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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SELECTMEN (3 Years)

Norman W. Stiles, Chairman
James C. Chamberlin
Anne E. Goodman
Owen B. Durgin
Patricia Fisk

MODERATOR (2 Years)

Joseph E. Michael, Jr.

TOWN BUSINESS MANAGER

Deane R. Sweet

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3 Years)

Linda L. Ekdahl
Helen B. Mitchell (Deputy)

TOWN TREASURER

David C. Ninde

HEALTH OFFICER (3 Years - State recommends)

Lawrence W. Slanetz

WELFARE OFFICER

Deane R. Sweet

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 Years)

Elisabeth Maurice
William Prince, Chairman
Joan W. Weeks

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3 Years)

Malcolm Sandberg
Herbert W. Jackson
Frederick C. Ober

Expiration of Term

1985
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EXPIRATION OF TERM

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT (2 Years)  
(District No. 4)

Wayne Burton 1986  
Beverley Bryant 1986  
James C. Chamberlin 1986  
Charles Dingle 1986  
Bruce Packard 1986  
Francis Robinson 1986

BUDGET COMMITTEE (3 Years)

John C. Gammon (Removed) 1985  
Donald M. Sumner 1985  
Linnea M. Hirst (Resigned 10/84 - Replaced by Gloria Willey 1985  
Philip C. Montagano (Resigned 12/84 - Replaced by Michael Everngam 1985  
Louis J. Hudon 1985  
Frederick H. Reischer 1986  
Steven C. Irving 1986  
David Delage 1986  
Shirley Thompson, Chairman 1987  
John A. Lindsay 1987  
Margaret Faulk 1987  
Dane Evans 1987  

PLANNING BOARD (5 Years or 3 Years)

Michael Merenda 1985  
Bruce Bragdon, Chairman 1986  
Richard T. Hardy 1987  
Gary L. Lonsinger (3-year term) 1987  
Craig R. Seymour (3-year term) 1987  
Jody Handy 1988  

PLANNING ASSISTANT

David Walker

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (5 Years)

Charles Dingle 1985  
Gordon L. Byers 1985  
Edmund H. Vallery 1985  
William Tanguay, Chairman 1987  
Alexander Amell 1988  
Malcolm Neuhoff (Alternate) 1985  
Edward Smith (Alternate) 1986  
Charles F. Clark (Alternate) 1989  
Joseph Murdoch (Alternate) 1989
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (3 Years)

Michael O'Neil 1985
Walter Weiland 1985
Joan Weeks 1986
Robert Goodman, Chairman 1986
Robert S. Mangene 1986

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 Years)

Walter W. Cheney 1985
Ronald Willoughby, Chairman 1986
John Hatch 1986
Billie Jo Corell 1986
Theodore Howard 1987
Patricia Fisk, Sel. Rep. 1987

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (3 Years)

Lewis Roberts 1985
L. Franklin Heald, Chairman 1985
Nancy Sandberg 1986
Maryanna Hatch 1986
Marie Polk 1987

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

George Crombie

PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 Years)

William C. Clement 1985
Don L. Thompson 1985

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

James C. Chamberlin, Chairman 1985
George Crombie 1985
Paul Gowen 1986

BUILDING INSPECTOR

David Walker

FIRE CHIEF & FIRE WARDEN

Roland LaRoche, Acting Chief
FIRE COMMISSIONERS (3 Years)

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CHIEF OF POLICE

Paul Gowen

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

David Walker

LIBRARIAN

Donald E. Vincent

DURHAM DISTRICT COURT

William H. Shaheen, Justice
Joseph E. Michael, Special Justice
Judith Johnson, Clerk
Raymond J. Bilodeau, Probation Officer

DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS

Sue Ahearn

WATER POLICY COMMITTEE

James C. Chamberlin, Chairman
Patrick Miller (University Rep.)

SEWER POLICY COMMITTEE (3 Years)

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JOINT TOWN/UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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University:
Lennard A. Fisk, Jr.
J. Gregg Sanborn
Stephanie M. Thomas
Patrick Miller
Felix DeVito
David Flanders
Roland LaRoche (Acting Fire Chief)

CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Board of Selectmen
Trustees of Trust Funds

TREE WARDEN
Guy S. Hodgdon

DOG OFFICER
Michael Lynch

KEEPER OF THE SWANS
Lorus and Margery Milne

KEEPER OF THE POUND
L. Franklin Heald

SEACOAST TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
Owen B. Durgin, Policy Committee Member
George Crombie, Technical Committee Member
As we approach the 1985 Town Meeting, the Selectmen can look back on a busy, interesting and constructive year. In this report we shall review some of our work of the year. Much of this report will be familiar to Durham citizens from press accounts of our Monday night meetings.

Data General Corporation, Urban Development Action Grant funding, Lee well development, Mill Road sewer and water lines, Town Office renovations, implementation of an in-house computer system, Fire Station renovations, Dispatch Center study and the Wiswall Dam are some of the major Capital programs which have demanded our attention. In addition, a significant amount of our time has been allocated to everyday issues; for example, budgets, Town/University relations, setting of general policy for various Town endeavors, including the wide range of activities of the Public Works Department; parking and traffic problems, citizen petitions, personnel and many others.

Data General Corporation

Early approaches to the Department of Resources and Economic Development by the Durham/UNH "Hi-Tech" Committee paved the way for later consideration of Durham as a viable site for Data General's proposed expansion. On November 22, 1983, a Data General official met with Town officials and later viewed the proposed "Woodward Farm" site. On November 13, 1984, Town officials joined officials of the Data General Corporation and others in a ground breaking ceremony for a new 240,000 square foot, 31.7 million dollar Product Development and Light Manufacturing Facility, scheduled for completion in late 1986.

The proposed Data General facility will be Durham's first industrial tenant. This facility will expand and diversify Durham's residential tax base, lessening the property tax burden upon all residents. The value of the Data General facility in helping to alleviate the property tax burden has been cited as of major importance by Durham residents during the UDAG public hearings held in May of 1984.

UDAG Funding:

Early in 1984 the Town of Durham made application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for an Urban Development Action Grant to be utilized to provide
the necessary infrastructure to enable the Data General Corporation to construct a Product Development and Light Manufacturing Facility in Durham. Durham's application was not funded in the July, 1984 small cities funding round, but was held over for further consideration during the first quarter of FY 1985. Subsequently, in late October, 1984, the Department of Housing and Urban Development approved a UDAG grant for Durham in the amount of $2,048,750.00.

Lee Well Development Study:

Back in the 1950's, the Town purchased a four-acre parcel of land and test well located at Lee 5-Corners. For a number of years the Town has considered this area as a potential site to develop an additional supply for its water system. Development of this well, with a new 12-inch water main which would run to the intersection of the access road to the Data General facility, and a booster pump to a 600,000 gallon standpipe would furnish the planned facility with adequate daily water (27,000-30,000 gallons per day) as well as high pressure fire protection. This plan offers future benefits for the community as well as the high tech area by increasing our water supply and by improving water pressure in the Madbury Road/Hampshire Avenue/Scotland Road areas. This is a high priority project.

Mill Road Sewer and Water:

Construction by the University of New Hampshire of the Science Center College Road sewer line has made feasible reconstruction of the water and sewer lines under Mill Road. With this work completed in 1984, it is planned to rebuild a specified portion of Mill Road from approximately Oyster River Road to Main Street during the summer of 1985. This will be an Urban Roads Project with joint funding - 75% Federal/25% Town.

Wiswall Dam:

A matter of ongoing concern during the year has been the continued competition between the Town and a private developer for the right to install a hydro plant at the Wiswall Dam. It has long been the Town's position that while fiscally the hydro plant can only feasibly be developed privately, control of the site must be firmly established in the Town's domain. The Town has submitted plans which protect its water and recreational interests as well as providing energy at a higher level than that proposed by the private developer. The Town will continue to defend its interests in this matter.
Fire Station:

After nearly a decade of detailed site studies, initial architectural drawings and several Town Meetings, the long-standing Fire Station problem appears to have been resolved. A Special Town Meeting, held January 24, 1984, approved an appropriation of $290,000 (as the Town's share) to renovate and expand the south end of the Service Building at the University of New Hampshire into a new Durham/UNH Fire Station, which would answer the Department's space needs, be in compliance with Life Safety Building Codes and would provide a location in an adjacent building for the Ambulance Corps.

Dispatch Center:

A matter of continued concern during the year has been the operation of the Dispatch Center. This agency, long under the administration and control of the Board of Fire Commissioners, has reached a point where a major part of its workload is no longer fire-related; thus, its operation under the Fire Commissioners may no longer be appropriate. Both the Town and University have agreed to the selection of a private consultant, Sachs/Freeman Associates, Inc., to carry out a management study and design review of the Dispatch Center. This study is to be done in two phases; Phase I to address management and design review at a cost of $8,057, and Phase II to address engineering and implementation at a cost of $9,227. Costs will be shared equally by the Town and University.

Town Office Renovations:

Renovations to the interior of the Town Office buildings have greatly improved this facility by providing more space and by making possible a more efficient use of existing space. As a consequence of these changes, the Public Works Director and Town Business Manager now have offices contiguous to staff, and the Police Department has been provided with an isolated interrogation room with an outside entrance, in addition to improved office space.

Computer System:

The Town's computer system is a multi-user system, consisting of eight terminals, a letter-quality printer, a dot-matrix printer, a tape backup unit and 80 MB of hard disk storage, with 2 MB of memory. Current applications are: general ledger, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, utility billing, property taxes, voter registration, budget preparation, word processing and an electronic spreadsheet program. The 1985 resident taxes will be run on the system for the first time later this year.
Finally, it is obvious that the handling of the foregoing programs, and many others not listed, as well as the day-to-day operations of our various departments could not have been accomplished by your Board of Selectmen without the professionalism, loyalty, and dedication of our Town Administrators and the efficient staff of employees serving the Town. We extend to each our sincere thanks and appreciation. In like manner, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to those citizens serving on the many Town committees and Boards, and hope that they will continue to provide these valuable services in the future.

Durham is fortunate in having a concerned citizenry. The quality of life and the character of the community is determined by your continuing participation in Town affairs.

Norman W. Stiles, Chairman
James C. Chamberlin
Anne Goodman
Owen B. Durgin
Patricia Fisk

PRESENTATION OF GOLD POCKET WATCH & CHAIN TO POLICE CHIEF PAUL GOWEN FOR TWENTY YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

From left to right: Dr. Lennard Fisk, UNH, Chairman of Durham Board of Selectmen
Norman W. Stiles, Selectman James Chamberlin, rear,
James Barnes, Data General Vice President, U. S. Senator
Gordon Humphrey Representative Mark Aldrich, Fred Kocher,
U. S. Senator Warren Rudman Representative, kneeling,
Selectman O. B. Durgin and Public Works Director George
Crombie, rear, Governor John Sununu, Planning Board Chairman
Bruce Bragdon, Data General Senior Vice President David Chapman,
Data General President Edson deCastro and Data General Executive
Vice President Herbert Richman.
Durham took a major step towards diversifying and expanding its property tax base in 1984. The construction of the Data General Facility will benefit not only the Town's valuation but will positively impact the University of New Hampshire and the entire Seacoast region. The location of the $35 million dollar complex in Durham was accomplished by obtaining a $2.1 million dollar Urban Development Action Grant to fund the majority of the $3.1 million dollars in infrastructure improvements. Additional sources of funding are $801,000 from Data General and the Town will seek $200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of New Hampshire.

Although Data General will pay property taxes estimated to be in excess of one-half million dollars per year, the overall property tax rate will not decrease. The substantial increases in the Oyster River School District budget for last year and this year, combined with the payment for the County's new jail and the voter approved debt issues for the fire station renovations and the fire truck will require a level of additional property tax revenues which exceeds the amount to be paid by Data General.

Real improvements have been made in the timely investment of Town funds. During 1984 investment income exceeded $105,000, which is equal to approximately $1.20 on the tax rate. The revenue from investments in 1984 is more than five times that of the level of two years ago.

The Southeast tier of New Hampshire has been experiencing rapid growth and economic change. It is crucial the Town anticipate and plan for these changes to maximize the benefits and minimize the negative impacts. With proper planning and management the Town will not be placed in a reactionary mode of management. Adjusting to these changes will mean discarding some of the previous courses of action and discovering new methods of management. To accomplish this will necessitate foresight and the courage to change.
WELFARE OFFICER

Welfare expenses for 1984 increased substantially to a level of $6,936.99, as compared to $2,934.56 for 1983. The caseload increased from seven individuals and families in 1983 to a total of nine for 1984. Unfortunately, there is not a means of forecasting either the caseload or the financial impact of each case.

The presence of the University in the community has a substantial impact upon the nature of the caseload, with most of the cases being related to UNH in some manner. The majority of the cases are current or former students, on either a part-time or full-time basis. Others, attracted to Durham because of the University, are unable to obtain employment and become recipients.

Proposed changes in the State welfare laws would transfer a much greater financial burden from the counties to the municipalities, resulting in a dramatic increase in the funding requirements at the local level. Additionally, the proposed legislation would remove the economy of scale realized through centralized processing and supervision of cases, as well as the use of professional social workers.
Board of Selectmen
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire 03824

We have examined the financial statements of the Town of Durham as of and for the year ended December 31, 1983, as listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Town of Durham has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets and accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the financial statements.

The Town has not capitalized the cost of property, plant and equipment of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds or recorded the related depreciation costs thereon in the current or prior years. The amounts by which the financial statements would change, if these items were included, while material, cannot determined.

Because of the material effect of the above omissions, which are at variance with generally accepted accounting principles, in our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund do not present fairly the financial position of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds of the Town of Durham at December 31, 1983, or the results of its operations or changes in financial position for the year ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, except for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund and the omission of a statement of general fixed assets, the financial statements of the Governmental and Fiduciary Fund types present fairly the financial position of these funds of the Town of Durham at December 31, 1983, and the results of their operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.

Giordani & Lortie, Prof. Assn.
Certified Public Accountants

Dated January 1, 1984
We have examined the combined financial statements for the Town of Durham for the year ended December 31, 1983, and have issued our report thereon dated June 1, 1984. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In connection with our examination we also performed tests of compliance with the Revenue Sharing Act and Regulations as detailed in the Commentary on the Audit Requirements of the 1980 Amendments to the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act issued by the office of Revenue Sharing, U.S. Department of the Treasury, and compared the data on the appropriate Bureau of Census form with the audited records of the Town of Durham.

In our opinion, for the items tested, the Town of Durham complied with the aforementioned provisions of the Revenue Sharing Act and Regulations; except for the following matters:

The Town did not publish within 30 days after adoption of the budget, that it was available for public inspection.

Further, based on our examination and the procedures referred to above, nothing came to our attention to indicate that the Town of Durham had not complied with the aforementioned provisions of the Revenue Sharing Act and Regulations.

Giordani & Lortie, Prof. Assn.
Certified Public Accountants

Dated June 1, 1984
To The Board of Selectpersons.

We have examined the financial statements of the Town of Durham for the year ended December 31, 1983, and have issued our report thereon dated June 1, 1984. As a part of our examination we reviewed and tested the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance thereon in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The objective of internal control is to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgements by those managing the Town's affairs.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgement, carelessness or any other of several factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented intentionally by those managing the Town's affairs with respect to the estimates and judgements required in the preparation of financial statements.

Further projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions and that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation of the Town of Durham's system of internal accounting control for the year ended December 31, 1983, which was made for the purpose set forth in the first paragraph above, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, such study and evaluation disclosed the following conditions that we believe to be areas which need updating and improvement.
MANAGEMENT LETTER
OF
TOWN OF DURHAM
As of December 31, 1983

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable:

When the Town, water, and sewer bills a customer for repairs or services rendered, an invoice is sent. An individual ledger card listing the customers name and services rendered is not prepared. Once the bill has been sent, no further attempt is made to collect it. There still remains unpaid customers from 1980 and 1981 with no attempt made for collection.

We recommend that billing and collection policy be changed immediately. A subsidiary ledger card should be implemented for the above accounts, showing the name and unpaid balance at December 31, 1983. A policy should be started for rebilling unpaid customers, within a 30 day and 60 day period and what legal action should be taken by selectmen if the bills remain unpaid. This comment was mentioned in the prior year report.

Property and Equipment:

The Town does not maintain records of general fixed assets such as property and equipment with a life expectancy exceeding one year. The recording of fixed assets would fulfill the need to provide for physical dollar value control and establish accountability for general government capital expenditures over the year.

With the recording of fixed assets, the related depreciation could be determined on an annual basis for the purpose of measuring total cost of governmental services and evaluating the efficiency of programs.

Bank Deposits:

The tax collector collects all monies from the water and sewer department, selectmen, town clerk, and taxes. The daily cash is summarized on the individual deposit slips, however, these may not be deposited for as long as a week.

It is recommended that all bank deposits be deposited no later then the following day. This gives the treasurer the opportunity to invest these funds sooner, and allow for a complete and accurate cash flow projection. This comment was mentioned in the prior year report.

Invoices Not Numerically Numbered:

Invoices billed by the Town, water department, sewer department and police department, are not numerically numbered.

It is recommended that a numerical numbering system be implemented immediately. This would allow for future correspondence between the Town and a customer to refer to a specific invoice. This comment was mentioned in the prior year report.

