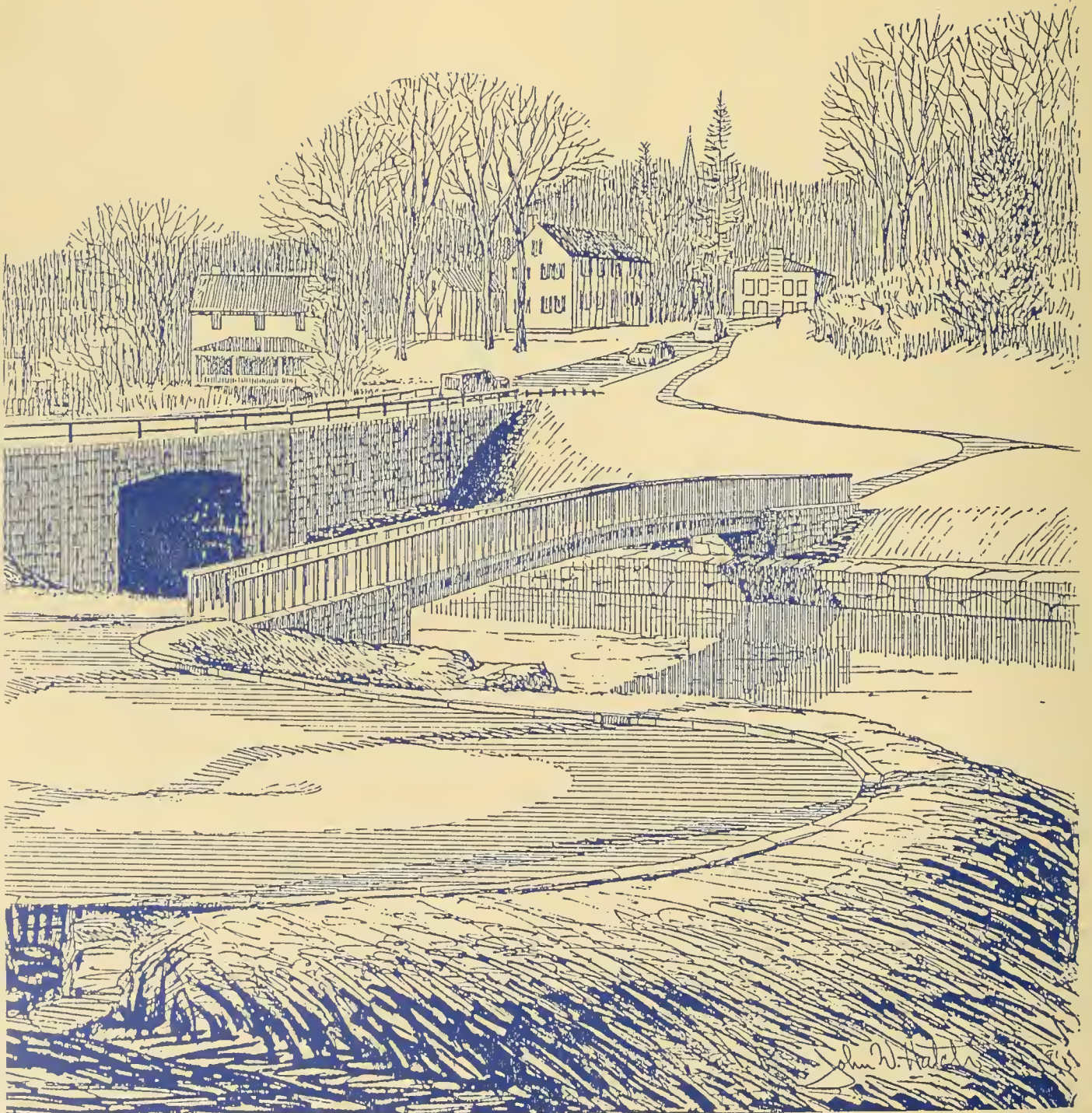


TOWN of DURHAM Annual Report



The Oyster River/N.H. Route 108 bridge after its renovation in 1991.

1991



AGENDA

1992 INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1992 • OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM • 7:00 P.M.

Introduction of Public Officials

Town Moderator
Members of the 1991 Town Council
Members Elected to Town Council in 1992

Remarks

Comments by Town Council Chairwoman Patricia Samuels

Status of Town Projects

Joseph I. "Skip" Grady, Interim Town Administrator

Reports by Chairmen of Commissions and Boards:

1. Zoning Board of Adjustment
2. Conservation Commission
3. Historic District Commission
4. Planning Board

Open Discussion between Council and Residents about Durham's Future

With the limited tax dollars available, the need to diversify our tax base becomes an extremely important issue. Where do we go from here? Come to the meeting and share your ideas. Your input is needed. Let's talk about and face these issues together.

Other Business



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603/868-5571

Dear Durham Residents:

This year's Town Report continues the 8-1/2 x 11 inch format. A recap of various boards, committees, agencies and 1991 Town staff activities, resource information and the 1992 Budget (with 1991 expenditures posted through 12/31/91) are important components of this report.

It is important to recognize the retirement and resignation of several Town officials. Patricia "Pat" Samuels has decided not to seek election in March 1992. Pat resigns after three years of dedicated service. She succeeded Hans Heilbronner as Chairperson on July 15, 1991 and has performed admirably in this capacity. Hans Heilbronner resigned on October 21, 1991 after ably serving nearly three years as both a Council member and Council Chairperson during his tenure. Brian McEvoy resigned in March 1991 to pursue a legal career, following two years of Council service. I would also like to thank Mr. Francis Robinson for his service as Town Moderator for the past two years. Mr. Robinson is being succeeded by Mr. Franklin Heald. A special thank you to Ms. Helen Slanetz who, for many years, unselfishly gave her time to assist the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Supervisors of the Checklist during elections, as well as the Town Moderators when the need arose.

It is fitting and important to note and recognize the importance of the contributions of the foregoing mentioned Durham residents and the numerous other spirited and dedicated Town citizens elected and appointed to the many boards, committees and commissions. Their contributions are most appreciated and are vital to the betterment and progress of the Durham community.

The pictures this year highlight and focus on Durham's dedicated employees and the completion of the Oyster River Bridge Project. Special thanks is extended to everyone who contributed to the preparation of this report, especially Maryanna Hatch, Alma Tirrell and Shirley Thompson; members of the voluntary citizen committee; Council members Ann Vogelmann, John Kraus and Barbara Yates; all the persons who contributed photographs and Jennie Berry, focal person and the Town's Executive Secretary.

Joseph I. Grady
Interim Town Administrator

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BACK ROW:

Scott Hovey, Clayton Follansbee, Arthur Grant, Ann Vogelmann and William Healy

FRONT ROW:

Barbara Yates, Patricia Samuels (Council Chairwoman), Sarah Voll and John Kraus

THE OYSTER RIVER BRIDGE & ROUTE 108: A TRIUMPHANT TRANSFORMATION

In the 1990s, it is known as the bridge that carries New Hampshire Route 108 over the Oyster River. In the 1770s, it was a simple wooden structure that brought early settlers along the north and south shores of Oyster River together at the fall line, where fresh and salt waters meet. A span supported by stone abutments and wingwalls, built to last by local craftsmen in the 1890s, saw a century of use before frequent repairs and reinforcements failed to wear well with an increasing load of heavy traffic.

Concerned engineers from the New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways first approached Durham Selectmen in 1983 with their proposal for a project that would improve N.H. Route 108 from Bennett Road to Coe's Corner, and replace the bridge over Oyster River. An informational meeting was held the next year, calling for public comment on preliminary plans for a rise in elevation along the road that would flatten the natural roll of the landscape, and invite greater speed on a widened road and bridge. Citizens unanimously rejected the proposal as inappropriate and out of scale with the rural character of Durham, in a part of the Town's Historic District eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In responding to these objections, the engineers discussed possible alternatives with the Town officials and planned a formal public hearing to be held in 1985. The controversy was such that this hearing was not held until a special committee of the Executive Council was appointed the next year to "determine whether there is occasion for laying out of a section of NH Route 108 in the Town of Durham." After listening to many "interested parties" and reading the evidence, the committee determined that "for the accommodation of the public" there was occasion for replacing the bridge but not for upgrading Route 108 other than at the approaches to the bridge." Commissioner Stickney responded to this by agreeing to hold a granite facing in retaining the existing profile of the bridge; to post the speed limit at 30 mph; and to insure that the bridge grade would be no higher than necessary to provide minimum 30 mph site distance criteria. He remained firm, however, on the need for complying with federal funding requirements for two twelve-foot travel lanes, two eight-foot shoulders and two six-foot sidewalks — fifty-two feet of width for a bridge less than fifty feet long.

Still dissatisfied with these proportions, Chairman Frank Heald, acting for the members of the Historic District Commission, sought Executive Council help in contacting the Advisory Council on Historic Preser-

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OYSTER RIVER BRIDGE, CONT'D.

vation in Washington, D.C. for a second opinion. A representative from their office came to Durham to view the scene with the proposed plans, and to meet with the public. He, in turn, discussed the problem of raising and widening the bridge with the Federal Highway Commission. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed by both of these agencies and with the N.H. State Preservation Office, reinforcing public opinion in supporting a “bridge as low in height as possible and keeping the width less than fifty-two feet.” A last act of the Board of Selectmen in 1987 was to accept the MOA and the decisions of the Commissioner regarding the bridge.

As the new Council/Town Administrator form of government in Durham was organizing, the N.H. Department of Transportation served notification of the need for review of the final design plans for the bridge. About this time, a paragraph in the report of a consulting engineer caught the attention of Terry Hundley, Durham’s first Town Administrator. It suggested that the bridge might be lowered were the turning lane onto Old Landing Road from Route 108 eliminated. Terry quickly consulted residents of the road and, following public hearings, an ordinance was passed “for discontinuance subject to gates and bars of the Old Landing Road at the intersection of N.H. Route 108,” to take effect April 1, 1989. This decision sent the designers back to the drawing board, and prompted another request from the Historic District Commission for a Public Hearing before the final design was put to bid. The Council asked for written questions from the public prior to posting the hearing. With members of the Legislature, the Executive Council and the Department of Transportation present, all aspects of the bridge replacement were reviewed, with final acceptance of the fact that it was a necessary safety move and the only realistic option for Durham.

Only the width of the bridge remained a major problem. When Ralph Freedman followed the late Terry Hundley as Town Administrator, he suggested that a separate foot bridge might eliminate the need for bridge sidewalks and, at the same time, create a safe and attractive link between Town parks on both sides of the river. This was acceptable to all concerned, and after months of demolition followed by construction, the ribbon was cut with all due ceremony on a windy 30th of October, 1991 — a testimony to the patience and perseverance of the public and public officials in working through the process in effecting change.

Maryanna Hatch, Durham Historic Association Museum



*The ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating completion of the Oyster River Bridge/NH Route 108 Project.
October 30, 1991*

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR

The year of 1991 was a challenge! It was a year of assessment and change. It was a year of major financial and policy decisions that had far-reaching effects. It was a year of reaffirmation of *open communication* at all levels of Town government — with each other, with Council and with Town residents. It was a year of commitment to financial accountability in trying to meet the needs of all our residents and the Town, within a limited budget. Of course these goals could only be achieved with the outstanding cooperation and ability of our department heads and employees.

COUNCIL DECISIONS IN 1991

- To have no tax increase (for the second year in a row) and a deliberate effort toward no layoffs of Town employees. We have a skilled and loyal work force which is a valuable asset we would not like to lose.
- Not to privatize trash or recyclables pick-up. We are committed to keeping our options open in a fast changing industry, while our Public Works Department has taken steps to reduce the cost of our current operation for 1992.
- To stay with the Lamprey Cooperative for waste disposal until 1993, with a decision soon as to whether we should extend to 1995, when the Cooperative must close down.
- Not to proceed with needed improvements in the water system or Wastewater Treatment Plant until the Town had a signed water agreement with UNH.
- To sign a Water Agreement with the University. This agreement ensures that: the rates charged will be accurate; a mechanism will be in place for the entire system to be periodically evaluated for efficiency and/or needed repairs; a Town resident will be part of a Town/UNH Water Policy Board; UNH will pay hook-up fees for any new building to the system, as the Town currently does; UNH will pay for half of the cost of the purchase of Spruce Hole acquisition as part of the water system; and the Town and UNH will have 5% of user fees and all hook-up fees go into a future Capital Improvements fund.
- To keep collection of property taxes on an annual basis, rather than changing to semi-annual collection.
- To make a financial commitment to keeping the UNH outdoor pool open to residents and at affordable rates for families.
- To establish a Farm Policy Committee. This group of farmers and owners of farm land was created in an effort to make our Town ordinances and policies “farmer friendly.”
- To establish a Traffic Committee to evaluate problems and needs of the community with regard to parking, traffic flow and safety.
- To adopt an emergency ordinance to erect a barrier across Mast Road Extension for safety reasons. Efforts are ongoing with UNH to resolve the traffic and safety problems that exist.
- To accept the resignation of our Town Administrator, Mr. Ralph Freedman, and to appoint our Public Works Director, Mr. Joseph “Skip” Grady, as our Interim Town Administrator.

Before ending the overview of 1991, I would like to acknowledge the fact that John Kraus has filled the last year of Brian McEvoy’s term. John had the next highest total of votes in the March 1991 election, and has ably served since then in the place of Mr. McEvoy, who resigned to pursue his legal career. Councilor Hans Heilbronner resigned as Chairman during the summer due to the stress of conflicts between the Council and the Town Administrator. At their November 4, 1991 meeting, the Council regretfully

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR, CONT'D.

accepted Councilor Heilbronner's resignation from the Council. At this same meeting, the Council unanimously consented to offer the vacant Council seat to Mr. Clayton "Red" Follansbee, as he had the next highest vote total in the March election. Mr. Follansbee agreed to serve the remaining term of the vacated Council seat.

In August, I became Chair of the Council, and with the promise and help of other Councilors, I proceeded to try and solve our communication difficulties with the Administrator. I was unprepared for the depth of the problem. On October 21, 1991, the Council, by a unanimous vote, decided it was in the best interest of Durham and its residents to accept the resignation of the Town Administrator.

The year of 1992 is a new start, but it too will be a year of challenge. The new bridge on the cover of this Town Report, with the wood footbridge, represents a creative solution to bridging the gap between State regulations and Town choices.

In the year 1992, we will need to bridge the gap between available tax dollars and projects and services that must be done. It will require the best we have to give. It will require a community working together, finding creative solutions.

Patricia Samuels, Council Chairwoman

1991 AND BEYOND

In the coming year — and clearly throughout the rest of this decade — the Town of Durham must confront a host of major challenges and concerns. Its Town Council, working with the Town administration, must balance the need to provide citizens with the level of municipal services required for a safe and pleasant community environment, while always exercising its responsibility to assure taxpayers effective and cost-conscious government.

Times of economic difficulties and constrained resources seem to pose contradictory goals: How can we best maintain desired levels of public service at a time when we must replace police, fire, life-safety, and highway equipment, and also finance recreation, cultural and beautification projects that are really investments for the future with little immediate payoff or return?

The Council serves as the will of the citizens. In that capacity, Councilors must choose from among often-times conflicting needs and agendas. Citizen input to that process is vital! The following items and issues appear to be among the most critical for citizen understanding and determination in the 1990s. They are likely to be the matters of most pressing and urgent Council business. We outline them for your information and consideration:

Types and Levels of Municipal Services

Privatization of municipal services is very much in vogue, and both the Council and Town administration feel substantial pressure as we strive to maintain a responsible range of essential services for a community of

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this size. Such issues as the degree of control necessary to assure quality and effectiveness of services delivered, the value-added services which Town-directed staff can provide to citizens, and citizen-desired special conveniences and considerations defy decisions based on a dollars-and-cents approach alone.

Salaries and Personnel Costs

Better than 75 percent of the Town's annual operating budget goes to pay employees and their benefits costs. The Council recognizes that additional layoffs and personnel reductions cannot be accomplished without significant reduction in the number and quality of services now provided. Town employees continue to receive responsible (and given the economic times, very fair) salary increases while being asked to assume a somewhat greater share of their benefits costs. Compensation packages are an important statement of the Town's regard for the worth of its employees. Imaginative and flexible ways of using the workforce and balancing employee compensation and benefits will, however, be critical if personnel costs are to be kept under control.

Capital Improvements

By Charter directive, the Council is responsible for maintaining a six-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) identifying equipment replacement and key infrastructure and facility improvements anticipated in coming years. In effect, the Plan documents the Town's projected investment in its future — but it can also lead to commitments beyond the community's real desires, and indebtedness beyond its financial stamina.

Expenditures now projected in the Capital Improvements Plan just through 1994 are almost \$5 million. Significant items (those whose costs are currently estimated at more than \$100,000) include:

1992

- Wastewater treatment plant improvements (Phase I approved by Town voters December 1991) — \$2.1 million
- Upper Madbury Road low-water pressure improvements — \$120,000 (altitude valve: \$45,000; booster pump: \$75,000)

1993

- Main Street/Route 108 intersection modernization — Town's share: \$200,000
- Beech Hill Road water main extension — \$550,000

1994

- State-mandated closure of former Landfill area — \$1 million
- Wastewater plant composting upgrade — \$125,000

Many of the CIP items affect only citizens on town water and sewer service; others pertain to everyone. Some, such as the closure of the Landfill, are mandated. A few directly involve cooperative arrangements and joint undertakings with the University.

Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative

Durham's contract with the 13-member cooperative trash incinerator plant, operating on the UNH campus, comes up for renewal in 1993, and the lease with UNH expires in 1995. The Council will be asked this year for Durham's statement of intent to continue with the Cooperative through 1995 as various options are explored. The financial ramifications of trash disposal after that year are tremendous, and the options are

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rather limited. The Town, local communities and the University will need to work closely on this issue since all have financial and environmental investments at stake.

Town/Gown Relations

The people and Town of Durham are inextricably linked with the University. Joint financing and sharing of operating responsibilities for such basic municipal functions as water and sewer services and fire protection... common use of streets and roads and shared impacts of the resulting traffic and parking activity... mutual requirements for police services... and shared concerns for cultural and recreational opportunities for residents are prime examples of the range and depth of the relationship. The University's current attention to master planning for the 21st century underscores a new opportunity for Town and University to forge productive and mutually rewarding relationships.

