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Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen and Other Town Officers



of the Town of
LANGDON, N.H.

For the year ending December 31st

2008

Notice of Town Hours

All meetings are held at the Langdon Municipal Building unless otherwise noted.

Board of Selectmen

October through May – every Monday night at 7:00 PM

June through September – 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM

The Selectboard does not meet on federal holidays.

Selectmen's Office

Mondays 10 to Noon, Tuesdays 10 to Noon

Town Clerk

Tuesdays 10:00 AM to Noon and 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Planning Board

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment

4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Contact Information

Town Office:	603-835-2389 603-835-6055 (fax)	Tax Collector:	603-835-6260
Building Inspector:	603-835-6032	Zoning Board:	603-835-2220
Planning Board:	603-835-2220	Highway Garage:	603-835-2882
Police Department:	603-835-2651	Fire Department:	603-352-1100
Dispatch:	603-826-5747	Emergency:	911

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Elected Officers 2008

MODERATOR FOR 2 YEAR TERM

Jeffrey Holmes Term Expires 2009

SELECTMEN FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Robert Cunniff Term Expires 2008

Michael Kmiec Term Expires 2009

John "Jay" Grant Term Expires 2010

TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Jennifer Doyle Term Expires 2010

TAX COLLECTOR FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Andrea Cheeney Term Expires 2009

TREASURER FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Kathleen A. Beam Term Expires 2010

SEXTON FOR 1 YEAR TERM

Charles Grout Sr. Term Expires 2008

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Kathryn Gallagher Term Expires 2008

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST FOR 6 YEAR TERM

Charles Grout Sr. Term Expires 2010

Helen Koss Term Expires 2011

Ruth Kemp Term Expires 2008

AUDITOR FOR 3 YEAR TERM

FIRE CHIEF FOR 1 YEAR TERM

Gregory Chaffee Term Expires 2008

FALL MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Kenneth Hart Term Expires 2010

Appointed Town Officers 2008

HEALTH OFFICER: Board of Selectmen

POLICE CHIEF: Raymond L'Abbe

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Everett Adams

FOREST FIRE WARDEN: Fred Roentsch

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS:
Greg Chaffee, Greg Cheeney, Curtis Barnes

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
Curtis Barnes

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR: Board of Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

(7 members)

J. Pat Breslend	Term Expires 2010
Robert Polcari	Term Expires 2009
Everett Adams	Term Expires 2011
Byron Niles	Term Expires 2009
Martha Walsh	Term Expires 2010
Robert Chamberlain	Term Expires 2010
John "Jay" Grant	Ex Officio

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(5 members)

Mary Henry (alternate)	Term Expires 2010
Robert Chamberlain	Term Expires 2010
Curtis Taylor	Term Expires 2010
Michael Kmiec	Ex Officio
C. Davies French (Alternate)	
Fred Roentsch (Alternate)	

**The State of New Hampshire
Town of Langdon
Town Warrant**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Langdon, County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Langdon on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, at ten of the clock a.m. until seven p.m. Regular business meeting will commence at seven-fifteen p.m. at the Town Hall.

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$575,824) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to continue to house the Fall Mountain Food Shelf at Town Expense or take any other action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the capital expenses of the Police Department.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the capital expenses of the Fire Department.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the purchase of the release of water rights on the former Baker Property.

Article 7: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200) for the purchase of fire-proof file cabinets for the storage of town records.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for renovations to the police facility to bring them into compliance with state standards. The money for this project will come from the fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to move and crush 10,000 yards of gravel on town property. The money for this project will come from the fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. Gravel will be used on Town roads.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

The Selectboard recommends this article.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Department Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

The Selectboard recommends this article.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

The Selectboard recommends this article.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the "Town Offices Capital Reserve Fund" previously established to the "Town Hall Foundation Repair Capital Reserve Fund." This article requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to act on the recommendation of the Salary Committee and increase the annual salary of the Tax Collector from Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$5,600), and increase the annual salary of the Town Clerk from Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000). In the event that this article does not pass, these salaries will remain at their current level.

Article 16: To Allow accounts

Article 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

Robert Cunniff

Michael Kmiec

John Grant

A true copy of the warrant-attest

Robert Cunniff

Michael Kmiec

John Grant

**Langdon Town Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2008**

Town Moderator Jeffrey Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He then led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS

John "Jay" Grant 128 Votes

TOWN CLERK COLLECTOR FOR THREE YEARS

Jennifer Doyle 164 Votes

TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS:

Kathleen Beam 154 Votes

FIRE CHIEF FOR ONE YEAR

Greg Chaffee 165 Votes

SEXTON FOR ONE YEAR

Charles Grout 161 Votes

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS

Jeffrey Holmes 158 Votes

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS

Ruth Kemp 2 Votes (Write-In*)

*Mrs. Kemp declined the office. The Selectboard will instead appoint two new members who will stand for election in 2009.

Article 2: Are you in favor of amending the Building Code Part 2, Section K to read:
SEWERAGE: All dwellings shall have a sewerage disposal system including flush, toilet, septic tank, and a drain field, *all drain fields (leach fields) shall be at least fifty (50) feet from all property lines.*

(Change is in italics)

BY BALLOT	YES	94	NO	76
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Article 3: Are you in favor of amending the Town of Langdon Zoning Ordinance as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board:

Add Section XI Floodplain Ordinance, establishing an ordinance that will qualify the town for enrollment in the National Flood Insurance Program.

BY BALLOT	YES	134	NO	38
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Article 4: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$564,300) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

A motion to accept the article was made by Selectman Bob Cunniff and seconded by Don Martin.

Keith Short asked for an explanation on the highway budget. Selectman John Revilla responded by saying that the monies spent encompassed normal expenditures, including grading, the sealing that was voted in by special article, paving work on Holden Hill, culvert installation and gravelling of the roads. It was noted that highway expenditures came in \$30,000 under budget due to not enough time to complete larger projects. The members of the Selectboard said that this year they anticipate addressing the appearance of the highway vehicles, but stated that for all intents and purposes they are working mechanical condition. The board also pointed out that it was a tough year on the equipment due to the unusually harsh winter, and that the mechanical work done by Randy Wood prevented down time.

ARTICLE 4 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the Capital Expenses of the Fire Department.

Jennifer Doyle made the motion to accept the article and was seconded by Selectman John Revilla.

Fire Chief Greg Chaffee said the money would go to purchase new communications equipment. Scott Bardis asked whether the money being sought would actually be adequate, to which the Chief Chaffee responded in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the Capital Expenses of the Police Department.

Jennifer Doyle moved to accept the article and was seconded by Selectman Michael Kmiec.

Langdon Chief of Police Ray L'Abbe said he planned to use the money to replace Kevlar vests, noting that there has been a shortage of the equipment due to the war in Iraq. It was noted that he had planned to purchase the vests with last year's appropriation, but when he could not get the vests a gun and evidence safe was purchased instead. He also said he would like to upgrade the department's tasers with two units that come equipped with cameras.

ARTICLE 6 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new copy machine for the town office.

The motion to accept the article as made by Andrea Cheeney and seconded by Don Martin.

It was noted that the purchase will be to replace the town's current machine which is a dinosaur. Kim Mastrianni asked if the new copier will also handle color, the response to which was negative.

ARTICLE 7 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Shelly Barnes made the motion to accept the article and was seconded by Don Martin.

Several people made comments not germane to the discussion of the article, including asking for a better listing of accounts and increasing the size of the annual report so that it is easier to read.

Selectman Cunniff explained what is done with money set aside in the capital reserve fund, and said the town is considering the possibility of purchasing a new highway truck next year.

ARTICLE 8 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Shelly Barnes made the motion to accept the article and was seconded by Selectman Michael Kmiec.

Dick Barnett asked what the money will be used for. The Selectboard explained that they are once again setting aside funds for the future purchase of a new police cruiser.

ARTICLE 9 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Cemetery Land Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Don Martin made the motion to accept the article and was seconded by Keith Short.

It was explained that the sole reason for setting aside the money is to fund the future purpose of more cemetery land. Selectman Cunniff explained that the capital reserve funds cannot be spent without a vote by the town and that the article merely authorizes money to be put into the capital reserve account.

ARTICLE 10 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen authority to oversee the cemeteries until the Town Meeting of 2009, at which time three cemetery trustees will be elected by ballot for a term of three years by the Town, with the first commissioners to be elected for terms of one, two and three years respectively.

Helen Koss made the motion to accept the article and was seconded.

Selectman Cunniff explained that previously the Trustees of Trust Funds also served as Cemetery Trustees. Due to a legal issue, the two functions now need to be separated, with trustees for each office elected. The Selectboard, after talking with the trustees, agreed to serve as Cemetery Trustees until the 2009 election. Jay Grant asked if the position is paid or volunteer, the answer to which it is done on a volunteer basis.