Purchasing and Receiving:

The monitoring of expenditures could be controlled efficiently with the requirement of a mandatory purchase order system.

The purpose of this system would be: good accounting, control which means better safeguarding of assets, such as protection against theft, quantity errors, extension errors

GIORDANI & LORTIE, PROF. ASSN,
Certified Public Accountants
MANAGEMENT LETTER
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TOWN OF DURHAM
As of December 31, 1983

and receiving errors to mention but a few. Persons receiving goods would be required to sign for them as another safeguard. The purchase order system would result in a more efficient accounting for expenditures. Again costs should not out weigh the benefits when considering or implementing a system. However, such disclosures should be made for future decisions in updating and improving.

Recording of encumbrances have not been maintained in the Town's accounts as a matter of policy. Depending on the nature and amount of the encumbrances, could lead to a distortion of the monthly financial data being reviewed and acted upon.

It is understood that the Town's officials are very cost conscious and the development of a system of accounting for encumbrances should be discussed. The additional information provided through these accountings would be reflected in the expenditure accounts. This would update the accounts and the review of actual versus budgeted can be more accurately acted upon. Such procedures would also comply with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governments for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. This comment was mentioned in the prior year report.

Inventories:

The public works director of the enterprise fund consisting of water and sewer funds should consider taking a physical inventory of supplies and materials on hand. The inventory should be valued at lower of cost or fair market value. A perpetual inventory system should be started with the units counted and valued. This would enable the director to maintain tighter control of the inventory and last date of purchase. At year-end a physical count would be taken and reviewed against the perpetual system. Any large discrepancies would be reviewed, and tighter controls for the following year.

It is recommended that a physical count be taken of supplies and materials. The value of the inventory items would be brought on the financial statements, increasing the value of the assets and retained earnings. The insurance value carried on the materials could be more accurately valued as a result of the perpetual system.

Surety Bonds:

The State of New Hampshire requires certain Town employees and elected officials to be bonded. Once bonded, a copy of the surety bond must be sent to the Department of Revenue Administration for their approval. The surety bonds for 1983 or 1984 have not been sent or approved.

It is recommended that copies of the 1983 and 1984 surety bonds be sent to the Department of Revenue Administration for their approval.

Revaluation of Land and Buildings:

During 1983, the Town's valuation of property was 58% of the current fair market value. This could present a burden to the selectmen in trying to arrive at proper land and building valuations of new homes or renovations. Another problem could be if industry decided to relocate to Durham, they may require that all properties within the Town be valued at 100% of current valuation.
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It is recommended that the selectmen recognize the need to have all properties assessed at 100% of current valuation. This should be considered within the next five years. A way to relieve the tax burden in year of re-assessing would be to budget some money yearly into a capital reserve fund.

Review of Insurance Coverage:
The insurance coverage on equipment, vehicles and Town owned properties has not been reviewed by a qualified individual or insurance agent.

It is recommended that the selectmen review the insurance policies as to the coverage and compare the coverage against reported appraised values on all Town properties. This would insure proper dollar value coverage was being provided through insurance.

Computer Payroll:
The person preparing the weekly payroll and the computer operator is the same person. When the payroll is inputed into the computer, the operator can alter hourly pay rates without approval or controls on the computer.

It is strongly recommended that the weekly payroll be reviewed once the payroll proof register is printed. The operator reviews this payroll proof, as should management. Once management was satisfied the payroll proof is current, they should initial the print-out, and thus confirming the printing of checks.

Semi-annual Tax Billing:
The Town of Durham bills property owners once a year. They are billed in November, due in December for the past year. After town meeting and the approved budget, the selectmen will go out and borrow money through a tax anticipation note. Payment is made when the property taxes are received in December. In 1983, the Town borrowed $2,400,000 in anticipation of current property taxes. The tax anticipation note was repaid in December, the amount of interest was approximately $91,700.

It is recommended that the Selectmen consider changing the method of billing property taxes from yearly to every six months. If property taxes were billed semi-annually, the tax anticipation note could be decreased by at least a million dollars. In 1983, the Town raised $3,963,000 through property taxes. Should the property taxes be billed every six months $1,981,000 would be due by July 1st. Even if 75% of the property taxes were received this would amount to $1,486,000. This could result in a 40% saving on your tax anticipation budget.
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OF
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As of December 31, 1983

At this time, we would like to thank everyone involved for their assistance during the audit. Any questions relating to the above management letter will be discussed in detail upon request. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Giordani & Lortie, Prof. Assn. Certified Public Accountants

Dated ________________
Exhibit B

TOWN OF DURHAM

Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For The Year Ended December 31, 1983

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<tr>
<th>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</th>
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<td>Taxes</td>
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<td>Licenses and permits</td>
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<td>Intergovernmental revenues</td>
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<td>Charges for services</td>
<td>5,060</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous revenues</td>
<td>525,081</td>
<td>153,965</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUES</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,523,020</strong></td>
<td><strong>274,939</strong></td>
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| EXPENDITURES:            |                 |                 |
| General government       | 538,814         | 7,285           |
| Public safety            | 588,167         | 104,501         |
| Highways and streets     | 509,321         |                 |
| Sanitation               | 108,190         |                 |
| Health                   | 11,917          |                 |
| Welfare                  | 16,388          |                 |
| Culture and recreation   | 80,320          |                 |
| Capital outlay           | 112,167         | 22,845          |
| Debt Service:            |                 |                 |
| Principal retirement     | 449,533         |                 |
| Interest and fiscal charges | 356,125     |                 |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**   | **2,747,542**   | **30,130**      |

| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES |         |                 |
|                                              | (224,522) | 170,438         |

| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):               |         |                 |
| Operating transfers - in                      | 216,870 | 12,032          |
| Operating transfers - out                     | (3,400) | (171,870)       |
| **TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)**     | **213,470** | **10,740**   |

| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES |         |                 |
|                                                                              | (11,052) | 10,600          |

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(173,633)

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Certified Public Accountants
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**Exhibit A**

**TOWN OF DURHAM**

Combined Balance Sheet  
All Fund Types and Account Groups

For The Year Ended December 31, 1983

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<td>Due from other governmental units</td>
<td>1,184,274</td>
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<td>Restricted cash</td>
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<td>Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt</td>
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<td>9,999</td>
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**TOTAL ASSETS**  
$1,619,967  $108,792  $67,070

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<td>Due to other governmental units</td>
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<td>General obligation notes - payable</td>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES**  
1,515,085  9,999  240,703

**FUND EQUITY**

Retained earnings - unexpended

Fund Balances:
Reserved for endowments
Unreserved:
  Designated for subsequent years expenditures | 22,469 |
  Undesignated | 82,413 |

**TOTAL FUND EQUITY**  
104,882  98,793  (173,633)

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**  
$1,619,967  $108,792  $67,070

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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT: Durham Bank

Cash Balance, 1/1/84: $ 703,722.75

RECEIPTS:
Received from Tax Collector 4,365,498.06
Received from Town Clerk 221,862.95

RECEIVED FROM STATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES:
Revenue Receipts 512,149.78
Revenue-Sharing Reimbursement 166,440.17

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM STATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES: $ 678,589.95

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES:
Reimbursements, T.A.N. & Acct. Transfers 3,968,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues 2,992,622.21
Water Department Reimbursement 75,000.00
Sewer Maintenance Reimbursement 60,000.00
Interest from Certificates of Deposit & "New" Account 108,244.52

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES: 7,203,866.73

Total Receipts and Beginning Balance: 13,173,540.44
Total Cash Disbursements & Account Transfers: 12,418,946.99

CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1984: $ 754,593.45

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT
Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 1/1/84: 8,996.35

RECEIPTS:
United States Treasury Department 136,702.00
Transferred from General Funds 23,205.01

Total Receipts & Beginning Balance: 159,907.01
Transferred to General Funds 168,903.36

BALANCE, FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT, December 31, 1984 $ 2,463.19
**GREASE HANDLING FACILITIES PROJECT**

Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 1/1/84: $408.07

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**Balance, GREASE HANDLING FACILITIES**
December 31, 1984: $408.07

**PARKING FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Balance, Durham Bank, 1/1/84: -0-

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**PARKING FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE**
December 31, 1984: $12,080.36

**PARKING FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Balance, Durham Bank, 1/1/84: -0-

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**Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 12/31/84:** 9,393.71

**ROAD RESTORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 1/1/84: 690.95

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**Balance, ROAD RESTORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**
December 31, 1984: $1,820.95

**SEWER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT**

Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 1/1/84: 2,441.61

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**Balance, SEWER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT**
December 31, 1984: $17,041.61
SWIM MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT
Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 1/1/84
$53,016.77

RECEIPTS:
Sewer Charges 96,000.00
Transfer from General Funds 36,000.00

Total RECEIPTS & Beginning Balance
Transferred to General Funds 132,000.00

BALANCE, SWIM MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT
December 11, 1984
$104,037.39

WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT
Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 1/1/84
4,756.85

RECEIPTS:
Maint Entry Fees 76,200.00

Total RECEIPTS & Beginning Balance
Disbursed 80,956.85

BALANCE, WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT
December 11, 1984
$90,363.85

WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT
Balance, Durham Bank Acct., 1/1/84
66,866.91

RECEIPTS:
Sale of Water & Services 106,187.00
Transfer from General Funds 36,389.02

Total RECEIPTS & Beginning Balance
Transferred to General Funds 243,576.02

BALANCE, DURHAM BANK WATER DEPT. ACCOUNT, December 11, 1984
$204,110.13

WATER DEPARTMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT
Balance, Dover Federal Bank, 1/1/84
9,988.53

RECEIPTS:
Interest Earned 3,738.26

BALANCE, WATER DEPARTMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT, December 31, 1984
$13,726.79

BANK OF NEW ENGLAND CHECKING ACCOUNT
Open Balance, 1/1/84
800.00

RECEIPTS:
Transfers from General Funds 0,136,850.00

Beginning Balance, plus RECEIPTS
Tax Refundation Notes 0.136,850.00
Bank Service Charges 22.09

Total Change

BALANCE, BANK OF NEW ENGLAND ACCOUNT
December 11, 1984
$896.87
WASTE TREATMENT CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance, Bank of New England, 1/1/84: $1,125.22
Charges:

BALANCE, BANK OF NEW ENGLAND
December 31, 1984 $1,125.22

STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

Open Balance, 1/1/84: 33,830.25
RECEIPTS:

Interest Credited 802.54
Beginning Balance, plus Receipts: 34,632.79
Transferred to General Funds 30,000.00

BALANCE, STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY, December 31, 1984 $4,632.79
TOWN OF DURHAM
STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1984

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FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1984

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$3,886,603 $435,533 $3,949,070 $480,133 $3,468,937 $214,046 $228,187 $863,439
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

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There were seventeen burials in the Durham Cemetery in 1984, only one of which was of cremains. In four cases the family had to purchase burial plots on an emergency basis. This is one emergency that nobody needs, and citizens are urged to plan ahead whenever practicable so that burial plots are available when needed. Nine burial plots of various sizes were sold, including one cremains lot.

This has been a year of transition for the Trustees, as well as other Town departments, as the changeover to computer-oriented management practices is consummated. Regrouping of accounts and records has resulted in a clearer understanding of relationships and is improving overall efficiency. Occasional oversights and problems which have been unavoidable in the past should now be all but eliminated.

The great service which Philip Wilcox rendered the community over the years in locating and reclaiming historic old graveyards can never be repaid. He constantly sought out graveyards long forgotten in byways and back pastures. He recruited volunteers to help, then personally and physically waded in and cleared out poison ivy, brush and trees, and set up fallen grave markers until the newly-discovered yards were clear and visible. Records were set up and files established on all known burial grounds, which now number over 75. It is now our job to pick up and carry on this endeavor if these valuable clues to our past are to be retained.

Thirty-one of these burial grounds now have trust funds which have been established to assure their perpetual care, many of which were solicited by Phil himself. Three more, including the Town cemetery, are cared for under special arrangements, but 43 are still completely abandoned. The small fund donated annually by the Town helps to keep these yards from being entirely lost, but it is far from enough to ensure real perpetual care. More trust funds are sorely needed. Civic-minded organizations, landowners with abandoned graveyards on their property, individuals who may have ancestors buried in one of these abandoned yards, all are urged to consider setting up such a trust. These contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.
In this regard, the Trustees gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a second annual $300 gift from the Durham Historic Association, this one to establish a trust fund for the "Edgerly" graveyard on Dame Road, near "Tipping Stone," (file No. 26-150). The Historic Association hopes to continue the annual funding of historic abandoned graveyards which are in danger of being lost. Also very gratefully acknowledged is a gift of $300 from the Minichiello's for a trust fund for the "Dame-Wormwood" graveyard on their property on Dame Road (file No. 12-150), and $300 from Eloise Woodman of Wichita, Kansas for the Wiggin-Woodman cemetery behind Highland House on Bennett Road (file No. 68-144). Jesse Gangwer contributed $100 for the support of the John Woodman cemetery on Woodman Road (file No. 71-47). These graveyards, most of which were formerly "abandoned," are now included in the "trusted" list.

Plans for a limited timber harvest on the Doe Farm are proceeding apace, and it is hoped that cutting can begin this spring, or at latest next fall. Our Tree Warden, Guy Hodgdon, has been working closely with the State Forester to assure that only appropriate trees will be cut and that the work will be done cleanly and efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert W. Jackson, Chairman
Frederick C. Ober, Treasurer
Malcolm Sandberg, Clerk
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
# REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 1984

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**TOTAL OF TRUSTS 100% IN COMMON TRUST FUND:**

Balance: $20,244.11
Income: $9,914.52

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|                        |                      |                      |           |        |
| George Ffrost          | Education            | Bonds/Common Trust   | 3,250.00 | -0-    | 3,250.00| 2,148.51| 331.45| 300.00| 2,179.96|
| Odinthus Doe           | Care of Farm/        | Bonds/Common Trust   | 4,586.44 | -0-    | 4,586.44| 7,711.29| 1,126.88| 1,406.70| 7,431.47|
| Town Cemetery          | Support of School    | Bonds/Common Trust   | 44,225.03| 5,050.00| 49,275.03| 1,215.18| 5,519.54| 4,965.86| 1,768.86|
| Smith Chapel           | Cemetery Care        | Bonds/Common Trust   | 5,627.12 | -0-    | 5,627.12| 510.87| 726.26| 813.11| 424.02|

**TOTAL OF ALL TRUSTS:**

Balance: $77,932.70
Income: $21,500.37

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

|                        |                      |                      |           |        |
| Capital Reserve        | Highway Dept.        | Savings Account      | 367.66    | -0-    | 367.66| 1,344.15| 178.46| -0-| 1,522.61|
| Capital Reserve        | Fire Dept.           | Savings Account      | 5,837.94  | -0-    | 5,837.94| 10,266.63| 1,679.56| -0-| 11,946.19|
| Capital Reserve        | Incinerator          | Savings Account      | 4,839.01  | -0-    | 4,839.01| 7,417.41| 1,278.04| -0-| 8,695.45|
| Capital Reserve        | Parks & Rec.         | Savings Account      | 1,000.00  | 7,648.00| 8,648.00| 1,259.38| 678.56| -0-| 1,937.94|
| Capital Reserve        | Sewer Dept.          | Savings Account      | 1,025.33  | -0-    | 1,025.33| 2,853.59| 405.10| -0-| 3,258.69|
| Capital Reserve        | Water Dept.          | Savings Account      | 20,000.00 | (20,000.00)| -0-| 35,327.20| 4,061.00| 39,388.20| -0-|

**TOTALS:**

Balance: $33,069.94
Income: $58,468.36

|                        |                      |                      |           |        |
| TOTALS:                |                      |                      |           |        |
|                        |                      |                      | $12,352.00|        | $20,717.94| $8,280.72| $39,388.20| $27,360.88|
## VALUATION

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## COMPARATIVE TAX RATE PER $1,000 ASSESSED VALUATION

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| TOTAL CREDITS                  | $4,450,798.68 | $615,622.61 |
Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1984

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**TOTAL DEBITS**

|$117,500.62| $92,630.76| $23,745.30|

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**TOTAL CREDITS**

|$117,500.62| $92,630.76| $23,745.30|

TOWN CLERK

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**TOTAL**

|$221,862.95|

Cars Registered - 4,639
Dogs Registered - 519

37
Fund Balance as of 12/31/83: $23,205.01

RECEIPTS:
Received from Federal Revenue Sharing: 136,702.00

Total Funds Available: $159,907.01

1984 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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Total Expended: 153,841.57

Unexpended Balance 12/31/84: 6,065.44

Anticipated Revenue, 1985: 119,804.00

Available for 1985 Appropriations: $125,869.44
The primary function of the Town Meeting is the adoption of the annual operating budget. Under the Municipal Budget Law, the Town Budget Committee prepares and submits the budget to the voters at Town Meeting. The Selectmen administer the appropriated funds which have been approved by the annual Town Meeting.