Community/Economic Development

While Durham's growth during the past decade was statistically smaller than that of most other communities in the Seacoast Region, the residual impacts have been substantial. Costs-benefits tradeoffs associated with future development — ranging from residential and apartment housing to small home/office businesses to high-tech park development — will require citizen guidance. Whether development comes as a result of activities at Pease Air Force Base in Newington or at Heidelberg Harris in Durham, impacts upon our road and bridge network, sewer and water systems, our schools, etc. are unavoidable. Residential-commercial-industrial growth does not necessarily bring lower taxes, and it is never a substitute for cost-effective government. But identifying the best and most desirable mix for our community is a special challenge.

Traffic and Parking

Congested streets, hazards to pedestrians, and inconveniences brought into our neighborhoods through a lack of attention to obvious vehicular problems are under study by a citizens advisory committee whose recommendations will be the subject of community-wide discussion and decision-making in 1992. The solutions will require both short- and long-term actions, and will not be fully achieved without some tax investment.

Farm Policy/Wagon Hill

Concerns about current and future uses of the Wagon Hill property continue. The report and expert observations of the Council-established citizens advisory committee, with large representation from the community, provide guidelines for preservation and utilization of the property. Other voices call for actions aimed at reducing the taxpayer burden of acquiring and maintaining the property. How will our community come together on this matter? How can we help Wagon Hill to be seen as a community asset rather than a liability? The answers are not easy, but have already generated new interest in the development of policies which promote and preserve agriculture as a viable and integral part of our community's character in the 1990s.

These and other anticipated and unanticipated needs can be made a bit more manageable (perhaps even more palatable) if problems are openly acknowledged, information is shared and carefully evaluated, thoughtful solutions are presented, and rational decisions are made within a reasonable planning and communications time frame.

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1991 AND BEYOND, CONT'D.

As always, your Town Council invites your observations and your recommendations regarding these long-range planning matters, as well as your continued voice in the day-to-day *citizen needs and expectations* of our community.

John Kraus
W. Arthur Grant
Durham Town Council



The signing of the cooperative Water Agreement between the Town and the University of New Hampshire, December 9, 1991. From left, Interim Town Administrator Joseph I. Grady, Durham Town Council Chairwoman Patricia Samuels, University System Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs Bradford K. Perry, and UNH Vice President for Finance and Administration Fred A. Schnur.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I was appointed Interim Town Administrator in November and wish to express my appreciation to Durham residents, the Town Council, Boards, Commissions and Committees, and especially to the Town staff for their assistance in enabling me to perform, on an interim basis, the duties of this position. The short-range challenge for Durham was in 1991, and will continue to be in 1992, the delivery of services and operation of infrastructure during less than favorable economic times. "Belt tightening" and program modification in 1991 allowed the past level of service to continue through 1991 and is mandated to extend through 1992 without the Town's portion of the property tax increasing.

LONG RANGE GOALS

- Carrying forward the base established for investigation of how to attract and retain commercial and industrial development which is compatible with the *past and future* of Durham and its neighbors; and
- Cooperative planning efforts for such issues as the Wastewater System Agreement, UNH Pool, Master Planning/Economic Development, Police services and Solid Waste disposal. Such efforts were evidenced with the signing of the Water System Agreement between the Town and UNH on December 9, 1991, which served to further strengthen the growing Town/UNH cooperative relationship.

Although my tenure as Administrator has been short, it is clear to me that the base that has been formed for Durham's progress should be strengthened and built upon. The words of our former Administrator continue to be most fitting and need repeating: "I would encourage people to view the issues that Durham faces in the 1990s as issues of a community-wide nature. What is in the best interest of Durham as a whole? How can we preserve the character and the quality of Durham and at the same time make progress in confronting our problems? We must work together as a community if we are to succeed."

I would only add that there is clear evidence that this community *is* working together and there is every opportunity for the momentum to continue. We, the staff, all look forward to working with you under the leadership of the Council and the new Administrator, and are committed to progress in spite of this economic lull. I encourage and welcome residents to stop by and share their thoughts, concerns and ideas with all of us. 1992 can still be the year of accomplishment.

Joseph I. "Skip" Grady, P.E., Interim Town Administrator

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ORDINANCES PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL IN 1991

Number	Title	Action	Date
91-01	Noise Ordinance (This was a proposed ordinance presented to the Council on 1/7/91 for review and future action)	No vote or action taken	
91-02	Building Code & Regulations	Passed	4/15/91
91-03	Regulating Heavy Hauling on Town Roads	Passed	3/4/91
91-04	Semiannual Collection of Taxes	Defeated	10/21/91
91-05	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems	Passed	5/20/91
91-06	Assessing Higher Water and Sewer Rates to Town Residents on Water & Sewer Systems	Passed	6/3/91
91-07	Rezoning Request by Linda Ellison	Defeated	6/3/91
91-08	Amendment of Ordinance #90-08 to Prevent Illegal Removal of Recyclables from "Blue Boxes"	Passed	8/5/91
91-09	One Way Travel on Mast Road	Defeated	8/5/91
91-10	Restricting Parking on Park Court	Passed	9/16/91
91-11	Initiative Petition of Linda Ellison	Defeated	8/26/91
91-12	Emergency Ordinance Providing Placement of Barrier Across Mast Road	Passed	9/16/91
91-13	False Alarm Ordinance	Passed	11/25/91
91-14	Electrical Ordinance (This was a proposed ordinance presented to the Council on 10/7/91 for review & future action)	No vote or action taken	
91-15	Plumbing Ordinance (This was a proposed ordinance presented to the Council on 10/7/91 for review & future action)	No vote or action taken	
91-16	Emergency Ordinance Restricting and Limiting Parking on Garden Lane	Passed	11/18/91
91-17	Emergency Ordinance Restricting and Limiting Parking on Sections of Oyster River Road	Passed	11/11/91

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL IN 1991

Number	Title	Action	Date
91-01	Compensation for Department Heads for Fiscal Year 1991	Passed	2/4/91
91-02	Compensation for Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 1991	Passed	2/4/91
91-03	Support of Senate Bill #102	Passed	2/4/91
91-04	Issuance of \$4,200,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes	Passed	3/4/91
91-05	Authorization to Borrow \$145,000 and Accrued Interest to Pay Additional Principal and Interest Payments for Acquisition of a Parcel of Land Owned by Spruce Hole Associates	Passed	2/18/91
91-06	Acceptance and Expenditure of \$700 of Court-ordered Restitution for Restoration Work on the Wagon at Wagon Hill Farm	Passed	4/15/91
91-07	Acceptance of Bids for Fire Truck Repairs and to Use Capital Reserve Funds for the Repairs	Passed	4/15/91
91-08	Authorization to Increase Staffing in Town Clerk's Office	Passed	5/6/91
91-09	Supporting the Observance of Memorial Day of the Fourth Monday in May	Passed	6/3/91
91-10	Acceptance of Bid for Skid Loader and Recycling Grant and the Expenditure of Fund Balance for Purchase	Passed	6/17/91
91-11	Authorization to Transfer Land Use Change Tax Receipts to the Conservation Commission	Passed	6/17/91
91-12	Authorization to Transfer \$515,000 Received from Data General Escrow Account to Trustees of Trust Funds to be Used for Economic Development	Passed	7/29/91

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RESOLUTIONS, CONT'D.

91-13	Acceptance of Contributions to the Town and the Expenditures Thereof for the Purchase of Flowers	Passed	8/5/91
91-14	Limiting the Town's Participation in the Payment of Health Insurance Payments	Passed	8/5/91
91-15	Issuance of \$190,818 in Serial Bonds not to Exceed Twenty (20) Years	No vote or action taken	
91-16	A Resolution to Authorize the Conversion of October 5, 1990 Bond Anticipation Notes to Serial Bonds in Amount of \$526,834	Passed	9/3/91
91-17	Rescinding \$328,166 in Bonding Authority Approved by Resolution #89-20	Passed	9/3/91
91-18	Establishing a Trust Fund for Economic Development Within Durham	Passed	12/16/91
91-19	Approval of 1992 General Fund	Passed	12/23/91
91-20	Approval of 1992 Water Fund	Passed	12/23/91
91-21	Approval of 1992 Sewer Fund	Passed	12/23/91
91-22	Approval of 1992 Capital Improvement Fund Budget	Passed	12/23/91



Administrative Support Team

BACK ROW

Kathie Lopez, Accounts Receivable/ Payable & Purchasing. Hired 10/85.

Jim Fenn, Business Manager. Hired 7/90.

FRONT ROW

Donna Langley, Payroll & Assessments. Hired 10/88.

Jennie Berry, Executive Secretary. Hired 7/90.

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MINUTES OF THE INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING • MARCH 12, 1991

Council Members Present: Thompson, Bragdon, Frost, Grant, Heilbronner, Hovey, McEvoy, Samuels and Voll

Also Present: Town Administrator Freedman, interested citizens and members of the press

Moderator: Mr. Francis E. Robinson

The fourth Informational Town Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Moderator Francis Robinson. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

The results of the election were announced by the Moderator as follows:

For Councilor: (Three-year Term)

William J. Healy, Jr.	433
Ann Vogelmann	386
Barbara Ann Yates	363
Thomas Christie	160
Stuart Dedopolous	93
Clayton Folansbee	272
John Kraus	327
Richard Marche	204
Phillip Montagano	53
Thomas Sawyer	29

The Moderator declared Healy, Vogelmann and Yates elected.

For Treasurer:

Sophia Collier	598
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The Moderator declared Sophia Collier elected.

For Trustee of the Trust Funds:

Oliver Wallace	615
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The Moderator declared Oliver Wallace elected.

The vote on the Charter Amendment was as follows:

In Favor	565
Opposed	255

The Moderator opened the meeting for comments and questions by the members of the audience. There were no questions offered by the public.

The Moderator introduced Chairwoman Shirley Thompson, who commented on the progress made in financial and Council affairs in 1990. Thompson outlined the following major projects in 1990:

- the recoating of the Foss Farm Water Tank;
- an engineering contract with Dufresne-Henry, Inc. for \$59,360 for water system improvements;

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- an engineering contract with Whitman & Howard for \$344,600 for wastewater system improvements;
- the expansion of the recycling program;
- the settlement of the escrow account with Data General; and
- the reduction of the tax rate from \$7.30 in 1990 to a projected \$6.94 for 1991.

Chairwoman Thompson paid special tribute to Becky Frost for her twenty years of service to the Town. Thompson also recognized Maryanna Hatch for her continuous service to the Town.

Chairwoman Thompson thanked the Town Administrator and each of the Council members for their support throughout the year. Chairwoman Thompson concluded by saying that although her term of office has ended, her commitment to the Town of Durham will never end and that it is time for the Town to build upon past experiences and concentrate on the future of Durham.

The Moderator introduced Town Administrator Ralph Freedman, who gave the State of the Town Report. Freedman recognized each of the four exiting Council members: Brian McEvoy, Bruce Bragdon, Rebecca Frost and Shirley Thompson. Freedman thanked each of them for their devotion to the Town and said their efforts are appreciated by the other Town Councilors, the Town staff, and the members of the community. Town Administrator Freedman also recognized the services of Gary Lonsinger, Gordon Byers, Ted McNitt and Charles Dingle, who are not seeking reappointment to various boards and commissions.

Town Administrator Freedman outlined the following important issues that he felt need to be addressed by the Town Council in the following year:

- signing of a Town/UNH water agreement;
- approval of approximately \$3 million in wastewater system improvements;
- establishment of tax increment districts in the commercial area of Durham and in the Office and Research zone that includes the Harris Graphics facility;
- a decision on whether or not to privatize the Town's solid waste and recycling operations;
- adoption of a six-year Capital Improvements Plan;
- development of a Capital Improvements Plan with the UNH for future swimming pool improvements; and
- adoption of the Town/Gown Committee's recommendations on Policing and Dispatching.

Town Administrator Freedman concluded by stating that the Town must improve the level of voter participation in elections and during the debate of different Town issues. Freedman said he felt it was time for more people in the community to participate in deciding how this community should proceed in the future. He thanked the Department Heads and all of the Town staff for their support and cooperation in the past year. Freedman pledged to continue reviewing all Town expenditures and to recommend changes to the Town Council that would be cost effective.

The Moderator asked the Chairs of the various commissions and boards to present their reports.

Mr. David Funk, Conservation Commission Chairman, reported that the Conservation Commission

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOWN MEETING MINUTES, CONT'D.

responded to 14 applications for dredge and fill permits to the State Wetlands Board in 1990. He also said that the Conservation Commission is working on an amendment to Article 5, the Wetland Conservation Overlay District of the Town Zoning Ordinance, to respond to new federal and state definitions of wetlands and new regulations in state statutes.

Ms. Marie Polk, Historic District Commission representative, described the Commission's efforts in the past year to include their reluctant decision to permit demolition of the Valentine-Smith barn at 18 Main Street. Ms. Polk said that in order to prevent future losses of this nature, the Commission is drafting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to give the Commission authority to prevent demolition by neglect. Another amendment is also being drafted to reduce the impact on the Historic District of the expanded parking requirements of the newest Zoning Ordinance. Other decisions that the Commission made this past year were for numbers One and Three Main Street regarding offices and restoration of the barn for housing; and approval of minor parking changes for the Frost-Sawyer homestead. Permission was granted for an addition to Newmarket Software at 44 Newmarket Road.

Mr. Gary Lonsinger, the Planning Board Chairman, stated the Board has received fewer applications this year due to the slow economy. The most significant application recently has been for Harris Graphics Corporation. Mr. Lonsinger said that the Planning Board redesigned and edited their subdivision regulations.

The Moderator opened the meeting to questions and comments from the citizens of Durham.

Mr. Ted McNitt asked Public Works Director Skip Grady how much landfill space can be saved by recycling and how much money has been spent in tipping fees. Grady replied that since the Town began the recycling program in July 1989, the Town has recycled approximately 700 tons. In 1989, the tipping fees were about \$9,600; in 1990, they were approximately \$20,130.

Mr. John Hatch informed the public that he had recently updated the glass enclosed map in the Town Hall and if anyone noticed any errors, to please notify him.

The Moderator introduced the newly elected members to the Town Council: William Healy, Jr., Ann Vogelmann and Barbara Ann Yates.

Patricia Samuels mentioned that Senator Smith introduced the Lamprey River into the Legislature for consideration as a wild and scenic river. He also requested that the Federal Energy Regulation Commission hold off on granting a license for the hydroelectric project on Wiswall Dam until there is a final decision of the Lamprey River. Samuels thanked the Durham legislative body for sponsoring this issue and seeing it through.

There being no further business, the Moderator declared the fourth Informational Town Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jennie Berry, Executive Secretary

OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Official/Board/ Committee	Address	Tel. No.	Term	Term Expires	Appt. Auth.
Durham Town Council					
Patricia Samuels, Chair	Packers Falls Road	659-2671	3 yrs.	3/92	Elected
Sarah Voll, Pro Tem	4 Croghan Lane	868-2671	3 yrs.	3/93	Elected
Clayton Follansbee	57 Madbury Road	868-2113	4 mos.	3/92	Appointed
W. Arthur Grant	Mast Rd., Box 598	868-5356	3 yrs.	3/93	Elected
William Healy, Jr.	6 Woodridge Road	868-5595	3 yrs.	3/94	Elected
Scott Hovey	41 Canney Road	868-1551	3 yrs.	3/93	Elected
John Kraus	7 Cutts Road	868-1929	1 yr.	3/92	Appointed
Ann Vogelmann	343 Dame Road	868-5716	3 yrs.	3/94	Elected
Barbara Yates	29 Mathes Cove Road	868-1821	3 yrs.	3/94	Elected
Interim Town Administrator					
Joseph I. "Skip" Grady	15 Newmarket Road	868-5571			Council
Police Chief					
Paul Gowen	15 Newmarket Road	868-2324			Council
Fire Chief					
Robert P. Wood	15 Newmarket Road	862-1426			Council
Public Works Director					
Joseph I. "Skip" Grady	15 Newmarket Road	868-5578			Council
Business Manager					
Jim Fenn	15 Newmarket Road	868-5571			Council
Town Clerk/Tax Collector					
Linda Ekdahl	15 Newmarket Road	868-5577	3 yrs.	3/93	Elected
Moderator					
Franklin Heald	Roundabout House	868-9696	2 yrs.	3/92	Appointed
Town Treasurer					
Sophia Collier	Packers Falls Road	659-8440	3 yrs.	3/94	Elected
Director of Civil Defense					
Interim Town Administrator Joseph I. "Skip" Grady		868-5571			Council
Welfare Officer					
Business Manager Jim Fenn		868-5571			Council
Cemetery Committee					
Trustees of Trust Funds:					
Herbert Jackson, Chair	Old Piscataqua Road	868-5826	3 yrs.	3/92	Elected
Richard Fitts	48 Edgewood Road	868-2474	3 yrs.	3/93	Elected
Oliver Wallace	9 Valentine Hill Road	868-2449	2 yrs.	3/94	Elected

OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Council Representatives:

W. Arthur Grant	Mast. Rd., Box 598	868-5356	1 yr.	3/92	Council
William Healy, Jr.	6 Woodridge Road	868-5595	1 yr.	3/92	Council
Scott Hovey	41 Canney Road	868-1551	1 yr.	3/92	Council

CHAIN Committee

Shirley Thompson	48 Bagdad Road	868-5138	1 yr.	3/92	Council
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COAST Bus Service

Joe E. Follansbee	UNH Transportation	862-1931			
Shirley Thompson	48 Bagdad Road	868-5138	1 yrs.	3/92	Council

Communications Center Policy Committee

Jim Fenn, Business Manager		868-5571			Council
Paul Gowen, Police Chief		868-2324			Council
Robert Wood, Fire Chief		862-1426			Council
Roger Beaudoin, UNH Police Chief		862-1427			UNH Appt.
Pat Miller, UNH V.P./Facilities		862-3862			UNH Appt.
Fred Schnur, UNH V.P./Finance		862-2232			UNH Appt.

