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1992 ANNUAL REPORT

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AGENDA

1993 Informational Town Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 1993 • Oyster River High School Cafetorium • 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Public Officials

Town Moderator
Members of the 1992 Town Council
Members Elected to Town Council in 1993

Remarks

Comments by Town Council Chairwoman Sarah P. Voll

State of the Town

Larry R. Wood, Town Administrator

Reports by Chairmen of Committees, Commissions and Boards:

1. Zoning Board of Adjustment
2. Conservation Commission
3. Historic District Commission
4. Planning Board
5. Parks & Recreation Committee
6. Town/Gown Committee

**Open Discussion between Council and Residents about
Community Development Planning for Durham**

Other Business

PLEASE BRING YOUR TOWN REPORT TO THIS MEETING



January 20, 1993

Dear Durham Resident:

On behalf of the Town Council and the Town Government organization, I am pleased to present the 1992 Town Report. This report is a summary of Town activities in 1992, and a collection of financial, resource, and community information that we hope you will find useful. The "theme" of this year's report is "building community", and the many activities, events, places, and people that contribute to the wonderful community which is Durham. We welcome any comments you have on Town activities, and any suggestions and ideas you may have as to ways Town government can better serve the citizens of the community. Please feel free to call, write, or stop in.

I assumed my position as the Durham Town Administrator on August 3, 1992. Throughout the recruitment process, I was extremely impressed with the calibre and high quality of the Town Council, Town employees, and the citizens that I was fortunate to have the opportunity to meet and talk with. Those impressions have been enhanced since beginning work in August, as the Town Council, employees, and citizens of the community have gone out of their way to make my family and me feel welcome and at home in Durham. This is a wonderful community! We thank you for your hospitality.

I have been asked to give you a brief biography, to help you get to know my family and me. I was born and raised in Virginia. My wife is Dea Brickner-Wood, our two-year-old son is Noah, and we are expecting a second child in June. Dea is a professional planner and worked for the past four years with the Vermont Land Trust. For the past nine years we have had the pleasure of living and working in Vermont, where I was the Town Manager for the communities of Hardwick and Shelburne. Prior to that I was a Town Manager in Saltville, Virginia for fourteen months, and a community planner in two communities; four years in Blacksburg, Virginia, and one year in Botetourt County, Virginia. I have an undergraduate degree in Public Administration from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Vermont.

Durham is blessed to have a number of talented and caring people who volunteer their time to serve the community. Sarah Voll, the Council Chair for the past twelve months, has announced her intention not to seek re-election. Sarah has served on the Town Council for the past five years, and served the Town in a number of capacities prior to that. She has done an excellent job as Chair, and has made (and will continue to make) many lasting contributions to Durham.

A number of individuals stepped down from volunteer positions this year, I would like to thank them all for their hard work. They are:

Patricia Samuels (Town Council), Clayton Follansbee (Town Council), Thomas Flygare (Historic District Commission), Stephen Bums (Historic District Commission), Edward Carpenter (Historic District Commission), Spencer Mieras (Planning Board), Gordon Byers (Zoning Board of Adjustment), and Dwight Ladd (Zoning Board of Adjustment).

This Town Report would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many people. Jennie Berry, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator, directed the preparation of the report, coordinated everybody and everything, and worked directly with the typesetter and printer. Alma Tirrell, Shirley Thompson, Maryanna Hatch, Ann Vogelmann, John Kraus, and Scott Hovey all made invaluable contributions, and assisted in the organization, layout, and structure of the report.

Thank you for all your sincere interest in our community.

Sincerely,

Larry R. Wood, Town Administrator

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NEW FACES

The Town of Durham had the pleasure of welcoming these new employees in 1992.



*Jack St. Hilaire, Police Dept.
Hired 1/27/92*



*Lorrie Pitt, Deputy Town Clerk
Hired 7/20/92*



*Todd Germain, Fire Dept.
Hired 4/9/92*



*Lawrence Best, Fire Dept.
Hired 4/27/92*



*Charles Moorenovich, Fire Dept.
Hired 4/27/92*

In Appreciation



John Rines

In September of 1992, Captain John Rines retired after 19 years of service with the Fire Department. John served as the department's Training Officer and was the Shift Commander of "C" Platoon. Prior to his full-time service with the department, John was a Call Firefighter as a UNH student, and was a Senior Instructor with the N.H. Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. John's recognized expertise in many areas of emergency service delivery ranging from woodstove and chimney installations to water and ice rescue procedures provided our community and the fire service with a valuable resource. His dedication and innovative instruction will be missed. We wish him the very best for an enjoyable retirement.



John "Woody" Wood, Sr.

The Public Works Department, with mixed emotions, accepted the retirement of John Wood Sr. Affectionately known as "Woody", John joined the Durham Public Works team in April of 1970, 22 years ago.

Most Town residents would have seen Woody driving "his" grader, the big loader, plowing snow, or working on Durham's roads. He was the long-time Public Works Employees Association leader and provided that interest and guidance so important to the membership. We still miss his presence and wish him a most rewarding and fulfilling retirement.

Keep that scanner on, Woody.



OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Official/Board/ Committee	Address	Tel. No.	Term	Term Expires	Appt. Auth.
Durham Town Council					
Sarah Voll, Chair	4 Croghan Lane	868-2671	3 yrs.	3/93	Elected
W. Arthur Grant, Pro Tem	Mast Rd., Box 598	868-5356	3 yrs.	3/93	Elected
Ralph Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	3 yrs.	3/95	Elected
William Duncan	28 Sumac Lane	868-5686	3 yrs.	3/95	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	3 yrs.	3/95	Elected
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
Meagan Touchette, Stud. Rep.	Memorial Union Building	862-1001	1 yr.	9/93	UNH
Town Administrator					
Larry R. Wood	15 Newmarket Road	868-5571			Council
Police Chief					
Paul Gowen	15 Newmarket Road	868-2324			Council
Fire Chief					
Robert P. Wood	College Road	868-5531			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	P.O. Box 216	868-9696	2 yrs.	3/94	Elected
Town Treasurer					
Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Road	868-5571	3 yrs.	3/93	Appointed
Susan Horowitz, Deputy Treas.	Packers Falls Road				Appointed
Director of Civil Defense					
Town Administrator Larry Wood		868-5571			Council
Welfare Officer					
Business Manager Jim Fenn*		868-5571			Council

*Resigned 12/31/92

Officers, Boards & Committees

Cemetery Committee

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Herbert Jackson, Chair	Old Piscataqua Road	868-5826	3 yrs.	3/95	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

Council Representatives:

W. Arthur Grant	Mast. Road., Box 598	868-5356	1 yr.	12/92	Council
William Healy, Jr.	6 Woodridge Road	868-5595	1 yr.	12/92	Council
Ann Vogelmann	343 Dame Road	868-5716	1 yr.	12/92	Council

CHAIN Committee

Shirley Thompson*	48 Bagdad Road	868-5138	1 yr.	12/93	Council
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COAST Bus Service

Joc E. Follansbee	UNH Transportation	862-1931			Council
VACANT	Town Representative		1 yr.	12/92	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 Assoc. 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.	12/95	Council
William Bowden*	25 Woodridge Road	868-1016	3 yrs.	12/95	Council
Lloyd Heidgerd	15 Emerson Road	868-9693	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Deborah Merritt	6 Hetzel Way	868-7597	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Theresa Walker	RFD 3 Bennett Road	659-7304	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Diane Woods, Alternate	89 Bagdad Road	868-2962	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Ann Vogelmann, Council Representative		868-5716	1 yr.	12/92	Council
Ralph Bristol, Planning Board Rep.		868-2524	1 yr.	12/92	Plan. Board

Durham Ambulance Corps

Patrick Ahearn, President	P.O. Box 4	868-5647			Volunteer Organization
Mary Davis, Excc. 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)

<i>Town of Durham:</i>					
Scott Hovey, Council Rep. ,Chair		868-1551			Council
Larry R. Wood, Town Administrator		868-5571			Council
Sarah Voll, Council Chairwoman		868-2671			Council
Elise Daniel, Citizen Rep.		868-5786	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Calvin Hosmer, Plan. Board Rep.		868-2297	1 yr.	12/92	Council

*Appointed/reappointed as of January 4, 1993

Officers, Boards & Committees

Durham/UNH Advisory Committee (TOWN/GOWN), cont'd.

<i>University of New Hampshire:</i> Fred Schnur, V.P. /Finance		862-2232			UNH
	Victor Azzi, Assoc. V.P./Planning	862-2217			UNH
	Dan DiBiasio, V.P./Stud. Affairs	862-2053			UNH
	Gavin Burman, Student Body V.P.	862-1494			UNH

Health Officer

Richard Blakemore	4 Davis Avenue	868-2073	3 yrs.	5/95	State
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Historic District Commission

Thomas Flygare, Chair	14 Stevens Way	868-2278	3 yrs.	12/92	Council
Shirley Adamovich	14 Thompson Lane	868-7443	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Stephen Burns	20 Newmarket Road	868-7152	3 yrs.	12/92	Council
Kathryn Cataneo	97 Newmarket Road	868-2528	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Marie Polk	P.O. Box 287	868-7478	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Pamela Worthen*	14 Newmarket Road	868-5026	3 yrs.	12/95	Council
John Kraus, Council Rep.		868-1929	1 yr.	12/92	Council
Peter Smith, Planning Board Rep.		868-7500	1 yr.	12/92	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, Administrator	One Lamprey Way	868-1068			
Skip Grady, Town Representative	15 Newmarket Road	868-5571			Council

Librarian

Michael York	UNH Dimond Library	862-1540			UNH
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Parks & Recreation Committee

Bruce Bragdon, Chair	7 Colony Cove Road	868-1551	2 yrs.	12/94	Council
John Hatch	28 Mill Road	868-5435	1 yr.	12/93	Council
Maclolm McNeill	44 Colony Cove Road	868-5859	2 yrs.	12/94	Council
Robin Thompson	30 Colony Cove Road	868-6973	3 yrs.	12/95	Council
Vincent Todd	225 Packers Falls Road	659-5710	3 yrs.	12/95	Council
Theresa Walker	RFD 3, Bennett Road	659-7304	1 yr.	12/93	Council
Scott Hovey, Council Rep.		868-1551	1 yr.	12/93	Council

Planning Board

Calvin Hosmer, Chair	14 Fogg Drive	868-2297	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Dee Grant	P.O. Box 598	868-5356	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Annemarie Harris	56 Oyster River Road	868-5182	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Suzanne Loder	265 Mast Road	868-7532	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
George Rief	Edgerly Garrison Road	868-2551	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Edward McNitt, Alt.	P.O. Box 577	868-1842	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Peter Smith, Alt.	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Ralph Bristol, Council Rep.		868-2524	1 yr.	12/92	Council
William Duncan, Alt. Council Rep.		868-5686	1 yr.	12/92	Council
Robert Houseman, Ex-Officio		868-5578			Charter

* Appointed/reappointed as of Jan. 4, 1993

Officers, Boards & Committees

Recycling Advisory Committee

William Skinner, Chair	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
Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls Road	659-7992			Council
Richard Fitts	48 Edgewood Road	868-2474			Council
Kate Glanz	25 Orchard Drive	868-5398			Council

Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

Robert Houseman	15 Newmarket Road	868-5578	1 yr.	12/92	Council
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Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Larry R. Wood	15 Newmarket Road	868-5571	1 yr.	12/92	Council
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Stafford Regional Planning Commission

George Rief, Planning Board Rep.		868-2551		12/92	Plan. Board
Edward McNitt*		868-1842		12/93	Council
William Healy, Council Representative		868-5595		12/92	Council

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.	3/98	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.	12/94	Council
William Drapeau*	4 Sullivan Falls Road	659-7992	3 yrs.	12/95	Council
Emily Cook*	13 Old Landing Road	868-2422	3 yrs.	12/95	Council
Allen Drake	55 Bagdad Road	868-1760	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
John Farrell	Packers Falls Road	659-7605	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Gordon Byers, Alt.	P.O. Box 183	659-3610	2 yrs.	12/92	Council
Charles Dingle, Alt.	8 Beard's Landing	868-2247	3 yrs.	12/93	Council
Shirley Thompson, Alt.	48 Bagdad Road	868-5138	3 yrs.	12/94	Council
Eric Young, Alt.	6 Hamel Drive	868-5334	3 yrs.	12/94	

* Appointed/reappointed as of Jan. 4, 1993



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Back Row: Scott Hovey, Ralph Bristol, William Duncan, Ann Vogelmann, and William Healy. Front: Barbara Yates, Arthur Grant, Sarah Voll (Chair), and John Kraus

Report of the Council Chair

This year has been, again, a year of transition. Skip Grady served as Acting Town Administrator until August while Council conducted the search for a new Town Administrator. That he was able to serve as Administrator while concurrently filling his role as Director of Public Works is a tribute not only to his dedication and stamina, but to the many people — employees in Public Works, fellow department heads, the citizen boards, and individual townspeople — who contributed their time, efforts, ideas and patience during the transition. We thank you all.

Council moved with great deliberation to select a new Administrator. We wanted to be very sure that we thoroughly understood not only the professional requirements of Durham's Administrator but the personality needed for the individual to be successful in the post. Durham's Charter places great emphasis on the independence of the Administrator and the policy rather than implementation role of the Council. We have learned in these first five years of the Council form of government that unless the Administrator is naturally open and informative and the Council proactively seeks communication, the structure tends to isolate Council from both the Town employees and the townspeople. After an extensive and intensive search process, which included recommendations from our Town employees, in July we offered the position to Larry Wood of Shelbourne, Vermont. Larry has assumed his new role with an enthusiasm, energy, and cheerful competence that makes him a pleasure to work with. And Council has finished the year with a much clearer understanding of different roles of the Administrator and the Council and a surer confidence that the Town Council structure can be made to work.

Executive Summary

Report of the Council Chair, cont'd.

In December, as Council was deliberating on priorities for the first quarter of 1993, we reviewed our progress on the 71 individual projects listed on the Town Administrator/Town Council's "Project Status Worksheet". Some, like the formulation of each year's budgets, are routine and recurring. Most, however, are either separate initiatives addressing specific issues, or the next discrete step in an ongoing long term effort. Projects that have been completed in this past year include:

- Adoption of a Capital Improvements Plan, important both as a long range planning tool and as the basis for the assessment of impact fees in the next building cycle.
- Development of Requests for Proposals and selection of firms for the Town's auditing and legal services.
- Formulation of a Town Council position on noise at the Pease International Tradeport and communication of those views to the Pease Development Authority. (We are also taking an active role in the Pease surface transportation study.)
- Selection of Durham as a weekend stop for the Portland to Boston train service.
- Agreement with UNH on the UNH Pool and creation of a system of family vouchers for Durham residents.
- Re-creation of a Parks and Recreation Committee and assignment of the planning oversight of Wagon Hill to that committee.
- Authorization of the Spruce Hole Aquifer Evaluation Study.

Council received the report of the citizen Traffic and Parking Committee in January 1992. The Town developed a list of specific problems and proposals identified by the committee, and coordinating with the University, hired a consultant to rationalize the recommendations into a coherent list of specific projects that the Town can undertake to improve the safety and convenience of our in-town roads. Their report is due in January 1993. In addition, in the area of traffic, the Town has been pursuing with the State work on the Route 108 intersection and safety on Route 4, and with the University on the re-configuration of the Main Street/Mast Road Extension intersection.

Issues of municipal solid waste have been before the Council, with the closing of the landfill, its conversion to a "transfer station" and the implementation of the requisite hydrogeological study, the expansion of the curbside recycling, consideration of a pay-per-bag system, and study of the alternatives to the Lamprey Regional Cooperative incinerator. This year's Hazardous Waste Collection Day, our second, was a particularly well organized effort. In addition, the work on the upgrading of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is ongoing, with the Sewer Agreement with the University in its final draft, and the water audit (which determines the sharing of the costs of the improvements) planned for spring.

We have wrestled this year with planning directions for Durham's future development. With the help of the University, we are surveying Town residents to determine whether the townspeople are more interested in economic development or community development. The distinction is whether to encourage expansion of Durham's economic base in hopes of lowering the tax rate, or to focus on efforts that would enhance the quality of life in Durham within the existing levels of taxes and character of the Town. Meanwhile, Larry Wood is beginning to work with the downtown business community on such issues as revised sign regulations, street vendors, traffic and parking, sidewalk cafes and sandwich board signs, changes in the municipal solid waste system and, more generally, our merchants' role in community development.

Executive Summary

Report of the Council Chair, cont'd.

A series of ordinance revisions is being actively considered by Council and the Planning Board: noise, signs, demolition by neglect, pedestrian and bicycle, plumbing and electrical are all before us. Interested citizens should be alert for notices of the public hearings. Other initiatives include development of a land use permitting process for the University, study of the town office computer needs, investigation of the possibility of payments in lieu of taxes for the children attending Oyster River from UNH's Forest Park complex, and development of a Town facilities plan.

Finally, with all of the projects, initiatives, issues and problems that preoccupy Durham's Council, Administrator, Staff and citizens, I would be remiss not to take note of four occasions that reflect the spirit of this community: Durham again received the Tree City award and is the longest running Tree City in the state; we were one of only four towns to receive a Town Beautification Award; once again, the Fourth of July was a wonderful celebration; and the first annual Durham Neighbors Day at Wagon Hill Farm was a terrific success. Many thanks to all of you who work so hard to make Durham the town it is.

Sarah P. Voll, Council Chair

1992 and Beyond

Assessing community needs and developing plans, processes, and structures to energize and enrich our community continue to occupy the Town Council, Town committees, and Town staff.

Virtually all of the matters to which the Town Council is giving its attention involve concerns and issues brought to it by citizens. The plans and proposals now in development aim at providing a coordinated, prioritized response to what are perceived to be key problems — and *opportunities* — confronting Durham.

Where many neighboring towns and cities are focusing primarily on economic development (i.e. pursuing industrial expansion), "community development" describes the broader, more comprehensive activities which will occupy much of the Town's attention in 1993 — and in the years beyond.

"Community Development" intentionally encompasses an expanding, open-ended assortment of concerns and opportunities that contribute to the quality of living in our community. Such matters as the satisfaction of both residents and business owners with the vitality, convenience, and appearance of the "downtown" area... pedestrian and vehicular safety on our streets... parking congestion in our neighborhoods... the availability and proper maintenance of recreational and cultural opportunities for residents (young and old)... and providing efficient and cost-effective delivery of high quality municipal services are among the concerns raised by citizens.

Executive Summary

1992 and Beyond, cont'd.