To establish the community's tax rate, the annual appropriations are measured against available revenues. These revenues include State and Federal aid, grants and fees. To determine the amount necessary to be raised by property taxes, the State Department of Revenue Administration does the calculations and sets the tax rate. The amount of money to be raised is then divided by the total assessed valuation of all the property in the taxed district to arrive at the tax rate. The assessed valuation is determined by the Town assessors who base their assessments on the fair market value of the property of the Town. In reaching a determination of the tax rate, the Department of Revenue Administration also evaluates the legality of appropriations, reviews financial reports, budgets, current and prior evaluations of property, tax exemptions and information from taxpayers.

The Budget Committee has been meeting weekly with Department heads and committee members since the end of November to review budget requests for 1985. Aware that the burden for supporting Town, County and School services rests primarily with the property owners and that uncontrolled increases in property taxes cannot be tolerated, the Budget Committee has attempted to submit a budget which is equitable to all citizens of the Town of Durham.

The Committee has experienced a turnover of members during the past year. John Gammon, student at UNH, was dismissed for non attendance, under RSA 32:3. Philip Montagano and Linnea Hirst resigned for personal reasons. Gloria Willey and Michael Everngam have been appointed to serve until the 1985 Town Meeting.

The members of the Budget Committee wish to express their appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for its cooperation and responsible presentation of the budget proposals. A personal thank you from the Chairman and Vice Chairman to all Budget Committee members who have labored many long and tedious hours over the 1985 budget preparation. They are indeed a dedicated group.
The Budget Committee meetings are open to all citizens of the Town of Durham, and under the Right to Know Law all minutes are accessible to the public.

Shirley A. Thompson, Chairman
Margaret J. Faulk, Vice Chairman

DURHAM BUDGET COMMITTEE

Durham Data

SIZE: 25.5 square miles (2.2 of which is water surface).

POPULATION: Federal Estimate: 10,657 (1980 Census)  (Effective July 1, 1978, the Federal Population Estimate is official for all purposes and includes resident student population)

TOWN ROADS: 41.6 miles.

STATE ROADS: 19 miles.

SIDEWALKS: 25,689 linear feet, or 4.87 miles.

Recreational Facilities

Skating Rink at Jackson's Landing.
Jackson's Landing boating facilities.
Cedar Point boat ramp.
Tot Lot.
Oyster River Park.
Recreational walking route via Class VI roads, as seen in "Walking Durham."
Old Landing (both sides of bridge).
Town Shipyard boat landing.
Mill Pond scenic area.
Doe Farm
Bicentennial Park at Main Street and Mill Road.
Launching ramp at Adams Point.
Woodridge Tennis Courts.
Ballard Park.
Mill Road Triangle.
Woodridge Baseball/Soccer Facility.

Property Owned By The Town

BUILDINGS

Town Hall (Durham District Court, Museum)
Highway Department Garage
Highway Department Garage (sheds)
Sewage Treatment Plant and Addition
Sewage Pumping Station, Dover Road
Solid Waste Disposal Site, Durham Point Road
New Town Office Building - 13-15 Newmarket Road
Hockey Warming Hut
Grease Handling Facility
Henry A. Davis Memorial Building
LAND

Lot #55, Woodridge Road
Schoolhouse Lane, Town Garage Lot
Old Landing Road, 400' north side, 100' south side
Mill Pond Road Park
Land off Dame Road (approximately 30 acres)
Mill Pond Dam, north side
Police Building Lot, 40' x 50'
Tot Lot
Town Lot and land in Provost Development
Oyster River Park
Smith Chapel and two acres, Mill Pond Road
Littlehale Road Lot
Jackson Landing
Cedar Point, two shallow lots
Durham Point Road at intersection with Langley Road
Lee Pit
Well Site, four acres off U.S. Route 4 in Lee
Lot 27, Longmarsh Road - Beaver Pond Conservation Area
Conservation Land adjacent to Lot 27
Wiswall Road Dam Site
Spruce Hole Conservation Area
Doe Farm
Lot Nos. 79-83 -- Woodridge Development
Conservation Easement - Pond Area at Durham Point Road and Pinecrest Lane
Conservation Purchase: Langmaid Farm, Longmarsh Road (Class VI area)
Blackhawk Lot #4

CONGRATULATIONS TO LT. DONALD VITTUM ON HIS GRADUATION
FROM THE F.B.I. NATIONAL ACADEMY
An increase in preventative services and enforcement have had a positive effect in the community throughout 1984.

Durham experienced a fatal-free traffic accident record for the year. Some contributing factors were an increase in traffic enforcement citations and written warnings; a "no warning" position on bicycle violations; and the placement, on line, of the new intoximeter which has impacted the increased rate of driving while intoxicated arrests and convictions.

Our program on security checks during owner absences continues the down trend, or decrease, in home burglaries. All homeowners should take advantage of this service.

Our newly implemented computer-aided parking enforcement program has been cost effective, and most efficient. On the revenue side of the "Parking Fund" account monies receipted will exceed anticipated revenues by $2,845.00 -- this represents a gross increase over 1983 revenues of nearly $14,000.00 with the program in effect for only ten months.

Because we live in a litigious society, several mandatory training programs are now in effect. The State of New Hampshire mandates that all full-time police personnel be certified as police officers, which requires successful completion of a ten-week Police Academy. The State also mandates training and certification with firearms and the intoximeter. Our Department now mandates annual training on the use of the police baton "PR24," the radar, and the proper use of hand restraints. Several of our officers attended various in-service training conducted by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council to include court prosecutor, firearms, and PR24 instructor(s), radar certification, advanced accident investigation, Identi-kit, and officer survival schools - also supervisor and criminal investigator correspondence courses were completed.

Most notable in the area of education and training was Lieutenant Donald Vittum's graduation from the eleven-week FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, which is accredited by the University of Virginia. Lt. Vittum took credit courses in labor relations, Constitutional Law, forensic science, effective communications, and psychological profiling, as well as receiving police-related training. We all extend our congratulations to Lt. Vittum.
1984 ACTIVITY REPORT

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**Total: 2,059**
1984 Juvenile Report

The Juvenile Annual Report relates only to those crimes where the juvenile offender was known, apprehended, and processed.

A number of juvenile cases involved parent conferences, warnings after hearings with parents, release to the custody of parents for disciplinary action, court diversion, and juvenile or adult court. The Juvenile or Adult Court is used only after other remedies have been exhausted.

Breakdown of Juvenile Cases

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# VITAL STATISTICS

**Births Registered in the Town of Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1984**

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1984

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The year 1984 was a very trying period for your Fire Commissioners, who had many problems to solve and decisions to make. Although on the surface it may not seem entirely rosy, we believe that many of our problems have been solved and we are diligently endeavoring to make additional decisions for the benefit of your Fire Department.

We are very pleased that the Town authorized the purchase of a Tanker/Pumper truck, which we feel is very essential for the future equipment in the Department. As has often been said, our present Tanker is far beyond obsolescence; it cannot be depended upon to perform its function in our Department, and the advent of a new Tanker/Pumper will be of immeasurable assistance.

The move of the Fire Station to its new location has been a long, drawn-out affair and, at times, a very exasperating problem. We can now report that the move has been completed and the facility (almost double in size) should be adequate for many years to come.

James C. Chamberlin, Chairman
David Flanders
Theodore J. Finnegan
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
1984 was a busy year for the Durham-UNH Fire Department. Chief Dewhurst became disabled with an illness in September. Whether he will be able to return to duty or not will not be known until early spring. During the past year we have had a turnover of eight men, in the firefighters ranks. This has put a burden on remaining personnel. My sincere appreciation goes to those personnel that have had to work 72 hours straight, instruct new employees, and withstand the extra pressure imposed on them to maintain some reasonable sense of fire protection for the community.

An extensive and intensive driver training program was installed for the Call Department members. They showed genuine interest, put in many hours of dedicated service, and they should be recognized and complimented for their volunteering their time for such activities.

The tanker-pumper truck approved at the March 1984 Town meeting has been ordered through 3D Fire Apparatus Company of Bonduel, Wisconsin. The unit and necessary additional equipment required to equip the unit will cost approximately $138,185.00. This is well under the original anticipated, and budgeted figure of $150,000.00. The current delivery date for the vehicle is late spring or early summer of 1985. The department would like to express its thanks to the Truck Specification Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the University officials for their efforts and cooperation during this project.

Work on the new fire station started in August. The anticipated date for moving into the facility is mid-January, with an open house scheduled for early spring, once we are all settled into the station.

The rust problem with our 1971 Maxim, Engine 2, was removed and the entire unit was repainted. This should reduce the recurrence of rust problems on Engine 2 for some time.

Fire Prevention activities remain a high priority. Public education and inspections continue on a day to day basis. The chimney inspection program continues to be a service widely requested by our residents and a program which certainly will continue.
Training during this past year has been continuous. Through the efforts of the training officer and the shift officers, the training of our new personnel has brought these men up to a reasonable standard of expertise and local knowledge.

During 1984 the department responded to a total of 1,243 calls. Although this is less than in 1983, the types of calls received during 1984 required additional manhours to cope with the various situations. Actual fire calls included 9 cases of arson to building or building contents, 12 brush fires, 5 vehicle fires, 20 chimney fires, 7 dumpster fires, 8 structural fires, 12 mutual aid calls to surrounding communities, and also 269 medical aid calls.

The structural and vehicle fire calls totaled $185,000.00 in fire loss in 1984.

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Our first forest fire prevention law was enacted by our State Legislature 90 years ago. This early law set in place a cooperative forest fire prevention and suppression effort between city and town governments and State government. It simply stated that no open fire could be kindled, when the ground is free of snow, without the written permission of the town/city Forest Fire Warden. This law also stated that anyone kindling a fire without written permission shall be liable for the damage caused and subject to a $1,000 fine.

During the past 90 years, this law has worked so well that it has remained unchanged. All open fires, when the ground is not covered with snow must be authorized by the local Forest Fire Warden. Persons kindling a fire without permission (a permit) when one is required are liable for damages caused, fire suppression costs and subject to a $1,000 fine.

This cooperative fire prevention law has contributed significantly to our national recognized annual forest fire loss record.

**1984 STATISTICS**

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DISPATCH CENTER

The Durham-UNH Dispatch Center logged 22,345 incidents during 1984 for the 4 police departments, 1 security department, 6 fire departments, 3 ambulance services, 2 fast squads, and 2 public works departments served by the Center. This is an increase in the level of activity experienced by the Center during 1983.

A breakdown of the 1984 incidents are as follows:

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<td>Police &amp; Security Calls</td>
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With the numerous other responsibilities also handled by the Center, the Center has certainly proven its need and worth to our Town and University communities. The employees are to be recognized for their professionalism and dedication.

During early 1985 the Dispatch Center will undergo an intense study by Sachs/Freeman Associates, Incorporated. This agency has been hired by the Town/Gown Committee to do an in depth study relative to the management and actual functions of the Center.

The cooperation experienced while dealing with all Town and University agencies during this past year was excellent. We are looking forward to working with all agencies in 1985. Thank you.

Roland LaRoche
Acting Fire Chief
1985 Warrant and Budget
Durham, New Hampshire

School District
$2,862,121
65.2%

Town
$1,122,388
25.5%

County
$407,611
9.3%

1984 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

Warrant W-1
Budget As Posted (MS-7) W-9
Proposed Appropriation Detail W-13
Estimated Revenues W-26
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes W-27
1985 TOWN WARRANT  
TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River Cooperative High School Cafeteria, Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, 1985, A.D., at 8:00 A.M. (E.S.T.) to act on the following ballot articles:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

As provided by law, there can be no discussion on these articles prior to balloting.

Absentee ballots will be processed beginning at 3:00 P.M.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AND ACTION BY BALLOTTING on the articles referred to above and listed below will cease at 7:00 P.M. The ballots will then be counted and the results announced.

Further, in compliance with action approved by the Town Meeting on March 7, 1972 (Article 2), you are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River Cooperative High School Gymnasium at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, March 13, 1985 to act on all other articles in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1. (VOTE BY BALLOT) To choose two (2) Selectmen for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years; four (4) Budget Committee members for three (3) years; one (1) Budget Committee member for one (1) year, and all other elective officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 1.21 Adopted

a. Delete the word and number "Chapter 31" and insert the words and numbers "Chapter 672 through 677" in its place.

b. Delete the numbers and word "1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974"
ARTICLE 3. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 1.31 Procedure for Amendment

a. Delete the word and number "Chapter 31" and insert the words and numbers "Chapter 672 through 677" in its place.

b. Delete the following words: "Said Chapter requires among other things, that there shall be two public hearings in relation thereto, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen days notice of time and place of each such hearing shall be published in a paper of general circulation in the Town of Durham and a legal notice thereof shall also be posted in at least three public places in the Town. Official copies of the final proposed ordinance or amendments shall be upon file and made available to the public at the office of the Town Clerk four weeks prior to that date upon which action is to be taken."

ARTICLE 4. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 1.40 DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL TERMS - Special Exception

a. Delete the abbreviation and numbers "RSA 36:19(a)" and insert the abbreviation, word and numbers "RSA 672 through 677"

ARTICLE 5. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 2.31 Zoning Map

a. After the words "March 11, 1980" add the words "as amended"

ARTICLE 6. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 5.15 Setback

a. Delete the words "and terraces."
ARTICLE 7. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 5.16 Yard

a. Delete the words "and terraces."

ARTICLE 8. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 5.43 Optional Porkchop Subdivisions in RC and R Districts.

a. Add after".....and Common Driveway." the following: "A Common Driveway to a Porkchop Subdivision will only serve a maximum of 4 lots. Adjacent Porkchop Subdivisions will not share a common driveway, each Porkchop Subdivision will have a common driveway independent from any other subdivision."

ARTICLE 9. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 7.11 Nonconforming Signs and Utility Structure.

a. Delete the words "until such sign or structure must be replaced for any reason." and add the following sentence "Nothing herein shall prevent the substantial restoration or reconstruction within one year of a sign destroyed in part or whole by fire or other casualty so long as this use does not result in a new or increased violation."

ARTICLE 10. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 7.20 DEFINITION OF TERMS - Awning

a. Delete the word "metal" as stated in the following phrase ".....with a metal frame attached to a building...."
ARTICLE 11. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 7.20 DEFINITION OF TERMS - Canopy

a. Delete the word "metal" as stated in the following phrase ".....with metal frames attached...."

ARTICLE 12. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 7.55 Canopies

a. Delete the words "all frames and supports shall be of metal;" as stated in the following phrase "...of cloth or metal hood, provided, however, all frames and supports shall be of metal; the lowest portion..."

ARTICLE 13. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 7.56 Awnings

a. Delete the words "all frames and supports shall be of metal;" as stated in the following phrase "...of cloth or metal, provided, however, all frames and supports shall be of metal; the lowest portion..."

ARTICLE 14. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section 10.31 Authorization

a. Delete the word, numbers, and letter "Chapter 36.19.a" and insert the words and numbers "Chapter 672 through 677"

ARTICLE 15. (VOTE BY BALLOT) Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by petition of the voters for this Town?

(1) That Article I, Section 40 (Definition of General Terms) include the following definition:
**Bed and Breakfast.** Bed and Breakfast means a building and accessories thereto, principally used, designed or adapted to provide lodging for not more than twenty (20) occupants having a common breakfast/dining area for continental breakfast. No occupant shall reside at these lodging facilities for longer than two consecutive weeks. The classification for the Bed and Breakfast shall be "C." Maximum number of occupants in unrelated household per 300 square feet of habitable floor space shall be three persons.

(2) That Article IV, Section 28, (Table of Permitted Uses by Zoning District) shall include the following:

"Bed and Breakfast dwelling shall be permitted in Zone R with a notation that such building shall not lodge more than twenty (20) persons each evening."


**THE PRECEDING CONCLUDES THE OFFICIAL BALLOT ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 16.** (VOTE BY BALLOT) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) for Mill Road reconstruction. Such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interests of the Town of Durham. (Two-thirds majority vote required to pass.) (Ballot after discussion.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($7,800) for the purpose of funding the entire costs of maintaining the University of New Hampshire swimming pool for the final two weeks of August, 1985. Such appropriation and expenditures will allow the pool to remain open for this two-week period. (Without recommendation of the Budget Committee.)
ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to reinstate day care funding in the amount of $4,500 (the amount from the 1983 Town Budget) to assist those day care centers in town that are not receiving Strafford County Day Care funds. Such sum should be presented to the Friends of Durham Day Care to distribute to those centers, as had been the past practice. (Petitioned by 13 legal voters as follows: Amy Shea Viccaro, Mara R. Witzling, Cinthia Gannett, John Estabrook, William Hamby, Iris Estabrook, Joanne Curran-Celentano, Janet Wells, Carol H. Burns, John M. Burns, Judith Chandler, William C. Cote, Cynthia E. Cote.)

