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Annual Report
for the town of

DURHAM



ON OUR COVER:

*Some members of the Durham Women's Club sometime during the late 1920's
Much thanks to the Durham Women's Club and The Historic Association for the use of this photo.*

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DEDICATION

We are pleased to dedicate the 1995 Town Report to the Durham Women's Club. In July of this year, the Durham Women's Club disbanded after almost 100 years of "Working for Others". September 1996 marks 100 years since the establishment of the club, and the remaining members are planning to celebrate the many accomplishments of this commendable organization.

In 1896, the Women's Club of Durham was founded by Mrs. Charles Murkland (wife of the then president of New Hampshire College) and Mrs. Charles Pettee. Mrs. Murkland held the club's first meeting at her own home and was duly elected president by those present. It was decided that the club would consist of several groups or departments. These included: Art, Literature, Civics, Needlework, Music, Current Events, and later the addition of a Mothercraft group. Since then, the club has been instrumental in undertaking numerous projects and events for the betterment of the community, including:



DURHAM WOMEN'S CLUB ...THEN (CIRCA 1940?), AND NOW (JULY 10, 1995). ABOVE PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE DURHAM WOMEN'S CLUB AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. BOTTOM PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE TRANSCRIPT

- ☞ \$300 restoration of the Old General Sullivan burial plot.
- ☞ Restoration projects for the Community Church – where most club meetings were held – including piping water to the church and installing the first toilet, and the installation of electric lights in the kitchen and dining room.
- ☞ Establishment of the Hostess House which was used to provide entertainment for troops stationed in Durham during World War I.
- ☞ Fostered Children's Gardens in 1928-29.
- ☞ Donated a historical mural for the new lobby of the Durham Post Office in 1959-60.
- ☞ Restoration of the Woodman Garrison Hearthstone at the Durham Garrison Middle School.

In addition, the club generously gave gifts to the church community house such as furnishings for the ladies parlor, dishes for the kitchen, a silk flag, two silver tea services, linens, card tables and a silver Communion service plate. These women also made cookies for the USO entertainment center at Portsmouth during the war years of 1941-45, as well as making surgical dressings and kit bags for the Red Cross and soldiers.

It is because of these commendable projects and actions that we dedicate the 1995 Town report to both past and present members of the Durham Women's Club. Their sincere dedication and 100 years of selfless service to the community are noteworthy attributes that have become virtually extinct in today's society.

Adapted from article written by Mrs. Charlotte Chase that appeared in July 13, 1995 edition of the Transcript newspaper.

IN MEMORIUM

In 1995, the Town of Durham lost two long-time residents who volunteered their time and efforts to make the community a better place in which to live. We extend our appreciation to these citizens for their years of devotion and active participation in Town government.

Dwight Ladd

*Interim Town Administrator
Durham/UNH Advisory Committee
Planning Board Member*

Malcolm Neuhoff

*Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman
Budget Committee
Planning Board
Conservation Commission*

In 1994, Durham lost another valued resident who devoted her life to the betterment of Durham. We would like to extend our appreciation to her for her many contributions.

Jananna M. McNitt

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Members of the Durham Women's Club modeling their handmade clothing designs (c. 1967). Photo courtesy of Durham Women's Club and Historical Association



IN APPRECIATION

In May of this year Durham's Police Chief, Paul W. Gowen retired after twenty years of service to the Town, and more than forty years in the field of law enforcement. Prior to working in Durham, Chief Gowen served in the US Army Military Police from 1954 until 1963. After leaving the Army he became employed as a Police

Officer for the City of Rochester. He served in this capacity until 1975 when he came to work for the Town of Durham as a Police Sergeant. In June of 1979, after the death of Police Chief Raymond Burrows, Chief Gowen became the Acting Police Chief. He served in this position until August 1979 when he eventually became Durham's Chief of Police.

While serving the citizens of Durham, Police Chief Gowen provided quality police support and was instrumental in introducing several educational and training programs into the community. Most noteworthy was the implementation of the Drug Awareness Resistance Education



Paul W. Gowen
Durham Police Chief
August 1979 to May 1995

(DARE) Program into the Oyster River School system which educates children on the dangers of using drugs and alcohol. In addition, Chief Gowen was actively involved as the Special Olympics Director from 1986-1993. Chief Gowen was also active in several professional affiliations including President of the New Hampshire Police

Chief's Association from 1994-95, Vice President of the New Hampshire Criminal Investigation Association, Past President of the Strafford County Law Enforcement Association, Past President of the Rochester Police Benevolent Association, Executive Board Member of the New England Chiefs Association and active member of the International Chiefs of Police Association.

Chief Gowen's dedication and loyalty to the Durham citizenry over his twenty-year tenure is characteristic of his professionalism and is a fitting conclusion to his admirable career as a law enforcement officer.

SPECIAL SERVICE RECOGNITION

On March 3, 1995 Brian S. Beers, Superintendent of Highways, celebrated twenty-five years of service with the Durham Public Works Department.

Brian is a local native, being born and raised in Newmarket and attending Newmarket schools. After graduating high school, he began with a career in the flooring trade followed by shoe making and then was promoted into building and machine maintenance which he did until early 1970. Brian was hired by the Town in March 1970 and began his public works profession in sanitation as a laborer. He was promoted to supervision of the shop and equipment maintenance, a position which was expanded in April 1975 to include supervision of highway maintenance and is a responsibility he holds today.

During his twenty-five years with the Durham Public Works Department, Brian worked his way up through the ranks and has been involved in every phase of public works to one



Brian Beers 25 years

degree or another, including water supply and wastewater. He is a member of the New Hampshire Road Agents Association; holds a CDL M&C vehicle operator's license and a Level I water system certification; and recently attained a Road Scholar certification through the University of New Hampshire's

Technology Transfer Training Center.

Brian spends his off duty hours woodworking (miniature furniture); hunting and fishing; following and forecasting the weather; and bird watching. He has served with the Newmarket Volunteer Fire Department and Civil Defense.

Brian, on behalf of the Durham Town Council, Town Staff and Durham residents, we thank you for the hard work and devotion you have given to Durham over the past twenty-five years. The professionalism and genuine concern with which you have served the community is an achievement you can be very proud of. Thank you for all of your efforts—we look forward to your continued efforts.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

At the March 15, 1995 Informational Town Meeting, several Town staff were recognized for their services to the community. We would like to take this opportunity again to thank these individuals for the important contributions they have made.

Administration/Business Offices

Mrs. Jennie Berry for her initiative in accepting additional job responsibilities as Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator.

Mrs. Donna Langley for attaining her Certified New Hampshire Assessor (CNHA) designation.

Mrs. Susan Lucius for her outstanding performance while employed as Minute-Taker for all Town boards and committees.

Fire Department

Firefighter Peter Henny for earning "Firefighter of the Year" for 1994.

Captain Hubert Matheny for 15 years of service.

Captain Richard Miller for earning "Fire Officer of the Year" for 1994.

Assistant Chief Ronald O'Keefe for assuming the responsibility for fire prevention activities in the absence of a Fire Prevention Officer.

Police Department

The following individuals were instrumental for the implementa-

tion of the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) Program into the Oyster River Schools.

Chief Paul Gowen
Captain Michael Golding
Sergeant Paul McGann
Officer Edward Levesque
Officer Jack St. Hilaire

The Police Department also experienced the loss of several long-time employees. We would like to thank **Chief Paul Gowen, Kelley Fowler, Sergeant Paul McGann and Officer Steven Dyer** for their dedicated services to the residents of Durham while employed with the Town, and wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

Public Works Department

Gail Jablonski for her initiative in accepting additional job responsibilities as Assistant to the Public Works Director.

Phillips Brooks for 15 years of service.

Raymond Osborne for 20 years of service.

The following individuals have been instrumental in providing the Town with highly successful solid waste and recycling programs and are to be commended for their efforts:

Skip Grady
Guy Hodgdon
Lloyd Gifford
Arthur Nutter
Christopher Pickle
Raymond LaRoche, Sr.

The Town would also like to thank the following individuals for their hard work who formally served in either elected positions or who formally volunteered their services on various Town boards and committees during 1995:

Town Councillors:
John Kraus and William Duncan

Trustees of the Trust Funds:
Susan Fuchs

Conservation Commission:
Lloyd Heidgerd, Deborah Merritt and Diane Woods

Historic District Commission:
Paul Flynn

Parks and Recreation Committee:
Bruce Bragdon, Chair and Diane Freedman

Zoning Board of Adjustment:
Allen Drake, Emily Cook, Robert Doty and Eric Young

Durham Representative on the Pease Part 150 Study:
Walter Rous

Library Services Task Force:
Roni Slavin, Chair; Lynn Aber, Joan Drapeau, Peg Higgins, Carol Lincoln, Cynthia Zoller, Ralph Bristol, Council Representative, and Patricia Cline, Council Representative

Community Development Steering Committee:
Mary Walsh, Chair; Charles Cressy, Warren Daniel, Annmarie Harris, William Healy, Jr., Chris Hennessy, Calvin Hosmer, Richard Houghton, George Rief, Patricia Samuels, Martha Smith, Neil Wylie and Krista Zanin

OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

As of December 31, 1995

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
<i>Elected Officials</i>					
<i>Durham Town Council</i>					
Ralph Bristol (Chair)	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected
W. Arthur Grant (Pro Tem)	Mast Rd., Box 598	868-5356	3 Yrs	3/96	Elected
John Aber	4 Sumac Lane	868-2818	3 Yrs	3/97	Elected
Patricia Cline	29 Mill Pond Rd.	868-1759	3 Yrs	3/96	Elected
William Healy, Jr.	6 Woodridge Rd.	868-5595	3 Yrs	3/97	Elected
Scott Hovey	41 Canney Rd.	868-1551	3 Yrs	3/96	Elected
George Rief	23 Edgly Garrison Rd	868-2551	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Walter Rous	64 Adams Point Rd	868-7030	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Patricia Samuels	207 Pack. Falls Rd.	659-2671	3 Yrs	3/97	Elected
<i>Moderator</i>					
Michael H. Everngam	49 Emerson Rd.	868-5765	2 Yrs	3/96	Elected
Shirley Thompson (Asst. Moderator)	Bagdad Road	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/96	Appointed
<i>Supervisors of the Checklist</i>					
Elisabeth Vail Maurice (Chair)	36 Woodman Ave.	868-7447	6 Yrs	3/95	Elected
Robert C. Gilmore	32 Woodman Ave.	868-2704	6 Yrs	3/2000	Appointed
Joan W. Weeks	45 Woodman Ave.	868-5343	6 Yrs	3/96	Elected
<i>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</i>					
Linda L. Ekdahl	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/96	Elected
<i>Town Treasurer</i>					
Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/96	Elected
Franklin Heald, Deputy	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/96	Appointed
<i>Trustees of the Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee</i>					
Ruth Moore	17 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-1086	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Harold Hurd	13 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-5183	3 Yrs	3/96	Elected
Harold J. Schondelmeier	12 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-2122	3 Yrs	3/97	Elected
<i>Council Representatives to the Cemetery Committee:</i>					
W. Arthur Grant	Mast Rd., Box 598	868-5356	1 Yr	3/96	Council
Scott Hovey	41 Canney Rd.	868-1551	1 Yr	3/96	Council
Patricia Samuels	207 Pack. Falls Rd.	659-2671	1 Yr	3/96	Council

Town Administration

Town Administrator

Larry R. Wood	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
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Director of Civil Defense					
Larry R. Wood	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
Business Manager					
Clara Varney	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
Director of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement					
Robert T. Houseman	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
Director of Public Works					
Joseph I. "Skip" Grady	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
Fire Chief					
Robert P. Wood	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5531	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
Interim Police Chief					
Joseph McGann	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
Durham Ambulance Corps					
Patrick Ahearn (President)	P.O. Box 4, Durham	868-5647	N/A	N/A	Volunteer
Mary Davis (Exec. Assistant)	P.O. Box 4, Durham	862-3674	N/A	N/A	Volunteer
Durham District Court					
William H. Shaheen (Justice)		868-2323	N/A	N/A	State
Gerald Taube (Special Justice)		868-2323	N/A	N/A	State
Paul Bruyere (Clerk of Courts)		868-2323	N/A	N/A	State
Health Officer					
Richard Blakemore	4 Davis Avenue	868-2073	3 Yrs	12/98	Council/State
Keeper of the Swans					
Margery Milne	1 Garden Lane	868-2794	N/A	N/A	Council
Librarian					
Claudia Morner	UNH Dimond Library	868-1541	N/A	N/A	UNH
Parks and Recreation Advocate					
Larry Flint	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-7880	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
Rabies Control Officer					
Susan Guthrie	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
Welfare Officer					
Clara Varney	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.