Initiatives during the past year have laid the foundation for a comprehensive, ongoing community development effort:

- Appointment of a Town Administrator whose credentials and experience in the area of community planning and development were key factors in his selection for — and acceptance of — the position.
- Creation of a consolidated Department of Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement, and the appointment of a full-time Planning Director who has first-hand knowledge of the community and demonstrated abilities in the profession. Additionally, the Town and University will continue to work on "understandings" aimed at bringing ongoing University development into some satisfactory relationship with Town planning and zoning objectives.
- Significant progress in the \$3.1 million program to modernize and improve the community's wastewater treatment plant and associated facilities, and to secure 20 percent State aid reimbursement on Durham's investment in this project.
- Development of a comprehensive set of proposals for community-wide traffic and parking improvements — a year-long effort involving a citizens' advisory committee, a joint Town-University task force, Town Planning Board, Town Council, and a consultant team of traffic engineering specialists in many hours of study, fact-finding, deliberation and consensus-building. Action recommendations for immediate as well as longer-range solutions to existing and future problems will be ready for implementation in the coming year and beyond.
- Discussions with UNH economic and community development "experts" which, early this year, led to a Town-sponsored survey of Durham residents' interests, desires, and expectations for the future of their community, including assessment of the role and emphasis to be given to "economic development". Simultaneously, Town government has initiated forums with local business and agri-business operators to engage public and private sectors in cooperative, mutually rewarding endeavors.
- Durham's first Capital Improvements Plan sets forth a six-year program of priorities and estimated costs for major infrastructure improvements — including, in 1993: engaging consultant services for long-range community planning; laying plans for the relocation of police and public works facilities to enable better service; undertaking an inclusive evaluation of water system needs; completing state-mandated improvements to bridges; and a long-term schedule for the orderly replacement of Town-owned equipment.
- Establishment of a revitalized Parks and Recreation Committee to lead in the development and use of the Wagon Hill Farm property as an integral part of the community's total recreational and cultural assets. Among its activities, the Committee is facilitating an experiment by the Oyster River Youth Association to improve the Jackson's Landing outdoor skating rink and test the potential for broader uses of the facility.
- Participation with Lee and Madbury officials, University representatives, and the directors of the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative in planning for a cost-effective approach to refuse disposal when the UNH incinerator is closed out in 1995.

The list goes on, and the reach is perhaps overly ambitious. But the overriding objective is to preserve and build upon the distinct character and uniqueness of our Town as Durham enters the 261st year of its existence.

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Report of the Town Administrator

I began work as the Durham Town Administrator on August 3, 1992. Since that time, I have been busy learning my way around, getting oriented, and jumping into a variety of issues, challenges, and projects. It has been very enjoyable thus far, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Town Council for giving my family and me this opportunity, and for working with me in a collaborative and good-spirited manner. I would also like to thank the Town employees, who have been kind, gracious, and hard working in helping me to become acclimated, and the Town citizens who have been friendly, encouraging, and forthcoming in their willingness to help. Thank you all!

Joseph I. "Skip" Grady, our Director of Public Works, performed as the Interim town Administrator from November, 1991, until I assumed my post in August, 1992. Skip did an excellent job as the Interim Administrator, and worked closely with the Town Council to help keep the Town on track during that challenging time. The Town accomplished a lot during that time period, thanks to the leadership and direction of the Town Council, and the hard work and dedication of Skip, the department heads, and the Town employees.

1993 BUDGET

I had the opportunity to plunge right in with the preparation of a proposed 1993 budget for the Town Council's consideration. Our objectives, as directed by the Council, were to maintain property taxes at 1992 levels and forecast revenues at realistic levels. We have been able to accomplish this, and the 1993 budget adopted by the Town Council on December 21, 1992 projects no increase in the Town (non-school) property tax rate for 1993. We have also looked closely at our non-property tax revenues, and feel we have projected more realistically without being too optimistic. We have also examined areas where we can responsibly decrease expenditures, and areas where we can increase revenues.

Since 1990, the Town (non-school) property tax rate has decreased from \$7.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to \$6.69 per \$1,000 in 1992. As noted above, we project the 1993 rate to be at the 1992 level. This remarkable decrease in the tax rate has been accomplished through the vision, diligence, and direction of the Town Council, and implemented effectively and responsibly by the Town staff. Accomplishing these decreases in taxes has not been easy. There have been some staff reductions, deferral of items, particularly capital items, and reductions in some programs and services.

Despite the austere times, the Town has been able to keep Town services and programs at satisfactory levels, and to increase efforts in certain targeted areas. This has been possible by:

- Consistently seeking the best price for services and contracts through competitive bidding.
- Cost-conscious employees who continually search for ways to accomplish tasks in the most cost-effective manner.
- Exceeding overall revenue projections in non-property tax areas.
- Making every effort to under-expend each departmental budget.
- Balancing reductions in debt service expenditures with comparable increases in specific operating expenditures.
- Utilizing portions of the Fund Balance to reduce the amounts needed from property taxes.
- Creativity and imagination in the reduction of staff, collection of revenues, investing and borrowing, and "doing more with less".

Executive Summary

Report of the Town Administrator, cont'd.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

On November 3, 1992, the Town Council adopted the 1993-1998 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Though such plans have been proposed in the past, this is the first one adopted by the Town Council, although one is required by the Town Charter. The CIP is a planning and budgeting tool that projects needed capital improvements over a six-year period. This plan is updated annually, and is used as a blueprint for community planning decisions by the Planning Board and the Town Council, and as a framework for the adoption of a capital fund budget each year during the review and approval of the budget.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

In the fall of 1992, the Town Council selected Vachon & Clukay as the Auditors and Accountants for the Town, replacing Plodzik & Sanderson, who had been the Town's Auditors for the past nine years. Also, the law firm of Donahue, McCaffrey & Tucker of Exeter was selected to provide legal services to the Town, replacing Loughlin & Wade of Portsmouth. While Plodzik & Sanderson and Loughlin & Wade have provided fine service to the Town over the years, it was felt that a change would save money for the Town, and provide a healthy and fresh approach to these areas. Vachon & Clukay and Donahue, McCaffrey & Tucker come highly recommended, and we all look forward to a productive and harmonious working relationship. Incidentally, both firms were selected through a competitive proposal process and professional evaluation of services offered.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Town Council has made community development one of the areas it would like to focus on in 1993. Toward that end, the CIP included an allocation from the Community Development Fund (unexpended Urban Development Authority Grant monies) for a Community Development strategy and program for the Town. The first step in this effort is a community preferences survey being conducted for the Town by the UNH Center for Social Science and Policy Research.

Community Development is an eclectic term, and can have a variety of meanings. Our intent is to fashion a strategy that makes sense for Durham; one that will focus on and enhance our current attributes and resources, such as the "downtown area", existing small-scale businesses, and the like. The Community Development Plan, as it takes shape, will become a component of our updated Comprehensive Master Plan. This plan, adopted in 1989, will begin to be updated by the Planning Board and staff in 1993.

The Town Council's commitment to sound community planning and development is also evidenced by the reinstatement of the Director of Planning and Zoning to full-time status with the adoption of the 1993 budget. This position will be filled by Robert Houseman. Rob has done a good job for the Town, has excellent credentials, and we are excited about him working full-time for us. In addition to other planning and zoning duties, he will be the Town's primary coordinator of community development efforts.

LABOR RELATIONS

The Town's employees are our best investment. Durham is fortunate to have a talented and able work force, comprised of people who care about their jobs and this community. In 1992 we successfully negotiated our first contract with the Durham Professional Middle Management Association for the years 1992-94. We are currently negotiating with the Durham Firefighter's Association to replace a contract that expired December 31, 1991.

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Report of the Town Administrator, cont'd.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Town Council agreed in August 1992 to jointly fund with UNH a traffic and parking plan. The intent of the plan is to develop a series of immediate, short, medium, and long-range strategies for dealing with the difficult and complex traffic and parking problems facing the community. This plan, being developed with the aid of the consulting firm of VHB Associates, will be completed in February 1993, with the implementation of near-term strategies beginning in 1993.

The CIP includes funding for the implementation of the parking and traffic plan recommendations in 1993 and beyond. The CIP also includes funding for continued planning and engineering work for the northern and southern connectors, and feasibility analyses for several neighborhood connectors. The CIP also projects an expenditure toward the improvement of the Main St./Rte. 108 intersection, though the Town Council has not yet made a decision to move forward with this project.

WAGON HILL BOND

The Town Council instructed the Town staff to review the bonds for Wagon Hill, Spruce Hole, and various capital improvements to see if they could be refinanced to save the Town money. The staff consulted bond counsel and our accountants, and had two independent reviews performed by financial institutions. In brief, the bonds have a 20-year amortization schedule payable through 2011. The Town is prohibited from paying off the bonds until 1999, and will incur a premium penalty for early payment prior to the year 2006. In essence, the Town cannot effectively pay off the bonds, if it chose to do so, until 2006.

The staff also evaluated whether we could issue new bonds, invest the proceeds, and use the investment earnings to help pay the debt service for the existing bonds. The analyses by two financial institutions both indicated that this approach would cost the Town an additional amount in excess of \$43,000 in present dollars. Therefore, this approach was not deemed feasible.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Town made some strides in developing a more productive relationship with the University of New Hampshire in 1992, though some areas of difference in substance, style, and philosophy remain; as well as questions regarding the approval authority UNH must obtain from the University System Office and the Board of Trustees. As indicated above, the Town and UNH are jointly funding a traffic and parking plan. In addition, a Wastewater Agreement between the Town and UNH was approved by the Town Council in September of 1992. Also, UNH agreed to construct a new connector road between Mast Road Extension and Main Street that will eliminate the unsafe intersection at Main Street/Mast Road across from the field house. This road is under construction now, and will be open in the summer of 1993.

In 1993, the Town and UNH will be working on a new Fire Services Agreement, an agreement for Town review of UNH development projects, a revised memorandum of understanding between the two entities regarding the working relationship between our Police Departments, an agreement for the use of the Outdoor Pool in 1993, and the implementation of recommendations of the Traffic and Parking Plan. We also plan to work with UNH in the area of solid waste, as we review our options for the future.

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Report of the Town Administrator, cont'd.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

During 1992, the Town presented information to the legislative NH Tax Equity Study Committee. This committee has been charged with the task of reviewing the impacts of tax-exempt properties on the communities in which they are located. While the committee originally planned to focus on private charitable institutions, Durham and a few other communities were successful in persuading the committee to broaden its approach to focus on the impacts of public tax-exempt institutions, such as UNH. The committee is expected to issue a final report and recommendation by November 1, 1993.

While the Town recognizes the many benefits resulting from the presence of UNH in the community, we feel the very real and tangible financial impacts of UNH on Durham need to be acknowledged and compensated for by State government as a whole. For instance, the education of students entering the Oyster River District from the Forest Park facility on the UNH campus will cost the Town of Durham \$258,000-\$422,000 in 1992-93. Former Council Chair Pat Samuels and Councilor Scott Hovey have been instrumental in bringing this effort to the forefront, and serve with me as a subcommittee of the Town Council to work on this issue.

SUMMARY

Every organization undergoes changes, and we will strive to remain imaginative, creative, and positive in dealing with the changes facing this organization. December 31, 1992 was the last day of work for our Business Manager, Jim Fenn, who resigned to take a similar position for the City of Franklin, New Hampshire. Jim spent approximately two and one-half years with the Town, and performed capably in his position. He always had the best interests of the Town at heart, and was a tremendous asset to me in my first five months on the job. We all wish Jim well in his future endeavors.

The year 1992 has been challenging and exciting for the Town. 1993 promises to be more of the same. I welcome all of your suggestions, input, and ideas, and urge you to call, write, or come by any time. I enjoy hearing from you. We are here to serve you.

Thank you for all of your support and hard work for our community. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1993!

Larry R. Wood, Town Administrator

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Text of Remarks Made by the Outgoing Interim Town Administrator

at the August 3, 1992 Town Council Meeting

I'm sure there are many folks who are glad to see Larry here but none (perhaps) who are *nearly as ecstatic as I am!* I would hasten to add that it is not because of the responsibility, level of energy required, or the "heat" of the position that relief is so welcomed, but I now see a sharing of the workload which I could not keep up with. Today I divided the files I had accumulated into two piles: 20 lbs for me — 72 lbs for Larry!

All kidding aside, it is very important to me to personally thank this present and last term's Council for first, having the confidence that I could assist during the transition phase; second, working so closely with me during the past nine months; and finally, for all your guidance, advice, and assistance.

I would also like to thank the residents of this community who, knowing the situation, exhibited patience and understanding and further, offered numerous suggestions and help with many, many issues.

My gratitude extends also to the many Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees and their Chairs with whom I've had the pleasure and opportunity to work.

Although I've called in several outside agencies for assistance, three stand out during these past nine months: Strafford Regional Planning Commission, NHDES — Wastewater and Solid Waste, and NHDOT for many highway related items.

I would be most remiss if I did not mention my nearly daily contact with UNH and, in particular, Fred Schnur, Dan DiBiasio, Victor Azzi, Pat Miller, John Sanders, Brad Larrabee, and Ron Lavoie. I believe over the past nine months that the Town and UNH have opened up a dialogue, with resolution in some areas, on more issues than ever before, to include: Water Agreement and related issues, Wastewater Agreement, UNH pool operation/funding efforts, police/UNH student relations, site review/building permit of UNH projects, traffic improvements, master planning, Boston-Portland train service, solid waste, Spruce Hole Study, and Water Line Coop Project. I would be the first to say the Town and UNH have not solved all issues, but I would underscore there has been resolution of some issues and progress made on others. I would strongly urge that we strive to mutually build on bridges built and avoid attacking their foundations.

This Town and Council can and should take great pride in their Town staff, for without their *very significant extra and team effort*, we would not have accomplished as much during this interim period as we did. Many Town employees performed outside their normal duties, responsibilities and hours of work to assist me whenever I asked. Help came from all employees and that must be noted. More often than not the extra load seemed to fall on a few persons, and at the risk of forgetting someone I'll mention them. Fire Department— Chief Bob Wood and Assistant Chief Ron O'Keefe; Police Department — Chief Paul Gowen and Captains Joe McGann and Mike Golding; Public Works — Superintendents Brian Beers, Duane Walker, Guy Hodgdon, and Mike Lynch; Office Manager Gail Jablonski, Kathy Paquette and Building Inspector Bud Steffen; Planning — Rob Houseman; Tax Collector Linda Ekdahl and her staff; Business Management — most particularly Jim Fenn with his advice and help, also Donna Langley and Katie Lopez; and finally and perhaps most notable to me, Jennie Berry, our Executive Secretary, who

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Remarks of Outgoing Interim Town Administrator, cont'd.

bailed me out daily. Although not on the payroll, many folks like Maryanna Hatch, Alma Tirrell, Shirley Thompson, Bill Hall, Dwight Ladd, Bruce Bragdon, Pat Samuels, and George Rief should also be recognized for their gracious and most significant assistance.

Finally, to my family for their patience and understanding and sacrifice of time.

In closing, I thank you all and I must say I have thoroughly enjoyed what I would call an exemplary team experience which I anticipate will continue under Larry's guidance.

Joseph "Skip" Grady, Outgoing Interim Town Administrator

Report of the Business Manager

1992 was a year of many changes and improvements in the Business Department. Improvements in our computer system resulted in time savings and more accurate reporting capabilities. The expansion of the computer network to the Public Works garage resulted in better inventory tracking and charge-outs for repairs and vehicle maintenance records.

The Sale Assessment Ratio for the Town continues to grow. 1992 saw it increase to 124%. This has been a concern of ours for some time. We are happy to say that the Town Council also recognizes this problem and has funded a sales analysis for 1993 which will bring this ratio back to zero in 1994. Donna Langley, Assessor for the Town of Durham, will be maintaining this at zero in future years using the new assessing software to be purchased as part of the 1993 sales analysis.

Revenue collections remained consistent with 1991. Although an ever-present concern, the possibility of the State eliminating revenue sharing has not materialized yet.

GOALS FOR 1993

- Update assessment
- Continue integration of all Town Departments into the computer system
- Improve the purchase order system
- Update all records related to Town of Durham properties and equipment
- Improve personnel management record keeping systems

Jim Fenn, Business Manager

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Ordinances Considered by the Town Council in 1992

Number	Title	Action	Date
92-01	Adopting the Code of the Town of Durham	Tabled	1/6/92
92-02	Regulating the Solid Waste Management Facility, Its Use Thereof and the Curbside Pickup of Recyclable Materials	Passed	1/20/92
92-03	Regulating Heavy Hauling Over Town Roads	Passed	2/17/92
92-04	Amending the Ordinance Dated September 28, 1991 Regulating Amusement Devices and Amusement Centers	Passed	5/4/92
92-05	Placement of a Barrier Across Mast Road West of Barton Hall to Prevent Through Traffic	Passed	4/6/92
92-06	Restricting and Limiting Parking on Sections of Old Landing Road	Failed	7/6/92
92-07	Restricting and Limiting Parking on Sections of Oyster River Road	Passed	6/1/92
92-08	Electrical Ordinance	Tabled	7/6/92
92-09	Plumbing Ordinance	Tabled	7/6/92
92-10	Amending Ordinance #86-05 (Noise Ordinance) dated October 6, 1986	Pending	
92-11	Article 12 (Signs & Utility Structures) — Repealing Article 7 of March 11, 1969 Zoning Ordinance	Pending	
92-12	Demolition by Neglect Within the Durham Historic District — Amending Article 6 of the Durham Zoning Ordinance	No Action Taken	10/5/92

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Resolutions Considered by the Town Council in 1992

Number	Title	Action	Date
92-01	Establishing Compensation for Department Heads for FY 1992	Passed	1/20/92
92-02	Establishing Compensation for Town Clerk/Tax Collector for FY 1992	Passed	1/20/92
92-03	Authorizing to File Application for Sate Revolving Loan Fund in Accordance with NH Code of Admin. Rules, Chapter ENV-C 500	Passed	1/27/92
92-04	Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,400,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes	Passed	2/3/92
92-05	Supporting House Bill #1484-FN Allowing Employees Who Leave Employment with the University of NH and Who Accept Employment with Another Public Entity in NH, to Purchase Creditable Time in the NH Retirement System	No Vote Taken	2/3/92
92-06	Authorizing Acceptance of Contributions to the Town of Durham and the Expenditure Thereof for the Restoration/Maintenance of the Antique Seagrave Pumper	Passed	2/3/92
92-08	Authorizing the Increase of Expenditures and Revenues for the Purchase of Trees	Passed	3/2/92
92-09	Authorizing the Issuance of \$497,160 in Serial Bonds not to Exceed Twenty (20) Years and Establishing the Useful Life of Certain Capital Equipment and Improvements	Passed	6/1/92
92-10	Authorizing the Increase of Expenditures and Revenues not to Exceed \$3,800 for Energy Conservation Measures at Wagon Hill Farm	Passed	10/5/92
92-11	Authorizing the Use of Capital Reserve Funds for the Purchase of a Garbage Packer Truck	Passed	7/6/92
92-12	Amending Resolution #92-09 Authorizing \$497,160 in Serial Bonds not to Exceed Twenty (20) Years and Establishing the Useful Life of Certain Capital Equipment and Improvements	Passed	6/23/92
92-13	Authorizing the Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for Water System Capital Improvements as Outlined in the Town/USNH Water Agreement Dated December 9, 1991	Passed	7/6/92
92-14	Authorizing the Increase of the 1992 General Fund Budget Appropriations by \$125,663 and Increasing the Use of Fund Balance by the Same Amount	Passed	8/3/92
92-15	Establishing a Formal Policy for the Disposition of Land Use Change Tax Receipts	Passed	8/3/92
92-16	Town Council Approval of 1993 General Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/92
92-17	Town Council Approval of 1993 Water Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/92
92-18	Town Council Approval of 1993 Sewer fund Budget	Passed	12/21/92
92-19	Town Council Approval of 1993 Capital Improvements Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/92

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Minutes of the 1992 Informational Town Meeting • March 11, 1992

Oyster River High School Gymnasium • 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Patricia Samuels, Sarah Voll, Clayton Follansbee, W. Arthur Grant, William Healy, Jr., Scott Hovey, John Kraus, Ann Vogelmann, and Barbara Yates

Also Present: Interim Town Administrator Skip Grady, interested citizens and members of the press.