ARTICLE 11 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to increase the size of the Langdon Heritage Commission to seven members.

Clarence Koss made the motion to accept the article and was seconded by Selectman Michael Kmiec.

Dennis McClary, chair of the Heritage Commission, talked about the projects undertaken in the last year, including the recording of oral histories and compilation of photographs. He said the commission is looking toward developing a safe storage option for town records, and with that in mind also would like to undertake an inventory of the town's possessions. The group also spent considerable time working on the town hall stabilization project, which will encompass working on the foundation and other supports beneath the building. Because the many undertakings will require additional experience, Mr. McClary said the group feels it could benefit from additional members, but could also use volunteers interested in helping out.

ARTICLE 12 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to dissolve the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. Passage requires a two-thirds paper ballot vote by voters in the District.

The article was moved for acceptance and then seconded.

The Selectboard explained that the Solid Waste District is no longer committed to sending refuse to Wheelabrator and that the town's removal from the district needed to be approved so that it could be formally dissolved. It was noted that this is primarily an issue of bookkeeping, since for all intents and purposes the district has already been dissolved. The board noted that any funds the town might receive back would be reported to the treasurer.

BY BALLOT	YES	84	NO	2
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Article 14: In the event that the dissolution of the District is not approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in the District, shall the Town withdraw from membership in the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. Passage requires a majority vote by paper ballot.

Fred Roentsch moved to accept the article and was seconded by Curt Barnes.

The Selectboard explained that this was again a matter of bookkeeping and was on the warrant in the unlikely event that the first article pertaining to the dissolution of the solid waste district did not pass.

BY BALLOT	YES	84	NO	3
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Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, Our State Senator, and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Langdon, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, Our State Senator, and our governor to reject the “Pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Royal Holmes moved to accept the article and was seconded by Selectman Michael Kmiec.

Dave French spoke on behalf of the Granite State Fair Tax Coalition and article petitioners. He said that the tax system has reached the maximum at which people can afford to pay as property taxes continue to increase but income does not. He said the purpose of the article is to call attention to the problem and open a dialogue with state legislators. In answer to a question from the floor, Mr. French commented that he, personally, thinks a possible solution to the problem would be the implementation of an income tax.

Chris Kruger spoke against the article, saying that this is New Hampshire and he thinks the system has been successful. He cited the fact that Vermont pays high property taxes as well as sales and income tax. Dick Barnett agreed with Mr. Kruger. Byron Niles said he moved to New Hampshire from Connecticut and that that state has what he would call high taxes.

A voice vote on the article was inconclusive. Moderator Jeff Holmes then asked for a show of hands.

BY SHOW OF HANDS	YES	25	NO	45
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The article did not pass.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to form a committee to study Town Officers Salaries and report back to the 2009 Town Meeting. This committee will be appointed by the moderator and will have four members.

Shelly Barnes made a motion to pass over the article and was seconded.

Selectman Cunniff briefly that there are known inequities in the compensation of people serving the town, and rather than addressing them piecemeal it was felt that forming a committee to address the issue in a thorough fashion is the best course. The motion to pass over the article was denied.

Selectman Cunniff made the motion to accept the article and was seconded by Selectman Revilla.

It was noted that for the most part the people serving the town are volunteering their time and efforts. However, those same people have a lot of responsibilities, including handling monies and other matters for the town, including the safety and welfare of the residents. Because of this, it is an issue that the town must address. It was pointed out that only the legislative body can determine what officers are paid; the Selectboard has the authority to set pay rates for other employees who are not elected. Jay Grant suggested that it might be a good idea to get unbiased input from a consultant, which Chris Kruger vehemently disagreed with. Shelly Barnes questioned whether a committee is needed for such an endeavor. The Selectboard explained that when the process was started the board became aware of inequities in salaries and chose to have it addressed in the most reasonable manner possible.

ARTICLE 16 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish a three member board of public works to perform the duties of the road agent, rather than to appoint or elect a road agent, as authorized by RSA 38-C:2 and RSA 231:62, and to have the commissioners elected to a term of three years by the Town, with the first election to take place at the 2009 Town Meeting with the first commissioners to be elected for terms of one, two, and three years respectively.

Selectman Cunniff made a motion to pass over the article and was seconded by Selectman John Revilla.

The board explained that the article, although reviewed by both the town's legal counsel and the Department of Revenue Administration, could not be legally enacted due to the way the law governing public works commissions is written. Selectman Cunniff thanked Kim Mastrianni for pointing out the discrepancy and noted that the town's attorney was much chagrined by the oversight.

ARTICLE 17 PASSED OVER BY VOICE VOTE

Article 18: To allow accounts

The article was moved for acceptance and seconded.

Bills for the services of the three Selectboard members were submitted for payment.

ARTICLE 18 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Scott Bardis proposed an amendment to Article 17 to form an advisory committee to aid the Selectboard and help with planning for road projects, as well as to provide input to the highway department. There was a brief discussion about when the position of Road Agent became appointed; it was thought sometime in the late eighties. Lori Cook asked if it could be returned to an elected position.

Clarence Koss spoke to say that a committee was formed last year to oversee the maintenance, repair and planning for the roads. He was rebutted by several people who said that committee was never actually formed. Selectman Cunniff said that the minutes from last year's town meeting were reviewed and that while the committee was never actually formed several people came forward to say they would be willing to serve in such a capacity.

The discussion turned to the function of such a committee and it was said that it would be solely advisory. Scott Bardis said that he thought the board could benefit from the expertise of townspeople. It was noted that the proposed article said nothing about expertise, and Selectman Revilla commented that he personally has a great deal of experience and Selectman Kmiec stated that he spent a lot of time working for the highway department the previous year.

Jay Grant said that he thought there were a lot of people willing to serve on the committee who also have experience in construction. At this point the article was re-read. Dick Barnett said that town residents Marc Pelow and Mike Brodeur both work as foremen on road crews.

Don Martin spoke to say that he thinks Roger Pelton is a damned good road agent and that he has plenty of experience and builds good roads, too. Scott Bardis in response said that he has served in all phases of construction and feels that he has a lot to contribute to such a committee. He went on to say that no one is trying to get rid of Roger, but that there needs to be a system of checks and balances in place. He cited that grading of roads as one area where input could be given. Selectman Revilla responded by saying that he thought Roger would agree with what was said, but that the town hasn't put enough money money into the roads – specifically the gravel roads – so that they can be properly maintained. Jay Grant said that he agreed with Scott Bardis in that the road agent needs to be held accountable.

Doug Beach, who once acted as Langdon's road agent, spoke up to say that Roger knows how to build a road but conceded that he does have an attitude problem at times. He went on to say that, ultimately, the formation of a committee to advise the Selectboard would just add another layer to complicate matters when it is the Selectboard that was elected to make decisions and take action regarding the roads. He asked where it would stop and said that the town needs to fix the problem, adding that the roads are good but could be better, and that what is really needed are long-term, properly funded plans.

Alvin Clark said that there are times when the roads are impassable and that he thinks the roads today are worse than they've ever been.

Don Martin motioned to move the question. Those present voted in favor of moving the question so that a vote could be taken.

THE PROPOSED ARTICLE DID NOT PASS BY A SHOW OF HANDS

Andrea Cheeney spoke about the second annual Langdon Fall Festival. She said it was a great success last fall and that the town would love to have more vendors and volunteers this year. There was a round of applause for the funds raised last year, which will go toward building a playground at Sarah Porter.

Lori Cook said she wants a detailed report of highway department spending and accounts as defined by law. Selectman Cunniff responded that the law being cited is antique; the town handles all monies and pays all bills for the highway department. Jay Grant said he had an issue with how some of the checks were listed. The board explained that frequently checks are split amongst multiple accounts which would explain why the totals in different report areas might not be the same. Scott Bardis said he wants more detail in the report.

Marilyn Martin spoke to say that the Langdon Covered Bridge Association is almost finished with its work and thanked everyone for their support. There was a round of applause for the LCBA members and thanks for the work that they undertook in repairing and restoring the town's two covered bridges.

Mrs. Martin went on to thank the Selectboard for the job they do, and commented that she feels that they really do a good job of overseeing the town's money.