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<i>Town Boards/Committees/Commissions</i>					
<i>Conservation Commission</i>					
David Funk (Chair)	123 Mill Rd.	868-7248	3 Yrs	12/95	Council
Sharon Ossenbruggen	11 Pinecrest Ln.	868-5021	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
William Bowden	25 Woodridge Rd	868-1016	3 Yrs	12/95	Council
Petya Encheva	Morse Hall, UNH	862-1792	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Theresa Walker	RFD 3, Bennett Rd.	659-7226	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
VACANT (Alternate)			3 Yrs	12/97	Council
VACANT (Alternate)			3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Ralph Bristol (Council Rep)	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	1 Yr	3/96	Council
Annmarie Harris (Planning Brd Rep.)	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	1 Yr	12/95	Plan. Brd.
<i>Historic District Commission</i>					
Nancy Sandberg (Chair)	Mathes Garrison Farm, Langley Rd.	868-5211	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
James Walsh	30 Woodridge Rd.	868-2678	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Marion James	4 Wood Road	868-2682	3 Yrs	12/95	Council
Mary Margaret Jaques	47 Dover Rd.	868-2252	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Pamela Worthen	14 Newmarket Rd.	868-5026	3 Yrs	12/95	Council
Patricia Cline (Council Rep)	29 Mill Pond Rd	868-1759	1 Yr	3/96	Council
Peter Smith (Planning Brd Rep.)	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	1 Yr	3/94	Plan. Brd.
<i>Parks and Recreation Committee</i>					
Anne Whittenbury (Chair)	4 Tirrell Place	868-3507	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Richard Dewing	3 Willey Rd.	868-7523	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Robin Thompson	30 Colony Cove Rd.	868-6973	3 Yrs	12/95	Council
Diane Woods	21 Garden Lane	868-2962	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Paula Flanders	9 Williams Way	868-3657	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	12/95	Council
William Healy (Council Rep)	6 Woodridge Rd.	868-5595	1 /Yr	3/96	Council
<i>Planning Board</i>					
Calvin Hosmer (Chair)	14 Fogg Drive	868-2297	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Dee Grant	P.O. Box 598	868-5356	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Annmarie Harris	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Suzanne Loder	24 Mast Road	868-7532	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Edward McNitt (Alternate)	P.O. Box 577	868-1842	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Peter Smith	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Neil Wylie	117 Madbury Rd.	868-7345	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
George Rief (Council Rep)	23 Edgly Garrison Rd	868-2551	1 Yr	3/96	Council
Walter Rous(Alternate Council Rep)	64 Adams Point Rd	868-7030	1 Yr	3/96	Council

OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
Zoning Board of Adjustment					
John Farrell (Chair)	8 Little John Rd.	659-7605	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
Richard Gsottschneider	280 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2376	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Robert Cotter (Alternate)	4 Surrey Lane	659-6573	3 Yrs	12/96	Council
VACANT (Alternate)			3 Yrs	12/96	Council
William Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls	659-7992	3 Yrs	12/95	Council
Shirley Thompson (Alternate)	38 Bagdad Road	868-5138	3 Yrs	12/95	Council
Annette Tischler	36 Oyster River Rd.	868-5810	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Edward Valena	Stonehouse FarmDurham Pt. Rd.	868-2174	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Appointed Committees					
Chain Committee					
VACANT				12/95	Council
COAST Bus Service					
Joe E. Follansbee (Executive Director)	UNH Transportation	862-1931	N/A	N/A	C.O.A.S.T.
Larry R. Wood (Town Administrator)	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	1 Yr	12/95	Council
Communications Center Policy Committee					
Clara Varney (Business Mgr.)		868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
Joseph McGann (Interim Police Chief)		868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Robert Wood (Fire Chief)		868-5531	N/A	N/A	Council
Roger Beaudoin (UNH Police Chief)		862-1427	N/A	N/A	UNH
Durham Business Park					
Art Grant	Mast Rd., Box 598	868-5356	N/A	N/A	Council
Ralph Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	N/A	N/A	Council
George Rief	23 Edgly Garrison Road	868-2551	N/A	N/A	Council
Walter Rous	64 Adams Pt. Rd.	868-7030	N/A	N/A	Council
Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee					
Richard Dewing	3 Willey Rd.	868-7523	3 Yrs	06/97	Council
David Funk	123 Mill Rd.	868-7248	3 Yrs	06/97	Council
John Hatch	28 Mill Road	868-5560	3 Yrs	06/97	Council
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Road	659-2721	3 Yrs	06/97	Council
Judith Spang	55 Wiswall Road	659-5936	3 Yrs	06/97	Council
Recycling Advisory Committee					
William Skinner (Chair)	28 Garden Lane	868-7049	N/A	N/A	Council
Jane Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	N/A	N/A	Council
Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls	659-7992	N/A	N/A	Council
Kate Glanz	25 Orchard Drive	868-5398	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council

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<i>Rental Housing Commission</i>					
Perry Bryant (DLA Rep.)	76 Newmarket Rd. Newmarket, 03857	659-2351	N//A	N/A	DLA
Eric Chinburg (DLA Rep.)	6 Newmarket Rd.	868-5595	N/A	N/A	DLA
Jay Gooze (Prop. Owner)	9 Meadow Rd.	868-2497	N/A	N/A	Council
Heidi Kendall (UNH Rep.)	Alexander, Rm 119, UNH	868-1234	N/A	N/A	UNH
Leila Moore (UNH Rep.)	Student Affairs Ofc.,	862-2053	N/A	N/A	UNH
Andy Robison (UNH Rep.)	Rm 125, MUB, UNH	862-4600	N/A	N/A	UNH
Greg Sanborn (UNH Rep.)	Thompson Hall, UNH	862-2450	N/A	N/A	UNH
John Aber (Council Rep.)	4 Sumac Lane, Durham	868-2818	N/A	N/A	Council
Larry Wood (Town Admin.)	15 Newmarket Rd., Durham	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
<i>SMPO Technical Advisory Committee</i>					
Robert Houseman	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5578	1 Yr	12/94	Council
Larry Wood (Alternate.)	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	1 Yr	12/94	Council
<i>SMPO Transportation Policy Committee</i>					
Same as SRPC					
<i>Stafford Regional Planning Commission</i>					
Edward McNitt	P.O. Box 577	868-1842	4 Yrs	12/98	Council
George Rief (Council Rep.)	23 Edgly Garrison Rd	868-1759	1 Yr	3/96	Council
Neil Wylie (Planning Board Rep.)	117 Madbury Rd.	868-7345	3 Yrs	12/96	Plan Brd
<i>Sewer Policy Committee</i>					
Ralph Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	N/A	N/A	Council
<i>Solid Waste Advisory Committee</i>					
Scott Hovey	41 Canney Road	868-1704	N/A	N/A	Council
Ralph Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	N/A	N/A	Council
<i>Wastewater System Advisory Committee</i>					
James Malley	1 Darby Lee Common Newmarket 03857	659-2393	N/A	N/A	Council
George Rief (Council Rep.)	23 Edgly Garrison	868-2551	N/A	N/A	Council
<i>Water Policy Advisory Committee</i>					
W. Arthur Grant (Chair)	261 Mast Rd.	868-5356	N/A	N/A	Council
Ralph Bristol	12 Stevens Way	868-2524	N/A	N/A	Council
George Rief	23 Edgly Garrison	868-2551	N/A	N/A	Council
William Duncan	28 Sumac Lane	868-5686	N/A	N/A	Council
Larry R. Wood	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Report of the Council Chair



Ralph Bristol, Council Chairman

The year 1995 saw the completion of Durham's Community Development Plan (CDP). This Plan, which represents the efforts of over 100 citizens organized into four "focus groups", won an award for Excellence in Planning from the New Hampshire Planning Association. The CDP provides both a description of where Durham is today and a series of goals describing where we would like to be in the future. Two themes run throughout the Plan: the importance of community spirit and the importance of volunteerism in achieving the Town's goals. There is a wealth and diversity of talent in Durham — the challenge is to harness this talent. Implementation of the Plan has just begun; we will be using and refining it for years to come.

Three other "blueprints" for the Town's future were also developed

during the year: The Library Services Task Force (LSTF) recommended that Durham should have its own Public Library —geographically separate from, but closely affiliated with, the University Library. Second, the Water Policy Task Force (WPTF) recommended that the Town and University study the desirability of constructing a brand-new Water Treatment Plant to replace the present, 60-year-old plant. Third, the Parks and Recreation Committee, in conjunction with Cavendish Associates, produced a Master Plan for Wagon Hill, proposing three alternative development plans for Durham's largest park.

Also in the nature of a plan for future development of Durham, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board met over two dozen times to revise the Town's Shoreland Protection Ordinance. These revisions, still under development, will bring us in line with new state laws and will achieve a balance among the benefits enjoyed by present property owners, other residents of the community, and future property owners.

In the area of facilities, the Town has settled on a site for a new Public Works Facility, and construction will commence this spring. At the same time, work has begun on designing a new Police Station to replace the Department's present inadequate quarters. Finally, as part of our ongoing program to encourage economic growth and broaden the tax base, the Durham Business Park Committee has developed a plan for,

and is now engaged in marketing, the Town's land parcel on Route 4.

Durham has now formed a Rental Housing Commission (RHC) to handle concerns of renters, landlords, and neighboring residents. This represents a new approach to some long-standing problems in the community. It is our hope that this new Board will produce benefits for all three groups.

The Town is also engaged in negotiations with the University over fiscal matters. The University owns over half of all the real estate value in the Town but is exempted from paying any property taxes. While the University shares in the costs of the Fire, Water, and Wastewater Departments, we have been discussing the University's making contributions toward the costs of other Town services, most notably the \$400,000 annual cost of the education of schoolchildren living on University property, and for commercial enterprises located on the UNH campus.

The Town portion of the tax rate rose sharply this year. While this was an unwelcome event, it should be kept in perspective. Since 1990, Town property tax revenues have risen at an annual rate of under 2 percent. This is less than the rate of inflation, which means that, in real terms, the Town is providing its present level of services with fewer resources than were used in 1990. This is a tribute to the hard work

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and efficiency of our dedicated Town employees.

In May, Chief Paul Gowen retired. He joined the Durham Force as a Detective Sergeant in 1975 and became Chief four years later. He is responsible for building the Durham Police Department into a respected and responsive system that all our citizens can be proud of. In 1994 he was honored by being elected President of the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association. We wish him well in his retirement.

We were sorry to learn in September that our well-liked Town Administrator, Larry Wood, is leaving to study for the ministry. Larry joined us almost four years ago, at a time when there were many strained relationships in the Town Hall. By his hard work, ability, good spirit and whole-hearted devotion to the Town, he is leaving Durham a better place than he found it. He has become very much a part of this community, and while we are sorry to lose him as Town Administrator, we are glad that he will remain with

us as a Durham citizen. Those of us who have worked with him will miss his dedication, his good humor, and his helpfulness—to say nothing of his neckties!

Finally, I am pleased to report that Durham's Annual Report for last year won first prize for excellence from the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Congratulations to Jennie Berry and all others who contributed!

—Ralph Bristol, Chairman
Durham Town Council

Report of the Town Administrator

I write this report with much excitement and pleasure, but with a bit of sadness. This will be my last Town Administrator's report for the Town of Durham, as I am leaving to spend more time with my family and to pursue a career in the ministry. Working for the Town of Durham has been a wonderful experience! We have accomplished much; more importantly, we have learned and grown together. I thank all of you who have been helpful, supportive and so giving of your time and expertise. Durham is fortunate to have a community abundant in talented and dedicated people. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the Town and me. My family and I plan to stay in Durham, so we look forward to continuing to work with you as we enhance this wonderful community.

Now, to get to the report.

Community Development Plan

The most significant and exciting project of 1995 was the formulation and completion of the Community Development Plan. This tremendous citizen effort produced an impressive planning document. More importantly, it generated tremendous enthusiasm and momentum within the community. Hundreds of people were involved in the development of the plan in a variety of ways. Participation was obtained from all age groups, neighborhoods and segments of the community. Critical and insightful reviews were conducted of community needs and issues, leading to the development of a range of far-sighted and progressive recommendations designed to



Larry R. Wood, Town Administrator

enhance our community. Copies of the Plan can be obtained from the Durham Library and the Durham Town Offices; I encourage you to review the plan and to participate in its implementation. More about this further into this report.

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Financial Issues

1995 was a challenging year for Town finances. The Town experienced its first tax increase since 1990. While an increase was expected, it was greater than we had originally anticipated. The lack of the availability of fund balance (sometimes referred to as surplus funds) for use to offset property tax increases resulted in a much greater than anticipated tax increase.

This situation mandated that we approach the 1996 budget with a view towards a significant reduction in the Town tax rate. The projection for 1996 is for the Town tax rate to decrease from \$10.09 per \$1,000 of assessed value to approximately \$9.43 per \$1,000. This decrease could be even greater if pending agreements with the University of New Hampshire come to fruition.

This situation brought into focus again the revenue challenges facing the Town. The Town provides high quality levels of programs and services to its citizens. Based on extensive comparisons with other communities, we accomplish this in an extremely cost effective manner in every department. Durham Town government spending is not out of line; in fact I believe it is a real bargain. However, we have substantive revenue issues which need to be addressed. One of those is the presence and impacts of the University of New Hampshire. As noted below, this is being addressed. In addition,

the Town's very narrow and limited tax base places a great burden on residential properties within the community. Balanced economic growth which enhances the quality of the community is needed. The Community Development Plan makes many recommendations of ways this can be accomplished, and these recommendations should be implemented. In addition, local businesses wishing to expand and those community friendly businesses desiring to locate should be welcomed and embraced.

The water rate for 1996 will decrease, from \$2.80 per 100 cubic feet of usage, to \$2.55 per 100 cubic feet. The sewer rate will increase, from \$2.20 per 100 cubic feet, to \$2.42 per 100 cubic feet.

UNH Issues and Relations

Relationships between the town and UNH continue to improve.

Most significant has been the progress toward an agreement with UNH on two critical compensation issues. As I write this summary, we are awaiting Board of Trustees action on an agreement which would (a) have the University begin, in July 1996, phased-in payments for the tuition cost of schoolchildren who reside on the UNH campus and attend the ORCSD schools, and (b) have the University make payments – calculated on volume of sales – for commercial operations on the campus which are open to the public but do not have any local property tax

responsibility. The Town Informational Meeting in March will have a more current report as to the status of this agreement.