Moderator: Mr. Franklin Heald

The fifth Informational Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Franklin Heald. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. Mr. Heald began by announcing the results of the Town election on Tuesday, March 10, 1992 as follows:

FOR COUNCILOR

William A. Duncan	416
Ralph B. Bristol, Jr.	416
John D. Kraus, Jr.	261
Robert F. McCarthy	232
Geoff Sawyer	230
Clayton L. Follansbee	226

Write-in Votes

Bryan Ferland	1
Malcolm Sandberg	1
Alice Marchner	1

The Moderator declared William A. Duncan, Ralph B. Bristol, Jr., and John D. Kraus, Jr. elected.

FOR MODERATOR

L. Franklin Heald	591
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Write-in Votes

William Dettman	1
Dale Swanson	1
Bill Hall	1
Robert Gilmore	1
Malcolm McNeill	1

The Moderator declared L. Franklin Heald elected.

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Elisabeth Vail Maurice	528
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Write-in votes

Ann Vallenza	1
Helen Slanetz	1
Joan Weeks	1

The Moderator declared Elisabeth Vail Maurice elected.

FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Herbert W. Jackson	444
Eric Young	88

Write-in Votes:

Don Thompson	1
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The Moderator declared Herbert W. Jackson elected.

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The Moderator introduced the 1991 Town Council members and the 1992 Town Council members for the audience.

The Moderator introduced Chairwoman Patricia Samuels who recognized the efforts of several individuals who had served on various Town boards and committees throughout the year, including the Planning Board, Town Council, Wagon Hill Farm Committee and the Town Report Committee.

Chairwoman Samuels presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following individuals whom she felt deserved special recognition: Jerrold Jackson for his service as Town Treasurer and Deputy Town Treasurer; Francis Robinson for his 12 years of service as Town Moderator; George Rief for the contribution of his professional expertise in reviewing and analyzing the Wastewater Treatment Plant proposal on behalf of the Town, and John Hatch for the contribution of his painting done expressly to raise funds for Wagon Hill Farm, and for his continual updating and maintenance of the mapping mural in the Town Hall lobby.

The Moderator introduced Interim Town Administrator Skip Grady who, on behalf of the Town Council, Town staff, and Town residents, presented Council Chairwoman Samuels with a Council chair as a token of appreciation for her leadership as Council Chairwoman for the last half of 1991. Grady also thanked the Town Council, residents and Town staff for supporting him in his capacity as Interim Town Administrator.

The Moderator swore Ralph Bristol, Jr. into office as Town Councilor.

Chairwoman Samuels expressed her views regarding the Town Administrator/Town Council form of government. She said that as a whole, the Council strongly supported this form of government. She said because of the complexity of the Town, this form of government is the only way the Town can effectively function. Chairwoman Samuels said that none of the Council members wanted to return to the Selectmen form of government. She read two paragraphs within the Charter which explained the relationship between the Town Administrator and Council. Chairwoman Samuels said she felt that communications between the Council and the Administrator had broken down. Therefore, the Council tried to evaluate some of the steps they could take to improve the Town Administrator/Town Council relationship. She said the Council determined that there was nothing to be changed within the Charter or within the Administrative Code. Chairwoman Samuels said the Charter clearly states that the responsibility of the Town Administrator is to carry out the daily operations of the Town, and that the responsibility of the Council is to set policy. She said that there is no "check and balance" in this system, and that there should be a strong Council to balance the strong Administrator position. Chairwoman Samuels said that there had to be a concerted effort for open communication at all levels of government. She concluded by saying the town Councilors would like to see a team effort, and would like to have an Administrator with the vision of leadership who would be able to point out the areas that the Town should be moving forward on, and help the Council evaluate the scenarios so that they can make good decisions for the Town. Chairwoman Samuels also thanked Interim Town Administrator Grady for the wonderful job she felt he was doing as Interim Administrator.

The Moderator introduced Interim Town Administrator Grady. Grady noted a correction for the record to the 1992 Town Report. He explained that on pages 14 and 15 of the Town Report, there was a list of the

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resolutions that had passed during 1991. Grady said that in putting the synopsis together, and the description of Resolutions #91-12 and #91-18 dealing with the disposition of the UDAG funds, Town staff missed, during the editing process, that the funds were put in there for "economic" development. He said the description was too narrow a definition, and the Council's intent was that the funds be for the purpose of "community" development projects that met any of the Housing Urban Development guidelines.

Interim Town Administrator Grady briefly updated the audience on the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, and the status of the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative.

Interim Town Administrator Grady informed the public that the Town will be going to a three-day, 10-hour day pick up of solid waste (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) which is intended to minimize personnel costs.

Interim Town Administrator Grady asked residents not to place hypodermic needles directly into the trash, but to store them in a sealed container before putting them into trash cans.

Grady informed the public of the following improvements to the wastewater system: sludge processing improvements, high efficiency aeration system, pumping station improvements, odor control measures, and replacement of sludge pumps.

Interim Town Administrator Grady updated the public on the following projects that were completed in 1991:

- Signing of a Water Agreement between the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire
- Inclusion in the 1992 Capital Improvements Plan for consideration of a booster station on Madbury Road
- Performance of a hydrogeological study at the landfill on Durham Point Road
- Ongoing improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The following individuals briefly highlighted various events and projects within their respective departments: James Fenn for the Business Management Department, Captain Michael Golding for the Police Department, and Chief Robert Wood for the Fire Department.

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

David Funk, Conservation Commission Chairman, directed the audience to his written report on page 69 of the Annual Report. Mr. Funk noted that the Conservation Commission had one vacancy and invited anyone who may have an interest in serving to submit an application to the Town Administrator.

Marie Polk, Historic District Commission representative, reported on the Commission's proposed Demolition by Neglect Ordinance that she said would be presented to the Town Council in the near future. Ms. Polk also reported that the Commission would be bringing another proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance before the Council, which would allow the Historic District Commission to waive parking

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requirements for certain properties within the Historic District that may be converted to businesses.

Calvin Hosmer, Planning Board Chairman, noted that the Planning Board was presently down three members and needed two regular members and an alternate. He invited anyone who was interested in serving on the Board to notify the Town Administrator's office. Mr. Hosmer reported that the Planning Board was concentrating on developing a Water Resources Plan to be included in the Town Master Plan, and would be updating the Census data of the Master Plan based on the 1990 Census. Mr. Hosmer also reported that the revised Durham Sign Ordinance would be presented to the Town Council within the next month.

The following Council members reported on various issues within the community:

Ann Vogelmann — Wagon Hill Farm
Arthur Grant — Traffic & Parking Issues
Sarah P. Voll — Town Administrator Search
Patricia Samuels — UNH Pool
William Healy — Community Development

Chairwoman Voll said that several months prior, she had expressed on behalf of the Council, their appreciation for Chairwoman Samuels' thoughtfulness, strength, and grace in leadership. Voll said that under Chairwoman Samuels' leadership, the Council had not only been able to solve immediate problems, but were able to move forward on some very significant issues facing the Town. On behalf of the Council, Voll presented Chairwoman Samuels a gift as a gesture of their appreciation for her service as Council Chairwoman.

There being no further business, the Moderator ADJOURNED the fifth annual Informational Town Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Jennie Berry, Secretary

Note: Because of space constraints within the Annual Report, the 1992 Informational Town Meeting minutes had to be significantly edited. The complete minutes can be reviewed at the Durham Town Hall.



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Planning Board

The lower numbers of subdivision and site review applications noted in 1991 has continued in 1992 and the Planning Board has been able to devote extra time to discussion of various zoning issues. Recommendations have been made to the Town Council.

1992 HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed the Town Capital Improvements Plan and forwarded comments and recommendations to the Town Council.
- Reviewed over twenty suggestions for modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and forwarded recommendations to the Town Council.
- Reviewed the provisions of State law concerning Planning Board composition and forwarded recommendations to the Town Council concerning amendment of the Town Charter.
- Monitored progress in the preparation of a traffic and parking plan for Durham and UNH by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

GOALS FOR 1993

- Continue reviewing and updating the Durham Master Plan.
- Develop an Impact Fee Ordinance.
- Continue coordination with the University of New Hampshire on planning issues and the traffic and parking plan.

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF APPROVALS

Application Type	1992	1991	1990	1989
Subdivision	1	6	5	4
Site Review/Conditional Use Permit	10	4	5	15
Boundary Line Adjustment	4	5	5	4

Calvin Hosmer, Chairman

MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Standing: Dee Grant, Edward McNitt, Annemarie Harris, Ralph Bristol, Peter Smith, and Suzanne Loder.

Seated: George Rief and Calvin Hosmer (Chair).



General Government

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Seven appeals came before the Zoning Board of Adjustment in 1992. Of these, five were requests for variances from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance, and two were appeals from administrative decisions made by Town officials in interpreting the ordinances.

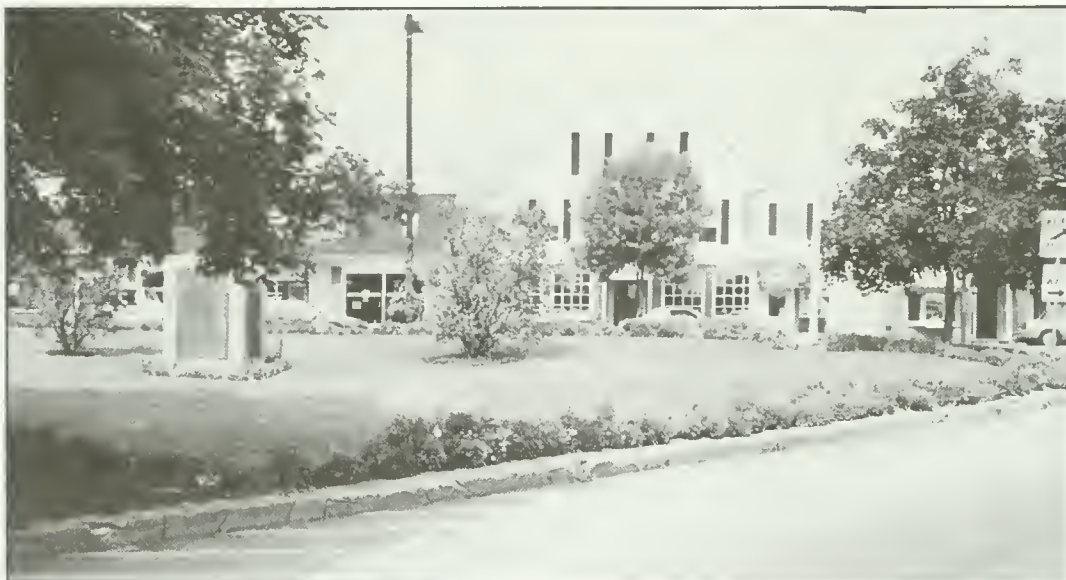
VARIANCE REQUESTS

- The most significant request, and the one which generated the most activity for the ZBA, dealt with a proposal to build a golf course between Packers Falls Road and the Lamprey River. The developer sought several variances from the set-back requirements from the river, as called for in the Shoreland Protection Zone. These requests were denied by the Board because the developer could not pass the "hardship-in-the-land" for granting a variance.
- One variance was granted permitting one driveway to serve six lots.
- Two variances were granted because failed septic systems required reconstruction within stipulated set-back areas.
- One variance permitted construction of an addition to a house within the set-back area.

APPEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

- One appeal dealt with the granting of a building permit for construction within the Shoreland Protection Zone along the Oyster River as defined in the 1990 Revision of the Durham Zoning Ordinance. The appeal was denied because the lot in question was an approved lot under the more liberal terms of the previous ordinances and was therefore "grandfathered".
- The second appeal was from an administrative decision requiring the public to be admitted to private property for a fee. The Board granted the appeal because it felt the terms of the Ordinance under which the original request had been denied were confusing, contradictory, and capable of various interpretations.

Malcolm Neuhoff, Chairman



Our downtown area has been honored for its beauty.

General Government

Supervisors of the Checklist

In 1992 there were six voting sessions in the Town of Durham: the Presidential Primary of February 18, the Oyster River School District Meeting of March 3, the Town elections of March 10, the State Primary of September 8, the Special Oyster River School District Meeting of October 27 and the General Election of November 3.

In preparation for these sessions, the Supervisors of the Checklist spent a total of 575 hours registering new voters, filing registration forms, entering voters' names into the computer, printing checklists for use at all voting sessions and posting in the Town Hall and Post Office, making address changes and party affiliation changes, removing names of voters who moved out of Town, and periodically updating the checklist to accommodate all of these changes.

Increase in voter registration rose from 5,034 in 1991 to 7,126 at the time of the November 3 General Election. Most of this increase was due to a heavy student registration in the falls of 1991 and 1992, requiring the presence of one or more of the Supervisors on a nearly daily basis to relieve the registration pressure on the Town Clerk's office.

Thirty ballot clerks were enlisted for the Presidential Primary and forty for the General Election. They are to be complimented for the magnificent but tedious job they did at both elections working under adverse conditions in both voting places used.

William L. Prince, Elisabeth Vail Maurice, Joan W. Weeks, Supervisors



At play at Woodridge Park

General Government

Town Clerk

Fiscal Year Ended
Dec. 31, 1992

Auto Registrations	\$382,156.00
Title Applications	2,030.00
Marriage Licenses	1,600.00
Vital Statistics Copies	792.00
U.C.C. Recordings	1,502.19
U.C.C. Terminations	285.00
Dog Licenses	1,868.50
Miscellaneous	156.13
TOTAL	\$390,389.82
Autos Registered	5,436
Dogs Licensed	384

Tax Collector

Fiscal Year Ended
Dec. 31, 1992

DEBITS	Levies of			
	1992	1991	1990	1989
Uncollected Taxes, as of January 1, 1992:				
Property Taxes	\$0	\$1,618,158.80	\$6.37	\$11,187.84
Resident Taxes	0	5,660.00	480.00	0
Land Use Change Taxes	0	17,808.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	790.48	0
Taxes Committed to Collector:				
Property Taxes	8,928,700.50	0	0	0
Resident Taxes	36,860.00	0	0	0
Land Use Change	5,834.53	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	5,561.11	0	0	0
Added Taxes:				
Resident Taxes	3,580.00	340.00	0	0
Land Use Change Taxes	0	12,195.00	0	0
Overpayments:				
Property Taxes	7,085.57	0	0	0
Resident Taxes	180.00	20.00	0	0
Interest Collected				
on Delinquent Taxes	2,804.94	93,923.68	186.94	0
Penalties Collected				
on Delinquent Taxes	78.00	249.00	10.00	0
TOTAL DEBITS	\$8,990,684.65	\$1,748,354.48	\$1,473.79	\$11,187.84

General Government

Tax Collector, cont'd.

CREDITS	Levies of			
	1992	1991	1990	1989
Remittances to Treasurer				
During Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes	\$7,652,365.38	\$1,613,194.28	\$6.37	0
Resident Taxes	30,920.00	2,500.00	100.00	0
Land Use Change Taxes	0	12,450.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	5,187.28	0	790.48	0
Interest Collected				
on Delinquent Taxes	2,804.94	93,923.68	186.94	0
Penalties Collected				
on Delinquent Taxes	78.00	249.00	10.00	0
Abatements Made During Year				
Property Taxes	0	4,964.52	0	0
Resident Taxes	1,090.00	1,580.00	380.00	0
Land Use Change Taxes	0	17,553.00	0	0
Uncollected Taxes, as of December 31, 1992				
Property Taxes	1,283,420.69	0	0	11,187.84*
Resident Taxes	8,610.00	1,940.00	0	0
Land Use Change Taxes	5,834.53	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	373.83	0	0	0
TOTAL CREDITS	\$8,990,684.65	\$1,748,354.48	\$1,473.79	\$11,187.84

Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended
Dec. 31, 1992

DEBITS	Tax Sales/Liens on Account of Levies of:		
	1991	1990	1989&88
Balance of Unredeemed Liens as of January 1, 1992	\$0	\$494,850.05	\$221,189.71
Tax Liens Acquired by Town			
During Fiscal Year	757,418.38	0	0
Adjustment to Tax Lien	6.37	0	0
Interest & Costs After Sale/Lien	16,940.91	33,567.65	70,988.67
Overpayments During Year	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBITS	\$774,359.29	\$528,417.70	\$292,178.38

CREDITS	Tax Sales/Liens on Account of Levies of:		
	1991	1990	1989&88
Remittances to Treasurer During Year			
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$296,054.66	\$202,459.56	\$198,769.51
Interests & Costs After Sale/Lien	16,940.91	33,567.65	70,988.67
Abatements Made During Year	0	0	0
Deeded to Town During Year	0	0	0
Unredeemed Liens, as of 12/31/92	461,363.72	292,390.49	22,420.20*
TOTAL CREDITS	\$774,359.29	\$528,417.70	\$292,178.38

*Bankruptcy Filing

General Government

Trustees of the Trust Funds & Cemetery Committee

The number of burials in 1992 was 24 (7 full body, 17 cremains). The number of standard lots sold was 5 (12 possible burial sites). Four cremains lots (16 possible burial sites) were also sold.

As planned last year, "Section C", the next major area toward Old Concord Road, was graded and seeded. Additional driveways were constructed and a drainage system installed which should be adequate well into the next century. Sixteen additional foundations were poured in our cremains section, which should also last us for the next several years. All work was performed by Public Works personnel at considerable savings to the Town. Thank you, Skip Grady and crew. We now have ample additional space to expand into as our older sections fill up.

Special thanks are due to Harold Hurd, who greatly assisted the Cemetery Committee in selling lots and marking out graves.

All of the outlying private graveyards and tombs were serviced. As a result of a special appropriation this year, much significant maintenance work has been accomplished. Tree and brush removal, stone and fence repairs, and other special jobs that had not been possible under our routine maintenance schedule were carried out. Our regular annual program should now be enough to keep these yards in acceptable condition for several years. General care of the cemetery was continued with customary high quality by Mike Lynch and his able Public Works helpers. Special thanks are due to Raymond LaRoche, Jr. and his able assistant David Hadlock for a job well done.