Martha Yoerger was the winner of the quilt raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer L. Doyle
Town Clerk
Langdon, New Hampshire
March 11, 2008

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Acct. #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130-4139	Executive (Town Officers Salaries)		22,000	17,225	23,000
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics		1,500	3,581	1,500
4150-4151	Financial Admin (Town Officers Expenses)		28,000	28,861	34,000
4152	Revaluation of Property		5,000	2,903	3,500
4153	Legal Expense		5,000	4,110	5,000
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		2,000	2,663	2,600
4194	General Government Buildings		24,000	24,000	30,000
4195	Cemeteries		8,000	3,867	6,000
4196	Insurance		23,000	22,907	23,000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		4,000	3,642	4,000
4199	Public Building Repair & Renovation		15,000	18,257	15,000
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210-4214	Police		35,000	33,594	35,000
4210-4214	School Resource Officer		57,000	54,845	60,000
4215-4219	Ambulance		11,000	11,000	8,424
4220-4229	Fire		27,000	29,905	27,000
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4312	Highways & Streets		165,000	162,747	190,000
SANITATION					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		30,000	34,229	36,000
HEALTH					
4414	Pest Control (Dogs)		1,000	486	1,000
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		2,500	586	2,500
WELFARE					
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		2,000	1,258	5,000
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5,000	500	5,000
CULTURE & RECREATION					
4550-4559	Library		1,100	1,100	1,100
4583	Patriotic Purposes		200	200	200
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,000	1,000	1,000
DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes		70,000	69,696	40,000
4721	Interest Long Term Bonds & Notes		19,000	15,905	16,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4902	Buildings		0	76,985	0

4902	Office Equipment/Furnishings		3,000	3,200	3,200
4902	Fire Equipment		1,500	1,500	2,500
4902	Police Equipment		2,000	2,000	2,000
4902	Water Rights		0	0	2,500

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				
	Rescue Vehicles		0	0	10,000
	Cemetery Land		2,500	2,500	0
	Highway Equipment		15,000	15,000	15,000
	Police Cruiser		5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			593,300	655,253	616,024
LESS REVENUES			255,125	332,862	271,138
TAXES TO BE RAISED			338,175	322,391	344,886

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Acct. #	Source of Revenue	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Tax		2,500	0	5,400
3185	Timber Taxes		1,000	5,911	1,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		2,000	13,008	5,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		200	634	200
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		0	0	0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		90,000	115,430	90,000
3230	Building Permits		2,000	2,750	2,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		4,500	4,943	4,500
OTHER GOVERNMENTS					
3379	FROM FMRSD (School Resource Officer)		57,000	55,656	60,000
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		6,500	6,583	3,798
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		20,000	28,123	28,123
3353	Highway Block Grant		46,347	63,451	42,431
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		668	686	686
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (Court Fines)		500	550	500
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401- 3406	Income from Departments (Solid Waste)		0	5,815	0
3401- 3406	Income from Departments (Cemetery)		6,000	3,867	6,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	0	0
3502	Interest on Investments		3,000	6,605	2,500
3503- 3509	Other (Copies, Maps, Histories)		0	138	0
3503- 3509	Other (Refunds)		0	3,625	0
3503- 3509	Other (Rent of Property)		13,000	15,087	19,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds (Fire Truck, Cemetery Fence)		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3394	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes				0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			255,215	332,862	271,138

Town of Langdon Financial Report 2008

General Fund Revenues

<u>Tax Revenue</u>	
Property Taxes	\$1,413,282
Land Use Change Taxes	0
Timber Taxes	5,911
Interest & Penalties	13,008
Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cu. yd.)	634
Total Tax Revenues	\$1,432,835
<u>Licenses Permits and Fees</u>	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	115,430
Building Permits	2,760
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	4,943
Total Licenses Permits & Fees	\$123,133
<u>Revenue From State of NH</u>	
Shared Revenue	6,583
Meals & Rooms	28,123
Highway Block Grant	63,451
Forest Land Reimbursement	686
Total State of NH Revenue	\$98,843
<u>Revenue from Other Governments</u>	
FMRSD SRO Reimbursement	55,656
Total Other Government Revenue	\$55,656
<u>Revenue From Charges for Service</u>	
Transfer Station Fees & Recycling	5,815
Total Revenue From Service	\$5,815
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>	
Interest on Investments	6,605
Rent	15,087
Fines and Forfeits	550
Contributions & Donations	400
Other Unclassified	4,432
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$27,074
<u>Interfund Operating Transfers In</u>	
Transfers from Trust & Fiduciary Funds	3,867
Total Interfund Operating Transfers In	\$3,867
Total Revenues From All Sources	\$1,747,086
Total Fund Equity	399,370
Total	\$2,146,456

General Fund Expenditures

General Government

Executive	17,225
Election & Registration	3,581
Financial Administration	33,300
Revaluation of Property	2,903
Legal Expense	4,110
Planning & Zoning	2,663
General Government Building	24,000
Cemeteries	3,867
Insurance	22,907
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,642
Other General Government	18,257
Total General Government	\$136,455

Public Safety

Police	88,439
Ambulance	11,000
Fire	29,905
Total Public Safety	\$129,344

Highways & Streets

Highways & Streets	\$162,747
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Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	\$34,229
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Health

Pest Control	486
Health Agencies & Hospitals	586
Total Health	\$1,072

Welfare

Direct Assistance	1,258
Vendor Payments	500
Total Welfare	\$1,758

Culture & Recreation

Library	1,100
Patriotic Purposes	200
Other Culture & Recreation	1,000
Total Culture & Recreation	\$2,300

Debt Service

Principal Long Term Notes/Bonds	69,696
Interest Long Term Notes/Bonds	15,905
Total Debt Service	\$85,601

<u>Capital Outlay</u>	
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	6,700
Buildings	76,985
Total Capital Outlay	\$83,685
<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>	
Operating Transfers Out	\$22,500
<u>Payments to Other Governments</u>	
County Taxes	166,349
Local Education Taxes Assessed	771,855
State Education Taxes Assessed	138,859
Total Payment to Other Governments	\$1,077,063
Total Expenditures	\$1,726,754

General Fund Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Cash & Equivalents	\$523,317	\$607,681
Taxes Receivable	113,554	115,546
Tax Liens Receivable	29,639	36,572
Other Current Assets	20,000	11,332
Total Assets	\$686,510	\$771,231
<u>Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>		
Warrants & Accounts Payable	62,785	0
Due to School District	347,672	359,390
Other Payables	9,000	9,000
Total Liabilities	\$419,457	\$368,390
<u>Fund Equity</u>		
Total Fund Equity	\$267,053	\$402,841
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$686,510	\$771,231

Treasurer's Report 2008

Cash Balance on hand January 1, 2008		\$523,316.98
Remittance from the Tax Collector	\$1,508,072.97	
Remittance from the Town Clerk	\$ 120,271.50	
Total Town of Langdon		\$1,628,344.47
Remittance from State of NH		
Highway Block Grant	\$ 63,450.93	
Revenue Sharing	\$ 6,583.00	
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$ 28,123.26	
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 685.82	
Total State of New Hampshire		\$98,843.01
Miscellaneous Receipts		
School Resource Officer Reimbursement	\$ 55,656.34	
Transfer from Cemetery Funds	\$ 3,866.61	
Closing of Transfer Station	\$ 5,814.69	
Building Permits	\$ 2,760.00	
Pistol Permits	\$ 90.00	
Court Fines	\$ 550.00	
Rent of Town Property	\$ 15,087.47	
Refunds and Overpayments	\$ 2,951.43	
Interest Income Money Market	\$ 6,604.87	
Sales Town Histories and Copies	\$ 137.75	
Void Check	\$ 669.34	
Donation from Masons	\$ 400.00	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	\$ 674.01	
Total Miscellaneous		\$95,262.51
Total Income		\$1,822,449.99
Paid on Selectboard's Orders	\$1,598,647.34	
Transfer to Payroll Account	\$ 135,000.00	
Check Order	\$ 195.15	
Bank Fees	\$ 50.00	
Insufficient Funds Check (Replaced)	\$ 4,126.93	
Postage	\$ 42.00	
Funds Heritage Commission Acct. Opening	\$ 25.00	
Total Expenditures		\$1,738,086.42
Balance on Hand December 31, 2008		\$ 607,680.55

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Beam
Langdon Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Municipality of LANGDON Year Ending 2008

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$116,544.19		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx			
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$35.82		
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
Interest		xxxxxx	-\$1,048.45		

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$1,417,740.20	
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120	\$5,400.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$6,489.37	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$666.82	
Other Charges	#3189		\$256.00

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	\$128.59		
Resident Taxes	#3180			
Land Use Change	#3120			
Yield Taxes	#3185			

Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$2,520.22	\$6,645.31		
Costs Before Lien	#3190		\$896.00		
TOTAL DEBITS		\$1,432,945.20	\$123,328.87	\$	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTMunicipality of Langdon Year Ending 2008**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	\$1,298,443.82	\$50,691.63		
Insufficient Funds Int and Tax		\$3,629.93		
Misc		-\$51.44		
Yield Taxes	\$5,674.05			
Interest	\$2,491.78	\$2,139.96		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$633.54	\$35.82		
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien		\$70,223.31		
Other Charges		\$256.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$2,080.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
Interest	\$850.86			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

END OF YEAR #1080

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES
END OF YEAR #1080**

Property Taxes	\$117,344.97	\$924.73	-\$17.25	
Insufficient Funds Int and Tax		-\$3,578.53		
Land Use Change	\$5,400.00			
Yield Taxes	\$815.32			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$33.28			
Interest	-\$822.42	-\$942.58	-\$17.25	
Penalties- other taxes			\$34.50	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,432,945.20	\$123,328.87	\$0.00	\$

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Municipality of Langdon Year Ending 2008

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy \$2,007.00	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$20,347.45	\$10,387.50
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$70,223.31	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$3,048.04	\$2,716.50	\$3,754.04
TOTAL DEBITS	\$73,271.35	\$23,063.95	\$14,141.54

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Redemptions	\$46,702.62	\$8,286.50	\$10,539.50
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$2,542.04	\$2,231.97	\$3,602.04
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			
Liens Deeded to Municipality			

Unredeemed Liens Balance				
End of Year	#1110	\$24,026.69	\$12,545.48	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$73,271.35	\$23,063.95	\$14,141.54

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? _____

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Langdon Tax Collector Report 2008

The tax office has been very busy this year. I hope that my new Monday hours are working for those of you that like to pay in person. I will continue the same schedule in 2009. I will also be adding a lock box in the town office for collection of check or money order payments on Tuesdays. I am also available by appointment. Please call 835-6260 to arrange an appointment. Payments may also be mailed to PO Box 335 Alstead NH 03602, I accept the postmark as the payment date.