The Town and UNH made strides in other areas. The Town will have greater opportunity to review UNH construction projects in their early phases, helping to reduce any adverse impacts on the community. In addition, UNH has demonstrated their commitment to meeting their off-campus responsibilities, witnessed in part by their full payment for the recently installed traffic signal at the College Road and Main Street intersection.

The Town and UNH Police Departments have worked more closely together in 1995. The Town and UNH collaborated on the search for common solutions for solid waste disposal and wastewater treatment challenges. Also, the Town and UNH are examining the feasibility of building a new water treatment plant, and other ways the two water systems might be managed and operated more effectively.

The Town and UNH are working closely together in a review of alternatives for a true community library, off of the UNH campus. This community library would maintain a partnership with UNH, but be a library meeting the needs of community members.

Improved Town Facilities

Town facilities began a sorely need-

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ed upgrade in 1995. Land was purchased off Routes 4 and 108 for the construction of a new Public Works facility. The planning phase of the project is almost complete, and construction will begin in spring of 1996. At the same time, plans for a new police station to be located in the existing Municipal Complex are underway, with construction expected to start in summer or fall of 1996. After the two projects noted above are complete, the Town offices will receive modest renovations.

These modest projects will address long-standing needs of the Town. The Police Department was moved to its present location, characterized then as temporary quarters, in 1979. A staff of eighteen (18) has been forced to work in less than 2,500 square feet without privacy and security. A new Public Works facility has been discussed since 1974. The Town offices have gotten more cramped and uncomfortable as the demands on all Town services have increased. The projection to complete facility upgrades for slightly less than a total of a million dollars is remarkably inexpensive, and sorely needed.

Police Department

Chief Paul Gowen retired in 1995, after almost twenty years of distinguished service to the Durham community. Captain Joseph McGann did an outstanding job as the Interim Chief of Police for seven months, while a search for a replacement took place. In January 1996 David L. Kurz

of Gorham, Maine was appointed as the new Police Chief. Mr. Kurz is highly regarded in law enforcement circles, and has the experience, credentials, talents and style necessary to manage and lead the department.

Rental Housing

The Town and the Durham Landlords Association (DLA) settled their litigation out of court, avoiding a costly legal battle for both parties. The agreement accomplished what the Town had sought through the adoption of a Rental Housing registration ordinance, but in a manner designed to foster a closer partnership between all segments of the community. Most important to the settlement agreement is the creation of a Durham Rental Housing Commission (DRHC) comprised of Town officials, landlords, neighborhood property owners, tenants and UNH officials. The DRHC is designed to be a non-regulatory body created to foster better communications between all segments of the community, and to look for practical and long lasting solutions to the issues and conflicts created in Durham neighborhoods by the presence of large amounts of rental housing.

The Town continued its increased enforcement of local ordinances designed to enhance Durham neighborhoods, with good success on a number of fronts. In particular, the Town was successful in two zoning actions brought against local frater-

nities, reducing the problems created by those two organizations. The Town continues to utilize a combination of enforcement, education, common sense and communications to bring all parties together, and to make our neighborhoods even better places to live.

Durham Business Park

The Town continued to focus on the development of the Durham Business Park. A Council committee, working with Town staff, developed a vision and conceptual plan for the park, and presented this to the Town Council and the Planning Board. The Town is exploring grant opportunities that may be available to aid in the development of the park. Most exciting is the prospect of current negotiations with an existing local business to expand at the Durham Business Park.

Public Works Issues

Many public works issues received great attention in 1995. The Town's award winning solid waste program continued to improve. In 1995, the Town's recycling revenues and volumes increased dramatically, bringing the costs of recycling below the costs of solid waste disposal for the first time. This tremendous achievement is a real credit to the Town's citizens, and the Department of Public Works staff.

The Town continues to make strides on improving operations and reducing remaining odors from the

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Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Beginning in 1996, the Town will end its on-site composting process, and take its sludge to the Wheelabrator facility in Rochester. In addition, the Town has resolved, with Whitman and Howard, its consulting engineers, some processing issues which had been occurring at the WWTF. Improvements in this regard will be made in the spring of 1996.

The Town continues to examine alternatives to the present water systems. Durham and UNH are collaborating on a study on the cost effectiveness of a new water treatment plant. In addition, the Town will increase its production from its own Lee Well, as well as complete the water feasibility study for the Spruce Hole aquifer.

Business Community

This report would not be complete without a mention of Durham's business community. I have had the pleasure of working closely with the business community and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. Durham has a tremendous amount of creative, imaginative, and hard working small businesses. They are truly one of the Town's assets, and contribute greatly to the economic, physical and social health of the community. They employ local people, including high school and college students. They stock what we want and ask for, not what some far away corporate entity has determined we

should like. They provide us with gathering places, friendly service and faces, and a downtown to be proud of. And they contribute, with money, time and products, to local non-profit organizations and causes, Town and UNH alike. Our local business community deserves our moral and financial support; without a prosperous and active business sector, the entire community suffers. As they say, think globally, shop locally!

The community received good news in 1995 with the announcement that Northern Utilities would extend natural gas to Durham in 1996. Northern Utilities has already become an active part of the Durham community, stimulating the Durham Doers and Durham Dollars campaign, and promising to aid in the implementation of the Community Development Plan.

Town Staff

I have said repeatedly that the Town staff is first rate! They most surely are, and are a tremendous group of caring and committed individuals who help make Durham a better place in which to live and work. They deserve a standing ovation for the cost-effective and innovative ways they do their jobs, and for doing the little things that help us feel at home.

Closing Remarks

In closing, I would like to thank all of

you for a wonderful and exciting time as your Town Administrator. It has been the most enjoyable experience of my local government career. I also owe many thanks to the Town Council for their faith and support over the past several years. The Town employees have been wonderful colleagues and team mates, and I will miss them. Durham's tremendous number of talented and dedicated citizen volunteers have made my job much easier. The tremendous vitality and spirit brought to Durham by the UNH and ORCSD students has brought me good cheer and renewed vigor each day on the job.

Thank you, my friends, for helping me during my tenure here as Town Administrator. I look forward to working with you from another perspective in the years ahead. Best wishes for 1996!

— Larry R. Wood, Town Administrator

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Community Development Plan

The 1995 calendar year saw the very successful completion of the Community Development Plan. This community planning project took fifteen months, and involved hundreds of citizens from all segments of the community. The final product was a Plan which included analysis and review of four topic areas (Downtown; Economic Development; the Rt. 108 Corridor; and A Sense of Community), and a series of recommendations in each of the topic areas. The Plan also includes a chapter on implementation, and recommendations as to how the various goals, objectives and strategies can be accomplished. An Inventory document was produced as an Appendix to the Plan, and includes the data generated as a part of the project.

The project involved hundreds of citizens within the community. The project was directed by a Citizens Steering Committee appointed by the Town Council. Four focus groups, each dealing with one of the topic areas, involved over one hundred more citizens.

Throughout the fifteen month project, citizens were reached out to in a variety of ways. Two rounds of public forums and workshops were held at the beginning and end of the project. A total of four surveys were utilized, including a random phone survey conducted for the Town by the UNH Survey center, and target-

ed and random surveys of the local business community; local business customers; and participants at the forums and workshops. Outreach efforts were also made to the Oyster River High School students and UNH students, as well as various neighborhood and civic groups. The community participation effort was tremendously successful, and formed the foundation for the development of the goals, objectives and strategies.

In November of 1995, after holding four workshops on the specific topic areas, the Durham Town Council approved the Plan as a guiding vision for the Town. The implementation of several projects are underway. There will be additional opportunities to be involved on the ground floor of the implementation phase of the Plan. In fact, the various recommendations of the Plan will only be achieved if the partnership of government, citizens, businesses and institutions works together to make it happen. You are welcome in any way and at any level you wish to participate. Please contact the Town Administrator's Office at 868-5571 or the Planning and Zoning department at 868-5578 if you would like to learn more!

The successful completion of the Plan would not have been possible without the active participation of the citizens of Durham. The stewardship and guidance of the Community Development Steering

Committee was invaluable, and the work of the four focus groups, done over many long hours over many months, formed the foundation for the Plan. The generous contributions of local businesses, citizen volunteers and the University enabled the participation program to come alive and be truly effective. The University, local schools and churches provided meeting space. The guidance and direction of the Town Council and Planning Board was critical to the success of the project. Finally, many, many thanks go to the Town staff who worked on the project, most notably Community Development Specialist Jim Russ, who worked day-to-day for fifteen months on the project; Rob Houseman, Director of Planning and Zoning and project coordinator; Janet Glazier and Jennie Berry, administrative support staff who tend to many of the countless details required to pull a project of this magnitude off; and Town interns Karen D'Amours and Jeanette Caldwell, who did a lot of the research required.

A complete listing of those who deserve to be thanked follows.

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Maggie Moore, Chair

Jean Bartell

Phyllis Bennett

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Jeanette Caldwell, Administrative Intern

A number of other individuals and organizations participated throughout the project by providing guidance and assistance. We are especially grateful to:

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Durham Community Church
Durham Historic Association
Oyster River Middle School
Oyster River High School
UNH Alumni Center
Durham Infant Center
UNH Survey Center
Strafford Reg Planning Commission
Durham Marketplace
The Bagelry
Young's Restaurant
The Red Onion

The Licker Store
Houghton's Hardware
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Walter Rous, Durham Resident
Bill Schoonmaker, Durham Resident
Anne Whittenbury, Chair, Durham Parks & Recreation Committee
Phyllis Bennett, UNH Community Relations Office
Connie Ellis, UNH Community Relations Office
Lynn Cooper, UNH Community Relations Office
Robbie Woodburn, Durham Resident

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Report of the Business Manager

It is difficult to believe that another year has been completed. This has been another busy and exciting year for myself and my department.

1995 Accomplishments

- Assessed Risk Management Services and remained with The Dunlap Corporation as our agent. Dunlap succeeded in reducing our general insurance expense by \$30,000 and still increased our basic coverage!

- Converted accounting records to a new fund accounting system and connected all departments to the system.

- Assessed cash management services.

- Fiscal technician, Kathie Lopez, completed an intensive course on governmental accounting and will receive a certificate in the Spring.

- Centralized personnel records.

1996 Goals

- Improve purchasing procedures.

- Improve financial reporting.

- Schedule fixed assets.

- Review accounting policies and procedures.

- Set up each department to input payroll information.

– Clara Varney, Business Manager

Standing (l-r): Kathie Lopez, Fiscal Technician; Clara Varney, Business Manager; Paulette Rouleau, Accountant. Seated (l-r): Jennie Berry, Administrative Assistant; Donna Langley, Assessor.



JOSEPH "SKIP" GRADY PHOTO

1995 Ordinances

NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
95-01	Regulation of Dogs	Passed	3/6/95
95-02	Amending Ordinance #93-04 Limiting Street Vending, Peddling, Soliciting and Other Commercial Activities by Deleting Section 4C	Passed	5/1/95
95-03	Establishing the "Town of Durham Rental Housing Commission"	Passed	5/1/95

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1995 Resolutions

NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
95-01	Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,000,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs)	Passed	2/20/95
95-02	Establishing Compensation for Department Heads for Fiscal Year 1995	Passed	4/3/95
95-03	Establishing Compensation for the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 1995	Passed	4/3/95
95-04	Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for Emerson Road Improvements	Passed	5/1/95
95-05	Empowering the Town Administrator the Duty of Authorizing Yield Tax Warrants to the Tax Collector	Passed	5/15/95
95-06	Authorizing Application for State Revolving Loan Funds and Borrowing of up to \$45,000 to Replace Sodium Hypochlorite Tanks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant	Passed	6/5/95
95-07	Accepting Funds from the One-A-Month Club for Inclusion into the Welfare Budget	Passed	6/19/95
95-08	Authorizing the Issuance of Long-Term Bonds not to Exceed \$500,000 for the Purpose of Purchasing Land and Constructing a Public Works Facility	Passed	9/5/95
95-09	Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 in Tax Anticipation Line of Credit Note to Expire on October 31, 1995	Passed	10/2/95
95-10	Amending Resolution #95-09 Authorizing the Issuance of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in Tax Anticipation Line of Credit Note	Passed	10/16/95
95-11	Approving the 1996 General Fund Budget	Passed	12/18/95
95-12	Approving the 1996 Water Fund Budget	Passed	12/18/95
95-13	Approving the 1996 Sewer Fund Budget	Passed	12/18/95
95-14	Approving the 1996 Capital Fund Budget	Passed	12/18/95
95-15	Rescinding Capital Budget Appropriations in the Amount of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$1,979,819)	Tabled	12/18/95

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Minutes of the 1995 Informational Town Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 1995
Oyster River High School
Cafetorium, 7:00pm

Council Members Present:

Chairman W. Healy, A. Grant,
 R. Bristol, P. Samuels, G. Rief, W.
 Rous and J. Aber

Council Members Absent: S. Hovey
 and P. Cline

Also Present: Town Administrator
 Larry R. Wood, Director of Planning
 and Zoning Robert Houseman,
 Public Works Director Skip Grady,
 Business Manager Clara Varney,
 members of various Town Boards,
 Commissions and Committees

Moderator: Mr. Michael Everngam

The 1995 Informational Town
 Meeting was called to order at 7:00
 PM by Moderator Michael
 Everngam. There were approxi-
 mately 75 people in attendance.