Conservation Commission

David Funk, Chair	123 Mill Road	868-7248	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Diane Woods, Alternate	89 Bagdad Road	868-2962	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
William Bowden, Alt.	25 Woodridge Road	868-1016	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Lloyd Heidgerd	15 Emerson Road	868-9693	3 yrs.	3/92	Council
Deborah Merritt	P.O. Box 78	749-9356	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
Theresa Walker	RFD 3 Bennett Road	659-7304	3 yrs.	3/92	Council
Ann Vogelmann, Council Representative		868-5716	1 yrs.	3/92	Council
Ralph Bristol, Planning Board Rep.		868-2524	1 yr.	3/92	Plan. Board

Durham Ambulance Corps

Patrick Ahearn, President	P.O. Box 4	868-5647			Volunteer Organization
Mary Davis, Exec. Ass't.	P.O. Box 4	862-3674			Volunteer Organization

Durham District Court

William Shaheen, Justice		868-2323			State Appointment
Joseph Michael, Special Justice		868-2323			State Appointment
Paul Bruyere, Clerk of Court		868-2323			State Appointment

Durham/UNH Advisory Committee (TOWN/GOWN)

Town of Durham:	Joseph I. Grady	868-5571			Council
	Pat Samuels, Council Chair	868-2671			Council
	Scott Hovey, Council Rep.	868-1551			Council
	Calvin Hosmer, Plan. Board Rep.	868-2297			Council
	Elise Daniel, Citizen Rep.	868-5786			Council
University of New Hampshire:	Fred Schnur, V.P. /Finance	862-2232			UNH
	Victor Azzi, V.P./Planning	862-2217			UNH
	Dan DiBiasio, V.P./Stud. Affairs	862-2053			UNH
	Sue Reid, Stud. Body Vice Pres.	862-1494			UNH

OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Health Officer

Richard Blakemore	4 Davis Avenue	868-2073	3 yrs.	8/92	State
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Historic District Commission

Thomas Flygare, Chair	14 Stevens Way	868-2278	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Stephen Burns	20 Newmarket Road	868-7152	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Edward Carpenter	P.O. Box 1019	868-7415	3 yrs.	3/92	Council
Kathryn Cataneo	97 Newmarket Road	868-2528	3 yrs.	3/92	Council
Marie Polk	P.O. Box 287	868-7478	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
John Kraus	Council Representative	868-1929	1 yr.	3/92	Council
Peter Smith	Planning Board Representative	868-7500	1 yr.	3/92	Plan. Board

Keeper of the Swans

Margery Milne	1 Garden Lane	868-2794			Council
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Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative

Patrick Genest	One Lamprey Way	868-1068			
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Librarian

Michael York	UNH Dimond Library	862-1540			
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Planning Board

Calvin Hosmer, Chair	14 Fogg Drive	868-2297	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
Peter Smith, Alt.	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
Dee Grant	P.O. Box 598	868-5356	3 yrs.	3/92	Council
Ralph Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Spencer Mieras	4 Razorbill Circle	868-6792	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
George Rief	Edgerly Garrison Road	868-2551	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
Sarah Voll, Council Rep.		868-2671	1 yr.	3/92	Council
Barbara Yates, Alt. Council Rep.		868-1821	1 yr.	3/92	Council
Robert Houseman, Ex-Officio		868-5578			Charter

Recycling Advisory Committee

William Skinner	28 Garden Lane	868-7049			Council
James Barrett	11 Bagdad Road	868-9624			Council
Jane Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524			Council
Joan Darlington	8 Fogg Drive	868-5259			Council
Richard Fitts	48 Edgewood Road	868-2474			Council
Kate Glanz	25 Orchard Drive	868-5398			Council
Merle & Joyce Sheffield	18 Littlehale Road	868-1882			Council

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

George Rief, Planning Board Rep.		868-2551		3/92	Plan. Board
Edward McNitt		868-1842		3/92	Council
Patricia Samuels, Council Representative		659-2671		3/92	Council

OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Supervisors of the Checklist

William Prince, Chair	Durham Point Road	868-9610	6 yrs.	3/94	Elected
Elisabeth Maurice	36 Woodman Avenue	868-7447	6 yrs.	3/92	Elected
Joan W. Weeks	45 Woodman Avenue	868-5343	6 yrs.	3/96	Elected

Traffic & Safety Committee

Fire Chief Robert Wood		862-1426			Council
Police Chief Paul Gowen		868-2324			Council
Public Works Director "Skip" Grady		868-5578			Council
Roger Beaudoin, UNH Representative		862-1427			UNH

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Malcolm Neuhoff, Chair	15 Burnham Avenue	868-2200	3 yrs.	3/92	Council
Gordon Byers, Alt.	P.O. Box 183	659-3610	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Charles Dingle, Alt.	8 Beard's Landing	868-2247	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
William Drapeau, Alt.	4 Sullivan Falls Road	659-7992	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Emily Cook	13 Old Landing Road	868-2422	3 yrs.	3/93	Council
Allen Drake	55 Bagdad Road	868-1760	3 yrs.	3/92	Council
John Farrell	Packers Falls Road	659-7605	3 yrs.	3/94	Council
Dwight Ladd	7 Chesley Drive	868-2810	3 yrs.	3/94	Council



Residents brought picnic baskets and visited with their friends and families as they waited for the annual Fourth of July celebration to begin.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

LAND AREA 25.5 square miles (2.2 of which is water surface)

POPULATION 11,818

TOWN TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Town: \$6.92

School: \$13.12

County: \$1.83

Total \$21.87

EMERGENCY SERVICES

From 868 telephone exchange only:

Emergency: 911

From UNH campus only

Emergency *-9-1-1

OR

Police

General Business: 868-2324

Emergency: 868-1212

Fire

General Business: 862-1426

Emergency: 862-1212

Ambulance

General Business: 862-3674

Emergency: 862-1212

TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN STAFF

Interim Town Administrator: Joseph "Skip" Grady

868-5571, Ext. 33

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Linda Ekdahl

868-5577, Ext. 35

Police Chief: Paul Gowen

868-2324, Ext.38

Public Works Director: Joseph "Skip" Grady

868-5578, Ext. 19

Fire Chief: Robert Wood

868-5531

Business Manager: James Fenn

868-5571, Ext. 32

TOWN OFFICE FUNCTIONS

Town Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Car Registration

Registration in month of birth. Resident Tax for current & prior year must be paid.

Car Inspection

Car must be inspected within ten (10) days of first registration in New Hampshire. After that, inspection is done in the registrant's birth month.

Driver's License

Application available at Town Clerk's Office. Resident Tax must be paid.

Dog Registration

Due May 1st.

Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$4.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$7.00.

Property Taxes

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

Resident Tax

\$10.00 per resident, ages 18-65. Due December 1st or at time of car registration.

Water & Sewer Billings

Issued every six (6) months.

Voter Registration

New voters can register with the Supervisor of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age and citizenship are required.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

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.

Veteran's Service Exemption (RSA 72:28)

Must be resident of New Hampshire for at least one year preceding April first, must claim exemption on residential real estate and must have served not less than 90 days in the armed forces of the U. S. in any qualifying war or armed conflict and was honorably discharged; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident; was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

Blind Exemption (RSA 72:36-b)

Must be legally blind as determined by the blind services department of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department and the lawful owner of the real estate which is occupied as the principal place of abode.

Solar Energy System Exemption (RSA 72:61 to 72:64)

Must apply for this exemption at the time of construction/purchase of legal residence and give proof that the property is equipped with a solar energy system that will qualify for this exemption.

Expanded Optional Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:43-h)

The optional exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be as follows:

For a person 65 year of age up to 75 years	\$16,000
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years	\$32,000
For a person 80 years of age or older	\$64,000

To qualify, the person must have been a N. H. resident for at least five (5) years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his spouse, must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$10,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$12,000; such net income to be determined by deducting from all monies received from any source whatsoever the amount of any of the following or the sum thereof: (a) life insurance paid on the death of an insured; (b) expenses and costs incurred in the course of conducting a business enterprise; (c) proceeds from the sale of assets; (d) Social Security payments, and own net assets of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Current Use (RSA 79-A)

The purpose of the Current Use Law is to encourage the preservation of open space land. To qualify for Current Use, there must be a minimum of ten (10) acres of open land. Areas of less than ten (10) acres may qualify under special Current Use conditions.

MEETING DATES FOR TOWN BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Durham Town Council:	First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Durham Planning Board:	First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Durham District Courtroom
Historic District Commission:	First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Conservation Commission:	Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Recycling Committee:	Meets at the call of the Chair
Joint Town/University Advisory Committee (TOWN/GOWN Committee)	To meet a minimum of four (4) times per year at the call of the Chair — Meetings held at both Town Hall and UNH
Notices of Meetings:	Posted in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

MISCELLANEOUS

Solid Waste Management Facility

Located on Durham Point Road. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Landfill Permits and Bulky Waste Disposal Coupons may be obtained at the Town Hall, Public Works Department, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. 868-1001

Fee Schedule

Permanent residents: 3-year permit - \$5.00. 2-year permit - \$4.00. 1-year permit - \$2.00. Temporary permit: \$2.00 (non-transferable; not to exceed a 30-day period). Construction permit: \$25.00 (not to exceed a 30-day period).

Building Permits

Obtained at the Town Hall, Public Works Department

Garage Sale Permits

Obtained at the Town Hall. Application must be made two weeks prior to sale. Only two sales per year are permitted.

Address Change

The Town Hall would appreciate being notified of any change of address of Durham residents.

STATE LEGISLATORS

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Honorable Judd Gregg 208-214 & 122-124 State House • Concord, NH 03301 • 271-2121

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ruth L. Griffin (R) Dist. 3 Home: 479 Richards Avenue • Portsmouth, NH 03801 • 436-5272
Office: Room 207 State House • Concord, NH 03301 • 271-3632

DURHAM'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE STATE SENATE

Senator Jeanne Shaheen Home: 73 Perkins Road • Madbury, NH 03824 • 749-3434
Office: Room 102 Legislative Office Building • Concord, NH 03301 • 271-3092

DURHAM'S MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

W. Kent Martling Home: 9 Hoitt Drive • Durham, NH 03824 • 868-2749
Office: 271-3661

Katherine W. Wheeler Home: 27 Mill Road • Durham, NH 03824 • 868-9633
Office: 271-3661

Amanda Merrill Home: 8 Meadow Road • Durham, NH 03824 • 868-2491
Office: 271-3661

Leo Spencer Home: 33 Stepping Stone Road • Lee, NH 03820 • 659-2790
Office: 271-3661

Janet Wall Home: Pudding Hill Road • Madbury, NH 03820 • 749-3051
Office: 271-3661

Patricia Hambrick Home: 33 Wednesday Hill Road • Durham, NH 03824 • 659-7307
Office: 271-3661



Spring Day at Wagon Hill Farm



The Council's holiday party for Town staff.



Durham Police Explorer Post 222 • Established 1989



A mountain of mulch, thanks to Hurricane Bob

1991 EXPENDITURES & 1992 BUDGET

COMBINED FUND STATEMENTS

	Revised 1991 Budget	Expended 1991 12/31/91	FY92 Council Approved
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Town Council	25,358	24,182	24,000
Town Administrator	88,672	105,690	92,575
Treasurer	1,300	4,452	1,300
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	56,042	53,091	60,949
Business Manager	110,935	106,914	119,171
Elections	2,750	1,310	3,200
Cemeteries	9,064	7,671	10,570
Public Buildings	62,287	73,266	53,617
Planning & Zoning	46,732	56,498	49,562
Legal	15,000	14,120	15,000
C.O.A.S.T.	4,909	3,745	4,007
Other General Costs	46,500	36,342	43,650
General Government Total	\$469,549	\$487,281	\$477,601
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	631,474	573,471	658,835
Fire Department	697,236	689,153	755,678
Building Inspector	14,497	14,235	18,562
Communication Center	102,117	102,117	104,090
Ambulance Services	50,881	50,881	44,832
Public Safety Total	\$1,496,205	\$1,429,857	\$1,581,997
PUBLIC WORKS			
Administration	67,543	55,814	64,367
Roadway Maintenance	168,506	153,159	90,501
Snow/Ice Control	94,676	56,975	91,928
Drainage/Vegetation	33,806	29,072	42,796
Traffic Control	64,569	54,790	64,196
Maintenance/Repair	81,723	101,389	66,476
Miscellaneous	87,049	61,976	92,163
Public Works Total	\$597,872	\$513,175	\$512,427
SANITATION			
Administration	35,820	41,144	28,088
Curbside Collection	191,857	187,313	174,741
Transfer Station	70,872	55,350	51,633
Litter removal	4,768	5,207	\$7,311
Recycling	69,119	78,943	65,991
Hazardous Waste Day	7,500	6,741	7,500
Sanitation Total	\$379,936	\$374,698	\$335,264

1991 EXPENDITURES & 1992 BUDGET

COMBINED FUND STATEMENTS, CONT'D.

	Revised 1991 Budget	Expended 1991 12/31/91	FY92 Council Approved
HEALTH			
Health Department	550	-0-	550
Animal Control	2,750	1,217	2,170
Lamprey Health	2,750	2,750	2,900
Squamscott Home Health	15,635	15,635	15,950
Sexual Assault Support Services	625	625	700
Strafford Hospice	1,250	1,250	1,350
Health Total	\$23,560	\$21,477	\$23,620
WELFARE			
General Assistance	1,750	1,171	2,000
Strafford C.A.C.	850	850	900
My Friend's Place	2,000	2,000	2,000
Welfare Total	\$4,600	\$4,021	\$4,900
CULTURE/RECREATION			
Public Library	42,711	42,711	42,711
Town Recreation	63,995	49,559	62,253
O.R.Y.A.	17,800	17,800	17,920
Memorial Day	150	-0-	150
Conservation Commission	750	1,241	1,500
Historic District Commission	200	36	200
Historic Association Museum	750	758	750
Resident Pool Rebate	-0-	-0-	10,000
Swans	700	700	700
July 4th	5,600	6,694	5,600
Wagon Hill	11,080	8,816	5,800
Culture/Recreation Total	\$143,736	\$128,315	\$147,584
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal	575,120	575,120	591,120
Interest	312,276	312,276	275,444
Debt Service Total	\$887,396	\$887,396	\$866,564
OTHER COSTS			
Short-Term Debt	217,570	204,242	281,160
Fringe Benefits	581,127	557,003	626,926
Insurance	93,438	92,409	92,563
Other Costs	35,500	60,935	35,750

1991 EXPENDITURES & 1992 BUDGET

COMBINED FUND STATEMENTS, CONT'D.

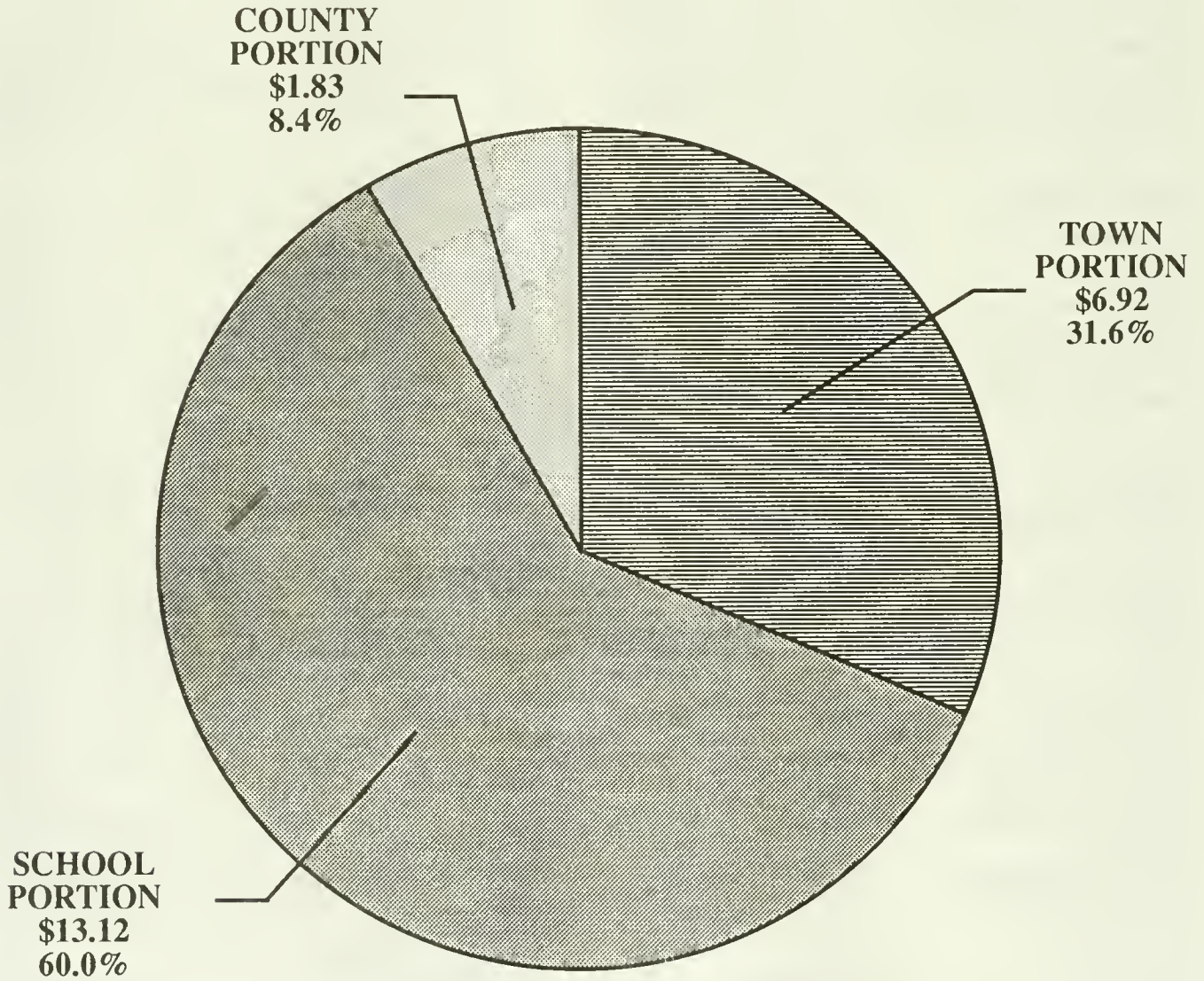
	Revised 1991 Budget	Expended 1991 12/31/91	FY92 Council Approved
OTHER COSTS, cont'd.			
Capital Reserve	64,485	64,485	6,552
Old Landing Retaining Wall	34,873	34,873	-0-
Other Costs Total	\$1,026,993	\$1,013,947	\$1,042,951
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$5,029,847	\$4,860,167	\$4,992,908
OTHER FUNDS			
Water Fund	275,077	194,380	344,686
Sewer Fund	687,782	592,056	686,926
Capital Fund	1,799,400	555,955	2,480,700
Other Funds Total	\$2,762,259	\$1,343,391	\$3,512,312
COMBINED TOTALS	\$7,792,106	\$6,203,558	\$8,505,220