Herbert W. Jackson, Chair



*Skating is one of the many pastimes
enjoyed on the Lamprey.*



PUBLIC SAFETY

BUILDING INSPECTOR

This is my fourth Town Report as Durham's Building Inspector. In 1992, the position was funded for 25 hours per week; however, sometimes extra hours were needed.

This past year has seen a decrease in new house construction but sizable increase in commercial permits, the largest one being at the former Data General building, where UNH has leased the first floor and Cabletron has leased the second and third floors of the office side of the building. Cabletron alone anticipates as many as 500 people working there.

Septic test pit inspection continues as usual, and several systems in failure were repaired in 1992.

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS PROCESSED

	1991	1992
Total permits processed	138	133
Permits denied	3	1
Permits withdrawn	0	0
Permits on hold	0	0
Total permits approved	135	132
Total value of permits given	\$4,474,557	\$3,446,464

BREAKDOWN OF PERMITS

	1991	1992
Single family homes	19	10
Multi-family homes	0	0
Additions (garages, family rooms, barns, sheds)	70	62
Commercial (new and renovation)	7	18
Demolition	1	2
Signs	8	11
Other (electrical, plumbing, septic)	30	29
Total	135	132
Septic test pits and septic plan review	15	25
Total fees received including test pit fees		\$18,454

Public Safety

Building Inspector, cont'd.

GOALS FOR 1993

- Adopt the 1993 BOCA Building Codes (code books are revised about every three years).
- Acquire more inspector certification through Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA) tests. In 1991, I became a BOCA-certified one- and two-family building inspector.
- Implement electrical and plumbing rules and fee schedule for these permits, if approved by Town Council.
- Work cooperatively with owners and builders to ensure all construction within the Town of Durham meets the spirit and intent of the adopted codes.
- Continue to respond to concerns of citizens, investigating and enforcing the various codes.

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

Communications Center

The Durham/UNH Emergency Communications Center has handled more than 20,000 logged incidents in Durham and the surrounding area during 1992. In Durham alone, the Communications Center handles calls for the Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Department of Public Works, in addition to 23 other area agencies. The Center is administered by the University of New Hampshire Police Department and is located in the Service Building on College Road on the UNH campus.

The Dispatch Center is staffed by a supervisor, six full-time dispatchers, and six part-time substitute dispatchers. In addition to the more than 20,000 emergency calls the Center handles, many thousands more non-emergency calls are processed regularly.

During the year 1991, a new basic 9-1-1 telephone service was established on the 868 telephone exchange, making Durham's emergency number easier to remember, and bringing this community in line with the national 9-1-1 effort toward one recognized emergency number. Hopefully, a statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 network is in the process of being established in New Hampshire. As a reminder, those Durham residents with an 868 exchange should call 9-1-1 for any **emergency**. Those having other exchanges should continue to dial 868-1212 for emergencies. And those on the UNH campus with an 862 exchange should dial *-9-1-1.

False burglar and fire alarms are a constant concern and a drain on our resources. Consequently, the Durham Town Council last year enacted an ordinance which imposes a penalty for more than five false alarms.

In conclusion, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Communications Center at 862-1392.

Edwin H. Sternfelt, Communications Coordinator

Public Safety

Fire Department

The Durham Fire Department provides services to both the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire including: emergency medical advanced life support, hazardous materials handling, technical rescue and firefighting, as well as fire and life safety inspections, plans review, and public fire safety education.

The Fire Department budget is supported by the Town and UNH on an equal cost sharing basis as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement for Fire Protection Services. The Memorandum has been extended during 1992 through March, 1993 and it is currently being negotiated for renewal.

1992 HIGHLIGHTS

- All firefighters received computer system training to utilize new incident reporting system software.
- Emergency Medical Technician refresher training modules were conducted throughout the year for all personnel by Captain Richard Miller.
- Deputy Chief Michael Hoffman was transferred from the Fire Prevention Bureau and appointed Captain to fill the vacancy created by Captain Rines' retirement.
- A reorganization of the Prevention Bureau has resulted in the elimination of the Deputy Fire Chief and rotating Firefighter assignment in Fire Prevention. These positions are being replaced by a Fire Prevention Inspector position.
- Durham Professional Firefighters Association sponsored NH Technical College Satellite courses "Teaching Methodology", "Building Construction", and "Municipal Fire Management" at Durham Fire Department.
- Emergency Medical Technicians Intermediate Certification course conducted at Durham Fire Department including IV, DEFIB, and EOA.
- Firefighters James Lapolla and Charles Moorenovich completed certification as Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedics.
- Participated in "Partnerships Against Fire" Smoke Detector distribution program funded by a grant from FEMA and US Fire Administration.
- Participated in two Live Burn practical training sessions. First drill was a Mutual Aid drill with Madbury, Lee, and Barrington Fire Departments in Madbury, Rte. 9. Second drill at UNH Clark House, Rosemary Lane.
- Coordinated Fourth of July Chicken Barbecue Fund-raiser and Fire Apparatus/Fire Safety displays with Madbury and Lee fire departments.
- Captain Richard Miller attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and enrolled in "Managing Emergency Medical Services" program. Captain Miller serves as our E.M.S. Training Officer Instructor/Coordinator for our Emergency Medical Technician refresher recertification.
- Firefighter Paul Marcoux attended the National Fire Academy and enrolled in "Chemistry of Hazardous Materials".
- Presented workshop on Fire Department Operations for Town Council meeting.
- All personnel received and reviewed Manual of Procedures.
- Coordinated assignment of street numbers for UNH campus with UNH Facilities Services and US Post Office.

Public Safety

Fire Department, cont'd.

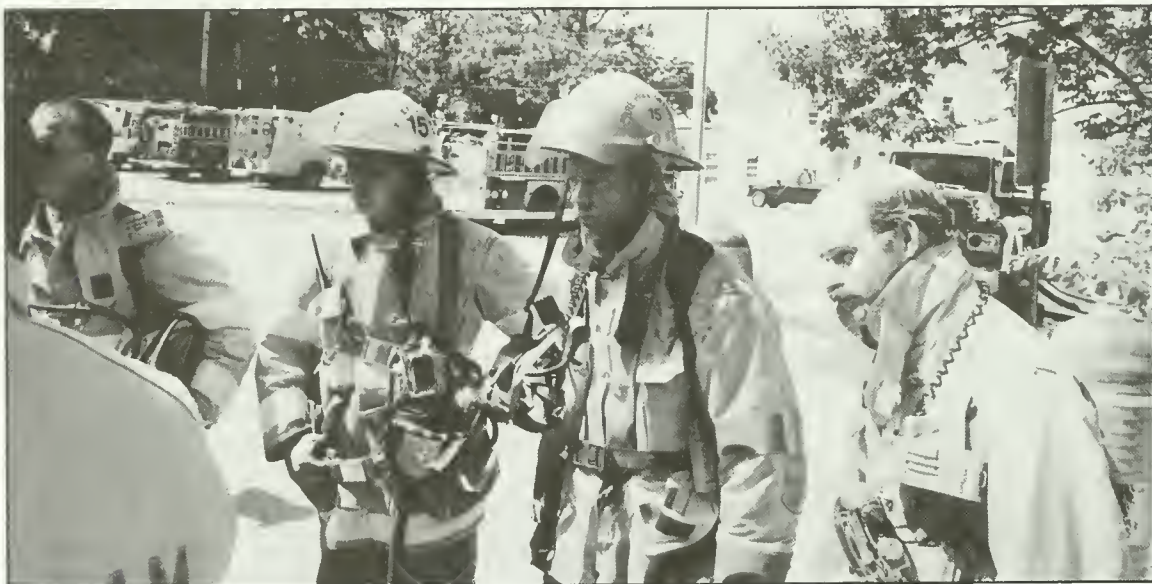
- Durham Professional Firefighters Association provided fire safety displays and public education during National Fire Prevention Week including participation at Neighbors Day at Wagon Hill Farm.

GOALS FOR 1993

- Complete Hazardous Materials Decontamination/Technician level training in accordance with NFPA standard.
- Return the NFPA "Learn Not to Burn" curriculum into grades three and six in the Oyster River School District.
- Reorganized training division program including training bulletins and testing materials.
- Conduct certification testing on aerial and ground ladders.
- Revise alarm card running assignments for all multiple alarm fires with Communications Center.
- Provide NH Firefighter Level 1 certification training to Call Firefighters.

The effective delivery of our fire protection services is made possible through the cooperation and support of all Town and University agencies in combination with the sincere efforts of all Department members. The Town of Durham is fortunate to have a highly dedicated and enthusiastic firefighting staff who constantly strive not only to maintain, but to expand their capabilities for the benefit of the community.

Robert P. Wood, Chief



Firefighters (left to right) Brian Murray, Greg Dardia, Captain Mike Hoffman, and Paul Hatch receive a briefing on operations before a training drill.

Public Safety

Department Activities

UNH Incidents
(All on campus
property)

Town Incidents
(All privately owned properties
including those occupied by
Greek organizations)

Structure fires	10	22
Other fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	10	31
Emergency medical	202	240
Extrications	47	14
Spills/leaks (no ignition)	16	12
Service calls	171	98
Smoke investigations	41	29
Malicious false alarms	24	20
Unintentional false alarms	44	41
Good intent	33	23
System malfunction	33	26
False calls not classified	102	61
Miscellaneous (assist police, chemical emergencies, arcing electrical equipment)	46	67
	779	684
Mutual aid provided to other communities		25
Combined Total Incidents		1,488

Inspections

Inspections	180
In-service	104
In-service reinspections	3
Home	5
Chimney/fireplace/woodstove	5
Daycare	6

Reports of fire hazard 9

Permits issued

Blasting	18
Building	20
Burning	278
Fireworks Display	2
Install/operate fire alarm system	29
Install Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) tank	1
Install oil burner	11
Install fire sprinkler system	7
Open flame in place of assembly	4
Operate gas burner	0
Operate oil burner	11
Operate place of assembly	9
Purchase/use unvented kerosene space heater	0

Public Safety

Fire Department, cont'd.

Remove underground fuel storage tank	1
Fire safety education	
Fire drills	8
Fire extinguisher classes (attended by approximately 305 people)	12
Other programs (public school programs, dormitory and Greek system programs, station tours, etc. — attended by approximately 600 people)	18
Miscellaneous	
Juvenile firesetter screenings	1
Malicious false alarm court appearances	2
Major fire investigations	5
Special event coverage	49 events

Forest Fire Warden/State Fire Ranger

In New Hampshire, 1992 was below average for reported wildfires. Our largest fire was in May in Rumney where a suspicious origin fire burned approximately 150 acres with a total cost of approximately \$30,000. The NH Division of Forests and Lands assisted many other communities in wildland fire suppression as well.

State fire lookout towers reported 289 fires, burning a total of 136 acres. Major causes of fires were those kindled without a permit, unknown causes, and children.

Please help your town and state forest fire officials with fire prevention. New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27) requires that, "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or burn or cause to be burned any material in the open, except when the ground discovered with snow, *without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done.*" Violation of this statute is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or a year in jail and you are liable for all fire suppression costs.

Local fire departments are responsible for suppressing fires. The small average fire size of .47 acre/fire is a tribute to early detection by the public or our fire tower system and the quick response of our trained local fire departments. Please help your Warden and fire department by requesting and obtaining a fire permit *before* kindling an open fire.

The NH Division of Forests and Lands assisted 28 towns with a total of \$20,000 in 50/50 cost share grants for firefighter safety items and wildland suppression equipment in 1992.

If you have any questions regarding New Hampshire forest fire laws, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden, State Forest Ranger, or Division of Forests and Lands at 271-2217.

Lee Gardner, Forest Ranger
Robert P. Wood, Forest Fire Warden

Public Safety

Police Department

	1991	1992
Department Statistics		
Services rendered (aid to citizens and other agencies; development, business and residence checks; and money escorts)	9,168	9,712
Incidents reported	677	472
Crimes investigated	645	794
Arrests	318	218
Summons issued	2,997	1,222
Accidents investigated	*206	**220

* *Fatal: 0, Injured: 55, Property Damage: 151.* ***Fatal: 3, Injured: 67, Property Damage 150.*

Police services rendered and community involvement have made 1992 an active and rewarding year for the Police Department.

An unusual number of fatalities, resulting from motor vehicle accidents on Route #4 between Route 108 and the Scammel Bridge, led to an ongoing, cooperative effort between Town and State Highway officials dedicated to improving safety on that section of highway.

Enforcement efforts have been focused in areas subject to frequent noise disturbances and alcohol violations. These areas include, but are not limited to: Young Drive; the footpath between Cowell Drive and Bayview Road neighborhood; the core area of Madbury Road, Garrison and Strafford Avenues; Dennison Road; etc. As of this report, the Town Council is considering proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance, which would change time constraints during weekdays and provide for an enhanced penalty for repeat offenders. Early in the University's fall semester, we received reports of several sexual assaults — investigations are ongoing. Our criminal investigations are up by 20%, and the total number of services rendered have increased 23% (see statistics report above).

Department staff are also involved at all levels of community services. At the State level, we participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and the New Hampshire Superior Courts Law Enforcement/Prosecutor Task Force on Sexual Assaults. County activities include participation in the Attorney General's Regional Drug Task Force, the Strafford County Attorney's Drug Committee, the Strafford Guidance Advisory Committee, and the Rockingham County Part-Time Officer certification training program.

Locally, we are proud of our Police Cadet Program. The Cadets have raised funds or supplemented department personnel in such activities as the Memorial Day Parade (Band), Fourth of July Celebration, and Neighbors Day at Wagon Hill. They also assisted with Homecoming and Halloween. Our staff have worked with Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), making monthly presentations (January—June) and a recent seat belt safety program in conjunction with the Dover Police Department. We also participate in the Community Health Action & Information Network (CHAIN).

My staff and I are pleased that Town Council has recognized the need to develop a police facility. I look forward to working together with Larry Wood, Town Administrator, and other Town staff in identifying cost-effective solutions to the facility needs of the Town.

Paul W. Gowen, Chief

Public Safety

Durham Ambulance Corps

The Durham Ambulance Corps is a private, non-profit volunteer organization that has served the *emergency* medical transportation needs of the Durham, Lee, and Madbury area for 24 years. Staffed with volunteers and one full-time manager, the Corps has greatly improved its level of care from the minimal services of Advanced First Aid in 1968 to the 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 July, 1992 the Corps took delivery of a 1992 Road Rescue Modular Ambulance. This state of the art ambulance replaced the 1983 van ambulance. The new vehicle allows more room to carry equipment and allows attendants access all around the patient. It was purchased with appropriations from Durham, Lee, UNH, and Madbury, as well as donations, memorial gifts, and the 1991 fund drive.

During 1992, Corps members attended many advanced training courses. Currently, members with advanced skills include:

20	EMT-D (Defibrillator certified)	15 additional members enrolled
19	EMT-EOA (Advanced Airway Training)	4 additional pending
6	EMT-I (Intermediate or IV certified)	8 additional pending
3	EMT-P (Paramedic Level Certified)	2 additional enrolled

First responders and bystanders are vital links in the survival of critically ill or injured patients. The Corps continues to offer CPR training for area police officers, firefighters, day care providers, and other interested groups. We also offer station tours, safety programs and limited first aid training. If you or your group is interested in one of these programs, please contact the station at 862-3674.

GOALS FOR 1993

- Continue to improve communications by issuing portable radios to members living in the outlying parts of our service area. This will allow those members to respond directly to the scene of emergency calls, continuing to reduce response times.
- Update Hazardous Materials and Infection Control training and policies in compliance with Federal OSHA regulations.
- Continue to improve the level of patient care provided to the Corps' service area by offering advanced training courses locally.
- Improve ability to provide pediatric emergency care by offering pediatric emergencies seminars and courses.
- Investigate alternative funding sources including annual fund drive, fund raising events and patient billing.

In 1993 the Corps will celebrate its 25th anniversary. We are proud of our long tradition of compassionate, quality emergency medical care. We are planning several events throughout the year in celebration of our 25th year. Watch the local newspapers for details on these upcoming events.

We would like to thank the Durham, Lee, and Madbury Police and Fire Departments, the UNH Police Department, and the Madbury FAST squad for their assistance during the past year. Many thanks to all the Durham Ambulance Corps members who have continued to volunteer their time and resources during the last year.

Patrick D. Ahearn, President



1992 EXPENDITURES & 1993 BUDGET

Combined Fund Statements

REVENUE SOURCES	Revised 1992 Budget	Expended 1992 12/31/92	FY93 Council Approved
GENERAL FUND			
Taxes	2,939,150	2,983,187	2,917,623
Licenses & Permits	393,350	406,848	413,100
State & Federal	381,536	460,003	474,680
Other Governments	787,138	729,919	750,972
Department Revenues	112,309	107,021	70,492
Miscellaneous Revenues	271,871	317,577	340,624
Fund Balance	250,663	-0-	150,000
Total General Fund	\$5,136,017	\$5,004,555	\$5,117,491
Water Fund	\$344,686	\$261,874	\$335,302
Sewer Fund	\$686,926	535,786	\$628,948
Capital Fund	\$2,480,700	\$735,094	\$811,050
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$8,648,329	\$6,537,309	\$6,892,791
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Town Council	25,400	23,293	21,000
Town Administrator	111,409	100,950	90,207
Treasurer	1,300	1,650	1,300
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	60,949	60,579	60,899
Business Manager	117,771	112,522	120,282
Elections	3,200	3,518	6,849
Cemeteries	10,570	8,494	12,150
Public Buildings	53,617	49,551	59,780
Planning & Zoning	59,562	48,314	66,081
Legal	22,200	13,529	20,000
C.O.A.S.T.	4,007	4,007	4,288
Other General Costs	44,400	28,522	37,800
General Government Total	\$514,385	\$454,929	\$500,636

1992 Expenditures & 1993 Budget

Combined Fund Statements, cont'd.