In 2009 I will be attending programs offered by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and The New Hampshire Tax Collectors Association. I will also be participating in web training offered by our tax software company. Our DOS-based software is very difficult to use and understand it is also very time consuming. Jennifer Doyle, Town Administrator and I are actively seeking a new tax program for the town that is user friendly and is Windows-based.

Below you will find a schedule of important dates for taxpayers pertaining to the 2009 tax year. I hope you find this information to be beneficial.

2009 Tax Year Important Dates

February – Mail Notice of Arrearage (unpaid taxes and interest for 2008)

March – Notice of Arrearage Due (unpaid taxes and interest for 2008)

April – Lien Notices issued (unpaid taxes and interest for 2008)

May – Lien Notice due (if 2008 taxes and interest are unpaid lien issued with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds and additional fees are added to balance)

2008 1st issue tax bills are mailed.

June – 2008 1st issue tax bills due

Deed notices mailed for 2006 taxes, fees and interest

July – Deed notice due for 2006 taxes, fees and interest are due.

October – Receive new tax rate from NH Department of Revenue Administration

November – Issue 2nd tax bill for 2009

December – 2nd tax bill due

Interest Rates For Late Payments:

Current Years Tax bills – 12%

Taxes currently in the Lien or Deed process – 18% (also subject to additional fees and costs for filing and research)

Land Use Change Tax (Current Use Changes) – 18%

Yield Tax (Timber Tax) – 18%

Excavation Tax (Gravel Tax) – 18%

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea J. Cheeney

Tax Collector

I don't suppose we will ever get to the point where people are pleased to pay taxes, but we owe it to them to see that the collection is done as efficiently as possible, as courteously as possible, and always honestly."

Lyndon B. Johnson

Town Clerk's Report 2008

It was, once again, an extraordinarily busy year in the clerk's office. Work continued throughout the year to refine Langdon's voter information through ElectionNet, the state registration system and database. Because there were four elections held throughout the year, Langdon's data was continually being updated to ensure that the town had the most accurate information possible to work with.

Voter turnout was some of the best the town has had in years. The primary on January 8th was just a sign of things to come for the general election in November. Although voter turnout in March was strong for balloting on town officers and the school district articles, Town Meeting attendance did not noticeably increase. It cannot be stressed enough how important it is for the townspeople to participate in this meeting, where the town's budget and other items are discussed and voted on. The turnout for the September primary was unfortunately extremely low. In November we had nearly 90 percent turnout for the general election, and almost forty new names were added to the checklist just on Election Day. Langdon now has approximately 450 registered voters on its checklist.

When not working to ensure a smooth election process, I spent a great deal of time last spring and summer travelling to the state offices in Concord for training on the new electronic vehicle registration system, which was installed in the office in June. Overall, the computerized system has simplified many aspects of the vehicle registration process and is a marked improvement over the old method.

A couple of important notes about the new system: First, I no longer receive registration pre-prints from the state as all forms are now printed on-site in the office. This unfortunately means that I no longer have information on hand showing town fee amounts. Second, the law states that registrants must present previously issued registrations at the time of renewal. Failure to do so means that the office will either have to send registrants away to find the paperwork, or charge \$10 per registration to print copies of each registration being renewed. The \$10 fee is in addition to the state vehicle weight fees, and all of the money goes back to the state. So please, come to the office prepared with the proper paperwork to avoid additional, unnecessary expense and lost time.

As always, I want to remind everyone that dog licenses are supposed to be renewed in April. Please come to the office prepared with current rabies tag information in order to ensure a smooth process. You can find this either on the tag issued by the veterinarian at the time of vaccine, or by bringing in a copy of the rabies certificate provided by the same.

Finally, there has been a rash of late filing of reports for timber cuts and excavations. If you intend to file an intent, please read the back of the paperwork in order to learn your responsibilities as the property owner. Also, please be aware that the reports are supposed to be filed either 30 days after project completion or within 30 days of the close of the state's fiscal year, which ends March 31st. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter;

I really dislike having to use the threat of assessing property owners dooamage and other fees for not filing paperwork promptly.

The following is a breakdown of monies collected by the clerk's office in fiscal 2008:

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$115,430.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 862.50
Vital Records (State)	\$ 30.00
Fees to Clerk	\$ 3,949.00
Total	\$120,271.50

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer L. Doyle
Langdon Town Clerk

Schedule of Town Property

As of December 31, 2008

5408	Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$271,448
	Town Hall Furniture & Equipment	500
5404	Old Fire Department Land & Buildings	148,900
5305	Highway Department Land & Buildings	221,767
	Highway Department Vehicles & Equip	150,000
	Former Solid Waste Buildings	6,200
	Solid Waste Department Equipment	20,000
5427	Municipal Building & Land	468,267
	Municipal Building Contents	50,000
	New Fire Station	300,000
	Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment	436,000
	Police Department Vehicles & Equipment	39,000
5408.1	Town Common	3,500
5401	Village Road	3,047
5414	Tory Hill Road	400
TOTAL		\$2,119,029

Summary of Inventory Valuation 2008

<u>Land Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Current Use	7,223.32	\$ 1,078,479
Residential	1,748.42	27,077,645
Commercial/Industrial	724.31	1,792,778
Total of Taxable Lands		\$29,948,902
<u>Building Type</u>		<u>Valuation</u>
Residential		\$33,692,000
Manufactured Housing		865,300
Commercial/Industrial		1,702,600
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$36,259,900
Public Utilities		\$ 779,300
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$66,988,102
Less Utilities		\$ 779,300
Less Exemptions		\$ 300,000
Net Valuation for Tax Rate		\$65,908,802

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed 2008

Gross Town Appropriations	\$ 593,300
Less Revenues	\$ 256,738
Less Shared Revenues	\$ 2,142
Add Overlay	\$ 5,170
Add War Service Credits	\$ 27,500
Net Town Appropriations	\$367,090
Regional School Apportionment	\$1,297,575
Less Adequate Ed. Grant	\$ 386,861
Less State Education Tax	\$ 138,859
Approved School Tax Effort	\$ 771,855
Due to County	\$ 166,992
Less Shared Revenues	\$ 643
Approved County Tax Effort	\$ 166,349
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$1,444,153
Less War Service Credits	\$ 27,500
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$1,416,653

Tax Rate 2008

Town Rate	\$ 5.51
Local School Rate	\$11.57
State School Rate	\$ 2.11
County Rate	\$ 2.49
Total Rate	\$21.68

Selectboard Report 2008

Building Projects/2007 Bond Issue

The fire station was completed this year and is in use. The total cost of the fire station was \$278,252. Work has continued on the municipal building, including putting on a new roof. The total spent on this building was \$122,302. Work continues on the Town Hall, with a total of \$18,945 spent.

The total available was the \$400,000 bond issue, plus \$5,300 received in donations, for a total of \$405,300. The total spent over two years was \$419,499. The excess comes from the general budget of the town. Additional funds were spent from the Public Building Repair & Renovation account for the municipal building. It is important to note that many of these things were one-time expenses.

Town Buildings/Properties

The cost of the municipal building to the town this year, including repairs, electric, oil, maintenance and cleaning, came to \$38,579. Less rent collected from tenants, which totaled \$15,087, leaves a net cost to the town of \$23,492 for our space. This figure includes some oil for the fire station that was purchased as part of a pre-buy (\$2,200), and the cost of oil and electric for the food shelf.