FUND SOURCES

GENERAL FUND			
Taxes	2,876,678	3,028,260	2,939,150
Licenses & Permits	382,300	393,023	393,350
State & Federal	474,907	697,370	380,036
Other Governments	755,114	479,044	787,138
Department Revenues	86,650	86,992	95,700
Miscellaneous Revenues	268,492	347,407	272,534
Fund Balance	185,706	-0-	125,000
Total General Fund	\$5,029,847	\$5,032,096	\$4,992,908
Water Fund	\$275,077	\$184,773	\$344,686
Sewer Fund	\$687,782	\$458,079	\$686,926
Capital Fund	\$1,799,400	\$19,785	\$2,480,700
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$7,792,106	\$5,694,733	\$8,505,220

1991 EXPENDITURES & 1992 BUDGET

BREAKDOWN OF CURRENT TAX RATE (1992)



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of
the Town Council
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements and the combining and individual fund financial statements of the Town of Durham as of and for the year ended December 31, 1990, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Durham as of December 31, 1990, and the results of its operations (and cash flows of nonexpendable trust funds) for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual funds of the Town as of December 31, 1990, and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

February 25, 1991

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF DURHAM
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 1990

<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$1,438,027	\$ 17,447	\$
Investments			
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollected)</u>			
Taxes	2,269,424		
Accounts	9,651	152,557	
Intergovernmental	5,149	166,899	
Interfund Receivable	171,187	124,437	530,774
Prepaid Items	3,200		
Fixed Assets			
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to Be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$3,896,638</u>	<u>\$461,340</u>	<u>\$530,774</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 88,915	\$ 16,886	\$
Accrued Interest Payable	858	7,395	
Accrued Payroll	35,655	3,182	
Contracts Payable			46,489
Intergovernmental Payable	2,315,202	346	
Interfund Payable	284,450	356,882	185,066
Escrow Deposits	18,143		
Deferred Revenue	232,964		
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable			526,834
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Total Liabilities	<u>2,976,187</u>	<u>384,691</u>	<u>758,389</u>
<u>Equity and Other Credits</u>			
Investment in General Fixed Assets			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Encumbrances	11,676	1,926	
Reserved for Special Purposes	515,000		302,468
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated for Special Purposes		74,723	
Undesignated (Deficit)	393,775		(530,083)
Total Equity and Other Credits	<u>920,451</u>	<u>76,649</u>	<u>(227,615)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	<u>\$3,896,638</u>	<u>\$461,340</u>	<u>\$530,774</u>

Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General Fixed Assets	General Long-term Debt	December 31, 1990	December 31, 1989
	\$238,686 161,031	\$	\$	\$ 1,694,160 161,031
			2,269,424	1,597,055
			162,208	120,742
			172,048	130,999
			826,398	931,329
			3,200	4,960
	13,262,185		13,262,185	12,563,883
		5,164,630	5,164,630	5,815,333
<u>\$399,717</u>	<u>\$13,262,185</u>	<u>\$5,164,630</u>	<u>\$23,715,284</u>	<u>\$23,482,142</u>
\$	\$	\$	\$ 105,801	\$ 152,119
			8,253	
			38,837	40,562
			46,489	
			2,315,548	2,166,113
			826,398	931,329
39,724			57,867	45,815
			232,964	223,596
			526,834	
		5,024,000	5,024,000	5,698,000
		140,630	140,630	117,333
<u>39,724</u>		<u>5,164,630</u>	<u>9,323,621</u>	<u>9,374,867</u>
	13,262,185		13,262,185	12,563,883
161,031			161,031	152,055
			13,602	670,891
198,962			1,016,430	221,542
			74,723	237,524
			(136,308)	261,380
<u>359,993</u>	<u>13,262,185</u>		<u>14,391,663</u>	<u>14,107,275</u>
<u>\$399,717</u>	<u>\$13,262,185</u>	<u>\$5,164,630</u>	<u>\$23,715,284</u>	<u>\$23,482,142</u>

1991 EXPENDITURES & 1992 BUDGET

TREASURER'S REPORT

Even though 1991 was a difficult economic year for many New Hampshire towns and residents, I am proud to report that the Town of Durham remains in excellent health. As a result of our decision to invest Town funds in U.S. Treasury securities, we avoided any losses in the Durham bank failure in November. We still enjoy an excellent bond rating and I am looking forward to improving economic conditions in 1992.

Below is a summary of our cash position. The reduction in our closing cash balance is largely attributable to my transfer of \$515,000, which we received as a settlement from Data General, to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. At year end these funds were no longer part of our operating funds as they are designated for economic development.

	Balance as of 12/31/90	Balance as of 12/31/91
General Fund	\$1,435,847.12	\$798,567.25
Payroll	\$1,061.06	\$960.90
Fund Accounts	\$19,669.72	\$35,131.45
Developer Escrow Accounts	\$39,724.00	\$57,857.84

Sophia Collier, Treasurer

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Description	Issue Date	Original Principal	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	— PAYMENTS 1-1-91 THRU 12-31-91 —			
					Principal Paid	Principal Balance	Interest Paid	Interest Balance
BONDS								
Water	4-01-75	\$515,000	6.40%	4-01-95	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$7,200	\$12,800
Sewer	5-15-79	1,680,000	5.65%	5-15-94	110,000	330,000	21,753	27,968
Incinerator	5-15-79	2,420,000	5.70%	5-15-94	160,000	480,000	31,920	41,040
Incinerator	7-01-80	450,000	6.40%	7-01-93	35,000	65,000	6,400	6,080
Console/Grader	6-16-87	153,000	5.86%	7-15-92	30,000	25,000	3,405	1,575
Land Acquisition/Equipment	12-15-89	3,920,000	6.66%	12-15-90	260,000	3,400,000	241,575	2,032,838
Subtotal		\$9,138,000			\$620,000	\$4,400,000	\$312,253	\$2,122,301
NOTES								
Gravel Pit	4-24-87	\$36,000	0	4-24-91	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal		\$36,000			\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$9,174,000			\$624,000	\$4,400,000	\$312,253	\$2,122,301



The Council's holiday party for Town staff.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS 1991

Name of Trust Fund	Principal		Income				
	Balance Beginning of Year	Change In Funds	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	*Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
INVESTED IN COMMON TRUST FUNDS							
43 Separate Trust Funds							
(Cemetery Care)	\$18,421.43	\$1,129.52	\$19,550.95	\$7,007.98	\$1,918.24	\$1,546.27	\$7,379.95
Smith Town Improvement Fund							
(Town Improvement)	5,636.87	192.63	5,829.50	11,644.47	1,340.96	638.20	12,347.23
Durham 250 Fund							
(Town Improvement)	4,911.12	167.83	5,078.95	972.23	463.58	348.03	1,087.78
Smith Chapel							
(Cemetery Care)	5,890.30	201.29	6,091.59	787.01	820.70	446.41	1,161.30
Philip A. Wilcox Fund							
(Unfunded Graveyards)	0	1,565.00	1,565.00	0	103.03	12.30	90.73
Wagon Hill							
(Memorial)	0	50.00	50.00	0	3.29	.39	2.90
Total of Trusts 100% in Common Trust Fund:	\$34,859.72			\$20,411.69	\$4,649.80	\$2,991.60	\$22,069.89

INVESTED IN BONDS/COMMON TRUST FUND

George Ffrost							
(Education)	\$3,568.53	\$87.78	\$3,656.31	\$5,135.71	\$656.31	\$61.39	\$5,730.63
Olinthus Doe							
(Care of Farm/School Support)	5,001.88	68.41	5,070.29	6,717.59	849.74	3,568.39	3,998.94
Town Cemetery							
(Cemetery Care)	78,051.56	10,073.93	88,125.49	6,117.30	6,794.43	7,417.67	5,494.06
Total of All Trusts	\$121,481.69	\$13,536.39	\$135,018.08	\$38,382.29	\$12,950.28	\$14,039.05	\$37,293.52

Name of Trust Fund	Balance Beginning of Year	Change In Funds	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	*Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS							
Fire Equipment	\$70,000.00	(\$14,785.00)	\$55,215.00	\$2,604.96	\$4,322.87	\$0	\$6,927.83
Parking Fund	66,301.00	0	66,301.00	6,478.71	4,435.50	0	10,914.21
Wiswall Dam	216.69	0	216.69	2,782.26	183.75	0	2,966.01
Old Landing Road	11,058.22	0	11,058.22	372.77	627.88	0	1,000.65
Jackson's Landing	6,841.28	0	6,841.28	8,760.26	1,016.07	0	9,776.33
Fire Service Agreement	23,546.00	0	23,546.00	0	1,411.18	0	1,411.18
Community Development	0	529,353.67	529,353.67	0	0	0	0
Total Cap. Reserve Funds	\$177,963.19	\$514,568.67	\$692,531.86	\$20,998.96	\$11,997.25	0	\$32,996.21

*Includes corrections to 1990 end of year MS9 & 10 reports submitted to State.

NOTE: All Capital Reserve Funds are in U.S. Government obligations and money market.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1987-1991 VALUATION FIGURES	Year	Percent of Valuation	Taxable Valuation
	1991	*0%	\$401,134,319
	1990	100%	394,840,000
	1989	100%	390,726,443
	1988	100%	381,333,177
	1987	39%	108,804,357

* Percent of Valuation for 1991 is established by the State and will not be available until March, 1992.

1991 MS-1 SUMMARY		
	Total Taxable Land	\$171,424,879
	Total Taxable Buildings	\$227,070,400
	Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$3,010,000
	Valuation Before Exemptions	\$401,505,279
	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$370,960
	Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed	\$401,134,319
	Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$20,050

TAX RATE IN DURHAM 1987-1991	Year	Town	School District	County	Total
	1991	\$6.92	\$13.12	\$1.83	\$21.87
	1990	7.30	13.41	1.85	\$22.56
	1989	5.80	11.64	1.76	19.20
	1988	4.45	11.12	1.49	17.06
	1987	15.11	32.95	5.05	53.11

VALUATION OF BUILDING PERMITS 1987-1991	1991	\$4,474,557
	1990	5,347,504
	1989	5,695,434
	1988	6,949,684
	1987	6,776,001

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

Durham District Court — Museum
Highway Department Maintenance Garage
Highway Department Garage (Sheds)
Highway Department Office Building
Sewage Treatment Facilities
Sewage Pumping Station, Dover Road
Solid Waste Management Facility
Police Station and Town Office Building
 15 Newmarket Road
Jackson's Landing Skating Facility
Henry A. Davis Memorial Building
Land on south side Old Landing Road
 Pump House
Land on west side Dame Road
Land on north side Piscataqua Road
Land on south side Piscataqua Road
Land on thatch bed, Oyster River
Cemetery, School House Lane
Land on east side Newmarket Road
Woodlot, Foss Farm
Land on Packers Falls, Bennett Road,
 Lamprey River
Town Cemetery, Old Concord Road
Lot 55, Woodridge Road
Land on north side Old Landing Road
Mill Pond Road Park
Land on Dame Road (the Willie property)
 +/- 30 acres
Land on north side Mill Pond Dam
Tot lot
Simons Lane/Provost Development
Oyster River Park
Smith Chapel and two acres, Mill Pond Road
Littlehale Road lot
Jackson's Landing
Land on Piscataqua Bridge Road (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
 13-13-1 and 13-13-5
Doe Farm
Lots 79-83, Woodridge Development
Conservation easement — pond area at
 Durham Point Road & Pinecrest Lane
Conservation purchase — Langmaid Farm
 Longmarsh Road (Class VI) area
Lot #4, Blackhawk (Williams Way)
Marion J. Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary off
 Bagdad Road
Tank site, Beech Hill Road, 150'x150'
Water tower, Foss Farm
Land on Back River Road
Quarry lot, Durham Point Road
Land on Durham Point Road
Land on east side Newmarket Road
Land on Durham Point Road/Oyster River
Land on Mill Road, two lots
Wagon Hill Farm
Piscataqua Road, across from Wagon Hill
Sullivan Monument, Newmarket Road
Water booster station, Technology Drive
Sewer pump station, Old Concord Road
Ritzman Lab sewer pump station, UNH
Main Street/Mill Road Park

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

PLANNING BOARD

The slowdown in subdivision and site review applications noted in 1990 has continued in 1991. The Planning Board has used the available time to conduct a series of workshops to provide information and orientation, particularly for the five newest members who joined the board this year.

1991 HIGHLIGHTS

- Revised the Durham Sign Ordinance, and submitted it to Town Council for approval.
- Reviewed the proposed Capital Improvements Plan, and forwarded comments and recommendations to Town Council.
- Reviewed previously approved subdivision applications to determine their status, and whether further action was needed.
- Reviewed several new state laws (Impact Fees and Shoreland Protection) and a New Hampshire Supreme Court Decision on Affordable Housing.

GOALS FOR 1992

- Administer the Durham Zoning Ordinances, Subdivision Regulations and Site Review Regulations.
- Continue review of the Durham Master Plan.
- Continue coordination with Planners at the University of New Hampshire as they complete what will become the first comprehensive Master Plan for the University in its history.

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF APPROVALS

Application Type	1991	1990	1989
Subdivision	6	5	4
Site Review/Conditional Use Permit	4	5	15
Boundary Line Adjustment	5	5	4

Calvin Hosmer, Chairman

Irving "Bud" Steffen, Building Inspector. Hired 2/89.

Kathy Paquette, Planning Secretary. Hired 11/88.

Robert Houseman (right) is a Circuit Rider for Strafford Regional Planning Commission and has represented the Town of Durham as Town Planner since 9/91.



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

In 1991 Commission staff provided a wide array of general assistance to local officials in member communities. Town administrators, conservation commissioners, planning board members, selectmen and councilors frequently call upon Commission staff to help them solve problems such as solid waste, regulation of gravel pits and unimproved FDIC-owned subdivisions. SRPC worked with legislators to inform them of the ramifications of a bill which would have allowed the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative to become a 53-B district without Town Meeting votes. The bill was killed in conference committee. SRPC regularly communicates with local planning boards to notify them of new state laws such as those in 1991 dealing with grandfathered gravel pits, impact fees and projects of regional impact. Commission staff have also worked with planning boards implementing new State statutes on the four-year exemption for approved subdivisions, as many approved developments are not being built. In May 1991, SRPC provided its annual three-night training sessions for planning board members.

Since 1987, SRPC has coordinated household hazardous waste collections. Even though Strafford County funding for collections ceased in 1989, SRPC helped coordinate multi-municipality collections in 1990 and 1991. On October 5, 1991, SRPC organized a collection for the seven communities in northern Strafford County. Commission staff also assisted Dover and Durham officials implement collections on October 26, 1991 for residents of five additional communities in the region.

SRPC uses local funds to match state and federal grants in order to carry out a larger program of regional projects. In 1991, the Commission coordinated regional recycling programs and assisted municipalities in bringing their regulation into compliance with the national Flood Insurance Program. In 1992, SRPC will be mapping pollution sources along the shoreline of Great Bay and the tidal rivers in Dover, Durham, Newmarket, Lee and Madbury. For this project, SRPC will be using our Geographic Information System (GIS), which permits the storage and manipulation of geographic, environmental, and physical data and the production of final quality color maps. The Commission now has a complete soils overlay on the GIS, which has enabled the production of wetlands mapping at the regional and municipal level. The GIS is also an important tool in identifying suitable development areas, as in SRPC's study for Barrington that led to the creation of a 1000-acre industrial park on Route 125. In early 1992, SRPC will be receiving digital USGS base information, which will be used in future GIS maps. In June 1991, SRPC became the first region in New Hampshire to complete a generalized existing land use overlay for the region using the GIS. Each of these projects is regional in nature and allows for the production of municipal-level mapping sufficient for master planning.

Transportation is another important issue that represents a significant amount of the Commission's work. As the lead planning agency for the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), we are charged by the federal government with the coordination of transportation planning in the urbanized area. Last August, the Commission completed an extensive update of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a list of highway and transit projects programmed from 1992 through 1996. The MPO Transportation Plan was also updated to bring it into conformance with the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We encourage local officials and citizens to contact your representatives to SRPC to discuss our work program and share your ideas on the future development of the region.

Paul B. Smith, Executive Director

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

As provided in State statutes, the ZBA has authority to act on three separate and distinct areas in dealing with Durham's Zoning Ordinance:

- **Variations.** The ZBA may "authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variations from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, if, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the Ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done."
- **Special Exceptions.** "the ZBA may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make special exceptions to the terms of the Ordinance. All special exceptions shall be made in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Ordinance and shall be in accordance with the general or specific rules for special exceptions contained in the Ordinances."
- **Appeal from Administrative Decision.** The ZBA "shall have the power to hear and decide appeals if it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance."

ZBA activity was very limited this year, reflecting the decrease in building and development resulting from the current economic recession:

Variations 3 Special Exceptions 3 Appeals from Administrative Decisions 1

Malcolm Neuhoff, Chairman



Linda Ekdahl, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hired 6/66.

Barbara Gehres, Assistant to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hired 8/91.

Helen Mitchell, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hired 6/84.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN CLERK	Auto Registrations	\$363,721.00
	Title Applications	2,044.00
FISCAL YEAR	Marriage Licenses	2,080.00
ENDED DEC. 31,	Vital Statistics Copies	368.00
1991	U.C.C. Recordings	1,255.00
	U.C.C. Terminations	360.00
	Dog Licenses	2,334.50
	Miscellaneous	151.25
	TOTAL	\$372,313.75
	Autos Registered	5,319
	Dogs Licensed	441

TAX COLLECTOR	DEBITS	Levies of		
		1991	1990	1989
FISCAL YEAR	Uncollected Taxes,			
ENDED DEC. 31,	as of January 1, 1991:			
1991	Property Taxes	\$0	\$1,877,933.44	\$15,868.80
	Resident Taxes	0	8,880.00	180.00
	Land Use Change Taxes	0	6,930.00	0
	Yield Taxes	0	2,198.00	0
	Taxes Committed			
	to Collector:			
	Property Taxes	8,743,214.65	0	0
	Resident Taxes	34,340.00	0	0
	Land Use Change	62,600.00	0	0
	Yield Taxes	1,249.87	0	0
	Added Taxes:			
	Property Taxes	0	80,202.99	0
	Resident Taxes	3,470.00	110.00	0
	Overpayments:			
	Property Taxes	4,759.21	774.90	0
	Resident Taxes	240.00	80.00	0
	Interest Collected			
	on Delinquent Taxes	2,218.51	99,333.18	870.19
	Penalties Collected			
	on Delinquent Taxes	85.00	315.00	10.00
	TOTAL DEBITS	\$8,852,447.24	\$2,076,757.51	\$16,928.99

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TAX COLLECTOR, CONT'D.