	Revised 1992 Budget	Expended 1992 12/31/92	FY93 Council Approved
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	658,835	623,289	645,983
Fire Department	758,478	743,543	721,114
Building Inspector	18,562	18,473	18,702
Communication Center	104,090	95,591	107,691
Ambulance Services	44,832	34,178	45,435
Public Safety Total	\$1,584,797	\$1,515,074	\$1,538,925
PUBLIC WORKS			
Administration	45,333	50,734	69,646
Roadway Maintenance	156,561	136,561	182,382
Snow/Ice Control	91,928	56,153	86,627
Drainage/Vegetation	42,796	26,994	35,650
Traffic Control	64,196	49,008	76,208
Maintenance/Repair	66,476	88,762	102,596
Miscellaneous	92,163	70,054	104,039
Public Works Total	\$559,453	\$478,266	\$657,148
SANITATION			
Administration	28,088	37,976	26,826
Curbside Collection	180,741	184,969	177,724
Transfer Station	51,633	46,658	47,459
Litter removal	7,311	5,776	7,053
Recycling	65,991	80,656	65,877
Hazardous Waste Day	10,000	9,982	7,500
Sanitation Total	\$343,764	\$366,017	\$332,439
HEALTH			
Health Department	550	660	650
Animal Control	2,170	1,597	2,470
Lamprey Health	2,900	2,900	3,000
Squamscott Home Health	15,950	15,950	16,400
Sexual Assault Support Services	700	700	1,683
Strafford Hospice	1,350	1,350	2,700
Health Total	\$23,620	\$23,157	\$26,903
WELFARE			
General Assistance	2,000	1,529	2,000
Strafford C.A.C.	900	900	950
My Friend's Place	2,000	2,000	2,000
Welfare Total	\$4,900	\$4,429	\$4,950

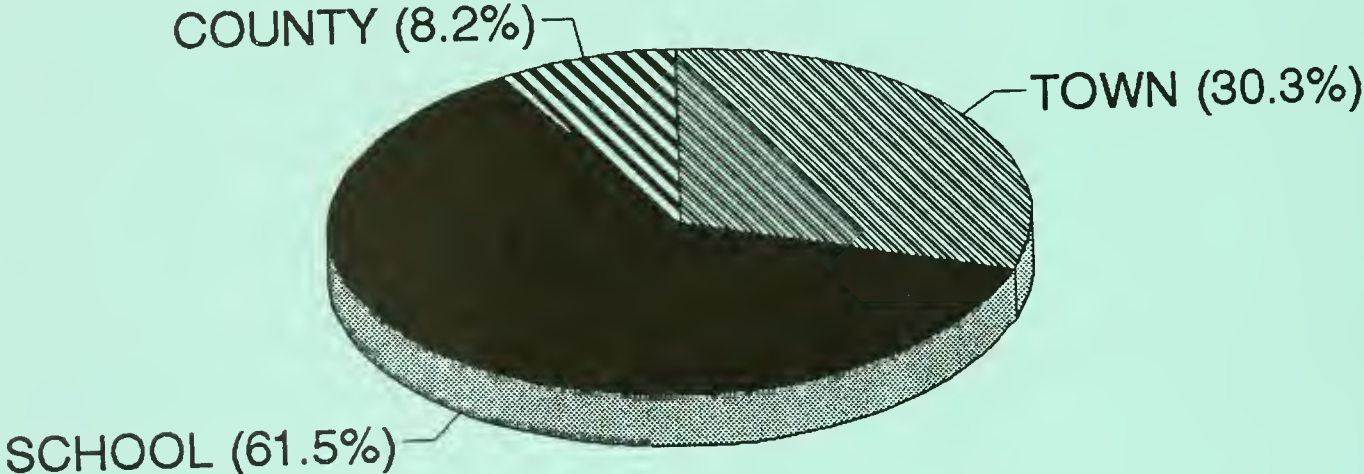
1992 Expenditures & 1993 Budget

Combined Fund Statements, cont'd.

	Revised 1992 Budget	Expended 1992 12/31/92	FY93 Council Approved
CULTURE/RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation Committee	7,000	5,306	0
Public Library	42,711	42,711	42,711
Town Recreation	63,753	60,828	74,997
O.R.Y.A.	17,920	17,920	17,760
Memorial Day	150	150	150
Conservation Commission	1,500	1,249	1,440
Historic District Commission	200	2	200
Historic Association Museum	750	837	800
Resident Pool Rebate	10,000	8,580	12,500
Swans	700	470	900
July 4th	5,925	5,617	5,600
Wagon Hill	5,800	3,964	8,317
Culture/Recreation Total	\$156,409	\$147,634	\$165,375
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal	591,120	566,120	571,955
Interest	275,444	252,868	239,201
Debt Service Total	\$866,564	\$818,988	\$811,156
OTHER COSTS			
Short-Term Debt	281,160	142,087	207,000
Fringe Benefits	626,926	575,384	747,565
Insurance	92,563	57,469	88,644
Interfund Transfers	46,390	46,390	0
Capital Reserve	12,790	12,790	10,000
Other Costs Total	\$1,059,829	\$834,120	\$1,079,959
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$5,113,721	\$4,642,614	\$5,117,491
OTHER FUNDS			
Water Fund	344,686	198,445	335,302
Sewer Fund	686,926	619,350	628,948
Capital Fund	2,480,100	689,662	811,050
Other Funds Total	\$3,511,712	\$1,507,457	\$1,775,300
COMBINED TOTALS	\$8,648,329	\$6,150,071	\$6,892,791

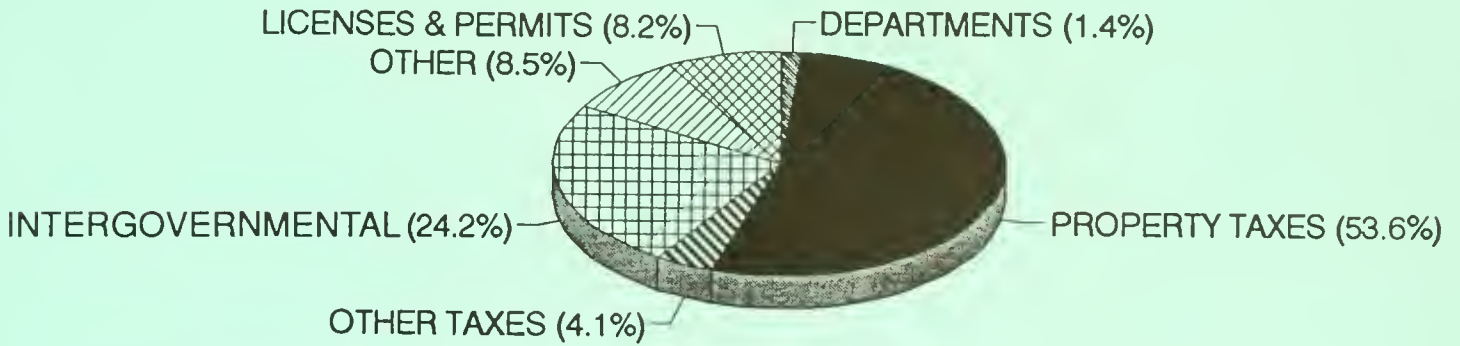
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Tax Rate Breakdown 1992

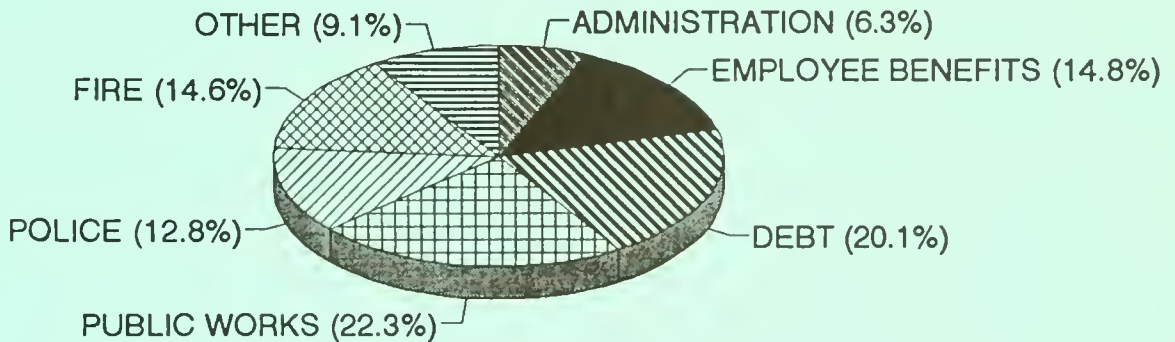


1992 Expenditures & 1993 Budget

Proposed 1993 Budget Revenues

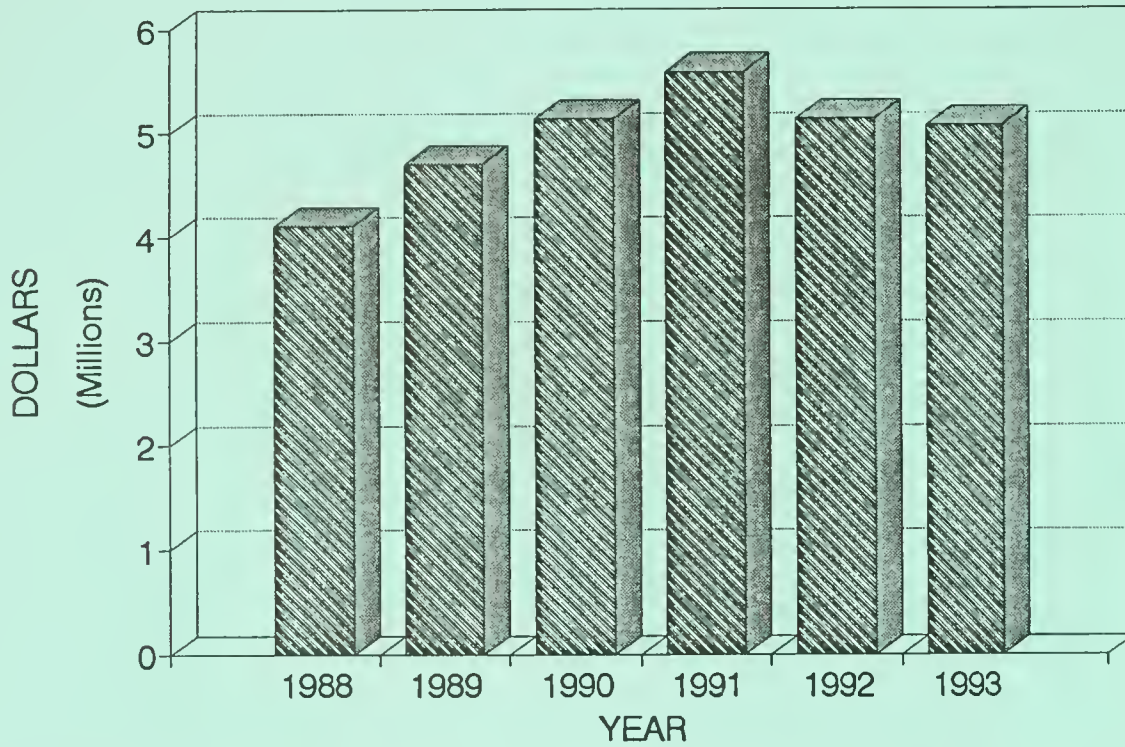


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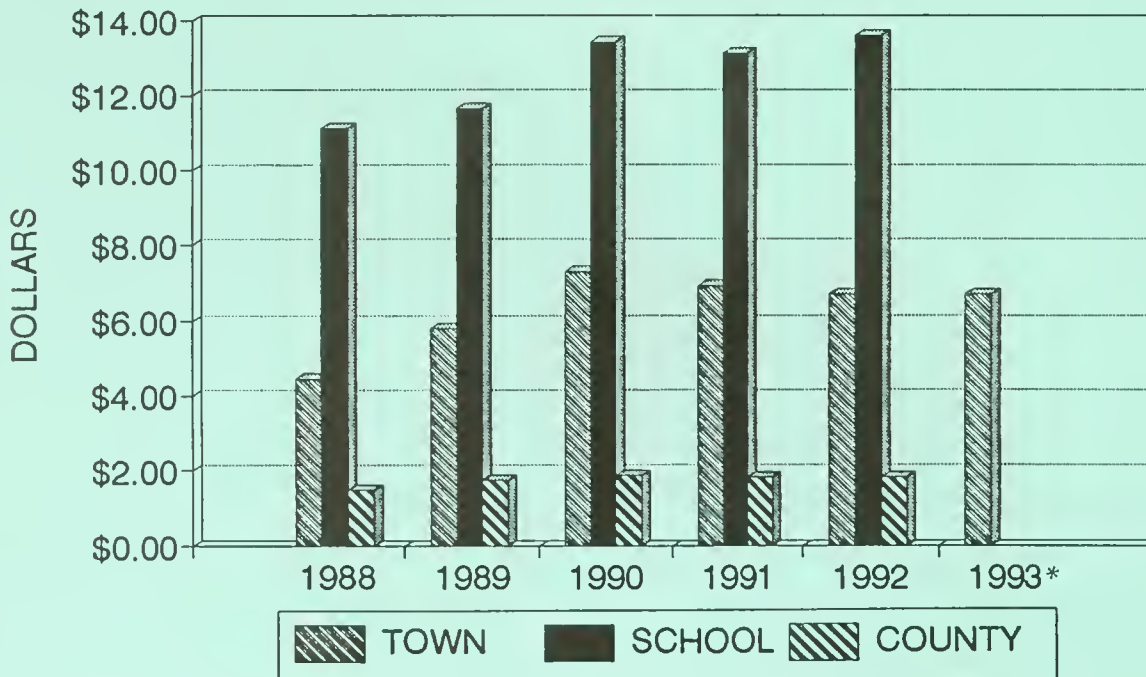


1992 Expenditures & 1993 Budget

Budget Comparison 1988-1993



Tax Rate Comparison 1988-1993



*Reflects only Town Portion. School and County rates have not been received.

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, 1991, 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, 1991, 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, 1991, and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

February 17, 1992

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF DURHAM
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 1991

<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$1,012,009	\$ 34,652	\$
Investments			
Receivables (Net of <u>Allowance for Uncollected)</u>			
Interest			
Taxes	2,181,811		
Accounts	22,876	94,785	
Intergovernmental	27,972	184,295	
Other	8,675		
Interfund Receivable	369,660	84,104	23,927
Prepaid Items	41,148	3,687	
Fixed Assets			
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	4,643		
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to Be Provided for			
Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$3,668,794</u>	<u>\$401,523</u>	<u>\$ 23,927</u>

EXHIBIT A (CONTINUED)
TOWN OF DURHAM
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 1991

<u>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 110,285	\$ 49,675	\$
Accrued Interest Payable	3,929	33,854	
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	71,766	7,407	
Contracts Payable			2,093
Intergovernmental Payable	2,743,687	38,275	
Interfund Payable	158,031	130,465	210,519
Escrow and Performance Deposits	7,467		
Deferred Tax Revenues	612		
Other Deferred Revenues	1,289		
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable			513,490
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Capital Lease Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Total Liabilities	3,097,066	259,676	726,102
<u>Equity and Other Credits</u>			
Investment in General Fixed Assets			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Encumbrances			128,842
Reserved for Special Purposes			
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	4,643		
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated for Special Purposes		141,847	
Undesignated (Deficit)	567,085		(831,017)
Total Equity and Other Credits	571,728	141,847	(702,175)
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$3,668,794	\$401,523	\$ 23,927

<u>Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency</u>	<u>Account Groups</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>	
	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-term Debt</u>	<u>December 31, 1991</u>	<u>December 31, 1990</u>
\$812,271	\$	\$	\$ 1,858,932	\$ 1,694,160
129,928			129,928	161,031
1,726			1,726	
			2,181,811	2,139,994
			117,661	162,208
			212,267	172,048
			8,675	
50,000			527,691	826,398
			44,835	3,200
	13,479,519		13,479,519	13,262,185
			4,643	
		<u>4,529,904</u>	<u>4,529,904</u>	<u>5,164,630</u>
<u>\$993,925</u>	<u>\$13,479,519</u>	<u>\$4,529,904</u>	<u>\$23,097,592</u>	<u>\$23,585,854</u>

1992 Expenditures & 1993 Budget

Treasurer's Report

	Balance as of 12/31/91	Balance as of 12/31/92
General Fund	\$732,054.49	\$1,488,306.19
Payroll	\$21,255.17	\$2,030.99
One-A-Month Club	\$1,429.76	\$1,477.35
Conservation Fund	\$33,222.38	\$34,457.78
Insurance Account	\$479.31	\$11,508.39
Developer Escrow Accounts	\$209,983.21	\$1,969,928.12

Richard Lilly, Treasurer



Canoeing on the Lamprey



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Statement of Long-Term Indebtedness

Description	Issue Date	Original Principal	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Payments 1-1-92 thru 12-31-92			
					Principal Paid	Principal Balance	Interest Paid	Interest Balance
BONDS								
Water	4-01-75	\$515,000	6.40%	4-01-95	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$5,600	\$7,200
Sewer	5-15-79	1,680,000	5.65%	5-15-94	110,000	220,000	15,537	12,430
Incinerator	5-15-79	2,420,000	5.70%	5-15-94	160,000	320,000	22,800	18,240
Incinerator	7-01-80	450,000	6.40%	7-01-93	35,000	30,000	4,160	1,920
Consolid/Grader	6-16-87	153,000	5.86%	7-15-92	25,000	0	1,575	0
Land Acquisition/Equipment	12-15-89	3,920,000	6.66%	12-15-09	260,000	3,140,000	224,675	1,808,163
General Obligation	7-15-92	666,666	4.33%	7/15/99	0	666,000	0	105,431
TOTAL		\$9,804,000			\$615,000	\$4,451,000	\$274,347	\$1,953,384



Changing innings at the Oyster River Elementary School

Financial Information

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds 1992

NOTE: Cents may not tally because of rounding.

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							
46 Separate Trust Funds							
(Cemetery Care)	\$19,550.95	\$88.35	\$19,639.31	\$7,379.95	\$2,727.01	\$3,418.97	\$6,688.00
Smith Town Improvement Fund							
(Town Improvement)	5,829.50	26.34	5,855.84	12,347.23	954.84	855.10	12,446.96
Durham 250 Fund							
(Town Improvement)	5,078.95	22.95	5,101.90	1,087.78	324.68	335.74	1,076.72
Smith Chapel							
(Cemetery Care)	6,091.59	27.53	6,119.12	1,161.30	531.89	382.31	1,310.88
Philip A. Wilcox Fund							
(Unfunded Graveyards)	1,565.00	262.94	1,827.94	90.73	100.64	11.08	180.29
Wagon Hill							
(Memorial)	50.00	20.23	70.23	2.90	33.54	.42	36.02
Tirell Fund					300.00	0.00	300.00
INVESTED IN BONDS/COMMON TRUST FUND*							
George Ffrost							
(Education)	3,656.31	(85.50)	3,570.81	5,730.63	512.61	553.01	5,690.23
Olinthus Doe							
(Care of Farm/School Support)	5,070.29	(283.14)	4,787.15	3,998.94	534.99	247.73	4,286.20
Town Cemetery							
(Cemetery Care)	88,125.49	4,444.21	92,569.70	5,494.06	5,193.31	5,818.88	4,868.49
Total of All Trusts	\$135,018.08	\$4,523.91	\$139,542.00	\$37,293.52	\$11,213.51	\$11,623.24	\$36,883.79

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	\$55,215.00	(\$25,000)	\$30,215.00	\$6,927.83	\$1,820.94	\$380.00	\$8,368.77
Parking Fund	66,301.00	9,000.00	75,301.00	10,914.21	2,875.42	0.00	13,789.63
Wiswall Dam	216.69	0.00	216.69	2,966.01	114.59	0.00	3,080.60
Old Landing Road	11,058.22	(11,058.22)	0.00	1,000.65	304.31	1,304.96	0.00
Jackson's Landing	6,841.28	(6,841.28)	0.00	9,776.33	270.14	10,046.47	0.00
Fire Service Agreement	23,546.00	29,052.00	52,598.00	1,411.18	1,600.69	0.00	3,011.87
Community Development	529,353.67	0.00	529,353.67	0.00	17,493.63	0.00	17,493.63
Solid Waste Truck	0.00	8,625.00	8,625.00	0.00	1,032.00	0.00	1,032.00
Res. Water Service	0.00	13,592.57	13,592.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cap. Reserve Funds	\$692,531.86	\$17,370.07	\$709,901.93	\$32,996.21	\$25,511.72	\$11,731.43	\$46,776.50

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

* During 1992 the bonds held by these funds were sold and proceeds invested in the common trust fund. This will simplify future reporting.