M. Everngam introduced the current
 Town Council members and the
 newly elected members.

M. Everngam announced the results
 of the Town election on Tuesday,
 March 14, 1995:

COUNCILLOR	WRITE-IN'S
Ralph Bristol	13325
George Rief.	137
Walter Rous	139

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS	WRITE-IN'S
Ruth Moore	3431

M. Everngam introduced Council

Chairman William Healy, Jr.
 Chairman Healy thanked all citizens
 who have served on Town boards
 and committees, and the Town's
 employees.

Chairman Healy also thanked
 Councillors B. Duncan and J. Kraus
 for their tenure on the Council.
 Chairman Healy welcomed new
 Councillors George Rief and Walter
 Rous and re-elected Councillor
 Ralph Bristol. He concluded by
 inviting all citizens to attend the
 Town Council meetings held the first
 and third Mondays of each month at
 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at
 the Town Hall.

Town Administrator Larry R. Wood
 asked the members of the audience
 to introduce themselves.

Town Administrator Wood recog-
 nized the following employees for
 their outstanding achievements and
 presented each with a Certificate of
 Appreciation: Phil Brooks and
 Hubert Matheny for 15 years of
 employment; Raymond Osborne for
 20 years of employment; Firefighter
 Peter Henny for earning Firefighter
 of the Year for 1994; Fire CPT
 Richard Miller for earning Fire
 Officer of the Year for 1994;
 Assistant Fire Chief Ronald O'Keefe
 for assuming responsibility for fire
 prevention activities in the absence
 of a Fire Prevention Officer; Police
 Chief Paul Gowen, CPT Michael
 Golding, SGT Paul McGann, Officer
 Edward Levesque and Officer Jack

St. Hilaire for their implementation
 of and participation in the Drug
 Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)
 Program into the Oyster River
 Schools; Susan Lucius for her out-
 standing performance while
 employed as minute-taker for all
 Town boards and committees;
 Assessor Donna Langley for attain-
 ing her New Hampshire Assessor
 certification; Gail Jablonski for her
 initiative in accepting additional job
 responsibilities as Assistant to the
 Public Works Director; Jennie Berry
 for her initiative in accepting addi-
 tional job responsibilities as
 Administrative Assistant to the
 Town Administrator; Public Works
 Director Skip Grady for his leader-
 ship and planning skills which have
 been the driving forces behind the
 tremendous success of the Solid
 Waste and Recycling Programs; Guy
 Hodgdon for his excellent manage-
 ment of the Solid Waste and
 Recycling Programs; Lloyd Gifford
 for his outstanding performance as
 the primary recyclables collection
 vehicle operator; Arthur Nutter for
 his outstanding performance in the
 processing and baling of the Town's
 recyclable materials; Christopher
 Pickle for his outstanding perfor-
 mance as the primary refuse vehicle
 operator and Raymond Laroche Sr.
 for his positive and friendly attitude
 while assisting Durham citizens at the
 Solid Waste Management Facility.

In addition, Town Administrator
 Wood recognized outgoing

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Councillors John Kraus and William Duncan for their dedication and services to the Durham community.

Town Administrator Wood presented outgoing Council Chairman William Healy with a Town chair.

Town Administrator Wood updated the audience on the financial state of the Town and the projects projected for 1995 including the proposed Public Works facility; the economic development program, development of the Route 4 property and exploring an alliance with the University of New Hampshire on economic development; more business outreach efforts; increasing the quality of life in the Town's neighborhoods through the enactment of the Rental Housing Ordinance and stricter enforcement on rental units; CCE-STEP efforts to obtain compensation from UNH on non-taxable properties; SB 124 which would require compensation for the schoolchildren residing on the UNH campus who attend the Oyster River Schools; and compensation for impacts of increasing business activities on the UNH campus.

Town Administrator Wood asked citizens for their feedback on how the Town could improve customer relations. He concluded by thanking the Council for their excellent work, as well as individuals who voluntarily serve on the Town's various boards and committees. Lastly, he thanked John and Maryanna Hatch for their many years of service to the Town of Durham, and in

particular for donating the use of Mr. Hatch's painting for the cover of the 1994 Town Report.

Town Administrator Wood invited Public Works Director Skip Grady to talk about the Town's solid waste and recycling programs. Mr. Grady attributed the success of the recycling program to the Town's citizens for their support, the Town Council for their leadership, the Recycling Committee for their assistance and ideas, and the Town staff for their dedication to the program. Mr. Grady said the Town would be implementing, on a trial basis, recycling of paint, dry cell batteries, oil filters, and mixed plastic baling and the possibility of conducting a "swap shop".

Reports were given by the following Town Boards, Committees or Commissions members:

Jack Farrell, *Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment*, updated the audience on the number of variances the ZBA acted upon in 1994.

David Funk, *Chair of the Conservation Commission*, presented Town employees Raymond LaRoche Jr. and Mike Lynch with the second annual Conservation Commission award in appreciation for their contributions to the Town's tree planting and maintenance programs.

Nancy Sandberg, *Chair of the Historic District Commission*, gave an update on the Frost-Sawyer Project.

Calvin Hosmer, *Chair of the Planning Board*, gave an update on the Golf Course and Shoreland Protection ordinance.

Harold Hurd, *Chair of the Cemetery Committee*, introduced Ruth Moore as a new member to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. He reported that a cleaner would be coming in to clean up the Smith Chapel and that a new heater would also be installed. He said that some hydro seeding would be done on the bare spots at the Town cemetery and that a new push mower had been purchased for maintenance of the grounds. He also informed the audience that the First NH Investment Services would continue as the Trust company for the Town.

Anne Whittenbury, *Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee*, informed the audience that the Committee developed a Strategic Plan in which the highlight of that plan was the recommendation and hiring of a Recreation Advocate. Ms. Whittenbury also noted that the Plan recommended hiring a consultant for the development and management of Wagon Hill Farm. She said that the remainder of the Strategic Plan primarily stresses making the most of what exists through low-cost, no-cost projects.

John Hatch, *Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee*, informed the audience that the Lamprey River had attained designation into the Wild and Scenic program and thanked the Town

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Council for their support in this effort. He also stated that a Lamprey River Management Plan had been developed which contained recommendations for the use and protection of the river and that a Lamprey River Resource Assessment document was also published that would be available at the Town Hall.

Lynn Aber, *Library Services Task Force (LSTF)*, provided an update on the Library Services Report.

Mary Walsh, *Chair of the Community Development Committee (CDC)*, discussed the implementation of the Community Development Plan and highlighted the recommendations brought forward by the Sense of Community, Route 108/Limited Business District, Economic Development and Downtown focus groups.

Jim Russ, *Community Development Specialist*, announced that the CDC public forum was scheduled for May 3, 1995. He said that the forum is designed to get responses from the general public to be sure that the CDC is on the right track and to make adjustments where needed. He also informed the public that a telephone survey would be conducted administered by the UNH and that he would appreciate input and citizen involvement.

Public comments were as follows:

Malcolm Sandberg asked for an explanation for the increased tax

burden which occurred for Colony Cove residents after the 1993 reassessment. Responding to this question, Town Administrator Wood said that there were several residents who had litigated their assessments and that the Town was presently in the process of dealing with these issues. He replied that the 1993 values that were used as part of the analytical update would continue to be the values used until there is either a general revaluation for the Town or another analytical update. He said that subsequent sales and data since the revaluation tend to verify and support that the revaluation was fair.

Mr. Sandberg said that Mr. Wood's response did not specifically address the issue of how some properties rose 15% in value while others were reduced 1-2% if there was simply a linear redistribution. He said the implication was that there was something else going on which was not fairly put forth in the process.

Town Administrator Wood replied that a linear redistribution was not done. He said that if that procedure had been done then all properties would have been adjusted 10%, for example. He said some communities do linear redistributions which is an easy calculation. However, it is not a Fair Market Value (FMV) calculation. Wood explained that the intent of an analytical update is to try and get to 100% of Fair Market Value. He said that before the revaluation, Durham had been at 127%

of Fair Market Value and almost a 15% Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) which resulted in a wide range of values. He said the intent of the study was to take a look at sales and market values and try to address values, not in a linear way, but in a way that would have Fair Market Value across the board. After the revaluation, the Fair Market Value reached 98% the first year in terms of the sales assessment ratio and a Coefficient of Dispersion of 8%. Therefore, in general cases, the results of the work were a success and the present values are much fairer than those which existed before the 1993 update.

Robert Burnett-Kurie, asked why the Town had tax billing only once a year. Chairman Healy responded that this item had been brought before the Council and the Council felt that taxpayers would gain more on interest earned by leaving their money in their individual accounts as opposed to the Town paying out interest on money that would need to be borrowed in anticipation of taxes.

Suzanne Loder updated the audience on various bills that have come before the state legislature.

There being no further business, Moderator Everngam **Adjourned** the 1995 Informational Town Meeting at 8:50 PM.

– Jennie Berry, Administrative Assistant

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Planning Board

The Planning Board accepted and approved 15 applications in 1995, 4 more than in 1994. The average time elapsed between acceptance and approval was 40 days. Several applications required more time than the average, but none of them needed an extension beyond the 90 days allowed by State law. Continued participation in the formulation of the Community Development Plan plus a second extensive review of the proposed amendments to Article 10, Shoreland Protection, of the Zoning Ordinance, consumed a large portion of the Board's time.

1995 Accomplishments

- Completed the revision of the Subdivision Regulations.
- Completed a second review of proposed amendments to the

Shoreland Protection Zone Ordinance.

- Participated in the Community Development Plan process with three members serving on the Steering Committee, and three others serving with them on various Focus Groups. The Plan was completed in August.

1996 Goals

- Update the Durham Master Plan

using input from the Community Development Plan.

- Review changes to the Zoning Ordinance recommended by the Community Development Plan.
- Formulate Roadway Regulations.
- Develop an Impact Fee Ordinance.
- Review the proposed Water Resources Plan.

— Calvin Hosmer, Chair

Comparison of Number of Application Approvals 1990 - 1995

APPLICATION TYPE	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Subdivision.....	3	4	6	1	6	5
Site Review/Conditional Use Permit.....	5	4	3	10	4	5
Boundary Line Adjustment.....	7	3	6	4	5	5
Totals	15	11	15	15	15	15

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

The department had an extremely exciting, almost overwhelmingly productive, and enjoyable year.

Community Development Plan

In August the Town Council received the Community Development Plan, the results of a year-long effort. The planning process for the Community

Development Plan, requiring many long hours of work from approximately 100 committee members, 60 night meetings and engaging over 1000 residents in public forums, surveys and workshops, is just the beginning of this project. The Plan represents a shared vision of the community and the implementation of the Plan will continue because of the dedicated, hardworking citizens of Durham committed

to this shared vision of Durham's future. Everyone can be proud of the Plan and the level of community involvement in its creation — now the fun continues with the implementation of its vision.

I would like to extend special thanks to everyone who participated and made the process work. As a Professional Planner, I can say that the Community Development Plan

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Robert Houseman, Director and Janet Glazier, Secretary of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement

process and public participation component of this process makes it of the most unique and truly successful planning documents in the State. To this end the Plan has received the **1995 Planning in Excellence Award from the New Hampshire Planner's Association**. Again, thanks to everyone for making this Plan a success and I look forward to working with everyone on its implementation.

Federal Funds

The following projects have been completed using moneys from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency under the NH Coastal Program and Town funds:

- The Wagon Hill Master Plan, copies on file in the Planning Office;
- Coastal Wetlands Computer Mapping and Coastal Wetlands

Management Plan, copies on file at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Dover.

In addition, Staff has made application for approximately \$610,000 in funding to assist in the completion of a comprehensive, town-wide bicycle network and the implementation of the Community Development Plan vision for Memorial Park.

1995 Accomplishments

Community Development Plan — assisted the Town in the completion of the planning phase of the Community Development Plan. Additionally, Staff is actively assisting in the implementation phase of the Community Development Plan.

Durham Bicycle Plan — assisted in the development of a comprehensive bicycle plan for the Town. The

Bicycle Plan is designed to be two things. One, it is intended to articulate a shared vision, reflecting the residential student, faculty, and employee needs for bicycle improvements in the community. Two, it is intended to be a blueprint and catalyst for the implementation of these necessary improvements within the Town.

The vision articulated in this Plan is to promote bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation through the development of:

- A comprehensive bicycle lane and path network;
- Properly maintained surface areas for bicycling;
- Appropriate street lighting that will provide a safer environment for all modes of transportation;
- An education, encouragement, and enforcement campaign that will facilitate the expanded use of bicycling; and
- A recreational link to all bicycle programs.

Shoreland Ordinance rewrite — Assisted the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission in a comprehensive review and update of Article 10 of the Durham Zoning Ordinance, Shoreland Protection Zone.

Subdivision Regulations, Road Construction Regulations, and Site Plan Review Regulations — worked with the Planning Board to

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rewrite these regulations so that the regulations are in compliance with all applicable State Laws and to ensure that these regulations represent the development design standards appropriate for the Town of Durham.