CREDITS	Levies of		
	1991	1990	1989
Remittances to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$7,129,771.32	\$1,616,112.75	\$4,680.96
Resident Taxes	30,780.00	3,160.00	100.00
Land Use Change Taxes	44,792.00	6,930.00	0
Yield Taxes	1,249.87	1,407.52	0
Interest Collected			
on Delinquent Taxes	2,218.51	99,333.18	870.19
Penalties Collected			
on Delinquent Taxes	85.00	315.00	10.00
Abatements Made During Year			
Property Taxes	43.74	342,792.21	0
Resident Taxes	1,870.00	5,430.00	80.00
Uncollected Taxes, as of December 31, 1991			
Property Taxes	1,618,158.80	6.37	11,187.84
Resident Taxes	5,670.00	480.00	0
Land Use Change Taxes	17,808.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	0	790.48	0
TOTAL CREDITS	\$8,852,447.24	\$2,076,757.51	\$16,928.99

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE/LIEN ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR
ENDED DEC. 31,
1991

DEBITS	Tax Sales/Liens on Account of Levies of:		
	1990	1989	1988
Balance of Unredeemed Liens			
as of January 1, 1991	\$ 0	\$544,568.69	\$144,686.42
Tax Liens Acquired by Town			
During Fiscal Year	556,776.49	0	0
Adjustment to Tax Lien	6.37	0	0
Interest & Costs After Sale/Lien	2,192.81	52,210.95	49,611.28
Overpayments During Year	0	578.80	0
TOTAL DEBITS	\$558,975.67	\$597,358.44	\$194,297.70

CREDITS	Tax Sales/Liens on Account of Levies of:		
	1990	1989	1988
Remittances to Treasurer During Year			
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$60,140.50	\$327,477.59	\$138,315.92
Interests & Costs After Sale/Lien	2,192.81	52,210.95	49,611.28
Abatements Made During Year	0	0	0
Deeded to Town During Year	1,792.31	1,519.74	1,330.95
Unredeemed Liens, as of 12/31/91	494,850.05	216,150.16	5,039.55
TOTAL CREDITS	\$558,975.67	\$597,358.44	\$194,297.70

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

By way of introduction, we wish to pay tribute to the late Philip A. Wilcox, who passed away May 8, 1991. His countless contributions to the community will long outlive our small efforts. Durham is a better place to live today because Phil Wilcox lived here. The Cemetery Committee consists of three members appointed from the Council, plus the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The Chairman of the Trustees is the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The number of burials was 17 (10 full body, 7 ashes). The number of standard lots sold was 6 (27 possible full body burial sites), and 2 cremains lots for ashes only (8 possible burial sites). The number of total possible burial sites purchased was 35. At the present rate of demand, the cemetery will be completely filled in the relatively near future. Therefore, the Cemetery Committee, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, has made plans for developing the next section of the Route 4 Cemetery toward the street. Drive-way construction and drainage, grading and overall landscaping is planned for this summer. Water will be extended to all major portions of the cemetery.

Mike Lynch and his trusty public works crew again maintained the main Town cemeteries (Route 4 and Schoolhouse Lane) in the usual top-notch condition.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

All known outlying graveyards were visited and serviced as much as funds would permit. Several "Hurricane Bob" trees were removed and some special stone wall repair work done on the Hayes tomb on Packers Falls Road. Much remains to be done, however. A special appropriation for the summer of 1992 will enable us to hire a full-time person to work only on graveyards. Hopefully, normal funding only will be adequate for the next several years.

Money for graveyard maintenance is derived annually from interest from trust funds for individually specified graveyards, and from limited Town funds budgeted for abandoned or underfunded graveyards. New trust funds created this year include the Wagon Hill Farm Trust, the Philip A. Wilcox Memorial Fund and the Leathers Burial Ground Trust. We are particularly pleased with the Wilcox Trust; income from this fund can be applied to any underfunded yard, abandoned or not. We would encourage anyone so inclined to add to this fund in particular, as any income for trusts of this type tends to reduce our demand on Town budget funds.

A major contribution of permanent record photographs of all outlying graveyards was completed this year by the Civics Committee of the Woman's Club, consisting of Amanda Hoitt, Millicent Prince, Jananne McNitt, Kathleen Blood and others. Two or more pictures were taken of every known graveyard, and copies filed with the Trustees of the Trust Funds, the Durham Historic Association Museum and the Woman's Club archives. Thank you again, women, for your many trips through the brush and briars.

Needed repairs to the Doe Farm access road were accomplished this year to facilitate emergency vehicles if needed. The swarm of bees in the roof of the Smith Chapel was removed. There were six weddings in Smith Chapel this year; the charge is \$50.00. Anyone seeking a unique locale for a small wedding is encouraged to inquire at the Town Office.

Our investment portfolio has changed this year in response to recommendations by First N.H. Investment Services. All changes have been reported to the State.

Herbert W. Jackson, Chairman

PUBLIC SAFETY

BUILDING INSPECTOR

This is my third Town Report as Durham's Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. The position is still set at 20 hours per week; occasionally, however, the work demanded that extra hours be spent.

The new Building Ordinance with a new fee schedule was adopted April 15, 1991. This has been a big help both in enforcement and increased fees to help fund the position. Also, mandatory septic test pit inspection and review of septic plans before state approval were part of the new Ordinance and have been very valuable tools. The footing certification requirement has already proven to be valuable as well.

Despite the slump in housing construction statewide, Durham has continued to do better than most other communities in the state, with less than a 15% drop based on three less new housing permits than last year. However, the value of our new home permits this year is about the same as last year's; the total of all permits is 7% less than last year. The total of all permits has dropped mainly because of less commercial activity in 1991.

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS PROCESSED

	1990	1991
Total permits processed	149	138
Permits denied	7	3
Permits withdrawn	0	0
Permits on hold	0	0
Total permits approved	142	135
Total permits (in dollars)	\$5,347,504	\$4,474,557

BREAKDOWN OF PERMITS

	1990	1991
Single family homes	22	19
Multi-family homes	0	0
Additions (garages, family rooms, barns, sheds)	71	70
Commercial (new and renovation)	10	7
Demolition	2	1
Signs	10	8
Other (electrical, plumbing, septic)	27	30
Total	142	135

Septic test pits and septic plan review	15
Value of permits given	\$4,474,557.00
Total fees received including test pit fees	\$17,033.86

PUBLIC SAFETY

BUILDING INSPECTOR, CONT'D.

GOALS FOR 1992:

- Increase the budget for additional hours to meet the need for more inspections, more complete review of intended projects, and for continuing education to keep abreast of new codes and building techniques.
- Work towards building inspector certification, which requires funding for time involved and for the tests that are given for certification.
- Implement electrical and plumbing rules and fee schedule for same, which was not done at the time the new building ordinance was passed.
- Work cooperatively with owners and contractors to ensure all construction within the Town of Durham meets the spirit and intent of the adopted codes and to advise them of various code changes.
- Continue to respond to complaints of citizens, investigating, and if necessary, enforcing the various codes.

Irving "Bud" Steffen, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Durham/UNH Communications Center, located in the Service Building on College Road at the University of New Hampshire, handles emergency and some non-emergency communications for several area communities, including the Town of Durham. The Dispatch Center normally handles police, fire, ambulance and public works communications, along with emergency calls for the buses in the Oyster River School District. In addition, the Center handles communications for approximately 23 other agencies in the area.

The Center's staff includes six full-time Dispatchers, a supervisor, and four part-time substitute Dispatchers, and is administered by the UNH Police Department. In 1991, we handled close to 27,000 incidents, and many more non-emergency calls.

The summer of 1991 saw the establishment of the new *basic* 9-1-1 emergency phone lines in the Town of Durham. The basic 9-1-1 system is the first step toward the proposed statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 system, which is under development. *When on campus*, UNH personnel and students should dial *-9-1-1. Durham residents with an 868 phone exchange should use the 9-1-1 number for emergencies *only*. Those Durham residents who have an exchange other than 868 should continue to use the 868-1212 number for their emergencies. 9-1-1 should *not be used* for non-emergency calls for general information, animal complaints, school closing information, and the like.

If you have any questions concerning the Communication Center's operations or for more information on private alarm installations, please do not hesitate to contact me at 862-1392.

Edwin H. Sternfelt, Communications Coordinator

PUBLIC SAFETY

DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS



TOP ROW: Jeff Chambers, Marc Everngam, Jon Tanguay, Karl Gerhard, Charlie Rawlings, Eric Hagman, Scott Ellis, Mikael Bedell. 2ND ROW (from top): Christine F. Wetherby, Liz Hagman, Jen Gingras, Karen Verny, Brenda Sweeney, Pixie Cummings. 3RD ROW: Bill Donahay, Kim Peckham, Claire Curtis, Mike Carleton, Chris May, Bill Woodbury. FRONT ROW: Dave Syrek, Terri Bobseine, Shannon Gifford, Kim Merrill, Lorie Brooks.

Missing from photo: President Patrick Ahearn, Susan Ahearn, Derek Ahl, Lorie Chase, Bill Conk, Mary Ellen Cunningham, Mary Davis, Bill Eldridge, Mike Gass, Lori Gilman, Pete Henny, Jeannette Kubera, Corey Landry, Richard Menzel, Jennifer Pertey, Laurie Roberts, Jean Robertson, Wayne Smith, Cathy Thompson, Gwen Weisgarber, Samantha Wibel, Erinn Wright.

The Durham Ambulance Corps is a private, non-profit volunteer organization that has served the *emergency* medical transportation needs of the Durham-Lee-Madbury area for 23 years. Staffed with volunteers and one full-time executive assistant, the Corps has greatly improved its level of care from the minimal services of Advanced First Aid in 1968 to various levels of Advanced Life Support currently provided. The Durham Ambulance Corps takes pride in providing some of the most sophisticated and progressive emergency care in the area.

In March of 1991 we began our Fund Drive. The citizens of the area communities responded generously, putting us over our \$10,000 goal. These funds will help pay for the new ambulance. We thank all those who donated.

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We expect to take delivery of a 1992 Type III Modular ambulance in early 1992. This vehicle was purchased with the appropriations from Durham, UNH, Lee and Madbury, as well as donations, memorial gifts and the Fund Drive.

We recently completed a detailed analysis of our response times, from time of dispatch to time responding to the scene, and have seen steady improvement. This can be attributed to the increased number of active members, portable radios being issued to members in outlying areas and the presence of the Executive Assistant during the daytime hours. We are working to improve these times further by purchasing more portable radios, exploring affordable local housing options for members and recruiting local residents for membership. We would appreciate consideration from local landlords and employers for housing and jobs for our volunteers.

There is some confusion regarding which agencies respond to calls for medical assistance. In Durham, the Durham Fire Department and Police Department respond to most calls. In Lee, the Lee Police Department responds to all medical aid calls, and in Madbury, the Madbury FAST Squad and/or Fire Department responds. Frequently one or more DAC members also responds directly to the scene in outlying areas. These agencies provide patient care and stabilization before the ambulance arrives.

The Corps is continuing to offer CPR training for police officers, firefighters, day care providers and other interested groups or individuals. During 1991, over 150 people received CPR training through the Corps. If you or your group is interested, a station tour or injury prevention information, please call our office at 862-3674.

GOALS FOR 1992

- the development of long-term Corps goals and objectives, which will better focus our time and efforts;
- continued improvement in the level of emergency medical care provided (the Corps sponsors members attending Critical Trauma Care, Pediatric Emergency Care, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Defibrillation courses);
- the offering of federally mandated hazardous material awareness training to all members (an 8-hour course taught by volunteer instructors);
- continued exploration of options for station expansion, renovation or relocation (we are extremely overcrowded in our present quarters, lacking storage, office and quiet study/sleep areas);
- implementation of a Capital Improvement/Replacement budget, which would allocate and escrow money annually for the replacement of ambulances and durable medical equipment;
- close work with our medical resource hospital to provide quality assurance by reviewing cases and reports to ensure that medical procedures are carried out and documented according to protocol; and
- review and revision of all Corps Standard Operating Procedures, By-Laws and policies.

The Durham Ambulance Corps appreciates all the support we received from the community in 1991. We will continue to serve you with dedicated and compassionate emergency medical care. We welcome the involvement of community residents in our activities. Please call the station at 862-3674 for more information.

Many thanks to the Durham, Lee and Madbury Fire Departments, the Madbury FAST Squad, Durham-UNH Communications Center and the Durham, UNH, Lee, Madbury and State Police Departments. We also want to publicly thank all our members who have unselfishly contributed their time and resources to the Durham Ambulance Corps.

Patrick D. Ahearn, President

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT



FRONT ROW: Captain Thomas Richardson (hired 4/75), Assistant Chief Ronald O'Keefe (10/89), Chief Robert Wood (12/73), Deputy Chief Michael Hoffman (11/86), Captain Richard Miller (8/87), and Captain Hubert Matheny (9/79). 2ND ROW: Firefighter (FF) Gregory Dardia (6/89), FF Richard Wood (8/87), FF J. "Michael" Joyal (11/89), Administrative Assistant Sheryl Hoisington (5/87), FF Brian Murray (3/91), FF Karl Gerhard (7/90), and FF Paul Hatch (12/89). BACK ROW: FF Michael Duclos (1/89), FF William Davis (1/85), FF James Lapolla (6/88), FF Paul Marcoux (5/89), FF Jeffrey Furlong (8/87), and FF Peter Henny (1/89). Absent from photo is Captain John Rines (4/73).

The Durham Fire Department provides services to both the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire. In accordance with the 1989 Memorandum of Agreement, the Fire Department budget is supported equally on a cost sharing basis by the Town and UNH.

In addition to the provision of fire protection services including extensive fire safety inspections and public fire safety education programs, the Department has significantly expanded its capabilities in Hazardous Materials incident management and Emergency Medical Services.

1991 HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS). This program provides a standardized system for the efficient management of emergency incidents, particularly larger scale incidents involving mutual aid with other communities.
- Adoption of False Alarm and Sprinkler ordinances.
- Establishment of a standard malicious false alarm fine and restitution fee through the Durham District Court.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT, CONT'D.

- Formation of an alliance with area fire departments to place fire safety signs on COAST buses.
- Continuation of street numbering for all properties in Town and development of UNH building numbering system.
- Installation of 911 emergency telephone service for residents utilizing the “868” exchange.
- Creation of a hydrant flow and maintenance data base in cooperation with the Water Department.
- Completion of Hazardous Materials First Responder — operational level training for all Fire Department personnel in accordance with N.F.P.A. standard.
- Continuation of in-house modular Emergency Medical Technician annual recertification program for all personnel.
- Selected firefighters certification in Advanced Life Support skills including Esophageal Obturator Airway and Cardiac defibrillation.
- Durham Professional Firefighters Association coordination and sponsorship of N.H. Technical College satellite course entitled “Fire Investigation” at Durham Fire Department.
- Citation authority from N.H. Department of Safety for Fire Code violations.
- Completion of major refurbishing of Ladder 1 (1980 Seagrave Aerial Ladder) including all manufacturer safety upgrades to hydraulic and mechanical systems.
- Establishment of Acting Captain roster through examination and officer development program for eligible senior firefighters.

GOALS FOR 1992

- Training and certification of selected firefighters in Emergency Medical Technician—Intermediate (intravenous fluid and medication administration) as a continuation of our Advanced Life Support program.
- Return the N.F.P.A. “Learn Not to Burn” curriculum into grades 3 and 6 in the Oyster River School District.
- Prepare for Insurance Services Office grading of the community.
- Determine desired level of service delivery and staffing of the department through workshop(s) with the Town Council.

I would like to thank all Department members for their dedication and professionalism throughout the past year. Additionally, the excellent cooperation of all Town and University agencies in assisting us in our emergency service delivery is sincerely appreciated.

Robert P. Wood, Chief of Fire Department

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SUMMARY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

	UNH Incidents	Town Incidents
Structure fires	12	18
Other fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	16	25
Emergency medical	143	177
Extrications	39	14
Spills/leaks (no ignition)	13	11
Service calls	167	102
Smoke investigations	27	19
Malicious false alarms	28	18
Unintentional false alarms	72	58
Good intent	28	17
System malfunction	34	22
False calls not classified	87	56
Miscellaneous (assist police, chemical emergencies, arcing electrical equipment)	48	88
	714	625
Mutual aid provided to other communities		37
Combined Total Incidents		1,376

Inspections

In-service	188
In-service reinspections	84
Home	2
Chimney/fireplace/woodstove	6
Daycare	6

Reports of fire hazard

15

Permits issued

Blasting	21
Building	33
Burning	184
Fireworks Display	5
Install/operate fire alarm system	10
Install L.P.G. tank	1
Install oil burner	19
Install fire sprinkler system	8
Open flame in place of assembly	8
Operate gas burner	2
Operate oil burner	(2 denied) 24
Operate place of assembly	26
Purchase/use unvented kerosene space heater	3
Remove underground fuel storage tank	2

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Fire safety education

Fire drills	70
Fire extinguisher classes (attended by approximately 305 people)	25
Other programs (public school programs, dormitory and Greek system programs, station tours, etc. — attended by approximately 600 people)	40

Miscellaneous

Juvenile firesetter screenings	2
Malicious false alarm court appearances	4
Major fire investigations	3
Special event coverage	46 events

FOREST FIRE WARDEN/STATE FIRE RANGER

1991 was a very dry and busy year for the New Hampshire Forest Fire Services as well as local fire departments, due to the increase in the number of fires. Our three major causes of fires in 1991 were non-permit, children and smoking materials. 450 wildland fires in New Hampshire burned approximately 150 acres for an average fire size of one-third acre. Primarily, the local fire department is responsible for extinguishing these fires. Keeping the average fire size this small is a tribute to early detection by citizens, our fire tower lookout system and the quick response of our trained local fire departments.

In every municipality, there is a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who are responsible for directing suppression action on wildland fires, and working with other fire department members under the direction of the N.H. Forest Fire Service to make sure that all fire department members are properly trained and equipped. Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens receive specialized training each year, presented by the N.H. Forest Fire Service, to keep their skill level and knowledge of forest fire laws up to date.

The local Warden and selected Deputy Wardens are also responsible for issuing burning permits for any open burning that is to be done in their community. In New Hampshire, any open burning, except when the ground is completely covered with snow, requires a written fire permit prior to lighting the fire. Before doing any open burning, it is recommended that you contact your local fire department to see if a permit is required and to save your local community the cost of sending fire equipment on a false alarm. Any person violating the permit law (RSA 224:27) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please help your local Warden and fire department by requesting a fire permit before kindling a fire, be understanding if they tell you it is not a safe day to burn and help keep New Hampshire green! Thank you for being fire safe.