Financial Information

1988-1992 Valuation Figures

Year	Percent of Valuation	Taxable Valuation
1992	127%	\$405,083,660
1991	124%	401,134,319
1990	111%	394,840,000
1989	100%	390,726,443
1988	100%	381,333,177

1992 MS-1 Summary

Total Taxable Land	\$172,537,690
Total Taxable Buildings	\$229,951,900
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$3,010,000
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$405,499,590
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$415,930
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed	\$405,083,660
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$27,700

Tax Rate in Durham 1988-1992

Year	Town	School District	County	Total
1992	\$6.69	\$13.60	\$1.82	\$22.11
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

Valuation of Building Permits 1988-1992

1992	\$3,446,464
1991	4,474,557
1990	5,347,504
1989	5,695,434
1988	6,949,684

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, located between Thompson Lane and
Croghan Lane
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'
Foss Farm Water Tank/Vault
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
Sewer Pump Station, Oyster River Road
Parking Lots, Pettee Brook Lane



PUBLIC WORKS & SANITATION

Director of Public Works

In this, my fifth report to the citizens of Durham, it is most satisfying to follow our 1991 report and state that our five-year “back to basics” emphasis is paying off in overall reduced costs, improved reliability, and increased safety. During this fifth year we plan to shift from our “back to basics” approach to a strengthening of our basic preventive maintenance program for our infrastructure (highways, water and wastewater systems, buildings and grounds and sanitation facility) and, as funding permits, to begin undertaking more encompassing capital projects as proposed in the Town’s six-year Capital Improvement Plan. Such Public Works projects, once undertaken, would address traffic safety problems, bridge and sidewalk repairs, facility shortcomings, unaccounted for water (e.g. distribution leakage, unmetered water, etc.), and wastewater dechlorination and collection system inflow and infiltration.

Appreciating the impact of the downturn of the early 80s economy and striving to be as cost effective as reasonably possible with public funds, in 1993 the Public Works general and water funds operational budgets are below 1989 levels, and the wastewater operational budget is below the 1990 level.

Today’s solid waste disposal problem, like no other recent public works issue, has underscored the need to expand our attention to *WASTE PREVENTION*. Nothing, in our opinion, can do more to minimize long-term negative environmental impacts and reduce long-term costs more than *WASTE PREVENTION*—waste reduction at the very least. The Durham Public Works Department will begin in 1993 to embark on an ongoing effort to promote and effect waste reduction in as many areas as possible. The first areas to be addressed are as follows:

- Solid waste (full spectrum).
- Water usage via conservation and eliminating waste.
- Wastewater reduction via reducing water waste and infiltration and inflow.
- Highway materials (reclamation of existing roadway materials and judicious use of snow and ice control materials).
- Energy consumption (particularly in Town facilities).

During 1993 our *WASTE PREVENTION initial* strategy will consist of three basic steps:

- More clearly define and quantify potential *WASTE PREVENTION* in the various areas.
- Develop short and long term programs, primarily informational, of *WASTE PREVENTION*.
- Disseminate information and assist citizens, wherever possible, in implementing proven waste reduction practices.

For example, let’s suppose that diligent efforts by 1,000 Durham households could *each* reduce their solid waste generation, water usage and wastewater costs by one dollar a month for *each* service. At estimated 1993 costs, that would equate for *each* household to:

- a reduction of their solid waste by 1.2 lbs/day
- a reduction of their water usage by 11 gal/day, and
- a reduction of their wastewater by 14.5 gal/day.

For the 1000 households the cost reduction for a year would approximate \$36/household or \$36,000

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Public Works Director, cont'd.

combined. Further solid waste generation would be reduced by approximately 219 tons, water usage would be down by 4 million gallons, and wastewater down by 5.3 million gallons. Well worth the effort, wouldn't you agree?

We encourage and will welcome any and all suggestions in assisting us with *WASTE PREVENTION* in Durham.

As always, I have great reason and wish to express our appreciation to:

- You, the citizens of Durham, for your support, vigilance and many suggestions which help to give us direction in looking out for the best interests of the community.
- The Town Council for their legislative and financial support in making the tough decisions which allow us to provide you the service we do.
- All of our dedicated and professional Public Works staff who strive tirelessly in accomplishing their missions.
- All the other groups who have contributed to our success which include, but are not necessarily limited to: various Town advisory groups and their leaders, other Town departments, the University of New Hampshire, NH Department of Transportation, NH Department of Environmental Services, our neighboring communities, Lamprey Regional Cooperative, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and NH Resource Recovery Association.

Joseph "Skip" Grady, P.E., Public Works Director



Michael Douglas screening sand at Packers Falls gravel pit.

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Highway Department

The 1991/92 winter season was very busy, with 28 incidents totaling 28 inches of snow and 10 inches of sleet and freezing rain.

1992 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Numerous drainage problems Town-wide were resolved, including:
 - Catch basins on Main Street and Jenkins Court were tied in to the Mill Road drainage system. These catch basins were installed by NHDOT in 1990 as part of the compact project.
 - 140 feet of 15" culvert pipe and an intersection basin were installed across the lawn of Hetzel Hall.
 - At the Route 4 cemetery, 340 feet of 8" underdrain, 300 feet of 12" main line drain pipe, and 3 new catch basins were installed. This project required stripping loam off of a 2,000 square yard area, building 400 feet of new roadway, and regrading the 2,000 square yard area for new burial sites.
- Roadside brush and trees were removed alongside Dame Road to go along with the "back to basics" maintenance program for our gravel roads.
- The 1992 roadway resurfacing program was quite intense. Several of our dead end streets were taken care of this year including Madbury Court, Bagdad dead end and the dead end section of Stagecoach Road. These areas were reclaimed and repaved with two inches of base asphalt. They have been in severe disrepair for many years. A one-inch asphalt overlay is planned for 1993.
- The entrance to the Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF), intersection of Durham Point Road and Route 108/Newmarket Road, and Bagdad Road from Canney Road to Route 108/Dover Road, were also reclaimed and paved with two inches of 3/4" asphalt pavement.
- Other roads in Town which were leveled and overlaid with 1/2" of 3/8" asphalt pavement include Bagdad Road from the route 4 bypass to the Hope residence, Woodman Road from Madbury Road to Dennison Road, Pettee Brook Lane, Mill Road from the Oyster River bridge to 100 feet over the B&M railroad bridge, Garden Lane, Magrath Road, Burnham Avenue, and Pinecrest Lane from Sunnyside Road to the upper end of Denbow Road.
- In 1992, the Department received two additional hopper spreaders.
- An open pole shed was built at the (SWMF) for storing the five slide-in hopper sanders.
- The Department purchased a new brush chipper.
- The public works equipment maintenance program has been computerized for preventive maintenance, parts inventory and general record keeping.

GOALS FOR 1993

- Continuation of the "back-to-basics" Town-wide maintenance program.
- Design of an improved culvert crossing on Mill Pond Road for College Brook.
- Possible construction of Phase I of a new Public Works facility, as authorized by the Town Council.

Brian S. Beers, Superintendent of Highways

Public Works & Sanitation

Parks & Recreation

Since being reactivated by the Town Council on July 13, 1992, the Committee has met biweekly.

The First Annual Neighbors Day, held on October 10th at Wagon Hill, was organized by a subcommittee, ably headed by Vincent Todd. After a damp and rainy morning, the afternoon sun brought increased attendance such that an estimated 800 neighbors enjoyed a variety of activities. Cathy O'Brien, Durham's Olympic runner, presented awards to the winners of the one-mile races. Pony rides and games for children were very popular, as were local concessioners' offerings of buffalo burgers and cider. At the waterfront, about 100 people were treated to short sailboat rides on the Oyster River. Back at the ell of the house, exhibitions of Town and Great Bay organizations were on display. Public safety vehicles were nearby for inspection and antique cars graced Wagon Hill. We thank all of the volunteers and members of the Town crew who cooperated to make this a memorable event. In the summer of 1993, we are planning to revive the annual Durham Day Picnic and look forward to a similar community response.

We implemented a 1992 budget which, beyond the normal maintenance, included insulation to the windows on the house at Wagon Hill (matched dollar for dollar by the State), beginning preparations to dredge the boat ramp at Jackson Landing, and an overview of the forty acres on the north side of Route 4 at Wagon Hill to investigate the feasibility of selling this land to fund other Wagon Hill projects.

We have asked the Town Council to consider in the 1993 budget an outside volleyball court and repairs to the tennis court surfaces at Father Lawless Field; dredging of the boat ramp at Jackson Landing; three picnic table shelters; and funds to review options for the land across from Wagon Hill.

We will also be complying with the Town Council's request for 1 to 5- and 5 to 10-year recreation plans. This will include specifics for Wagon Hill and considerations for all the other parks and recreational areas in Town. As part of this, we will develop a detailed inventory of all the Town lands with an eye to size, zoning, any title restrictions, existing facilities, potential for expansion, natural features, and access.

As we look to a busy year, we hope for all the townspeople's input and help. Come join us at our meetings every other Monday at 7 p.m., or drop us a note at Town Hall.

Bruce R. Bragdon, Chairman

*Fishing in the
Lamprey River...*



*Raymond LaRoche
Sr. filling the rink
at Jackson's
Landing.*

Public Works & Sanitation

Tree Warden

1992 was a good year with the emphasis on maintenance.

1992 HIGHLIGHTS

- 214 trees were removed; 15 trees were planted.
- The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative donated a 3" caliper oak, which was planted at the Post Office.
- 4 stumps were ground down below finished grade.

1992 was also the year that we experienced the worst gypsy moth caterpillar infestation to date. Thousands of trees were defoliated and many will be lost to the community forever. However, the healthier the tree, the better chance it will survive; time will tell.

The Town was honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation with its 14th consecutive Tree City USA Award. This award directly relates to the community support and involvement in all aspects of tree care.

In addition, the Town received the NH Arborist Association 1991 Community Beautification Award. This award reflects the Town's commitment to beautification projects with particular emphasis on the downtown area.

Michael Lynch, Tree Warden



Flower gardens grace downtown Durham, thanks to the generous donations of many Durham citizens.

Public Works & Sanitation

Wastewater Department

The major project for this year was beginning construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) improvements project. The project's objectives were to:

- evaluate capacity and adequacy of the WWTP
- reduce objectionable odors
- reduce excessive operating costs
- improve equipment reliability
- improve safety of working conditions.

The evaluation of the plant's capacity has been completed by the engineering firm of Whitman & Howard of Wellesley, Massachusetts. Based on a 50 percent increase in the sewered population between now and the year 2010, the plan, with the completion of improvements underway and properly addressing the composting operation, will have adequate capacity until then. We hasten to note that careful system evaluation will be ongoing, so as we reach 80 percent of capacity we will be ready to propose and implement appropriate action.

The major sources of odor are:

- primary sludge holding tanks
- waste sludge
- aeration tanks
- sludge processing building/composting area.

The first three sources will be addressed in this project as follows:

- eliminate primary sludge holding tanks
- cover waste sludge holding tanks and treat contained air using new aeration system
- replace air blowers and air diffusers with more effective and economical units.

Operating costs will be reduced by:

- reducing consumption of electricity
- eliminating lime usage in the sludge dewatering process
- eliminating maintenance costs of old vacuum filters by replacing them with a scum concentrator, belt sludge thickener and belt filter press.

It is estimated that our operating costs could be reduced (at FY92 level) as much as \$85,000 per year with the completed improvement.

Improved equipment reliability and operator safety will result with:

- new Oyster River Road pumping station
- upgrading Dover Road pumping station
- new sludge dewatering equipment
- new aeration blowers and diffusers.

The total cost of the project is \$3,100,700, and as of early December 1992 we are on schedule and budget. The project is scheduled for late spring 1993 completion. Engineering oversight is being provided by Whitman & Howard.

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Wastewater Department, cont'd.

It is only responsible to point out that the wastewater system has a myriad of mechanical components which, even with a high level of maintenance, will ultimately need replacement or, at the worst, fail and cause a “blip” in our smooth line of operation. Our goal is to minimize the “blips” and propose timely prevention measures.

Future areas for attention in FY93 include:

- Dechlorination (removal of chlorine residue in our effluent before it goes into the estuary).
- Complete infiltration/inflow (I/I) study to determine sources of surface and groundwater entering our collection system and the appropriate action to take to *minimize* it. I/I takes up plant capacity and costs money to collect and treat.
- Determine by study the future of our composting operation. Some options include:
 - continuing to compost as we do now
 - upgrading to composting “in vessel” (composting in a closed container)
 - eliminating composting on site by landfilling our sludge somewhere via transporting and paying a tipping fee; hauling sludge to be composted elsewhere, or some combination of the above.

In May, June, and July, 32,504 feet of 6.15 miles of sewer main were cleaned as part of our ongoing sewer line maintenance program. Also, seven manhole covers were raised to facilitate future line maintenance.

In 1992, two new homes were tied into the collection system.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1992 (through November)

	Permit Parameters	Avg. 1992 (11 mos.)	Avg. 1991 Total	Avg. 90
Avg Flow MGD	n/a	0.93	0.97	1.01
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	30 MG/L	6.70	12.80	12.50
Avg. % TSS Removal	min. 85%	96.90	93.20	93.60
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	30 MG/L	8.4	12.30	8.70
Avg. % BOD Removal	min. 85%	96.3	93.70	96.30
Instant Peak Flow	n/a	3.24	>5.00	<5.00
Total Flow		308.70MG	354.30MG	
Septage Received		285,600 gal	324,200 gal	

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1992

- Completed installation of a 12" PVC main line along Old Concord Road from roughly Rte. 155A to just west of the UNH greenhouses and continuing to the rear of Barton Hall on Mast Road. This replaces a seriously deteriorated 6" line and provides looping with the Edgewood main lines.
- Replaced the main line that services Bagdad Road extension with a 1" copper line.
- Started the new lead and copper testing program as mandated by the EPA. This process will continue for a couple of years at least and result in lower lead levels experienced by users.
- Replaced approximately 50 old meters with new Rockwell-type meters which are computer compatible.
- Increased our flow from the Lee Well into "the system" from 11 million gals/year to 38 million gals/year.
- Took delivery on a new 1-ton service vehicle and traded in the 1979 unit.

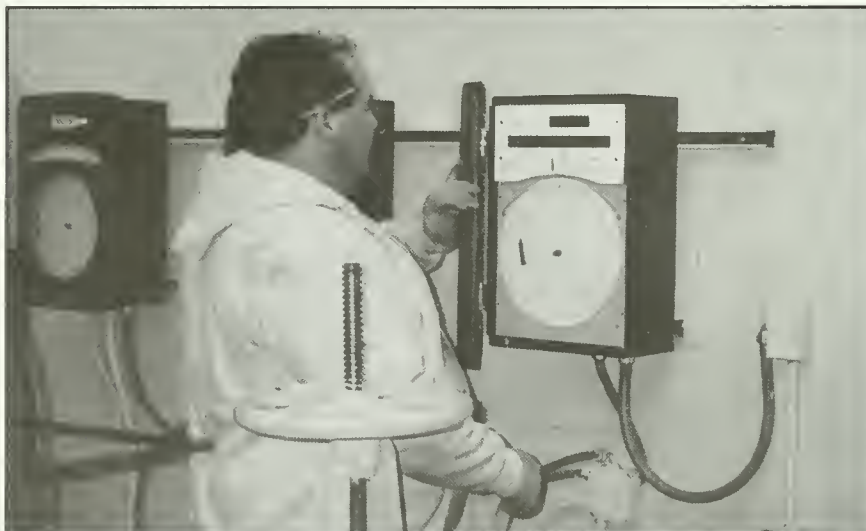
1992 ACTIVITIES

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>
Water breaks repaired	8	7
New service lines	7	4
Sprinkler system installations	3	3
Meters replaced, updates, customer service responses	59	50

MAJOR GOALS FOR 1993

- Install a booster station on Madbury Road to improve the water pressure in that area of Town (winter 1992-93).
- Begin program of water conservation.
- Conduct an in-depth Town/UNH water audit to include lead detection.

Guy S. Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water and Solid Waste



Michael Howcroft changing charts at Durham's Lee Well.

Public Works & Sanitation

Solid Waste Department

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1992

- Revised our recycling program to increase the recyclables we handle by approximately 8 percent while reducing staffing levels.
- Started to work with the commercial businesses in Town to get them involved with our recycling program.
- Added “Mixed Paper” to our recyclables list. This is an item which is quite prevalent in the waste stream and accounts for much of the weight of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW).
- Took delivery on the new recycling truck. This truck has a capacity three times the old truck and is more properly set up to facilitate curbside recycling.
- Made progress in assisting another local town with recycling. An agreement is being finalized.
- Started a program of recycling freon from the refrigerators that are brought to the Solid Waste Management Facility before the refrigerators are baled.
- Took delivery of a used packer to replace the current first-line piece of equipment, and traded the old rear-load unit. We now have two one-man, side-load units available in case of breakdowns.
- Developed information about the merits of a Pay Per Bag program for Durham.
- Continued engineering work relative to the landfill closure. We are currently in Phase II of the project.
- Completed a Town-wide spring cleanup of bulky items.
- Completed the second Household Hazardous Waste Day in Durham. This collection day was held cooperatively with the towns of Lee and Nottingham, and was held on a pre-registration basis. The collection was very successful, with 116 cars served.
- Produced our first Durham Solid Waste Newsletter that was distributed to all residents. This has proven to be a useful tool for old and new residents as well.
- All SWMF employees received re-certification training from the state.

1993 GOALS

- Increase the participation of commercial and multi-unit buildings in our recycling program.
- Continue to adjust the recycling program to meet changing requirements while keeping the cost of recycling feasible.
- Provide the Town Council with further information about the advantages and disadvantages of a Pay Per Bag Program.
- Recycle over 800 tons of MSW.
- Continue work on the landfill closure.

Guy S. Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water & Solid Waste

Solid Waste data may be found on the following page.

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1992 Recycling Data Estimates

January through November

ITEM	TONS	REVENUE	AVOIDED TIPPING FEE
Aluminum	12	\$5,890	\$684
Tin/Steel	26	255	1,490
Cardboard	123	1,685	7,010
Newspaper	261	1,700	14,880
Mixed Paper	10	0	570
Glass	231	2,345	13,170
Plastic	22	1,790	1,250
TOTALS	685 tons	\$13,665	\$39,054

This is an average of 14.6 tons per week or approx. 750 tons for 1992.