Expedited Site Plan Review — The Department has issued 7 approvals for the following uses

- A professional office at 12 Jenkins Court.
- A custom cabinet workshop.
- A doctor's office.
- An architect's office.
- A landscape architect office.
- An import company focused on greeting cards and luxury household items and goods from Europe.
- A counseling and consultation office
- The Conservation Commission
- The Historic District Commission
- The ad-hoc Bicycle Committee
- The Wagon Hill Master Plan Committee
- the Community Development Plan's:
 - Steering Committee
 - Downtown Focus Group
 - Rte 108 Focus Group
 - Economic Development Focus Group
 - Sense of Community Focus Group
- the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee
- the COAST Board

In addition the Department continues to provide technical assistance to various committees and boards. In 1995 the Department provided staff assistance to the following committees and boards:

- The Town Council
- The Planning Board
- The Zoning Board of Adjustments

Building Statistics

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS PROCESSED	1993	1994	1995
Construction permits	180	216	179
Permits denied	2	0	0
Permits withdrawn	0	0	(5)
Septic			52
Electric			125
Permits on hold	2	5	0
Demolition			2
Total permits approved	176	216	401
Total value of permits given	\$6,689,709	\$8,561,744	
Total Fees collected for all permits	\$28,337	\$33,825	

BREAKDOWN OF PERMITS	1993	1994	1995
Single family homes	23	27	30
Multi-family homes	0	0	0
Additions, Renovations	94	100	119
Commercial (new and renovation)	28	11	22
Demolition	0	1	2
Signs	4	6	8
Electrical and plumbing	27	66	173
Withdrawn			5
Total	176	211	401

In closing I would like to thank the department's staff for maintaining a sense of humor and working exceptionally hard in order to stay on top of all the requests for assistance. Additionally, I would like to thank all the residents who have volunteered their time by serving on the various volunteer boards and committees and serving as resources to the staff. Your contributions to the Town are immeasurable and your time and energy spent shaping the collective vision of the Town of Durham makes my work even more enjoyable.

Please stop in if you would like to talk about the planning issues facing Durham.

— Robert T. Houseman, Director
Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

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Town Clerk — Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1995

Auto Registrations	\$473,749.00
Title Applications	1,990.00
Municipal Agent Fees	8,826.00
Marriage Licenses	1,305.00
Vital Statistics Copies	612.00
U.C.C. Recordings	1,305.75
U.C.C. Terminations	480.00
Dog Licenses	4,280.00
Miscellaneous	175.00
Total	\$492,723.25

Autos Registered	5,596
Dogs Licensed	598



(l-r): Donna Hamel, Clerical Assistant; Linda Ekdahl, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Lorrie Pitt, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Report — Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1995

DEBITS	YEAR OF LEVY			
	1995	1994	1993	1991 & PRIOR
Uncollected Taxes, as of January 1, 1994:				
Property Taxes	0	\$1,167,897.31	0	\$11,187.84
Resident Taxes	0	8,580.00	440.00	0
Land Use Change Taxes	0	8,712.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0	0
Taxes Committed to Collector:				
Property Taxes	10,785,662.79	0	0	0
Resident Taxes	0	190.00	0	0
Land Use Change	40.00	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	2,736.80	0	0	0
Boat Taxes	113.36	0	0	0
Overpayments:				
Property Taxes	14,949.57	8,204.72	0	0
Resident Taxes	0	90.00	20.00	0
Interest Collected	2,712.09	58,093.32	0	0
Penalties Collected	0	387.00	17.00	0
TOTAL DEBITS	\$10,806,214.61	\$1,252,154.35	\$477.00	11,187.84

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CREDITS	YEAR OF LEVY			
	1995	1994	1993	1991 & PRIOR
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes	\$9,665,596.43	1,168,931.38	0	0
Resident Taxes	0	3,950.00	170.00	0
Land Use Change Taxes	40.00	8,712.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	1,696.44	0	0	0
Boat Taxes	113.36	0	0	0
Interest Collected	2,712.09	58,093.32	0	0
Penalties Collected	0	387.00	17.00	0
Abatements Made During Year				
Property Taxes	48.09	7,170.65	0	0
Resident Taxes	—	4,910.00	290.00	0
Uncollected Taxes, as of December 31, 1994				
Property Taxes	1,134,967.84	0	0	11,187.84
Yield Taxes	1,040.36			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$10,806,214.61	\$1,252,154.35	\$477.00	\$11,187.84

Unredeemed Tax Liens

	YEAR OF LEVY			
	1994	1993	1992	1991 & PRIOR
Balance of Unredeemed Liens as of January 1, 1995		262,498.39	175,863.49	190,464.83
Tax Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	422,983.40	0	0	
Interest & Costs After Sale/Lien	5,823.99	22,704.50	22,213.44	33,065.47
Overpayments Made During Fiscal Year	27.08	0	.10	0
TOTAL DEBITS	\$428,834.47	\$285,202.89	\$198,077.03	\$223,530.30
Remittances to Treasurer During Year				
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$147,059.93	176,122.73	124,669.57	108,275.17
Interests & Costs After Sale/Lien	5,823.99	22,704.50	22,213.44	33,065.47
Abatement of Unredeemed Tax Liens	2,139.17	0	0	0
Tax Liens Deeded to Municipality	0	0	0	0
Unredeemed Liens, as of 12/31/95	273,811.38	86,375.66	51,194.02	82,189.66
TOTAL CREDITS	\$428,834.47	\$285,202.89	\$198,077.03	\$223,530.30

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Trustees of the Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee

A total of seventeen burials were made in Route 4 Durham Cemetery in 1995 including five caskets and twelve cremains. Fifteen graves were sold and one twelve-grave lot was repurchased. There were four weddings in Smith Chapel on Mill Pond Road.

Mike Lynch, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and his able crew have done their usual excellent job of maintaining the Route 4 Durham Cemetery and the Schoolhouse Lane Cemetery, as well as the numerous small graveyards. Several property owners have kindly offered to care for non-trusted and

abandoned graveyards which are situated on their land, but most of the thirty-one abandoned graveyards must depend on Town funds for maintenance. Thirty-seven of the private graveyards have trust funds to assure their perpetual care.

The electric heating system in Smith Chapel was repaired but there have been no major improvements in Route 4 Durham Cemetery made this year due to budget cuts.

The Town of Durham Trust Funds continue to be managed financially by the First New Hampshire Investment Service and the invest-

ments are doing very well. Contributions to Town of Durham projects have been made from the following Trust Funds in 1995:

- From the Smith Town Improvement Fund to the Town of Durham for flowers for downtown beautification. \$778.56
- From the Olinthus Doe Trust Fund to the Town of Durham to defray school expenses. . . \$500.00
- From the Ffrost Temperance Fund to the Oyster River School District for drug and alcohol education \$500.00

— Harold Hurd, Chairman

Supervisors of the Checklist

During 1995 there were three voting sessions in Town: The Oyster River School District meeting on March 1st, the Town election on March 14th and a special Oyster River District meeting held on October 24th.

Six sessions were held to register new voters, and a December 1st session was held for change of party registration. At these sessions we also did change of address and added and deleted voters.

During the summer and fall, we have been working to clean up the checklist before the upcoming presidential primary.

Updated checklists are posted in the Town Hall and the Durham Post Office.

Current Supervisors of the Checklist are Joan W. Weeks, Robert C. Gilmore and Chair Elisabeth Vail Maurice.

Elisabeth Vail Maurice, Chair

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

During 1995, the Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings on variance requests affecting forty-six lots, one special exception request and one appeal of an administrative decision.

Variations

Of the variance requests, forty-one involved lots which had previously been approved under the Cluster Ordinance. This ordinance was replaced in 1990 with the Planned Unit Development option, technically leaving these lots as approved but non-conforming lots. As in a Planned Unit Development, the Cluster Ordinance allowed for the creation of smaller individual lots with reduced frontage in exchange for the preservation of open space. Most of the lots created under this

ordinance are unable to meet some or all of the conventional zoning requirements for frontage and setbacks. All forty-one of these variance requests were approved.

In addition, the Board approved three variances from setback requirements for construction on residential lots and one variance from the Sign Ordinance for development of a professional office.

In a hearing on a variance request for the replacement of a septic system, the Board determined that a variance was not required and that the replacement could be allowed to proceed as proposed.

Special Exceptions

The Board heard and granted one request from the Wetlands

Protection Ordinance to allow building on a lot that was approved prior to the current ordinance when it was demonstrated that no other building options were available.

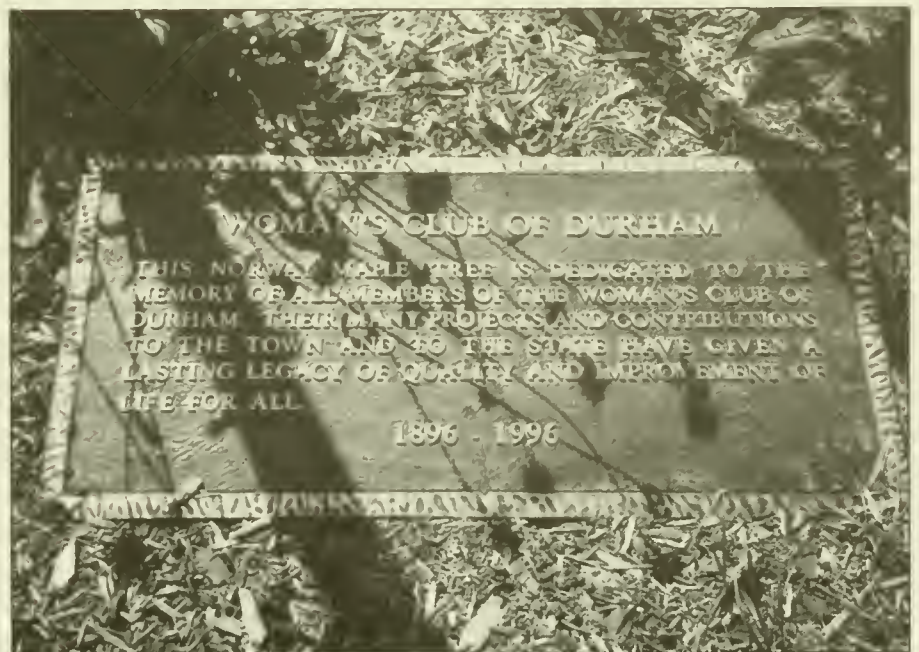
Appeals

Finally, the Board turned down an appeal from a decision of the Zoning Administrator in concurring that a duplex may not be constructed in the RC Zone.

The Chair would like to welcome our new members for 1995: Annette Tischler, Dick Gsottschneider and Ed Valena, and to thank retiring member Bob Doty for his efforts during his time on the Board.

— John H. Farrell, Chair

The plaque dedicating the Durham Women's Club Tree. Plaque was purchased by the women's club and installed by the Kent-Pelczar Funeral Home at dedication ceremonies on July 10, 1995. Photo courtesy of Barbara Langley



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Communications Center

The Communications Center continues to provide a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency type services for the Town and University, as well as several neighboring communities. Most of the areas that the Center is responsible for reported an increase in calls during the past year.

The Center has experienced significant personnel changes this past year with the departure of Coordinator Mehalek, and three of the full-time dispatchers. This created a challenge as we tried to continue the level of service we provide, while training

new personnel for the positions.

The Center also monitors fire, burglary, medical aid, and panic type alarms from businesses and residences within the communities for which we provide service. Citizens may also have their homes and/or business alarm systems connected directly to the Center. Contact the Center's Coordinator at 862-1392 should you like to receive an information packet concerning alarm connection specification and fees.

As we look forward to 1996, the Center strives to continue to provide

the best dispatching and alarms monitoring services possible. Any concerns or issues can be discussed with the Coordinator by calling the business number, 862-1392. However, should you need to contact us for any type of police, fire or medical aid emergency, please use phone line 911 when calling from anywhere in the Durham community. Use *911 when calling from the University of New Hampshire campus.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to serving you in 1996.

— James A. Young, Jr.

Fire Department

The Durham Fire Department has experienced an unprecedented increase in incident responses throughout 1995. Our response activities are in excess of twenty percent above our 1994 levels. This dramatic increase has significantly impacted our delivery of non-emergency services, such as fire safety inspections and public education programs, in addition to our in-service scheduled training and maintenance programs.

In 1996, we shall be reassessing our non-emergency services to ensure that prioritized programs are maintained, as we continue to handle requests for service with the same on-duty shift staffing level of four firefighters that we have had since 1974.

Our planned replacement pumper project was deferred in 1995, due to the need to repair Ladder 1, our 1980 Seagrave 100 foot aerial ladder truck, which did not pass safety testing in November.

Both the University of New Hampshire and the Oyster River Middle School construction projects made 1995 our busiest year ever coordinating code compliance issues and site reviews in addition to residential and commercial construction projects within the community.

We completed a replacement Rescue Truck upgrade project early in 1995. This involved numerous hours of work by our staff in compartments, wiring, generator, emergency light-

ing, radios, painting and lettering at a substantial cost savings.

In July, the statewide Enhanced 911 system came on line. We have provided NYNEX with a Master Street Address Guide for inclusion in their database and have mapped the Town and Campus.

We participated in National Fire Prevention Week in October through the support of our firefighters, who directly funded public education handout materials and provided off-duty personnel for the delivery of numerous fire safety programs.

I am very pleased with the number of professional development activi-

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(l-r) Front row: Hubert Matheny, Capt., Thomas Richardson, Capt., Robert Wood, Chief, Ronald O'Keefe, Assistant Chief, Richard Miller, Capt., Michael Hoffman, Capt.
 (l-r) Middle row: William Burns, FF, Thomas Stano, FF, Brian Murray, Inspector, Sheryl Hoisington, Administrative Assistant, Richard Stevens, FF, David Burns, FF, Peter Henny, FF
 (l-r) Back row: Jeffrey Furlong, FF, William Davis, FF, James Lapolla, FF, Mathew Newton, FF, Charles Moorenovich, FF, Lawrence Best, FF. (Not shown: Paul Marcoux, FF)

ties that our staff is involved with. In addition to specific firefighter and fire officer certification programs, our personnel maintain their Advanced Life Support certifications and are active in advisory capacities in numerous community programs.