The police facility does not currently meet state standards. To meet statute, we need a second room so that minors and adult prisoners can be kept separate. In the warrant we are proposing taking the room we presently use for voting and joining it to the existing police office and garage. The plan would make improvements to the storage area just beyond this room so that it would be suitable for voting.

The Selectboard decided to take our winter sand from the municipal property and at the same time reclaim part of the former gravel pit as required by state law. The road agent was not happy with the quality of the sand. The Selectboard felt it made sense to use the material the town owned and start the reclamation project. We are proposing to make crushed gravel in this year's warrant and start reclaiming the north end of the property.

Heritage Commission

The Selectboard appreciates the work done by the Heritage Commission to preserve our historic Town Hall. We are asking the town to change the purpose of the capital reserve fund previously established for "Town Office Facilities" to "Town Hall Foundation Repair." This would give the commission matching funds as they seek additional grant money for this purpose. With the leadership of the Heritage Commission, a roof beam and attic joist in the Town Hall have been jacked back up and repaired. The next step is to replace the foundation.

Food Shelf

The food shelf is on the warrant because the Selectboard made a decision to house them for a one-year term when they had to leave the Masonic Hall following the 2005 flood. At that time, they expected to be in a facility of their own in about a year. It has been over two years now and the Selectboard feels that the town should participate in the decision. The Selectboard is appreciative of all the good the food shelf does for our community.

Citizen Involvement

The Selectboard would like to thank the members of the salary study committee for their effort, and everyone else who has served the town this year. Small towns are dependent on citizen involvement to function.

Respectfully,
Robert Cunniff
Michael Kmiec
John Grant
Langdon Board of Selectmen

Langdon Fire Chief's Report 2008

The Langdon Fire and Rescue responded to 74 calls in 2008.

Rescue Calls	44	Brush Fire	4
Structure Fire	1	Brush Mop Up	1
Mutual Aid	14	Permit Burn	1
Automatic Fire Alarm	2	Pole Fire	1
Chimney Fire	1		
Tree on Wires	4		
Odor Investigation	1		

The fire and rescue department moved into the new fire station located on Route 12A on August 17th. The public was able to view the new facility at the open house on October 11th.

The department continues to hold regular trainings, meetings, drills and classes on the first three Thursdays of each month. We meet on Sunday mornings to go over the trucks and equipment to make sure they are in good working order. In 2008, we also participated in many drills with area towns. (Pumping drills with Acworth and Walpole, Auto extrication with Walpole, Emergency Drill at F.M.R.H.S.- active shooter in building and Cat Shock Drill- simulated car accident involving students).

The department has stayed active in the community. We sent two EMS personnel to the Langdon Fishing Derby. We visited the Early Learning Center and Kindernook Preschool to teach fire prevention. We sent two trucks to the Bellows Falls Fire Parade. We participated in the F.M.R.H.S. homecoming weekend and assisted with the bon fire. On Halloween, we handed out candy while the children Trick or Treated in the village. During the winter months, we flood the town skating rink.

We had two major fund raisers in 2008. We held our annual Mother's Day Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge. In October, we provided a food booth for breakfast and lunch during the Langdon Festival. Money made from these events help fund needed equipment for the department.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making our new fire station possible. While we will miss our old station, it is nice to have a modern facility to better serve the community.

As always, I would like to thank all of the members for unselfishly giving their valuable time to our community fire and rescue department. The commitment and dedication shown by our members is something to be very proud of. I would like to thank the

Langdon Police and Highway Departments for working so closely with us. Lastly, I would like to thank the community members for their continued support.

To report an emergency, you may either dial 911 or 352-1100

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Chaffee
Langdon Fire Chief

Police Chief's Report 2008

The Langdon Police Department had one of the best years that I can remember as far as accidents go: We had one of the worst winters in more than 100 years and we only had one traffic accident on a town road. That accident had nothing to do with road conditions. It was the first time in my almost 20 years as Chief of Police that so few accidents occurred.

I keep hearing grumbling from a very few people on what a bad job our highway department is doing. I must say that I don't see that as being the case. In fact, on the contrary, I think they do an excellent job. The members of the police department are out on the roads more than any other persons in town, and in some of the worst weather possible.

For the most part this year was normal other than it seems that the number of neighborhood disputes seems to be growing year by year. People seem to have forgotten that they should try and settle things on their own instead of calling the police.

The Fall Mountain Regional School District just this last year signed a three-year contract with the town and police department to maintain the School Resource Officer position at the high school. It will be nice not having to fight for that every year at budget time.

Incidents involving firearms seem to be on the increase over the last two years. In 2008 we dealt with two suicide threats involving rifles that were taken care of and resulting in no one being hurt. On one rescue call a male subject pointed a large revolver at me, a Charlestown officer and two rescue personnel. The subject was disarmed by myself using a tazer, and again no one was hurt.

I would like to thank the fire department and highway department for their help during the last year. In particular I would like to thank Roger Pelton and Randy Wood for taking care of problems on the roads when I called them.

The following is a list of some of the incidents handled by the department in 2008:

Motor Vehicle Stops	157
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5
Summons for Speed	21
Burglaries	4
Domestic Disputes	10
Assist Other Agencies	15

Respectfully submitted,
Ray L'Abbe
Langdon Police Chief

Road Agent's Report 2008

This past year was not as productive as I had hoped it would be due to a number of factors, including the inability of the Selectboard to work with the highway department. Three months were wasted by the board, in the name of supposedly working with us and making things better. A great deal of time was lost while the board changed our time sheets, developed gravel tally sheets, created a job description for the road agent position and talked about starting a complaints process. They said they wanted to make all of these changes in order to create better accountability.

Additional time was lost while the board was looking for gravel bids. They put an ad in the paper seeking bids for material without really knowing what they were going to need or what should be done with the gravel they bought.

The Selectboard also decided that there was a conflict of interest in having me handle driveway permits because every once in a while I have done a job in Langdon. As a result they terminated my authority to oversee driveway permits and handed the responsibility over to the town's building inspector. In the last ten years I may have built a single driveway in the Town of Langdon.

It was agreed as part of my job description that I would meet with the Selectboard the first Monday of every month to talk about the roads. On one Monday night had to take a friend to the hospital due to an emergency. Shortly afterward, I received a letter of insubordination for not appearing at that meeting, even though Randy Wood attended that same meeting in my place with all of the information that the Selectboard had asked for. He also told the board why I was not there.

Also this year the Selectboard asked us to clear the sand off of Crane Brook Bridge. Selectman Grant told me that he found ten (10) inches of sand on the bridge. After looking at it, we determined that there was a maximum of one-and-a-half to two inches of sand on the bridge. Last summer, guardrails were to be installed on the same bridge, a process that was to include traffic safety officers on-site. Traffic control was to be there for our safety, too, during the cleaning process. At no point did the Selectboard inform us of when the rail work was to be done or specifically when they wanted the sand cleared off the bridge. I received my second letter of insubordination for apparently not doing the job fast enough.

The town's winter sand was made from material on the municipal property. During the process of making the sand, the property was dressed off. The money for the entire project came out of the highway department's budget, a total of \$11,882. The Selectboard did not go through a bid process for the project, and there was little or no discussion with the highway department about the making of the sand. The highway department has been told that it needs to get three bids for any project we do. How many bids did the Selectboard get for dressing off the municipal property? Accountability is what I hear about when it comes to my selling gravel to the town, but where was it on the sand issue with regard to the Selectboard? The Selectboard never checked to see that the town

received the material it paid for. I feel that the making of the winter sand was a very sneaky business and that the Selectboard has not been accountable for its actions.

The Selectboard also sent a letter telling us not to buy any more gravel or hire outside trucks. They said that any gravel that was needed should be hauled by the town trucks. They said that they were concerned about our budget. That was in November, and at the time we had \$38,000 left to spend. Work that needed to be done was done, and the Selectboard was informed of this. I think it is important that the town understands that for many years money that was left in the highway budget at the end of the year was given back to the general fund and that 2008 was no different. The Selectboard recently complained that I didn't participate in developing the highway budget for 2009. I did not participate because I am not the one who is in control of how the highway budget gets spent.

Selectman Jay Grant has been saying for a long time now that the communication between the highway department and Selectboard has been lost. In my opinion, the Selectboard severed the lines of communication themselves by trying to take over the highway department by constantly telling us what to do without discussing it with us first. In my opinion, working with someone means talking things out and asking questions. The Selectboard did not talk to us. They only made demands.

Throughout this year it is my opinion that the Selectboard exercised very poor judgment and showed a lack of ethics. Incidents included a verbal attack against me while I was out checking the roads with a friend, Selectman Kmiec saying that I have a gambling problem and that Randy is an alcoholic, and Selectman Grant claiming that a sneaker left in the Winch Hill culvert we worked on was a threat to his life. It is my opinion that public figures such as the Selectboard should have to have a higher standard of behavior, and that the actions of the Selectboard this past year speak volumes.