1992 Total Municipal Solid Waste Stream

January through November

Curbside Refuse Collection	1,145 tons
Commercial Collection	1,384 tons
Recycling Collection	685 tons
Total	3,214 tons

Current recycling percentage is 21% by weight.

Other 1992 Data

- Recycled 100+/- tons of scrap metal
- Recycled 900 car tires
- Recycled 75 car/truck batteries
- Recycled 1,100 gallons of waste oil
- Disposed of 375 +/- tons of bulky waste
- Issued 255 permanent dump permits



Lloyd Gifford loading the Town's 85CCC Crane carrier packer.

Public Works & Sanitation

Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative

The Lamprey Regional Cooperative was very successful in 1992, as we installed energy saving equipment that improved the efficiency of our energy recovery facility, increased revenue, and saved the University of New Hampshire a significant amount of money. This is the third year we have been able to maintain our tipping fees at the 1989 levels. We are also building a reserve for future costs that may impact the Cooperative.

We had an engineering study done which explored the possibility of the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative building and operating a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The study indicates that the MRF concept is technically feasible and economically viable. This study has kept the whole Board of Directors very busy in 1992, and in 1993 many more decisions will have to be made about our future direction.

Joseph Moriarty, Chair, Board of Directors



HEALTH & WELFARE

General Assistance

The need for general assistance leveled off in 1992. 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. The funds are received anonymously from Durham citizens who are interested in providing donations. Anyone wishing to contribute may mail their contributions to Ms. Jean Lockwood at 49 Bucks Hill Road. We have been able to give unusual assistance to several persons in past years using these 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

On recommendation of the Durham Town Council, the Health Officer was reappointed under provisions of RSA 128:1, to a three-year term of office which will expire on October 12, 1995. The Officer participated in diverse activities on behalf of the Town this year, and responded to numerous inquiries and requests for assistance in matters ranging from pesticide use, mobile food cart use, sale of home-prepared food, revised day care licensing procedures, rodent problems, septic failure, and the like. After assisting the State Division of Public Health Services in a lead inspection of a private domicile, he attended a training session necessary for becoming licensed to individually conduct lead paint inspections using the State's newest portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometers. At about the same time, Durham participated in a required water testing program to assess the possible need for lead abatement in the public water supply. (The results of that survey and recommendations were distributed with Town water bills recently). It is the Health Officer's opinion that this effort represents the characteristic proactive posture of the Town regarding the health and welfare of its citizens. Copies of the revised format for submitting bacterial samples for compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (both Community and Non-Community program guides) are maintained by the Officer.

The usual number of day care and foster care inspections were carried out with a number of recommendations made, but in large, without evident problems. The Health Officer received notification of several asbestos abatement projects in the Town this year and verified that they were to be conducted by acceptable procedures. It was of particular concern that the persistent northward spread of the mid-Atlantic strain of the rabies virus brought this virulent agent over the border into a southern New Hampshire town this year (detected for the first time in a NH raccoon). All residents are reminded of the need to insure that their pets are appropriately vaccinated against rabies as soon as possible. In addition, citizens should refrain from making contact with feral animals (skunks, raccoons, etc.) — especially if they seem approachable, confused, or ill. In fact, any animals with such symptoms should be reported to the NH Fish and Game Department. Despite a dramatic drop in the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases in the NH Seacoast region this year, residents may be interested to know that as a group, these continue to comprise the reportable diseases of third highest morbidity in NH. They are exceeded only by chicken pox and influenza-like illnesses in morbidity.

Richard P. 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 residents of the area. Durham's elderly and handicapped population have access to Lamprey Health Care busses twice a week. The busses provide necessary transportation for food shopping, for medical appointments, the pharmacy and for 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, 994 rides were provided to Durham residents. The busses 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. With the loss of the FISH program in this community, our service has been receiving more calls than ever. We are happy to accommodate all of those people that we can within our program. To make an appointment for transportation, residents can call 659-2424 and our Transportation Coordinator will take care of scheduling the appointments and transportation at the same time.

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 1,692 visits during 1992. This is an increase over 1991 and is attributed to increased access capability at Lamprey Health Care. Our increased capacity has made serving the residents of our local area, including Durham, a much easier process. Our Newmarket Center is staffed by two family physicians and 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 round out the medical team. Lamprey Health Care also provides nutrition and mental health services. Medical care provided includes prenatal care, adult medicine and geriatric medicine, as well as screenings and follow-up for various medical conditions. The Info-Center 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.

Priscilla Shaw, Director of Community Services

Health & Welfare

Squamscott Home Health, Inc.

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

Home Health Care includes services that assist individuals to attain and preserve their optimal level of health and quality of life. Nurses, aides, homemakers, therapists, and medical social workers provide the physical, emotional, social, and educational support that enhances their well-being. The unique one-on-one care provided through care in the home also fosters special relationships among patients, their families, and the caregiver. Care at home is now the option of choice.

Community Health Services provided to groups in clinic settings include **Well-Child Care** for infants and children up to six years of age. They receive physical exams, immunizations, growth and development assessments, and screenings for such preventable diseases as lead poisoning, anemia, and tuberculosis. **Adult Screenings** include tests for high blood pressure; assessment of nutritional status; vision and hearing losses; and teaching appropriate diet, nutrition, activity and proper taking of medication.

The following services were provided to Durham residents from February 1, 1992 through October 31, 1992 (the first nine months of the agency's fiscal year which ends January 31, 1993).

Home Visits for one-on-one, hands-on care:	1992	Change from 1991
Nursing	321	+44%
Homemaker/Home Health Aide	1290	+33%
Therapy (physical, occupational, speech)	476	+196%
Medical Social Services	24	New service
Free Adult Health Visits	96	+237%
Free Well-Child Clinic & Adult/Elderly Clinic		+7%

In August of 1992 action necessary to the formation of a network of four Strafford County agencies to provide a Medicare certified Hospice Program was finalized. Squamscott Home Health is serving as the lead agency. In addition, a volunteer program is now being formed and the Medical Social Worker is planning a support group for caregivers of terminally ill loved ones.

Durham residents may get further information about any and all services by calling 742-7921.

Nancy R. Boyle, Executive Director

Health & Welfare

Strafford Hospice Care

The objectives of Strafford Hospice Care, Inc., 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.
- To provide respite services, bereavement counseling, and necessary information related to death to the families of these terminally ill patients.
- To provide services by professional staff and volunteers to any and all who ask our help, always free of charge, and no one ever turned away.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1992

Strafford Hospice Care has provided services to 360 residents of Strafford County and their families over the past twelve months. Fifteen of these families were from Durham, and represent services to about fifty residents. As of August 1992, Strafford Hospice has been a participant in the Strafford Regional Hospice Network, an umbrella organization made up of Strafford Hospice Care and three regional Visiting Nurse Associations, with our agency providing the hospice portion of integrated services provided under the Medicare Hospice Benefit. Only about 10% of our referrals qualify for the Medicare Benefit, and Strafford Hospice will not change its structure or limit the services it offers to non-Medicare patients. We will continue to help any terminally ill person and their family free of charge.

Jean H. Lawrence, Administrative Assistant

Sexual Assault Support Services

Sexual Assault Support Services provides support services to the victims/survivors of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse. It is the largest agency providing the most services to incest survivors in the State of New Hampshire. Specifically, we provide:

- A 24-hour rape crisis hotline (436-4107)
- An emotional and legal advocacy program for survivors of sexual assaults
- Child sexual assault prevention program (K-2)
- Adolescent workshops
- Speakers bureau
- Support groups for assault survivors
- Consultation and referral
- Professional training

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

We served Durham residents with 105 hours in 1992 which included hospital advocacy, support for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their parents and partners.

Maxine Stein, Executive Director

Health & Welfare

COAST Transportation

There were many accomplishments for the Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) in 1992. In addition to supporting the safe and timely transit of nearly 500,000 persons in New Hampshire towns and cities, we did so within budget and with two percent (2%) collective savings of our federal, state, and local funding. Additionally, the COAST Board of Directors has again contracted for Financial and Capital Planning to insure our system's future is carefully planned, and additionally contracted for development of our mandatory Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Plan. COAST contracted with a professional consulting firm to assess our maintenance effort with the goal of maximizing fleet maintenance and safety. We have significantly increased our efforts to develop new funding sources to supplement our existing supporters, and currently are focussing on expanding our funds received from transit advertising. COAST has been an active member in the New Hampshire Transit Association, an organization committed to improving public transportation in the State. Additionally in 1992, COAST contracted with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to conduct our first comprehensive system-wide ridership survey. This report provided a wealth of data which will be of significant assistance in assessing COAST service for years to come.

The COAST Board of Director's goals for 1993 include continuation of our ongoing efforts to assess and upgrade our operations to insure we maximize our public trust. Our extensive planning and internal review process has been developed to insure continuous assessment of our current and projected operating costs, to insure our future is well planned and secured for the public good, and that we are maximizing the public dollars entrusted to us. Our major goal in 1993 is to maintain our existing levels of service in face of the challenge of declining federal operating funds, although it is conceivable that the new federal administration may improve upon that situation. We are currently developing a new Municipal Funding Plan in cooperation with the Town Administrators and City Managers of those municipalities we serve. This funding formula is more complex than our current formula, but will hopefully lead to a greater consensus of equity among the 8 towns and cities we serve with transit. The numerous other goals of COAST in 1993 all fall under our legislated mandate "To Promote and Provide Public Transportation in Southeastern N.H."

Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is required. I am available to the Durham Council or residents to discuss COAST whenever the need or interest arises. Thank you.

Joe Follansbee, Director

Health & Welfare

Community Health Action and Information Network (CHAIN)

CHAIN is the Community Health Action and Information Network, a broad-based community action group, whose members are drawn from Lee, Madbury, and Durham, and whose main purpose is to combat alcohol abuse in our community. This past year CHAIN was pleased to sponsor a four-part series on parenting skills. In response to a survey of high school students at ORHS, CHAIN began offering this fall on selected Friday evenings during the school year, a "gathering place" — the opportunity for students to gather together in the gymnasium and cafeteria for recreation and fellowship, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. In response to requests from middle schoolers, CHAIN is working with the Oyster River Youth Association to plan additional recreational events for the middle schoolers. In cooperation with the UNH Child Care and Referral Service and under a grant from the Governor's Office, CHAIN was pleased to prepare and distribute free of charge some 1600 copies of our brochure, **Family Play**, primarily to families with children in the school district. Under that same grant, CHAIN was able to prepare and distribute some 600 copies of our **Community Resource Guide** (listing agencies that help persons in need in our area.) A major educational event with the nationally recognized group IMPACT is planned for March 1993 and will involve parents and children in our school district. Anyone interested in learning more about CHAIN may contact the chairperson at 868-5825 or call the School District offices.

John W. Lynes, Chairperson

Strafford County Community Action Committee

The services provided to Durham residents in 1992 by the Strafford County Community Action Committee were as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>
Personal Emergency Response System (for those medically at risk)	1 enrolled
Fuel Assistance	37 households
Home Weatherization	1 household
Rent/Utility Assistance	8 households
Security Deposit Guarantee	3 households
Food Pantry	7 households
Surplus Commodity Distribution	288 households
Information and Referral	510 units
Holiday Baskets	7 households
Value of Goods and Services	\$29,162.00

Richard Hayes, Executive Director

Health & Welfare

My Friend's Place

My Friend's Place is a tangible gesture of compassion and friendship extended to those for whom "The American Dream" has become a cruel illusion. My Friend's Place is the only shelter in Strafford County providing emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. Since its opening in January of 1989, My Friend's Place has been consistently filled to capacity. More than 600 homeless people have been provided both temporary housing and a range of supportive services to help them rebuild meaningful lives. During the same period, My Friend's Place was forced to turn away four times as many individuals — compelling evidence of the severity of the problem of homelessness. My Friend's Place was created to intervene in crisis situations where immediate shelter is critical and, in broader terms, to work to promote awareness and elimination of the underlying issues leading to homelessness.

Our objectives are to provide emergency shelter, food, and clothing to meet immediate needs; and to give support and guidance to find jobs and a chance to rebuild self-esteem and confidence.

GOALS FOR 1993

My Friend's Place of Dover, NH with funds from local towns and other matching funds, will staff, feed and otherwise operate an emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. The comprehensive program will provide:

- 24 hour a day staffing by trained professionals and volunteers.
- A caring environment in order to foster support and self-worth.
- A plan and set of objectives for each resident, developed with staff support, to assist and secure permanent housing and regular income.
- Guidance and support to residents to help them meet basic needs and enhance their life skills.
- Referrals to a variety of other human service agencies to provide homeless persons the resources they need to resume independent lives.
- A joint project with Dover Adult Learning Center, to assist in literacy and educational pursuits.

Lee Rollo, Program Director



CULTURE & RECREATION

Durham Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has a legislative mandate to inventory, 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.

1992 HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed 15 applications submitted to the State Wetlands Board by Durham property owners for such projects as construction within the State's Shoreland Protection Zone, repair of a reservoir spillway, and rebuilding a boat-launch ramp.
- Supported UNH student Michael Shea in preparation of an informational flyer describing the types of projects that require a permit from the State Wetlands Board. The need for such a publication was emphasized by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions.
- Implemented the recommendations of a group of UNH Natural Resources students for an overwinter drawdown of Beard's Pond as a means of curbing the encroachment of shoreline vegetation. This was done after consultations with the State's Department of Transportation, Wetlands Board, and Water Resources Commission. A public hearing was held in November, with unanimous consensus.
- Initiated another project utilizing a group of UNH seniors to conduct a Natural Resources Inventory for the Town. This inventory will be manifest as a series of maps, all to the same scale and suitable for overlaying in a Geographical Information System (GIS). GIS is used by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and the UNH Complex Systems Research Center; much information about Durham's natural resources is already available but has never been assembled. The GIS will include roads, utilities, and water bodies, with potential for expansion.
- Began drafting a series of amendments to the Shoreland Protection District chapter of the Town Zoning Ordinance for Planning Board consideration. The principal purpose of most of the changes is to bring our zoning into conformance with the new State Wetlands Protection Statute.

GOALS FOR 1993

- Monitor the effect of the overwinter drawdown on Beard's Pond, and follow up on recommended action for Mill Pond.
- Continue development of the GIS Natural Resources Inventory for the Town.
- As soon as the State completes new definitions of wetlands-related topics, draft amendments to the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District chapter of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

Culture & Recreation

Lamprey River Local Management Advisory Committee

The Lamprey River Local Management Advisory Committee has been conducting a study of the river which will satisfy both the requirements of the State Rivers Protection program, and the federal Wild and Scenic Study. The resources in and along the river are being inventoried in order to identify those which the Town may want to protect to the future. The inventory will also be assessed by the National Park Service in deciding whether to offer the option of Wild and Scenic status to the towns of Durham and Lee.

While the Study Committee and the National Parks Service are evaluating the river, the Lamprey River Watershed Association has undertaken the task of studying the pros and cons of Wild and Scenic designation for property owners.

Wild and Scenic Study status has already helped the Lamprey to garner additional resources from state and federal programs. Study money is being contributed by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services, and the Lamprey was chosen for a pollution study funded by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. And while the study is in progress, the river is protected from federally-licensed projects such as the hydroelectric proposal for the Wiswall dam.

Lamprey River Local Management Advisory Committee
Lamprey River Watershed Association

Historic District Commission

1992 was a relatively quiet year for the Durham Historic District Commission. There was very little construction and renovation activity within the District during 1992, and consequently the Commission had very few items to consider.

The major focus of the Commission during 1992 was to work with the Chinburg family in the rehabilitation of the buildings at 1,5 and 9 Main Street. The Chinburgs have been extremely cooperative with the Commission and have sought our advice and approval at all critical stages of their work on those three buildings. The Commission was pleased to work with the Chinburgs on the choice of paint colors, the design of the windows, and other aspects of the exterior renovation work. The Chinburgs have embarked upon an ambitious effort to improve both the appearance and the structural integrity of these buildings. The Chinburgs have done an admirable job thus far, and the Commission believes that when the work is finished, there will be a substantial improvement in the appearance of this important part of Durham's Historic District.

The other major effort by the Commission during 1992 was to recommend to the Town Council the adoption of an ordinance to combat "demolition by neglect". This proposed ordinance was designed to counteract the phenomenon whereby historic structures are allowed to deteriorate to the point where the only feasible option is demolition. The Council rejected the Commission's proposal on this subject, believing that such an ordinance might compromise ownership rights within the District. The Commission has continued to review this issue and will probably be submitting a revised ordinance proposal to the Council sometime in 1993.

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 audiences of 100 or more.

Activities for school-aged children were concentrated in the summer with "Discover Read", a Columbus-theme reading program developed by the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire (CHILIS) section of the New Hampshire Library Association. Crafts were offered for two age groups; the younger group made a variety of things, while the older ones concentrated on over-sized puppets and a performance at the end-of-summer party.

Librarian Karen Littlefield continued as a member of professional library associations and attended conferences. She met occasionally with the Oyster River librarians. Library Assistant Johann Fera took a course in storytelling. Both attended the Spring CHILIS meeting in Newport.

A pass to the Children's Museum of Portsmouth was again available, and this year a pass to the McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord was added. Delivery of books to Bagdad Woods continued, and there were many library tours for visiting school groups during the year. Several classes from Oyster River Elementary School also came for tours and library instruction. Reading Rainbow books were again borrowed from Oyster River Elementary School Library for the summer. A school-aged volunteer, Bethany Zoller, was very helpful for several spring months.

1991 STATISTICS

Books circulated:

Juvenile Books	10,192
Youth Books	3,154
Videos	3,159
Audio Books	1,725

Registrations:

Adult	647
Juvenile (Oyster River)	515

Total	18,230
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Michael York, Librarian

Culture & Recreation

The Swans

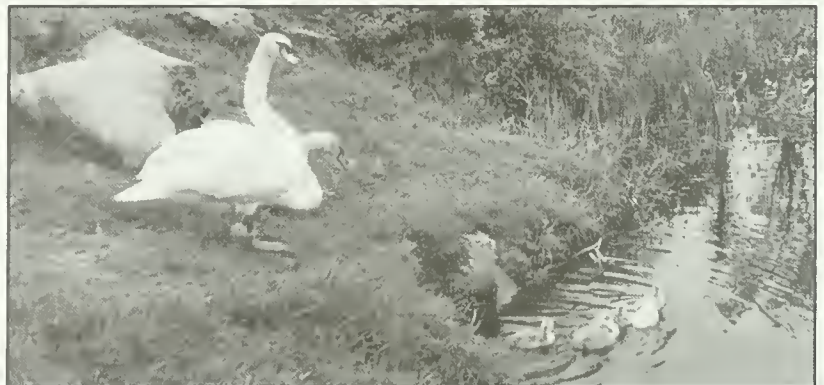
When our two swans, named Walter and Esther Mae, were seen flying above the Mill Pond in late February, residents knew spring was forthcoming. Anyone who listened carefully could hear the whistle of the huge, white wings of the flying swans. The birds were checking out the melting of ice so as to get ready to start a nest.