(Without recommendation of the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to receive and deposit in the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, Federal Revenues allocated to the Town by the Federal Government under provisions of the 1972 Acts of Congress, as amended, establishing the State and Local Assistance Act, and to authorize withdrawal from this fund for budgeted appropriations (see Budget) in the approximate amounts and for the purposes listed as follows:

1985 ANTICIPATED AVAILABLE FUNDS: $125,869.44

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TOTAL PROPOSED REVENUE SHARING: $125,869.44

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the budget for the period January 1, 1985 – December 31, 1985. as submitted by the Budget Committee in the amount of Three Million, Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars ($3,619,637.00), and to raise by taxes the sum of One Million, Five Hundred One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars ($1,501,987.00) for the purposes thereof. (See Budget Detail.)
ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand, Two Hundred And Nine Dollars ($493,209.00) to defray its share of the cost of Strafford County Government.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to form a committee of five (5) appointed by the selectmen:

1. To study the desirability of changing the form of government in Durham.

2. To make a report of its recommendations for publication in the 1985 Annual Report.

3. To propose any Warrant Article appropriate for consideration at the 1986 Town Meeting.


ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to have fire protection and rescue service in our community studied by an appropriate, unbiased, professional consulting organization. The study results should contain recommendations relative to the proper and efficient organization and management of fire protection and rescue service in our community. The results of this study shall be available to the public by September 1, 1985. (Petitioned by 28 legal voters as follows: Thomas F. Richardson, Richard P. Many, Ray E. Mundy, Parker C. Ayer, Harry H. Hall, Alden L. Winn, L. Franklin Heald, Robert K. Heuchling, Eric J. Chinburg, Steven D. Chinburg, Alan Lincoln, Carol Lincoln, John R. Maier, Mary Ellen Maier, Robert Dupuis, Linda M. Dupuis, Maryanna Hatch, Theron L. Tirrell, Karen A. King, Thomas A. King, Kathryn Firczuk, Michael Firczuk, John Gannon, Marion Gannon, Caroline Wooster, Ruth Dalton, James Swinney, Carter D. Christenson.)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, negotiate, and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State or other assistance as may be available for public works or other municipal functions, and to expend such funds for those projects.

(Two-thirds majority vote required to pass.)
ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, under authority of R.S.A. 80:42, to sell and transfer the tax lien and/or the title to real estate acquired by the Town at a tax collector's sale for non-payment of taxes, in default of redemption for such tax sale within the time limited by law, by deed or otherwise upon such terms as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow necessary money in anticipation of taxes by issuing short-term notes.

ARTICLE 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

Norman W. Stiles, Chairman
James C. Chamberlin
Anne E. Goodman
Owen B. Durgin
Patricia L. Fisk

DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy, Attest:

Norman W. Stiles, Chairman
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Patricia L. Fisk

DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _______ Durham _______ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985 or for Fiscal Year From __________________________ 19 __________ to __________________________ 19 _________

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT
RSA 31:95 and 32:5

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink)

[Signatures of Budget Committee]

Date: February 22, 1985

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Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes (Line 134) 2,289,325.44

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes) 1,330,311.17

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| Social Security                  | 84.00       | 84.00         | 85.00            | 85.00                |
| Banking Charges                  | 250.00      | 64.00         | 100.00           | 100.00               |
| Audit Expense                    | 8,300.00    | 7,170.79      | 8,500.00         | 8,500.00             |
| General Liab. Ins.              | 27.00       | 0.00          | 30.00            | 30.00                |
| Errors & Omissions               | 0.00        | 0.00          | 35.00            | 35.00                |
| Bonding Insurance                | 172.00      | 162.00        | 180.00           | 180.00               |
| **TOTAL:**                       | 10,033.00   | 8,670.79      | 10,130.00        | 10,130.00            |

| **TOWN OFFICE BUILDING MAINTENANCE** |         |               |                  |                      |
| Salary & Wages                   | 4,824.00   | 4,735.61      | 4,351.00         | 4,568.00             |
| F.I.C.A.                         | -0-         | 331.49        | 307.00           | 351.00               |
| Worker's Comp.                   | -0-         | 226.26        | 488.00           | 410.00               |
| Janitorial Supplies              | 904.00      | 1,273.13      | 900.00           | 900.00               |
| Utilities                        | 7,535.00    | 10,648.53     | 8,280.00         | 8,280.00             |
| Bldg. Maint. & Rep.             | 15,275.00   | 15,713.40     | 7,975.00         | 10,574.00            |
| **TOTAL:**                       | 28,538.00   | 32,958.42     | 22,301.00        | 25,083.00            |

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| Salary &amp; Wages                   | 1,995.00   | 695.03        | 908.00           | 986.00               |
| F.I.C.A.                         | -0-         | 48.65         | 275.00           | 175.00               |
| Janitorial Supplies              | 333.00     | 40.00         | 100.00           | 100.00               |
| Utilities                        | 3,672.00   | 2,872.14      | 3,783.00         | 3,783.00             |
| Bldg. Maint. &amp; Rep.             | 5,000.00   | 4,164.30      | 8,000.00         | 5,000.00             |
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Amount To Be Raised By Taxes: $1,247,378.51  $1,501,986.17
This year was a time of uncertainty for the Probation Department of Durham. With the creation of the Unified Court System, the Department of Corrections and the Division of Children and Youth, local probation saw a future absorption into one of these departments. Which one, however, no one knew. Due to this uncertainty, a New Hampshire District Court Probation Officers' Association was formed and this Probation Officer in Durham was elected president of the new Association and was, therefore, involved with many State agencies and the State legislature to help answer the questions about where District Court Probation belonged. It was clear that all involved agreed that the burden of cost for local probation needed to be taken from the municipalities. However, no consensus could be reached on whose authority the services should be placed. It was felt local probation was unique and the services provided to the community were far reaching above and beyond that of doing social investigation and supervising people placed on probation.

Local probation officers, as in Durham, saw themselves as resources to the community. This Durham Probation Officer worked with the local schools and University, lecturing on the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Fields. He has assisted many families in the local towns with family crises, giving advice and suggesting possible alternatives, and also helping to set up new programs and education seminars open to the people of the community.

For these reasons a compromise was reached and a bill will be introduced into the legislature this term for a time for a study to be conducted as to where District Court Probation authority belongs. During the time the study is being conducted a time study will be done on the amount of "probation work" District Court Probation Officers do. From that time study a figure will be determined for monies to be reimbursed to the Town for those services.

Since 1974 there has been a volunteer program connected with the Probation Department in Durham, utilizing U.N.H. students. Over the years the program expanded its services from supervising juveniles on probation to providing tutoring services to any student who wished it at the Oyster River High School and Middle School. The students also volunteer to be "role models" for individuals who need a big brother-or sister-type
person. With the uncertainty of local probation the program reorganized itself and, hopefully, will be a self-perpetuating program under the supervision of the Probation Officer.

In reviewing the work done by the Durham Probation Officer this year, there were 72 adult social investigations conducted as compared to 122 done in 1983; 22 juvenile investigations as compared to 21 in 1983. Nineteen new people were placed on probation this year as compared to 22 last year. This year over $4,000.00 was collected by the local Probation Officer in restitution for damage done to personal or governmental property and the monies were returned to the victims. Lectures were given at U.N.H., Oyster River High School and Middle School. Students were helped by the Probation Officer with numerous research papers and many families have been assisted with family crises. It seems to have been a productive year; a year where the Probation Department felt its usefulness and also where the community used many of the Probation Department's services a great deal.

Raymond J. Bilodeau
Probation Officer

HEALTH OFFICER

Twenty-two permits were investigated and approved for septic tank systems for new homes not serviced by the Durham sewerage system, and action was taken to correct several improperly functioning septic tank systems.

Special attention was given to the sanitary inspection of restaurants and stores in collaboration with the Sanitarian of the New Hampshire Division of Public Health services assigned to this district. Copies of "New Hampshire Rules for the Sanitary Production and Distribution of Food" which became effective in August, 1984 were provided each owner or manager of restaurants and stores in the Town. Other activities included the inspection of foster homes and day care centers, action to resolve a number of sanitation and nuisance complaints, and approval of International Certificates of Vaccination for foreign travel.

As President of the New Hampshire Health Officer Association, I presided at meetings of its Executive Committee and two meetings of the Association held at Concord, N.H. during June and October.

Lawrence W. Slanetz
HEALTH OFFICER
This long-established committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and the Director of Public Works on plans for annual operations, long-range goals, capital equipment planning and purchases, and specific public works and allied issues.

During 1984, the Committee performed its normal functions in the following basic areas:

A. Review of the accomplishments of the 1984 budget and work program for the highway operations of the Public Works Department.

B. Development of the 1985 budget and work program for the highway operations of the Public Works Department.

C. Capital equipment planning and purchases.

D. Preliminary discussions with Director Crombie regarding long-range goals and specific Public Works issues and priorities.

E. Budgetary constraints and their impact on the operation and efficiency of the Public Works Department.

F. Review and analysis of specific bid quotations as assigned by the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee is impressed with the management of the Public Works Department and the dedication and professionalism of its Director, staff and employees.

William C. Clement  1985
Don L. Thompson  1986
Norman W. Stiles, Chairman  1985
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
In 1984 the Durham Highway Department served the community in completing a multitude of maintenance and construction projects. The tasks of the department, like the seasons of the year, change during the year.

--January through March, snow and ice removal, tree removal, and equipment maintenance;
--April 1st to May 30th, general Town clean up;
--June 1st to mid-November, construction and paving programs;
--Mid-November through December, winter preparation.

Our program during the winter months, January to April, is dictated on a day to day basis by weather conditions, with our main emphasis being snow and ice control. It is also an important time of the year in that maintenance, painting and cleaning of our equipment is done. Work on equipment is shared by all members of the department which includes equipment overhaul, sand blasting and painting of trucks and heavy equipment owned by the Town. The department also completes patching, miscellaneous repairs and assists the Water and Sewer Departments during emergency periods.

The spring season which begins April 15th and runs through Memorial Day is a time to freshen up the community after the many long winter months. The work tasks for the Department include striping of ball fields, sweeping of all streets, cross walk painting, traffic marking, grading dirt roads, side walk sweeping, road patching and climaxing with the washing down of all the downtown streets for the annual Memorial Day services.

The month of June is the beginning of our construction and paving programs. The Highway Department is supplemented during this period with a number of part time college students who work alongside our full time staff in completing our schedule. The following projects were completed by the Department in 1984:

--Reconstruction of a new sidewalk on Edgewood Road running parallel to the outdoor swimming pool and Alumni Center. This project was jointly done by Town and University employees with the cost split fifty/fifty.

--A new sidewalk was constructed on Mill Pond Road running parallel to the Mill Pond and the Church Hill Elderly Housing. When completed in the spring, this project will greatly enhance the accessibility to the Mill Pond for
recreational activities and the use of the elderly walking to the shopping area of the town.

--The Town completed close to ten miles of sand and chip seal in its paving program. We have found that the chip seal program, which is a 3/8" stone imbedded in a bituminous material on the surface of the road, not only enhances durability, but lends to traction during the winter months and hope to continue this program in the coming years.

--In an effort to revitalize existing sidewalks in the community, the sidewalk along Woodman Avenue was reconstructed and a new bituminous pavement was placed this past year. We plan to continue the upgrading of our sidewalks in order to make the safety or travel improved throughout our sidewalk system.

--The Highway Department spent a great deal of time this past summer in construction of a new 12" water main and sewer line on Mill Road in anticipation of full reconstruction of the roadway from Main Street to Foss Farm Road.

Our yearly program ended with the preparation for winter beginning in mid-November and going through December. Functions during this time period included mixing of sand and salt; snow removal training, culvert cleaning, placing of delineators, placing of antifreeze in hydrants and anticipation of our first snow fall.

In 1984 the Department took delivery on a new backhoe, an aerial lift which will enable us to conduct maintenance on our street lighting and signs and a new sidewalk tractor which is used to maintain sidewalks during winter months and used for mowing purposes during the summer. Our strong capital program has given us the ability to develop and purchase the type of equipment to complete our tasks effectively and at the same time, hold in check our maintenance costs and reduction in fuel consumption.

Projects which are ongoing throughout the year by the Department include: dog control, fuel facilities for operation of police, fire, public works and school support vehicles, maintenance on police cruisers, sign repair, roadside mowing, set-up for Town Meeting, storm damage, and other activities which are requested by the Board of Selectmen and Town committees.

On behalf of the Public Works Department we wish to thank the community for the support it has given this Department and realize without this involvement by the Community, we would not have the opportunity to perform effective services in the community.
The Durham/UNH Water Policy Committee met on several occasions during 1984 to discuss issues concerning the on-going operation and development of the Town/University water supply. In 1983 it was reported to the Town that several complaints had been received with the quality of water in the Town/University system. After review of this issue by the Committee, the University of New Hampshire, which is the owner of the water treatment facility, initiated a study by the engineering firm of Dufrense Henry to evaluate the existing water facilities. The report, when completed, identified that the water treatment plant was being operated near or over capacity on many occasions during the year which was related to water quality. It was concluded in the report that a significant upgrade in the facility would have to be completed within the next few years.

The Town and the University, faced with the issue of over capacity at their water treatment facilities and the proposed development of the Data General Corporation concluded that additional water supply and storage would have to be developed. In June of this year, the Water Policy Committee began looking into the feasibility of upgrading the existing water system. In 1953, the Town of Durham had purchased a four acre parcel of land in the Town of Lee after feasibility studies by the Army Corps of Engineers designated the area as a potential well site. The Town of Durham after review of this report, initiated testing of the well site and preliminary results have shown significant water supply and good quality.

Concurrently with testing of the well site, negotiations continued with Data General Corporation and the federal government. Both parties were informed that in order to make it feasible for development in Durham, funding would have to be forthcoming to develop increased supply of water and storage. The proposal submitted by the Town to the federal government was for the construction of a new well, storage facilities, and transmission line tied into existing water system. At the same time, as we were developing this expanded water plan, the Town carried on extensive negotiations with the Town of Lee for permission to access this well site and the concept of a water district in the future. The Committee wishes to acknowledge the cooperation that we have had with the Town of Lee in this matter.
In the fall of 1984, the Town was awarded a $2,000,000 grant from the federal government to develop infrastructure to service the Data General facility. Part of the grant fund was to construct a new well, transmission line and storage facilities. Presently, we are continuing our investigation and testing of the well site in the Town of Lee and if tests are satisfactory, construction of new facilities will be completed in 1985. If the well site in Lee is not feasible, then the Town and University will be in a position to take development funds to upgrade the existing water treatment plant. Whatever avenue the joint Committee chooses to take, it will greatly enhance the existing water system and diminish the water quality problems which we have had in the past.

The Water Policy Committee this year discussed in detail the future of the Town/University Water System, especially with the possibility of extending facilities into the Town of Lee. It was felt that it was time to take a good look at the management and operation of the water department in the coming years. The Water Policy Committee has proposed in their 1985 budget funding to study the future organization and management structure of the department. The cost of the study will be shared fifty/fifty by the Town and the University.

As we begin 1985, the Committee feels that a great deal has been accomplished in 1984. Substantial expansion to the system will be completed with funding from the Town's Urban Development Action Grant. The organization and management study proposed for 1985 will give us a greater insight into existing facilities, and the type of organization needed to manage effectively in the future.

WATER POLICY COMMITTEE

James C. Chamberlin, Chairman
Patrick Miller (UNH Representative)
Norman W. Stiles
1975 WATER TOWER CONSTRUCTION BOND ISSUE

Original Issue $515,000.00, April 1, 1975.
Payable in 20 Years.
Interest 6.4% due April 1 and October 1.
Annual principal payment $30,000.00, due April 1, 1976, 1977, 1978
Annual principal payment $25,000.00 due April 1, 1979
Final payment April 1, 1995
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$515,000.00 $337,920.00 $852,920.00
SEWER POLICY COMMITTEE

The work of the Durham Sewer Policy Committee in 1984 was much reduced by comparison with prior years. The three major problems which it addressed were: servicing the Data General plant, request by an industrial plant for a contract to dispose of septage, and concern about the development of a residential area adjacent to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The problem of servicing the Data General plant was answered by way of the UDAG grant which provided funds for running the necessary lines.

The industrial request for a contract to accept its septage was turned away by referring the company to an adjacent community where a contractual relation already existed. As a consequence of the discussion of this issue, it was decided that the towns of Lee and Madbury would be given priority in developing contracts for accepting septage into the treatment facility.

The matter of the development of a residential area immediately downwind of the treatment plant is a serious one. It holds the possibility of additional cost to the Town in the long run. It will certainly make the plant operation more difficult, since tolerances on some of the operating standards will have to be held more closely. At the same time short run costs of avoiding the development are exceedingly high. The juxtaposition of residential areas to treatment facilities has not been generally happy; however, it appears to be a situation to which the Town must adjust.

Our thanks are given to George Crombie, Director of Public Works, and Herbert W. Jackson, Don L. Thompson, Paul Bishop and Patrick Miller, members of the Committee for their attention to these problems.

Owen B. Durgin, Chairman
1964 SEWER CONSTRUCTION
BOND ISSUE

$1,000,000 Payable in 20 Years
Interest 3% due March 1 and September 1;
$50,000 payment on principal due September 1

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TOTALS: $1,315,000.00 $557,312.00 $248,839.07 $530,598.93

Balance payable from Town funds January 1, 1974 $250,275.96

*State was one year late in starting its payment on grant. Credit to General Funds.

1This bond issue covered six different contracts for improving and extending the sewer system. The University shared in the cost of the construction contracts which benefited the University. See agreements for payment and operation in official Town files.

2From schedule on file from State agency.