1991 District Fires Reported: Number of fires: 64 Acres burned: 21.4 Cost/Acre: \$459

Robert Nelson, Forest Protection Chief
Lee Gardner, Forest Ranger
Robert Wood, Forest Fire Warden

PUBLIC SAFETY



POLICE DEPARTMENT

BACK ROW: Officer James Haines, hired 10/89. Chief Paul Gowen, hired 8/75. Captain Michael Golding, hired 11/77. Captain Joseph McGann, hired 7/78. Officer Steve Dyer, hired 7/89.

MIDDLE : Marjorie Rawson, Police Secretary, hired 5/72.

FRONT: Kelley Fowler, Police Secretary, hired 5/88.

1991 has been a busy year for the Police Department. As a result of our efforts, request for services has declined by 13%.

Department Statistics

Services rendered	9,168
(aid to citizens and other agencies; development, business and residence checks; and money escorts)	
Incidents reported	677
Crimes investigated	645
Arrests	318
Summons issued	2,997
Accidents investigated	206
(Fatal: 0; Injured: 55; Property Damage: 151)	

1991 Highlights

- Our ongoing program of conducting security checks of homes during owner absences continues to contribute toward a low burglary incident rate.
- The Department received a three-year fatal free pedestrian safety achievement award from the American Automobile Association (AAA).
- In seeking new areas of community involvement, we have arranged to participate in the Intra-Fraternity Council (IFC) monthly meetings, thus opening up lines of communication with these campus groups.
- Officers coached area youth in both tee-ball and Babe Ruth leagues. Additionally, officers, public works employees and family members played softball with the Delta Chi Fraternity.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONT'D.

- I would be remiss if I did not recognize Delta Chi Fraternity for its fine community service in providing school crossing coverage for our elementary school children. Delta Chi has been reliable and dedicated to this effort — thank you.
- We are proud of our Police Cadet Explorer Post as well (see photo on page 26). Its members, who now total fifteen, have assisted with our July 4th celebration and as a result of a fund-raising effort, in conjunction with the IFC, they have replaced decorations for the Town Christmas tree and helped coordinate numerous community volunteers in an enjoyable tree lighting ceremony.
- The Police Department remains committed to its ongoing participation in established programs such as CHAIN, SADD and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.
- In furtherance of a Town/University goal, the department has become a member of the Law Enforcement Television Network (LETN). LETN is a national satellite television network which provides training and information to our Department from America's recognized experts in law enforcement. This effort is being expanded to include joint training with the University Police.

Goals for 1992

The primary goal for the Police Department during 1992 is to aid the governing bodies of both the Town and University with the implementation of those recommendations adopted by the Durham Town Council, which are contained in the joint Town/Gown Committee of Policing and Dispatching Report, dated March 11, 1991.

In closing, I solicit your input in the spirit of improving police services to you, our citizens.

Paul W. Gowen, Chief of Police



BACK ROW: Officer Edward Levesque, Jr., hired 8/89. Officer Todd Biery, hired 10/89. Officer Sean Kelly, hired 10/89. Officer David Holmstock, hired 10/89.

FRONT ROW: Sergeant Rene Kelley, hired 7/89. Sergeant Andrew Buinicky, hired 8/88. Sergeant Joseph Morganella, hired 4/87. Sergeant Paul McGann, hired 8/75.

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION



PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION STAFF

BACK ROW: Brian Beers, Superintendent of Highways, hired 3/70; Mark Deland, Lab Technician, Wastewater Treatment Plant, hired 5/88; Raymond Osborne, Maintenance Worker (MW) III, Wastewater Treatment Plant, hired 10/70; Raymond Laroche, Jr., MWIII, Buildings & Grounds, hired 4/89; Duane Walker, Superintendent of Wastewater, hired 7/72.

THIRD ROW (from front): Terry Edison, Mechanic, Highway Department, hired 4/89; Phillips Brooks, Mechanic, Highway Department, hired 12/79; Michael Howcroft, MWIII, Water Department, hired 9/89; Ronald "Mike" Douglas, MWIII, Highway Department, hired 6/89; Daniel "Max" Driscoll, MW III, Wastewater Treatment Plant, hired 12/88; Lloyd Gifford, MWIII, Solid Waste Department, hired 5/89; Arthur Nutter, MWII, Solid Waste Department, hired 5/89.

SECOND ROW: Gail Jablonski, Office Manager, hired 10/87; Charlton "Chuck" Dill, Highway Foreman, hired 10/86; James Currie, MWII, Solid Waste Department, hired 10/89; Paul Halpin, MWIII, Highway Department, hired 4/88; Christopher Pickle, MWIII, Solid Waste Department, hired 5/89.

FRONT ROW: Joseph "Skip" Grady, Public Works Director, hired 8/88; John "Woody" Wood, Sr., MWIII, Highway Department, hired 4/70; Raymond Laroche, Sr., Temporary Laborer, Solid Waste Department, hired 5/90; Michael Lynch, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, hired 5/78; Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water & Solid Waste, hired 6/75; David Williams, MW III, Wastewater Treatment Plant, hired 4/77.

Absent from photo: Francis "Frank" Rawson, MWII, Wastewater Treatment Plant, hired 8/85.

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Heading into my fourth year as Public Works Director for Durham, I feel we are beginning to see “things coming together.” Our “back to basics” program of preventive maintenance is beginning to pay off in most areas and we are experiencing an observable reduction of problems with our infrastructure and equipment.

- Many long-standing highway drainage problems have been fixed, which will serve to reduce our long-term highway maintenance costs.
- The Department’s vehicle preventive maintenance program is reducing the frequency of untimely failures and major repairs, and extending the equipment’s life.
- Many structural, safety, preventive maintenance and working condition related repairs to the Public Works garage and storage facility were completed.
- The 40+ year old furnace in the courthouse was replaced.
- 1992 replacement of the badly deteriorated old Route 4, near UNH tennis courts, was approved (UNH 65%, Town 35% cost sharing).
- Voter approval was given for odor control measures, correction of unsafe working conditions, cost-reducing operational measures and cost-effective and reliable sludge dewatering equipment for the wastewater treatment plant. Construction is envisioned to begin in early summer 1992.
- A 12-inch replacement water line was approved for the badly deteriorated 6-inch main along old Route 4 and construction is expected to begin in spring 1992.
- Expedient solutions for the low water pressure in the upper Madbury Road area have been approved conceptually and funding will be sought in early spring 1992.
- It is worthy to note that the Wastewater Department’s modern jet rodder truck (new in 1989) has been employed most effectively for sewer plugs and line maintenance, highway culvert and catch basin cleaning and even minor earth boring, likely saving the Town many thousands of dollars in damage.
- As of early 1992 the five first-line plow trucks will have a slide-in hopper and sand/salt spreaders, completing a three-year purchasing effort to procure more reliable, cost-effective snow and ice control sand/salt spreading.
- The solid waste program, including recycling, has been and continues to be refined, and is one of the model programs going.

The year 1992 will be the third year in a row that the Public Works budget has closely “held the line.” At some point, level funding will result in some reduction in level of service. With the exception of having a small 1992 road resurfacing program, the Highway Department plans no significant lowering of service level. Innovation, efficiency and down right Yankee frugality will see us through.

In 1990 we reported that funding is, and would be, difficult and we see no real change for a couple of years to come. It is, therefore, all the more important to plan major projects ahead of time by developing a realistic, affordable and flexible six-year capital improvements program. Development of this program will occur this coming year and needs community input. Our infrastructure (bridges, highways, water and wastewater systems, buildings, sanitation facilities, etc.) is vital to everyone. Planned and affordably programmed repairs/improvements go a long way to prevent untimely and costly breaks in service.

In closing, I would like to:

- thank the citizens of this community for their patience, suggestions and opinions, all of which helps to guide us to meet everyone’s needs as best possible;

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

- thank the Town Council for their legislative and financial support in making the tough decisions which allow us to provide you the services we do;
- applaud all of our dedicated and professional Public Works staff who strive tirelessly in accomplishing their missions; and
- recognize all the other groups who have contributed to our success which include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - various Town advisory groups;
 - other Town departments;
 - the University of New Hampshire;
 - NH Department of Transportation;
 - NH Department of Environmental Services;
 - our neighboring communities;
 - Lamprey Regional Cooperative;
 - Federal Highway Administration;
 - Environmental Protection Agency;
 - Strafford Regional Planning Commission; and
 - NH Resource Recovery Association.

Special recognition goes to Mr. George Rief, Durham resident and Jim Malley, UNH Civil Engineering Department, for their significant and vital past and ongoing input on the proposed wastewater improvements project. We view our efforts as team efforts and the team is *all* of us. Keep up the good work!

Joseph "Skip" Grady, Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The 1990/91 winter season was a fairly busy one. There were 25 incidents with total snow accumulation of approximately 40 inches. Again this year, several storms either started or ended with rain or sleet, causing icing conditions.

When not fighting the winter elements, the Department was kept busy replenishing the sand pile and the ongoing town-wide roadside vegetation program. Also, many hours were spent at the Solid Waste Management Facility in the separation of plastics and newspaper while they were getting set up for baling.

1991 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Many hours were spent cutting ditches and shoulder patching in preparation for the road resurfacing program.
- Roadway resurfacing was done on Back River Road, Davis Avenue and Magrath Road. These roads were shimmed and overlaid with 3/4" hottop.
- Packers Falls, Mill, Wednesday Hill, Wiswall, Emerson, Durham Point, and Bay Roads were spot shimmed then treated with a coat of emulsified asphalt. The roads were then covered with a coat of 3/8" stone for a wearing surface.
- The roads in the C.I. White subdivision that are hottopped were all crack-filled this year.
- Highway buildings saw many repairs: a new roof on the open truck shed, a new furnace in the main maintenance garage and an overall cleanup and repainting inside and out. We also removed an old 250-gallon heating oil tank that was buried at the end of the building.
- The Highway Department received another hopper spreader at the end of the 1990/91 winter season. This will be put into operation this snow season. The Department also received the Pow-eray Infrared Hottop Reclaimer in the spring. This unit gives the Department the ability to reuse old hottop that has been saved from road cuts around Town. This unit will also let the Department make permanent patches year-round instead of having to buy cold patch.
- Town-wide drainage problems were addressed again this year. Rotted and deficient sized culverts were replaced.

GOALS FOR 1992

- Continuation of the back-to-basics maintenance program started in 1988 to include roadside vegetation and drainage and the upkeep of all the unpaved roads in town;
- Repairs to existing guide railings, traffic signage and street lighting systems; and
- Roadway resurfacing and crack-filling.

Brian S. Beers, Superintendent of Highways

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

PARKS & RECREATION

1991 was a productive and enjoyable year for all involved in the parks and recreation field. There were no large scale projects planned. Small maintenance and repair items were completed as follows:

- The outdoor skating rink at Jackson's Landing opened on December 19, 1990 and closed March 3, 1991. This was the longest season on record.
- Extensive field repairs were completed on all the fields at the Woodridge Recreation Area.
- New dugouts were installed on the two baseball fields at the Woodridge Recreation Area.
- 11,000 flowers were planted and maintained in the downtown area with donations graciously given by many Durham residents and the Trustees of the Trust Funds.
- The Department worked closely with the Wagon Hill Farm Committee by providing needed information and assistance.
- The Department rebuilt the wagon at Wagon Hill Farm with donations received from the Tirrell family and monies collected from the vandalism of the wagon by three UNH students.
- The Department also purchased on 44" Toro walk-behind mower to assist with park maintenance.

Michael Lynch, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

TREE WARDEN

1991 was the year Hurricane Bob paid us a visit. The storm kept us very busy with blow downs, complaints, concerns and a new respect for Mother Nature.

1991 HIGHLIGHTS

- 142 trees were removed; 15 were planted.
- A 3" caliper Norway Maple was donated to the Town by the NH Electric Cooperative.
- 5 stumps were ground down below finished grade; 17 stumps were removed.
- The Solid Waste Management Facility accepted large pieces of wood, which were run through a waste recycler. The finished product is a fine wood chip which will be used on various landscape projects throughout the Town.

The Town was honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation with its 13th consecutive Tree City U.S.A. Award. This award directly relates to the community support and involvement in all aspects of tree care.

Michael Lynch, Tree Warden

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

After completing our first full year of effluent toxicity testing, mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency, it has become evident that the plant effluent entering the Oyster River is predominantly non-toxic. This largely because the wastewater entering the facilities is nearly 100% domestic waste. The majority of toxins found in wastewater are introduced by industrial discharges.

1991 HIGHLIGHTS

- As might be expected, the maintenance of the processing equipment has become more intense with each passing year. Most of the equipment in the facility runs every day, and after eleven years, it has been necessary to overhaul some major pieces of equipment.
- A great deal of time and effort has been put into working with the engineering firm of Whitman & Howard of Wellesley, Massachusetts. This firm has been engaged by the Town to design the proposed upgrade of the treatment facilities. These are competent professionals who have come up with some very viable solutions to Durham's solids handling dilemma and odor problems.
- In early summer, all of the collection system on the north side of Main Street was cleaned as part of our regularly scheduled maintenance program.
- Two new sewer services, both of which were new homes, were tied into the collection system.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1991

	Permit	Dec. 91	Avg. 91 Total	Avg. 90 Total
Avg Flow MGD	n/a	1.04	.97	1.01
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	30 MG/L	8.2	12.8	12.50
Avg. % TSS Removal	min. 85%	94.3	93.2	93.60
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	30 MG/L	7.3	12.3	8.70
Avg. % BOD Removal		95.8	93.7	96.30
Instant Peak Flow		2.71	>5.0	<5.00
Total Flow 1991 (11 months) — 321.9 MG			354.3	
Septage Received (from independent haulers) — 324,200 gallons				

MGD Million Gallons per Day

TSS Total Suspended Solids

BOD Biochemical Oxygen Demand

MG/L Milligrams per Liter

Duane L. Walker, Superintendent of Wastewater

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department's major accomplishment in 1991 was to work in concert with the UNH Water Department and Administration to look at the overall water system as "one" system and accomplish various tasks in a combined effort.

- We increased the flow of water from the Lee Well into the water system. This helps us by having our equipment work on a regular basis rather than sitting and rusting, and it helps "the system" by requiring less water to be pushed through the water plant, thereby improving detention time, which will improve the quality of the water.
- The engineering and Request for Proposal for the extension of the water main along Old Concord Road was completed. This project should start in early 1992.
- At the operations level, we started to update some infrastructure mapping to locate and number all hydrants in Town and update our antiquated curb box tie map. This task will take some time to complete, but is ongoing whenever the schedule permits.
- Water main gate tops were painted to enable easier location in an emergency.
- The Water Department personnel attended various seminars on different aspects of the water field, to maintain access to current trends and changes in the industry.
- We continue to replace meters on a regular basis to include backflow devices and our updated type of meter.
- The end of 1991 saw a water audit taking place in Town.

1991 STATISTICS

Water Breaks	7
New Services	4
Sprinkler System Installations	3
Meters Replaced/Backflows Added	50

1992 GOALS

- Continue to update our infrastructure data and develop a preventive maintenance program;
- Continue meter and backflow replacement program;
- Take delivery on a new water service vehicle;
- Continue personnel training;
- Increase flow of water from the Lee Well into "the system."

Guy S. Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water & Solid Waste

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

RECYCLING DATA

<u>Material</u>	<u>*1991 Estimated Tonnage Recycled</u>
Glass	225 tons
Aluminum/Tin	51 tons
Plastic	30 tons
Newspaper	266 tons
Cardboard	<u>130 tons</u> 702 tons

* Includes material collected and on-site but not yet marketed.

- Recycling of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in 1991 avoided approximately \$40,000 in tipping fees.
- 100 tons of scrap metal brought into the facility were recycled.
- 1,500 car tires were recycled.
- 159 car/truck batteries were recycled.
- 1,500 gallons of waste oil were recycled.

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DATA

- In 1991, the Town produced approximately 2,600 tons of refuse that was taken to the Lamprey Co-op Incinerator. 1,260 tons were collected by curbside/Town pickup; 1,340 tons were picked up by other haulers.
- 550 permanent dump permits were issued in 1991.
- 400 tons of bulky waste were delivered to and removed from the Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF).

1991 HIGHLIGHTS

- Constructed, in-house, a clean room at the SWMF for breaks, lunch and administrative functions;
- Received Request for Proposals for the Landfill Closure Study and started the process;
- Expanded our recycling program to include more plastics and a greater volume of cardboard;
- Designed and constructed, in-house, a gravity fed plastic sorting bin to improve the efficiency and safety of our handling of plastics at the SWMF;
- Purchased a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader and modified the front bucket to increase its capacity, thereby improving our efficiency when baling recyclables;
- Held a Hazardous Waste Collection Day during which approximately 100 cars deposited approximately 1,300 gallons of material with the private firm contracted to removed this waste;
- Due to Hurricane Bob we accepted large logs and stumps for a three-month period after the storm, then had this material chipped on site to produce wood chips (approximately 500 yds of logs and stumps);
- Lease/purchased four 30-cubic-yard rolloffs for our recycling and bulky waste removal program.

1992 GOALS

- Continue to change and improve our recycling program to maintain optimum efficiency;
- Purchase a new low-entry recycling vehicle;
- Purchase a used one-man side load packer;

PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

- Continue work on the landfill closure plan;
- Change refuse and recycling pickup routes to three days versus four days; and
- Increase commercial participation in our recycling program.

Guy S. Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water & Solid Waste

LAMPREY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE COOPERATIVE

1991 was a very productive year for the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste District. The Future Planning Committee supplied the Board of Directors with much needed information about the costs related to the future closing of our ash landfill and its potential financial impact on the member communities. With the help of the Future Planning Committee, we have been investigating future alternatives for the Cooperative that would be financially feasible and environmentally responsible. During 1992 we will be looking into these alternatives and will have a report and a recommendation to present to the member communities in the spring of 1993 for their respective Town Meetings.

The Cooperative will be going forward in 1992 with the second phase construction of our ash landfill to give the Cooperative needed space for ash until the termination of our lease with the University of New Hampshire in 1995.

