting, the body may then vote to restrict reconsideration of that prior vote or Article. If the vote to restrict reconsideration passes, then the vote or Warrant Article, which is subject to the restriction is, until final adjournment of that meeting, protected since actual reconsideration cannot take place until an adjourned session is held at least seven days later. The time, date and place at which reconsideration will occur must be announced prior to the close of the prior session, which is tonight, and must be published in a newspaper at least two days prior to reconsideration; in addition, he received one petition for secret ballot on any vote taken on Town Council line item budget. Any vote taken pertaining to that line item will be by secret ballot. In addition, common sense rules will apply to the conduct of the meeting. Generally, established rules of procedure will prevail although the Moderator reserves the right to interpret to the benefit of the meeting. The Moderator pointed out that Articles 1-4 will be addressed at the Election next Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00am – 7:00pm. Those are the election of Town officials, zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board, the issuance of long term-debt for roads and related infrastructure, and the issuance of long-term debt for the South River Road TIF District.

The Moderator asked the audience to refer to page 8 in the budget handout. Moderator Bullock read the first line item of the proposed budget.

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
2011 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS**

| | 2010 | 2010 * | 2011 |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| DEPARTMENT | WORKING | EXPENDED YTD | COUNCIL |
| | BUDGET | 12/31/10 | RECOMMENDED |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| TOWN COUNCIL | 951,606 | 138,722 | 63,306 |



Moderator Bullock mentioned that there is a petition for a secret ballot on that item. He needs a motion to exercise the secret ballot.

MOTION by Robert Brockway, 22 Maiden Lane, to have a secret ballot.

Mr. Brockway mentioned the \$40,000 in the Town Council Line item for an Economic Development Director. He wanted to know if they had anyone that had any interest. He doesn't know anyone that would take that job for six months for \$40,000. Councilor Dermody responded no, they don't have anyone interested in that position. The Council hasn't yet taken the steps to advertise for that position. They felt that they would wait until after the budget is passed and if the line item is approved, they would begin the process to find someone for the last six months of the year. The job description is already developed and the tasks that they are expecting this person to provide have been agreed to by the Council. Mr. Brockway stated that this is a six-month position, so next year that line item will be removed and the budget is going down. Councilor Dermody responded no, that's not the case. He mentioned the School's election items for March 8th and that they are facing the possibility of an 86 cent increase in the School taxes next year. The position that the Council is proposing in the Town is a way to begin to develop an offset for the voters and the taxpayers against future 86 cent budget increases. There is no likelihood that they are not going to see a budget increase of 50 to 80 cents next year. He's not there to discuss the merits or the issues with that budget. He's just pointing out those budget increases of that size he thinks they are going to see more of. Right now in this town they don't have a way of attempting to offset those kinds of budget increases. The Economic Development Commission's primary recommendation was that they put a full-time economic development person in the Town to begin to help develop or redevelop the properties within the commercial areas that would give them the ability to offset those kinds of budget increases. They would likely contract that person for another year or two. His expectation is that that person would continue to be a contracted person, so at some point in time when all of the land is developed or they have all of the plans in place and they feel they don't need that assistance anymore, then they can choose to thank that person for their services and not renew their contract. Mr. Brockway responded that it would be \$40,000 for this year and then twice or more than twice of that next year. Councilor Dermody stated that that's a good possibility. They have looked at the position of the economic development officer in other towns. An \$80,000 wage on an annual basis is entirely in line with other towns that have the position.

Edward Comiskey, 12 Three Corners Road, for clarification wanted to know if they are approving each line of the budget or is it a bottom line budget. Moderator Bullock responded that it is a bottom line budget. They go through each line item and if there are any questions, they can be asked and then they can move on. Mr. Comiskey clarified then that if somebody made a motion to remove the \$40,000 position that the Council would have the sense that the body is saying do not go for this position, though it would still be at the Council's discretion to fund the position by shifting money elsewhere. Moderator Bullock stated that he is correct in that assumption, but pointed out that there would have to be a motion and it would have to be seconded. After any appropriate discussion he would call for a vote. Mr. Comiskey thought that an economic development position may seem like a reasonable idea and most Council members believe that it is, but he feels it really isn't a position that they really need at this time, because he thinks they have something a little bit better and a little more incentive. There are a number of people in Town that work in commercial real estate and their business is to sell and market properties. They are incented to sell and market properties at the greatest possible price because they receive a commission. That is something that doesn't cost the Town anything. Since many of them live in Town, they contribute their own tax dollars for everything.

MOTION by Edward Comiskey to reduce the Town Council budget by \$40,000 eliminating the economic development position. Seconded by David Sacks, 48 Colonel Daniels Drive.

Jason Carrier, 51 Plummer Road, stated that being on the Business Resource Group and understanding the Economic Development Commission's recommendations, he thinks it's a sound position. He talked about DRED and what they do. He mentioned commercial real estate agents coming in and the perception that they are trying to look out for Bedford's best interest, but that's not always the case. He Town was hoping to have someone in line with what they are trying to do locally as a municipality. This was vetted for a long period of time including the group that put together the master plan, the Bedford Economic Development Commission, the Bedford Business Resource Group and the Council. They thought that it was a reasonable cost to the community to offset the tax base. It wasn't something recommended lightly or to increase the tax base. It was proposed and recommended in hopes of decreasing that tax base from a long-term perspective.



Doug Pearson, 15 Pebble Beach Drive, and Chairman of the Bedford Business Resource Group, stated that they agree with the recommendation of the Bedford Economic Development Commission to hire an Economic Development Coordinator. He stated that it's not about vacant lots; it's about redevelopment. He would not leave it up to a commercial real estate developer to sell properties in the best interest of Bedford. It's not just about optimizing the tax base; it's about doing it in the context of the master plan. The economic development person will be a slave to that master plan and will try to optimize the tax base. He hopes the Town will support the position. This is an investment. He thinks the Council sees the opportunity as well and that this is an investment. He hopes they support the Economic Development Coordinator at a cost of \$40,000.

Jack Sullivan was a member of the Bedford Economic Development Commission and stated that they spent a year soliciting input from the public, the commercial developers, the real estate brokers, and they had other agencies that came from the State. They also compared themselves to other local communities and what they were doing on the development side. They really thought they had explored all different avenues of expanding the tax base and they felt that this was in the best interest of the Town. Speaking on behalf of the Commission, he hopes they will keep this in the budget.

David Sacks, 48 Colonel Daniels Drive, acknowledged the time that the Economic Development Commission put in and there were a lot of great recommendations, not just this position of an Economic Development Director. He was in opposition to it. It's a tough position for him to be in. He usually believes in investing ahead of revenue. It's what he does for work and in everything he's done. Unfortunately he doesn't believe this is a valid investment for the Town. He stated that large companies that want to come into the Town make those decisions long before anyone in the Town knows about it. They've done their due diligence based on their demographic searches. In his own company when they made the decision to move from Waltham to Burlington in Mass. that was a decision that took 3 or 4 years, long before the people in Burlington knew they were coming. Where they made the decision to come it was find a building and occupy. A lot of these companies have their own business development directors and they can get access to a lot of the information already at the Town. He also thinks that they already have a very able representative of the Town to work with those people when they do want to get the information and that's the full-time Town Manager who is well compensated. He is not questioning his compensation, but he's well compensated to represent the best interest of Bedford as the Town's CEO. He thinks he can do a great job in terms of liaising with those people who come in. He also sees this position as a half measure. If the Town really wants to go out and do some serious economic development then it's not \$40,000 and it's not six months and you really have to make a full commitment to it. The Town has developers that have put \$25 million dollars worth of development without an economic development director and they've probably got another \$25 million to do and look at all the development on South River Road. He would rather put every penny of that money into the TIF bond. He recommends no on this.

Councilor Scanlon mentioned that one of the reasons for an Economic Development Coordinator is demographics. He mentioned Manchester, Hooksett, Bow, Londonderry, and Derry. All of those surrounding towns have invested in one way or another in economic development through a structure and a coordinator. The National League of Cities in 2009 surveyed 800 cities and 98% of those cities recognized the need for economic development and chose to pursue economic development. Only 32% of those 800 cities invested in a developer. At the end of the evaluation, the 32% of those cities that invested in an economic coordinator were well ahead of those that did not. The competition around Bedford is chasing the businesses to bring in and taking advantage of their available real estate. With the TIF and the airport access road, the Town would enhance their opportunities for success. He feels the best way to stabilize the tax rate for the next several years is not to spend \$40,000, but invest \$40,000 in an Economic Development Coordinator. He recognizes that his well being in the years to come depends on good economic development; not random rapacious economic development that might be handled that way through a real estate developer; someone who is invested in his well being, not their own as real estate developers; someone who would do a very good job for this Town.

Chairman Izbicki stated that by Charter, the Town Manager sits on the Planning Board. To put him in that position of trying to bring in businesses to the Town and also work with these people puts him in a very conflicted position. At that point, the Town Manager is going to have to step down from the Planning Board. He doesn't think that's fair to the Town



Manager. In addition to his other duties of running the Town, managing the Town and the infrastructure of the Town, he does not have the time to do the economic development that is being proposed. Also, developers have one thing in mind; they are trying to maximize their profits. He understands and he thinks that's good for the Town, and if it's coordinated through an economic developer that's even better. Real estate folks are going to get the best deal they can get because they want to maximize their commission and he doesn't fault that. He thinks the Town needs somebody that isn't biased and not focused on what they want and are looking at the best interest of the Town. He works for a very large corporation and in these economic times they do their planning 3 or 4 years out. He's working for a multi-billion dollar company, but just the other day they planned to move to a location and they were approached by an economic developer of a town in Connecticut and they gave them a better deal and that's what they are going with. He thinks the Town's approach needs to be with an economic developer is looking at the redevelopment, keeping businesses here. There are a lot of big businesses that he doesn't think are going to move to Bedford. He thinks they need to focus on retaining the businesses, redevelopment, redeveloping the land they have left, and also working with other towns and working on a community level or regional level and that's where the economic development person comes into place.

Stephanie Willer, 16 Canterbury Lane, wanted to clarify that this is a 6-month position. Chairman Izbicki responded that they can only present a budget for 2011. Their hope is that they bring somebody on for six months starting in July to the end of December and set goals for that person through a contractual relationship, not as an employee, so they don't have to pay all of the benefits and added taxes and cost. If that person meets those goals or exceeds those goals, then they present a budget for 2012 to retain that person. Ms. Willer wanted to know what happens between January and July. If this person is meeting all of the Council's goals, she wants to know what they are going to do between January and July. Chairman Izbicki responded that they are going to propose a budget and if the Council approves it in December, they are going to look to retain that person in January and if the voters in March of next year don't want that person then so be it. Ms. Willer stated that they have six months that they are not going to have any money to fund this person. If they hire this person from July to December and he does everything he was supposed to and the Council wants to retain him, where is the money going to come from to retain this person from January 1st through June. Chairman Izbicki responded that that's one of the problems they have as a Town. They collect taxes in arrears and the budget doesn't get approved until the first Tuesday in March. It would be up to the Council to recommend that it moves forward at the end of the year, retain that person, but if the voters don't want that person in March they would have to take another look at it. Ms. Willer stated that her problem with this is she doesn't see that they are adequately planning for it. They are not being realistic to what the cost is. She doesn't see any person in six months being able to get up and running and get something done. It sounds to her like they are looking at least a minimum of a year commitment to do anything to show their worth. Let's be honest and reflect what the actual cost is going to be. They are cutting everything else, and she doesn't think they are putting out what it adequately should be. That's her problem with it. Let's really reflect what the cost is. If the person is not doing what they should do, at January 1, they've just spent \$40,000 for what; when they are cutting other positions and other salaries. If the person is doing what they want, where's the money going to come from to retain this person. The Council either needs to be realistic and put the total cost of this is or she doesn't think six months is adequate to show that this person can adequately do the job they are looking for. Chairman Izbicki responded that they are not cutting salaries, they are actually proposing increases; they have contractual increases and they are proposing a 2% increase for the employees. They are not cutting positions; they are maintaining the existing staff. As far as economic development goes, it's going to take six months for this person to understand the Town, the businesses, what businesses want to stay here, what businesses want to expand, what businesses want to come in. That's going to take six months. The Council has said that this is a 2-3 year investment before they see a return on the investment. The first six months is getting that person up to speed. They will know very quickly if that person can take it to the next level; within 3-4 months. Ms. Willer stated that they are cutting because they are cutting the Town Clerks salary and benefits, so they are cutting, so that's not entirely true the statement you just said. Chairman Izbicki responded we're not cutting employees; that's an elected official, not an employee. Ms. Willer stated that's an elected official that's required to go to the Town Office every day and maintain set hours to do a job. Chairman Izbicki responded no, I'll dispute that. The Town Clerk is responsible for following the requirements of the RSA. The Town Clerk doesn't even have to be in the Town Office. The Town Clerk in past years used to work out of their houses. The Town Clerk just has to fulfill the duties of the RSA's. They don't have to have set hours. They can do what they have to do to meet the requirements of the RSA's whether it is Death Certificates, Birth Certificates, Marriage Certificates, and absentee ballots.



Moderator Bullock stated that they seem to be getting off of the issue of the Economic Development Director. Ms. Willer responded that her only problem is she still doesn't see this as adequately funding what they want to do, so if they are going to do this they need to be more realistic and put in what it is really going to cost. At this point, she really doesn't relish the idea of spending \$40,000 and they haven't convinced her here what it's going to do. Let's be honest what the total cost is going to be. Fund it for what it should be or at this time maybe this isn't the year to do it.

Moderator Bullock called for a vote, which will be by secret ballot, and explained the process.

Councilor Roy wanted clarification on the yes vote. The yes vote would indicate reducing the \$40,000. Moderator Bullock responded that he hadn't gotten to that point yet to announce it, but yes. A yes vote will be to reduce the Town Council line item by \$40,000 and a no vote will be to maintain it at its current configuration. He stated again that it is a bottom line budget, so all this in doing is some advisory capacity to the Council. It's not a determined factor.

After the voting, Moderator Bullock announced the results: 35 'no' cast and 43 'yes' cast and 1 no vote.

Motion passed; they are going to cut the line item by \$40,000.

Moderator Bullock continued reading the budget line items

| | 2010 | 2010 * | 2011 |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| DEPARTMENT | WORKING | EXPENDED | COUNCIL |
| | BUDGET | YTD | RECOMMENDED |
| | | 12/31/10 | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| TOWN MANAGER | 238,762 | 235,588 | 264,381 |
| ELECTION | 18,634 | 16,852 | 3,413 |
| VOTER REGISTRATION | 12,827 | 9,831 | 15,241 |
| TAX COLLECTOR | 152,649 | 149,452 | 158,501 |
| TOWN CLERK | 94,982 | 97,426 | 86,826 |

John Wood said I would like to make a recommendation and add something to the bottom line budget here. Would you like me to present my thoughts and then ask for a motion? The Moderator replied you may sir. Mr. Wood said I've listened to what the Town Council says, especially Mike, in reference to the Town Clerk not being a Town employee. She has a desk at the Town, she performs her duty at the Town, and I feel that she deserves the fringe benefits that are paid to the rest of the people that sit in that Town Hall every week. It is unfortunate that the Town Council has decided not to give her the benefits that are due this particular position. I feel that the principle of the item is necessary. Maybe I should reword that. I feel we have a lot of good people working for the Town and to deprive one employee and I know that isn't correct, one person in the Town from having a fringe package is unfortunate.

I move that we restore her fringe package. I did talk to Crystal this afternoon and she indicated the dollar amount is \$28,286 that would be needed to add to this particular line item. The Moderator asked are you making a motion to that effect Mr. Wood? Mr. Wood replied yes I am.

MOTION by John Wood that the Town restore the Town Clerk's fringe package by adding \$28,286 to the Town Clerk line item.

The Moderator asked if there was a second to it.

Seconded by Edward Comiskey, 12 Three Corners Road.

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion.

Chairman Izbicki said right now there are 12 elected officials on the Town side for a total budget of roughly \$57,000



minus the fringe benefits, which is another, when you add taxes and insurance, almost \$40,000. That puts it at about \$100,000. Out of that \$100,000, about \$6,500 goes to the Council, it goes to the Moderator, it goes to other folks that are elected, Trustees of the Library or whatever. I have real heartburn with an elected official receiving benefits. First of all, we're paying \$4,500 a year to the State Retirement Fund for the Town Clerk. And she's not vested or the position is not vested for 10 years, which means that person has to run for four years, for four terms. If that person decides after the 3rd term I'm done; that's 9 x \$4,500 that goes into the State pension fund. We don't see it, it's Bedford taxpayers gone. I feel as an elected position it should be, I mean just until recently it had benefits, but before that it didn't. An elected position should not have benefits. They are not a Town employee and to throw another \$38-\$40,000 a year into benefits for an elected position, it doesn't make sense to me. That person could be defeated in their second or third term and any money they've paid towards the Retirement Fund just goes away, which is you are looking at a 3-year term; you are looking at about \$13,000. I mean is that where you want your money to go, into the Retirement Fund for another state or another town or whatever. That's where I have heartburn. I think our Town Clerk does a great job. I think it's a good position, but it's the only elected position that has benefits. The Council here, I put in 30 hours a month, 40 hours a month and I know these guys work hard too, so if the Town Clerk gets benefits, I think all of the elected officials should get benefits, which is another \$350,000 a year. I would propose that if we're going to give the Town Clerk have benefits, then the rest of us get benefits. I'm sorry, I feel strongly about that, because I feel when we pay into a retirement system for somebody that is elected, they could lose in their 2nd or 3rd term, it's just a waste of Bedford taxpayer dollars. I feel very strongly about that. I think we compensate that position very well with \$51,000 a year. We have the girls at the front window that take care of a lot of the registration, the dog licenses and things like that. It's just my position. I'm sorry.

Edward Comiskey, 12 Three Corners Road, said your opinion is your opinion. It's one that I don't agree with, because Ms. Radke or whoever sits in that chair is an employee of the Town. They are the face of the Town in the office for many different things. The Town pays them. Essentially it's an elected position, but it is an elected paid employee like the other administrative employees such as the Town Manager, the Finance Director, who are hired and compensated employees. They are not elected going in. The additional funds that go in that may, should they have a Town Clerk that never invests in the program, may remain in the Retirement System, to that other end, it's so grossly underfunded we're going to pay for it one way or another. So at least if there's some additional money in there it's earning something. I see that we've seen stepping forward and looking at the one particular Town official, paid, compensated, elected official, there are seven other elected officials who are compensated and I didn't see anything or any recommendation that the stipend they receive be reduced, which would be a way if we were asking one person to take one for the team by reducing and giving up their benefits or reducing their salary, then perhaps the other members could do the same thing. As you point out the members of the Council do put in a number of hours above and beyond what they probably thought they were going to get in to at the time they were elected and are probably wondering why did I do this in the first place. Chairman Izbicki responded not at all. I've enjoyed it thoroughly. Mr. Comiskey said that since you enjoy it so much perhaps you would be willing to do it for less than your current stipends. Chairman Izbicki said I would do it for nothing. Mr. Comiskey said I will accept your offer. Chairman Izbicki I think the other folks should look at that. The other thing too...I'm not going to get into a debate, because first of all it's an elected position. It's not a Town employee. I think people need to understand that. The other thing is we as a Town need to pull back what we...I'm not going to say anymore. No comment.

John Wood, 44 Briston Court, said I'll just say one thing. I think there's a principle here. I listened to Mike Izbicki and what he said, but I still think it's a principle thing. A person that puts in the effort should receive the fringe benefits.

Chairman Izbicki said then I'm going to ask that the Council receive fringe benefits; at \$38,000 a piece per year.

Stephanie Willer, 16 Canterbury Lane, said can you tell us what the tax affect would be by giving the additional \$28,000 back into the budget. Chairman Izbicki said the whole thing would be a penny to the tax rate; when you add in the benefits. Ms. Willer said for the \$28,000, if they add that back in it's going to add a penny to the tax rate? Chairman Izbicki said you add the \$28,000 and you add the additional taxes with the increased salary it's going to be about a penny. Ms. Willer said a penny per thousand on everyone's house for the tax rate. Chairman Izbicki said yes. Ms. Willer said secondly, I think if we are going to change the Town Clerk's, what it has been for quite a number of years, that it should go to the voters and the voters should vote on it and we should be the ones that decide if we're going to reduce since you keep pointing out so eloquently that it is an elected position. So why don't you let the voters decide that rather than all of you. One final thing, when you are referring to the people at the front desk, they are not girls; they are employees of the Town. Chairman Izbicki said I stand corrected. Thank you.



Councilor Longval said just a point of clarification, as Mike alluded to, were you serious about that Mike, about the \$38,000 for the Council; are you serious about what you mentioned that the Council should get the \$38,000. Chairman Izbicki said I think if one elected official gets benefits, I think it should be offered to all elected officials. That's my feeling. Councilor Longval said I just wanted clarification. Chairman Izbicki said that's my feeling.

The Moderator said we had a motion to increase by Mr. Wood. It was seconded by Mr. Comiskey. If there is no further discussion I'm going to call for a vote on that. All those in favor of an increase, and I'm sorry Mr. Wood, what was the number you had given? Someone to the Moderator's left responded \$28,286.

Someone from the audience mentioned a secret ballot. The Moderator said no, it is not. I have not had a petition for secret ballot on this. It would have to have to come in prior to us taking this up, which is what I announced beforehand.

Bill Van Anglen, 30 Church Road, said in the beginning you said any vote was secret ballot tonight. You said that in the beginning. The Moderator said for the Town Council line item, Mr. Van Anglen. Mr. Van Anglen said I didn't notice that. Is it appropriate for me to call for a secret ballot now? The Moderator said I would have had to have the petition before I took this article up. Mr. Van Anglen I can make a motion for a secret ballot, can't I? The Moderator said I would defer to legal counsel. I'm not sure that under 40:4-a, that that's allowable. It would have to have been coming in, but if the legal counsel is of the opinion. Atty. Bart Mayer said the Moderator has ruled so it would have to be a motion to overrule the Moderator.

**MOTION by Mr. Van Anglen to overrule the Moderator's position on not taking a secret ballot.
Seconded by Bill Greiner, 12 Aspen Lane.
A verbal vote was taken; motion passed.**

Moderator Bullock reaffirmed what they are voting on. By voting yes, they are increasing the Town Clerk's budget by \$28,286. Again, I would remind you, we have a bottom-line budget. This vote is taken in strictly an advisory capacity, of that, to the Council. Again, a yes vote will be \$28,286; a no vote would be to leave it in accordance with the current recommendation by the Town Council.

After the voting, Moderator Bullock announced the results: 35-no, 43-yes. **Motion passed.**

Bill Van Anglen, 30 Church Road, stated that the maintenance for the voting machines is in the Town Clerk's budget and wanted to know if that was correct. Moderator Bullock responded yes. Mr. Van Anglen stated that the Council removed \$1,400 from the maintenance contracts so it goes from 13 machines to 6 machines during an election. With all of the elections coming up in the next year or so, it could really backlog the voters and the people getting in and out. He thinks that it is short money. He wanted to know if \$1,400 is the amount. Chairman Izbicki responded yes, it is \$1,400. There are 13 machines and the Council voted to extend the maintenance contracts on 6 machines, which is \$1,200, but not on the remaining 7, which is \$1,400. Mr. Van Anglen wanted to know what it would cost to put the other 7 back in service. Chairman Izbicki responded \$1,400 for the maintenance contracts. Mr. Van Anglen stated that if they all of a sudden had a problem at an election and the other 7 aren't in service, they could go down to 2 or 3 machines in a Presidential primary. Chairman Izbicki responded that it's going to be more of an impact next year when they have 5 elections. Mr. Van Anglen stated that the Town Councilors make \$1,500 a year except for the Chairman. Chairman Izbicki responded yes; the Chairman makes an additional \$500.

MOTION by Bill Van Anglen that they take Chairman Izbicki up on his offer of giving up \$1,500 and increase the Town Clerk's budget specifically for the reinstatement of those maintenance agreements on those other machines.

Chairman Izbicki stated that he had no problem doing that. If the Town Clerk can take \$28,000 in additional benefits, he'll give up \$1,500 for the machines.

Moderator Bullock stated that he wasn't sure how to handle the motion. Chairman Izbicki wanted to clarify the motion which is that he gives up his salary or his stipend, whatever it is, which only nets him about \$100 bucks a year anyway



for the Town Clerk to extend the maintenance agreement on the remaining 7 machines. He has no problem with that. Mr. Van Anglen stated that keeps the tax impact and the budget impact at zero. Chairman Izbicki responded that it saves \$100.