I request the support of all residents in continuing to maintain our strong fire safety record reflecting minimal property dollar loss in our community.

My sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to our dedicated staff and to all cooperating agencies with whom we strive to provide the highest possible level of emergency services.

— Robert P. Wood, Fire Chief

Fire Department Statistics

	UNH INCIDENTS (All on campus property)	TOWN INCIDENTS (All privately owned properties including those occupied by Greek organizations)
Structure fires	6	25
Other fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	12	29
Emergency medical	299	312
Extrications	30	9
Spills/leaks (no ignition)	35	19
Service calls	423	201
Smoke investigations	44	51
Malicious false alarms	11	9
Unintentional false alarms	57	55
Good intent	43	25
System malfunction	63	39
False calls not classified	89	67
Miscellaneous (assist police, arcing electrical equipment)	59	52
Total	1171	893
Mutual aid provided to other communities	43	
Combined Total Incidents	2107	

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Fire Department Activities

Fire Safety Inspections

including: multiple occupancy, 209
commercial, home, daycare, and chimney and wood-
stove inspections

Reports of fire hazard 31

Permits issued/approved

Blasting. 33
Building 146
Burning (ban on over summer) 116
Fireworks Display 3
Install/operate fire alarm system 19
Install Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) tank. 2
Install oil burner 23
Install fire sprinkler system 6
Open flame in place of assembly. 11
Operate place of assembly 17

Purchase/use unvented kerosene space heater 0
Remove underground fuel storage tank 3

Fire safety education

including: fire drills, fire extinguisher 151
classes, other programs (public school programs, dor-
mitory and Greek system programs, station tours, etc.)

Miscellaneous

Major fire investigations 6
Special event coverage 57 events

Public Assists

including: fire safety information requests. 8,295
and department business via telephone
and walk-in.

1995 Combined Total Activities 9,128

Forest Fire Warden/State Fire Ranger

In calendar year 1995, our three leading causes of fires were children, non-permit fires not properly extinguished and smoking materials.

Violations of RSA 224:27 II, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire, are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Fire officials, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. This also helps

to prevent unnecessary response to a controlled burn.

Local communities and the State share the cost of suppression on a 50/50 basis. The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid the quick response from the local fire departments.

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

Forest Fire Statistics

Fires Reported by Forest Ranger

Number of fires reported to State for cost share payment. . . 465

Acres burned 437
Suppression cost \$147,000+

Fires Reported by

Lookout Towers. 555
Visitors to towers 26,165

Fires Reported by County

Belknap 11
Carroll 50
Cheshire 39
Coos 17
Grafton 26
Hillsborough 71
Merrimack 49
Rockingham 106
Strafford 78
Sullivan 18

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Police Department



"Pride in Serving"

(l-r) Front Row: Officer J. Todd Biery, Clerk Jennifer Johnson, Interim Chief Joseph McGann, Prosecutor Thomas Dunninton, Captain Michael Golding, Officer Michelle Foster, Officer Jack St. Hilaire

(l-r) Center Row: Parking Control Officer Dick Martin, Sergeant Sean Kelly, Sergeant Rene Kelley, Police Secretary Marge Rawson, Sergeant Andrew Buinicky, Sergeant Joseph Morganella

(l-r) Back Row: Officer Thomas Dronsfield, Officer David Holmstock, Officer Edward Levesque, Officer Bobby Joslin, Officer Kevin Theriault

The Police Department has seen many changes over the past year. Chief Paul W. Gowen retired on May 26th, after having served Durham for approximately twenty years. Sergeant Paul G. McGann resigned, leaving for a position as Lieutenant with the Hampton Police Department. Mrs. Kelley Fowler, Police Clerk, also left the department to pursue other interests. We wish to thank them for their dedication and service to the department and to the town.

We have replaced the vacancies with quality people - Officer Thomas

Dronsfield came to Durham from the Barrington Police Department. Officer Michelle Foster was hired to fill the Cops Grant position and is scheduled to attend the Police Academy in January 1996. Mrs. Jennifer Johnson was hired to replace Mrs. Fowler as Clerk.

Officer Sean Kelly was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

1995 Accomplishments

- Successfully reduced the number of disturbances in targeted areas.
- On-going enforcement efforts

on Route 4 have resulted in a fatal-free accident year.

■ Department members have been involved with community policing efforts; i.e., senior citizen cookouts, neighborhood block parties, and neighborhood meetings in order to resolve issues.

■ Continued education for department members.

■ Improved relations with UNH Police Department and SHARPP.

■ On-going Police Cadet Explorer Program with the youths

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from the area, ranging from 14 to 21. This program introduces the youths to police work.

■ The position of Community Policing Officer will assist in developing a comprehensive program to work closely with the community.

in the DARE program from 175 to 215, with an increase in hours dedicated weekly from 16 to 20 hrs.

1996 Goals

■ Continue to hold down the number of disturbances in the neighborhoods.

members of the Durham Police Department and the community.

■ Continue our enforcement efforts for bicycle and pedestrian violations.

■ Continue our efforts in providing quality service to the community.

■ As the year 1995 comes to an end, I would first like to express my deep appreciation for the support of my fellow officers, the Town Administrator, and the outstanding assistance of the Department Heads, who have all helped me during my interim role as Police Chief.

We will continue to enhance the quality of life throughout the Town by working cooperatively with all of



CAPT. MICHAEL GOLDING PHOTO

Through the generous donations of local businesses, an old police cruiser was restored and converted into the Police Department's DARE Car.

DARE Program

■ A fund-raiser softball game was played between the Durham Police Department and the Famous Faces, with \$6,000.00 being raised for the DARE Program.

■ Donations made it possible to restore an old cruiser and convert it for use as the DARE vehicle, at no cost to the town

■ Increased the number of students



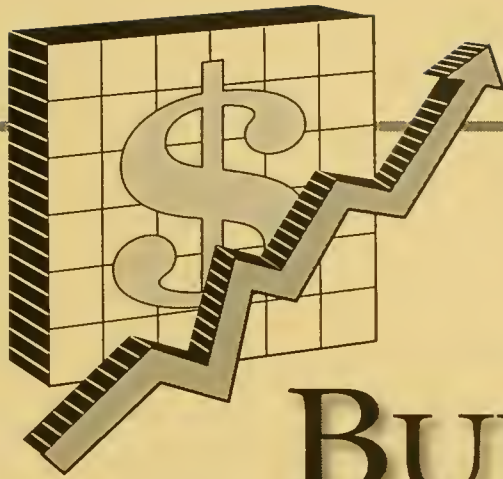
The first DARE graduating class at Oyster River Middle School. CAPT. MICHAEL GOLDING PHOTO

■ Continue to meet with the residents of neighborhoods to discuss problems and concerns.

■ Further enhance the Community Policing Program for the

our citizens to preserve peace, enforce the law, and provide a safe and caring environment.

*— Joseph E. McGann, Jr., Captain
Interim Chief of Police*



BUDGET AND FINANCE

COMBINED FUND STATEMENTS

BREAKDOWN OF CURRENT TAX RATE AND VALUATION

1996 PROPOSED BUDGET AND REVENUE CHARTS

BUDGET AND TAX RATE COMPARISONS, 1990-1996

AUDITOR'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM, INDEBTEDNESS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

VALUATION AND TAX HISTORY

BUDGET & FINANCE

Combined Fund Statements

REVENUE SOURCES

	1995 BUDGET	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/95	FY1996 COUNCIL APPROVED
GENERAL FUND			
Taxes	\$2,982,089.00	\$3,311,126.10	\$3,127,848.00
Licenses & Permits	\$473,720.00	\$493,426.01	\$502,500.00
State & Federal	\$358,912.00	\$645,392.97	\$354,570.00
Other Governments	\$593,915.00	\$583,134.61	\$627,763.00
Department Revenues	\$242,800.00	\$339,119.01	\$314,961.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$346,550.00	\$285,119.53	\$309,401.00
Fund Balance	\$200,533.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total General Fund	\$5,198,519.00	\$5,657,318.23	\$5,237,043.00
Water Fund	\$403,862.00	\$433,861.91	\$347,503.00
Sewer Fund	\$927,289.00	\$881,494.85	\$1,048,338.00
Capital Fund	\$1,620,200.00	\$675,088.28	\$1,478,300.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$8,149,870.00	\$7,647,763.27	\$8,111,184.00

EXPENDITURES

	1995 BUDGET	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/95	FY1996 COUNCIL APPROVED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Town Council	\$21,250.00	\$18,231.14	\$21,000.00
Town Administrator	\$94,490.00	\$95,341.71	\$93,540.00
Treasurer	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Town Clerk / Tax Collector	\$72,605.00	\$72,319.58	\$72,271.00
Business Manager	\$139,665.00	\$148,607.01	\$139,950.00
Elections	\$3,196.00	\$2,297.52	\$6,325.00
Planning & Zoning	\$88,599.00	\$80,759.64	\$96,816.00
Strafford Regional Planning Commission	\$4,012.00	\$4,012.02	\$4,012.00
C.O.A.S.T.	\$4,909.00	\$4,909.00	\$5,253.00
Other General Costs	\$112,820.00	\$130,120.88	\$113,568.00
General Government Total	\$542,846.00	\$557,898.50	\$554,035.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	\$755,824.00	\$787,809.98	\$745,845.00
Fire Department	\$860,251.00	\$992,647.51	\$859,321.00

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	1995 BUDGET	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/95	FY1996 COUNCIL APPROVED
Communications Center	\$114,249.00	\$109,004.32	\$114,249.00
Ambulance Services	\$37,336.00	\$30,805.37	\$33,337.00
Public Safety Total	\$1,767,660.00	\$1,920,267.18	\$1,752,752.00
PUBLIC WORKS			
Administration	\$76,303.00	\$60,570.62	\$71,396.00
Roadway Maintenance	\$262,395.00	\$271,146.88	\$228,563.00
Snow / Ice Control	\$100,705.00	\$101,292.81	\$116,343.00
Drainage / Vegetation	\$43,066.00	\$44,502.65	\$47,324.00
Traffic Control	\$87,100.00	\$87,112.91	\$73,958.00
Maintenance / Repair	\$121,629.00	\$122,031.00	\$138,453.00
Miscellaneous	\$114,941.00	\$97,828.36	\$122,051.00
Public Buildings	\$41,495.00	\$37,351.14	\$58,762.00
Cemeteries / Graveyards	\$10,994.00	\$9,493.36	\$10,304.00
Parks & Grounds Maintenance	\$78,813.00	\$69,470.32	\$70,116.00
Public Works Total	\$937,441.00	\$900,800.05	\$937,270.00
SANITATION			
Administration	\$41,530.00	\$45,930.26	\$41,046.00
Curbside Collection	\$154,220.00	\$155,485.61	\$155,468.00
Transfer Station	\$87,748.00	\$99,726.08	\$70,948.00
Litter Removal	\$8,352.00	\$5,651.97	\$8,526.00
Recycling	\$75,198.00	\$81,992.61	\$84,599.00
Hazardous Waste Day	\$5,000.00	\$6,859.00	\$0.00
Sanitation Total	\$372,048.00	\$395,645.53	\$360,587.00
HEALTH			
Health Department	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00
Animal Control	\$2,470.00	\$934.05	\$2,470.00
Lamprey Health	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Sexual Assault Support Services	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,583.00
Health Total	\$8,320.00	\$6,784.05	\$8,253.00
WELFARE			
General Assistance	\$2,000.00	\$3,140.54	\$2,000.00
Strafford C.A.C.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
My Friend's Place	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Welfare Total	\$5,000.00	\$4,140.54	\$5,000.00