3UNH is billed annually for its share by the Town.
1971 GREASE HANDLING FACILITIES PROJECT

SERIAL NOTE ISSUE

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Amount of Original Issue: $83,000.00
Date of Original Issue: December 29, 1972
Principal Payable Date: December 1
Interest Payable Dates: June 1 and December 1
Payable at: Durham Trust Company
The Directors of the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative are pleased to report that the incinerator/energy recovery plant located on the University of New Hampshire campus is operating on a continuous twenty-four hour, seven-day a week schedule.

The day-to-day operation is carried out under the supervision of the Cooperative's Administrator, under the general supervisory control of the three-member Operations Committee from the Joint Board of Directors. The plant personnel, in addition to the Administrator, includes two mechanics, a truck driver, two daily shifts of 12 hours each involving 8 persons, plus daily clean-up crew. This organization operates the incinerator system, maintains records, and coordinates with the University's Power Plant staff to monitor the boiler and steam production elements of the plant. The Cooperative's organization also handles the collection of refuse from the transfer stations of five communities, and handles the ash removal and its transfer to the landfill site.

During 1984, modifications were made to plant piping which has increased steam production and revenue. Preventive maintenance during the year included replacing the refractory in the three lower chambers and it is anticipated that the upper chambers will be done in 1985.

The latest word received from the University Concerning Cogeneration is that UNH will quite likely purchase and maintain the turbine and generator which will provide the Cooperative with a market for excess steam during the warmer months.

The Operations Committee welcomes Norman LeClerc of Somersworth as a member and wishes to say "Thank You" to Robert Lowe of Northwood for his years of assistance on the Committee.

The Directors of the Cooperative wish to express their deep appreciation for the assistance given their efforts by the University's staff as well as the officers and personnel of the cooperating towns. Every effort will be continued to keep the residents of the region informed of the progress in the collection, processing and disposal of the waste which is being handled at the plant.

Joint Board of Directors
Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative
Rance G. Collins, Chairman
The rapid growth in Durham over the recent years and the ever-increasing vehicular traffic have resulted in many problems. The Board of Selectmen has received many recommendations, suggestions and complaints which have been referred to the Highway Safety Committee.

The Committee has reviewed in detail all of these matters, and we believe have made sound suggestions for improvement. It is not always possible to satisfy everybody's recommendations, but we have approached these problems from an overall community standpoint, even though in many instances they affected only minor locations in Town.

We recognize the need for changes in many instances and have made our recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Some of these recommendations are relatively minor in their scope; however, our overall concern with increased vehicular traffic flow approaching the campus is of considerable concern to us.

James C. Chamberlin, Chairman
George Crombie
Paul Gowen

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS?????
Moving of Dishman house to new location
# BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT FOR 1984

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The Data General approval for coming into Durham should be noted as the most widely known of the Planning Board's activities for 1984. In addition to this, the Board reviewed and processed a greater number of applications than in the past. A total of twenty-two subdivision applications and 15 Site Review applications were reviewed. Seventeen new lots were created, including two areas for elderly housing, both of which will be condominium housing for people 55 years of age or older.

The coming year may prove to be as busy with the Board already reviewing two major subdivision applications with a potential for 30 new lots and increased interest in both the Business Zone and the OR zone due to Data General's decision to locate in Durham. With this in mind, the Planning Board has asked the Selectmen for monies for a study to try to ensure that we try to anticipate future needs in business, housing and facility needs to minimize changes which this type of growth tends to bring and hope that the changes allow the best of Durham to stay rather than be lost.

Bruce Bragdon, Chairman
Jody Handy, Secretary
Anne Goodman, Selectmen's Rep.
Michael Merenda
Craig Seymour
Gary Lonsinger
Richard Hardy

PROPOSED DATA GENERAL FACILITY
The Commission heard only three applications for certificates of approval, two concerning renovations to existing property and one for new construction. The latter, built by Lewis and Judith Roberts on their Mill Pond Center property, is an appropriate addition to the Historic District, being a replica of the Jennings House, circa 1800, near Portland, Maine.

The Commission did concern itself with the proposal by the New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways to reconstruct Route 108 from the Oyster River bridge to Bennett Road. The area from the bridge to Laurel Lane lies within the Historic District.

Durham's Zoning Ordinance, which created an Historic District Commission in 1975 to safeguard the heritage of the Town, gives the Commission the responsibility for making recommendations or requirements "for the purpose of historic preservation and of preventing developments, construction, or changes incongruous with the historic district, its buildings, sites, and surroundings."

"We feel the proposed reconstruction of Route 108 lying within the boundaries of the historic district is a change incongruous with the surroundings of the district," the Commission said in a statement read at a September 27 public hearing on the project. The Commission made these additional points:

"We object to the loss of the stone walls which are part of the heritage of this section of the district."

"We object to the proposed rise in elevation of the highway near the Durham Point Road intersection which would disrupt the front lawns and approaches to the historic houses on the east side which were the homes of the early shipbuilders."

"We object to the extensive widening of the highway in the historic district section, thereby taking away from the gentle, small-town character of the area. The wider highway would likely result in an alarming increase of speed by motorists through this area of close-knit houses."

"We object to the future extensive widening of the Oyster River bridge and the destruction of the stone abutments which have been in place since the 17th century."
The National Trust for Historic Preservation selected Durham as one of the three places in New England where significant new construction was going on in an historic area, namely the Seacoast Savings Bank on Newmarket Road. The Commission prepared a slide and sound program explaining the procedure in granting approval for the new bank, including the earlier rejection of a proposal to build a bank building on Main Street by demolishing three historic buildings in the district, including the 1800 Runlett House. The Durham presentation was made in September at a National Trust workshop, "New Construction in Historic Areas," at Suffolk University in Boston before 250 design professionals, city and town officials, and members of local historic commissions.

The term of service of Millicent Prince expired and she was replaced by Marie Polk. Richard T. Hardy was appointed as the Planning Board representative on the resignation of Robert Holland. Other members of the Commission are Maryanna Hatch, Nancy Sandberg, Lewis Roberts, and James Chamberlin representing the Board of Selectmen.

L. Franklin Heald, Chairman
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
The Conservation Commission meets on a monthly basis throughout the year, and the members invite any interested citizen to attend the meetings.

Mr. Theodore Howard was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Oliver Wallace. Mr. Howard is a faculty member of the University of New Hampshire.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility to examine and review all applications by Town citizens who plan to dredge and/or fill any lands that fall within the Wetland Conservation District, as defined in Article 13 of the Durham Zoning Ordinances, all in accordance with the provisions of NHRSA Ch. 483-A. This year, four (4) dredge and fill applications filed by corporations and citizens were received and approved after review by the Commission members.

As previously reported, individual members of the Commission are also members of the "Great Bay Estuarine System Conservation Trust" and the "Lamprey River Watershed Association." Each of these separate bodies recommends that all of the cities or towns lying within the area encompassed by the organization adopt a uniform setback requirement within the Shoreland Conservation Zone, Article 14 of the Durham Zoning Ordinances. The members voted in principle to recommend adoption of such a proposal, but it was agreed to survey the areas affected by this change before the changes are proposed to the Zoning Ordinances.

The Commission is actively engaged in a number of other projects including its long range plans to identify those properties necessary to establish the corridor in the Durham Point area and the management and maintenance program for the lands in this area. The primary purpose of all the projects is to protect the quality of our environment to the benefit of the Town and all of its citizens.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Ronald B. Willoughby, Chairman
Walter W. Cheney
Mrs. Billie Jo Corell
Mrs. Patricia Fisk

John Hatch
Theodore Howard
Gary Lonsinger
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Durham Parks and Recreation Committee met on several occasions during 1984. The Committee began to implement many of the improvements as outlined in the Master Plan and continued to encourage progress throughout our program.

The Beautification Program in the downtown area included planting of perennials and annuals in the flower beds. Although the perennials do not give the outstanding color as the annuals, the beds are kept longer with a color of green from early April through October. The Committee hopes in the future to continue a program of both annuals and perennials. In an effort to reduce manpower and increase quality of the plants, an underground irrigation system was placed in two of the downtown islands. In 1985 we will place an underground irrigation system in all of the flower beds due to the success of the program this past year. The Town Office receives many favorable comments to the planting program in the center of town. It is certainly a wonderful place to stroll during the spring, summer and fall months.

Our members continue to work very closely with the Oyster River Youth Association in coordinating facilities for recreational programs. We are overwhelmed by the dedication of so many people who donate their time to the youth recreational programs. We extend our appreciation to all involved.

The Father Lawless Playing Fields, as identified in the 1983 Master study, is the focal point of youth recreational activities during the spring, summer and fall months. In order that this facility can provide for programs by ORYA, the following improvements were made this year. The tennis courts received a coat of plexi-paving and all of the nets were replaced. The plexi-paving is done on a five to six year cycle and will insure a smooth and reliable play surface. The goal areas on the soccer fields were sodded this past summer. The results were very beneficial for play this fall, and will be a continuing program due to the excessive wear and tear in the goal areas. The Master Plan identified that many young families would enjoy the opportunity to have a play area for toddlers while attending activities at the Father Lawless playing fields. The Town appropriated funding last year and
tot equipment, swings, slides, etc., will be available in the spring of 1985. With the many on-going activities at the fields, the placing of spectator bleachers for viewing was completed. Yearly maintenance projects included fertilization, seeding, aeration, installation of signs and a sealing of the parking lot. On a more distressful note, we wish to call attention to the community that we have seen an increase in vandalism to the buildings and the sanitation facilities at the Father Lawless Fields. We would ask that all residents aid us in policing the area, and call to the attention of the proper authorities vandalism which you may observe. Funding that is spent on vandalism are lost funds that could be better used in improving our facilities rather than repairing them.

The Master Plan addressed the need for improved playing facilities at the high school and emphasized closer coordination between the Durham Parks Committee, recreational committees of Madbury and Lee, the school board, and ORYA to make this a reality. Much has been done this year in bringing all of these groups together in developing and coordinating programs for the youth and adequate playing fields. The school board has made many improvements to the fields and plans for further upgrade in 1985 as outlined.

A continued thanks goes to the University in providing recreational facilities for all.

The skating rink at Jackson's Landing is a very popular recreation area during the winter months. Figure skating, youth hockey and other games played on the ice are on-going through the winter months. To help improve the usefulness of the facility, new flood lights were added to improve illumination in night time hours.

In summary, the Committee saw 1984 as a time to begin implementing many of the programs outlined in the Master Study. We continue to try to strike a balance between the many programs that are before us and provide an agenda that meets the need of all within the community. We ask on an on-going basis for your suggestions and input and welcome citizen participation at our Board meetings.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Bob Goodman, Chairman
Michael O'Neil
Joan Weeks
Walter Weiland
Owen B. Durgin
Robert F. Mangene
The year began with the removal of dead and decaying trees along all Town roads. Approximately 80 to 100 trees were removed with the major portion being removed due to Dutch Elm Disease. It is hoped that our ongoing program of tree planting in strategic areas along our roads will lessen the impact of the numerous yearly removals.

In 1984 our efforts towards implementation of a timber harvest on the Town owned Doe lot has proceeded quite well. Working very closely with the Trustees of Trust Funds who are responsible for the lot, we have developed a contract for the sale, and hope to be harvesting during the summer and fall of 1985.

The Town has once again received the designation as a Tree City, USA for the sixth consecutive year.

Review of landscaping plans for commercial developments in Durham continue to occupy many hours per year. Our progress towards adoption of a "Landscape Ordinance" for the Town is near completion. The Ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Board and over thirty professionals in the academic, contractor, nurserymen and consulting fields. The ordinance has been redrafted numerous times to accommodate various concerns. The Planning Board should be acting on this ordinance in the near future. We would like to thank Mary Reynolds of the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth, for her many hours of devotion to writing and reviewing this ordinance with us. Mrs. Reynolds continues to be an excellent resource for your Town in compiling forestry related information.

In closing, may I offer my assistance to all residents who may have questions regarding urban forestry practices or other related functions in our program.

Sincerely,

Guy Hodgdon
Tree Warden
The Oyster River Home Health Association is a Medicare certified non-profit organization which has continuously provided home health care and clinic services to the communities of Durham, Lee, Madbury and Newmarket since 1967.

Five residents from each town serve on the Board of Directors, which is responsible for the overall management of the Agency.

**Home Care Program**

Medical care prescribed by a patient's own physician is provided in the home by a staff of registered nurses and physical, occupational and speech therapists. The Agency's home health aide is available to assist with personal care when needed. The goal of this program is to allow individuals to recover from illness in the comfort and privacy of their home, rather than a more costly institutional setting.

Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance cover the cost of this care in many cases, but individuals are never refused needed care because of inability to pay.

On January 1, 1985, a maintenance care program was established. Its goal is to monitor individuals with chronic conditions to prevent complications of disease.

**Maternal Child Health Program**

Well child clinics and dental clinics are held routinely. This comprehensive program for lower income families is available to children from birth to first grade age. Examinations, routine immunizations and testing are aimed at promotion of good health and early detection of physical problems. Home visits by a registered nurse provide guidance in child care to parents of preschool children.

**Health Promotion Programs**

The third Agency program includes all activities aimed at promotion of good health in individuals. As these are free services, the number of screening clinics the Association is able to provide is limited by available town and Strafford County United Way funding. Currently three monthly screenings are held.
Monies received from each of the four towns are used to cover the following: Home visits to individuals unable to pay, approximately 50 per cent of the cost of the Maternal Child Health Program, and health promotion activities in each town.

Requests for services may be made by patients or their families in addition to physicians, hospitals and other agencies.

OYSTER RIVER HOME HEALTH ASSOCIATION
17 Madbury Road, #2, Durham, N.H.
868-5055
Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM - Nurse on call
7 days a week
**Oyster River Home Health Association**

**Statistical Summary - July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984**

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**Unduplicated Census - COS Program**
- Durham: 57
- Madbury: 6
- Lee: 21
- Newmarket: 74
- Total Patients: 158

**Unduplicated Census - MCH Program**
- Durham: 25
- Madbury: 11
- Lee: 43
- Newmarket: 122
- Total Children: 201

**Health Promotion Activities**
- Community Blood Pressure Screening: 165 people screened at 11 clinics
- Health Screening at Bagdad Woods: 220 people screened at 12 clinics
- Silver Squares Blood Pressure Screening: 354 people screened at 11 clinics
OYSTER RIVER HOME HEALTH ASSOCIATION

### Financial Statement

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| **Expenditures**       |                        |                        |                                  |
| Personnel Expenses     |                        |                        |                                  |
| Salaries               | $93,909.00             | $94,153.39             | $110,193.00                      |
| F.I.C.A.               | 6,367.00               | 6,451.51               | 7,714.00                         |
| Travel                 | 4,800.00               | 4,958.66               | 5,350.00                         |
| Inservice Education    | 500.00                 | 425.00                 | 500.00                           |
| Insurance              | 3,514.00               | 2,632.21               | 4,742.00                         |
| Contract Employees     | 13,540.00              | 22,327.86              | 10,815.00                        |
| Space Occupancy        | 360.00                 | 733.59                 | 6,010.00                         |
| Other General Operating Expenses | 7,698.00         | 10,114.61              | 8,667.00                         |
| Contingency Fund       | 1,530.00               | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$132,218.00**        | **$141,796.83**        | **$153,991.00**                  |

(4.00)
The Newmarket Regional Health Center completed its thirteenth year of service in 1984. The Newmarket Regional Health Center operates two medical offices, one in Newmarket and the other in Raymond, the Lamprey River Clinic. Both facilities provide general medical care, preventive health services, community outreach, social services, and short term counseling with referral to area mental health agencies.

In 1984, Karen Brainard, M.D., a family practitioner, joined the staff. The Health Center offers a Prenatal Program, under the direction of Maude Guerin, M.D., which includes prenatal, delivery and postpartum care. In addition, the Health Center offers nutritional counseling and prenatal classes.

Other members of the medical staff include Sarah Oxnard, M.D., Joseph Fuller, M.D., Michael Lewis, P.A.-C., Barbara Janeway, M.S.N., A.R.N.P., and Anne Fawcett, A.R.N.P. The medical team also includes registered nurses, medical assistants and community health workers. For more information, or to make a medical appointment, call 659-3106 in Newmarket, 895-3351 in Raymond, or toll-free in Newmarket at 1-800-582-7279.

The community health workers coordinate a school health program and preventive screening clinics to detect potential health hazards. They hold informative workshops and act as liaisons between the medical providers and patients.

The Newmarket Regional Health Center also operates a Self-Care Program for the Elderly in conjunction with the Occupational Therapy Department of the University of New Hampshire. The purpose of this program is to enable the elderly to stay in their home setting as well as to maintain a quality of life and independent status within their community. The focus of the program is to provide self-care skills before disability occurs and to anticipate problems with functional activities. Contact Anne Fawcett, A.R.N.P. at 1-800-582-7279 for more information.

The Newmarket Regional Health Center continues to operate the Senior Citizen Transportation Program. Three of the five busses are equipped with hydraulic lifts to provide services to the handicapped. The transportation service enables senior citizens to remain independent, self-sufficient and active by providing the needed
services, including medical, food shopping and recreational trips. For further information, call 659-2424 or toll-free 1-800-582-7279.

The Newmarket Regional Health Center wishes to express its deepest appreciation for the support of the Town of Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann H. Peters
Executive Director

----STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY - May 1, 1984

---Photo Cutline---
From left, public works supervisor Brian Beers, town business manager Deane Sweet, Oyster River High School students Doug Bennington, Scott Bateman, Adam Erickson, Megan Michel, Michael Wellington, Eric Hagman.