On the plus side of things, ditching was done on several roads. Gravel was added to Winch Hill, Holden Hill, Jewett Road, Mellish Road, Tory Hill Road, Tory Hill Extension, and Egerton Road. A small project was done on Tory Hill Road that included drainage work and regrading. Work was also done on the McDermott Bridge and Crane Brook Bridge. A large culvert on Winch Hill needed repair to the header in order to prevent collapse and possible washouts. We started this project, but the remainder will be completed this coming summer. Two culverts were replaced on Tory Hill Road, two culverts were replaced on Currier Road, and one culvert was replaced on Egerton Road. There are more culverts scheduled for replacement this year.

Respectfully,
Roger L. Pelton
Langdon Road Agent

Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2007

The finance and accounting procedures and records for the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, and Trustees of the Trust Funds of the Town of Langdon were reviewed in accordance with RSA 41:31. After some minor accounting issues were corrected, all financial statements were found to present fairly, in all material respects, the status of accounts.

During the course of the Audit, it became apparent that there are numerous opportunities to strengthen internal controls and operating procedures. Some of the more important issues that need to be addressed are:

- The potential for conflicts of interest in the approval of expenditures exists in a number of areas. The Town needs to develop and implement a written policy that would eliminate this potential.
- The Selectmen need to develop a written internal controls policy and inventory of assets, including equipment and vehicles, by department.
- The Selectman need to develop a written investment policy for Town funds.
- Additional secure storage for vital town records needs to be provided.
- The positions of Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector need to be addressed so that there is trained back-up in the event of emergencies, sick time, vacations, training, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Morrison
Auditor, Town of Langdon

Forest Fire Warden's Report 2008

My busiest year yet! We worked five fires – four (4) in Langdon and one (1) in Charlestown. The cost of these fires was \$4,580.62 and we also purchased six (6) new backpack pumps for \$676.98. This totals \$5,257.60 and is included in the Fire Department's operating budget, which caused their budget to be "over expended." The town should have received \$2,618.33 in reimbursement from Charlestown and the State of New Hampshire for some of the above costs.

Of the four (4) fires in Langdon, I believe that three (3) were caused by arson and that the fourth (4th) was possibly started by accident.

I ask your help to be aware in your travels of anything and anyone, especially during fire season.

Again I thank you all for your cooperation with our burning by obtaining the proper permit when needed and adhering to the conditions contains on the permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred P. Roentsch
Forest Fire Warden
Town of Langdon
835-6693

Planning Board Report 2008

The year began with preparation of two articles for the Town Warrant, both of which were approved. During the course of the year we had one lot line adjustment, and no subdivisions.

Marilyn Martin left the Board after 20 years of service to the town. We miss her knowledge, experience, and organizational skills. Her commitment and dedication are an example for us all.

Driveway Permits are now issued by the Town Building Inspector, who is also responsible for supervising construction and issuing final approval.

In May we had a special meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Select Board, members of the public, and the town attorney, who informed us that the Planning Board is legally the Administrator of RSA 155-E, Local Regulation Excavations. In trying to understand this new (to us) responsibility, we have been gathering information. We have adopted Earth Excavation Regulations, audited town records, and are in the process of interviewing all landowners of record to determine if we have all relevant information, and if any action is necessary. Our primary objectives are to insure safe operation, work toward reclamation of the land (in keeping with the Master Plan) and to insure that all landowners, excavating companies, and the Town are all in compliance with State law, and are not, therefore, liable to prosecution. We have issued one Cease and Desist Order toward that end.

Lastly, as time permits, we have been working on trying to keep our Ordinances and Regulations up to date, and being aware of regional and state wide lectures, workshops, and seminars.

Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Work meetings and public hearings are posted at the Town Hall and Municipal Building as well as advertised in the Keene Sentinel and the Eagle Times. We currently have a full seven member Board. We do, however, have provision for four alternates, who are required to attend, participate and be prepared to sit on the Board when called on by the Chair.

Many thanks to recording secretary Estelle Adams.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob "Chops" Polcari, Chair
Pat Breslend, Vice Chair
Everett Adams
Byron Niles
Rob Chamberlain, Secretary
Martha Walsh
Jay Grant, ex officio

Zoning Board Report 2008

This year we had a full board and two alternates. The board still has room for a few more alternates if you are interested please contact the Selectman or the Zoning Board.

ZBA meeting times have changed from the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm to the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00pm as necessary. Meeting times will be posted at the Town Offices and the Town Hall.

The ZBA held one hearing this year for a Variance. Other meetings held were work meetings used to update the ZBA Town Procedures.

I would like to thank everyone who participated this year on the board. Their work and time was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Henry
ZBA Chairman

Building Inspector's Report 2008

The year 2008 for the Town of Langdon still showed considerable activity with new buildings and additions, despite the state of the economy.

I would like to thank the residents of Langdon for complying with permit requirements. At the Langdon Fall Festival we even had a young lad by the name of Andrew ask if he needed to get a permit for a tractor shed for his new toy tractor.

Active permits for 2008 are as follows:

Residential Foundations	10
Residential Foundations with Garage	1
Residential Homes (One Floor)	3
Residential Home with Garage	1
Garages	2
Additions, Outbuildings & Barns	10
Certificate of Occupancy	3
Commercial Buildings	1
Total Permits	31

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in the permit process.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett Adams
Langdon Building Inspector

Heritage Commission Report 2008

The job of the LHC is to preserve, protect and promote our historic, cultural and natural assets. We have made significant progress in these regards since our first meeting in June 2007.

A high quality fire, water and crush resistant four drawer cabinet was purchased. This is a blemished \$2,400 cabinet purchased for \$848. We received a \$500 donation toward the purchase. We now encourage you to scour your closets in search of important town history to fill these drawers. Such treasures will be safely kept for posterity. We are grateful for the recent return of some old tax records from 1831. These hand written records are works of art.

The LHC is pleased to have participated in the Langdon Fall Festival this year. Here we kicked off our fund raiser, gave tours of our Town Hall and displayed old and new photographs donated by townspeople.

In compliance with a 2008 warrant article, we added three members, Carole Anne Centre, Caroline Cross and Andrea Cheeney. They have contributed much to our work.

This year we have concentrated our energy on the Town Hall. Through the efforts of the LHC, the Town of Langdon will receive a governor's commendation in recognition of 206 consecutive town meetings in our Town Hall. This is a record no other NH town can claim. Such recognition is important in the grant application process. It affirms the significance and value of this historic building.

In another significant recognition, the Langdon Town Hall is designated by the NH Preservation Alliance as one of the 2008 Seven to Save most important historic structures in the state. This award normally puts a project to the front of the line for LCHIP money, a matching grant. Unfortunately, economic woes have forced the cancelation of LCHIP applications for 2009 but we are applying for other grants including Moose Plate money and the New Hampshire Charitable Trust. It is critical to receiving these grants that we have matching funds in the bank.

We started a fund raiser this October so that matching funds will be available for the repair of the Town Hall. We estimate the cost of the foundation repair alone at close to \$100,000. After only three months the generous citizens of Langdon have donated over \$8,000. That combined with \$9000 from a grant received in 2004 and approximately \$20,000 pledged for "in-kind" construction services, we now have \$37,000 available to match grants. At this year's Town Meeting the selectmen will ask the townspeople to consider changing the purpose of the capital reserve from the Town Office Facility to the Town Hall Foundation (Warrant Article #14). This is done to replace the 2007 bond issue money that was intended for repair of the Town Hall but was required to cover Town budgetary shortfalls. With the addition of these funds approximately \$65,400 will be available as matching funds. We ask you to vote yes on this article.

What did we do with the bond money set aside for the town hall in 2007? The steeple was repaired and a critical structural repair in the collar tie and roof truss system was fixed. That left approximately \$17,500 from the original \$40,000. As stated above, unexpected general fund expenses required the use of that money.

Why do we need to raise so much money? There is much to do once we have a stable foundation. The town hall needs a new furnace, an approved handicap ramp, operable windows, electrical and lighting upgrade, adequate drainage, repair of second floor “church” and more.

The LHC has received a \$500 planning grant from the NH Preservation Alliance. This will allow us to hire an historic- structures-architect to help us develop an appropriate foundation plan and begin a master plan for the Town Hall. Our goal for the Town Hall is to rehabilitate it in a manner that allows its continued use as a community center while respecting its significant historic character.

There is more to do. Projects are planned for more oral histories, more historic family photos, identifying and cataloging our most important documents, rehabilitating the old town pound, social events, fund raisers and more. We need volunteers. Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 in the Municipal Building.