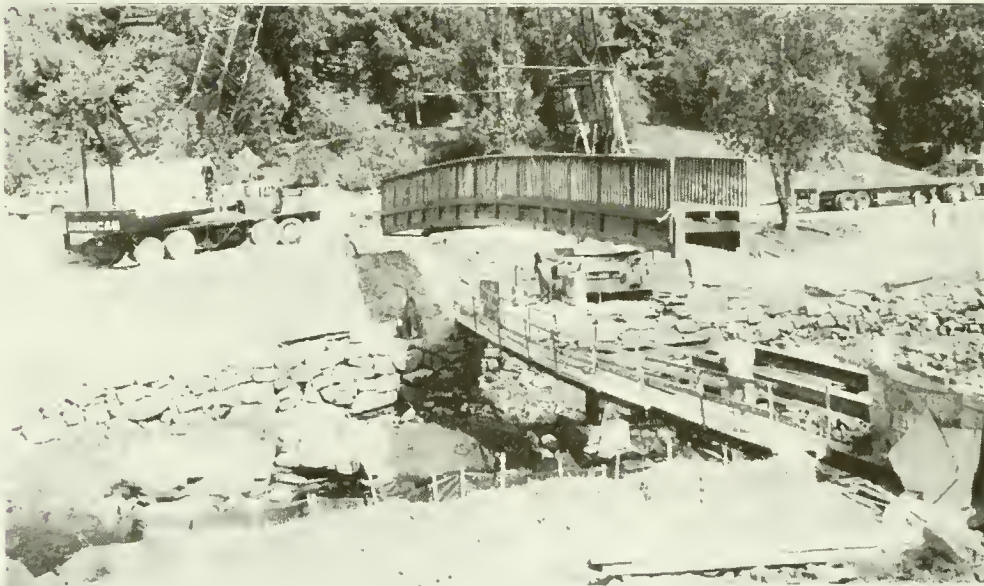
Joseph Moriarty, Chairman



A rare sight during construction — just one car crossing the bridge during business hours!



The Oyster River Bridge under construction



It required a 100-ton crane to lower the new foot bridge in place in September.



It looks like siesta time at the Town Landing.

HEALTH & WELFARE

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

In 1991, the number of general assistance recipients rose considerably over 1990. However, most of these individuals only required assistance on a one-time basis and were not ongoing general assistance cases. Because of this increase in 1991, and due to the continued downward trend in the economy, the Welfare Fund for 1992 has been increased from the 1991 level.

Our standby is the One-A-Month Club (OAM) funding made available to the Town to aid those who do not fit within the Town welfare guidelines. Funds for the OAM are received anonymously from Durham citizens who are interested in providing donations. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may mail their contributions to Ms. Jean Lockwood at 49 Bucks Hill Road. She has been in charge of this fund for several years. We have been able to give unusual assistance to several persons in past years by using the OAM funds.

We remind Durham citizens who are in need of assistance in the area of shelter, food or medical care to contact the Business Manager's office.

Jim Fenn, Welfare Officer

HEALTH OFFICER

The activities of the Health Officer remained at a robust level this year, despite my having been away on professional leave much of the first half of the year. Health inspections required for state licensing of the Town's day care and foster care facilities were conducted, several food establishment problems were attended to and the usual number of nuisance complaints dealt with. In contrast to the situation last year, there were no reported complaints or inquiries concerning food intoxications or drinking water quality. Some of the normal inquiries and calls from concerned Town residents were handled this year by Mr. Bud Steffen (in addition to his usual accommodation of matters relating to septic system design, construction and function—more commonly, failure to function).

It is the opinion of the Health Officer that progress toward improved health of Durham residents is on the horizon as a consequence of the projected closing of the Lamprey Regional Waste Incinerator on the UNH campus and the resident-approved improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. The former will remove a major air pollution source from the center of Town; the latter will have positive effects on both air and river quality.

I note that my present term of appointment as Health Officer is due to expire in 1992.

Residents may obtain educational material concerning substance abuse, removal of radon, lead and asbestos, and other health matters of interest from me at the Town Office.

Richard Blakemore, Durham Community Health Officer

HEALTH & WELFARE

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

Lamprey Health Care provides primary medical care and other health related services to residents of the Town of Durham.

The Senior Transportation Program operated by Lamprey Health Care is one of the most important services provided to area residents. Durham's elderly and handicapped population have access to Lamprey Health Care buses twice a week. The buses provide necessary transportation for food shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy and recreational trips. Residents are picked up at their homes and are assisted with bundles and with shopping if necessary. The Senior Transportation Program is affiliated with COAST.

By year's end, approximately 950 rides were provided to Durham residents. The buses are handicapped accessible. Special appointments which cannot be incorporated into the specific routes serving Durham are arranged through the Transportation Coordinator and a group of volunteers. The Program almost operates as a "Friendly Callers" program in that the seniors who ride are in contact with the program, and if not, they are checked on to be sure that everything is all right. The Transportation Health Workers (Drivers) from the program also do necessary errands for their riders if they are unable to do them due to illness, etc. This program does a great deal toward keeping Durham's elderly independent and in their homes. It is a vital part of the health care for Durham's elderly residents.

The medical services provided by Lamprey Health Care include primary medical care, health promotion and education and social services. Durham residents were provided with over 1,600 visits during 1991. This is a moderate increase and is attributed to increased access capability at Lamprey Health Care.

Lamprey Health Care opened its new medical facility in Newmarket in 1989, increasing capacity and making servicing the residents of our local area, including Durham, a much easier process. The new building is 5,000 square feet and is staffed by two family physicians, a pediatrician, a Certified Physician's Assistant, an Adult Registered Nurse Practitioner and a support staff of Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses and Community Health Workers. A dietician and a mental health counselor round out the team.

Medical care provided includes prenatal care, adult medicine and geriatric medicine, as well as screenings and follow-up for various medical conditions. Health education is an important segment of care provided by Lamprey Health Care and includes a free medical and health education line which is accessible to Durham residents seven days per week, 24 hours per day. Tel-Med is a taped library of health information which contains over 200 taped messages on various health and medical topics. Tel-Med is part of the Info-Center which serves the area with social service and other information and referral.

Lamprey Health Care has a primary mission to provide for the total health needs of the residents of our service area. From prenatal to geriatric care and from primary health to transportation for seniors and information and referral, we take great pride in the services provided to the communities we serve.

The support of the communities served by Lamprey Health Care is critical to the continuation of our services. We appreciate the continued support of the Town of Durham.

Ann H. Peters, Executive Director

HEALTH & WELFARE

SQUAMSCOTT HOME HEALTH, INC.

Residents of Durham continue to receive a wide variety of home and community health services from the staff of Squamscott Home Health, Inc. The agency remains a voluntary, non-profit organization seeking town support.

Home Health Care includes a variety of services assisting people to attain and preserve their optimal level of health and quality of life. Nurses, aides, homemakers and therapists enable individuals to remain in their homes while receiving the support and education necessary to their well-being. The unique one-on-one care provided through home health fosters special relationships between patients, their families and the caregiver — relationships often missing in a non-home setting.

Community Health Services are provided through group or clinic settings to a number of people at a session. These include **Well-child Clinics** for infants and children up to six years of age, who receive physical exams, immunizations, growth and development assessments, and are screened for preventable diseases such as lead poisoning, anemia and tuberculosis. **Adult Screenings** include tests for hypertension, diabetes and cancer; assessment of nutritional status; testing for vision and hearing losses; and educational sessions regarding appropriate diet, nutrition, activity and medication regimes.

The following services were provided to Durham residents in the past twelve months:

	1991	1990
Home Visits for one-on-one, hands-on care:		
Nursing	297	180
Homemaker/Home Health Aide	1292	1915
Therapy (Physical, Occupational, Speech)	323	356
Free Adult Health Visits	54	51
Office Treatments (for nursing care)	7	12
Free Well-Child Clinic Visits 11 kept 17 appointments		
Adult & Elderly Clinic Visits 302 adults kept 583 appointments (25% more clinic appointments kept this year than last year)		

Though insurances, including Medicare, are no longer reimbursing home health agencies at a rate that covers cost, the difference between the rate of reimbursement and the cost is not billed to the patient regardless of the patient/family's ability to pay. State and federal funds cover approximately 49% of the cost of well-child services provided to low income families. These dollars continue to decline each year.

In September of 1991, medical social services were added to those already available through the agency. In 1992, we expect to have a Medicare certified hospice program made possible through the joint efforts of Strafford Hospice Care, Rochester VNA, Rural District Health Council and Squamscott Home Health.

Any Durham resident may get further information about availability of any and all services by calling 742-7921.

Nancy R. Boyle, Executive Director

HEALTH & WELFARE

STRAFFORD HOSPICE CARE

The objectives of Strafford Hospice Care are:

- to provide comprehensive, coordinated care in order to maintain the highest quality of life for the terminally ill and to assist their families in providing care in the home or in a homelike setting; and
- to provide respite services, bereavement counseling and as necessary, death-related information to the families of these terminally ill patients.

Over the past twelve months, Strafford Hospice Care has provided services to 313 residents of Strafford County and their families. Ten of these families were from Durham, and represent services to about thirty residents.

Jean H. Lawrence, Administrative Assistant

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Sexual Assault Support Services (formerly the Women's Resource Center) provides hotline, crisis intervention and support services to the victims/survivors of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse.

Sexual Assault Support Services is committed to providing education programs to help prevent sexual violence and guarantee appropriate response when it happens — with respect for the person, trauma and healing process.

Maxine Stein, Executive Director

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION AND INFORMATION NETWORK (CHAIN)

The concern for substance abuse among young people prompted 80 concerned citizens from Durham, Lee and Madbury to form the Community Health Action and Information Network (CHAIN) in May 1990. CHAIN focuses on building a young person's self-esteem by involving them in community/family activities, providing parents with information to assist them to confront problems of substance abuse, and provides a resource for impacted families to turn to.

Although funded largely by donations, CHAIN was awarded \$4,000 from the New Hampshire Governor's Office under the Drug Free School Grant.

Citizens from Durham, Lee and Madbury are encouraged to become members of CHAIN and may contact their respective Town representatives — Michael and Linda Latour of Madbury (749-9596), Arthur Bradbury of Lee (659-3535) and Shirley Thompson of Durham (868-5138).

Robert T. Mittelholzer, Chair

CULTURE & RECREATION

DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission has a legislative mandate to manage and protect the natural resources of the Town. The Commission acts as an advocate for conservation in Town affairs and is a source of information for Town residents.

1991 HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed 22 applications submitted to the State Wetlands Board by Durham property owners.
- Collaborated with Heidelberg Harris and the Durham Planning Board on the development of a "Wetlands Mitigation Plan" for the proposed construction on Technology Drive.
- Began a program for monitoring the status of 15 conservation easements granted to the Town over the past 20 years.
- At the request of the American Forestry Association, collected seeds from the "General Sullivan Sugar Maple" in the Sullivan Graveyard for planting in memorial groves around the world.
- Prepared a simple management plan for the Stolworthy Sanctuary with UNH wildlife students of Professor Pete Pekins.
- A DCC subcommittee headed by Theresa Walker prepared an informational flyer called "Outdoor Recreation," available in the Fall, 1991 *Durham Letter*, and from DCC.
- Received management plans for Beard's Pond and Mill Pond from UNH wildlife students in the Department of Natural Resources.

GOALS FOR 1992

- A systematic delineation of "Prime Wetlands" in Durham.
- A joint project with the Land Conservation Investment Program and The Nature Conservancy to protect a forested wetland tract providing habitat for an endangered insect species.
- Subcommittee drafting of an informational flyer describing the "Wetlands Conservation Overlay District" article of the Town Zoning Ordinance.
- Implementation of the Beard's Pond and Mill Pond management plans.

The DCC is changing its regular meeting date to the second Thursday of each month, effective February, 1992. There is presently one vacancy on the DCC and we welcome applications from interested residents; please submit them to the Town Administrator.

David T. Funk, Chairman

CULTURE & RECREATION

FROM THE LAMPREY RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

In December 1991, President Bush signed into law a bill authorizing a study of the Lamprey River in Lee and Durham for possible designation as a National Wild, Scenic and Recreational River. While the study is in effect, the hydroelectric project licensed for the Wiswall dam is on hold.

The study, to be conducted by the National Parks Service, will establish the importance of the river's ecological, recreational, historic and scenic features, and then will assess community support for designating the Lamprey a Wild and Scenic River. This would protect the river from any federal projects which might damage the river, such as the hydro project. The Parks Service urges Lamprey landowners and the public to participate in the study process by voicing their ideas through public meetings and surveys.

Judith Spang
Lamprey River Watershed Association

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

1991 saw the loss of two significant historic structures in Durham: the barn at the Valentine Smith house and the Oyster River Bridge. Fortunately, the story about the Bridge has a happy ending.

When the New Hampshire Highway Department began discussing a new bridge over the Oyster River on Route 108, the proposal was to replace the old bridge with what can only be described as a structure very much resembling an aircraft carrier. An example of the type of bridge initially proposed can be seen on Route 108 near Sawyer Mills in Dover. The structure would have dominated and overwhelmed the many historic features in this important area of Town. In a long series of meetings with Highway Department officials over many years, the Historic District Commission, with the backing of other Town officials, was successful in persuading the Department to trim back the scope of the bridge project and to include many features which now contribute to the beauty of the landing area. Significantly, none of the important historic features of the area, including the foundation for the original Meeting House or the General Sullivan monument, was disturbed. In the end, the new Oyster River Bridge is not just a structure of concrete and steel, but a monument to cooperative efforts between the State and the Town.

The removal of the barn at the Valentine Smith house, resulting from a condemnation order issued by the State Fire Marshall and the Durham Fire Chief, was a serious blow to the Historic District. This episode, coupled with the deteriorating condition of many of Durham's most historic structures, has prompted the Commission to explore the possibility of recommending to the Council the adoption of an ordinance intended to combat "demolition by neglect." A public hearing on this subject was held on December 5, and the Commission is currently evaluating the testimony provided at that hearing. It seems clear, however, that the most effective way to encourage proper maintenance of the buildings is to foster support for Durham's truly unique Historic District.

Thomas J. Flygare, Chairman

CULTURE & RECREATION

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Several series of story times and film programs for pre-schoolers were offered in the Children's Room. Registration for story time continued to be high and film programs were well attended. Special story times, open to day cares and kindergartens, continued to draw large audiences. New this year, Community Day on the Library lawn featured informal story times throughout the day by Children's Librarian Karen Littlefield, and Library Assistant Carla Clarke. At the Halloween story time, guest storyteller Meryl Black performed with Karen and Carla.

More than fifty children joined the "Tribes & Totem" summer reading program. Crafts were offered for two age groups. A University staff member, Polly Daniels, loaned us her collection of Indian dolls to display in the Library for the summer. Reading Rainbow books were again borrowed from the Oyster River Elementary School.

Karen continued as a member of professional library associations and attended conferences. She met regularly with the Oyster River School Librarians, and was a guest storyteller at Mast Way School and for a class in storytelling. Carla led many Library tours for visiting classes, including Oyster River, and entertained with storytelling.

Delivery of books to Bagdad Woods continued and the pass to the Children's Museum of Portsmouth was well used. The video collection was heavily circulated, and a collection of audio tapes has been acquired. Purchased in part with money donated to the Library in memory of Marisol Hundley, the Children's Room recently received Compton's Encyclopedia on CD-ROM.

The following are Durham Public Library circulation statistics up to December 11, 1991:

1991 STATISTICS

Books circulated:

Juvenile Books	9,620
Youth Books	3,148
Videos	3,077

Registrations:

Adult	646
ORHS	379

Number of Programs	50
Number of People	1,099

Michael York, Librarian

CULTURE & RECREATION

THE SWANS

When townsfolk observed close encounters between the Durham Swans called Walter and Esther Mae, there was much gossip. Would they or would they not have a family? The female bird was almost too young, yet in these times youngsters are precocious. So when June 1 arrived, everyone was elated. Two baby swans (cygnets) were born. One was snow white, the other ugly gray. After a few days, Snow White disappeared. She could have gotten the black fly disease that affects wild fowl, or have been attacked by a snapping turtle.

The ugly gray baby swan survived. As it grew, everyone also grew to love the “ugly duckling.” In fact, we fed it so much corn and bread that in not many weeks it was the size of its parents. Yet it was different because it was still a gray bird. People kept inquiring, “Will it ever turn white?” “Will it develop an orange bill rather than the black one?” “Is it a girl swan or a boy swan?” Like all living creatures, human or wild, such matters have to be settled in time. In humans from birth on we know about the sex and changes in development. With swans it is another matter. The male swan develops a large knob over its bill and usually holds its neck in a curve. According to our authority, Dr. David Olon, the baby is most likely a male. Six months have passed since birth, and the big baby bird is gradually becoming a white swan. Like many youngsters, it is showing off that it knows which way to fly. But it still peeps like a baby bird.

For weeks the birds have been flying over the Mill Pond, and into the Bay. It is a splendid sight to see them high in the sky. If you listen carefully, you can hear the whistle of their wings. When they landed one day in the pond, the baby missed and hit the pavement of Mill Pond Road opposite the senior housing. The birds all like the senior housing and visit because the green grass there tastes so good. They climb out of the pond and go up the hill. We now need to put up signs that read “SWAN CROSSING — SLOW!”

The swans attract other birds to the Mill Pond such as egrets in summer, great blue herons, black-crowned night herons, various ducks such as mallards (fifty in number), mergansers, wood ducks, a family of domestic geese (seven — origin unknown), black-backed gulls and too many herring gulls. This assortment of birds make Mill Pond a wildlife sanctuary but more than that, it is due to the volunteer devotion of Esther Mae Forest. Rain or snow, she is always present, making sure the birds get fed. The Town of Durham is grateful to Esther Mae for her attention.

Margery Milne
Keeper of the Swans



CULTURE & RECREATION

WAGON HILL FARM COMMITTEE

The Committee was formed in June 1990 and organized into six subcommittees to study the types of activities deemed to be most appropriate for the use of the property. The general Committee met monthly with additional subcommittee meetings.

The Committee sponsored a Winter Day in February 1991, which featured the use of the Farm for winter activities; a Spring Day in May, which featured plowing and seeding of a 2-acre plot by teams of horses in preparation of a possible Community Supported Agriculture program; and a Summer Day in August, featuring a boat regatta and walk-in from Town to the Farm with family activities and picnics.