The motion was seconded by someone in the audience (they were not asked to come to the microphone to state their name and address).

Councilor Roy wanted some legal clarification. He doesn't believe that can be done. Moderator Bullock referred that to legal counsel.

Bart Mayer, Legal Counsel, didn't think that could be done. If you want to make a motion to reduce the budget by \$1,500 in one line item and increase the line item here and identify it as taking it from a specific source, fine, but you can't just say I'll swap this and take him up on his offer. Mr. Van Anglen asked isn't that what he just did. Atty. Mayer responded that he didn't know what he was doing, but he needed to get his motion straight.

MOTION by Bill Van Anglen that they decrease the stipend for Councilor Izbicki in the Town Council budget by \$1,400 and that they increase the Town Clerk's budget for the specific use of bringing those other machines up to service by \$1,400.

Moderator Bullock stated that the problem is there does not appear to be an 'Izbicki' line item within the Town Council line item. Mr. Van Anglen simplified his motion:

MOTION by Bill Van Anglen that they decrease the Town Council budget by \$1,400 and increase the Town Clerk's budget by \$1,400 for the specific use of reinstating the maintenance contracts on the machines that were taken out with the original \$1,400 they removed; the 7 machines.

Gene Van Loan, 50 Pheasant Run, stated that with all due respect to my friend, Mr. Van Anglen, I don't think we should play these games.

Councilor Roy stated that not only has that line item been agreed to; there was a vote cast on that particular line item. Mr. Van Anglen responded but the vote is cast on the specific bottom line budget. He stated that there was a motion on the floor and wanted a ruling on the motion.

Moderator Bullock passed the buck to the Town Attorney. Atty. Mayer stated that the Moderator runs the meeting. If that motion is satisfactory to you; now that he's identified an amount to be reduced from a line item and an amount to be increased in a line item. Moderator Bullock responded it is, however it would also be his ruling that given he has a petition that anything on the Town Council line item would be by secret ballot. If in fact they did that, his ruling would be they would have to conduct a secret ballot. The other thing that concerns him with that is...Mr. Van Anglen interrupted and stated that he will withdraw his motion and make another one.

MOTION by Bill Van Anglen that they increase the Town Clerk's budget by \$1,400 for the specific use on the maintenance contracts on the machines that were taken out and that they decrease the Allocated Reserve line by \$1,400. Seconded by Roy Stewart, 19 Hickory Lane.

Mr. Stewart, 19 Hickory Lane, stated that he made that suggestion to the Council previously in an email. It's so simple; why make a mountain out of a mole hill. Let's do it the easy way. They don't need a vote. They are instructing the Council to take \$1,400 out of Unallocated Reserve. They've got it there; use it. It's not going to increase the budget one bit.

Lori Radke, Town Clerk, stated that the machines that Mr. Van Anglen is speaking about are the machines that they use during voting. This year there is one election and that is March 8th. The 13 machines that he is speaking of have been tested and they will be used on March 8th. There is a contract for 6 of the machines. If one of the 6 machines that are under contract malfunctions on the day of the election, the company called LHS will be there immediately, within an hour



or 45 minutes max and will fix that machine. When that machine is down, they will have a number of other machines that can take over while that machine gets fixed. If the thought is to maintain the 13 machines, they can revisit it in October when they discuss the budget again and have the maintenance contract put back on all 13 machines for 2012 when they will see 4 elections. She believes it's a waste of money right now to put it on the extra machines when there is only one election this year. Mr. Van Anglen responded that he thinks it's short money on hedging your bet on issues that could arise. It's not a lot of money. The more machines you have the faster people can get in and out of there. He thinks it saves people time and it's just short money and to be nickel and diming that kind of thing with some of the other big expenses he doesn't think makes a lot of sense. Ms. Radke responded that all 13 machines will be there on March 8th and they are working. Mr. Van Anglen stated that if the maintenance contracts go down or they don't and there are machines that break down during the testing; there are all sorts of things and there are only 6 that can get fixed. Ms. Radke responded that if one of those 6 under contract needs maintenance they will come up and fix it. While that one is being fixed, they have 12 other ones that they can rely on; she thinks they are going to be okay.

Chairman Izbicki stated that if they don't redo the contracts this year, the maintenance contracts on those 7 machines, and they decide at the end of the year to redo them for next year, is it just \$200 a machine or do they have to go through a testing procedure to make sure that they will warranty them, and if there is anything that has to be fixed they'll have to pay for it before they put them under warranty. Moderator Bullock stated that's exactly what the case will be. They would have to pay a premium of a service call, which is approximately \$165 portal to portal. They would have to pass a muster and if a head was damaged and they had to replace a head, that's \$1,500. He wasn't trying to weigh in on this because obviously that's his brain child, but it will be extraordinarily expensive to put them back online after they have been offline. The machines are old and they were used when they got them. The problem is recently they had to do two days of testing because they had machines go down. In the past he's had machines that have passed the testing, and he's shown up at the polls, he gears them up and he's had two or three machines die on the spot. The issue is between the School District, the Town Council at that time, and grants he was able to acquire from the Secretary of State's Office; they have an overall investment of over \$100,000. To be turning their back on that over a matter of \$1,400 he believes is not something that is in the best interest of the voters. He's not campaigning for it because standing there he should not be doing that, but since the question was asked he's answering it.

Mr. Stewart wanted to know why the machines were moved out from under the jurisdiction of the Moderator who has full responsibility for running elections and put under the Town Clerk whose sole responsibility in elections is handling absentee ballots. Moderator Bullock responded that in fairness to the Town Clerk, in this last budget cycle the Town Clerk approached him and asked if he wanted to put them under his umbrella. He had no problem with that. At the second budget hearing the Town Clerk changed her mind and wanted to retrain control. There are cases that could be made for the control resting with either the Moderator or the Town Clerk. Since they have gone to machinery in 1985, simply the logistics have been with them residing in the Town Office building. He had no problem with it going either way and he has no problem with it going either way. That is a choice for the Council to make and certainly not for him. Mr. Stewart suggested that if the Moderator says he needs the machines and he needs the contract in place that they support the Moderator who has run many, many, many successful elections, and not take the counsel of the Clerk. He asked that they move the question.

Ms. Radke, Town Clerk, responded that with all due respect Mr. Stewart, the responsibility for testing the machines is directly under the auspice of the Town Clerk. There is an RSA that says that, so the machines do come under the Town Clerk's responsibility. We are responsible for that in particular.

Mr. Van Anglen stated that the vote on the question is moved.

Moderator Bullock read the motion and a verbal vote was taken. The results were unclear so the Moderator asked for a standing vote. The results were 47 yes / 22 no.

Motion passed. That line item has now been increased by \$1,400 for that expressed purpose and is coming out of Unallocated Reserves.

Moderator Bullock continued reading the budget line items.



| DEPARTMENT | WORKING | EXPENDED | COUNCIL |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | BUDGET | 12/31/10 | RECOMMENDED |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| FINANCE/PERSONNEL | 335,526 | 336,611 | 348,630 |
| INFORMATION SYSTEMS | 368,871 | 359,054 | 378,980 |
| ASSESSING | 195,468 | 193,988 | 198,310 |
| LEGAL EXPENSE | 50,000 | 82,721 | 120,000 |

Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive, wanted to know what the big increase was in the legal. Councilor Peterson responded that the Town has been involved in 5 – 6 lawsuits during this period of time and a considerable amount of money has been spent on these lawsuits. They have not come to fruition yet and they don't know what the judication will be. Mr. Hawkins wanted to know if there was any information out there about what these are. He doesn't remember reading a lot and normally he reads the paper every week. Atty. Mayer responded that he anticipated that question and he counted it up and there are 10 lawsuits that the Town has right now; 8 of them are tax appeals, petitions for tax abatement involving industrial and commercial property. That requires the hiring of experts to do the appraisals and the litigation of the cases, so the Council realized immediately that they needed to address those.

Moderator Bullock continued reading the budget line items.

| DEPARTMENTS | WORKING | EXPENDED | COUNCIL |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | BUDGET | 12/31/10 | RECOMMENDED |
| PLANNING BOARD | 26,533 | 10,111 | 25,933 |
| ZONING BOARD | 6,073 | 4,352 | 6,073 |
| HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION | 1,455 | 1,452 | 1,991 |
| PLANNING | 309,110 | 301,354 | 322,818 |
| TOWN HALL | 18,500 | 19,947 | 22,000 |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | 239,203 | 332,363 | 254,490 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX | 140,174 | 145,944 | 133,669 |
| CEMETERIES | 29,080 | 26,692 | 29,480 |
| INSURANCE | 2,022,200 | 1,945,901 | 2,181,575 |
| NH MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION | 17,000 | 17,000 | 17,000 |
| SOUTHERN NH PLANNING | 13,140 | 13,108 | 14,207 |
| TOWN PUBLICATIONS | - | - | - |
| PAYROLL ADJUSTMENTS | - | - | - |
| FUND BALANCE RESERVE | 430,000 | 430,000 | 300,000 |
| UNALLOCATED RESERVE | 50,000 | 8,850 | 50,000 |

John Graham, 8 Ministerial Circle, asked didn't they not just reduce that. Moderator Bullock responded that they did reduce it by \$1,400, you are correct, so that would bring it down to \$48,600.

Councilor Peterson stated that the change to the budget can be done at bottom line with a recommendation from the voters, but the specificity of where that money would be added or subtracted will be done by the Council later and wanted to know if that was correct. Moderator Bullock responded that he's absolutely correct and the only reason he stated that was because the question was in that particular area. As he has said repeatedly this is a bottom line budget. Every decision that is made is strictly in an advisory capacity at best to Town Council, but where Mr. Graham questioned that in specific, that's why he adjusted it to that point. That's not a commitment to the Council; that's not making a decision to the Council. That's simply a point of information for the public.

Chairman Izbicki stated that Councilor Peterson was right. It's up to the next Council to decide where the cuts are applied or if there are additions, where those additional funds would go.



Moderator Bullock continued reading the budget line items.

| DEPARTMENTS | WORKING BUDGET | EXPENDED YTD 12/31/10 | COUNCIL RECOMMENDED |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POLICE | | | |
| Administration | 557,220 | 488,919 | 571,974 |
| Communications | 571,586 | 589,425 | 600,463 |
| Patrol | 1,781,592 | 1,812,208 | 1,736,865 |
| Detectives | 694,856 | 649,670 | 763,468 |
| Animal Control | 40,391 | 40,969 | 40,912 |
| Subtotal Police | 3,645,645 | 3,581,191 | 3,713,682 |
| FIRE | | | |
| Administration | 304,543 | 201,881 | 723,467 |
| Operations | 2,673,393 | 2,629,080 | 2,510,514 |
| Building Inspection | 151,990 | 156,236 | 162,200 |
| Health Department | 29,168 | 21,033 | 23,742 |
| Hydrant Rental | 262,000 | 261,867 | 276,600 |
| Subtotal Fire | 3,421,094 | 3,270,097 | 3,696,523 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | | | |
| Administration | 313,982 | 286,207 | 327,808 |
| Local Road Maintenance | 1,000,000 | 1,037,490 | 1,000,000 |

Chairman Izbicki stated that the local road maintenance of \$1 million dollars has not gone up in four years, so they are actually doing less road maintenance with the budget that has been proposed to the Town.

| DEPARTMENTS | WORKING BUDGET | EXPENDED YTD 12/31/10 | COUNCIL RECOMMENDED |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Highway | 1,890,251 | 1,969,438 | 1,855,883 |
| Winter Maintenance | 500,373 | 444,828 | 482,097 |
| Traffic Control | 83,500 | 77,963 | 94,000 |
| Solid Waste | 1,022,595 | 1,052,628 | 1,028,666 |
| Subtotal Public Works | 4,810,701 | 4,868,554 | 4,788,454 |
| GENERAL ASSISTANCE | 15,000 | 10,552 | 25,000 |
| SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY | 13,020 | 13,020 | - |
| RECREATION | | | |
| Administration | 94,620 | 90,690 | 92,015 |
| Programs | 43,379 | 35,130 | 46,647 |
| Pool | 78,136 | 67,537 | 90,831 |
| Fields | 295,695 | 296,819 | 195,400 |
| Subtotal Recreation | 511,830 | 490,176 | 424,893 |
| LIBRARY | 986,819 | 945,925 | 978,858 |
| TOWN EVENTS | 2,200 | 1,581 | 2,000 |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | 244,586 | 5,268 | 244,586 |
| DEBT SERVICE | 2,835,731 | 2,835,731 | 2,746,914 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS | 22,208,419 | 20,899,414 | 21,617,734 |



| DEPARTMENT | WORKING BUDGET | EXPENDED YTD 12/31/10 | COUNCIL RECOMMENDED |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| ENTERPRISE FUNDS | | | |
| Police Special Detail | 488,383 | 331,563 | 519,018 |
| Recreation Day Camp | 142,360 | 104,515 | 106,062 |
| Bedford Community Television | 304,763 | 271,285 | 313,906 |
| Sewer Fund | 1,181,277 | 839,600 | 1,180,194 |
| SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | 48,000 | 46,500 | 48,000 |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS | 24,373,202 | 22,492,877 | 23,784,914 |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS with suggested revisions made this evening | | | 23,773,200 |

MOTION by John Graham, 8 Ministerial Circle, to move the budget as amended up to this point for the dollar amount of \$23,773,200. Seconded by Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive. A verbal vote was taken – Motion passed.

Chairman Izbicki thanked Ken Peterson for what he's done for the Council for the last year. He's been a great guy to work with and he's brought a lot to the Council. They said it at the last meeting, but he wants to thank Ken for everything he's done and he hopes that he stays involved with Town politics and some time runs for the seat instead of being appointed.

Moderator Bullock asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION by Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive to adjourn at 8:33pm. Seconded by Bill Van Anglen, 30 Church Road. A verbal vote was taken – Motion carries.

Submitted by:

Dawn Boufford

Dawn Boufford, Executive Assistant

Lori Radke

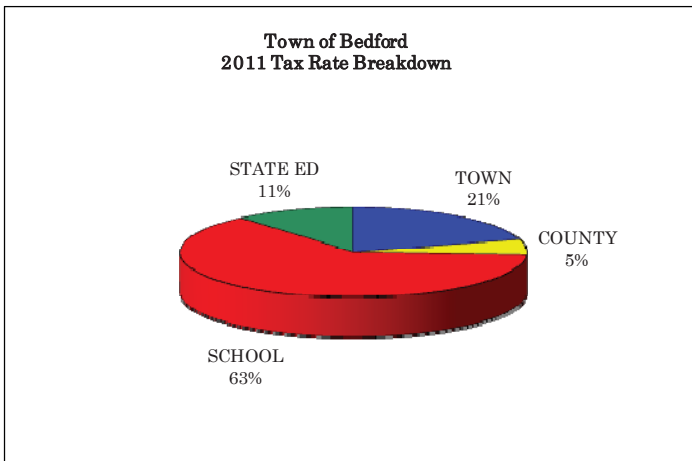
Lori Radke, Town Clerk



2011 TOWN POPULATION AND TAX RATE INFORMATION

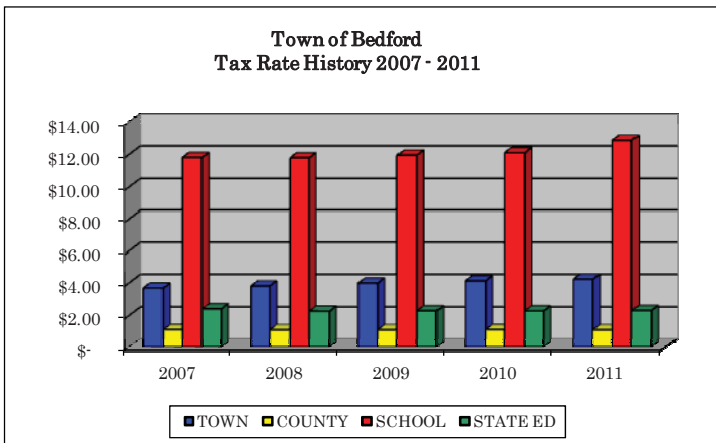
POPULATION – 21,203 (based on 2010 census)
2011 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$3,361,577,508

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| TOWN | \$4.23 |
| COUNTY | \$1.09 |
| LOCAL SCHOOL TAX | \$12.90 |
| STATE EDUCATION TAX | \$2.32 |
| COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE | \$20.54 |



Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2010 Tax Rate

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| TOWN | 2.40% |
| COUNTY | -0.01% |
| LOCAL SCHOOL TAX | 6.60% |
| STATE EDUCATION TAX | 1.30% |
| COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE | 4.70% |





**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2011**

L. Radke
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICES

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| <p>TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>Vote for not more than two (2) For Three Years</p> <p>BILL DERMODY 2651 ●</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER BANDAIZIAN ●</p> <p>2740 ○ (Write-in) ○ (Write-in)</p> | <p>TOWN CLERK</p> <p>Vote for not more than one (1) For Three Years</p> <p>LORI RADKE 2634 ●</p> <p>DIANE O'NEIL 1089 ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> | <p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p>Vote for not more than one (1) For Three Years</p> <p>KEN HAWKINS 3162 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> |
| <p>TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>Vote for not more than one (1) For One Year</p> <p>MAX DARBOUZE 924 ○</p> <p>JASON J. CARRIER 2402 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> | <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>Vote for not more than one (1) For Three Years</p> <p>TONY FREDERICK 3147 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> | <p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p>Vote for not more than one (1) For Five Years</p> <p>ELLEN BOSTWICK 3156 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> |

ARTICLE 2: ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-4-4(a)(1)(a) by adding the words in bold as follows:

The lot was a legal lot of record and duly recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds prior to the adoption of the original Zoning Ordinance on December 19, 1953 or **the lot was otherwise legally created after December 19, 1953.**

[This amendment is intended to allow lots that were legally created after the adoption of zoning on December 19, 1953 to be built on provided they meet today's setback and other development criteria and the lot had sufficient lot area and frontage at the time it was established.]

3341
YES ●
NO ○
478

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-4-4(a)(2) Nonconforming Lots by adding the words in bold as follows:

If two (2) or more lots of record are contiguous and in single ownership on or after the effective date of this Ordinance (March 13, 1991) and if any of said lots are vacant and do not comply with the dimensional requirements of frontage and area, then those lots shall be considered to be an undivided parcel for the purposes of this Ordinance. This provision shall not apply to lots in a subdivision approved by the Planning Board or to **lots otherwise legally created after December 19, 1953. The provisions of this section shall not apply to nonconforming lots acquired by a person or entity on or after September 18, 2010. Any lots that were merged between March 13, 1991 and September 17, 2010 pursuant to this provision may be restored back to their original state with approval by the Planning Board, so long as they conform with Article 45-4-4(a)(1).**

[This amendment is intended to make the Town compliant with a recent State law change that took effect on September 18, 2010 and to allow vacant nonconforming lots held in common ownership to be developed provided other all other requirements are met for use of a nonconforming lot without a variance.]

3225
YES ●
NO ○
569



ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to accept the recodification of the entire Bedford Zoning Ordinance which includes renumbering, reorganization and minor amendments for clarity, but with no substantive changes.

3352

YES

[This amendment is intended to make the zoning ordinance conform with all of the other town ordinances in terms of appearance and usability while making no substantive changes.]

NO

397

ARTICLE 3 - ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR ROADS & RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed thirteen million two hundred thousand dollars (\$13,200,000) for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of town roads and other related infrastructure, such amount to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33. In addition, authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. (This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)

Explanation: The issuance of this long-term debt will address the urgently needed Town road reconstruction and rehabilitation program and of equally urgent need, repairs to several town buildings. The funds are necessary in order to continue the Town roads program, including engineering, inspection and repair of other Town infrastructure which includes bridges, culverts, drainage and town owned buildings. Several factors are considered in regards to how we best structure the issuance(s) to maximize the benefit of bonding for these projects. Factors include bond issue costs, market interest rates, construction timetables and economies of scale, which could be realized from combining projects. It is the intent of the Town Council to consider these and other factors as well as assessing the impact on the tax rate to yield the greatest benefit to the community as we remedy the infrastructure needs of Bedford.

2706

YES

NO

1203

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 4 - ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR SOUTH RIVER ROAD TIF DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements within the District, including the widening of certain areas of Route 3, such amount to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33 and RSA 162-K:8. In addition, authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. (This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)

Explanation: The issuance of this long-term debt will provide funding to be used for infrastructure improvements within the District including, but not limited to, the widening of Route 3, repaving and sidewalk enhancement, traffic lighting, signage, etc. These improvements are proposed to improve the safety, economic development, investment and revitalization rate and public welfare for this area. The public will benefit from improved traffic circulation and safety, growth in the property tax base and economic opportunities provided by the District. The incremental tax revenues generated by the District will be used to pay this debt. It is the intent of the Town to only issue debt when the District has demonstrated the ability to be self-sustaining such that all debt service and expenses of the District are paid without any supplement from the general tax base.

2925

YES

NO

993

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING



TOWN COUNCIL

Bill Dermody
Chairman

An otherwise memorable and eventful year was marred tragically by the untimely and unexpected death of Town Manager Russell Marcoux on November 10. Russ had been the Town Manager for nearly five years, being selected by the Council in December 2006 and formally hired in February 2007. Russ came to Bedford from Derry as the result of a Town Council conducted search. Once becoming Town Manager, Russ quickly became the face and voice of Bedford. Russ' death has left a deep sense of loss within the community.

I must otherwise begin by thanking my fellow Councilors for their support and involvement this past year. In particular, I wish to thank Vice Chairman Chris Bandazian. Each Councilor has dedicated countless hours in addition to Council and Board/Commission meetings to prepare for the many evenings serving the Town. This year the Council welcomed Councilor Jason Carrier to a one year elected term and Councilors Bandazian and Dermody were reelected to second three year terms. Shortly after the March elections, former Council Chairman Mike Izbicki resigned his seat and the Council appointed Ken Peterson to the remainder of the 2011-2012 year as an appointed Councilor. (Councilor Peterson has now served during the past two years as an appointed member. Thank you, Ken.)

In March, the voters approved two important bond authorizations: a \$13.2 million dollar authorization for "Issuance of Long term Debt for Roads and Related Infrastructure" and \$4.1 million dollar authorization for "Issuance of Long Term Debt South River Road TIF District". The Infrastructure bond enabled critical roof and insulation improvements to the Library in January and future work to be done on the Town Hall and repairs to Bedford roads. The Tax Increment Funding (TIF) bond, a first within the Town of Bedford, will fund road and other infrastructure improvements within the TIF district at no cost to the resident taxpayer. The bond will not be taken nor any improvements begun until it is determined the increased tax revenue, from within the TIF, will be sufficient to pay off the bond.

The Town Manager informed the Council in March that the Chief of Police for twenty five years and a member of the Department for forty years, David Bailey, would retire in June. Russ Marcoux informed the Council he would utilize the services of Management Resources Inc. (MRI) to assist in the search for a new Police Chief. Upon completion of the search process Russ announced to the Council he had selected John Bryfonski to serve as the new Chief of Police and asked the Council's approval. Chief Bryfonski began his leadership of the Department in September.

In May, the Boston Post Cane was presented to Anna Richards, age 97, of BrickMill Road. Ms. Richards enjoys her six grandchildren: Chris, Brian, Tracey, Scott, Sean, and Milly; and her four great grandchildren: Clara, Dory, Madison, and Noah.

David Bailey gave his final report as Chief of the Bedford Police Department to the Town Council in June at the Council meeting. The Council arranged for former Town Councilors to join with them in honoring Dave. All of the current and former Councilors who attended chipped in for a going away gift towards Dave and his wife's travel plans. Thanks, Dave, for your long and dedicated service to Bedford. The Council wishes to thank all the former Councilors who took the time to come out for Dave.

In July the Planning Board and Council accepted a Bedford Code Book of Ordinances. The two and a-half year effort to codify all of Bedford's ordinances in one online document was conducted by the Town Clerk and the Department Heads. All of the Towns many ordinances are now in one accessible document after having been previously scattered around in various departments' files. Thanks to the Town Clerk and Department Heads.

In October, Bedford hosted Executive Councilor Ray Wiczorek and representatives of the State DOT for a Public Hearing on the 2011-2013 DOT Ten Year Road Plan (TYP). More than seventy persons turned out (standing room only) mostly to express concern about the stagnant traffic on Route 101. Several Bedford residents including Paul Goldberg, the Chairman of the Planning Board, and Henry Bechard, a member of the Bedford Economic Development Commission, spearheaded a committee to bring the DOT's attention to the problems with Route 101. Town staff also participated. As a result



of the comments of the “impressive” turn-out, the DOT announced it is accelerating the schedule of the Route 101 improvement project to begin in 2015; four years ahead of the previous schedule. BCTV contributed to the Bedford presentation by videoing the stalled traffic to show during Public Hearing comments. Thanks to all.