(Accompanying the group on their rounds - Selectman Patricia Fisk and Dover Elks Lodge members Barry Flanagan and Jim Harkness.)
The Durham Ambulance Corps was founded in 1968 in memory of Dr. George C. McGregor. As in 1968, the Corps still provides free emergency medical care and emergency transport to area hospitals for the residents of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and the University of New Hampshire's Durham campus.

In February we gathered to celebrate the Corps' Fifteenth Anniversary. We invited old and current attendants to join us for brunch at the New England Center. At this gathering, and throughout the year, a great deal of discussion was done about the Corps, past and future.

The Corps members continue to volunteer numerous hours to emergency responses, standbys, and training. Their donations of time and effort extend to the many administrative, clerical, and maintenance jobs which make an organization of our size able to function. Our members attend, in addition to regular monthly business and training meetings, district meetings, regional meetings, area trauma critiques, and courses including advanced patient assessment, use of Military Anti-Shock Trousers, use of the Esophageal Obturator Airway, EMT-A and EMT-A refresher. In addition, a fifth Durham Ambulance Corps member will complete the Paramedic program at the New Hampshire Technical Institute this year.

The spirit of area cooperation was exemplified this fall in a call in Madbury. Working together, the Durham-UNH Dispatch Center, Madbury Fire Department, Madbury F.A.S.T. (First Aid Stabilization Team), the Durham-UNH Fire Department, and the Durham Ambulance Corps rescued a severely injured subject impaled on an eight foot pipe. That cooperation has extended to meetings begun this fall among area heads of services (police, fire, and the Durham Ambulance Corps). We look forward to the continuing success of these meetings.

Through a generous donation from a local citizen, the Corps was able to acquire a Lifepak 5 monitor-defibrillator this December. Following the setting up of policies and the appropriate training for this intricate piece of equipment, this tool will be able to be used by some members in cardiac arrest situations. In addition to this acquisition, the wheels continue to turn toward the day when our Paramedics will be able to work up to their full level of training.
The Corps (specifically Bill Conk) has worked diligently in the negotiations with commissioners, architects, Facilities Services, and others to bring our new station into realization. By the time this report is published we should have all the interior work completed to make the new station truly ours.

In light of the new building, some communications changes are taking place. If you have an emergency, 862-1212 is still the correct number. For administrative matters, please call 862-3674, not 868-5531 or 862-1426. You may reach our answering machine, and not a member, but that machine is checked daily by an officer of the Corps.

During 1984 the Durham Ambulance Corps attendants put in over 10,500 hours of on-call time and responded to 607 ambulance calls. All but two of our 30 attendants are at least EMT-A certified and those two are scheduled to take a Spring '85 EMT course. The Corps urges interested citizens to join our organization.

Finally, the Corps encourages all citizens to complete a CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) course given by either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross (Mrs. Caroline Wooster, 868-2339). Bystander CPR has proven to be invaluable to the cardiac arrest victim, stabilizing him/her until those with more advanced training can take over. In order to better serve you, we ask that you also be prepared to serve your Durham friends and neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Ahearn Clare Curtis Diane Kelsey
President Administrative V.P. Secretary

Patrick D. Ahearn Mary C. Davis Lorelei Gilman
Operations V.P. Training Coordinator Treasurer
Activites in the Children's Room during Winter/Spring 1984 included: crafts for the various holidays and during the school vacation weeks; film programs for both preschoolers and school children; and story times for both toddlers and preschoolers. In January, the Librarians borrowed the full-length feature film, "Oliver," to show to large and appreciative audiences in the Elementary and Middle Schools.

The Librarians were invited to participate in an April "Arts Day" at the Barrington Elementary School, where they demonstrated the art of storytelling. They again volunteered a storytelling program to the Channel 11 auction, and were privileged to share stories at a dual birthday party in Raymond.

Summer activities included: a six-week story time for all ages; a Reading Club for preschoolers and school children (three children read 50 books!); and the purchase of a pass to the Children's Museum of Portsmouth, which was enjoyed by a great number of children and adults.

Some special events were featured in the Fall, in addition to story times for toddlers and preschoolers and a preschool film program. After a hiatus of two years, the Haunted House was successfully revived; over 150 children attended and several enthusiastic Middle School students assisted as guides and/or "monsters" on exhibit. In December, UNH students from the International Dorm presented a "Journey 'round the World" with stories and songs, attracting 45 school children who did not want the afternoon to end. The Librarians entertained 70 preschoolers at a Winter Story Festival in December.
Margaret Chasteen's resignation was accepted, with regrets, as of June 15 so that she could take a full-time position at Portsmouth Public Library. Diane Taylor, formerly of the Portsmouth Public Library, began as part-time Community Services Librarian on September 1. With this close association of professional personnel, the two libraries have been sharing storytelling resources, and it is hoped that this can be expanded to include cooperative programming.

The Librarians were active in a number of groups: the Oyster River Librarians; the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA) and its Children's Division (CHILIS); the New England Library Association (NELA) and its Roundtable of Children's Librarians (NERTCL). They attended various meetings, programs, and workshops of these organizations. In addition, Diane Taylor taught the Public Library Techniques course in children's literature for the State Library.

Throughout the year the Librarians gave special Library tours for classes (kindergarten through high school) from around the State. Local day cares continued to use the Children's Room on a regular basis, often with special requests for storytelling.

A Browse Review Committee has recently been established to bring a broader background to the selection of materials for the Browse Room. Co-chaired by the Community Services Librarians, it consists of one member, ex-officio, from the University Library's Collection Development Committee and three academic librarians. It is hoped that this, in conjunction with an arrangement for quick processing of books for Browse, will result in a wider variety of the latest books for the public. Continuing negotiations for more convenient parking are also underway.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Littlefield
Diane N. Taylor
**DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- Children's books added: 423
- Youth books added: 56
- Adult books added: 351
- Discards: -342

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*Now included in Children's Books*

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*MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT, MARTA PFANNER, GUIDES A VISITOR THROUGH THE HAUNTED HOUSE*
REPORT ON THE DURHAM SWANS

Swans of any kind sustain such interest in this part of New England that word of one walking in a field (On December 10, 1984 off State Route 155 in Madbury) drew a number of bird watchers with field glasses and telescopes to check on the bird's condition and identity. It was a swan all right, a Whistling Swan or Tundra Swan -- a rare visitor far off its normal migratory path between nesting marshlands in the Very Far North (beyond Hudson Bay) and winter quarters along the North Carolina coast. Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge is a favorite haven, where they are appreciated. Those that settle too soon on cranberry bogs in New Jersey cause so much damage that they are resented. Another Tundra Swan or the same one stopped near the Jackson Laboratory on Adams' Point along the shore of Great Bay. It proved to have a broken wing, and was caught for special care by game officer Joe Donahue, as reported by the Union Leader, Manchester, N.H. on December 14. This ended speculation that the bird might have been one of "Durham's popular mascots," Alfred or Agatha, which are Mute Swans of European ancestry. The free-flying Durham swans escaped all of this excitement by staying in their self-chosen wintering sites along the New Hampshire shore, ranging from Portsmouth to Newcastle.

Citizens in Durham were far more concerned about possible success in discouraging growth of water plants ("weeds") near the shore of the Mill Pond, which Dr. Herbert Jackson anticipated as a result of draining the Mill Pond and keeping the nearshore exposed to killing frosts -- even if the weather provided less cold than he hoped for. Durham's swankeepers wondered how this exposure would affect the marsh marigolds and the white waterlilies they had planted along their bit of shore. (The marigolds flowered a month later than usual, but the white waterlilies succumbed.)

Rotting ice still covered the Durham Mill Pond when Agatha and Alfred returned from the coast, ready to refurbish their nest on an alder island in Mill Pond. The two white birds settled for a few days on some open water they found at Beard's Creek. They were more than a week ahead of schedule, perhaps for the Presidential Primaries in New Hampshire, and then for the day of Durham's Town Meeting.

All swan adventures are followed closely by residents of Durham and those of Newmarket and Rochester, now that these additional communities have entered a rivalry by investing in mute swans. So the competition is on.
The Durham swans were on and off their last year's nest in late March, as though unable to decide about a family. Both came for a handout of bread on March 24 when snowdrops were appearing all over town. Early in the morning of March 28, Alfred flew to the estuary, where Agatha joined him in the afternoon. Did the two birds somehow sense an approaching change in the weather? The last day of the month brought about twelve inches of wet snow, which made difficult any further supplementary feeding. Alfred did not even bother to chase a Canada goose that settled on the Mill Pond that day. Agatha crouched low on the nest, resembling a snow drift rather than a warm, live bird.

Rains followed, producing floods and mudslides for the news elsewhere. But the nest the swans had built for themselves in Durham seemed safely above the extremely high water of the Mill Pond. They seemed to anticipate the arrival of Howard and Esther-Mae Forrest with a generous supply of food. So did painted turtles and the mallard ducks. One mallard family of nine managed for quite a while on their own, with no adult in attendance. By now Agatha was sitting on the nest all day, and Alfred each night. Both came over to Mill Pond Road on April 23 for some supplementary food, and Alfred got up enough courage to take a slice of bread from Margery Milne's hand, just as a photographer from the United Press International was ready to record it. The interview with Durham's swankeepers by the reporter from U.P.I. followed a two-page article on this activity in the April issue of Yankee magazine.

The wire-service story appeared April 30 in the Manchester Union Leader, on May 6 in the Hartford Courant, on May 20 in the San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle, on May 23 in the Keene Sentinel, on June 9 in the Buffalo News. Former residents of Durham began sending tear sheets from all over, Jim and Helen Funkhouser from the May 18 issue of the Los Angeles Times. A reporter from the National Broadcasting Company inquired by telephone about sending up a crew to get the story for NBC Nightly News or the TODAY show. Meanwhile in Durham, complaints were voiced that the distance from shore to the nest island and the alder bushes there kept anyone from seeing whether Agatha and Alfred had any eggs to incubate. Were they just pretending? Alfred at least put on a good show when a pair of double-crested cormorants settled on the pond near the nest. He swam in pursuit of the nearer cormorant until it rose in panicky flight, only to settle and dive. Alfred saw the cormorant next when the interloper came up behind him, still far from shore. The Newmarket swans could be approached because their nest was at the tip of a peninsula; nine eggs were counted by Richard Schanda, who keeps official records for the town.
Memorial Day came and went with no sign of hatching cygnets in Durham or Newmarket. Rochester gloated over the hatch of one baby swan on May 29 from the three eggs being incubated by the parent birds there. Then Newmarket won the race with six cygnets visible on May 29. Braving the 35-pound adults, Schanda sneaked his hand under the female and removed three cygnets without harm. He hid them in his shirt while backing away. Those babies would be kept warm, dry and away from blackflies until they had a chance to escape the deadly "waterfowl malaria" that blackflies transmit. A second cygnet hatched in Rochester.

Not until June 12 did the Durham swans abandon their incubation duties. While both swan far from the nest, Lorus and Margery Milne rowed out in their jon boat. Margery clambered into the nest, found three eggs slightly warm from having been incubated over night; she took one back with her into the boat. Both swans were close by, busking furiously. Alfred flew at the retreating jon boat, striking an oar with one wing. His second flight came nowhere near, but showed that he still had his wing feathers intact. By mid July he would be flightless following his annual molt. Soon both swans were basking in hazy sunlight on the side of the beaver lodge in the Mill Pond.

Within hours Richard Strout of the Animal Science Department at the University had checked the sample egg and found no hint of it ever having held an embryo. Yet Agatha at least went back to the nest and provided some more of her body heat to the remaining two eggs. Later she was off again and stayed off, as did Alfred. Next day, the swankeepers obtained the remaining eggs from the swan nest, so that they too could be checked by Richard Strout. No embryos. Is Alfred not doing his part, after having fathered some cygnets in Connecticut before coming to Durham? Why only infertile eggs that have no chance to hatch? Agatha (1969 - ) was a two-time mother (1975, 1978). She cannot know how many ideas are turning in her direction as years go by with no further offspring from the Durham swans. Planning is always affected by the realization that waterfowl malaria awaits any hatchling, killing them within ten days of emergence from the egg, as it did all untouched Newmarket cygnets and both Rochester young in 1984. It killed off also many 1984 Muskovy ducklings at the bird farm on Lee Ridge in Durham, N.H.

In mid June, Her Majesty's Swan Keeper in England responded to a letter from Lorus and Margery Milne, and told of difficulties there as well. He had to report to the Queen that the population of royal swans "suffers from lead poisoning." The birds swallow wasted lead shot along with their food from shallow parts of the river, causing their death. As a consequence the tally is down to 20
families of mute swans in the 55 miles of the Thames between Pangbourne in Berkshire and Sunbury-on-Thames in Middlesex. In 1983 they produced 81 cygnets which, upon being "upped" and inspected, proved to include 35 that belonged to the Queen and the remainder to the Vintners' and Dyers' Companies. Just a few years ago, the number was more than twice as great.

Our Durham birds appear somewhat ahead of schedule in 1984: they shed their beautiful flight feathers toward the end of June, and were less secretive about it than usual. They floated around near the junction of College Brook and Oyster River, always eager for a handout of supplementary food from any generous person.

Lorus J. Milne and Margery Milne
Appointed Swankeepers for Durham

Provisional report to Monday, July 10, 1984; prepared for submission in early September before Lorus and Margery take off for their 100-days-around-the-world as Visiting Lecturers aboard SS Universe, for the International Semester at Sea program of the University of Pittsburgh, September 12 - December 23 from Seattle, Washington to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida with stops in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, India, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Spain.
REPORT OF MILL POND COMMITTEE

Action at the 1984 Town Meeting directed the Selectmen to appoint a committee to consider the development of a maintenance plan for the Mill Pond. Such a committee has met and offers the following brief report.

The committee met initially to consider what conditions needed to be established for a healthy pond. We recognize the Pond as an esthetic and recreational resource and as a natural wildlife area which is important to the perception of the quality of life in Durham. Over the past several years, numerous citizen groups have mounted efforts to improve these aspects of the Pond. Most of these efforts have concentrated on limiting vegetative growth in specific areas of the Pond. The placing of nets in strategic locations to impede the vegetative growth which threatens the perimeter of the pond was sponsored by the Women's Club in 1980. The nets were cleaned and re-positioned two years later. Last winter, the Pond was drained for a time in an attempt to freeze undesirable vegetative growth. Dredging has been suggested on several occasions as a potential solution to problems of vegetative encroachment resulting from natural processes at work in the Pond.

Attempts were made to evaluate the effectiveness of these measures within a framework of conditions which might be optimal for the continued enjoyment of the Pond. It is essential that a balance be found between the recreational, esthetic, and wildlife interests in the Pond. Care must be given to establishing the guidelines which promote the overall health of the Pond. Left entirely alone, the Pond will revert to a marsh of seriously reduced esthetic and recreational value to the Town. Overmanaged, the Pond will cease to support its wonderful wildlife habitat and, again, the loss will be the Town's.

The recommendation of the committee is that the Pond be selectively dredged over time. That is, specific areas of the Pond which are at risk of eutrophication should be identified and dredged on a rotating, scheduled basis. This is not a program to be undertaken lightly. Cooperation between the Town and the interested state agencies is crucial to its implementation. Permits will be required and the costs of such a program will not be incidental. As a result of these constraints, the committee strongly recommends that a subcommittee made up of members of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission be charged with developing a specific program for the maintenance of the Mill Pond. The
committee feels that the oversight of a standing committee of the Town is important to the success of the program and that the benefits to be gained merit the involvement.

The committee wishes to acknowledge the valuable counsel we received from members of the University community concerning some technical aspects of our deliberations. We are also indebted to Herb Jackson for his guidance in sharing a historical perspective on the maintenance of the Pond.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MILL POND COMMITTEE
Gordon Byers
Ruth Chamberlin
Patricia Fisk
Hans Heilbronner
William Mautz
The candidates came to Durham

Vice-President Bush and Governor Sununu

The Reverend Jesse Jackson
On November 6, 1984 citizens of Durham exercised their voting privilege or obligation as follows:

There were 5,004 names on the check list

There were 3,548 votes cast (71% of total).

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 1984, at the Oyster River High School Gymnasium by Moderator Joseph E. Michael, Jr., who read the warrant for the meeting. He announced that the article would be voted on by written ballot following the discussion. The polls will be open for one hour following the discussion.

**Article 1.** It was moved by Owen Durgin, seconded by Norman Stiles, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars ($290,000.00) for the purpose of renovating a portion of the so-called Service Building and adjacent garage on the campus of the University of New Hampshire to accommodate the Durham/University of New Hampshire fire protection vehicles, safety vehicles and ambulance corps, such sum to be raised through the issuance of notes or bonds under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Ch. 33, as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon, and to take such other action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Durham. Further, to authorize the Selectmen to seek, accept and expend such State, Federal and private grants as are available for such purposes.

Owen Durgin, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, explained that the court had granted permission for this meeting to be held for this specific issue, and the article has been very carefully written with bond counsel approval. Amendments would be risky as they may not meet bond counsel approval. The Selectmen have to act in the best interest of the Town and will take care to protect the Town should the bonds be issued.