In middle March the swans settled in the Mill Pond on a tiny island. As soon as the expectant female was spotted sitting on her nest, townsfolk from near and far lined up with their binoculars to guess how many eggs the bird was incubating. The swans kept their secret until the end of May, when six cygnets (one white, one yellow, four gray) tumbled out of the nest in a gradual process into the water. Joy was not long lasting because one gray cygnet disappeared, and the yellow one died of a viral disease transmitted by black flies. This led to concern about the surviving cygnets. To protect the precious birds from any kind of mishap, a warning poster was put on tree trunks near the pond and a barricade placed where the swan family was coming to feed. It was feared that townsfolk would come too close to the adult birds, who might attack to protect their young. The youngsters thrived and grew to the size of their parents. Yet the cygnets behaved as baby birds, peeping away when fed. Their gray coloration became white with the shedding of their youthful feathers. They imitated their parents, acting as though they owned the Mill Pond and all the surrounding land by wandering wherever the grass seemed greener.

All four babies survived the summer. In October, the one cygnet white from the time of hatching either learned to fly or fell over the dam. It declared independence and stayed in the estuary, taking up residence with the white youngster from last year and a Newmarket swan. In November, the swan family started to commute between the Mill Pond and the estuary. To see these large swans flying was thrilling.

On November 18, three white swans from below the dam suddenly splashed down on the pond. The resident male flew up and chased the three invaders all around the pond while the other wildlife stayed still. The invading birds deserted the pond. Then the pond froze and all wildlife seemed gone. After Thanksgiving when the weather turned mild, our adult swans were observed flying into the estuary from Great Bay. When called, they came and contentedly ate bread from my hand. Later, they moved into the Mill Pond. The pond was freezing on December 2, yet the swans hacked their way to its edge to get a free handout. By mid-December, the swans were definitely commuting around. Swans, along with many Canada geese and other wildlife, were observed at Jackson's Landing. Thanks to everyone who has helped the Durham swans and wildlife.

Margery Milne, Keeper of the Swans



Culture & Recreation

Oyster River Youth Association

The Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) accomplished what it set out to do this year. Existing programs were expanded and new ones were developed, increasing participation enrollment by 5%. Jan Dorr and Jen Steer launched Instructional Lacrosse, providing another alternative for the Spring season. Joe Beland and Pete Schiot again organized a successful soccer camp. Bill Tanguay expanded the post-season baseball program well into the summer. The Executive Director was made a full-time position and given the authority to administer the Association. At the Oyster River Youth Association Annual Meeting held in June, 1992, residents voted to require that all amateur coaches undergo formal training programs. Rick Renner initiated our first profitable fund-raising event. Van Gsottschneider, Sandy Evans, Sandy Blitzer, and Susan Seymour brought our costly swim programs into budget without compromising quality or scope.

This year the Board will move nearer to its mission of involving as many children as possible in activities that are enjoyable and build self-esteem. This will mean expanding the scope of the organization to serve those kids that the traditional range of activities has missed. The largest single group that ORYA neglects are girls. We'd like to add 100 girls this year. John Jasiak will initiate a Drama series, Tom Getz and Sherry Welch are introducing an Outdoors Program, and our Executive Director Jim Druding is trying to get volleyball going again, all of which we believe will appeal to girls. A Board subcommittee of parents, chaired by Michelle Grenier, will be looking at adding other new programs and modifying existing ones in an effort to attract and hold the interest of female participants in ORYA.

Another trouble spot ORYA has identified is the sharp decrease in participation once kids reach middle school age. We hope to expand our program opportunities by focussing on the needs of the middle school age participants. Hopefully our coach training program, by improving the experience our children have in ORYA, will stem the rate of attrition. Tom Getz will chair a Board subcommittee that will evaluate and monitor the success of each program. The Board will work on policies designed to augment House Leagues without undermining Travel Leagues, and to allow for wider community voice in setting goals and administering programs.

Other projects are under study: pooling resources, and offering single, efficient, joint programs with the school; establishing a system of transportation to enable more children from Lee and Madbury to participate in our programs, the majority of which are centered in Durham; expanding and developing facilities to accommodate increasing enrollment; creating central purchasing; and developing descriptions for all volunteer positions.

We hope this next season will be as productive as the last.

David A. Novis, M.D., President, Oyster River Youth Association



VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Durham

For the Year Ending December 31, 1992

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Names of Parents
January 12	Exeter	Kieran Larson Elder	M	Brian Larson Elder Janine Elder
January 21	Exeter	Craig William Goddard	M	William Robert Goddard Andrea Dee Goddard
February 8	Exeter	Steven Lee Rohde	M	Harvey Lee Rohde III Beth Ann Rohde
February 16	Rochester	Daniel Henry Zoller	M	Jonas Peter Zoller Cynthia Jean Zoller
February 20	Exeter	Ryan Williams Randall	M	Robert Williams Randall Vicki Lynn Randall
February 21	Portsmouth	Sonia Elizabeth Ginsburg	F	Philip Eliot Ginsburg Carolyn Frances Anderson
March 11	Portsmouth	Kyle Richard Jones	M	Richard Edward Jones Shirley Anne Jones
March 12	Portsmouth	Taylor Eric Lannamann	M	John Willard Lannamann Sheila McNamee
March 15	Portsmouth	Benjamin Walter Rodgers	M	Roanald Fletcher Rodgers Ann Margaret Rodgers
March 16	Portsmouth	Emma Kristine Congalton	F	Russell Gregory Congalton Jean Gail Congalton
March 19	Dover	Benjamin Edmond Segee	M	Bruce Edmond Segee Catherine Ann Segee
March 21	Portsmouth	Charles David Joyce	M	Ricky James Joyce Maureen Dorgan Joyce
April 1	Portsmouth	Garrett Terence Conley	M	Terence Graham Conley Kelli Ann Conley
April 1	Portsmouth	Anna Leigh Davison	F	Glenn Lloyd Davison Sarah Lee Davison
April 10	Portsmouth	Daniel William Duvall Jr.	M	Daniel William Duvall Sandra Jane Duvall
April 13	Portsmouth	Alexander Robert Braile	M	Robert Stephen Braile Dale Ellen Braile
April 22	Dover	Justin Paul Towle	M	Paul Robert Towle Jane Agnes Towle
April 27	Portsmouth	Matthew McFall Buchanan	M	Trey Michael Buchanan Adrian Buchanan
May 23	Dover	Tori Elizabeth Herbert	F	Joseph T Herbert Kimberly S Herbert
June 1	Exeter	Dimitry Constantine Harris	M	Constantine Harris Nancy Kristina Harris

Statistics

Births, cont'd.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Names of Parents
June 12	Exeter	Baby Girl Olmstead	F	Richard Martin Olmstead Kathleen Mary Olmstead
June 20	Dover	Tony Yang Liu	M	Haiyan Liu Mindy Zhang
June 25	Exeter	Caleigh Brianna MacDonald	F	Paul Richard MacDonald Jr. Donna Jacqueline MacDonald
June 25	Portsmouth	Elizabeth Joan Madden	F	Sean Michael Madden Mary Ann Madden
July 8	Dover	Gabrielle Irla Chesney	F	Kenneth Scott Chesney Kathryn Marie Irla-Chesney
July 17	Portsmouth	Joshua Jae-Kwang Park	M	Sun Woo Park Won Mee Park
July 20	Dover	Nathaneil Austin Morgan	M	Scott Richard Morgan Shannon Marie Morgan
August 5	Dover	Hannah Leigh Allen	F	Paul Douglas Allen Lynn Melissa Allen
August 11	Portsmouth	Ian Spencer Koskinen	M	Rami Taneli Koskinen Danielle Antoinette Hanson
August 22	Portsmouth	Margaret Carol Lewis	F	James Bradley Lewis Cynthia Jean Watkins
September 1	Dover	Kellee Flaherly Jackson	F	Brian Frederick Jackson Christine Mary Nolan
September 8	Portsmouth	Kristoffer Holm Engen	M	Anders Johan Engen Nancy Engen
September 9	Dover	Glenn Rafael Garrido Jr	M	Glenn Rafael Garrido Sr Maria Eugenia Garrido
September 10	Portsmouth	Jack Shaughnessy Lewis	M	Stephen Eugene Lewis Kathleen Burns Lewis
September 19	Portsmouth	Alexander Fishman Hennessy	M	Edward John Hennessy Harriet Joan Fishman
September 20	Dover	Lorraine Wang Hu	F	Yige Wang Jiong Jiong Hu
September 22	Rochester	Luke Alexander West	M	Christopher Murray West Melissa Aberg West
September 26	Portsmouth	Whitney Cole Pasternack	F	Paul Harvey Pasternack Sandra Lee Rodeffer
October 4	Dover	Haley Cynthia Chamberlin	F	Nathan Rogers Chamberlin Kristin Leigh Chamberlin
October 9	Dover	Anthony Lydon Limauro	M	David Lydon Limauro Cynthia Cecelia Limauro
October 17	Exeter	Annah St. Onge Todd	F	Vince Ernest Todd Jr. Cheryle Anne St. Onge
November 2	Portsmouth	Jeffrey Allen Johnson	M	David Lawrence Johnson Beth Louise Johnson
November 10	Portsmouth	Samantha Gene Auty	F	Christopher John Auty Gene Alexander Auty
November 11	Exeter	Chad Tobin Nadeau Carbee	M	Hunter Eugene Carbee Kim Ann Carbee
November 27	Stoneham MA	Robert Edward McDonough IV	M	Robert Edward McDonough III Kelly Ann McDonough

Statistics

Marriages Registered in the Town of Durham

For the Year Ending December 31, 1992

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	Durham	Irving Emanuel Dorothy Jane Lyttle	Boston, MA Stoughton, MA	Joan M. Haskins Justice of the Peace
January 18	Durham	Michele Vincenzo Antognetti Laurie Jane Grant	Dedham, MA Dedham, MA	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
February 24	Durham	Simon Robert Griffiths Lisa Jean Semerjian	Wilburton, U.K. Durham, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
March 14	Durham	Robert Daniel Best Jennifer Lynn Welch	Berwick, ME Berwick, ME	Joan M. Haskins Justice of the Peace
March 22	Durham	Abednego Barnes Susan Lewis Plambeck	Tiller, OR Tiller, OR	Terry L. Sharbaugh Pastor
April 24	Rye	Joseph Eugene Jalbert Mary Louise Nossiff	Durham, NH Durham, NH	D. Jeffrey Dietrich Minister
April 25	Durham	Murray Arnold Straus Dorothy Ethel Dunn	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Eleanor G. Smith-Sykes Lay Minister
May 2	Exeter	William Donald Littlefield Nancy Glannon Brady	Stratham, NH Durham, NH	G. Richard Siener Rector
May 2	Durham	Nikhil Mohan Murdeshwar Julie Beth Clark	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
May 9	Lee	Stephen Bradford Valpey Donna Lynn Kelley	Durham, NH Lee, NH	James B. Livingston Ordained Minister
May 24	Durham	Alan John Borner Christine Spadoro	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John L. Ahlgren Justice of the Peace
May 30	Durham	Murray Lloyd Little Rhondda Antonia Gotthainer	Durham, NH Tarrytown, NY	Dr. John W. Lynes Minister
June 7	Durham	Bradford Waring Roberts Helen Freear	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Robert S. Ervin Rector
June 20	Durham	Richard Steven Rose Denise Loretta Bell	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Patrick F. Irwin Pastor
June 24	Durham	Kevin Donald Iwans Carrie Rosalia Adamovich	Lee, NH Durham, NH	Albert W. Snow Priest
June 27	Durham	Sean Francis Craig Roxann Jean Schroeder	Port Jefferson Station, NY Port Jefferson Station, NY	Patrick F. Irwin Pastor
June 27	Durham	Warner Edrick Jones, Jr. Amy Bugbee	Wellesley Hills, MA Holliston, MA	Patrick F. Irwin Pastor
June 28	Portsmouth	Robert Dean Barton Genevieve May Keegan	Stratham, NH Durham, NH	J. Donald Silva Pastor
June 28	Portsmouth	Carl Michael Fier Layne Pomerleau	Demarest, NJ Durham, NH	Ronald L. Pomerleau Justice of the Peace
July 4	Portsmouth	Lei Jiang Li Ding	Durham, NH Duluth, MI	John Papandrew Minister
July 4	Durham	William Jonathan Jones Patricia Michelle Morris	Portsmouth, RI Portsmouth, RI	Pamela A. Seaver Justice of the Peace
July 11	Newmarket	Russel Steven Atherton Kristi Eileen Laing	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Wesley Woodman Reverend
July 11	Durham	Eric Christian Sorenson Catherine Ann Watson	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John W. Lynes Minister

Statistics

Marriages, cont'd.

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
August 1	Durham	Gordon Owen Reynolds Brnda Anne Collins	Arlington, MA Arlington, MA	Frederick J. Pennett RC Priest
August 8	Dover	Craig A. Rief Jennifer L. Hoginski	Durham, NH Dover, NH	Daniel O. Lamothe Rev. Pastor
August 15	Orford	Michael Sean Fleming Nancy Virginia Tullar	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Alden Launer Ordained Minister
August 15	North Hampton	Colin Milne Peddie Penny Sue Gould	Newton Highlands, MA Durham, NH	Ralph V. Gould Clergyman
August 22	Durham	Randall Marc Bois Cheryl Lynn Allen	Milton, NH Durham, NH	John D. Bergdorf Reverend
September 4	Hampton	John Joseph Keefe Cathy Jean Kleczek	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Jane Kelley Justice of the Peace
September 5	Durham	Dragos Gariel Buzatu Jennifer Jordan Googins	Durham, NH Colebrook, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
September 11	Stratham	John Shepard Jr. Susan Jean Williams	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John Hutchinson Pastor
September 19	Durham	Richard Mark Barlow Stacey Elizabeth Gulley	Stratford-Upon Avon, Eng. Durham, NH	Robert W. Karnan Minister
October 10	Somersworth	James George Ducharme Michele Lee Provencher	Durham, NH Somersworth, NH	Maurice R. Lagueux Pastor
October 10	Durham	Raid (Moh D Ali) Suleiman Ava Wucherer	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Clayton L. Follansbee Justice of the Peace
October 17	Durham	Edward Arnald Eldredge Tiffany Christa Pate	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Joan M. Haskins Justice of the Peace
October 17	Durham	Robert Lee Keniston III Ellen Jacie Hazen	Dover, NH Durham, NH	Dr. John W. Lynes Minister
October 18	Exeter	Edward Everett Eldridge III Diana Marie Caswell	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Robert H. Thompson School Minister
October 24	Durham	Sean Martin Gabriel Bradley Leanne Monique Hussey	Tarrytown, NY Tarrytown, NY	Gary Bradley Priest
November 14	Durham	Neil Louis Henrikson Ellen Rayna Schwarz Benson	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Judith Lundy Justice of the Peace
November 25	Durham	Harold Alfred Sandstrom Pauline Anne Starbruck	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Albert W. Snow Priest

Statistics

Deaths Registered in the Town Of Durham

For the Year Ending December 31, 1992

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Occupation	State of Birth
1991				
January 8	Persian Gulf	Michael Leo Chinburg	USAF Pilot	Iowa
1992				
January 13	Durham	Bernice H. Broderick	Housewife	Massachusetts
January 16	Dover	George Ffrost Sawyer	Vice President Eastern Division	Massachusetts
February 12	Dover	William Jaques	Pathologist and Educator	Massachusetts
February 28	Dover	Caroline M. Wooster	Associate Professor	Massachusetts
March 26	Durham	Emily Ruth Poynter	Social Worker	Massachusetts
March 29	Dover	Lawrence Marcellus McGarrell	Manager of Hotel	Indiana
April 3	Dover	Richard Phillip Marche	Consulting Engineer	Massachusetts
April 16	Dover	Shirley D Creighton	Bookkeeper	Vermont
April 16	Durham	Michael Jenks Seymour	University of NH Student	New Hampshire
April 18	Dover	Helen F. Parsons	Housewife	New Hampshire
April 25	Exeter	Stanley Lloyd Plumer	Chef	New Hampshire
July 10	Dover	Raymond E. Connor	Designer/Engineer	Vermont
June 14	Durham	Anna E. D'Amour	Housewife	New York
June 20	Dover	Hugh J. Erskine	Owner & Operator	Massachusetts
July 17	Dover	Diva Marelli	Housewife	Panama
August 29	Dover	John Thomas Harrison	Vice President	Massachusetts
September 16	Durham	Mitchell Bradley St. Lawrence	Airline Pilot	New York
October 16	Dover	Wilfred Edward Beaudet	Maintenance	New Hampshire
October 27	Dover	Robert James Norton Jr.	Foreman	Massachusetts
October 30	Durham	Martha Putnam Drake	Housewife	Massachusetts
December 2	Portsmouth	Pearl Clive Eden	Teller	New Hampshire
December 28	Fremont	Ada Louise H. Rogers	Assistant Professor	Louisiana



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.

Resource Information

Meeting Dates for Town Boards, Committees & Commissions

Durham Town Council:	First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Parks & Recreation Committee:	Second Monday 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 on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall.

State Legislators

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Honorable Stephen Merrill 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 - Dist. 21 Home: 73 Perkins Road • Madbury, NH 03824 • 749-3434
Office: Room 102 Legislative Office Building • Concord, NH 03301 • 271-3632

DURHAM'S 1992 REPRESENTATIVES

W. Kent Martling
Katherine W. Wheeler
Amanda Merrill
Leo Spencer
Janet Wall
Patricia Hambrick

REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED IN 1992 TO SERVE IN THE 1993-94 LEGISLATIVE TERM

Katherine W. Wheeler - Dist. 8 Home: 27 Mill Road • Durham, NH 03824 • 868-9633
Office: 271-3661

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

Deborah Merritt - Dist. 8 Home: 6 Hetzel Way • Durham, NH 03824 • 868-7597
Office: 271-3661

Suzanne Loder - Dist. 8 Home: 265 Mast Road • Durham, NH 03824 • 868-7532
Office: 271-3661

Janet Wall - Dist. 9 Home: Pudding Hill Road • Madbury, NH 03820 • 749-3051
Office: 271-3661

Resource Information

Town Information & Services

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:	\$6.69
School:	\$13.60
County:	<u>\$ 1.82</u>
Total	\$22.11

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.

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 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. 868-1001

Fee Schedule for Landfill Permits

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.

QUICK REFERENCE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY SERVICES

From 868 telephone exchange only: **Emergency: 911**
From UNH campus only **Emergency *9-1-1**

OR

Police Department	General Business: 868-2324/2327	Emergency: 868-1212
Fire Department	General Business: 868-5531	Emergency: 862-1212
Ambulance Service	General Business: 862-3674	Emergency: 862-1212

TOWN STAFF

Town Administrator: Larry R. Wood	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

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