Late October brought a “Halloween surprise”; a foot or more of completely unexpected heavy, wet SNOW. Many trees were down, roads blocked, and power disrupted to most of Bedford. The Emergency Operations Center immediately went into action to coordinate Town recovery operations and assist residents in need. Public Works personnel are to be commended for the extra effort they put in to help get us back up and running. Our thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their response to all residents requesting assistance. “Well done” to all.

As a consequence of Russ’ death, the Council appointed Crystal Dionne as Acting Town Manager until a replacement Manager can be found. By the Charter, the Council may appoint an acting manager for periods of up to one-hundred and twenty days. That appointment may be renewed if necessary.

The Council also began a search for a new Town Manager. The Council chose to conduct the search “organically” instead of retaining an outside service. The procedure adopted to complete the search is the same process used when Russ and two other prior Managers were hired. It is expected a new Manager could be hired before the March Town elections.

Also in October, the Town was informed by Moody’s Investor Services of being awarded an Aaa (“Triple A”) bond rating. The award gives Bedford the distinction of being the only municipal government in New Hampshire with this coveted rating. As a consequence of Bedford’s sound fiscal management, a disciplined Fund Balance reserve and favorable demographics, Bedford will be able to sell its’ General Obligation (GO) bonds to fund necessary infrastructure projects at the most economical rates. The Aaa rating and interest savings will help maintain low Town budgets.

Late December 2011 brought lights to the Bedford Village Common for the first time. Travelers along

Route 101 were able to see a well lit Bandstand and the lamps along much of the Common pathways. The remaining work to complete the landscaping, the skating pond, the Veterans Memorial and finishing touches will be completed beginning in the Spring. The Bedford Village Common Development Committee members are to be recognized for the lengthy design and building effort they have overseen. It’s been well worth the wait; thank you. Fundraising continues to complete the entire project. A warming hut remains to be built near the pond. Please consider a generous donation; it’s your park.

January 10, 2012, gave voters an ability to cast their vote in the NH Primary, the “First in the Nation” Primary, to determine the candidates for the November Presidential election. There are three remaining elections in 2012; important to the Town, the State and the Nation; it is hoped everyone fulfills their responsibility.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

The 2010 Bedford Town Master Plan Update was selected as Plan of the Year within the State. Thank you to the many residents who served on the Steering Committee.

Paul Goldberg, Chairman of the Planning Board, was honored as the State of New Hampshire’s and Northern New England’s Citizen Planner of the Year. Congratulations to Paul and thank you for your long service to Bedford

Commercial development/ redevelopment is flourishing in Bedford. The Bedford Mall is in the final stages of redevelopment with many new stores open or about to open. Kohls, as an anchor store, will attract more shoppers into Bedford. The Lexus dealership is under construction on Kilton Road and Mini of Bedford has opened on South River Road across from Target and Lowes. A nearly eighty thousand square foot Market Basket is in the beginning stages of construction at the intersection of Route 114 and Donald Street extension. Several new restaurants have opened in 2011, two reopened and a new Tavern is giving us more places to eat than ever before. Medical venues have expanded at Washington Place and along Route 101. More medical facilities are expected soon. The intersection of Routes



101 and 114 is the sight of one of the new restaurants, a Credit Union, additional housing and a “work out” facility. More development is expected at this mixed use site.

The opening of the Airport Access Road, known as Raymond Wieczorek Drive, will draw renewed interest to the undeveloped/underdeveloped acreage along Route 3 (South River Road) from Merrimack to the new bridge, under construction, just south of Lowes and Target. (DOT has begun construction of a new and wider bridge to replace one of the State’s Red Listed bridges. Completion is expected to be finished in 2013.)

One final comment. It has been my honor to have served the Town as Chairman of the 2011-2012 Bedford Town Council. The Council, composed of seven elected residents, is charged by the Bedford Town Charter to carry out the governance of our town. No one Councilor has the ability to make decisions affecting the welfare of Bedford; a majority of Councilors are always required in any decision which affects you. This Council has been dedicated to the interests of the Bedford and openness in deciding all issues that have come before us. I thank my fellow Councilors for helping me carry out my responsibilities and our responsibilities to Bedford.

ACTING TOWN MANAGER

Crystal A. Dionne

To the Town Council and Citizens of Bedford:

It is both a pleasure and an honor to submit to you the 2011 annual report. Bedford is truly a special place and it is our goal to strive to preserve those aspects of the town that you, the citizens, cherish. This task is made easier by the dedicated elected officials, board and committee members, and volunteers who willingly give their time and energies to provide effective leadership and governance of the town and an extremely capable and committed town staff.

This past year was highly successful and productive in Bedford. I am pleased to have this opportunity to comment on a number of our accomplishments and successes that transpired during this year.

- Most notably, the Town received an upgraded credit rating of **Aaa** from Moody’s Investor Services, making us the only community in the State to receive this distinction. This rating speaks volumes to the Town’s ongoing commitment to sound fiscal management, solid financial operations, and strong demographic profile.
- The Town transitioned to a new police chief after the retirement of Chief David C. Bailey, who completed a successful forty year career with the Bedford PD. We welcomed Chief John Bryfonski in September 2011 and look forward to the many projects and programs he and his staff have initiated including: the establishment of social media contact with the public, more comprehensive community policing and the development of prioritized officer training curriculum.
- The Town’s routine road maintenance projects continued throughout 2011 with operating funds and the complete rehabilitation of the Wallace Road Bridge over Riddle Brook was completed. In March 2011, the Town passed a \$13.2m



Infrastructure Bond, the majority of which is dedicated to continued road reconstruction.

- Many development projects throughout Town were initiated such as the redevelopment of the Bedford Mall into a first class retail center with Kohl's as the major anchor; the opening of the Catholic Medical Center Urgent Care facility and medical office building on South River Road; the groundbreaking of the Bedford Hills mixed use project at the intersection of Route 101 and 114 including the opening of the Copper Door restaurant; and the opening of the Manchester Airport Access Road in November which provides our community with a new exit on the Everett Turnpike and direct connection to the airport.
- The Town's Master Plan, unveiled in 2010, was named as the Plan of the Year in 2011 by the NH Planners Association and resident Paul Goldberg was named Citizen Planner of the Year for NH and Northern New England.
- The Town's integrated municipal financial software conversion was completed in 2011 all with the efforts of our in house staff including the permitting and code enforcement processes.
- The Fire Department completed comprehensive Swiftwater Rescue Training for all its members as well as members of surrounding communities and agencies such as the National Guard, NH Fish & Game and NH Canine Area Search with funding made available by grant proceeds secured by the efforts of FF Ben Selleck.
- The Town successfully negotiated 3 year collective bargaining agreements with our Public Works and Fire Unions during the latter part of 2011 for commencement on January 1, 2012.

Like individuals and businesses, local government has had to cope with the changes in the economy. Town departments were charged during 2011 with looking at more efficient ways to deliver services and to find alternative funding sources where possible while recognizing that the need for public services continues to increase. It was a challenging budget year and the ensuing budget year, 2012, is no different. The departments worked diligently to compile a reasonable budget that preserved those services that residents depend on most. As such, the Manager's budget for 2012 was presented with a 1.9% increase in the tax rate for expenditures

controlled by the Town directly. It should be noted that additional increases in expenditures and thus the tax rate are realized due to retirement costs passed on to us by the State of NH as well as interest costs incurred as a result of the infrastructure bond passage and issuance in October 2011.

Overall, 2011 was a year of many challenges and changes for Bedford. The year will be remembered as another successful operational year for the Town, but one that ended with the tragic loss of our Manager, Russell Marcoux in early November 2011. The contributions Russ made to the community cannot be duplicated and his smile will be forever missed here at the Town offices. I have been honored to continue his work and assist the community in moving forward while his replacement is sought. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make the initiatives, successes and accomplishments highlighted above and throughout this Town report possible. My sincerest thanks to members of the Town staff whose continued dedication and talents combine to provide the highest quality programs, services and efficiencies. The Town Council is also thanked for their continued support of Town programs, services and projects, and my thanks and appreciation to the many others who help make Bedford a great place to live, learn, work and do business.



FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENTS

Crystal A. Dionne, CPA, Director

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

During 2011, the Town portion of the tax rate increased \$0.10, or 2.4% from \$4.13 to \$4.23 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The increase in the tax rate can be broken down into two parts, Town controlled and State of NH controlled. During 2011 the State of NH passed on additional retirement costs to local communities on top of the costs passed on in 2009 and 2010 as well as the continued elimination of shared revenue funding from the State. These costs passed on by the State resulted in an additional increase of the Town's portion of the tax rate amounting to \$0.02. The remaining \$0.08 increase is due to continued slowing revenues and general operating expense increases.

It is important to note that the property tax rate consists of four individual tax rates; town, county, school and state education. For any given year, the Department of Revenue Administration finalizes this rate in September or October. Therefore, the first half tax bill represents an estimate of your tax liability. Once the rate is set, the second half tax bill is adjusted to reflect this change in rate. It is also important to note that property taxes are due each July 1st and December 1st. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to statutory interest charges of 12% APR on delinquencies and 18% APR on liens. Properties which remain delinquent after two years from the lien execution date are eligible to be deeded to the Town.

The Tax Collector's office is also responsible for all motor vehicle registrations. We are continuing with our online renewal process as a convenience to our residents. Motor vehicle registrations can be renewed online by visiting the town's website and clicking the E-Reg license plate. Not only can residents complete straight renewals online, but they can also receive instant quotes for motor vehicle state and town fees.

For further information regarding tax collections and/

or motor vehicle registrations, including frequently asked questions, please visit the Tax Collector/MV Reg page, listed under Town Offices on our website, www.bedfordnh.org

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

The Finance Department prepared its seventh Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) during 2011 for the 2010 calendar year. This report continues to meet the strict reporting standards of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and as such has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for each year of compilation, 2004 through 2010.

During 2011 the finance department concluded its financial system conversion with the transition of all general billing and fixed assets. The system purchased has additional capabilities for online payment processing, vendor invoice submittal and employee self service functions, to name a few. In the coming months, we will be exploring these features and others to determine how they can be utilized to gain more efficiencies within our department and provide additional conveniences to our external customers.

I would like to commend the staff in Finance and Tax Collection for their continued efforts in servicing the community. Public service is not without its challenges. Every employee is asked to take on additional workload to maintain the expected level of service throughout the years and they do so without hesitation. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to serving the Town of Bedford.

The following schedules are preliminary based upon the information available at the time of report printing. Final schedules may be obtained in the Town's CAFR once our financial audit is complete in the spring of 2012.



2011 Appropriations Budgeted

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Town General Fund | \$21,606,020 |
| Other Governments: | |
| Direct – Local School | 50,775,612 |
| Overlapping – County | 3,651,317 |

2011 Revenues Budgeted:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Town General Fund | \$21,606,020 |
|-------------------|--------------|

Escrow Accounts Various Depositors

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Balance January 1, 2011 | \$2,044,648 |
| Receipts/Deposits | 1,061,088 |
| Disbursements/Withdrawals | (453,410) |
| Interest Earned | 1,476 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2011 | \$2,653,802 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | Prior |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Unredeemed Liens | | | | |
| January 1, 2011 | | 407,925 | 137,800 | 51 |
| Liens Executed | | | | |
| In 2011 (gross) | | | | |
| Collections During | | | | |
| Fiscal Year 2011 | 558,326 | 174,917 | 134,522 | |
| Unredeemed Liens | | | | |
| December 31, 2011 | 416,693 | 233,008 | 3,278 | 51 |

Tax Collector's Report - Unaudited
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Uncollected Taxes, January 1, 2011: | | |
| Property Taxes | - | 2,451,430 |
| Current Use | - | - |
| Yield Taxes | - | - |
| Sewer Rents | | 260,498 |
| Taxes Committed, Fiscal Year 2011: | | |
| Property Taxes (net) | 68,393,550 | - |
| Current Use | 932 | - |
| Yield Taxes | 8,331 | - |
| Sewer Rents | 849,340 | - |
| Overpayments: | 115,180 | - |
| Interest/Penalties on | | |
| Delinquent Taxes: | 215,378 | - |
| Totals: | \$69,582,711 | \$2,711,928 |

| | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collections During Fiscal Year 2011: | | |
| Property Taxes | 65,952,513 | 1,495,478 |
| Current Use | 932 | - |
| Yield Taxes | 8,055 | - |
| Sewer Rents | 626,443 | 260,498 |
| Interest/Penalties | 215,378 | - |
| Liens Executed | - | 921,032 |
| Abatements: | | |
| Property Taxes | 4,016 | 34,920 |
| Sewer | - | - |
| Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2011: | | |
| Property Taxes | 2,552,201 | - |
| Current Use | - | - |
| Yield Taxes | 276 | - |
| Sewer Rents | 222,897 | - |
| Totals: | \$69,582,711 | \$2,711,928 |



| STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/11 | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Principal | Interest | Total | | Principal | Interest | Total |
| 1992 Sewer Bonds (1998 refinance) | | | | 1999 Landfill Closure Bond | | | |
| 2012 | 175,000 | 8,531 | 183,531 | 2012 | 100,000 | 35,840 | 135,840 |
| Total | \$ 175,000 | \$ 8,531 | \$ 183,531 | 2013 | 100,000 | 31,360 | 131,360 |
| | | | | 2014 | 100,000 | 26,880 | 126,880 |
| 1994 Public Safety Complex Bonds (2004 refinance) | | | | 2015 | 100,000 | 22,400 | 122,400 |
| 2012 | 100,000 | 8,894 | 108,894 | 2016 | 100,000 | 17,920 | 117,920 |
| 2013 | 95,000 | 5,894 | 100,894 | 2017 | 100,000 | 13,440 | 113,440 |
| 2014 | 90,000 | 2,925 | 92,925 | 2018 | 100,000 | 8,960 | 108,960 |
| Total | \$ 285,000 | \$ 17,713 | \$ 302,713 | 2019 | 100,000 | 4,480 | 104,480 |
| | | | | Total | \$ 800,000 | \$ 161,280 | \$ 961,280 |
| 1995 Library Bond (2004 refinance) | | | | 2003 Road Reconstruction Bond | | | |
| 2012 | 115,000 | 18,031 | 133,031 | 2012 | 800,000 | 39,000 | 839,000 |
| 2013 | 115,000 | 14,150 | 129,150 | 2013 | 800,000 | 13,000 | 813,000 |
| 2014 | 115,000 | 10,125 | 125,125 | Total | \$ 1,600,000 | \$ 52,000 | \$ 1,652,000 |
| 2015 | 110,000 | 6,119 | 116,119 | 2005 Road Reconstruction Bond (issued 2006) | | | |
| 2016 | 110,000 | 2,063 | 112,063 | 2012 | 1,200,000 | 240,000 | 1,440,000 |
| Total | \$ 565,000 | \$ 50,488 | \$ 615,488 | 2013 | 1,200,000 | 192,000 | 1,392,000 |
| 2011 Infrastructure Bond | | | | 2014 | 1,200,000 | 144,000 | 1,344,000 |
| 2012 | - | 97,315 | 97,315 | 2015 | 1,200,000 | 96,000 | 1,296,000 |
| 2013 | 670,000 | 115,794 | 785,794 | 2016 | 1,200,000 | 48,000 | 1,248,000 |
| 2014 | 670,000 | 102,393 | 772,393 | Total | \$ 6,000,000 | \$ 720,000 | \$ 6,720,000 |
| 2015 | 670,000 | 88,994 | 758,994 | Grand Total Bonded Debt: | | | |
| 2016 | 665,000 | 75,644 | 740,644 | | \$ 15,425,000 | \$ 1,666,792 | \$ 17,091,792 |
| 2017 | 665,000 | 62,344 | 727,344 | | | | |
| 2018 | 665,000 | 49,043 | 714,043 | | | | |
| 2019 | 665,000 | 35,744 | 700,744 | | | | |
| 2020 | 665,000 | 22,028 | 687,028 | | | | |
| 2021 | 665,000 | 7,481 | 672,481 | | | | |
| Total | \$ 6,000,000 | \$ 656,780 | \$ 6,656,780 | | | | |



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Town Council
Town of Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Bedford's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, and the supplementary information, appearing on page 45, are not a required part

Additional Offices:

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of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The introductory section, supplementary statements and schedules, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Melanson, Heath + Company P.C.

Nashua, New Hampshire
May 18, 2011



TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2010

| | General | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and short-term investments | \$ 31,745,527 | \$ 681,420 | \$ 32,426,947 |
| Investments | 2,850,520 | 86,288 | 2,936,808 |
| Receivables: | | | |
| Property taxes, net | 2,913,664 | - | 2,913,664 |
| Departmental and other | 582,582 | 137 | 582,719 |
| Intergovernmental | 567 | - | 567 |
| Due from other funds | 146,100 | - | 146,100 |
| Prepaid items | 246,589 | - | 246,589 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 38,485,549 | \$ 767,845 | \$ 39,253,394 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 439,795 | \$ - | \$ 439,795 |
| Retainage payable | 12,171 | 32,022 | 44,193 |
| Deferred revenues | 1,601,897 | - | 1,601,897 |
| Tax refunds liability | 56,602 | - | 56,602 |
| Due to other governments | 23,451,611 | - | 23,451,611 |
| Other liabilities | 298 | 69 | 367 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 25,562,374 | 32,091 | 25,594,465 |
| Fund Balances: | | | |
| Nonspendable | 246,589 | 25,255 | 271,844 |
| Restricted | 520,286 | 710,499 | 1,230,785 |
| Committed | 4,123,267 | - | 4,123,267 |
| Assigned | 1,739,826 | - | 1,739,826 |
| Unassigned | 6,293,207 | - | 6,293,207 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | 12,923,175 | 735,754 | 13,658,929 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | \$ 38,485,549 | \$ 767,845 | \$ 39,253,394 |



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Linda C. Davison

President

Jeffrey R. Emer

Executive Director



PLANNING BOARD

Paul Goldberg, Chairman

2011 proved to be another strong year for commercial investment while residential growth remained extremely limited. Several significant projects were approved including a Market Basket at the intersection of Route 114 and Donald Street, a second and larger medical office building at the Bedford Medical Center (Washington Place), Bedford Green an 83 unit multi-family housing project on Hawthorne Drive with 30% of its units being reserved to meet the state's workforce housing standards, a new office complex with 2 buildings on Bedford Center Road and a large addition to the Catholic Medial Center building at the intersection of Route 101 and Chestnut Drive.

2011 was a massive year for construction all around town with the Bedford Mall, The Bedford Medical Center, Mini Cooper, Lexus, the Bedford Hills mixed use complex (Copper Door, Bellwether Credit Union & Benchmark Assisted Living), Market Basket, Bedford Green housing, Saint Anselm College parking lot, Haig Farr, two fitness centers and the Preserve subdivision all under construction. The Board is very pleased with the quality and appearance of all of the work and is glad to welcome the new businesses that were able to complete their projects in 2011 such as Mini Cooper, The Copper Door and the River Road Tavern. 2011 also saw the reopening of Shorty's and Bugaboo Creek restaurants, the conversion of Karen's Kitchen into Tek-Nique and Gloria Jeans into the Inside Scoop and we are thankful for their renewed or new investment in our community during a time when much of the country and world are continuing to struggle with the financial recovery.

Unfortunately due to the global financial situation the Wayfarer Hotel and Conference Center which closed in 2010 remained in its deteriorating state. One conceptual site plan was reviewed for redevelopment of the site, but by the end of the year the owner was not able to move forward with a plan for this vital site. Another significant plan which would have brought The Executive Health and Fitness Center to the Dwire land on South River

Road was shelved when the owner made a decision to reinvest in the current facilities in Londonderry.

The Planning Board is extremely proud to announce that The 2010 Master Plan Update was named New Hampshire Plan of the Year by the New Hampshire Planning Association for its forward thinking, integration of sustainable goals and transferability which is a nice recognition for all of the hard work that the Master Plan sub-committee, staff, consultants and residents put into the plan.

The Planning Board welcomed David Wall and Philip Cote as two new alternate members of the Board and Bill Dermody as the Town Council Representative and Chris Bandazian as the Town Council Alternate. The Board would like to thank Mike Burns who valuably served the Board for two decades but was not reappointed. The Board would also like to say a special thanks to Cynthia May, Planner II who left Bedford in October to take a position with the Town of Londonderry. Cynthia always provided the Board with clear and concise information and professional recommendations.

Unfortunately, a 2011 report would not be complete without remembering the death of Town Manager Russ Marcoux. The Board was shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of Russ in November. Russ affectionately became known as "Mr. Motion" on the Board as he was always ready willing and able to make a motion on every project that came before us. Russ's ability to make motions came from his clear preparation for each and every case which could always be seen in his staff reports that were highlighted in many colors with hand written notes all over them from his site visits and concerns for how the projects would impact the community or its closest abutters. Russ was a great member of the Board and is surely missed by all.



Statistics for 2011:

- 54 total actions, including 10 applications withdrawn or tabled and later approved
- 13 Site Plans for a total of 150,208 square feet of new commercial space
- 5 Lot Line Adjustments
- 4 Subdivisions yielding a total of 4 new residential lots
- 2 Change of Use Applications
- 7 Site Plan Amendments
- 9 Conceptual Reviews
- 4 Miscellaneous Items – home occupation, amended condition of approval, re-subdivision, and site plan re-approval.

River Road.

- Greiner Investments – 6,616 square foot addition to a professional/medical office on Route 101 & Chestnut Drive.
- Lexus – Site plan amendment to change 2 story building to 1 story.
- Fitness Authority – Site plan amendment to convert 2,270 square feet of storage to a personal training room and add 14 parking spaces.
- Bedford Medical Center – Site plan approval for construction of 3-story 50,040 square foot medical office building (Phase 2) at Washington Place.
- Woodbury Realty – Change of use of a 3,460 square foot retail space to be a 60-seat restaurant (The Purple Finch) at Woodbury Place.

Major Developments reviewed or approved included:

- Bedford Mall – Consolidation and re-subdivision of 1 lot into 2 for Kohl's; site plan amendment for final site and architectural changes for Kohl's; site plan amendment for approval of outdoor retail display and seating for The Fresh Market; site plan amendment for expansion of an out building for fast food and eat-in restaurant with 24 patio seats and retail.
- Market Basket – Final site plan approval to construct 78,332 square foot supermarket and associated site improvements; lot line adjustment and consolidation plan.
- Bedford Hills – Site plan amendment to for architectural review of the Copper Door Restaurant and Bellwether Community Credit Union; conceptual discussion regarding changes to the mixed use plan to construct 144 multi-family housing units with 48 workforce housing units, 11,034 square foot preschool, and 62,400 square foot fitness and wellness center at Route 101 & Old Bedford Road.
- BCR Realty, LLC – Site plan approvals to construct two 2-story office buildings on Bedford Center Road.
- Bedford Green – Final site plan approval for a 4-story, 83-unit multi-family development in the Performance Zone on Hawthorne Drive.
- River Road Tavern – Change of use of a residence to a 1,300 square foot tavern with addition, shared parking and access at 193 South



PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Richard Sawyer, AICP, Director

2011 proved to be one of Bedford's busiest commercial construction years ever with projects in various stages of development all along South River Road, Route 101 and at the intersection of Route 114 and Donald Street. The Planning Staff remained extremely busy trying to work with the owners and construction companies to see that the projects were built correctly from holding pre-construction conferences, daily, weekly or monthly inspections depending on the project, reviewing changes, administering the bonds, final inspections, signage and coordination of the final certificate occupancy. The department was pleased to welcome Mini Cooper, The CMC Urgent Care facility at the Bedford Medical Center, The River Road Tavern, The Fitness Authority, Bellwether Credit Union and the Copper Door which were all able to complete their projects in 2011. Additional information regarding new projects reviewed and or approved in 2011 can be found in the Planning Board's report.

2011 proved to be an important year in transportation planning for the community and the region as a whole. Bedford made a successful argument to the NH Department of Transportation and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Intermodal Transportation that the Route 101 improvements previously scheduled for construction towards the end of the decade must be made sooner for the economic success of the town and region. The project was moved up and is currently pending approval in the NH Legislature for construction in 2015. In November the Airport Access Road was opened which provided Bedford with a direct connection to the airport from South River Road and the FE Everett Turnpike and essentially made our Performance Zone the new main gateway to the airport. The interchange also provides Bedford with improved access to South River Road and new connections with Manchester, Merrimack, Londonderry and Litchfield. Replacement of the red listed South River Road Bridge over the Turnpike also

started construction in November which will provide four lanes in each direction through the Hawthorne Drive north intersection and help to eliminate one of the more significant PM congestion points in the area.