Five- and ten-year bonds are easy to get; 15-year bonds are difficult and 20-year bonds are almost impossible. Five-year bonds would probably be at 7 1/2% interest and would cost about $63,750; this would be $.91 on the tax rate the first year and down to $.60 the fifth year. These figures are computed on a $90M tax base. The ten-year bonds would probably be 8 1/2% and would cost $132,175, with $.61 on the tax rate the first year dropping down to $.30 in the last year. The 15-year bonds would be 9 1/2%, which would cost $213,750, with $.53 on the tax rate the first year dropping down to $.25 and then to $.12 the last year.

Mr. Durgin said the Selectmen are recommending the 10-year bonds. The impact on the tax rate seems to be pretty flat over the length of time of the payments and would appear to have the least impact on the tax rate. We could put the whole thing on the tax rate in one year, but the Selectmen
don't recommend that.

Mr. Durgin continued by saying that in 1979 it was estimated that to build a fire station on Lot B on the U.N.H. campus would cost $1,025,000. The Dodge Reports construction index estimates that the cost for that project today would be $1,750,000. The Town's share would be $584,000, and that is a far cry from the $290,000 we are talking about today. The Selectmen feel this present plan is not a bad deal for the Town. Mr. Durgin said he personally recommended voting for this Article.

Richard Proulx, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, said that blueprints and fact sheets are available if anyone needed them. He went on to say that the present station has very narrow and short doors; the trucks clear by only about 2". Two trucks are in the ROTC building, and response time is delayed about 8 minutes when using those vehicles. The right mirrors have to be bent back so the trucks will clear the doors. The present station has inadequate storage for equipment and gear. Some of the equipment has to be stored out of doors. The present structure doesn't adhere to the Life Safety Code, which the Department is required to enforce on all the buildings in the Town. Mr. Proulx went on to cite other safety problems such as there being only one exit from the building and there being no storage for flammable materials, etc.

Mr. Proulx said numerous studies have been done over the last ten years, and the present Board of Commissioners has gone over the criteria many times and now recommends the present plan. The new space would provide the necessary room to store the fire and ambulance vehicles. The Town of Lee has stored the second ambulance for some time now, but Lee can no longer do this as they are going to need the space for a new vehicle for the Fire Department. So we must find space to store this ambulance, and according to State law it must be in a heated garage. In the proposed new facility all our vehicles will be under one roof so the response time will be cut down. The new building will meet the Life Safety Code. This space has been made available due to moves being made at the University.

The Commissioners ask that the Town approve the $290,000 tonight for the renovations. The Town would put up $290,000 and the University puts up space appraised at $600,000. We would have this space for 20 years, rent free. We have had rent-free space for many years now.

Mr. Proulx said the turning radius in the new facility is great enough to allow all the vehicles to use the building. Now the ladder truck and the tanker have to jockey for position to get into the garage if any other vehicles are nearby. Mr. Proulx said there is an extreme amount of traffic in front of the present station, especially during
athletic events. There would be no pedestrian traffic in front of the new facility. It would also eliminate the traffic that goes under the railroad bridge and has to pass in front of the present building. It would also be better for the packers going to the Lamprey Regional facility. Two more lights would be put on College Road.

The Selectmen don't estimate any great population increase until well into the 21st century. There is room to add an extra bay in the future if it becomes necessary. The new facility will have sleeping quarters for seven firefighters. We now have only three or four men on duty at one time, so there is room for future expansion. Mr. Proulx said it has been suggested that we build a combined Court and Public Safety complex. The Commissioners have looked into this area before, and they have applied the criteria to it, but it doesn't meet the standard needs. The Commissioners have looked at sites other than on the U.N.H. campus, but there are problems with many of them. Church Hill is too steep, and there is a very bad corner at the foot of the hill where it meets Route 108. Some other sites were too far out into the corners of the Town, or they had limited access. All the studies have shown that the present location of the Station is the best for the Fire Department. Mr. Proulx said this present plan would greatly improve the fire-fighting capabilities and better protect the lives and property in Town.

Edward Durnall said that several years ago the Town turned down a new building that would have cost about $290,000, just what this renovation of an old building will cost us now. Then we were asked to approve a new ladder truck and were told there was no problem in adding some inches to the building to house the truck. As far as other sites are concerned, there is a steep hill on College Road where the present station is located. Mr. Durnall urged defeat of this article.

Capt. William Cote, a Durham-UNH firefighter and resident of the Town, said that eight minutes can be crucial in emergency response time. The previous night he had responded in mutual aid to Dover, and it took more than eight minutes to get the truck on the road. Capt. Cote spoke of the need for more office space for the various administrative services they provide. The Chief needs a better office. Capt. Cote says he has to share his office as Fire Prevention Officer and needs more space to do his job better. He said they are now in the basement of the Service building and his office is separated from the Deputy Chief's office by a movable partition. He is in the pathway to the ladies' room, which is used by all the women in the Service Building.

Anita Rutman spoke against the article saying she could make no sense out of it and urged its defeat. She felt this was a case of the State dumping the cost of the rent of the
building on the Town through bonding.

Thomas Richardson, a Durham-UNH firefighter and Durham resident, said that at times during the past few weeks he has spoken out against this current proposal. Some of the concerns he had have been addressed, and he now speaks in favor of the article. Since the mid-1940's the traffic in and out of the station has increased by 1,800%. A lot of problems would have been solved if the plan four years ago had been adopted. Mr. Richardson said he works in very cramped quarters, and as he plans to work here at least another 11 years, he would like to see some improvements made. He is tired of tripping over equipment, having to walk, not run, to get to the trucks in an emergency, and ducking under equipment that is hanging overhead. There is no place for storage cabinets; no place to work on the trucks. Mr. Richardson feels this is not a great proposal, but it is a lot better than what they have now. He thinks this is the best the system can provide. If we don't vote for this proposal, then he asks the voters here tonight to do something about this. Any renovations made to meet the Life Safety Code won't make the firefighting capabilities any better and won't benefit the Town. He would like to see a committee formed in the next few days to try and do something about this situation if the article does not pass.

Selectman Sheldon Prescott spoke against the plan. He said the trucks would have to come out the back door of the building. He went on to say that the Town is putting up the money for this project while the University is putting up space that is unused and unwanted. And we are not getting the space where the Kari-Vans are washed. One of the problems in the past has been not having an area to wash the fire trucks.

Mr. Prescott said we just spent $25,000 to repair a vehicle. And what about the $6,000 we put into the repair of the floor two years ago. It is the Art Department at U.N.H. that will be benefiting from the new floor. He said the Police Department needs space badly. The Public Works Department and the Court also need space. We should be addressing these problems. We will soon be required to provide a new Court facility. The Court and the Police should be our number-one consideration. Mr. Prescott said that was a band-aid, quick-fix solution to the Fire Department problems.

Richard Many said he has been a call firefighter for six years. He is speaking for the call company, which endorses this proposal and urges its passage.

William Hall, a former member of the call company, said the location for the fire station is a bad one. It is near the incinerator, the power plant, and the railroad carrying propane. The layout is extremely bad according to modern firefighting standards. Now one third of the calls are for
medical aid; much of the future work of the Fire Department will be in the line of fire prevention. Mr. Hall said the best location for a building would be on the south end of College Road with five bays that would allow vehicles to enter both College Road and McDaniel Drive. He feels that the larger vehicles will not be able to maneuver well enough to get out of the proposed garage.

William Conk, Vice-President of the Durham Ambulance Corps, said the Executive Committee of the Ambulance Corps is unanimously supporting this plan. There have been many problems in the past, such as the second ambulance being stored in Lee causing a delay in the response time. Being able to store the second vehicle in, the new facility in Durham will greatly improve the service of the Ambulance Corps. The supplies, equipment, and training aids are now stored in several different locations; in the new facility they can all be stored under one roof. Right now they share an office with several other groups, and some of their files are stored in homes. There is no bunk space available for people staying overnight in bad weather. The new facility will improve the current situation and have room for future needs as well. He urged support of the article.

Irene Fleming questioned that the Town would really be getting this building rent free when we pay $80,000 a year for children in Forest Park, which is University housing, to go to the Oyster River Schools. She felt the money could be better spent.

Herbert Jackson asked if any of the opponents to this plan had any suggestions as to what to do about the need for space for the Court, Police, etc.

Frederick Hochgraf said he had asked a friend what the going rate was per square foot for this kind of space. He was told $21 per square foot was about right. In Durham it would probably be a little higher, perhaps $30-35 per square foot. He suggested that the Selectmen pay for a study of the current value of the property being considered for the station. Mr. Hochgraf felt that the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps have made a strong case for this proposal, and if this article does pass, he still hopes the Selectmen will follow through with the study he suggests.

Selectman James Chamberlin said that no one seems to disagree with the need for a new fire station. He has seen many proposals in his years as a Fire Commissioner, and he feels that this present plan is a good one that will serve the Town well for the next 20 years. He said there is simply no property available for purchase to build a new station. If we did build something in the south end of the Town, we would have to run the fire vehicles up Church Hill and around the one-way traffic pattern, which could lengthen the response time in many instances.
Wayne Burton said he finds it hard to understand how the Town can allow the firefighters to live in a building that would be closed down if it were privately owned. Mr. Burton also said that if Mr. Durgin's figure of $600,000 is correct as to the cost of building a new station, we should take advantage of the opportunity we have to use a University building.

Donald Sumner, Chairman of the Budget Committee, asked to speak as a private citizen. He felt we were being told by the University to "take it or leave it; money is tight, and this is the only proposal you are going to get." This is contrary to past Town-University relations. Mr. Sumner said he didn't think this was the best location for the fire station, but he did feel that the architect had done the best he could in the design for the renovations of the old building. Mr. Sumner said if the past proposals had been as well presented as this plan has been tonight, they would have been approved by the Town. Mr. Sumner suggested that a possible site for a new station would be the Pettee Brook parking lot area. He said the voters never saw the results of the study for which we voted $10,000 a few years ago. Mr. Sumner said if as much effort were put into the study of possible new sites as has been put into this presentation tonight, the Fire Commissioners would be surprised with the results.

Selectmen Norman Stiles gave a brief history of the Fire Department since 1928, when the Town and University created a joint Department. He said the fire station has always been on the University campus because that is the center of the population density. There has never been any rent charged to the Town by the University in all these years. He feels that the present plan is austere, but functional, and he urged support of the article.

Before the polls opened, Mr. Michael introduced Deane Sweet, our Business Manager, who came to work in June of 1983.

The Moderator declared the polls open at 8:37 p.m. The polls closed at 9:45 p.m. There were 277 votes cast. The results were: Yes 211, No 66. The Moderator declared the article adopted by more than the necessary 2/3 majority.

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Town Clerk
TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 1984, at the Oyster River High School Cafeteria by Moderator Joseph E. Michael, Jr., who read Articles 1 through 4. It was moved by Owen Durgin, seconded, that the polls be opened and remain open until 7 p.m. and that action on Articles 5 through 17 be postponed until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 1984, at the Oyster River High School Gymnasium.

Article 1. (Town Officers)

Selectman (To Choose Two)
Owen B. Durgin 294
Patricia L. Fisk 265

Town Clerk-Tax Collector (To Choose One)
Linda L. Ekdahl 331

Treasurer (To Choose One)
James W. Christensen 99
David C. Ninde 223

Trustee of the Trust Funds (To Choose One)
Frederick C. Ober 320

Moderator (To Choose One)
Joseph E. Michael, Jr. 326

Supervisor of the Checklist (To Choose One)
Joan W. Weeks 327

Budget Committee (3-Year Term) (To Choose Four)
John A. Lindsay 279
Shirley A. Thompson 282
Margaret Faulk 23
Dane Evans 8

Budget Committee (2-Year Term) (To Choose Three)
David Delage 254
Steven C. Irving 254

Budget Committee (1-Year Term) (To Choose One)
John C. Gammon 276

Article 2. (Zoning) Yes 276 No 61
Article 3. (Zoning) Yes 290 No 45
Article 4. (Zoning) Yes 293 No 37

Total ballots cast: 350
Balloting was suspended at 7 p.m. and the meeting was recessed.

The meeting reconvened at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 1984, in the Oyster River High School Gymnasium and was called to order by Moderator Michael, who made several announcements as to things being sold in the corridor. Mr. Michael said Mrs. Hatch had asked him to tell the meeting that the picture on page 57 of the 1983 Town Report was reversed in the printing. Mr. Michael read a letter from the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, inviting us to participate in a parade and other festivities on July 4, 1984, for an event entitled "Return of Sons and Daughters."

Mr. Michael then read the results of the voting from the previous day and from the Constitutional Convention Delegate contest on February 28. He also thanked various people for their help during the elections.

Shirley Thompson thanked Owen Durgin for his assistance to the Budget Committee during the past few months and presented him a gift on behalf of the Committee.

William Prince read the following tribute to Anne Valenza on her completion of 12 years as a Supervisor of the Checklist:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, It isn't often that one has the opportunity at a public assembly such as this to offer a few complimentary words of praise about an outstanding colleague who has an engaging sense of humor, a tolerance for the shortcomings of fellow committee members, and a dedicated commitment to the excellence of detail in her work, and who for 12 long years has maintained the accuracy and timeliness of our voters checklist. That colleague is Anne Valenza.

Tonight Anne is completing her term of office as chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of the Checklist. During her long incumbency Anne has truly made an outstanding civic contribution to the Town of Durham. In recognition of her years of service, the remaining members of the Board of Supervisors ask if you will join with us in expressing our appreciation to Anne Valenza for her performance of a job superbly done."

The meeting gave Anne a standing round of applause.

Owen Durgin recognized Shelly Prescott for his service on the Board of Selectmen for the past three years and asked for a standing vote of thanks, which was gratefully given. Mr. Prescott had not run for re-election.

Mr. Durgin then presented Mr. Michael a chair with the Town of Durham seal on it in recognition of his 12 years of service as Moderator. Mr. Michael was re-elected to another two-year term.
Mr. Durgin delivered the "State of the Town" address, in which he said that the Town is in good shape fiscally. A recent Moody rating continued to list us as AA, which is very good. Our capital plant is a mixed situation. The sewer and water and road systems have had much work in the last few years. The College Brook Interceptor, the Mill Road Brook, and Mill Road, etc., will be the benefit of the new Space Science Center at the University. The expansion of the water capacity needs to be addressed. A new Court facility must be put into the planning stages very soon.

Mr. Durgin continued, saying that ten years ago the Town budget was $167,000; in 1984 dollars that would be $500,000. Tonight's budget is six times that size of that figure. It is not that we have become spendthrifts; the Town in effect has become a small city, and we must provide service to 20,000 people from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. We now have a professional Police Chief, Business Manager, etc. In terms of meeting State and Federal mandates, it is time we paid particular attention as to whether our type of government is the one under which we should continue. This should be the subject of serious conversation in the next few months.


Mr. Michael announced the rules for the meeting, stating that at 11 p.m. the meeting would recess if we weren't finished, and it would continue Thursday night, then Friday night, and then on Saturday, if necessary.

John Harrison said he didn't hear the Selectmen quote a tax rate in the "State of the Town" address. Mr. Durgin said he had reluctance to estimate a tax rate. He said if all the figures held, he would anticipate $13.558 for the Town's share of the tax rate. That would be down from $13.78 in 1983. Mr. Harrison asked about the items labeled "N/A" for 1984 in the State revenues on page W-20. It was explained that those items are now lumped together in one account at the top of the list.

Article 5. It was moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) in order to purchase a tanker/pumper truck for the Durham-UNH Fire Department. Such sum to be raised through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes, under the Municipal Finance Act, and to authorize the Selectmen to take such other actions 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 Durham.
Mr. Durgin said that any borrowing for more than a year has to be handled like a bond issue. As this amount is too small, it probably won't be a bond issue but rather a note that will be negotiated. A five-year note would probably be at 8 1/2% interest, costing $.16/$1,000 valuation on the tax rate the first year dropping down to $.11 in the fifth year. The $290,000 from the previous Town Meeting was just about the minimum that a bank will loan as a bond issue. A three-year note would cost about $.30 per year on the tax rate. The Selectmen are recommending the five-year note.

Richard Proulx, Chairman of the Fire Commissioners, thanked the voters for their approval of the fire station renovations at the January meeting. He explained that 80% of the Town is outside the area having hydrants. The truck they are requesting is a 10-wheel type vehicle with a 3,000-gallon capacity. The pumper will be capable of pumping 1,000-1,500 gallons per minute from a pond, lake or hydrant. Mr. Proulx said the new truck would be the first response vehicle. At a fire last night, the old tank truck didn't make it to the fire on Durham Point Road. We have several vehicles on loan that have much smaller capacity than the new truck would have.

Mr. Proulx went on to say that the new truck would replace two pieces of equipment: truck #3, which is already retired, and the old tanker. The new vehicle will have a greater capacity and will restore the pumper rating for insurance purposes. The Town will pay 1/3 of the money ($50,000), and the University will pay 2/3 ($100,000). Based on a home assessed at $70,000, it would cost $.03/day for this fire protection. The ladder truck we purchased a few years ago is half paid off. It will take two years to prepare the specs, send everything out for bid, etc. There will be no effect on the 1984 tax rate. Nothing will be on the tax rate until 1985. Mr. Proulx said we need this equipment, and he urged passage of the article.