Heritage Commission Members:

Caroline Cross

Fred McKee

Carole Anne Centre

Mike Kmiec, Ex officio

Andrea Cheeney

Dennis McClary, Chairman

Jocelyn Morrison, Treasurer and recording secretary

Alternates:

Helen Koss

Nate Chaffee

Curtis Taylor

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis McClary

Chairman, Langdon Heritage Commission

Langdon Fall Festival Committee Report 2008

The 2008 Fall Festival was a tremendous success. We would like to THANK all those that participated and attended the event. Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$750.00 to each of the following organizations: Langdon Heritage Commission, Sarah Porter School Parent Teacher Organization and The Langdon Fire and Rescue. This event has become a wonderful fundraising opportunity for several of our area non- profit and community based groups. If you know or are a part of a group that would like a space for the 2009 festival please let us know. We are also looking for more volunteers.

Please save the date for this year's festival: September 26, 2009 from 10am – 4pm. We are always looking for more vendors and crafts demonstrators to participate. The Connecticut River Bank will be hosting a kickoff BBQ at the Langdon Branch on September 23, 2009.

We would like also to thank our sponsors Connecticut River Bank, FairPoint Communications and the Town of Langdon.

Thank you for your support and see you at the festival!

Andrea J. Cheeney
Kim Mastrianni
Jennifer Doyle
Carole-Anne Centre

Halloween Tailgate Trick or Treat Saturday October 31, 2009 Town Hall 6-8pm

We are looking for more folks to hand out candy at our tailgate trick or treat. There is space in the Town Hall and also room for more vehicles. We are also looking for a community group to set up a haunted house. Please let us know if you are interested. Thanks again to everyone that attended and participated – it was a lot of fun!!!

Stokes Scholarship Committee Report 2008

The Stokes Scholarship Committee held their annual selection meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Langdon Municipal Building. Committee members in attendance were: Bob Cunniff, Kathie Beam, and Jeff Holmes.

Applications from 11 candidates were discussed and reviewed. It was agreed to recommend the following to the Charitable Management's Services Discretionary Account Administrative Committee of Bank of America:

Awards of \$6,000 divided equally between two semesters to:

1. Kyle O'Brien, 208 Crane Brook Road, Langdon, NH, 03602
2. Devin Short, 169 Winch Hill Road, Langdon, NH, 03602
3. Kaylie Chaffee, 133 Walker Hill Road, Langdon, NH, 03602
4. Andrew Deyo, 331 Holden Hill Road, Langdon, NH, 03602
5. Danielle Savage, 467 NH Route 12A, Langdon, NH, 03602
6. Christopher Deyo, 331 Holden Hill Road, Langdon, NH, 03602

Awards of \$4,000 divided equally between semesters to students attending Community Colleges:

1. Chelsea Plummer, 77 Mellish Road, Langdon, NH, 03602
2. Chad Chandler, PO Box 29, Drewsville, NH, 03604
3. Angela Kmiec, 348 NH Route 12A, Langdon, NH, 03602

Awards of \$7,000 divided equally between two semesters to returning students with GPA above 3.0:

1. Tanya Neathawk, 80 Mellish Road, Langdon, NH, 03602
2. Lindsey Cushing, 95 Mellish Road, Langdon, NH, 03602

Total of awards: \$60,000. Balance of \$1,000 to be used for elderly tax relief.

Sincerely,
Robert Cunniff
Chair

Trustees of the Trust Funds Report 2008

2008 was an unprecedented year in the financial world. In light of some of the market trends we've seen this past year it was decided that some background on the Trustee of Trust Funds investments would be helpful. Langdon's tax derived trust funds are listed on the report with "NHPDIP/MBIA" designations. This means funds are invested with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, a state sponsored pool established in 1993 under RSA 383:22-24 which allows all public entities (towns, cities, trustees of trust funds, school districts, etc) in the State to participate in the pool. The NHPDIP has a conservative investment philosophy made up of fixed-income investments, no equities. MBIA is the program administrator and there is a "Credit Facility" (legal agreement between the State of NH and MBIA) that protects funds in the NHPDIP against loss of principal and accrued interest. The NHPDIP portfolio earns a market rate of return based on prevailing market conditions.

In 1958 Mr. & Mrs. Walter T Winch made a donation to the Town in the form of Putnam Fund stocks that were intended "for the general upkeep of terraces and roadway in the immediate vicinity of the Winch Lot in Langdon cemetery and any other work necessary to beautify said cemetery to be spent at the discretion of the Trustees of the Trust Funds" (Town of Langdon Annual Report, 1958). These funds have remained in Putnam stock since their donation and are NOT derived from tax dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn "Katie" Gallagher
Trustee of Trust Funds

Trustees of Trust Funds Report 2008

NAME & DATE CREATED	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BEG BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	INC.EARNED	EXPENDED	END BALANCE
CEMETERY FUNDS 1996							
	Claremont Savings	CD	\$10,000.00		\$304.46		\$10,304.46
	Conn River Bank	Checking	\$3,177.85	\$1,777.74	\$0.00		\$4,955.59
	Conn River Bank	Savings	\$6,275.46		\$24.05		\$6,299.51
TRUSTEES WORKING FUND 1996	Working Fund	NHPDIP/MBIA	\$9,571.23	\$0.00	\$235.27	\$0.00	\$9,806.50
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT 1996	Highway Equip	NHPDIP/MBIA	\$48,970.34	\$30,000.00	\$1,205.47	\$0.00	\$80,175.81
FIRE RESCUE TRUCK 1996	Fire Rescue Trk	NHPDIP/MBIA	\$6,014.15	\$0.00	\$147.88	\$0.00	\$6,162.03
CEMETERY PERPETUAL 1996	Perpetual Care	NHPDIP/MBIA	\$33,409.44	\$1,800.00	\$821.34	\$3,866.61	\$32,164.17
TOWN OFFICE FACILITY 1997	Town Office	NHPDIP/MBIA	\$27,716.74	\$0.00	\$681.45	\$0.00	\$28,398.19
CEMETERY FENCE 1997	Cemetery Fence	NHPDIP/MBIA	\$2,437.27	\$0.00	\$59.93	\$0.00	\$2,497.20
CEMETERY LAND 1999	Cemetery Land	NHPDIP/MBIA	\$26,319.29	\$5,000.00	\$647.44	\$0.00	\$31,966.73
POLICE DEPT CRUISER	Police Cruiser	NHPDIP/MBIA	<u>\$6,178.61</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$152.31</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$16,330.92</u>
GRAND TOTALS			<u>\$160,617.07</u>	<u>\$46,800.00</u>	<u>\$3,951.09</u>	<u>\$3,866.61</u>	<u>\$207,501.55</u>
Winch Perpetual Care Fund	Perpetual Care	Putnam Funds	\$34,241.32	\$0.00	(\$14,755.10)	\$0.00	<u>\$19,486.22</u>

Cemetery Lots Purchased
 Roger L. Pelton 5 Lots
 Dianne Holmes 1 Lot

Respectfully submitted,
 Kathryn Gallagher
 Hayes Stagner
 Trustees of Trust Funds

Langdon Wage and Salary Study Committee Report 2008

Introduction/ Assignment/ Authority

At the Langdon town meeting of 2008 the following article was adopted by the Town:
Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to form a committee to study Town Officers Salaries and report back to the 2009 Town Meeting. This committee will be appointed by the moderator and have four members. Having been duly appointed by the moderator, the committee held several meetings and conducted area research as more fully described below.

Methodology

First, the committee studied the *Wage and Benefits Survey for Municipalities* as provided by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. (Langdon is a member of the Association) In addition, the committee made direct contact with some local towns of similar size to Langdon for further clarification and comparison.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The general conclusion of the committee is that there appears to be a significant disparity in compensation in the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector between Langdon and the other towns surveyed. The other elected town officer positions appear to be in line with other communities, have traditionally been unpaid or nominally paid positions, or the current incumbents are satisfied with their compensation.

The survey results seem to indicate that the general range of pay for Town Clerk and Tax Collector is between \$11.00 and \$14.00 per hour with one town being higher and one town being lower. The hourly rate for these positions in Langdon is currently in the range of \$9.00 per hour. Therefore, the committee hereby reports to the Town and recommends a salary of \$7,000 for the Town Clerk and \$5,600 for the Tax Collector.

Notwithstanding the above, the committee believes that it is within the authority and responsibility of the selectmen to propose pay levels for elected officers as line items in the budget it submits to the Town each year and would recommend that Selectmen review these salaries annually.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Koss, Chairman
Richard Morrison
Rodney Campbell
Hayes Stagner

Cold River Advisory Report 2008

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizens appointed by select boards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole. These representatives volunteer their time to help municipal boards and residents manage the natural, cultural, scenic and scientific resources of the Cold River watershed. The CRLAC also reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and evaluates water-related issues of local or statewide significance.

CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2008:

1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- Assisted residents/boards/business owners with the resolution of a variety of potential water quality degradation issues.
- Reviewed and commented on stream debris removal, a stream buffer property transfer and road/bridge/gravel pit projects.
- Participated in the Alstead Community Conservation Partnership Task Force and Land Conservation Leadership Course.
- Supported local and state efforts to fund stream restoration projects in Flood-damaged areas and develop partnerships with federal wildlife officials for habitat improvements.
- Advised Lempster officials on potential impacts to Dodge Pond of a contaminated site and proposed subdivision.

2. Workshops, Events & Education

- Participated in the 2008 NH Watershed Conference.
- Completed presentations on water quality testing and ground water resource challenges for Conservation Commissions in Acworth, Alstead, Lempster and Walpole.
- Published/distributed a brief public summary of the 2007 water sampling results.

3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- Completed the sixth year of our voluntary sampling program, including three “routine” and three additional water quality and water level monitoring events on the Cold River, its tributaries and two ponds (Newell/Dodge).
- Analyzed over 125 water samples in the field for pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity and temperature.
- Raised additional funds for over 150 bacteria, nutrient, metal and salt analyses conducted by the state laboratory.
- *Completed a winter road salt impact study in Alstead & Walpole including 70 additional field and lab samples.*
- *Added 29 new sampling sites on: Warren Brook and Camp Brook (Alstead); Honey Brook (Marlow/Acworth); Dodge Brook and its tributaries (Lempster); and Great Brook and its tributaries including Ram, Brush Meadow and Jewett Brooks (Langdon/Walpole).*
- *Assisted state/federal officials with the site selection process for a new flow gauging station on the Cold River.*

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation in any of our projects and is actively seeking new members/alternates. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. Please contact any CRLAC member for more info.

Sincerely,

Acworth: Deborah Hinman (Chair)

Alstead: Mike Heidorn (Water Quality Monitoring), Carol Drummond and Sam Sutcliffe (Treasurer)

Langdon: Jennifer Polcari (Vice Chair) and Cathy MacDonald

Lempster: Susan Lichty

Walpole: Charles Montgomery (Scribe) and Austin Hunter

Vital Records Birth Report 2008

<u>Childs Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Dussault, Maebel Rose Balla Father: Griffin Dussault	05/13/2008 Mother: Jessica Dussault	Claremont, NH
O'Connor, Keegan John Father: Daniel O'Connor	09/24/2008 Mother: Jessica O'Connor	Keene, NH
Croteau, Madisyn Angel Father: Matthew Croteau	11/18/2008 Mother: Brittany Garrow	Keene, NH
Wright, Ryan Zachary Father:	12/03/2008 Mother: Ashley Wright	Keene, NH

Vital Records Marriage Report

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Farnsworth, Michael D. Place of Marriage: Walpole, NH	Farnsworth, Sherry L.	03/14/2008

Vital Records Death Report*

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Sellers, Frank Jr.	01/31/2008	Langdon, NH
Kemp, William	12/04/2008	Keene, NH

*The Town of Langdon's 2005 vital records report did not contain information on the death of resident Robert W. Morris, who passed away on 07/13/2005 in Burlington, VT.

Fall Mountain Food Shelf & Friendly Meals Report 2008

The Fall Mountain Food Shelf is an all-volunteer food pantry that has served the people of the Fall Mountain area for the past 30 years. We are presently located at the Langdon Municipal Building at 122 NH Route 12A, and in Charlestown on Main Street behind the Heritage Restaurant.

2008 was by far the busiest year we have ever had. We have never had so many families from all the towns we server in need of help with food. It even exceeded the year of the flood. Wee provided the 25,784 families that came to us for help with over 557,442 meals. We also provided 854 huge Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner boxes. It has felt like a miracle that with the help of our Great Provider and the love and outpouring of generosity by the people of the Fall Mountain area we have been able to meet this need.

We receive a small FEMA grant annually. The rest of the funds to purchase food comes from generous, loving gifts from our local people, local businesses, the towns, churches, organizations, schools and people from other state who have connections here and want to help meet the need. This year we had more food donated than ever before. Many churches, schools, community organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H Groups, businesses and many other groups did food collections for us and many of them did it regularly. It all added up to be totally wonderful. We did not have to turn anyone away without food. We were able to provide good, wholesome food to all who came to us for help.

In 2008 we initiated our new program, Grow A Row, to provide fresh, locally grown vegetables for families who come to the Food Shelf and for Friendly Meals. The response was fantastic. We received wonderful produce from so many local people all summer and into late fall. INTERACT, a group from the high school, grew a whole garden for us. The children at the Orchard School planted a garden for us also. People were so excited to have fresh vegetables to eat, and many canned and froze some for the winter. We do hope people will once again this year Grow A Row for the Food Shelf. It is a wonderful gift to our neighbors.

We will be doing our major annual fundraising during March and April. For the 12th year we will be participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. The Friendly Meals will also participate. Every dollar each organization raises counts toward the grant. We hope many will do food collections during this time.

Friendly Meals served meals every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 o'clock at the Alstead Fire Station. We are in our 21st year of providing congregate meals and meals on wheels. We served over 28,400 meals last year. We averaged 170 meals on wheels each day. Our volunteers deliver in all the town of the Fall Mountain area. This, too, is an all-volunteer organization. We are grateful for the use of the Langdon Municipal Building to store our food, our beautiful new kitchen provided by the Town of Alstead, and our being able to use the Alstead Fire Station to serve our meals from for the past 21 years. Friendly Meals is almost totally locally supported as well. We are truly grateful for all the support and caring of the communities. We are truly blessed to live in an area where the people care so much about the well-being of their neighbors.

May 2009 be a good year in every way for all of our people.

Town of Langdon Wage & Salary* Report 2008

Employee Name	Position/Department	Gross Pay
Adams, Estelle	Planning Board Secretary	\$1,650.00
Adams, Evertte	Building Inspector	\$1,000.00
Beam, Kathleen	Treasurer	\$1,000.00
Chaffee, Gregory	Fire Chief	\$1,000.00
Cheaney, Andrea	Tax Collector	\$3,500.00
Clough, Janet	Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,181.00
Cunniff, Robert	Selectman	\$1,200.00
Doyle, Jennifer	Town Clerk	\$4,500.00
Doyle, Jennifer	Selectboard Administrator	\$15,768.00
Greenleaf, Ronald	Police Department	\$151.88
Grout, Charles	Cemetery Maintenance	\$2,330.00
Harrington, Michael	Highway Department	\$3,726.00
Holmes, Jeffrey	Moderator	\$504.00
Kemp, Ruth	Checklist Supervisor	\$485.00
Kmiec, Michael	Selectman	\$2,200.00
Koss, Helen	Checklist Supervisor	\$595.00
L'Abbe, Raymond	Police Chief	\$14,720.00
Marquay, Joseph	Police Department	\$4,837.26
Millard, Rosemary	School Resource Officer	\$42,523.33
Pelton, Roger	Road Agent	\$13,716.00
Pope, Russell	Animal Warden	\$300.00
Revilla, John	Selectman	\$1,500.00
Westney, Richard	Police Department	\$967.50
Wood, Randall	Highway Department	\$27,578.25

*Figures presented in this report represent gross wages and/or salaries earned before taxes.

Langdon Accounts Payable Report 2008

Check	07/07/2008	4249	Goulet Computer Consultants, Inc.	Legal Expense	-410.00
Check	07/07/2008	4250	Fred Roentsch	Supplies	-26.90
Check	07/07/2008	4251	Ray L'Abbe	Gasoline	-8.31
Check	07/21/2008	4257	Gary Gendron	Fire Station	-2,370.00
Check	07/21/2008	4258	Janet Clough	Cemeteries	-68.89
Check	07/21/2008	4259	Town of Alstead	Misc.	-28.00
Check	07/21/2008	4260	Local Government Center, Inc.	Supplies	-92.00
Check	07/21/2008	4261	Landry Oil	-SPLIT-	-3,224.18
Check	07/21/2008	4262	Walpole Valley Tire	2003 Backhoe/Loader	-330.00
Check	07/21/2008	4263	Fall Mountain Small Engine	-SPLIT-	-279.53
Check	07/21/2008	4264	Bound Tree Medical, LLC	Supplies	-386.30
Check	07/21/2008	4265	T.R. Fellows Engineering	Town Hall Deed Office Recording Fees	-1,500.00
Check	07/21/2008	4266	Sullivan County Registry of Deeds	Fees	-20.00
Check	07/21/2008	4267	Sam N. Kong	Cleaning Services	-330.00
Check	07/21/2008	4268	Town of Alstead	Alstead Facility Fees	-7,500.00
Check	07/28/2008	4269	Vanessa M. Wilson	Miscellaneous	-1,500.00
Check	07/28/2008	4270	Ringscape Landscaping	Baker Maintenance	-200.00
Check	07/28/2008	4271	Lawrence Associates	-SPLIT-	-200.00
Check	07/28/2008	4272	Buckley & Zopf	Legal Expense	-250.00
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