2011 ended with a significant change within the Planning and Zoning Department when Cynthia May, Planner II left in October to become the Londonderry Town Planner. Cynthia primarily served the Planning Board, Historic District Commission and the Bedford Village Common Committee for her four years in Bedford. Cynthia was extremely well respected by all of the boards as well as the development community. Cynthia is a consummate professional and was a tremendous asset to the department; we wish her all the best. Colleen Mailloux was hired in November to be the new Planner II and comes to Bedford with seven years of professional planning experience with the last 5 years being with a private firm located in Bedford. Colleen has worked diligently to learn all of our regulations and practices and is quickly becoming a valuable member of the department.

The department continued to assist the, Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Historic District Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Bedford Village Common Development Committee and worked with Southern NH Planning on the Regional Economic Development Plan and the Certified Sites program. The Department spent much of the year working with the Town Council's Ad Hoc Historic District Review Committee which was charged with looking at all aspects of the district including its boundary, its ordinances and the Historic District Commission's regulations and procedures. After numerous committee meetings, two public forums and a complete review of all available information the committee ultimately could not reach a consensus on any of the most significant issues.

The planning staff spent a significant amount of time this year learning and implementing our new software system that will track applications to all of our boards and commissions and manage all of the plans, photographs, word documents, deadlines, finances and inspections that are associated with them. During the last quarter of the year the department was finally able to introduce a new plan filing system that will provide a safe and long term solution for preserving and retrieving these vital documents. We are confident that the new



software and plan filing systems will provide the staff and development community with greater and more efficient access to information than ever possible before.

On a very special note Planning Board Chairman Paul Goldberg was named New Hampshire's and Northern New England's Citizen Planner of the Year for 2011. Paul's dedication and service to Bedford for over 30 years and his understanding of land use, utilities, and economic development makes him a standout and a great role model.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Boards and Commissions who dedicate their time to making Bedford a great place to live and work. I would also like to thank the planning staff for their dedication and support; together the staff was responsible for assisting our land use boards and committees with approximately 60 public meetings and 100 applications this year. On a very sad note unfortunately 2011 ended with the tragic loss of Russ Marcoux. Russ was much more than just a town manager to the department; he was a valued friend and mentor to us all. His support of us as individuals and as a department will be remembered and valued forever.



**TITLE LXIV
PLANNING AND ZONING - CHAPTER 674
LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND
REGULATORY POWERS**

Regulation of Subdivision of Land

Section 674:39-aa

674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots. I. In this section:
(a) "Involuntary merger" and "involuntarily merged" mean lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes without the consent of the owner.

(b) "Owner" means the person or entity that holds legal title to the lots in question, even if such person or entity did not hold legal title at the time of the involuntary merger.

(c) "Voluntary merger" and "voluntarily merged" mean a merger under RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.

II. Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

(a) The request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.

(b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.

III. All decisions of the governing body may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676.

IV. Any municipality may adopt local ordinances, including ordinances enacted prior to the effective date of this section, to restore previously merged properties that are less restrictive than the provisions in paragraph I and II.

V. The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

VI. Municipalities shall post a notice informing residents that any involuntarily merged lots may be restored to premerger status upon the owner's request. Such notice shall be posted in a public place no later than January 1, 2012 and shall remain posted through December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

Source. 2011, 206:4, eff. July 24, 2011.



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

James O'Neil, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducts hearings on applications for relief from land use regulations. The most common types of applications concern requests for:

- 1) Variance from use or dimensional requirements;
- 2) Special Exceptions;
- 3) Equitable Waiver from dimensional requirements; and
- 4) Appeal from decisions of Administrative Officials.

Where there are unique or extenuating circumstances, the Board of Adjustment provides an avenue for relief from restrictions and for local resolution of land use issues. The Board of Adjustment can grant an application if the legal requirements for relief are met. However, the Board of Adjustment cannot grant relief if it would be the equivalent of rezoning or amending a zoning ordinance. After hearing evidence for or against an application, the Board of Adjustment deliberates and votes on all requests in public session.

In 2011, the Board of Adjustment heard 20 applications for variances, 4 applications for special exception, 1 Equitable Waiver and 1 Request for rehearing. The majority of the applications filed in 2011 were variance applications for relief from building setback requirements or wetland setbacks. The distribution of applications is reflective of the maturing status of development in Bedford. Of the applications decided in 2011, 19 were approved or approved in part, 5 were denied or denied in part. Over the course of 2011 the Board of Adjustment has had a full board for the whole year. I would like to thank all of the members of the Town Council, the Zoning board and members of all of the other volunteer boards that represent the Town of Bedford for making themselves available to serve our community.

Members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Town Council. The Board of Adjustment is comprised of 5 regular members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council, and 3 alternate members, one member of the Town Council serving as an alternate. Karin Elmer, a member of the Planning Department, attends all ZBA meetings and provides information to the Board.

Applications to request a hearing and the meeting schedule of the Board of Adjustment (usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month) are available at the Town Offices and also are available online at the Town website, www.bedfordnh.org. Completed applications are due no later than 18 days prior to the desired hearing date. The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquiries regarding zoning questions and assists individuals with application procedures.



SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively to a specific community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year are as follows:

- 1) Hosted a Legislative Open House in Concord for Bedford and other legislators on February 10, 2011;
- 2) Assisted the Town in applying for and obtaining NH DOT Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) grants to conduct community-wide surveys for an update to the Town's Master Plan;
- 3) Provided planning/transportation support services when requested by Town officials and for the Town's Master Plan update;
- 4) Conducted a Broadband Survey of the Community

Anchor Institutions within the Town as part of the New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Program to help identify un-served and under-served areas within the town;

- 5) Completed for the first time an Economic Development Plan for the region which included the development of an economic assets profile, SWOT analysis and target industry analysis for the Town of Bedford;
- 6) Submitted federal grant applications for sustainability and economic development planning to expand growth within the Route 114 corridor; develop local sustainability plans for town master plans and a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Hillsborough County municipalities.
- 7) Conducted traffic counts at forty-four (44) locations, including 4 counts at the intersection of Meetinghouse, Gault and Patten Roads. The data was forwarded to the Planning and Economic Development Director;
- 8) Completed the Pettengill Road Transportation/Land Use Study;
- 9) Represented the interests of the Town on the Region 8 Regional Coordination Council for the Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services Project;
- 10) Coordinated NHDOT Project Wilton–Bedford–Amherst–Milford 13692 for Bedford;
- 11) Conducted high accident location study for the intersection of US 3 (S. River Road)/Kilton Road.
- 12) Continued to provide brownfields program assistance to all municipalities in the region to fund environmental assessment studies and to encourage the clean up and redevelopment of contaminated sites, including facilitating several Brownfields Advisory Committee meetings which were attend by Bedford officials;
- 13) Hosted four Planners' Roundtable and Natural Resources Advisory Committee meetings throughout the year for Planning Board and Conservation Commission members focusing on a variety of topics including: sustainability of Farmers Markets, regional farmers market coordination, Manchester Greenway Project, the Piscataquog Watershed Land Conservation Plan, white nose bat syndrome, PLAN NH sustainability planning, and the proposed Woodmont Commons development of regional impact;



- 14) Encouraged and facilitated energy planning to communities in the region by offering energy audits on municipal buildings through the Energy Technical Assistance Program (ETAP);
- 15) Completed the 2010 Regional Comprehensive Master Plan Update, including a public input survey and outreach;
- 16) Provided continued assistance and guidance regarding the NH Workforce Housing Law;
- 17) Facilitated a meeting with Town Administrators, Public Works Directors, and Road Agents to discuss the feasibility of energy purchasing cooperatives;
- 18) Continued to work with Emergency Management Directors from all the municipalities in the region to develop a region-wide Community Preparedness Program;
- 19) Conducted a number of public opinion surveys on various topics of regional concern including transportation, open space and recreation, natural hazards, public facilities and services and public utilities and communication;
- 20) Compiled building permit and certificate of occupancy permit records to record dwelling unit totals in all communities and prepared summary report;
- 21) Provided assistance to the Town on issues related to the development of the FY 2013 – FY 2022 Ten Year Highway Plan.

Bedford’s Representatives to the Commission

David J. Danielson
 Paul Goldberg, Alt.
 Karen S. McGinley
 Gregory A. Camann, Alt.
 William Duschatko
 Harold Newberry, Alt.

Executive Committee Member: Karen S. McGinley

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

William H. Ingalls, Assessor

Effective April 1, 2011 Bedford experienced an overall net growth in valuation of residential and commercial properties of .18% over the 2010 tax year (Utilities and Exempt properties not included). This represents a .21% decrease from the comparison between 2009 and 2010; the town still grew, but grew less than the year before. The factors that attribute to this comparative decrease include the following: construction finished in 2011 that began in 2010 or before, projects begun in 2011 partially completed as of April 1, 2011, physical changes to properties noted during 2011 data collection efforts, and the results of various valuation appeals settled during the 2011 tax year. Projects approved during 2011 but not started until after April 1, 2011 were not included in any calculations. New total values as of April 1, 2011 are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Residential..... | \$2,752,620,163 |
| Comm/Ind | \$587,338,600 |
| Utilities..... | \$37,196,988 |
| Exempt | <u>\$169,128,883</u> |
| Total..... | \$3,546,284,634 |

Property tax exemptions totaled \$15,578,243 and property tax credits of all kinds totaled \$549,500 for a total of \$16,127,743 in tax exemptions and credits. In Bedford the Standard Veteran’s Tax Credit is \$500; the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit (surviving spouse of anyone who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces) is \$2000; lastly the Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit is \$2000 and it can be noted that Bedford provides the highest veteran’s credit amounts allowed by law in New Hampshire. The 65-74 Senior Property Tax Exemption is \$76,350, the 75-79 Senior Property Tax Exemption is \$81,350, and the 80 years of age and older Senior Property Tax Exemption is \$120,000. Bedford also provides a Blind Property Tax Exemption of \$35,000, a Deaf Property Tax Exemption of \$35,000, and a Disabled Property Tax Exemption of \$52,000; in addition there are property tax exemptions for Wind Powered Energy Systems, Wood-Heating Energy Systems, and Solar Energy Systems.



Information about qualifying for credits and exemptions can be found at the Assessing Department area of the town website at www.bedfordnh.org.

The total assessed value of any property; residential, commercial, or exempt not completed by April 1, 2011, will not be reflected in the above listed amounts. The numbers do include the partially completed value as of April 1, 2011; total assessed values reflect the state of completion and physical condition of all property as of April 1 each year. The total assessed value of all property completed after April 1, 2011 will be included in the numbers for 2012.

As reported to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, there were a total of 373 property conveyances. This is 2.4% more total transactions than the 2010 year, compared to the 2.6% drop in total transactions between 2010 and 2009, and the 8.4% drop in total transactions between 2009 and 2008.

The year 2011 represented a third straight year of economic difficulty throughout much of the United States and Bedford was and is not immune to this situation; since the 2008 town-wide valuation update the Bedford real estate market has declined 8.2% overall. As we have all seen across the rest of the US however, it easily could have been a lot worse. Between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011 there were 23 deeded foreclosures representing only .34% of the total of residential properties in Bedford, compared to 36 for the same time period in 2010, and 29 in 2008. Naturally, no one wants to lose their home to foreclosure and we do not take this lightly with 1989 through 1993 being the last time Bedford experienced anything like this, but these numbers do not represent a truly large volume of foreclosures either as a total number or on a percentage basis. It is still true that if you pay close attention to the articles in print and on the internet, and to the stories you see on television, you will see not only has New Hampshire in general continued to fare better than most of the country, but we are expected to recover from this faster than most states as well - certainly in the top 25%. So as the dust continues to settle from the last few years, there is optimism for things to improve. With various projects already started including the Mini Cooper Dealership, the re-development of the Bedford Mall including Kohl's, the new Washington Place medical office building, the Tavern at 193 South

River, the Lexus dealership, the new Shorty's and all the development at Routes 101 and 114 there is a sense of optimism going forward. In addition we anticipate the recent completion of the Airport Bypass Road will spur further development of the southern part of Route 3 over the next few years.

As of December 31, 2011, the classifications of specific property types in town are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Single Family Residence..... | 6247 |
| Residential Multi Family | 41 |
| Residential Vacant..... | 483 |
| Residential Mobile Home | 3 |
| Residential Condominiums..... | 614 |
| Commercial/Industrial Improved..... | 535 |
| Commercial/Industrial Vacant..... | 44 |
| Exempt | 257 |
| Utilities..... | 28 |
| Total..... | 8252 |

The Bedford Assessor's Office must continue with the ongoing data re-verification and inspection program for the next town-wide valuation update presently scheduled for 2013, even though an update was completed in and for 2008. In order to satisfy the "value anew at least once every five years" requirement of the State Constitution, this office will continuously re-verify and re-inspect properties throughout each year. Physical property characteristics either missed or changed will be added or removed from properties (*remember - if you've filled in an in-ground pool or torn down a shed let us know about it by/before April 1 of any year*); this way, we can avoid the major expense of a revaluation - the data collection phase, and still use the most up to date information available.

A public access computer terminal is available in the assessing lobby along with tax maps for property research - while we try to keep the on line information up to date the public access terminal will always be the most up to date. Assessment information can be seen on line at www.visionappraisal.com, and maps/abutters lists for individual lots are available at www.mapsonline.net. Assessing office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

James B. Stanford, P.E., Director

Bedford Public Works has six divisions:

Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Field Maintenance, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 26 Full Time, 1 PT and 4 seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including solid waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year with the one million dollar local appropriation. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of Town roads. In total, just over two and one half (2-1/2) miles of Town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. We replaced several culverts and reclaimed/paved Cider Mill Road, Eagle Drive and Nut Hatch Lane. The Riddle Brook Bridge on Wallace Road between North Amherst Road and Briar Road was rehabilitated with a new concrete invert and stone wall repairs. The original bridge's corrugated metal pipe, installed in 1979, had deteriorated to a point that the bridge required this work. We also had to repair a section of wing wall and abutment to the Nashua Road Bridge over Riddle Brook.

Public Works continued field maintenance responsibilities for the Recreation Department. We completed several projects including contracted turf maintenance and fertilization on all of the playing fields. As part of energy saving measures we installed motion sensors and partial switching capabilities for the lighted courts and Legacy Park lights. The department also assisted in overseeing construction of the bandstand and related site work for the Bedford Village Common.

In addition to Town Project work, the Department oversaw consultant review and inspection of several subdivision and siteplan projects including work on South River Road with realignment of the Washington Place for the Bedford Medical Office, Pulpit Road upgrades for the Preserve Subdivision, South River Road surface and signal improvements for the Mini Cooper dealership and Constitution Drive signal improvements for the Mixed Use site.

WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISIONS

**Stephen R. Crean
Environmental Coordinator**

In 2011 we completed work on the Capacity Management Operation Maintenance (CMOM) project as part of our EPA permit obligations. Upgrades to the Constitution Drive Pump Station were started as part of the Mixed Use site development and other system extensions/connections were made as part of development on South River Road and Hawthorne Drive.

We continued to offer single stream recycling at the transfer station. The recycling program enables residents to combine all recyclables and dispose of them in the same container. The value of recyclables continued to increase over the year and we began to receive revenue to offset the hauling costs.

Building Maintenance projects included; installation of emergency generator at the Town Library and annual cleaning maintenance of Town owned buildings. Bids for the roof replacement and insulation project at the Town Library were also completed with work scheduled for early 2012.



HIGHWAY DIVISION

Paul Belanger
Superintendent
Assistant Director

During the 2011 winter seasons there were 24 snow and/or ice events. The early winter months yielded significant snowfall totals but the late year events were more ice and freezing rain events. We had a late October snow event with sixteen (16”) inches of snow and significant tree damage. Hurricane Irene also hit the region in August but we avoided the major flooding and damage found in other parts of the State.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road maintenance, brush clearing and drainage system construction. As part of the roads program, crews made several drainage system improvements to several streets including Kahliko Lane. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased two 6-wheel dump trucks and also a Transfer Station backhoe.

| 2011 ROADS PROGRAM | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| TREATMENT | ROAD NAME | FROM | TO |
| Rehabilitation | Cider Mill Road | Joppa Hill Road | Eagle Drive |
| Reclaim/Overlay | Cider Mill Road | Joppa Hill Road | End |
| | Eagle Drive | Oriole Drive | Olde Lantern Road |
| | Nut Hatch Lane | Eagle Drive | End |
| Wearing/Overlay | Perry Road | North Amherst Road | Joppa Hill Road |
| Drainage Projects | Wallace Road Bridge over Riddle Brook – Rehabilitation | | |
| | Nashua Road Bridge over Riddle Brook – Stone Wall repair | | |



BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

John Bryfonski, Police Chief

2011 was a year of transition for the Bedford Police Department (BPD), witnessing the end of Chief David C. Bailey's tenure as Chief of Police after serving more than 22 years as Chief and more than 40 years with the department. Chief Bailey's careful, nurturing and adroit leadership guided the department to where it is today; a professional agency providing high quality law enforcement and public safety related services to residents and visitors alike.

Since becoming Chief in September 2011, I have undertaken a top to bottom review of the department and determined it is staffed by the highest quality, most dedicated and professional public servants found anywhere in government. Moreover, the BPD staff, both sworn and civilian alike, is poised and ready to take BPD to the next highest level of quality law enforcement service delivery and face the challenges posed by ever increasing calls-for-service (up 429 or 2% vs. 2010 which was up 3.5% vs. 2009 or approximately 5.5% over the past two years) in a static resource environment.

During the fall of 2011, BPD, supported by the residents of the Town and its business community, was successful in raising sufficient funds to inaugurate the "Are You OK?" Program, an automated system designed to provide an additional layer of connectivity and protection for members of the community who require either temporary or permanent assistance in maintaining their safety and security due to illness, immobility or other debilitating circumstances. The "Are You OK?" Program will be inaugurated in 2012, which evinces the level of support and trust placed in its Police Department by the residents of Bedford.

The departmental review identified program areas, which if augmented, will benefit the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of BPD and hence the service rendered to its residents. The department has brought together a

multi-disciplined staff from various divisions within the department to formulate a comprehensive, prioritized, training program for 2012, and beyond to ensure BPD officers have the necessary skill sets to handle complex tactical situations not uncommon for communities the size of Bedford. By conducting a multi-disciplined and prioritized review, BPD ensures the most important training needs are met first throughout the department. In addition, staff from various divisions were assembled to formulate a comprehensive Community Policing Program, building upon its existing community policing initiatives that will programmatically address and connect with Senior Citizens, Businesses, Young Adults and Residential/Neighborhood Developments. This effort will form the foundation for a more pro-active, problem solving based, policing model being used by the most progressive departments across the United States. Various changes to internal administrative functions that have taken advantage of existing functionality in the department's management software has already resulted in the automation of some activities that were previously accomplished manually, making our officers available for pro-active patrol and thus more efficient.

As noted above, while calls-for-service in 2011, have increased by approximately 2%, and some criminal activity remained static or declined, other categories revealed increased activity, specifically with respect to burglaries, both residential and commercial (up 20 vs. 2010 [34:54]); "simple" assaults (up 9 vs. 2010 [53:62]); fraud (up 19 vs. 2010 [29:48]); and criminal mischief (up 13 vs. 2010 [99:112]). The protection and safety of the public from all types of criminality is the top priority for BPD and our Patrol and Detective Divisions have proved successful in preventing, interdicting and solving crime; keeping the aggregate number of criminal incidents relatively low. However, any criminal incident represents one too many and our staff, working together with the community, will continue to develop, implement and deploy programs and procedures to address criminal activity; to reduce crime and increase the safety of our citizens and their property. Highway safety, another top tier priority for BPD, revealed 2011, was relatively unchanged from 2010, with 656 motor vehicle accidents in 2011 vs. 665 in 2010 (-9) with one less personal injury accident in 2011 than in 2010.



**Bedford Police Department
2011 Annual Statistics**

Note: Values in RED Indicates a **Reduction** in any Category

Note: Drug Violations, represent **pro-active cases self-initiated by BPD**

Note: Some categories reflecting increases or **reductions** are immune to influence by law enforcement activity.

| | 2010 | 2011 | Difference | Pct +/- |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---------|
| Category: | YTD | YTD | | |
| Calls for Service | 24246 | 24675 | 429 | 1.76% |
| Accidents | 665 | 656 | -9 | -1.35% |
| Fatal | 1 | 2 | 1 | 100% |
| Property Damage | 533 | 525 | -8 | -1.50% |
| Injury | 132 | 131 | -1 | -0.75% |
| Arrests: | | | | |
| Adult | 816 | 676 | -140 | -17.15% |
| Juvenile | 80 | 106 | 26 | 32.5% |
| Motor Vehicle Activity: | | | | |
| MV Summons Issued | 1719 | 1740 | 21 | 1.22% |
| MV Warnings Issued | 8125 | 7896 | -229 | -2.81% |
| Parking Tickets Issued | 123 | 84 | -39 | -31.70% |
| MV Complaints | 776 | 618 | -158 | -20.36% |
| DWI's | 128 | 83 | -45 | -35.15% |
| Burglaries: | | | | |
| Residential | 23 | 34 | 11 | 47.82% |
| Commercial | 11 | 20 | 9 | 81.81% |
| Thefts: | | | | |
| Willful concealment | 86 | 60 | -26 | -30.23% |
| Theft from a motor vehicle | 61 | 41 | -20 | -32.78% |
| Theft all other | 146 | 103 | -43 | -29.45% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 4 | 7 | 3 | 75% |
| Assaults: | | | | |
| Simple | 53 | 62 | 9 | 16.98% |
| Domestic Disturbances | 115 | 132 | 17 | 14.78% |
| Sexual Assaults | 21 | 13 | -8 | -38.09% |
| Other Assault | 3 | 7 | 4 | 133.33% |
| Robberies | 2 | 5 | 3 | 150% |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Misc. Crimes: | | | | |
| Criminal Mischief | 99 | 112 | 13 | 13.13% |
| Disorderly Conduct | 286 | 299 | 13 | 4.54% |
| Drug Violations | 10 | 66 | 56 | 560% |
| Counterfeit/Forgery | 23 | 21 | -2 | -8.69% |
| Fraud | 29 | 48 | 19 | 65.51% |
| Intimidation | 20 | 36 | 16 | 80% |
| Internet Crime | 16 | 8 | -8 | -50% |
| Misc. Calls for Service: | | | | |
| Alarms: | 2047 | 1874 | -173 | -8.45% |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|---------|
| Animal Control: | | | | |
| Animal Complaints | 430 | 506 | 76 | 17.67% |
| Dog Complaints | 543 | 485 | -58 | -10.68% |
| Dog Summonses | 67 | 80 | 13 | 19.40% |
| Dog Warnings | 27 | 33 | 6 | 22.22% |
| Assists: | | | | |
| Assist Fire | 119 | 138 | 19 | 15.96% |
| Assist Citizen | 551 | 492 | -59 | -10.70% |
| Assist Other PD | 187 | 168 | -19 | -10.16% |
| Assist Utilities | 43 | 102 | 59 | 137.20% |
| Community Policing | 9 | 28 | 19 | 100% |
| Civil / Civil Stand-By | 98 | 94 | -4 | -4.08% |
| Death Investigation | 9 | 15 | 6 | 66.66% |
| Found Property | 84 | 82 | -2 | -2.38% |
| Highway Conditions | 542 | 669 | 127 | 23.43% |
| Littering Complaints | 19 | 14 | -5 | -26.31% |
| Lost Property | 69 | 48 | -21 | -30.43% |
| Rescue Assists | 522 | 530 | 8 | 1.53% |
| Suspicious Person/ Vehicle | 1390 | 1207 | -183 | -13.16% |

During 2011, Officers Cory R. Egan, Scott E. Norris and Stefan J. Swiadas, pictured below, were recognized by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council in receiving the “Looking Beyond the Traffic Ticket” Award for their work in developing criminal investigations from routine motor vehicle and highway safety activity.





BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott A. Wiggin, Fire Chief

This past year has been a bittersweet year for the Bedford Fire Department. From February 2nd through March 14th the Bedford Fire Department lost four (4) very close people to the department. Passing were retired members, Fire Chief Ralph Wiggin, Retired Captain Donald Folsom and Retired Firefighter Ken Jenkins. The fourth person was not a member but was very involved and supported the department in many ways, that person was Ms. Doris Bongers. Our condolences and wishes will remain with these individuals' families forever. Again this year, we experienced an increase in Fire and Ambulance calls from the previous year. This correlates to a 20% increase in fire calls and a 5% increase in ambulance calls. The fire activity has increased in 2011 because of five (5), Working Fires or greater throughout the town. Also a request for services from neighboring communities has increased. Ambulance calls were up from the previous year because of higher demand for medical needs. We maintain full-time Paramedic Service 24/7, which provides the community with the highest level of pre-hospital care available. We also support some of our neighboring communities in time of need with Paramedic Intercept Service for Advance Life Support. Our current shift staffing remains at six (6) personnel on duty 24/7 when we are at full staff. We also have one (1) daytime person four (4) days a week. All four (4) shifts have been actively performing public and life safety inspections of all businesses and public places of assembly.

This year the department received one (1) new vehicle through our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This vehicle being a 2011 International MaxxForce 7600 series cab and chassis that replaced our 1979 Mack 3,500 gallon Tanker.

This year the department was the recipient of a \$98,102.00 Grant from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the purchase of Swiftwater/Floodwater equipment and training. This project was pursued and obtained by Firefighter/ Paramedic Benjamin Selleck. This project provided the Town and the immediate region with a resource and training that is not currently

offered to firefighters. The training was over a six week period and trained over 200 firefighters/police officers in swiftwater/flood rescue techniques. I would like to thank Ben for his time and effort under the assistance of Deputy Chief Mark Klose in bringing this program to fruition.

I would like to congratulate FF/ Paramedic Corey Fecteau for completing the New England EMS Institute's 15 month paramedic program. Corey ascertained his National Registry Paramedic in January 2011. I would also like to congratulate FF/Paramedic Erik Thomas for receiving his Bachelors Degree in May. We also had three firefighters; FF/Paramedic Jeff Humphrey, FF/Paramedic Ben Selleck and FF/Paramedic Corey Fecteau complete the 120-hour Company Officer I & II program at the NH Fire Academy in November/December. Many department members attended specialty rescue programs throughout the year, such as; Rope Rescue Technician, Confine Space Technician, Ice Rescue Technician, and Hazardous Material Technician. Deputy Chief Klose and I were re-designated as a Chief Fire Officer (CFO). Also Deputy Chief Klose obtained his re-designation as a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) by The Commission of Professional Credentialing.

A reminder to all citizens that the law requires a written fire permit anytime the ground is not covered with snow. Also, any portable fireplaces, such as chimineas, steel fire pits, and any devices designed to burn permissible combustible materials other than gas or charcoal are required to have a written permit. The fire department will conduct a site visit and assess the installation and use, and if deemed appropriate a seasonal permit may be issued.

Homeowners need to maintain annual inspections on heating appliance and maintain adequate clearances to all combustible materials; along with having all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors checked for proper operation. Homeowners need to properly discard ashes in metal covered containers outside and away from any combustible materials. If any citizen has a question or concern regarding the installation and or operation of a heating appliance, or portable fire place, please contact the Bedford Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau.

I would like to thank the general public for all of their support through donations and letters of appreciation that we have received over the past year.



| | Y-T-D 10 | Y-T-D 11 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| FIRE CALLS | 620 | 747 |
| AMBULANCE | 1376 | 1451 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | |
| Service Calls | 186 | 125 |
| Field Inspections | 594 | 415 |
| Plan Review | 66 | 73 |
| Burning permits | 1142 | 902 |
| Blasting Permits | 14 | 14 |
| SUBTOTAL | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 2002 | 1529 |
| Total Service Provided | 3998 | 3727 |

please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2nd 2011. There was however a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

***FOREST FIRE
WARDEN'S
REPORT***

***REPORT OF FOREST FIRE
WARDEN AND
STATE FOREST RANGER***

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information

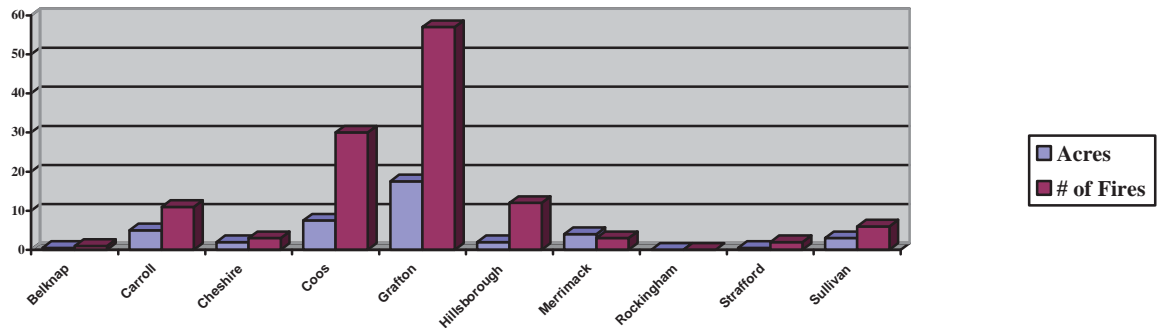


2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

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

| COUNTY STATISTICS | | |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| County | Acres | # of Fires |
| Belknap | .5 | 1 |
| Carroll | 5 | 11 |
| Cheshire | 2 | 3 |
| Coos | 7.5 | 30 |
| Grafton | 17.5 | 57 |
| Hillsborough | 2 | 12 |
| Merrimack | 4 | 3 |
| Rockingham | 0 | 0 |
| Strafford | .5 | 2 |
| Sullivan | 3 | 6 |



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Acres

| | | Total | Fires | Total |
|-----------|----|---|-------|-------|
| Arson | 7 | 2011 | 125 | 42 |
| Debris | 63 | 2010 | 360 | 145 |
| Campfire | 10 | 2009 | 334 | 173 |
| Children | 2 | 2008 | 455 | 175 |
| Smoking | 9 | 2007 | 437 | 212 |
| Railroad | 1 | | | |
| Equipment | 1 | | | |
| Lightning | 3 | | | |
| Misc.* | 29 | (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.) | | |

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE



BUILDING HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Wayne Richardson
CBO Code Health Official
Wayne Moore
Code/Health Inspector
Gary Pariseau
Health Inspector

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The town food licensing & public pool programs continue to operate utilizing best management practices. All of the public bathing facilities have met the “certified pool operator” requirement of the public health ordinance. The benefits of having a Certified Pool Operator maintaining the public pools and spas include: understanding water chemistry and how to keep the water chemistry balanced according to the town rules. Ensure that the filter equipment is working correctly, and when the facilities need to close due to a deficiency. In 2012 the Bedford Health Department will continue initial opening inspections for outside facilities and compliance inspections for inside and outside facilities throughout the pool season. Food service compliance program continues to improve and attendance of town sponsored education programs for food service establishments remains excellent. The focus of the 2011 Food Service Establishment training was geared to help food establishment personnel become familiar with the terminology and format of the 2009 FDA food code. As a result of our training programs there was minimal confusion as the new rules were enforced.

In 2011 we completed the transition to the 2009 FDA Food Service Code, the new inspection forms and began electronic record keeping for food service inspections with the activation of the MUNIS software. As always anyone with questions about a particular establishment is encouraged to call or come into the office and look at the records.

Mosquito born illnesses continue to be a concern for residents of the state. Our research has led us to

conclude the most effective type of protection is the use of individual insect repellent wipes for a specific time and location. The Health Department continues to advise all residents your best defense against contracting these diseases is by self-protection and following guidelines to help reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home. These guidelines can be found by following the links on the Health Department page on the Town of Bedford web site.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to report that 2011 was a better year for the town with respect to commercial construction. The Building Department issued Certificate of Occupancies for: a 3 story office building, an automobile dealership, two new restaurants, two retail buildings at the Bedford Mall site, an exercise facility, and an office building expansion on Route 101. Along with these completed projects several other permits were issued during the year for projects and are in various stages of completion including but not limited to: two new office buildings on Bedford Center Road, a new bank at the mixed use site, the automobile dealership on Kilton Road, a new retail building for Kohl’s, and the assisted living facility at the mixed use site. Site work has begun for the new retail grocery store on Donald Street but the building permit has not been applied for at this time. This list does not include the numerous existing building remodels completed or underway at this time. Contained in this list are: a new bakery at 21 Kilton Road, a new restaurant located in Woodbury Court, a new grocery store for the Bedford Mall, and a pet supply retailer at the Bedford Mall.

The new software for the Building and Planning Departments went live as of June 1, 2011. As with any new system there have been a few bumps in the road along the way and despite our best efforts to plan ahead there were numerous modifications required to fine tune the system. The ability of the new software to be modified as our needs dictate is one aspect of why it was chosen. One very nice feature is the software will automatically send an email notice with permit approval and inspection results as long as individuals provide us with valid email addresses. Another aspect is the amount of information we are able to glean from our data is impressive and yields a more accurate picture of the department’s activities. An example of this ability to



provide more useful data is the following: If you look at the tables below you will notice the department approved 377 projects for the year. While that number is accurate it doesn't reflect a true representation of the amount of work done by the department. Those 377 projects required the issuance of more than 1400 individual permits in order to review, approve, and inspect the work required for these projects. The system will also provide a breakdown of our inspections based upon the inspector and the types of inspections performed. These are just two examples of the types of data we are now able to review to evaluate our operations. We are evaluating the possibility of activating the web based portion of the software. This would enable everyone to view the current status of all applications, permits, detailed inspection results for active permits, and the results of our food service and public pool inspections programs. Internet users would be able to perform permit research without having to come to the town offices or when our office is closed.

by advertisements from ICC. If you haven't been to the new website please visit it. Take a tour and let us know what you like or don't like. If you know of other links with information that may be helpful to others please let us know. There are direct emails links to the staff so you are able contact us directly.

If you have questions about permits, when and if they are required or questions about food service establishments please visit the department web pages on the town web site or give us a call at 472-3838 with your questions or e-mail them directly to the person you wish to contact: wrichardson@bedfordnh.org, wmoore@bedfordnh.org gpariseau@bedfordnh.org.

The Building Department continues to encourage residents, contractors, and developers to visit our web pages for the information contained there. We continually make improvements and add new items of interest for everyone. The single most important page on our web site is the web link to view the current building codes online, located on the additional links of interest page. This link allows everyone to view the building codes at no charge and you may do so anonymously if you wish thereby reducing the risk of being inundated

| COMPARISON OF VALUE* OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--|
| | 2008 | | 2009 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | |
| COMMERCIAL ADDITION | \$160,000 | <i>1</i> | \$0 | <i>0</i> | \$1,000,000 | <i>1</i> | \$0 | <i>0</i> | |
| COMMERCIAL REMODEL | \$5,425,758 | <i>51</i> | \$4,358,307 | <i>43</i> | \$3,383,717 | <i>60</i> | \$5,738,231 | <i>51</i> | |
| NEW COMMERCIAL | \$2,664,000 | <i>3</i> | \$3,290,700 | <i>6</i> | \$12,769,000 | <i>8</i> | \$36,251,370 | <i>11</i> | |
| NEW DWELLING | \$7,049,000 | <i>20</i> | \$6,501,900 | <i>20</i> | \$9,544,200 | <i>33</i> | \$4,804,800 | <i>18</i> | |
| NEW RESIDENTIAL | \$1,102,936 | <i>17</i> | \$624,350 | <i>16</i> | \$279,200 | <i>11</i> | \$1,643,100 | <i>14</i> | |
| RESIDENTIAL ADDITION | \$4,255,585 | <i>119</i> | \$2,905,890 | <i>101</i> | \$3,359,305 | <i>120</i> | \$2,396,233 | <i>89</i> | |
| RESIDENTIAL REMODEL | \$1,175,290 | <i>42</i> | \$1,237,198 | <i>38</i> | \$1,318,690 | <i>52</i> | \$1,890,687 | <i>48</i> | |
| SEPTIC | \$346,000 | <i>39</i> | \$431,800 | <i>69</i> | \$461,850 | <i>60</i> | \$320,750 | <i>34</i> | |
| SIGNS | \$63,000 | <i>39</i> | \$118,940 | <i>28</i> | \$155,274 | <i>23</i> | \$203,340 | <i>37</i> | |
| SHEDS | \$106,384 | <i>34</i> | \$103,050 | <i>31</i> | \$132,151 | <i>36</i> | \$205,383 | <i>47</i> | |
| SWIMMING POOLS | \$810,090 | <i>32</i> | \$498,750 | <i>26</i> | \$611,230 | <i>28</i> | \$713,445 | <i>28</i> | |
| | \$23,158,043 | <i>397</i> | \$20,070,885 | <i>378</i> | \$33,014,617 | <i>432</i> | \$54,169,350 | <i>377</i> | |
| Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure | | | | | | | | | |
| Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating | | | | | | | | | |
| New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings) | | | | | | | | | |
| Figures in italics are the number of projects permitted to generate the values in the table. | | | | | | | | | |
| * = VALUES ARE BASED UPON FIGURES GIVEN ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS | | | | | | | | | |



BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Ann Senatro, Director
**Trustees: Edward Moran, Robert
 Brooks, Anthony Frederick**

The beautiful Bedford Public Library is the place in our community for residents to connect. Patrons stop in each day to connect with reading, online information and meet with each other. We continue to see increases in the circulation of materials. This year we reached a new milestone, the 300,000 mark! We circulated 310,274 items, which is a 4% increase over last year. We had a total of 149,889 visitors coming through our doors in 2011. Our meeting rooms continue to be a popular gathering place for local non-profit organizations. The McAllaster Room, the Richmond Room, and the Quiet Study are booked throughout the day averaging 100 meeting room reservations per month. In so many ways the library serves as a community center in Bedford.

Bedford is part of the GMILCS network of libraries. We are pleased to announce that the Nesmith Library in Windham has joined the GMILCS library consortium. This expands our regional resource sharing and opens up a whole new variety of materials for Bedford residents to borrow. Windham joins Bedford along with the other GMILCS libraries which include: Amherst, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Salem, Manchester, Merrimack, NH Institute of Art, Milford and New England College. Using our shared online catalog you can search for Bedford items or items in any of the GMILCS libraries. Start your search at our webpage: www.bedford.lib.nh.us.

The Children's Summer Reading Program was a resounding success again this year. We had 1,067 children sign up and they reported 19,607 books read! The theme this year was, "One World, Many Stories". We offered many programs, crafts and performers to keep the children engaged all summer. Other children's programming this year included drop-in story times, story times for toddler 2's and Mother Goose story times for infants to 2 years old. The Summer Reading Program

for Teens was called "You Are Here". We encouraged the kids to read and participate in writing book reviews, book discussions and "Crafternoon" events. We had a Summer Reading Program for adults called, "Novel Destinations". It was a great reader's advisory effort with participants writing book reviews and posting them online and on our bulletin board to share with the community a great summer read suggestion.

Our monthly book discussion groups continued to be popular in 2011 as did our monthly Friday night movies. We continued our partnership with the Bedford Historical Society and the NH Humanities Council for program grants. We piloted a new programming effort this year called, "Teachable Tuesdays". It is a series of informational sessions on various topics of interest presented by local residents, business owners and librarians. A sampling of the programs this year included: "Organizing Photos", "Explore the Art of Embroidery", "The Sandwich Generation and Caring for Our Parents" and "Using Technology to Plan Enjoyment of the Outdoors". The library staff also offered numerous sessions on how to download eBooks from the NH Downloadable Consortium which were very popular.

Karla Kittler joined the library staff as a part-time library clerk this year when Andrea Dollen moved out of state. Heather Murray replaced Kim Gabert as a part time reference librarian when Kim left for a full time position in Milford. We welcome them to our staff of extremely dedicated library employees. Many thanks to summer employee, Breanna Harrington, for her patience and expertise in making the Summer Reading Program a great success once again this year.

In 2011 we had 10 volunteers assist the staff behind the scenes at the library. Our volunteers in 2011 were: Mary Jane Beaver, Christina Campbell, Danny Desmond, Alberta Dieter, Bennie Hanauer, Laurie Heinz, Gene Holley, Jean McGiffin, Barbara Potter and Bhawna Sharma. We are so grateful to them for all they help us accomplish. We greatly miss our dear friend and long time volunteer, Betty Clock, who was unable to volunteer this year due to illness.

An exciting highlight of 2011 was the introduction of a standby generator at the library. We are now available to be a warming location in the winter and a cooling location in the summer during emergency power outages.



We are pleased to have a beautiful custom made case and vitrine to protect and display the Bedford Library Accession book from 1789. It was made by cabinetmaker, Alden Miller. This rare book has the names of many of the original settlers in Bedford and the list of books that they purchased over the years. It will be periodically on display throughout the year on the upper level. The funds for this exquisite case were provided by the Bedford Library Foundation.

We are appreciative of all the support we receive from Bedford residents, local businesses and organizations. The Rotary Club of Bedford generously donated funds for the Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program once again this year to purchase materials and prizes and programming for the children. We are so grateful for the hard work and continued support of the Bedford Public Library Foundation. This year they donated: a color copier that can be networked, custom made tables for the Express Check units, Blu-ray DVDs, Playaway audio books, a Nook and a Kindle eReader and museum passes. The Lions Club provided us with our annual supply of library card protectors; and the Bedford Garden Club added to the beauty of our building with plantings and wreaths and once again donated a membership to the Fells in Newbury, NH. The popular Boston Museum of Science pass is donated by the Bedford PTG. We are also appreciative of the Friends of the Library who work tirelessly to make the Sunday Concert Series possible. The Friends purchase multiple museum passes which can be reserved on our website. The most recent additions to our museum pass program this year include discounts to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and Plimoth Plantation. Check out our website for the whole list. For all of these gifts and other library enhancements

that are outside of our town operating budget we are extremely grateful.

The Bedford Library is a member of the NH Downloadable Consortium. This year the eBooks are also compatible with more devices including the Kindle. The Foundation has funded additional eBooks for Bedford patrons through the Overdrive Advantage program.

We are so grateful to all of the readers in this community that use and support the library throughout the year. We welcome you all to stop in and use your library card often. Please visit our webpage at www.bedford.lib.nh.us to find the materials you want and discover what is going on at the library.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the Bedford Public Library, thank you for allowing us to serve you. We strive to offer you the best materials and services and we always welcome your feedback.

Connect with learning, the internet and the community at the Bedford Public Library.





2011 Library Statistics

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Books on accession (12/31/2010) | 68,658 |
| Books purchased: | 4,606 |
| Books donated:..... | 499 |
| Sub-total: | 73,763 |
| Books withdrawn: | 3,690 |
| Books on accession (12/31/2011) | 70,073 |
| | |
| Number of registered borrowers | 9,635 |
| | |

Library holdings (12/31/2011)

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Books | 70,073 |
| Magazines | 3,596 |
| Audio books | 2,316 |
| Videos/DVDs | 3,724 |
| Compact discs | 2,206 |
| Total | 81,915 |

Subscriptions - 2011

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| Magazines (titles)..... | 117 |
| Newspapers (titles)..... | 12 |
| Microfiche (titles)..... | 29 |
| Microfilm (1 title) | 39 rolls |

2011 Circulation Statistics

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| Books | 208,975 |
| Magazines | 9,851 |
| Compact Discs | 13,343 |
| Videos/DVDs | 59,255 |
| Audio Books | 17,844 |
| Museum Passes | 1,006 |
| Subtotal | 310,274 |
| Electronic Resources..... | 309,583 |
| Total | 619,857 |

**Bedford Public Library
Special Account 2011**

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| Cash on hand 1/1/11..... | 35,479.58 |
| Income: | |
| Book Sale | 4,604.95 |
| Copies/Fax/Printing | 2,839.46 |
| Gifts..... | 2,510.72 |
| Fines..... | 18,376.23 |
| Non-Resident Fees | 525.00 |
| Replacements | 3,590.15 |
| Interest..... | 142.91 |
| Total Income: | 32,589.42 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Miscellaneous | 1,823.34 |
| Programs | 370.00 |
| Copiers | 7,284.81 |
| Library Enhancements | 9,334.25 |
| Books and Media | 5,192.16 |
| Total disbursements: | 24,004.56 |
| Cash on hand 12/31/11..... | 44,064.44 |
| Osberg Bequest Balance | 66,357.71 |



BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION - BCTV CHANNELS 16, 22 & 23

Mike Sills, Chairperson
Bill Jennings, Station Manager
Coleen Richardson
Assistant Station Manager

Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town's local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV now has three channels. Channel 16 is for public programming; Channel 22 is for government programming and in August 2011, a third channel was activated for education programming; Channel 23.

The station's mission is to provide a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information.

The station exists as part of a standard contractual agreement between the town and the local cable service provider, Comcast. Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast fund the operation of the station. The station is not funded by Tax dollars. BCTV is governed by a Board of Overseers which is made up of residents and representatives from the town council, and the school board. The board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the station.

Public programming on Channel 16 is for general programs that entertain, inform and cover topics of interest that are produced by residents and non-profit organizations in the community. Programs produced by other communities in the state as well as throughout the country are also incorporated into the schedule.

Channel 22 is dedicated to government programming. All town government meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22. Close to 200 government and school board meetings were broadcast live on Channel 22 and the new education channel, Channel 23 in 2011. All government

and school board meetings are then rebroadcast on an average of twice a day on their respective channels. The meetings are also available on video on demand through the BCTV website, www.bedfordtv.com

Channel 23, the new education channel, broadcasts all Bedford school district related programming. The channel is now the new home for live school board meetings. School sports, concerts, non copyright plays, talent shows, classroom activities, graduations as well as educational lectures will now be broadcast on the channel. Live broadcasting capability exists at the high school field press box; theater and gym.

The station also runs a community bulletin board for public service announcements. Any non-profit organization can have their notices posted. BCTV is a non-commercial station.

To submit a PSA go to the BCTV website and click on "Submit a PSA". PSA's can be both graphic slides and video public service announcements. Contact the station for more information.

Video on Demand and simultaneous live web video streaming is available for all three channels through the BCTV website. Video on demand allows PC, Mac and digital mobile device users to access and watch programs at their convenience. Instructions to access these features can be found on the BCTV website.

The station has two full time staff personnel and six part time government and school board videographers. The station is also supported by a large number of volunteers who fill positions as producers, directors, camera talent, editors, or hosts of their own show. Training is available from station personnel for any resident or non-profit organization interested in learning about broadcast productions.

In 2011, BCTV volunteers and staff produced many programs that covered an array of subjects. Their programming earned them both regional and national recognition by the Alliance for Community Media in the ACM's 2011 video festival. The national award was in the education activities category. It was called "The Mt. Cardigan Experience" and it was produced in conjunction with the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School.

In 2011, BCTV extended its cable franchise agreement



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Merv Taub, Chairperson

five years beyond the original expiration date. The new expiration date is December, 2018. By extending the non-exclusive agreement, BCTV received the additional education channel; additional capital funding for the duration of the agreement and new radiant digital modulators. The radiant digital modulators will allow for pure digital broadcasting and they were provided at no additional charge. It should be emphasized that the franchise agreement with Comcast is non-exclusive and does not prevent any other cable service provider from entering into an agreement with the Town of Bedford.

In 2011, BCTV also improved its web video streaming and video on demand capability by moving the service from its own internal servers to a remote third party provider. The intent was to allow uninterrupted on line services without screen freezing and video and audio disruption to an unlimited number BCTV on line users.

BCTV begin adding new HD cameras to their inventory as well as new HD editors with more powerful processing speed for quicker turn around production. A new video server which now holds up to 4tb of storage replaced the older units and will now allow the station to keep more programs on line longer for viewing.

In the station's continued efforts to make the community more aware of BCTV's capabilities, the web site was expanded and re-designed for ease of use. In addition, the station has set up a face book page for on line users to get quick access to information on programming.

To learn more about BCTV and how you can get involved, contact either station manager Bill Jennings, or assistant station manager Coleen Richardson by calling 472-8288 or emailing us at bctv@bedfordtv.com

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This was another very quiet year in that there were only 7 dredge and fill applications, of which 4 were State and Town applications, and the total loss of wetland was less than 2,000 sq. ft., the lowest in memory.

However this does not mean the Commission was not occupied with important natural resource preservation and improvement.

We continued to research ways to delineate the Ash Bog so that it could be better protected by a conservation easement. This is a complex task with no clear answers and so we have tabled this for the present.

We completed the consolidation of the many lots that go to make up the Pulpit Rock Reservation. This has been a difficult process in that lots were acquired over many years, from several sources and with funding from a variety of providers. We are now finalizing the conservation easement with the Bedford Land Trust who will become the grantees and stewards of this valuable town resource.

We are very aware of how little open space remains in town and we are continuously in touch with owners of these lands to find ways to protect more open space for the residents to enjoy.