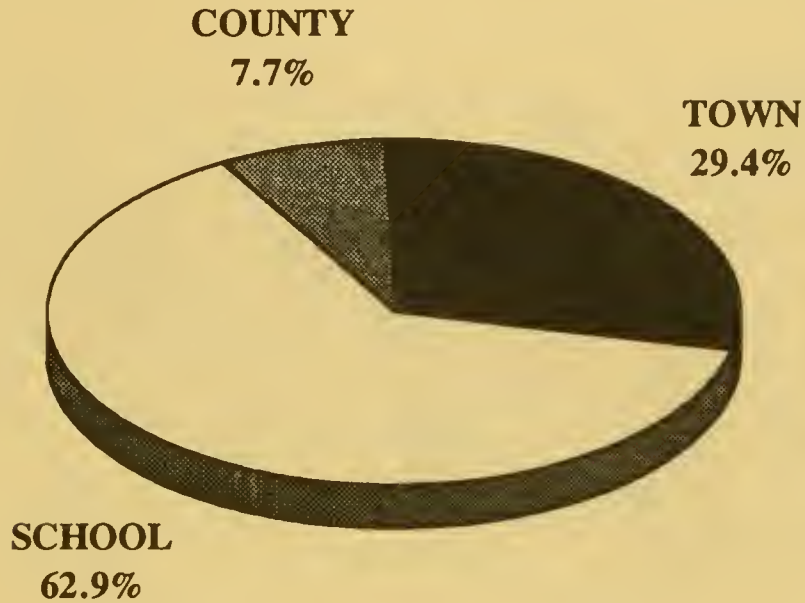
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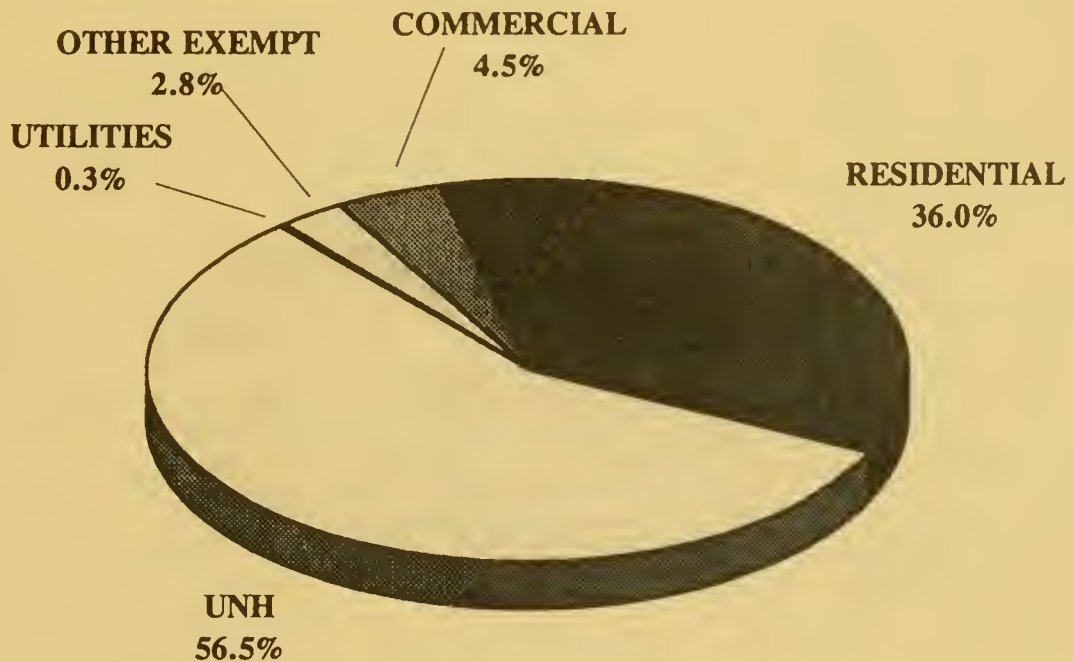
	1995 BUDGET	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/95	FY1996 COUNCIL APPROVED
CULTURE / RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation Committee	\$1,000.00	\$491.00	\$1,000.00
Public Library	\$42,711.00	\$42,899.40	\$42,711.00
Parks & Recreation Program	\$28,835.00	\$37,080.08	\$53,260.00
O.R.Y.A.	\$17,520.00	\$17,251.00	\$17,251.00
Memorial Day	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Conservation Commission	\$3,300.00	\$1,411.36	\$2,600.00
Historic District Commission	\$200.00	\$50.25	\$200.00
Historic Association Museum	\$1,500.00	\$2,010.58	\$1,500.00
Resident Pool Rebate	\$12,500.00	\$12,292.00	\$12,500.00
Swans	\$700.00	\$64.19	\$700.00
July 4th	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00
Wagon Hill	\$7,731.00	\$7,773.60	\$16,818.00
Mill Pond Restoration	\$10,000.00	\$8,821.24	\$0.00
Durham Business Park	\$25,000.00	\$251.60	\$0.00
Culture / Recreation Total	\$157,047.00	\$136,446.30	\$154,590.00
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal	\$226,904.00	\$288,850.00	\$244,000.00
Interest	\$173,981.00	\$193,721.50	\$173,061.00
Debt Service Total	\$400,885.00	\$482,571.50	\$417,061.00
OTHER COSTS			
Short - Term Debt	\$187,000.00	\$3,652.17	\$187,000.00
Fringe Benefits	\$671,792.00	\$507,847.25	\$780,495.00
Insurance	\$98,480.00	\$109,112.13	\$80,000.00
Interfund Transfers	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Costs Total	\$1,007,272.00	\$620,611.55	\$1,047,495.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$5,198,519.00	\$5,025,165.20	\$5,237,043.00
OTHER FUNDS			
Water Fund	\$403,862.00	\$285,040.72	\$347,503.00
Sewer Fund	\$927,289.00	\$822,508.09	\$1,048,338.00
Capital Fund	\$1,620,200.00	\$456,372.30	\$1,478,300.00
Other Funds Total	\$2,951,351.00	\$1,563,921.11	\$2,874,141.00
COMBINED TOTALS	\$8,149,870.00	\$6,589,086.31	\$8,111,184.00

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1995 Tax Rate Breakdown

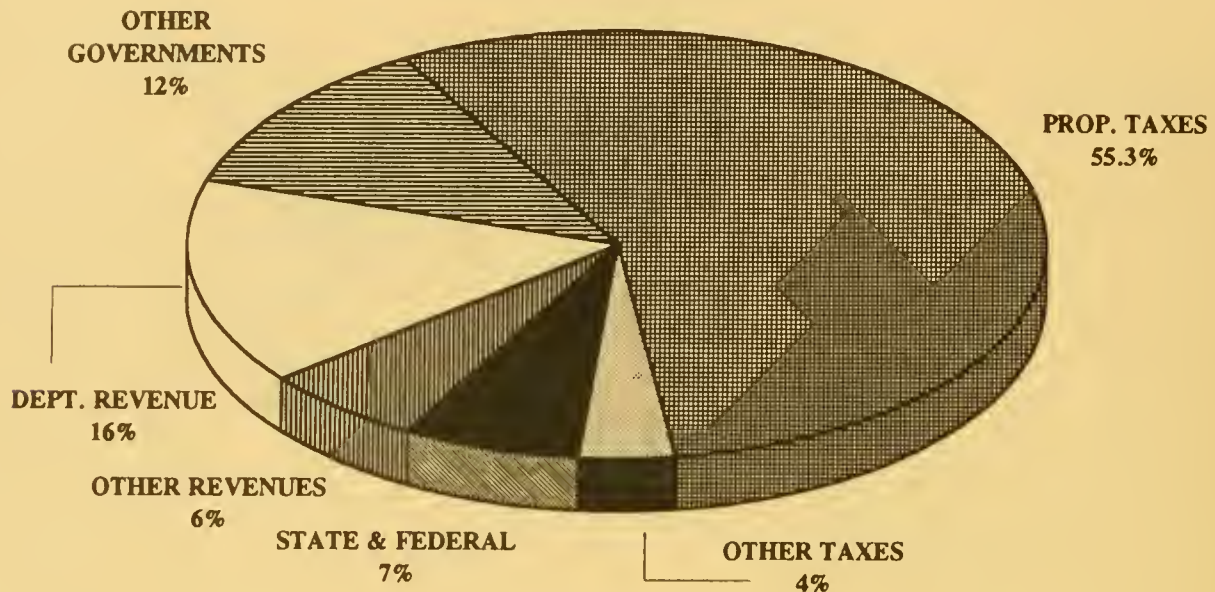


1995 Summary of Valuation Breakdown

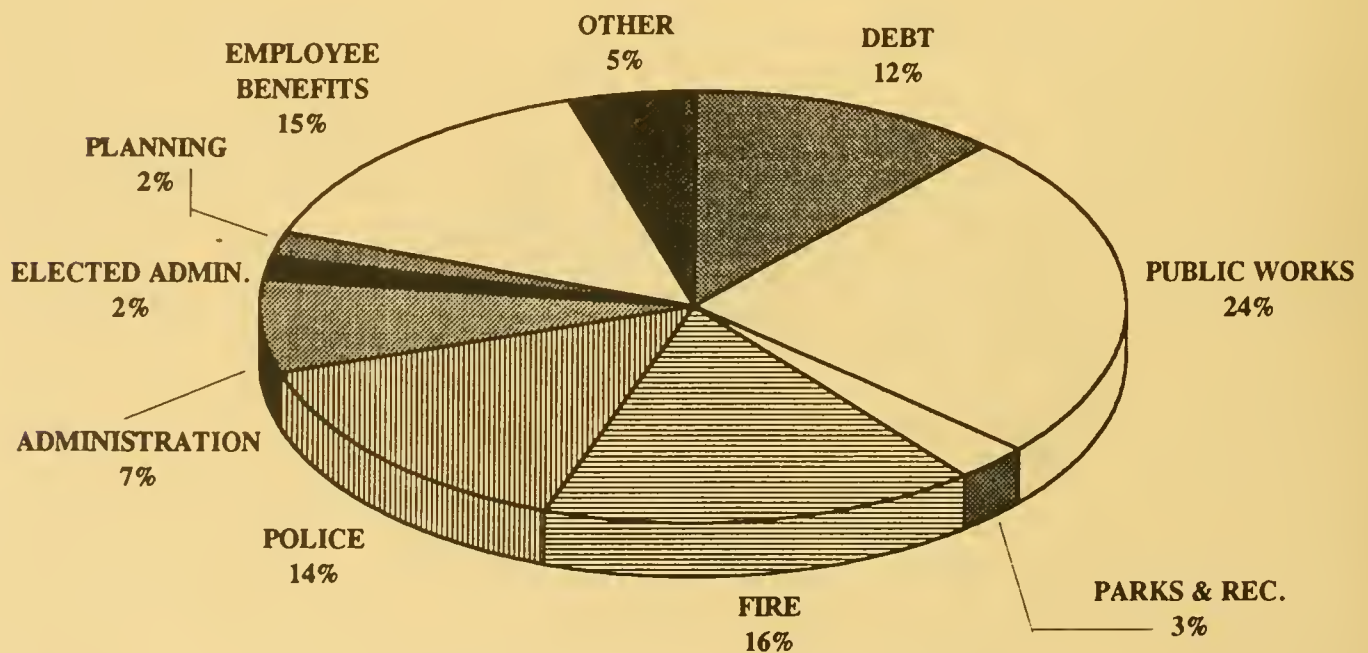


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Proposed 1996 Town Budget Revenues

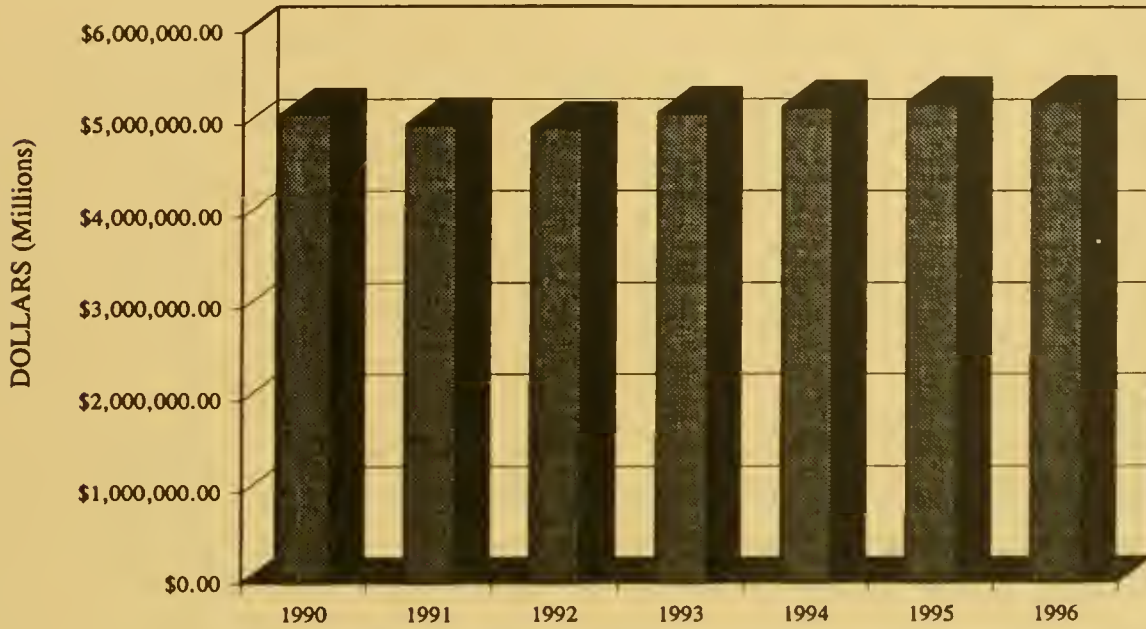


Proposed 1996 Town Budget Expenditures

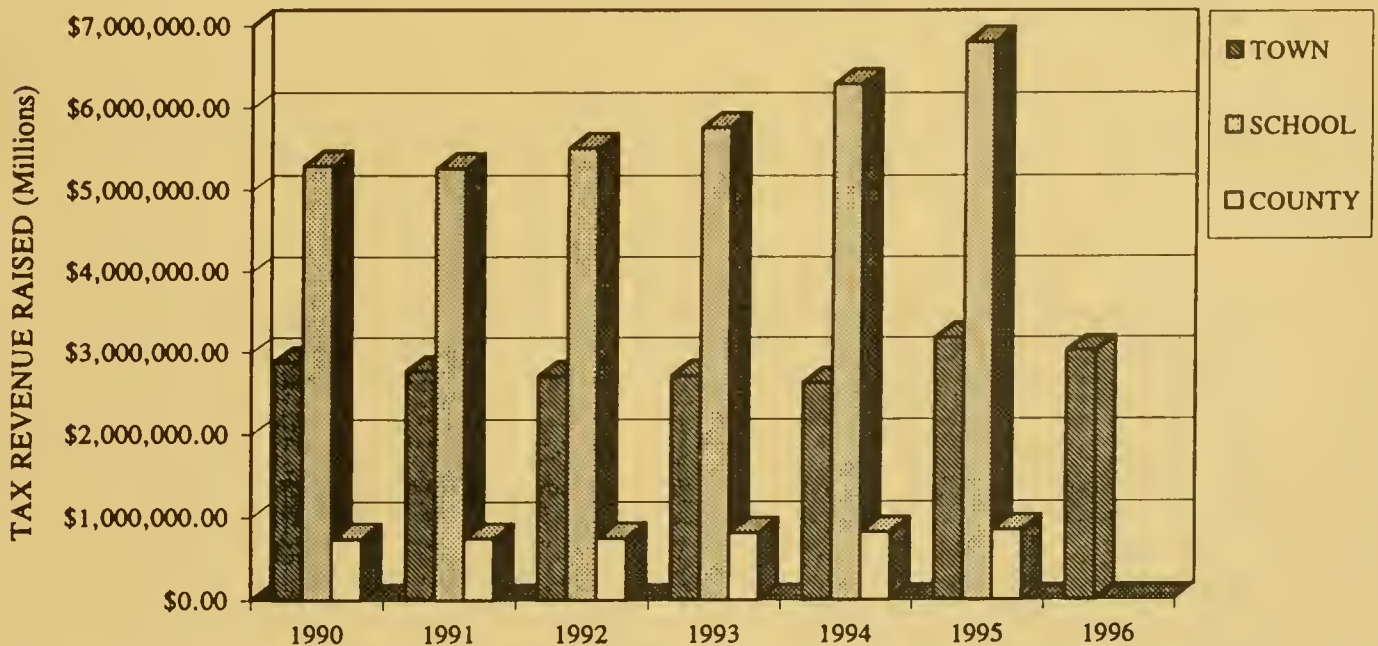


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Town Budget Comparison 1990 - 1996