Steven Irving, who lives in the Newmarket Road, was working in New Castle last night and monitored the radio and could hear the vehicles being dispatched to the fire and was concerned because his foster son was home alone. He said we must have a tank truck that can respond to fires outside the hydrant area. Mr. Irving said he used to work for a used truck garage, and would offer only $500 for our old tank truck. He said he is concerned about the property tax rate, but we really need this equipment.

Sheldon Prescott said that $650,000 has been allocated to the Fire Department in the last few years for various purchases of equipment and plant renovations. We must keep in mind how much they have been given. There is not enough money to go around. He reminded everyone that the school district meeting has not really been held, so we don't know what the school budget is at this time. Norman Stiles said the purchase of
this vehicle would extend the life of Engine #4 a few more years than would otherwise be possible.

Thomas Richardson, a Durham-UNH fire fighter, said that 50% of the dollar valuation of the Town is outside the hydrant district. The University will pay $100,000 of the money for this vehicle. He reminded us that all of the University farm buildings are outside the hydrant area, as well as many other University buildings, which he listed. Mr. Richardson said that while $150,000 seems like a lot of money, there are trucks that cost $350,000 to $500,000. This vehicle is a particular type of truck known as a tanker/pumper. It has a place for tools; it has a pump; the engine size is much bigger than most trucks; and it has a special suspension system. Most trucks don't carry 100% of their load all of the time. Fire trucks have 100% of their load all of the time. Mr. Richardson said he wasn't interested in a show piece, and there are compromises that are being made to keep the price down to $150,000. He explained the need for the vehicle by telling how he was driving the old truck last summer when it broke down in the middle of the road coming back from the fire at Newick's Restaurant, and he had to wait for a UNH mechanic to come and fix it.

There being no further discussion, the polls opened at 8 p.m. and remained open until 9:25 p.m. There were 257 votes cast, with 171 necessary for passage. The results were: Yes 233, No 24. The Moderator declared the article adopted by more than the 2/3 majority.

Article 6. Before a motion was made on the article, the Moderator said the Budget Committee had not recommended these expenditures and that fact should have been stated following the printed article in the Town Report. It was moved by Owen Durgin, seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of Thirty Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars ($30,200.00) for the purpose of making recreational improvements as listed in the article in the Town Report.

C. Michael O'Neil, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, spoke in favor the article saying that this is the beginning in the steps the Committee feels should be taken to improve the recreational facilities we currently have and to make some modest additions to them. (1) Mr. O'Neil said we need to pave the tennis courts in order to better preserve them ($5,500.00). (2) The Oyster River Youth Association has requested the bleachers in this article for several years ($2,110.00). ORYA is the only group that competes in this area that has no bleachers for spectators. (3) When families bring small children with them when they come to sports events, there are no facilities for the children to use during the games ($4,000.00). (4) Putting in flooring at the skating rink along with some other improvements will make the Jackson's Landing Facility a year-round complex ($16,590.00). There would be a substantial savings in the future when it comes to flooding the
area. Mr. O'Neil said that Article 7 will ask for authorization for the Selectmen to apply for Federal funds, which would pay for half of the $30,000 requested in this article.

Stanley Mullaney asked why the Budget Committee had not recommended this article. Mr. Mullaney said he would prefer to vote to do some work on the Woodridge area rather than the Jackson's Landing area. Margaret Faulk, a member of the Budget Committee, said that after looking at the Parks and Recreation budget, the Committee felt in all good conscience an additional $30,000 over and above the $60,000 already in the budget was more than they could recommend. The Budget Committee asked the Parks and Recreation Committee if they would consider requesting only part of this money, but they didn't come in with a partial package. Ms. Faulk said the Budget Committee was also concerned about the great increase in the Parks and Recreation budget over the last few years from $10,000 to $60,000. There are hidden future costs when dealing with many of these items also.

Mr. Mullaney asked if we are sure of getting the funds mentioned in Article 7. Ms. Faulk said Federal funds are hard to get these days. The Budget Committee felt it would support items #1, 2, and 3. The problem was with the $18,590. Owen Durgin said the Town may seek 50% of its appropriation. The Town must first make its appropriation and then we can seek up to 50% of that amount. If we approve part of the article, then we could seek half of the amount appropriated. Mr. Durgin said this article requires a 2/3 vote in case borrowing is necessary, although we do not plan to do this.

Mr. O'Neil said that we are not guaranteed Federal funds, but we were encouraged to apply. The Federal agency would look more favorably on something such as the work in item #4 than they would the maintenance of a facility.

After some further discussion, Frederick Reischer, a member of the Budget Committee, said he had been opposed to this article unless we get the Federal funds. At the public hearing on the budget, the Committee was told the chances of getting the money were almost nothing. Now he understands we have a better chance of getting the money. Mr. O'Neil said right now the chances are about 75-25 or 60-40 that we would get the funding.

Mary Jane Kilian said she is concerned about the way in which these articles are being presented to the Town. She said packages of requests are being presented one at a time that trick the voters into voting for these things. First the fire station, then the fire truck. The computer is already installed, are we supposed to vote against it? Mrs. Kilian said she resents this method of presentation of the articles.
Lydia Willits moved that we amend Article 6 by deleting item #4 (the improvements at Jackson's Landing). The motion was seconded. Anita Rutman asked how much was in the budget now for maintenance of the skating rink. Mr. O'Neil said there was $5-6,000. He said it will cost about $2,000 a year in the future. Mrs. Rutman asked how much will it cost us in the future. Mr. O'Neil said much of the maintenance costs would be reduced if we make the improvements in item #4 as this work will last many years.

Carol May spoke against the amendment. She said she has teenage boys who have trouble finding a place to play basketball. If the improvements are made at the rink, they could play there.

After further discussion, the vote was taken on the amendment, and it passed. Item #4 was deleted from Article 6, leaving the article at $11,610. Donald Sumner moved to amend the article by adding after the words "following recreational improvements" the words "subject to receipt of a 50% matching grant from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program." The motion was seconded. Owen Durgin urged passasge of the article because we really should make the $5,500 expenditure for the tennis courts as we are having problems with seepage in the courts.

John Hill felt we should go ahead and approve the three items and hope we can get the Federal funds. Since we started with a request for $30,000 and we are now down to $11,610, we have accomplished a good deal. The vote was taken on the amendment, and it was defeated.

Malcolm MacGregor moved that we vote on items #1, 2, and 3 separately. Seconded. The vote was taken, and the amendment was defeated. The vote was taken on the article as amended, with items #1, 2, and 3 for a total of $11,610, and it passed.

Article 7. It was moved by Owen Durgin, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to apply to the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for matching funds not to exceed Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($15,100.00) for the purpose of the items identified in Article 6 of this Warrant, and to accept and expend such funds for these purposes. Mr. Durgin moved to amend the article by substituting $5,805 for the $15,100 due to the vote on Article 6. The motion was seconded, and it passed.

Michael Everngam called attention to the recent Boston Globe article which said there was $200,000 available in Federal funds and listed Durham as one of the poorer communities in the State. Mr. Durgin said being on the list in that article doesn't mean we will get funds. Some of the items available for funding are not things Durham needs. The vote was taken on the article as amended. It needed 142 to
pass with a 2/3 majority. The results were: Yes 209, No 3. The Moderator declared the article adopted.

Article 8. It was moved by Owen Durgin, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to receive and deposit in the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, Federal Revenues allocated to the Town by the Federal Government under provisions of the 1972 Acts of Congress, as amended, and to authorize withdrawal from this fund for budgeted appropriations the amount of $155,757.00 as specified in article printed in the Town Report.

Mr. Durgin said this article is required by the Federal Revenue Sharing Program in which the Selectmen indicate the amount they anticipate spending and for what items. The money must be spent only on these items. Mr. Durgin said if the article passes for the full amount it will increase the budget by $15,508 as follows: (1) An increase from $7,000 to $10,000 in the Town Office Remodeling ($3,000); (2) An increase of $1,000 in the Town Beautification account; (3) An increase of $2,508 in the Parks and Recreation budget for the new mower; (4) An increase of $9,000 for the Edgewood Road sidewalk. Mr. Durgin said the salaries in item #13 is open-ended on purpose to pick up money from any items that may be deleted from this article. In that way we can still spend the full amount of the article. The article was adopted.

John Beckett rose to speak on a point of personal privilege. He explained that the Mill Pond was drained last fall and the fish have all gone so the local children can no longer fish in the pond. Mr. Beckett said he had talked with the State Fish and Game Department to see if they could be of any help, but Fish and Game doesn't usually deal with the types of fish that would be in the Mill Pond. He asked families to ask their children to go elsewhere and hook some fish that they could bring back to the Pond to help replenish it. Mr. Beckett said he looks forward to the return of the children on the banks of the Mill Pond.

Article 9. It was moved by Donald Sumner, seconded, that the Town adopt the budget for the period January 1, 1984, to December 31, 1984, as submitted by the Budget Committee in the amount of Three Million, Four Hundred Five Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars ($3,405,149.00), and to raise by taxes the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars ($1,218,647.00) for the purposes thereof. Mr. Sumner recognized the following people for their work as they leave the Budget Committee: Persis Plaisted, Malcolm MacGregor, Clayton Pollansbee, Raymond Vranicar, Pamela Worthen, Dane Evans, and Margaret Faulk. He also expressed his appreciation to Owen Durgin and to the employees of the Town of Durham who have appeared before the Committee during the past year. The work always comes during the holidays and makes appearing before the Committee difficult at times. Mr. Sumner urged people to run for positions on the Budget Committee in the future.
Due to action taken earlier in the meeting, Mr. Sumner moved to amend the article to adopt a budget in the amount of $3,432,267.00, with $1,230,257.00 to be raised by taxes. The motion was seconded, and the amendment was passed.

It was moved by Irene Fleming, seconded, that we amend Line 702 in Department 215 by $1,365.00 for the specific purpose of raising the salary of the Town Clerk-Tax Collector from $17,482.00 to $20,082, an increase of $2,600.00. Mrs. Fleming explained that a 5% raise of $875.00 was already included in the budget, and there was $360.00 extra included in the budget because of a printing error, so the actual increase in the budget as presented is $1,365.00. Mrs. Fleming and several others spoke in favor of the amendment. Frederick Reischer, a member of the Budget Committee, said it was not proper to negotiate salaries on the floor of the Town Meeting. Mr. Reischer said it was up to the Selectmen to set the salaries. Margaret Faulk, also a Budget Committee member, said that because the Town Clerk-Tax Collector is elected and is autonomous, he or she can come to the Budget Committee and the Town Meeting if not satisfied with the arrangements made by the Selectmen. The vote was taken, and the amendment was adopted.

It was moved by John Harrison, seconded, that we amend Line 956 in Department 860 by increasing the swan food item by $250.00, from $150.00 to $400.00. Mr. Harrison said Howard and Esther Mae Forrest have been paying much of the money for food out of their own pockets. They make trips to Portsmouth to feed the swans in the winter as well as their daily trips to the Mill Pond in Durham the rest of the year. The amendment was passed.

The vote was then taken on the budget as amended in the amount of $3,433,882.00, with $1,231,872.00 to be raised by taxes. The vote was in the affirmative, and the Moderator declared the budget adopted.

**Article 10.** It was moved by James Chamberlin, seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of approximately Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($460,000.00) to defray its share of the cost of Strafford County Government. Mr. Chamberlin said this is an 8% increase over last year almost solely due to the new jail. The vote was taken, and the article was adopted.

**Article 11.** It was moved by Norman Stiles, seconded, that the Town vote to convey to Nicholas and Beatrice Gegas a 10' by 83' strip of land containing approximately 811 square feet located in the southwesterly corner of the Pettee Brook Lane parking lot abutting the present Gegas property. Mr. Stiles explained that approval of this article will finalize action which took place last summer during work on the Jenkins Court project. Mr. and Mrs. Gegas conveyed to the Town the land necessary to finish the street and build the sidewalk.
They are asking that a strip of land be conveyed to them for which we will receive an easement to use the land for parking spaces. The Town will not have to pay anything for this transfer. The article was adopted.

**Article 12.** It was moved by Norman Stiles, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to apply for, negotiate, and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State or other assistance as may be available for public works or other municipal functions, and to expend such funds for those projects. Mr. Stiles said we vote on this article every year and is necessary in case we decide to seek any Federal funding. There were 125 votes cast, and the results were: Yes 124, No 1. The Moderator declared the article adopted by more than the 2/3 majority.

**Article 13.** It was moved by Owen Durgin, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell and transfer the tax lien and/or the title to real estate acquired by the Town at a tax collector's sale for non-payment of taxes in default of redemption for such tax sale within the time limited by law, by deed or otherwise upon such terms as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town. The article was adopted.

**Article 14.** It was moved by Anne Goodman, seconded, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow necessary money in anticipation of taxes by issuing short-term notes. Motion carried.

**Article 15.** It was moved by Mary Metcalf, seconded, that the Town of Durham call upon the Governor and Executive Council, its State Representative(s) and State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of huge cost increases in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools and agencies in the Town of Durham, and to direct the Selectmen to promptly notify our above listed elected officials of the Town's desire. After some discussion the vote was taken, and the results were: Yes 46, No 80. The article was lost.

**Article 16.** Before any motion was made on this article, the Moderator read a portion of the State Statutes (72:63) which states that this article should have been voted on by official ballot. It was moved by Donald Sumner, seconded, that the article be tabled. Motion carried.

**Article 17.** James Chamberlin thanked Maryanna Hatch for her work on the Town Report again this year and asked for a standing round of applause.

Herbert Jackson said since the Town gives official recognition to its swans, it should be no less concerned about where the swans live. Mr. Jackson moved that the Selectmen be
instructed to appoint an ad hoc committee to consider the future management of the Mill Pond; said committee to include at least three individuals with professional competence in various aspects of pond (lake) management, and three or more representing other types of interests such as the abutters, the Garden Club, the Women's Club or others. The committee to be instructed to meet at its earliest convenience and to recommend any actions deemed appropriate at that time, and furthermore (especially) to prepare recommendations for the management of the Pond, to be presented to the 1985 Town Meeting. The motion was seconded, and then it was adopted.

Thomas Richardson thanked the Budget Committee for all the work it had done in preparation for the Town Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

[Signature]
Town Clerk
The following information is made available to aid all residents of the Town of Durham:

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

POLICE DEPARTMENT: 868-2324  
FIRE AND AMBULANCE CALLS: (Dispatch Center) 862-1212  
DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS: (Business calls only) 862-3674  
DOG OFFICER: (Dispatch Center) 862-1392  
WATER & SEWER LINE BREAKS: Call Town Office, 868-5571  
(After 5:00 P.M.: 868-2324)  
VISITING NURSE (Oyster River Home Health Association) - 868-5055

**TOWN OFFICE FUNCTIONS**

TOWN OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Car Registration: Registration in month of birth (or within 10 days of first registration). Resident Tax for current and prior year must be paid. Car inspection at time of registration and 6 months later.

Driver's License: Applications available at Town Clerk's Office. Resident Tax must be paid.

Dog Registration: Due May 1st.  
Fees: Neutered Male/Spayed Female $3.50  
      Male $6.00  
      Female $6.50

Resident Tax: $10.00 per resident, ages 18 to 65. Due December 1st or at time of car registration.

Property Taxes: Due December 1st or thirty (30) days after date of issuance.

Water and Sewer Billings: Issued every six (6) months.

State of New Hampshire Inventory of Taxable Property: Due April 15th.  
If no Inventory is filed or if Inventory is incomplete, a penalty of not more than $50, but not less than $10 will be assessed against the delinquent filer. The right to appeal the tax and/or any exemption(s) is also lost. Late filing means loss of right to appeal. Form invalid if not properly signed.
Property Tax Exemptions: A permanent application for the following exemptions must be filed with the Town prior to April 15 in the year of initial application.

- VETERANS SERVICE EXEMPTION
- BLIND EXEMPTION
- ELDERLY EXEMPTION
- SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM EXEMPTION
- CURRENT USE EXEMPTION

Cemetery Information: Contact Trustees of Trust Funds, 868-5571.

Voter Registration: New voters can register with the Town Clerk. Proof of age and citizenship are required.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

TOWN MEETING: 2nd Tuesday in March.

Board of Selectmen: Every Monday, 7:00 P.M., Town Office.

Planning Board: First and third Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., Town Office.

Other Town committees meet as necessary.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS are posted in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Office.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES are posted in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Office; also posted on the Bulletin Board at the Mill Road Shopping Plaza.

MISCELLANEOUS

Solid Waste Disposal Site: Located on Durham Point Road.

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday: 7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Building Permits: Obtained at Durham Town Office.

Garage Sale Permits: Obtained at Durham Town Office. Application must be made two weeks prior to sale, and only two sales per year are permitted.

NOTE: The Town Office would appreciate being notified of any change of address of Durham residents, to facilitate Town business.
Photographs:

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and the Durham Children's Library.

The Selectmen extend their thanks to Alma Tirrell and all members of the Town Office staff who cooperated so willingly in preparing this report. A special thanks to Patricia Fisk and Shirley Thompson for their many hours of volunteer work in finalizing this report.