I would like to record my gratitude to the diligent members of this commission who volunteer their time to serve this town and do so with a passion for this work, especially my Vice-Chair Kevin Gagne, who has ably stepped in when I have been absent from meetings. The Pulpit Rock sub-committee continues to serve with great vigor under the guidance of Richard Moore, and they have opened up new trails on the recent additions to this property. The Bedford Land Trust held an event to publicize the work that has been done there and this was very well attended.



Finally I would like to record our thanks to Karin Elmer who so ably manages all we do and all we need to know. She is an invaluable asset to us and to the Town.

Pulpit Rock Subcommittee Report

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission invites you to visit your conservation area. It is a great choice when you are looking for a hike that is close to home, with over 4 miles of moderate to difficult trails. The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee is charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. Subcommittee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Clark Gott, Ray Landry, Doug Pryce, Eric Soederberg, and Conservation Commission representative Anthony Clark. In 2011, activities at the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area included an Eagle Scout project, two new trails, and an educational walk.

For the Eagle Scout project, Sam Thomas of Troop 414 organized the construction of two new picnic tables and the rebuilding of the roof on the kiosk at the parking lot on New Boston Road. The kiosk was originally constructed decades ago by the Bedford Men's Club, but it needed a new roof. Thank you so much, Sam!

A new trail to the former Martin property (now part of the conservation area) was established by volunteers and the Subcommittee. The opening of the trail was marked with an educational walk co-hosted by the Pulpit Rock Subcommittee and the Bedford Land Trust. The Land Trust had played an important role in acquiring the property for the town. Also established in 2011 is a trail that provides the connection to conservation lands in Amherst and leads to the trails at Joppa Hill Farm. This trail was established cooperatively by the Amherst Conservation Commission.

Plans for the upcoming year include updating the trail map (to include the two new trails), updating the displays on the newly reroofed kiosk, and a spring work day in late April or early May. Please check the Bedford newspapers in April for the date. Our thanks are extended to those who have helped out at the Pulpit in past years on our annual workdays. We always welcome your help.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Brian Driscoll, Chairperson

The Historic District Commission administers Article VII Historic District of the Bedford Zoning Ordinance, and adopts and amends regulations for the administration of the Historic District. The Historic District Commission regularly reviews applications for property owners who want to make improvements within the Historic District, which includes all of Bedford Center Road, Church Road, Bell Hill Road, Chandler Road, and portions of North Amherst Road, Ministerial Road, Liberty Hill Road and Meetinghouse Road. Properties along Route 101 between Bedford Center Road and Wallace Road are also part of the Historic District, and include residential and commercial uses.

The purpose of the Historic District is to ensure that new construction and significant building and property renovations are in keeping with the character of the district and preserve the Town's cultural, economic and architectural history. At the same time, the Historic District Commission strives to balance residents' concerns and protect the historic character of the Town center, keeping in mind that Commission decisions have an impact on residents and businesses in the District. Throughout 2011, the Historic District Commission worked to ensure that the district is not only a nice place to drive through, but is also a pleasant place to live and operate a business.

The Historic District Commission met 10 times during 2011 for regularly scheduled meetings to review applications. A total of 28 applications were filed and heard in 2011, including 17 commercial proposals, 10 residential requests, and one application by the Town. There were more commercial applications submitted than the previous year. In addition to 10 commercial sign applications, there were 2 applications for commercial sign lighting, 2 commercial building expansion proposals, 1 new commercial building construction application, 1 commercial awning request, and 1 replacement window project in a commercial building.



On the residential side, the Historic District Commission approved 3 applications for minor home improvements, including a replacement roof and new garage doors; 3 applications for small building additions to existing structures; one project to construct a detached carriage house; one project to replace an existing shed; one tree removal project; and construction of one swimming pool.

Additionally, the Historic District Commission approved a request made by the Town to replace the “Welcome to Bedford” sign on Route 101, and to replace the Town Office sign.

During 2011 the Commission also discussed amendments to the Historic District Regulations and Historic District Rules of Procedure. After a public hearing held on December 6th, the Commission voted to revise the Historic District Commission regulations to amend the application deadline from 14 to 18 days prior to the meeting in order to permit adequate time for notification, to add a new section to permit administrative review of minor alterations by planning staff, to add a section addressing natural disasters causing damage that requires immediate action on the part of the property owner, and to clarify when property owners must seek approval for removal of trees. Also on December 6th, the Commission revised its Rules of Procedure to clarify the role of the Planning Board liaison in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to amend the application deadline from 14 to 18 days prior to the meeting to be the same as the revised regulation, to amend public notice requirements and availability of meeting decisions and minutes in accordance with NH RSAs.

At the May 3 meeting, Brian Driscoll was elected Chairman and Bernie Ruchin was elected Vice-chairman of the Historic District Commission. Greg Zimmerman did not return to the Commission as a regular member after his term expired in March and we thank him for his many years of service to the community. Bill Dermody’s term as the Town Council Representative ended in April and Paul Roy moved from the Town Council Alternate to the Town Council Representative. Jason Carrier joined the Historic District Commission in April as the Town Council Alternate. Phil Cote was appointed as the Planning Board Representative in June.

BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION

**Michelle Casale, Chairperson
Jane O’Brien, Parks and
Recreation Manager**

The Parks and Recreation system for the Town is a combination of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Recreation Department and the Parks Division which is part of the Public Works Department. All three entities play vital roles in fostering a sense of community for the Bedford residents.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is comprised of Bedford residents who volunteer their time to aid the Department in bringing programs and policies to the community. Through their efforts, all aspects of the Department’s services, including passive and active recreation, are improved. The Commission helped establish a Road Race Policy for the Town in cooperation with the Police Department and the Public Works Department. The Commission has been supportive of the Dog Park Subcommittee in their process of finding a location in Town.

The Recreation Department helps provide programs to residents along with coordinating places to meet and socialize by outside groups and organizations. The Department strives to bring in new and exciting programs for people of all ages. The wide variety of recreational programs offered this past year included fitness programs like Yoga and Step-n-Tone. Other favorites included our intergenerational Lego Club, Kids Cooking Classes, Mad Science Afterschool Programs, Coffee & Tea lectures for seniors and adults with topics like “Family Love Letters” and “Long Term Care”. We have continued our very popular Ballroom Dancing, which is now in its 17th year. We offered certification programs for teens in Babysitting, along with Indian Cooking classes; Embroidery classes and our first Oil Painting Program by resident Luci Lesmerises and a new Photography program coordinated by resident Michelle Palys.



Over the past year the Town Council put together an ad hoc subcommittee with members of “M.O.L.D.” (Members of Outdoor Leagues Discussion Group) Town & School Departments to work together for budgeting purposes on field maintenance for both school and town fields.

Springfest was held in May for the younger residents of Bedford with perfect weather conditions. It was well attended with families who enjoyed an outdoor day filled with fun. Activities such as the candy treasure hunt, pie eating contest, the Public Works, Fire and Police Departments allowed children to climb in and see their vehicles. The Coalition of Bedford Youth under the direction of Sherry Charkin again lent their helping hands to allow Miss Jane to offer this Town wide program.

The Recreation Department and the Richard K. Harvell Post #8401 worked together to organize our Pre-Memorial Day Parade with many participants including the Bedford High School Marching Band led by Jim Butka and Milford Marching Band led by Bradley Smith, we had many Republican and Democratic politicians join the parade and shake hands with the parade crowd.

As our summer season approached us, the Department doesn't slow down as we offer many summer programs to residents of all ages, new programs brought into our community this year included Lego Your Mind a robotics summer camp held at Town Hall, as well as Sunshine Generation Camp which excited young musical artist who accomplish an end of the week performance for family members, our Mad Science Summer Camp offered new programming for preschoolers this year with a week of studying and participating in “How Does Your Garden Grow” this program was largely attended by the younger residents in Town.

The Bedford Memorial Pool again offered our hours of operation seven days a week from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. making this facility more customer friendly. We were also able to accommodate those early morning and after work lap swimmers by offering a 7 a.m. and a 7 p.m. adult half-hour lap swim. The Bedford Memorial Pool brings families together for some wholesome, affordable

family entertainment. The facility allows visitors of all ages to enjoy swimming and safe water play with our kiddie splash pool and water slide in the main pool.

Our Recreation Department again offered a 7-week summer day camp known as “Camp Witzel” for 6-12 year olds which was led by Camp Director, Michele Brisson. Camp Witzel works with children to learn life skills that become habits of the heart! Camp Witzel encourages children in an environment for today's generation to strive for tomorrow's goals.

Teen Adventure Camp for 13-16 year olds was quite busy taking a number of our teen residents to many of NH State Parks, Theme Parks, Patriot's Place, paintball adventure and IMAX Theater. This program allows teens a unique opportunity during the summer months. This camp allows them to learn new skills, building self-esteem and making new friends through adventures that are not only educational, but fun.

The Family Cultural Series celebrating its 21st season and the children and parents in Town came out on Tuesday nights for family musical entertainment by entertainers like Ben Rudnick & Friends, Judy Pancoast, Magician BJ Hickman and T-Bone a Bedford favorite whose title is the American Musical Pied Piper.

On August 2nd, we had our third “National Night Out” America's Night Out Against Crime event which is an opportunity to promote police-community partnerships. This is a national event that started back in 1984 with only 400 communities in 23 states participating. Bedford celebrated this night with a softball game between two Town Departments, the Bedford Police Department led by Officer Mike Bernard playing against members of the Fire Department led by John Leary. We had a great evening of sports, food and family entertainment.

The Parks Department under the supervision of the Public Works Director provides routine parks maintenance, playground maintenance, athletic facilities maintenance, pool maintenance along with the support for special Town-wide events. A special *thank you* goes out to our Park's employees Kevin Hodgdon and Mike Fortier for an excellent job maintaining the Town's facilities this past year.



BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Beverly Thomas, Chairperson
Jeanene Procopis, Vice-Chair

In 2011, significant progress was made in shaping the Bedford Village Common (BVC) into Bedford's newest community park. Most notable was the construction of the New England-style bandstand, installation of most of the park's lighting system, and installation of the skating pond's weir and preliminary excavation of the pond. In addition to these amenities, the Common will offer pathways, park benches, a warming hut and Veterans Memorial. Once complete, the Common, located adjacent to Route 101 and Bell Hill Road, will enhance Bedford's quality of life as a community gathering place open to people of all ages and abilities.

During the year, the focus of the Committee was centered on the park's construction schedule and fundraising. Generous donations from the community have propelled the project forward. Pond excavation and other site work have been donated by Dick and Demetria Anagnost and the Anagnost Companies. A garden pergola, a gift from the Bedford Garden Club, was installed at the pathway entrance in July. An information kiosk was designed, built and installed by Eagle Scout Josh Dollen and two picnic tables were completed and delivered to the site by Eagle Scout Liam Ouellette.

Fundraising continued throughout the year. In February, the Bedford Friends of Recreation held a comedy night and fund-raising dinner at the Manchester Country Club to benefit the Common. In May, the Pepsi Beverages Company chose the Bedford Village Common project as the 2011 New England grant winner for the "Pepsi Gives Back" program. Pepsi provided supplies and volunteers for a work-day at the BVC to paint the fence along Route 101, as part of this annual program. The BVC was the recipient of a \$3,000 grant from the Ann DeNicola Trust in October. In December, the Committee launched a town-wide mailing asking residents to take

part in building the park by supporting it with cash donations. And finally, local businesses who gave generously during 2011 included: MINI of Bedford, Vanesse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Bedford Ambulatory Surgical Center, Harvest Market-Supermarkets, Inc., and Upton & Hatfield LLP.

The construction of the park has depended upon a partnership of public funds and private donations. In February, the Bedford Village Common Development Committee matched and received the final \$19,000 of the \$50,000 of town Recreation Impact Fees (no tax impact) that were earmarked by the Town Council at their May 2010 meeting. In November, after requesting additional Impact Fees from the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Town Council approved the transfer of an additional \$22,000 of funds. These too were required to be matched by BVDC fundraising prior to their release.

Community outreach during the year consisted of a new Public Service Announcement, aired on BCTV, to publicize commemorative brick and granite paver sales, and information tables, manned by committee volunteers, at both the Strawberry Festival and Town Elections. The committee continues to provide the BVC page on the town's website and periodic press releases throughout the year to promote fundraising efforts and update the community of the park's development.

The BVDC is a Town Council-appointed committee consisting of Beverly Thomas, Chair; Jeanene Procopis, Vice-Chr; Deb Sklar; and Richard Poisson. Dennis Tokac represents the Parks & Recreation Commission. Town representatives are Bill Dermody, Town Council, and Ken Peterson, Town Council Alternate (March – December) with Mike Izbicki having served as Town Council Alternate from January to March. Other town representatives are Jeff Foote, Town Engineer, who is overseeing park construction and Cynthia May, Planning Department (January - September.) Anne Cruess of TF Moran, Inc. donates her consulting services to the Committee. The BVDC provides volunteer assistance to the Town Council with the goal of creating a community park for the benefit of the citizens of Bedford.



BEDFORD CEMETERY ***TRUSTEES***

Ralph Dieter, Chairperson
John Wood,
Betty Hosang, Secretary

The Board of Trustees, Ralph Dieter, Chairman, Elizabeth Ho Sang and John Wood, held seven Ad Hoc Meetings, one Public Forum, and eight regularly scheduled meetings during 2011.

There were eight lots sold in total for 2011, three 4-grave lots, three 2-grave lots and two single lots. Additionally, there was a partial payment on another two 4-grave lots. Also, one lot was returned and refunded. The total income from lot sales was \$12,800.

There were 30 burials for 2011; cremation burials were 11 and full burials were 19.

We pay our respects to the families of two long time Cemetery Trustees, Ralph Wiggin and Don Folsom, who died in 2011. We honor the contributions that Ralph and Don made in our community at the Bedford cemeteries.

The trustees are responsible for the care and maintenance of the four Bedford cemeteries (Old Bedford Cemetery, Beal's Road Cemetery, Joppa Hill Cemetery and Bedford Center Cemetery), as well as the Walker Monument located on Station Road.

All three trustees attended the 2011 Municipal Trustees Seminar for Cemetery Trustees by the Charitable Trusts Unit of the New Hampshire Attorney General and the October meeting of the New Hampshire Cemetery Association

Some of the accomplishments throughout the year include:

- The approval of new Rules and Regulations by the Town Council on June 22, 2011;
- The new parking lot in the hilltop section of the town cemetery was completed by Bedford

Department of Public Works;

- The installation of a new gate in the hilltop section of the town cemetery;
- Removal of many trees from the cemetery by private contractors; some were necessary due to storm damage, others were removed as part of our maintenance plan; and
- Continuing the process of updating the online records.

Additionally, nine historic gravestones in the Bedford Cemeteries were restored this year through a generous donation by the Friends of Town of Bedford Cemeteries. Volunteers cleaned 25 gravestones at the Old Bedford Cemetery in the spring and an additional 20 gravestones at the Bedford Center Cemetery in the fall. A special thank you to the Friends for their continued support!

Already approved and funded for next year will be repair of the garage clapboard and continued work on the tree removal. The trustees would like to thank Paul Belanger and the crew at the Department of Public Works for all the assistance they have provided to the town cemeteries.



SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

**Joan McMahan, Chairperson
Benita Diamond,
Ellen Bostwick**

BEDFORD TOWN MODERATOR

Ryk Bullock, Town Moderator

As of December, 2011, the Checklist recorded the following:

**3,019 Democrats
6,386 Republicans
4,154 Undeclared
For a total of 13,559 Registered Voters**

Current checklists are available at the Library and in the lobby of the Town Offices if you would like to check the accuracy of your voter information.

Supervisors of the Checklist hold evening and Saturday sessions for voter registration applications and corrections to the checklist prior to each election. These sessions are posted in the Town Office, the Library, on the Town website (www.bedfordnh.org), on BCTV and in compliance with state law, advertised in a local newspaper. Residents are welcome to apply for voter registration and make name, address and party changes at the Town Offices during regular business hours.

For further information regarding the duties of the Supervisors of the Checklist please visit the Town website (www.bedfordnh.org), contact the Supervisors through e-mail at checklist@ci.bedford.nh.us or call 603 792-1329.

The Supervisors would like to thank Lori Radke, Town Clerk, and Paula Talmanson for assisting in the registration application process throughout the year.

Perhaps as you gain maturity (and by that I mean age) you gain a certain perspective that allows an individual (like a Moderator) to acknowledge with appreciation and gratitude those people around him that make the journey, cause and result worthwhile, regardless of the obstacles faced, the lines of division crossed and the complications that must be endured.

This year only had one election, I, as your Moderator and my staff remained involved in our community by sponsoring one Blood Drive/Bone Marrow Registries/Organ Donation Bank event in November. The support of the community was heartening in the resulting given the number of blood units which were collected and the number of new registrants into the Bone Marrow Registry as well new registrants to the New England Organ Donor Bank.

As we look in review of this year which will officially end in March it is only appropriate to extend thanks to so many people and organizations.

The American Red Cross, New England Organ Donor Bank and Be The Match Marrow Registry for their unwavering support. Every time I wanted to schedule a blood drive/bone marrow registrations/organ donation registration in a time frame that had never been done before they always and without reservation provided the staff and supplies and we always achieved the goals set or beyond.

There are few words adequate that I can say about the support myself as Moderator and the Election Staff has received from HARVEST MARKET except many, many thanks. Deli Manager, Erika Meyer, has been a never ending source of support from the very first Blood Drive/Bone Marrow Registry and now the Organ Donation Registration that was not associated with an election. The donation of sandwich platters and cheese platters on each occasion has been a tremendous factor in accommodating our donors and making our events singular and effective. Erika's and Harvest's generosity



and dedication to community involvement has been unparalleled and most appreciated.

The action of our Town Council in separating the election budget into three parts for the last four years has been proven to be one of wisdom and foresight. The fact that currently there exists a Moderator's Budget, Town Clerk's Budget and Supervisors of the Checklist's Budget has proven to be cost effective in reducing the overall costs of elections and thereby saving the taxpayers dollars and in actual terms thanks to my being able to singularly manage the Moderator's Budget I was able to neither overrun or overspend my budget coming in at \$0.00, thus running entirely on what I committed to the townspeople.

The commitment of cooperation that exists between the three election departments, namely the Moderator, Town Clerk and Supervisors of the Checklist has been an integral part to the success of the election process. To be sure we do not always agree, but with the foundation of mutual respect and ability to be irrecoverably dedicated to the sanctity of the democratic ideal and our combined loyalty to the citizens of our community we have functioned and continue to operate as a team.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Paul Belanger and his staff performed their tasks setting up the polls, disassembling the polls and many more duties up to, during and after the Election Day with the professionalism and dedication which can only be admired by other communities not as fortunate as Bedford.

To restate my report to the voters of the last two years, I reiterate that my job to oversee the entire operation before, during and after Election Day, without the support of a dedicated staff would render my job impossible. My Senior Assistant Moderator Todd Bohan is indispensable. Todd runs the entire operation with me. It must be acknowledged at this point that my other Senior Assistant Moderator Tami Bohan who handled all the "nuts and bolts" issues starting weeks before the election and continued through the election night and that she chaired the Tabulation Team, has after twenty-five year of service has decided to take a Sabbatical and her decision resulted in my creating a new position of Assistant Moderator for Election Personnel. I was

proud to appoint Barbara Chagnon to that post and her performance has been gratifying. Barbara, as Tami always did, has demonstrated her dedication to her community and to our staff in 2012 and beyond.

The tabulation team consisting of Senior Assistant Moderator Tami Bohan, former Town Clerk Wanda Jenkins, former School District Clerk Kathy Van Anglen and Senior Ballot Clerk Gloria MacVane brought to resolve the voter intent of our community and their honor and integrity reverberated throughout the election process. Assistant Moderators Dave and Nancy Larson handle the voting machines throughout Election Day and Assistant Moderator Ralph Dieter (with the help of his Boy Scouts) orchestrated the accommodation of our physically challenged voters in all ways imaginable. My sincere thanks to all of them as well as my complete staff totaling over 75 of your fellow citizens.

As always I acknowledge with thanks, (now former) Chief David C. Bailey, Captain Daniel Douidi and the members of the Bedford Police Department. Their support and assistance is not only appreciated but is welcomed and most necessary. They as always remain a source of pride not only to the Election Staff but to our community as well.

Finally, as always, my thanks goes out to you, the citizens of Bedford for your faith in me and the staff that is so dedicated to our community. It is no small wonder that our election process has been acknowledged with so many accolades by the Secretary of State, the Attorney General's Office and others. This is not surprising when I and my staff have the support of you, the citizens.

Again my thanks.

Ryk Bullock, Moderator





TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Scott Earnshaw, Chairperson
Mark Peicker, Ken Hawkins

We, the Trustees of the Trust Funds, offer these brief comments on the annual report that follows.

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town of Bedford or the Bedford School District in anticipation of specific uses, and (2) Trust Funds, which have been set up to support on-going projects, such as the Bedford library or the Bedford cemetery. At more than \$5 million, the Capital Reserve Funds make up most of the monies invested by the Trustees, with just over \$64,000 in the Trust Funds.

During most of 2011, the Capital Reserve Funds were invested in a single unified account with Centrix called Insured Cash Sweep (ICS).

Trust and Capital Reserve Fund Totals for Year Ending December 31, 2011

Capital Reserve Funds (Principal and Revenue)

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| <i>School Building Fund</i> | 9,435.16 |
| <i>School Maintenance</i> | 50,193.49 |
| <i>School Tuition</i> | 153,376.36 |
| <i>School Land Fund</i> | 313,424.64 |
| <i>Route 3 Improvement</i> | 10,558.03 |
| <i>Transfer Station Equipment</i> | 81,670.36 |
| <i>Transfer Station Improvement</i> | 208,759.89 |
| <i>Conservation Commission</i> | 370,662.25 |
| <i>Town Office Restoration</i> | 59,567.46 |
| <i>Safety Complex</i> | 21,256.55 |
| <i>Sidewalk Improvements</i> | 13,806.43 |
| <i>Compressor Replacement</i> | 34,768.97 |
| <i>New Land Reserve</i> | 410,989.94 |
| <i>Radio Reserve</i> | 137,144.31 |
| <i>Fire Engine Replacement</i> | 555,485.26 |
| <i>Building Addition</i> | 28,906.56 |
| <i>Fire Equip Resrv</i> | 89,672.09 |
| <i>Sewer Enterprise (Wastewater)</i> | 635,143.85 |
| <i>All Purpose Tractor</i> | 85,637.45 |
| <i>Master Plan</i> | 52,940.52 |
| <i>Traffic Signal Improvements</i> | 75,802.48 |
| <i>Sweeper Replacement</i> | 120,925.07 |
| <i>Grader</i> | 232,196.68 |
| <i>Chipper</i> | 27,707.67 |
| <i>Roadside Mower</i> | 61,356.50 |
| <i>Library Maintenance</i> | 101,072.32 |
| <i>Commercial Revaluation</i> | 35,282.64 |
| <i>One Ton Trucks DPW</i> | 70,952.41 |
| <i>Portable Police Radios</i> | 57,460.27 |
| <i>Solid Waste Backhoe</i> | 63,884.56 |
| <i>Pool Building Maintenance</i> | 31,143.48 |
| <i>Sportsman Field</i> | 118,212.31 |
| <i>Parks Equipment - Massey Tractor</i> | 5,040.66 |
| <i>Ten Wheel Dump Truck</i> | 138,151.08 |
| <i>Fire Tanker</i> | 53,524.97 |
| <i>Sewer Systems Improvement</i> | 219,480.54 |
| <i>MS Open Licensing</i> | 22,414.54 |
| <i>Ambulance Replacement</i> | 50,203.16 |
| <i>Bulldozer</i> | 40,904.31 |
| <i>Fuel Storage Tanks</i> | 87,199.87 |
| <i>Jacobsen Mower Replacement</i> | 32,036.28 |
| <i>Kubota Tractor Replacement</i> | 10,385.42 |
| <i>Parking Lot Construction</i> | 20,792.90 |
| <i>BCTV Digital to HD</i> | 35,195.98 |
| <i>BCTV Renovations</i> | 2,520.34 |
| <i>Pictometry</i> | 21,116.88 |
| <i>Ladder Truck Replacement</i> | 50,353.41 |
| <i>Pick Up Truck Reserve</i> | 20,111.32 |
| <i>Front End Loader Replacement</i> | 70,404.61 |
| Total Capital Reserves | 5,199,232.23 |



TOWN CLERK

**Lori Radke, Town Clerk
Paula Talmanson,
Deputy Town Clerk**

It's been three years since being newly elected in 2008. Again, thank you for support and I hope to offer you another three years of excellent service.

In 2011 we licensed 3,690 dogs and conducted one town election. The office administered 386 vital records and 75 marriage licenses.