The final report and recommendations were presented to the Council on September 1, 1991. Some specific recommendations were:

- Permanently retain the Farm in an essentially undeveloped state for the enjoyment, recreation and education of Town residents.
- Encourage formation of Working Groups to direct, support and provide labor for specific activities, uses and events subject to approval of the Town Administrator and an Advisory Commission.
- Replace the present ad hoc Wagon Hill Farm Advisory Committee with a continuing Advisory Commission appointed by the Town Administrator and approved by Town Council. Membership should include a representative from each Working Group. This Commission would meet regularly to discuss items of concern, formulate policies and advise the Town Administrator in matters relating to the Farm.
- Town Council should create permanent guidelines for use of the Farm. Guidelines to be administered by the Administrator and the Farm Advisory Commission.
- Allow non-Durham groups to use Farm for approved uses and charge fees to cover costs associated with such events.
- Treat the Farm the same as other Town properties, spending funds needed for ordinary maintenance of grounds and buildings, using rental income to offset expenses. Every reasonable effort should be made to minimize funding by taxes.
- Working Groups should be responsible for funding specific changes, events and improvements. (An example would be a Community Sponsored Agriculture Working Group.) Solicit funds from grants, bequests, gifts and corporate sponsorship. Promote contributions to Wagon Hill Trust Fund.

Throughout the year's study, the goal most often expressed by Committee members has been to promote use of the Farm by Durham residents. The measure of success that was achieved is evidenced by the increased use of the Farm by Durham citizens during the past year.

I take this opportunity to thank all the citizens who contributed their time and energy by service on the Committee and to thank, on their behalf, the Town employees and staff who assisted us during the year.

The Committee's report should serve as a map which charts the future use of the Farm and it is anticipated that implementation of the suggested guidelines and uses recommended by the Committee will ensure that Wagon Hill Farm will prove to be a tremendous community asset in the years ahead.

Donald M. Sumner, Chairman

CULTURE & RECREATION

OYSTER RIVER YOUTH ASSOCIATION

A year ago we presented a 1991-92 budget that was almost 50% higher than the year before. Increasing enrollment and escalating swimming and hockey facility costs accounted for much of this. The lion's share, however, was absorbed in allotments for a full-time Executive Director and for new administrative expenses, both of which were necessary to achieve the goals required to meet the increasing demands of the community.

Unlike athletic programs elsewhere, the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) does not measure its success in games won or lost, but in the number of young people participating in our programs. Our victories are recorded by school teachers who tell us that ORYA kids excel not just on the sports field, but in the classroom.

Our goals are to have every child in our community, throughout the year, occupied in some activity in which they feel they can shine, and to have every Oyster River student too busy, too disinterested and too exhausted to even think about drugs and/or alcohol, let alone ingest them. Toward that end we commissioned Steve Hardy, Chairman of the Department of Sports Education at UNH, to pen an ORYA operational and coaching manual. More than standardizing our rules, this document gives structure to what was rapidly becoming a fragile and disjointed federation. This manual is designed so that the philosophy on the field becomes an extension of the ORYA charter rather than that of an individual coach.

We wish to increase the number of kids participating in ORYA. ORYA does a splendid job drawing kids whose parents are highly motivated and attuned to the unique benefits this organization offers. But we do a terrible job attracting and keeping those children who, for various reasons, are disinterested or lack access to organized, extracurricular activities. We also want to reach kids who have interests other than sports. We recently hired Jim Druding, a very accomplished and knowledgeable sports educator, to help us achieve these goals. With Jim's help, we plan to develop new sports programs and to add at least one non-athletic program. We will coordinate our programs with those of the school system and community.

Communication has been one of our weak areas. To correct this, we have purchased a computer with which we plan to reach parents and individuals through direct mailings. This should boost enrollment and help motivate parent volunteers. There are also obvious advantages to computerizing our demographics and finances.

We are, for the first time at the Board level, planning strategies for fund-raising. As in the past, we will channel excess capital back into the community. This year we subsidized Jackson's Landing and the Town Pool. At the Woodridge facility, we built baseball dugouts and improved the soccer fields. We are looking at long-term solutions to the spiraling costs of ice and pool rental. If we are successful in our endeavors, we should have ample funds to escalate the Executive Director from a part-time to a full-time position, achieve the goals we've outlined and move on to new projects.

David Novis, President

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM

For the Year Ending December 31, 1991

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Names of Parents
January 7	Exeter	Jenessa Leigh Crowton	F	David Gary Crowton Maren Ann Crowton
January 25	Exeter	Jillian Margaret Ziegra	F	James Cornwell Ziegra Sandra Gail Fanny Ziegra
January 30	Manchester	Austin Lyman Boothroyd	M	Clayton James Boothroyd Courtney Louise Boothroyd
February 2	Dover	Anika Mara Vittands	F	Ingvars Janis Vittands Donna Elaine Vittands
February 17	Exeter	Ashley Rolande Rawson	F	Andrew Oscar Rawson Tracie Lee Rawson
March 8	Exeter	Hannah Selene Palmatier	F	Billy Joe Palmatier Jennifer Gail Palmatier
March 8	Exeter	Abigail Brianne Palmatier	F	Billy Joe Palmatier Jennifer Gail Palmatier
March 19	Exeter	Ryan Mark Leavitt	M	Mark Eaton Leavitt Janet Ann Leavitt
March 22	Dover	Graham Abelman Phelps	M	William Greely Phelps Ruth Ellen Abelman
April 2	Portsmouth	Brett Davison Chamberlin	M	Kent Alan Chamberlin Janet Lynn Chamberlin
April 10	Dover	Trevor Charles McMahon	M	John Gregory McMahon Melinda Sue McMahon
April 20	Dover	Emily Jeannette Long	F	James Allen Long Anne Louise Long
April 25	Exeter	Coniah Asher Boda	M	James Michael Boda Stephanie Boda
May 17	Dover	Ashley Lauren Cox	F	Blaine Merritt Cox Cynthia Ann Cox
May 18	Dover	Sarah Macdonald Anderson	F	Donald W. Anderson Karen A. Macdonald
May 21	Exeter	Julian Alexis Vidal	M	Fernando Vidal Brigitte Vidal
May 25	Exeter	Druinn Stewart Johnston	F	Daniel Bertrand Johnston Izabell Bonn Johnston
May 30	Rochester	Sean Edward McEvoy	M	Brian Patrick McEvoy Melissa E. Mickler McEvoy
May 31	Dover	Zheng-Feng Ehan An	M	Pak-Cheung Edgar An Amy Elizabeth An
June 2	Exeter	Anna Elisabeth Degloria	F	Rosario Joseph Degloria Lynn Ann Degloria
June 11	Exeter	Matthew Joel Carter	M	Michael Joel Carter Ann Marie Carter
June 16	Dover	Laura Marie Gallant	F	Paul Richard Gallant Diane Marie Gallant
July 1	Dover	Meredith Frances Reynolds	F	Jason Edward Reynolds Kerry Ann Reynolds

STATISTICS

BIRTHS, CONT'D.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Names of Parents
July 1	Dover	Meghan Elizabeth Reynolds	F	Jason Edward Reynolds Kerry Ann Reynolds
July 7	Exeter	Francis P.A. Furnelli	M	Richard Louis Furnelli Lisa Maris Furnelli
July 10	Dover	Samuel Martin Cooper	M	David Allen Cooper Cynthia Soffen Cooper
August 10	Dover	Amaryth Rose Gass	F	Michael Anthony Gass Cristinia Maria Dolcino
August 15	Exeter	Kayla Marie Hutchins	F	Shane Christopher Hutchins Michelle Marie Hutchins
August 20	Dover	James Edward Tobin III	M	James Edward Tobin Jr. Anne Conover Tobin
August 20	Portsmouth	Sonya Jyhuoy Chen	F	Heng-Chun Chen Shu Ching Shieh
August 22	Portsmouth	Asher Gregory Norris	M	Gregory Allen Norris Meredith Ann Norris
August 27	Exeter	Nicholas Michael Schidlovsky	M	Michael G. Schidlovsky Karen L. Schidlovsky
September 3	Exeter	Eryn Crescentia True	F	Scott Bradley True Crescentia Anne True
September 20	Portsmouth	Bethany Nicole Sharbaugh	F	Terry Lee Sharbaugh Kathleen Ann Sharbaugh
September 24	Portsmouth	Max Winterling	M	Jon Charles Winterling Audrey Karen Winterling
September 28	Portsmouth	Tess Johanna Crane-Stenslie	F	Craig Elliot Stenslie Jordan Crane
October 8	Portsmouth	Ann Marie Harrington	F	Robert Healy Harrington Jane Marie Harrington
October 28	Dover	Jacob Gary Denyou	M	Debra Sue Denyou
November 1	Portsmouth	Emily Katherine Bauman	F	Blaine Stuart Bauman Wendy Jean Bauman
November 1	Portsmouth	Amanda Lynn Bauman	F	Blaine Stuart Bauman Wendy Jean Bauman
November 13	Dover	Chelsea Rose Fair	F	Thomas George Fair Melanie Kristen Fair
November 21	Portsmouth	Molly Mary L. Moynihan	F	Robert Daniel Moynihan Christine Moynihan
November 26	Dover	Nabilah Abdul Rahman	F	Abdul Rahman Mohamed Roslina Ahmad Mohamed
November 29	Portsmouth	Samuel Fitzgerald Rice	M	Jan Arthur Rice Catherine N.F. Rice
December 15	Dover	Brendan James Kotlus	M	Sidney Eliot Kotlus Heidi Marie Kotlus
December 27	Dover	Thomas Sheehan McDonnell	M	Sean Patrick McDonnell Jenny Anne Sheehan

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM

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Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Name and Designation of Officiant
January 5	Rochester	Robert Craig Steffen Cathy Lynne Doman	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Michael A. Hickcox Assoc. Pastor
January 12	Durham	Brian Patrick Benyo Deborah Lee Fairchild	Austintown, OH Columbus, OH	John W. Lynes Minister
January 12	Durham	Frederic Charles Bell, Jr. Melanie Marie Amarosa	Newburyport, MA Durham, NH	Frederick Pennett RC Priest
February 2	Durham	Richard Harvey Hahn Virginia Ann Long	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Deborah Bresette Justice of the Peace
February 2	Dover	Douglas Neil Bellfy Diane Jean Wilhelm	Hudson, NH Durham, NH	Rev. Daniel Lamothe Rev. Pastor
February 9	Durham	Jonathan Carl Kilian Eileen Marie Lee	Belmont, MA Watertown, MA	John W. Lynes Minister
March 16	Portsmouth	Dennis P. Moore Sharon M. Dufour	Lee, NH Durham, NH	Joseph Marucci Pastor
April 20	Durham	James Robert McCaddin Lorelei Anne Bendell	Durham, NH Dover, NH	Rev. Albert Snow Priest
May 3	Durham	Brian Kelleher Smith Kirsten Wells Kochler	Abington, MA East Boston, MA	Joan M. Haskins Justice of the Peace
May 24	Durham	Robert Louis Kovacs Tenley Ruth Chambliss	N. Brunswick, NJ Kendall Park, NJ	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
May 26	Rochester	Matias Carrera Margaret Lisa Raleigh	El Dorado, Panama Durham, NH	Michael A. Hickcox Assoc. Pastor
June 1	Durham	Carl David Ashburn Kerry Lynne Delude	Cornish, ME Durham, NH	Frederick J. Pennett RC Priest
June 5	Durham	Barry Lewis Smith Denise Anne McGarrell	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
June 8	Durham	James Robert Wible Susan Dietrich	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John W. Lynes Minister
June 8	North Hampton	John Daniel Mackay Sorrell Zenaide Lewis	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Patricia C. Coffey Judge
June 15	Durham	Michael Edward Parks Judith Brooks Davison	Portsmouth, NH Durham, NH	Rev. Albert Snow Priest
June 22	Durham	Pierre Andre Matte Michelle Lenore Rizzella	Quebec, Canada Durham, NH	Clayton Follansbee Justice of the Peace
June 29	Durham	David Eric Langley Donna Lee Soney	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Rev. Emily B. Preston Minister
July 2	Durham	David John Forrest Judy Mae Denyou	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Joan M. Haskins Justice of the Peace
July 6	Durham	Thomas B. Milliman Mary Ellen Webb	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Charles Schaladenhauffen Deacon
July 6	Durham	Elias Luiz Estevao Jessie Rosemary Crockett	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Terry L. Sharbaugh Pastor
July 13	Durham	William Borja McFntyre Beth Ann McCarthy	Sterling, VA Sterling, VA	Rev. David Morley Pastor
July 13	Durham	Daniel Mendon MacDonald Julie Margaret Allaire	Durham, NH Durham, NH	David C. Pohl Reverend

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July 13	Durham	Charles Hervey Lilly Barbara Fletcher Eckman	Stratham, NH Durham, NH	Rev. Andrew Backus Minister
August 3	Durham	Karl Nestelberger Anne Mahler Murray	Weymouth, MA Weymouth, MA	Joseph E. Michaud, Jr. Justice of the Peace
August 3	Concord	Michael John Hazlett Tricia Kelley Wayman	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Calvin R. Wayman Justice of the Peace
August 4	Nashua	Jerett Edward Vincent Brenda Lynne Gaskill	Durham, NH Nashua, NH	Edward C. Brown III Reverend
August 10	Durham	Stephen Michael Appleby Erin Blair Purdy	Salem, NH Durham, NH	Neal A. Cass Minister
August 17	Durham	Benjamin Douglas Ray Ann Keller Young	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA	Mary E. Westfall Reverend
August 24	Durham	Raul Alfredo Fonts Meghan J. Nichel	Conshohocken, PA Durham, NH	David P. Morley Pastor
August 25	Greenland	Daniel Adam Gordon Amy Elaine Trafton	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Robert A. Backus Justice of the Peace
August 27	Durham	Sun Woo Park Won Mee Yi	Durham, NH Garden Grove, CA	Christina M. Hardy Justice of the Peace
August 31	Durham	David H. Hutchinson Ashley Margaret Cook	Indianola, IA Berwick, ME	Mary E. Westfall Reverend
September 7	Durham	John Patrick Pallis Barbara Ruth Colby	Lexington, MA Durham, NH	John W. Lynes Minister
September 7	Durham	Scott Edward Lee Louise Mary Legar	Lowell, MA Lowell, MA	Rev. James Pirie Clergyman
September 7	Durham	Stephen John Zimmer Lauren Marcia Parker	Rochester, NY Rochester, NY	John W. Lynes Minister
September 14	Durham	David Neville Rocheleau Beth Ann Bradley	Gainesville, FL Gainesville, FL	David P. Morley Pastor
September 14	Durham	Jon Alexander Nelson Martha Blair Leighton	Tucson, AZ Tucson, AZ	Albert W. Snow Priest
September 14	Durham	Joseph Michael DeSimone, Jr. Daryl Lee Arrighi	Hauppauge, NY Washington, DC	Rev. Joseph Desmond Priest
September 15	Durham	John Joseph Mohr Rebecca Mirot Dudley	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL	Thomas N. Dudley Justice of the Peace
September 28	Rye	Jeffrey Paul Wheeler Karen Diane Karson	Lebanon, NH Durham, NH	Vasilka Nicolova Reverend
September 28	Durham	James Dustin Stapleton Sarah Buell Reed	Avon, CT Avon, CT	John W. Lynes Minister
September 28	Durham	Michael Charles Deskevies Patricia Ellen Nagle	Newton, MA Newton, MA	Frederick J. Pennett RC Priest
September 30	Durham	Richard Wayne Gallant Laura Ann Crayton	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
October 5	Durham	John Stephen Horning Emily Temperly Nicoloff	Falls Church, VA Falls Church, VA	Katherine M. Mulhern Pastor
October 5	Hampton	Daniel Russell Fish Kelly Ann O'Neil	Greenland, NH Durham, NH	Richard H. Wegman Parochial Vicar
October 12	Durham	William Perry Welch Jr. Karen Elaine Findell	Bellingham, WA Bellingham, WA	Charles N. Gross Clergyman

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October 12	Portsmouth	Dennis Joe Patterson II Bonny Kathleen Daugherty	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Peter L. Miller Clergyman
October 19	Durham	Jonathan Edward Smith Karen Claire Jourdenais	Concord, MA Concord, MA	Peggy L. Knowles Justice of the Peace
October 19	Lee	Ethan Baker Booth Paula Marie Nadeau	Durham, NH Durham, NH	James B. Livingston Ordained Minister
October 24	Durham	Craig Steven Harris Karen Lorraine Davidson	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Tina J. Miles Justice of the Peace
October 25	Durham	Graham Anthony Fletcher Catherine Martha Kimball	Boothbay Harbor, ME Durham, NH	Joan Haskins Justice of the Peace
November 9	Durham	John Emilio Simeone Elizabeth Anne Harwood	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Patrick F. Irwin Pastor
December 11	Durham	Albert Bradley Bennett, III Elaine Bukherovich	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Helene H. Jones Justice of the Peace
December 19	Durham	Raoul David Rebillard Mary Bridget McCall	Worcester, MA Worcester, MA	Ann L. Shine Justice of the Peace
December 21	Kingston	Scott Owen Meserve Mindy Lee Block	Newmarket, NH Durham, NH	Ann L. Shine Justice of the Peace
December 31	Portsmouth	Samuel Thomas Miller Virginia Ann Kershaw	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Charles A. Crocco Justice of the Peace

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM

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Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Occupation	State of Birth
January 19	Dover	Francis B. Mills	U.S. Air Force	Connecticut
February 10	Dover	Leonard Disesa Sr.	Electrical Engineer	New York
February 20	Portsmouth	Mildred Mary Haseltine	Housewife	Vermont
March 17	Rochester	Margaret Bardwell	Buyer	New York
March 18	Exeter	Elisabeth Chapman	Housewife	Germany
April 6	Rochester	Lillian Norton	Housewife	Massachusetts
May 8	Rochester	Philip Alan Wilcox	Poultryman-Manager	Vermont
May 30	Dover	Ethel Mary Babineau	Housewife	New York
July 9	Dover	William Coleman Chamberlin	Department Head	Pennsylvania
July 15	Portsmouth	Ruth M. Russell	Homemaker	Connecticut
July 15	Boston	Lynne Carole Little	Registered Nurse	New Hampshire
August 6	Epsom	Harold Edward Langley	Bridge Engineer	New Hampshire
September 6	Portsmouth	Donald Curt Marschner	Ad. & Sales Promotion Director	Pennsylvania
September 13	Portsmouth	Mary Harris	Journalist	Ohio
September 24	Rochester	M. Luke Search	Steel Worker	Pennsylvania
December 15	Dover	Ralph Charles Murchie	Ret. Crane Operator	Maine
December 22	Dover	Murell Thompson	Maintenance Supervisor	New Hampshire
December 26	Durham	Cecile Morse	Housewife	Canada
December 27	Dover	Dorothy Catharine Canfield	Housewife	Pennsylvania

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The Oyster River/N.H. Route 108 bridge in 1989, before its renovation.

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