This year we introduced EREG for Dogs. Residents are now able to renew their dog license online. I also held a contest for Bedford's Top Dog. Axel was voted 2011 Top Dog. His photo was used in the Dog License Poster.

Again this year we focused on the dog license program. We continued our efforts informing residents of the importance of licensing their dog before the April 30th deadline in order to avoid fines and fees. I am happy to report that once again the amount collected in fines and fees has declined.

I would like to thank Steve Paul, Animal Control Officer, Karen Fischer, Debra Zemaitis and Melanie Wallace, window clerks, for all their help in reaching our goal.

I would like to thank the Supervisors of the Checklist, election staff and Paula Talmanson, Deputy Town Clerk for being such wonderful team members. Their commitment and dedication to the Town of Bedford should be commended.

It has been my pleasure serving as your Town Clerk and I thank you for your continued support.

TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS

Debits:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| UCC Filings..... | 5,430.00 |
| Certified Copies..... | 5,160.00 |
| Marriage Licenses..... | 3,535.00 |
| Dredge & Fill..... | 10.00 |
| Articles of Agreement | 0 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 373.16 |
| Total Debits..... | \$14,508.16 |

Credits Remitted to Treasurer\$14,508.16

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

Debits:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Licenses Issued..... | 23,920.00 |
| License Penalties..... | 840.00 |
| Dog Violations..... | 4,950.00 |
| Total Debits | \$29,710.00 |

Credits Remitted to Treasurer\$29,710.00

Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer\$44,218.16

ELECTION RESULTS

Annual Town Meeting-March 8, 2011

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Registered Voters | 16,214 |
| Total Ballots Cast..... | 3,819 |
| Absentee Voters | 237 |
| New Registrants..... | 75 |



AXEL
2011 Top Dog



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| Child's Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Father's/Partner's Name | Mother's Name |
|------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| CAREY, BRADLEY JEAN | 01/02/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | CAREY JR, EDWARD | FORCIER, CATHERINE |
| LEE, VICTORIA ANN | 01/03/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | LEE, THOMAS | SEASHOLTZ, KARI |
| COLCORD, EMMALEIGH RHYAN | 01/22/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | COLCORD, MICHAEL | COLCORD, ALLISON |
| LIBBY, RYAN ASHIM | 01/31/2011 | NASHUA, NH | LIBBY, DOUGLAS | LIBBY, ALISON |
| DUHAIME, EMMA REILLY | 02/23/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | DUHAIME, KEVIN | DUHAIME, MEGAN |
| D'AGOSTINO, BRADY JACOB | 02/24/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | D'AGOSTINO, CHRISTOPHER | D'AGOSTINO, KIMBERLY |
| DUQUETTE, SCARLET LOUISE | 02/28/2011 | NASHUA, NH | DUQUETTE, DENNIS | DUQUETTE, BONNIE |
| JENSEN, BLAKE STEPHEN | 03/04/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | JENSEN, RYAN | JENSEN, AMBER |
| DUNKER, NATHAN EDWARD | 03/15/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | DUNKER, STEPHEN | BEAUREGARD, MEGAN |
| KROCHMAL, DANIEL JOSEPH | 03/22/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | KROCHMAL, MATTHEW | KROCHMAL, ANNETTE |
| SEALEY, TAVEN MONROE | 03/28/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | SEALEY, MICHAEL | SEALEY, AMY |
| RILEY, WILLIAM STONE | 04/07/2011 | NASHUA, NH | RILEY, SEAN | RILEY, JENNIFER |
| CALL, DOMINIC THOMAS | 04/12/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | CALL JR, DAVID | WILLIS, COURTNEY |
| PROULX, REESE JILLIAN | 04/14/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | PROULX II, ROBERT | PROULX, MEAGHAN |
| PROULX, RYDER JAMES | 04/14/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | PROULX II, ROBERT | PROULX, MEAGHAN |
| HARTLEY, AIDEN JAMES | 04/17/2011 | NASHUA, NH | HARTLEY IV, RUSSELL | BISHOP, MORGAN |
| HOFFMAN, ADDISON MARGUERITE | 04/26/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | HOFFMAN, STEPHEN | HOFFMAN, HEATHER |
| VINCENT, MADELYN ROSE | 04/29/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | VINCENT, MATTHEW | VINCENT, JENNIFER |
| WRIGHT, CASSANDRA PAIGE | 05/02/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | WRIGHT, CORIN | WRIGHT, KRISTEN |
| COHEN, WILLIAM SENN | 05/05/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | COHEN, DANIEL | COHEN, TIFFANY |
| COLBY, SOPHIA MARIE | 05/07/2011 | NASHUA, NH | COLBY, DAVID | COLBY, LAUREN |
| DUPUIS, GEORGE PAUL | 05/12/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | DUPUIS, JEREMY | DUPUIS, IRINA |
| PAVOLL, MAX ZIBEL | 05/16/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | PAVOLL, LELAND | ZIBEL, CINDY |
| HINTON, GREY ROBERT | 05/26/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | MACCRATE, MICHAEL | HINTON, EMILY |
| MACCRATE, EVERETT SCOTT | 05/31/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | CAMPBELL, DANIEL | MACCRATE, KAREN |
| CAMPBELL, ELIZABETH DANIELLE | 06/14/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | DOYLE JR, JAMES | CAMPBELL, OLEKSANDRA |
| DOYLE, NOAH JAMES | 06/15/2011 | NASHUA, NH | DOYLE JR, JAMES | DOYLE, MARCY |
| HOU, GABRIELA FEMIA | 06/23/2011 | NASHUA, NH | HOU, JOSEPH | FEMIA-HOU, LISA |
| AUSTIN, CHASE MATTHEW | 06/25/2011 | NASHUA, NH | AUSTIN, MATTHEW | AUSTIN, KRISTIN |
| LEEDS, BRADY MICHAEL | 06/25/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | LEEDS, DAVID | LEEDS, DEANNA |
| HALEY, JOHN THOMAS | 06/27/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | HALEY JR, DENNIS | HALEY, DAPHNE |
| FINE, MARIELLE PAGE | 06/29/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | FINE, JEREMY | FINE, MELISSA |
| BUFF, ALEXANDER MCADOO | 07/06/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | BUFF, MICHAEL | MCADOO, KATHRYN |
| MCLAUGHLIN, FINIAN MORRIS | 07/26/2011 | NASHUA, NH | MCLAUGHLIN, CONOR | MORRIS, KATHERINE |
| FLANAGAN, COLIN JOHN | 08/03/2011 | MANCHESTER, NH | FLANAGAN, SEAN | FLANAGAN, KAMIE |



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| Child's Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Father's/Partner's Name | Mother's Name |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NEMETZ, JOCELYNE AMBER | 08/05/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | NEMETZ, JOSEPH | NEMETZ, NATASHA |
| DEML, JOSHUA ROBERT | 08/05/2011 | MILFORD,NH | DEML, ROBERT | DEML, JENNIFER |
| MONACO, KAITLIN KELLY | 08/18/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | MONACO, ROBERT | MONACO, HOLLY |
| MONROE, JAMES FRANCIS | 08/20/2011 | NASHUA,NH | MONROE, SEAN | MONROE, SARAH |
| FULCHINO, ANTHONY JOHN | 08/22/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | FULCHINO, JOHN | FULCHINO, EMILIE |
| SZULC, MIKAYLA ROSE | 08/22/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | SZULC, MICHAEL | SZULC, COURTNEY |
| BOND, CALLA ROSE | 08/24/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | BOND, CHRISTOPHER | BOND, HEATHER |
| SAARINEN, MAXWELL ALEXANDER | 09/13/2011 | NASHUA,NH | SAARINEN, DAVID | PIERSON, ABIGAIL |
| ROULEAU, TREVOR JULES | 09/22/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | ROULEAU, BRYAN | ROULEAU, KERRIE |
| FELLMAN, SAMUEL NATHAN | 09/29/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | FELLMAN, NATHAN | FELLMAN, JESSICA |
| HOOD, KATHRYN MAE | 10/02/2011 | BEDFORD,NH | HOOD, BRADFORD | HOOD, ANGELA |
| DALLAIRE, ISAAC GEORGE COLON | 10/04/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | DALLAIRE, MATTHEW | COLON, INES |
| DUTREMBLE, AIDAN JOSEPH | 11/04/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | DUTREMBLE, DONALD | DUTREMBLE, CELINA |
| SPENCER, ALLIE TAILYNN | 11/07/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | SPENCER, DAVEN | SPENCER, KIMBERLY |
| VALENZA, ALYVIA LYN | 11/09/2011 | EXETER,NH | VALENZA, JOSEPH | VALENZA, RACHEL |
| UPHAM, ZORA ESTHER | 11/21/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | UPHAM, JOHN | UPHAM, ZUZANA |
| LIPKE, KAILEY RAYNE | 12/05/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | LIPKE, SHANE | LIPKE, KRISTY |
| BELLEMORE, REESE CADEN | 12/16/2011 | MANCHESTER,NH | BELLEMORE II, RAYMOND | BELLEMORE, JESSICA |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| LAROUCHE, KAREN J BEDFORD, NH | MACCRATE, MICHAEL E BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 01/01/2011 |
| CARNEVALE, JON C BEDFORD, NH | FOBES, OLIVIA M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BRETTON WOODS | 01/22/2011 |
| FUREY, PATRICIA C BEDFORD, NH | FLETCHER, TIMOTHY C BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | MEREDITH | 02/05/2011 |
| LEON, HERIBERTO BEDFORD, NH | THERRIEN, STACEY L BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 02/13/2011 |
| THIRKILL, DAVID A BEDFORD, NH | YUROVSKAYA, OLGA S BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 03/05/2011 |
| CAISSIE, LANCE E BEDFORD, NH | VAILLANCOURT, CHERYL A BEDFORD, NH | NASHUA | BEDFORD | 03/13/2011 |
| DAABAKK, KJERSTI BEDFORD, NH | PHILLIPS, FRANKLIN D BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | EPSOM | 03/16/2011 |
| BYRNE, DONALD R BEDFORD, NH | SANBORN, MELINDE L BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 03/20/2011 |
| BROADY, JOEL K BEDFORD, NH | IANNAZZO, ANGELA M SALEM, NH | SALEM | SALEM | 03/20/2011 |
| PICHETTE, PHILIP G BEDFORD, NH | ST JACQUES, LORI A BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 03/28/2011 |
| BLANCHETTE, DAVID J BEDFORD, NH | WATERMAN, TRACY L BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 04/22/2011 |



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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| HORADAN, MICHAEL F HUDSON, NH | COLLINS, JESSICA E BEDFORD, NH | HUDSON | NASHUA | 04/30/2011 |
| KHUTH, KOSAL BEDFORD, NH | DUROCHER, BRENDA L BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 04/30/2011 |
| HENNESSEY, JESSICA L BEDFORD, NH | STANISEWSKI, CURT P BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | JACKSON | 04/30/2011 |
| CORMIER, MATTHEW G MERRIMACK, NH | JONES, ASHLEY M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 05/17/2011 |
| GAGNON, DAVID J BEDFORD, NH | BILLODEAU, SANDRA T BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 05/20/2011 |
| WILEY, GABRIELLE E BEDFORD, NH | LAPLANTE, SCOTT M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | PORTSMOUTH | 05/21/2011 |
| FOSTER, BRIAN E OFALLON, MO | KLEIN, LAURA S BEDFORD, NH | NASHUA | NASHUA | 05/27/2011 |
| DRAZEN, DANIEL BEDFORD, NH | SLIWA, HOLLY M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 05/28/2011 |
| GLABETS, GENNADY MANCHESTER, NH | FEDOROVA, YEKATERINA V BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | MANCHESTER | 05/28/2011 |
| HAYES, ROBERT M BEDFORD, NH | TAMBOURIS, STACY J BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 06/04/2011 |
| LAROCQUE, BRENDAN R BEDFORD, NH | THOMPSON, JESSICA L GOFFSTOWN, NH | GOFFSTOWN | GOFFSTOWN | 06/04/2011 |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| COLLINS, MEGAN E BEDFORD, NH | PHILBROOK, BRYAN C BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | SANDOWN | 06/10/2011 |
| DASCOLI, MALINDA L BEDFORD, NH | STILWELL, ROWLAND R BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 06/12/2011 |
| BAKER, CLIFFORD E BEDFORD, NH | RICHARD, DENICE M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | MILFORD | 06/18/2011 |
| AIELLO, AUDRA L BEDFORD, NH | SCHWOERER, BRAD F BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 06/18/2011 |
| GAGLIARDI, ROBERT J BEDFORD, NH | RUDER, JAYNE D BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 06/24/2011 |
| RONDEAU, SHEILA K BEDFORD, NH | STEINMARK JR, JAMES E BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 07/01/2011 |
| LOFSTROM, DEAN R BEDFORD, NH | LEMAY, DEBRA A BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 07/09/2011 |
| FORNATARO, MATTHEW K BEDFORD, NH | WHITE, MEGHAN E BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 07/16/2011 |
| ASTARITA JR, JOHN T BEDFORD, NH | RAMBEAU, SAMANTHA M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | SALEM | 07/30/2011 |
| MCKEE, TAVIS C BEDFORD, NH | MCGONAGLE, KATHRYN E BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | CANDIA | 07/30/2011 |
| BRIERE, DANA M BEDFORD, NH | KATONA, ASHLIE M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | DOVER | 07/30/2011 |





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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| MUFUTE, TINASHE S BEDFORD, NH | MANZIRA, THEODORA I AMHERST, NH | NASHUA | NASHUA | 08/04/2011 |
| BARTLETT JR, JOSEPH D BEDFORD, NH | COURTEMARCHE, PAMELA A BEDFORD, NH | MANCHESTER | MANCHESTER | 08/11/2011 |
| WIGGIN, KELLY S BEDFORD, NH | TOLINI, DANIEL R STRATHAM, NH | STRATHAM | SANDOWN | 08/19/2011 |
| VILCHOCK JR, JAYE J BEDFORD, NH | DELNERO, CELINA BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 08/23/2011 |
| O'ROURKE, PATRICK M BEDFORD, NH | AMORIM, LYDIA F BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 08/25/2011 |
| CADORETTE, THERESA I BEDFORD, NH | LIANZA, THOMAS A BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 08/27/2011 |
| BEALE, MATTHEW M BEDFORD, NH | MCALLISTER, MICHELLE L BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 08/29/2011 |
| SAIDEL-GOLEY, SAMUEL I BEDFORD, NH | BAKER, LAUREN S BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 09/02/2011 |
| CORRIVEAU, RICHARD L BEDFORD, NH | LAMBERT, THERESA M WESTFORD, MA | BEDFORD | MANCHESTER | 09/03/2011 |
| BENT, ADAM R BEDFORD, NH | COSKIE, AMANDA D BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | HAMPSTEAD | 09/10/2011 |
| DOHERTY, SEAN P BEDFORD, NH | FRADETTE, KAREN J BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | JACKSON | 09/17/2011 |



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| RAPPAPORT, JENNA L BEDFORD, NH | MASON, CHRISTOPHER S BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 09/17/2011 |
| RUTHERFORD, JUSTIN L BEDFORD, NH | WEISBERG, JESSE I BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 09/28/2011 |
| ROY, KRISTINA M BEDFORD, NH | MCKEON, KEVIN M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | NORTH HAMPTON | 10/01/2011 |
| BENSON, JEFFREY A BEDFORD, NH | SCHWARTZ, MICHELLE E BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | WOLFEBORO | 10/09/2011 |
| MCINNIS, KIMBERLY A BEDFORD, NH | SMITH, BRENDA K BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 10/15/2011 |
| HEIDEN, ERIC R BEDFORD, NH | KELLEY, ALISON B BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | CHOCORUA | 10/15/2011 |
| APOSTOLIDES, MARC S BEDFORD, NH | DUNCAN, APRIL L PROSPECT, CT | BEDFORD | GILFORD | 10/29/2011 |
| TORDIGLIONE, MATTHEW E BEDFORD, NH | RICHARDSON, LORELEI L BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | MANCHESTER | 10/29/2011 |
| BERRY, ANTHONY K BEDFORD, NH | STALKER, BERNADETTE T BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 11/05/2011 |
| RUBACK, SAMUEL M BEDFORD, NH | WILLIAMS, KELLEY R BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 11/05/2011 |
| WILSON, TRACY E BEDFORD, NH | AMIRAUT, STEVEN J BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 11/07/2011 |

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|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| MAURER, CARL D BEDFORD, NH | MEADE, CELESTE M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 11/11/2011 |
| KLING, MICHELLE A BEDFORD, NH | O'BRIEN, JOHN J BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 11/11/2011 |
| D'AMATO, JOHN L BEDFORD, NH | CONNELLY, JENNA M BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | LACONIA | 11/12/2011 |
| CONNORS, MATTHEW C BEDFORD, NH | OIKLE, STACEY A BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 11/19/2011 |
| HUTCHINSON, AMANDA E BEDFORD, NH | STASHLUK, JEREMY T BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | BEDFORD | 11/19/2011 |
| BLAIS, AIME D BEDFORD, NH | DESCHENES, DONNA P BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | NORTH WOODSTOCK | 11/23/2011 |
| WOITKOWSKI, CHRISTIAN D BEDFORD, NH | STEVENS, REBECCA I BEDFORD, NH | BEDFORD | MANCHESTER | 12/09/2011 |

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| Decedent's Name | Death Date | Death Place | Father's/Parent's Name | Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union | Military |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|--|----------|
| HOULE, PAUL | 01/01/2011 | MANCHESTER | HOULE, EMILE | DESAULNIERS, VICTORIA | Y |
| AUPREY, ALBERT | 01/01/2011 | BEDFORD | AUPREY, JAMES | LEMIEUX, PAULINE | N |
| LYMAN, ESTHER | 01/03/2011 | MANCHESTER | MATTHIESEN, HANS | WIND, ELVINA | N |
| KOECHER, WOLFGANG | 01/06/2011 | MERRIMACK | KOECHER, KURT | KURZ, ELLIE | Y |
| BOUFFARD, NOEL | 01/06/2011 | BEDFORD | BOUFFARD, DANIEL | BRISSETTE, MADELINE | N |
| BRUNEAU, PATRICIA | 01/08/2011 | MANCHESTER | ELLIOTT, HOWARD | PROVEAU, MARGUERITE | N |
| GABERT, RALPH | 01/11/2011 | MANCHESTER | GABERT, EUGENE | GILLIBERT, AURORE | Y |
| KEEFE, JAMES | 01/11/2011 | BEDFORD | KEEFE, THOMAS | MANNING, JOSEPHINE | N |
| SZYMANSKI, ANTHONY | 01/12/2011 | BEDFORD | SZYMANSKI, FRANK | BIELSKI, AGNES | Y |
| CULLEN, FRANCIS | 01/13/2011 | BEDFORD | CULLEN, PETER | GREELISH, MARY | Y |
| MORIN, MARIE | 01/13/2011 | BEDFORD | MOYNIHAN, DAVID | ALLARD, ALMA | N |
| SEXTON, OLIVE | 01/14/2011 | BEDFORD | WHITE, ALFRED | PARKS, FLORENCE | N |
| YIENGST, ANNELIESE | 01/17/2011 | MANCHESTER | BRUCKNER, EMIL | SCHWAIGER, LUISE | N |
| TANGUAY SR, ROBERT | 01/17/2011 | BEDFORD | TANGUAY, PAUL | MORISSETTE, EVA | Y |
| FINN, PATRICK | 01/21/2011 | BEDFORD | FINN, WILLIAM | GOLDEN, ALICE | Y |
| CHANDONNAIS, YVETTE | 01/21/2011 | BEDFORD | LAMONTAGNE, JOSEPH | THERRIEN, ROSIE | N |
| PATRIA, NORMA | 01/22/2011 | MANCHESTER | AMADON SR, RICHARD | POND, NINA | N |
| REAGAN, FRANCIS | 01/24/2011 | BEDFORD | REAGAN, FRANK | ARCHAMBAULT, ALMA | Y |



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| ACKERSON, ROBERT | 01/27/2011 | MANCHESTER | ACKERSON, ELMER | MITCHELL, EUGENIA | Y |
| RAICHE, GERMAINE | 02/01/2011 | BEDFORD | TOUPIN, JOSEPH | DESAULNIERS, ANNA | N |
| FARNSWORTH, GLORIA | 02/03/2011 | BEDFORD | FARNSWORTH, LEO | HOYT, CYNTHIA | N |
| CORNETT, HESTER | 02/03/2011 | BEDFORD | HENDERSON, FRED | MARINER, JULIA | N |
| CZOSCHKE, MARK | 02/04/2011 | MANCHESTER | CZOSCHKE, MERLIN | WALKER, IRENE | N |
| FRANCOEUR SR, AIME | 02/06/2011 | BEDFORD | FRANCOEUR, EMILE | MALO, FLORENCE | N |
| CARTER, DOROTHEA | 02/06/2011 | BEDFORD | GOOB, HENRY | WOOD, MILDRED | N |
| BROWN, RUSSELL | 02/07/2011 | BEDFORD | BROWN, ADDISON | GAUTREAU, MARIE | Y |
| SHEETZ, LAURA | 02/12/2011 | BEDFORD | LABBE, PHILIPPE | RICHER, MARIE | N |
| PARKER, DOUGLAS | 02/13/2011 | MERRIMACK | PARKER JR, GEORGE | STEPHENS, BETTY | N |
| BARDON, MARY | 02/15/2011 | BEDFORD | SOTERIOU, COSTOS | TSINTZAS, EFROSENE | N |
| NOEL, NORMAND | 02/15/2011 | BEDFORD | NOEL, EMERY | BELANGER, ROSE | Y |
| MCCARROLL, EDWARD | 02/17/2011 | BEDFORD | MCCARROLL, FRANK | TROTTIER, EVA | N |
| BANKS, SYLVIA | 02/19/2011 | BEDFORD | BRANN, GENE | FISH, ETHEL | N |
| WATSON, MARY | 02/20/2011 | BEDFORD | QUINN, JOSEPH | GRINNEN, HELEN | N |
| DEAN, JOSEPHINE | 02/22/2011 | BEDFORD | CAVALLARO, JOSEPH | AGNELLO, MARY | N |
| FUDALA, JOHN | 02/23/2011 | BEDFORD | FUDALA, STANLEY | WILUSZ, ALBINA | N |
| GINALSKI, HENRIETTA | 02/25/2011 | MANCHESTER | SIENKO, KASIMIR | HUS, KAROLINE | N |





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| JENKINS, KENNETH | 02/25/2011 | GOFFSTOWN | JENKINS, ROY | SMITH, MARION | N |
| KALLENBERG, MARY | 03/03/2011 | BEDFORD | GILBRETH, NATHANIEL | BOHAN, ANNIE | N |
| CHENEY, NATALIE | 03/07/2011 | BEDFORD | ENO, EDOUARD | LEMAY, VIRGINIA | N |
| WILSON, WALTER | 03/10/2011 | MANCHESTER | WILSON, WALTER | WAY, ELIZABETH | Y |
| SANTOS, ELIZABETH | 03/13/2011 | BEDFORD | WORTH, ARTHUR | UNKNOWN, MYRTLE | N |
| FOLSOM, DONALD | 03/14/2011 | MANCHESTER | FOLSOM, EUGENE | PETTENGILL, HELEN | Y |
| BONGERS, DORIS | 03/14/2011 | BEDFORD | TARR, GEORGE | SIMPKINS, IDA | N |
| LEMAY, LORRAINE | 03/17/2011 | BEDFORD | KOCH, ALBERT | O'NEAL, LAURA | N |
| HERBERT SR, ROBERT | 03/22/2011 | BEDFORD | HERBERT, RALPH | BENNER, SADIE | Y |
| KONNER, RUTH | 03/29/2011 | MANCHESTER | STRATTON, LOUIS | WEINSTEIN, FREIDA | N |
| HYMAN, SYDNEY | 03/31/2011 | BEDFORD | HYMAN, HARRY | OLNICK, LENA | N |
| SCHMITT, MARGARET | 03/31/2011 | BEDFORD | COY, WILLIAM | AMBROSE, BEULAH | N |
| CLARK, DONALD | 04/02/2011 | MERRIMACK | CLARK, ALFRED | HOFFMANN, MILDRED | Y |
| GOLDSTEIN, EDITH | 04/05/2011 | BEDFORD | STRYER, LOUIS | UNKNOWN, SARAH | N |
| HACKETT, JAMES | 04/07/2011 | BEDFORD | HACKETT, JAMES | GARDNER, MARGARET | N |
| STIMSON, MILDRED | 04/07/2011 | BEDFORD | JACHE, EDWARD | KUHN, GERTRUDE | N |
| CALL JR, WILLIAM | 04/09/2011 | MANCHESTER | CALL SR, WILLIAM | HOGLE, BERTHA | Y |
| WALDO JR, ARTHUR | 04/10/2011 | CONCORD | WALDO SR, ARTHUR | CROSBY, CONSTANCE | Y |





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| HURD, JUDITH | 04/10/2011 | BEDFORD | SAFFELL, RAYMOND | PLASTER, PATRICIA | N |
| MOHER SR, JOHN | 04/19/2011 | BEDFORD | MOHER, JAMES | FOLEY, MAGARET | Y |
| VERMETTE, HELEN | 04/21/2011 | BEDFORD | JACHE, EDWARD | KUHN, GERTRUDE | N |
| LIOTTA, CATHERINE | 04/21/2011 | MANCHESTER | LIOTTA, PETER | GALUPPO, PHYLLIS | N |
| GRIFFIN, MARGARET | 04/25/2011 | MERRIMACK | GRIFFIN, THOMAS | FOWLER, MARGARET | Y |
| DONGAS, GEORGE | 04/25/2011 | HAMPTON | DONGAS, KYRIAKOS | VOUGIAS, THEOLOGIA | Y |
| FERGUSON, WILFRED | 04/27/2011 | MANCHESTER | FERGUSON, JOHN | GOREY, ELIZABETH | Y |
| PROTZMANN, HENRY | 04/29/2011 | BEDFORD | PROTZMANN, HENRY | THYSENIUS, HELGA | Y |
| LORENZ, HELEN | 05/04/2011 | BEDFORD | GRAVES, JOSEPH | CLARK, KATHLEEN | N |
| CONNELL, DORIS | 05/07/2011 | BEDFORD | RICHARD, ALBERT | LANDRY, MARIE | N |
| GREGOIRE, PAUL | 05/13/2011 | MANCHESTER | GREGOIRE, ARMAND | LEFEBVRE, JOSEPHINE | N |
| GUIHEEN, STEPHEN | 05/13/2011 | MANCHESTER | GUIHEEN, JAMES | PORTER, DORIS | Y |
| GORHAM, MARCIA | 05/15/2011 | BEDFORD | GIBBS, MARSHALL | LITTLEFIELD, BERTHA | N |
| O'BRIEN, LINDA | 05/17/2011 | BEDFORD | RYAN, JOHN | PAQUET, THELMA | N |
| BOUGHTER, TIMOTHY | 05/17/2011 | BEDFORD | BOUGHTER SR, THOMAS | WELCH, MARGARET | N |
| LEIN, RUSSELL | 06/01/2011 | BEDFORD | LEIN, WALTER | RUSSELL, HELEN | N |
| KELLY, JAMES | 06/02/2011 | BEDFORD | KELLY, DUNCAN | FORSYTHE, MARGARET | Y |
| REINO, GRACE | 06/03/2011 | BEDFORD | HALLERAN, WILLIAM | NORTON, CLARA | N |





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| MONTANARELLA, BEATRICE | 06/03/2011 | BEDFORD | TURANO, RICHARD | TOMASELLI, LOUISE | Y |
| PEICKER, KARL | 06/05/2011 | MERRIMACK | PEICKER, KARL | AVERY, RUTH | Y |
| BURQUE, LORRAINE | 06/08/2011 | MANCHESTER | DUHAMEL, WILFRED | ANCTIL, LILLIAN | N |
| LAREDOGOITIA, DOMINGO | 06/13/2011 | MANCHESTER | LAREDOGOITIA, JOSE | URTIAGA, FRANCISCA | N |
| SWEENEY, MARGARET | 06/15/2011 | MANCHESTER | MAHONEY, LAWRENCE | MADDEN, NORA | N |
| JENSEN, GENEVIEVE | 06/24/2011 | BEDFORD | MALISHESKI, CARL | WREZOREK, ROSE | N |
| LENZ, THELMA | 06/24/2011 | THORNTON | CRAWFORD, HAROLD | BURBANK, NELLIE | N |
| BERG, NEPHI | 06/28/2011 | BEDFORD | BERG, EDWARD | WASHLOWSKI, GERTRUDE | Y |
| BERGERON, FABIOLA | 07/12/2011 | MANCHESTER | DEROME, GEORGE | DOUVILLE, AURORE | N |
| JENKINS III, ERNEST | 07/16/2011 | MANCHESTER | JENKINS JR, ERNEST | EVARTS, BARBARA | N |
| CAVANAGH, TODD | 07/18/2011 | MERRIMACK | CAVANAGH, PHIL | SHERBURNE, NONA | Y |
| WALLACE, FRANCES | 07/19/2011 | BEDFORD | DISALVO, JOSEPH | HEAL, MARY | N |
| CAGAN, PHILLIP | 07/29/2011 | BEDFORD | CAGAN, IRVING | LEVINE, SARA | N |
| KUTZ, GAIL | 07/30/2011 | BEDFORD | HAYES, JOHN | KELLEHER, MARY | N |
| MARTEL, ANNA | 08/05/2011 | BEDFORD | POND, FRANK | CAMERON, MARGORET | N |
| FRUIN, CHERYL | 08/12/2011 | BEDFORD | TIMM, HOWARD | GREENWOOD, IONE | N |
| BUTLER, EDMUND | 08/12/2011 | MANCHESTER | BUTLER, JOHN | NEVILLE, MARY | Y |
| MASON, FREDRIC | 08/13/2011 | MANCHESTER | MASON, EDWIN | GREENOUGH, JENNIE | N |





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| MAYOR, PAUL | 08/14/2011 | PETERBOROUGH | MAYOR, FRANCIS | LAWRENCE, PATRICIA | Y |
| MANCUSO JR, MICHAEL | 08/18/2011 | DERRY | MANCUSO SR, MICHAEL | PASQUALE, JEAN | N |
| PETERSON, RICHARD | 08/22/2011 | BEDFORD | PETERSON, FRANK | LEAVITT, MARY | Y |
| MURPHY, JANET | 08/26/2011 | BEDFORD | VALOIS, HILDAGE | SHORT, HELEN | N |
| GILLETT, WILLIAM | 08/27/2011 | MANCHESTER | GILLETT, SYDNEY | DAVIS, MADLINE | N |
| BASQUILL, EDWARD | 09/06/2011 | GOFFSTOWN | BASQUIL, JAMES | KELLEY, NORA | Y |
| ALDRICH, MARY | 09/15/2011 | BEDFORD | EDGE, WILLIAM | RADFORD, ELEANOR | N |
| SCIPIONE, MARY | 09/16/2011 | MANCHESTER | ZONNEVELD, ANDREW | MORRISSEY, HELEN | N |
| FONS, STANLEY | 09/21/2011 | MANCHESTER | FONS, ANTHONY | DAVIS, EDITH | Y |
| BAGSHAW SR, THOMAS | 10/07/2011 | WOLFEBORO | BAGSHAW, WALTER | HOLMES, MARY | Y |
| BOUTILIER, WILLIAM | 10/16/2011 | BEDFORD | BOUTILIER, ROBERT | BERUBE, SANDRA | N |
| MOORE, FREDERICK | 10/22/2011 | BEDFORD | MOORE, CLIFFORD | YEO, EINA | Y |
| DE FREITAS, B | 10/26/2011 | BEDFORD | DE FREITAS, V EUGENE | GOVIA, ROSALIE | Y |
| MCDONOUGH, FRANCES | 10/26/2011 | BEDFORD | MILLER, FREDERICK | RICHTER, STEPHANIE | N |
| DIAS, DORIS | 10/28/2011 | MANCHESTER | LEDoux, ROMEO | GRANGER, LUCILLE | N |
| BOWMAN JR, JAMES | 10/28/2011 | BEDFORD | BOWMAN SR, JAMES | BRIGGS, GLADYS | Y |
| LANGRIDGE, JOHN | 10/30/2011 | BEDFORD | LANGRIDGE, MILTON | GIBBONS, GLADYS | Y |
| PINARD, ROCHELLE | 10/30/2011 | BEDFORD | PENO, GEORGE | GALISPEAU, LAURA | N |





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| CURRIER, ROBERT | 11/03/2011 | BEDFORD | CURRIER, ROBERT | SCHMERDER, IRMA | Y |
| EDMANDS, FRANK | 11/05/2011 | BEDFORD | EDMANDS, FRANK | BLANEY, HARRIET | Y |
| COLSON, GERALD | 11/06/2011 | BEDFORD | COLSON, LAWRENCE | GOTLIEB, ROSE | N |
| FARMER, ESTHER | 11/07/2011 | MANCHESTER | DRISCOL, CHARLES | NIELSEN, ELINA | N |
| JANTAUSCH SR, HENRY | 11/15/2011 | BEDFORD | JANTAUSCH, JOSEPH | GERGELCHIK, THERESA | Y |
| LAVOIE, JEANNINE | 11/16/2011 | BEDFORD | FAUCHER, JOSEPH | GUILBERT, REGINA | N |
| GLOCK, WILMER | 11/16/2011 | MERRIMACK | GLOCK, FREDERICK | LILLY, MARIE | Y |
| TAIT, JEWELL | 11/18/2011 | MERRIMACK | KETRON, JAMES | MCCLELLAN, GRACE | N |
| LUCE JR, BILL | 11/24/2011 | BEDFORD | LUCE, BILL | HARRIMAN, EMILY | N |
| GOODWIN, RALPH | 11/29/2011 | MANCHESTER | GOODWIN, BENJAMIN | JOHNSON, ALICE | Y |
| BRESNAHAN, YVONNE | 11/30/2011 | GOFFSTOWN | GAHAGAN, HARRY | CYR, ALVINE | N |
| THEODOSPOULOS, LAMBROS | 12/01/2011 | BEDFORD | THEODOSPOULOS, VASILIOS | KOKOLIS, ANNA | Y |
| SMITH, HILDA | 12/08/2011 | MANCHESTER | WATSON, ROY | BUCK, STELLA | N |
| PAPPACHRISTOU, CHRISTOS | 12/13/2011 | BEDFORD | PAPACHRISTOU, MARKOS | PAPACOSTOULI, STYLIANI | Y |
| DAMBY, DONNA | 12/18/2011 | BEDFORD | DIMBU, VASILE | UNKNOWN, ANICA | N |
| FINN, BARBARA | 12/19/2011 | BEDFORD | DESMOND, JULIUS | MOORE, MARY | N |
| CRUSADE, EDWARD | 12/22/2011 | MANCHESTER | CRUSADE, SAID | FAYAD, TAMAM | Y |
| FRAME, ELVIN | 12/23/2011 | BEDFORD | FRAME, DENVER | DUKE, ESTHER | Y |





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| PAUL, GEORGE | 12/24/2011 | MERRIMACK | PAUL, SYLVIO | CONSTANT, JEANNETTE | Y |
| YOUNG, MARLIN | 12/27/2011 | MILFORD | YOUNG, MARLIN | NOAH, NELLIE | Y |
| VOYK, CLARA | 12/30/2011 | BEDFORD | SZAKALY, JOZSEF | BOZZAI, ILONA | N |

Total number of records 129





Town Of Bedford

2012 Municipal Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bedford Middle/High School on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1 and 2. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Article 3 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bedford Middle/High School (47 Nashua Road).

Article 1. Election of Town Officers

To elect 3 Town Councilors for three-year terms, 1 Town Councilor for a one-year term, 1 Town Moderator for a two-year term, 1 Library Trustee for a three-year term, 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three-year term, and 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a six-year term.

Article 2. Zoning Amendments Proposed by the Planning Board

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-7 District Names, Article 275-8 Location of Districts and the Zoning Map, Article VIII U.S. Route 3 Corridor Performance Zoning District, Article 275-73 Signs, Article 275-74 District Regulations for Signage and Attachment 1 – Table 1 Table of Dimensional Regulations to modify 27 varied references to U.S. Route 3 Corridor Performance Zoning District to all read Performance Zoning District.

[This amendment is intended rename the U.S. Route 3 Corridor Performance Zoning District to simply be the Performance Zoning District which will allow for Performance Zoning to be used in other parts of the Town should it ever be proposed. The complete listing of the renaming locations is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and the Town's Website.]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-7 District Names,

Article 275-8 Location of Districts and the Zoning Map, Article 275-21 Use Regulations, Article 275-22 Dimensional Regulations, Article 275-73 Signs, and Article 275-74 District Regulations for Signage summarized as follows:

To create a new Commercial-2 zoning district and to rezone Lots 1-24-1, 1-24-2 and 10-2 located at the intersection of Route 114 and Donald Street Extension to be Commercial-2. The Commercial-2 district will allow for buildings with footprints in excess of 40,000 square feet.

[This amendment is intended to create a new zoning district title Commercial-2 and rezone the three lots that make up the current Commercial Zone located at the intersection of Route 114 and Donald Street Extension to be Commercial-2. Creating the Commercial-2 district will provide flexibility for commercial developments with building footprints in excess of 40,000 square feet to be located in a portion of town other than the Performance Zone. The complete text of the 3-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and the Town's Website.]

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to create new Article XV River Corridor Smart Growth Overlay District.

[This amendment is intended to create an overlay district that would provide for more compact mixed use projects, which could include residential components within the Performance Zone provided certain design and zoning standards are met. The creation of this overlay is a recommendation of the 2010 Master Plan. The complete text of the 17-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's Website.]

Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning



Ordinance to amend Article 275-6 Definitions, Article 275-74 District Regulations for Signage, Article 275-68 U.S. Route 3 Corridor Performance Zoning District Sign Standards and Attachment 6 – Table 6 Table of Performance Zone Sign Standards, summarized as follows:

To create a new projecting sign category and to allow for projecting signs not to exceed 8 square feet in the Commercial, Office, Neighborhood Commercial, Highway Commercial, Service Industrial and Performance Zoning districts.

[This amendment is intended to allow for most business to have up to an 8 square foot projecting sign. Projecting signs are generally intended for being viewed from within the lot and will not be internally illuminated. The complete text of the 2-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk’s Office and on the Town’s Website]

Amendment No. 5
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to:

Amend Article 275-6 Definitions by adding the following words shown in bold as follows:
“**Structure**” – A combination of materials for occupancy or use, such as a building, bridge, trestle, tower, framework, an above ground tank or group of tanks exceeding 500 gallons, tunnel, tent, stadium, platform, shelter, pier, wharf, bin, sign, fences and retaining walls over six feet (6’) in height, swimming pools, sports courts, or the like.

Amend Article 275-28 Specific Provisions subsection A by adding the words in bold as follows:
Structures and underground storage tanks shall be set back at least fifty feet (50’) from Hydric A soils and at least fifty feet (50’) from Hydric B soils.

[This amendment is intended to allow tanks or groups of tanks that exceed 500 gallons which are located below ground to be exempt from the minimum structure setback requirements but not the wetland structure setback.]

Amendment No. 6
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-8 Location of Districts and the Zoning Map to remove the Historic Dis-

trict Overlay from those properties that have a base zone classification of Commercial.

[This amendment is intended remove the commercial properties primarily along Route 101, Chestnut Drive and Bedford Center Road from the Historic District. A map of the area to be rezoned is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk’s Office and the Town’s Website.]

TOWN ARTICLE 3 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2012 AT THE BEDFORD MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (47 Nashua Road).

Article 3. - Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$21,906,014 |
| Police Special Detail | 502,158 |
| Recreation Day Camp | 105,825 |
| Bedford Comm. TV | 357,534 |
| Special Revenue Funds | 48,000 |
| Sewer Fund | 1,272,638 |
| Total Appropriation | \$24,192,169 |

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February 2012.

William Dermody, Chairman
Christopher Bandazian, Vice Chairman



TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
FISCAL YEARS 2012 - 2021

| PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department | Est. Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/11 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Town Office Building Reserve | 59,217 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| B. Municipal Buildings | - | 120,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Bond Proceeds | | (120,000) | | | | | | | | | |
| C. IOB Facility Improvements | | | 2,500,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Bond Proceeds/P&I Pmts | | | (2,500,000) | | | | | | | | |
| D. Land Purchase Reserve | 524,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| F. Commercial Reassessment | 35,089 | 10,000 | 63,250 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 100,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Assessing Services/Oper Budget | | 12,250 | (45,000) | | | | | (80,000) | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G. Joppa Hill Bond Payments | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Withdrawal from Liquid Act | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I. MS Open Licensing | 22,279 | 22,279 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 42,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 42,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | (22,279) | | | | (42,000) | | | (28,000) | | |
| J. Document Imaging | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L. Pictometry Library | 21,010 | 21,000 | 10,500 | 21,000 | 10,500 | 21,000 | 10,500 | 21,000 | 10,500 | 21,000 | 10,500 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | (21,000) | | (10,500) | | (10,500) | | (10,500) | | (10,500) | |
| II. POLICE DEPARTMENT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Radio Console Reserve | 136,350 | 18,000 | 166,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (154,350) | | | | | | | | |
| B. Safety Complex Bond | - | 108,894 | 100,894 | 92,925 | | | | | | | |
| C. Safety Complex Reserve | 21,138 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. Patrol Vehicle Replacement | | 87,105 | 90,589 | 129,213 | 99,381 | 103,357 | 145,491 | 113,310 | 117,843 | 163,357 | 127,459 |
| Portable Radios | 57,130 | 9,000 | 72,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (64,111) | | | | | | | | |
| III. FIRE DEPARTMENT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Ambulance Reserve | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 200,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 | 225,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (154,350) | | | | | (165,000) | | | |
| B. SCBA/Equip Replacement | 89,130 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 87,500 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Thermal Imaging Camera | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | (87,500) | | | | | | |
| C. Fire Engine Replacement | 605,574 | 125,000 | 450,000 | 125,000 | 685,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (325,000) | | (530,000) | | | | | | |
| D. Fire Substation | - | | 1,600,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Bond Proceeds | | | (1,600,000) | | | | | | | | |
| E. New Quint Fire Engine | - | | 800,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Bond Proceeds | | | (800,000) | | | | | | | | |
| F. Tanker Replacement | 53,201 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G. Forestry/Utility Vehicle | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| CR Withdrawal (tanker funds) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CR Transfer (tanker bal to engine) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fire Tablet PCs | - | 30,200 | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H. Ladder Truck Replacement | 50,048 | | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |



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|---|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| IV. RECREATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Parks Vehicles/ Equipment | 5,010 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| B. Trail Design, Maintenance, Signage | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| C. Little League Complex | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. Repairs to Sportsman Field | 20,778 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F. Field Development & Repairs | 96,789 | | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| G. Pool Building Maintenance | 30,965 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| G2. Pool Equipment | - | 3,000 | 6,000 | 3,000 | 6,000 | 3,000 | 6,000 | 3,000 | 6,000 | 3,000 | 6,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (3,000) | | (3,000) | | (3,000) | | (3,000) | | (3,000) |
| H. Kubota Tractor Replacement | 10,323 | 10,000 | 40,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (20,500) | | | | | | | | |
| I. Jacobsen Mower Replacement | 31,842 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 71,000 | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | (63,842) | | | | | |
| J. Town Hall Floors | - | 25,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| V. LIBRARY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Library GOB | - | 133,031 | 129,150 | 125,125 | 116,119 | 112,063 | | | | | |
| B. Roof Replacement (2014) | 21,988 | | 20,000 | 60,000 | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | (41,988) | | | | | | | |
| C. Exterior Painting (2010) | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. Walkway Replacement (2012) | 22,578 | 25,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| F. Parking Lot Repairs (2014) | | 3,000 | 3,000 | 30,000 | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | (28,578) | | | | | | | |
| G. Septic System (2016) | 11,865 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 20,000 | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | (17,865) | | | | | |
| H. Carpet Replacement (2015) | 31,395 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 48,000 | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | (43,395) | | | | | | |
| I. Parking Lot Construction | 20,667 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J. Boiler Replacement (2016) | 7,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 20,000 | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | (17,500) | | | | | |
| VI. LAND USE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Master Plan | 52,655 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 175,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | (157,655) | | | |
| B. Route 3 Improvements | 10,494 | | | | | 7,000,000 | | | | | |
| Bond Proceeds | | | | | | (7,000,000) | | | | | |
| C. Route 101 Improvements | - | | | 4,500,000 | | | | | | | |
| Bond Proceeds | | | | (4,500,000) | | | | | | | |
| VII. SOLID WASTE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Solid Waste Backhoe | 63,518 | 69,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 70,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | (60,000) | | |
| B. Landfill Closure Bond | - | 135,840 | 131,360 | 126,880 | 122,400 | 117,920 | 113,440 | 108,960 | 104,480 | | |
| C. Transfer Station Improvements | 282,495 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 900,000 | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | (807,495) | | | |



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| D. Transfer Station Equipment | 6,630 | | | | | | | | | | |
| VIII. PUBLIC WORKS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Road Maintenance/Drainage | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Add'l Road Maintenance frm Bonding | | 2,800,000 | 2,800,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Road Bond #1 Repayment (2003) | | 839,000 | 813,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Road Bond #2 Repayment (2006) | | 1,440,000 | 1,392,000 | 1,344,000 | 1,296,000 | 1,248,000 | | | | | |
| Infrastructure Bond Repayment (2011) | | 97,314 | 785,794 | 772,394 | 758,994 | 740,644 | 727,344 | 714,044 | 700,744 | 687,028 | 672,481 |
| B. Drainage Improvements | - | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| C. Traffic Signal Improvements | 75,363 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 100,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (95,363) | | | | | | | | |
| D. Pickup Trucks | 20,010 | 10,000 | 28,500 | 29,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 32,000 | 33,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (15,000) | (15,010) | | | (15,000) | (15,000) | | | |
| E. One-Ton Trucks | 70,563 | 69,000 | 71,000 | 73,000 | 151,000 | | | | | | 82,000 |
| Capital Reserve Deposit | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | (130,563) | | | | | | (75,000) |
| F. Six Wheel Dump Trucks | - | 240,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 270,000 | 270,000 | 275,000 |
| G. Ten Wheel Dump Trucks | 137,355 | 10,000 | 158,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 170,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (147,355) | | | | | | | | (154,000) |
| H. All Purpose Tractor | 85,143 | 10,000 | 104,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (95,143) | | | | | | | | |
| I. Front-end Loader | 70,039 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 155,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | (145,039) | | | | | | |
| J. Loader/Backhoe (net of trade) | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 69,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | (60,000) | | | |
| K. Sweeper | 120,273 | 40,000 | 188,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 218,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (160,273) | | | | | (180,000) | | | |
| L. Roadside Mower/Tractor | 61,015 | 13,000 | 13,000 | 99,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (87,015) | | | | | | | | |
| M. Bulldozer | 40,677 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 94,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | 85,677 | | | | |
| N. Fuel Storage Tanks | 86,692 | 110,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | (86,692) | | | | | | | | | |
| O. Compressor | 34,576 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 60,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (51,576) | | | | | | | | |
| P. Chipper | 27,545 | | 28,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (27,545) | | | | | | | | |
| R. Grader | 231,139 | 10,000 | 246,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (241,139) | | | | | | | | |
| S. Sidewalk Reserve | 13,723 | | | | | | | | | | |
| T. Building Addition | 28,731 | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (total expenditures less capital reserve Withdrawals) | | 4,923,424 | 5,556,621 | 4,742,007 | 4,498,897 | 4,343,776 | 3,182,952 | 2,953,664 | 2,863,567 | 2,796,085 | 2,736,440 |
| PROJECTED NET ASSESSED VALUATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (projected annual growth \$10m) | | 3,406,577,508 | 3,416,577,508 | 3,426,577,508 | 3,436,577,508 | 3,446,577,508 | 3,456,577,508 | 3,466,577,508 | 3,476,577,508 | 3,486,577,508 | 3,496,577,508 |
| TAX RATE IMPACT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (total capital expenditures/assessed valuation) * 1000 | | 1.45 | 1.63 | 1.38 | 1.31 | 1.26 | 0.92 | 0.85 | 0.82 | 0.80 | 0.78 |



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| | | IX. ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Sewer and BCTV (does not affect general fund expenditures or the tax rate) | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Sewer System Improvements | 218,151 | | | | | | | | | | |
| B. Sewer Capacity Reserve | 630,993 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C. 1992 Sewer Bonds | | 183,531 | | | | | | | | | |
| D. Low Power FM Radio Station | | - | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Digital to HD Equipment | | 10,000 | 50,000 | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Withdrawal | | | (47,528) | | | | | | | | |
| F. Lighting Grids | | 20,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| G. Comcast Equipment Upgrades | | 10,000 | | | | | | | | | |

NOTES: **RED** = Capital Reserve Deposit **BOLD** = Projected Equipment/Project Cost



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