Tax Rate Comparison 1990 - 1996



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Town Council
Town of Durham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1994, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose 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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 1, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

As described in Note 1, the Town has recognized tax revenues of \$1,186,982 in the General Fund which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as is required by generally accepted accounting principles (GASB Interpretation 3). Town officials believe, and we concur, that the application of this accounting principle, which would result in a decrease in the General Fund balance from \$225,210 to (\$961,772), would give a misleading impression of the Town's ability to meet its current and future obligations.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1994, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Wachon, Chubb & Co., PC

May 26, 1995

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental and Similar Trust Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 1994

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type Expendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only) For the Years Ended December 31,	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects		1994	1993
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$2,484,763	\$14,825			\$2,499,588	\$2,920,317
Licenses and permits	490,850				490,850	445,590
Intergovernmental revenues	1,301,953	244,166			1,546,119	1,253,690
Charges for service	164,400	1,131,761			1,296,161	1,121,337
Miscellaneous revenues	337,431	37,470	\$82	\$51,723	426,706	608,234
Total Revenues	4,779,397	1,428,222	82	51,723	6,259,424	6,349,168
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,550,082				1,550,082	1,497,120
Public safety	1,718,307				1,718,307	1,600,464
Highways and streets	629,207				629,207	556,365
Sanitation	398,937	540,399			939,336	991,880
Water treatment and distribution		281,162			281,162	230,844
Health and welfare	27,376				27,376	30,515
Culture and recreation	176,513				176,513	158,265
Capital outlay			625,836		625,836	1,917,901
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	534,939	289,322			824,261	696,000
Interest and fiscal charges	334,604	144,152	10,917		489,673	367,109
Total Expenditures	5,369,965	1,255,035	636,753		7,261,753	8,046,463
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(590,568)	173,187	(636,671)	51,723	(1,002,329)	(1,697,295)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Proceeds of long-term debt			642,368		642,368	2,176,789
Operating transfers in			41,488	94,567	136,055	53,513
Operating transfers out	(21,000)	(94,567)		(20,488)	(136,055)	(53,513)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(21,000)	(94,567)	683,856	74,079	642,368	2,176,789
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(611,568)	78,620	47,185	125,802	(359,961)	479,494
Fund Balances (Deficit) – January 1	836,778	139,611	(223,582)	894,090	1,646,897	1,167,403
Fund Balances (Deficit) – December 31	\$225,210	\$218,231	(\$176,397)	\$1,019,892	\$1,286,936	\$1,646,897

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups December 31, 1994

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust & Agency	Account Group General Long-Term Debt		Totals (Memorandum Only) December 31, 1994
	General	Special Revenue Capital Projects		General Long-Term Debt	Term Debt	
ASSETS						
Cash	\$1,964,717	\$51,006	\$21,915	\$2,037,638	\$1,893,022	\$1,893,022
Investments			1,172,828	1,172,828	1,003,433	1,003,433
Receivables:						
Taxes						
Accounts	1,623,381	88,304		1,623,381	1,993,665	1,993,665
Due from other funds	24,569			112,873	111,703	111,703
Due from other governments	167,150	\$20,488	94,567	458,088	415,660	415,660
Prepaid insurance	104,350	291,196	23,857	419,403	171,769	171,769
Tax deceded property	24,881			24,881	29,466	29,466
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations	4,643			4,643		4,643
Total Assets	\$3,913,691	\$606,389	\$1,313,167	\$7,063,648	\$7,063,648	\$12,810,642
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$295,609	\$15,851	\$65,110	\$351,612	\$244,534	\$244,534
Accrued liabilities	80,857		18,275	145,967	86,745	86,745
Deposits	18,053		30,905	36,328	30,993	30,993
Due to other funds	175,883	156,733		458,088	415,660	415,660
Due to other governments	3,099,204	277,740		3,376,944	2,900,612	2,900,612
Retainage payable					110,523	110,523
Deferred revenue	8,875			8,875	9,566	9,566
General obligation debt payable				6,796,757	6,978,650	6,978,650
Capital lease obligations					7,778	7,778
Other long-term obligations				68,294		
Compensated absenses	10,000			198,597	208,597	208,597
Total Liabilities	3,688,481	388,158	114,290	11,431,462	10,985,914	10,985,914
Fund Balance (Deficit):						
Reserved:						
Reserved for tax deceded property	4,643			4,643	4,643	4,643
Reserved for prepaid insurance	24,881			24,881	29,466	29,466
Reserved for endowments			143,934	143,934	141,892	141,892
Unreserved:						
Designated for future years' expenditures	59,884	38,092	1,019,892	1,117,868	914,026	914,026
Undesignated	135,802	180,139	35,051	174,595	734,701	734,701
Total Fund Equity	225,210	218,231	1,198,877	\$12,917,383	1,824,728	1,824,728
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$3,913,691	\$606,389	\$1,313,167	\$7,063,648	\$7,063,648	\$12,810,642

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1994

	General Fund			Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
			Favorable (Unfavorable)			Favorable (Unfavorable)			Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Taxes	\$2,687,714	\$2,484,763	(\$202,951)				\$2,687,714	\$2,484,763	(\$202,951)
Licenses and permits	421,800	490,850	69,050				421,800	490,850	69,050
Intergovernmental revenues	1,325,181	1,301,953	(23,228)		\$244,166	\$244,166	1,325,181	1,546,119	220,938
Charges for service	114,975	164,400	49,425	\$1,252,212	1,131,761	(120,451)	1,367,187	1,296,161	(71,026)
Miscellaneous revenues	274,350	337,431	63,081	13,500	36,284	22,784	287,850	373,715	85,865
Total Revenues	4,824,020	4,779,397	(44,623)	1,265,712	1,412,211	146,499	6,089,732	6,191,608	101,876
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General government	1,438,260	1,550,082	(111,822)				1,438,260	1,550,082	(111,822)
Public safety	1,705,093	1,718,307	(13,214)				1,705,093	1,718,307	(13,214)
Highways and streets	654,329	629,207	25,122				654,329	629,207	25,122
Sanitation	396,134	398,937	(2,803)	531,776	540,399	(8,623)	927,910	939,336	(11,426)
Water treatment and distribution				281,691	281,162	529	281,691	281,162	529
Health and welfare	32,787	27,376	5,411				32,787	27,376	5,411
Culture and recreation	202,529	176,513	26,016				202,529	176,513	26,016
Debt service:									
Principal retirement	541,954	534,939	7,015				541,954	534,939	7,015
Interest and fiscal charges	307,821	334,604	(26,783)				307,821	334,604	(26,783)
Total Expenditures	5,278,907	5,369,965	(91,058)	1,264,830	1,255,035	9,795	6,543,737	6,625,000	(81,263)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(454,887)	(590,568)	(135,681)	882	157,176	156,294	(454,005)	(433,392)	20,613
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating transfers in	20,000		(20,000)				20,000		(20,000)
Operating transfers out	(21,000)	(21,000)		(27,726)	(94,567)	(66,841)	(48,726)	(115,567)	(66,841)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,000)	(21,000)	(20,000)	(27,726)	(94,567)	(66,841)	(28,726)	(115,567)	(86,841)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(455,887)	(611,568)	(155,681)	(26,844)	62,609	89,453	(482,731)	(548,959)	(66,228)
Fund Balances - January 1	836,778	836,778		94,126	94,126		930,904	930,904	
Fund Balances - December 31	\$380,891	\$225,210	(\$155,681)	\$67,282	\$156,735	\$89,453	\$448,173	\$381,945	(\$66,228)

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
All Non-Expendable Trust Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 1994

	(Memorandum Only)	
	1994	1993
Operating Revenues:		
Investment income	\$8,582	\$8,772
Operating Expenses:		
Contractual services	<u>9,471</u>	<u>9,717</u>
Operating loss	<u>(889)</u>	<u>(945)</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):		
Bequests	3,625	4,160
Net loss on investment transactions	<u>(1,582)</u>	<u>(1,810)</u>
Non-operating revenues	<u>2,043</u>	<u>2,350</u>
Net Income	1,154	1,405
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>177,831</u>	<u>176,426</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u>\$178,985</u>	<u>\$177,831</u>

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Non-Expendable Trust Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 1994

	(Memorandum Only)	
	1994	1993
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Interest and dividends on investments	\$8,582	\$8,772
Cash payments for contractual services	<u>(2,694)</u>	<u>(9,717)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>5,888</u>	<u>(945)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Bequests received	<u>3,625</u>	<u>4,160</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net decrease in investment securities	11,334	4,851
Net loss on investment transactions	<u>(1,582)</u>	<u>(1,810)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>9,752</u>	<u>3,041</u>
Net increase in cash	19,265	6,256
Cash - January 1	<u>32,145</u>	<u>25,889</u>
Cash - December 31	<u>\$51,410</u>	<u>\$32,145</u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating loss	(\$889)	(\$945)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Increase in interfund payable	<u>6,777</u>	<u></u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$5,888</u>	<u>(\$945)</u>

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Statement of Long-Term Indebtedness

payments 1-1-95 thru 12-31-95

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/ LOANS	DATE	PRINCIPAL	RATE	DATE	PAID	BALANCE	PAID	BALANCE
Water	4-1-75	\$515,000	6.40%	4-1-95	\$25,000	\$0	\$800	\$0
Land Acquisition/Equipment	12-15-89	\$3,920,000	6.66%	12-15-09	\$180,000	\$2450,000	\$174,625	\$1,234,888
General Obligation Bond	7-15-92	\$666,000	4.33%	7-15-99	\$110,000	\$335,000	\$19,200	\$34,260
State Revolving Loan Fund	6-18-93	\$3,366,018	3.91%	6-18-08	\$175,875	\$3,020,881	\$124,822	\$889,369
Davis/White Land Acquisition	9-15-94	\$500,000	5.74%	9-15-04	\$50,000	\$450,000	\$29,700	\$128,050
Total		\$8,967,018			\$540,875	\$6,255,881	\$349,147	\$2,286,567

Treasurer's Report

	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/94	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/95
General Fund	\$1,755,746.45	\$2,897,775.63
Payroll	4,910.92	23,462.27
One-A-Month Club	1,045.08	0
Conservation Fund	49,960.36	51,346.96
Insurance Account	10,655.73	0
Developer Escrow Accounts	71,211.95	49,692.96

— Richard Lilly, Treasurer

Trustees of the Trust Funds Report

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	\$30,215.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,215.00	\$11,149.45	\$2,974.49	\$0	\$14,123.94
Parking Fund	75,301.00	0	75,301.00	20,210.28	5,649.73	0	25,860.01
Wiswall Dam	216.69	0	216.69	3,318.23	209.09	0	3,527.32
Fire Service Agreement	52,598.00	0	84,989.60	7,015.46	5,235.46	0	12,250.92
Community Development	529,353.67	0	529,353.67	52,532.51	35,756.24	0	88,288.75
Solid Waste Truck	8,625.00	0	8,625.00	1,727.99	612.40	0	2,340.39
Res. Water Service	13,592.57	59,131.82	72,724.39	966.08	3,981.30	0	4,947.38
Mill Pond	1,295.30	0	1,295.30	32.96	78.56	0	111.52
Sewer fund	0	12,282.93	12,282.93	0	648.12	0	648.12
Emerson Road	0	20,000.00	20,000.00	0	569.76	0	569.76
Total Cap. Reserve Funds	\$711,197.23	\$133,806.35	\$845,003.58	\$96,952.96	\$55,715.15	\$0	\$152,668.11

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

VALUATION AND TAX HISTORY

1990-1995 Valuation Figures

YEAR	PERCENT OF VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
1995	96%	\$314,793,529
1994	97%	\$313,867,343
1993	98%	\$311,186,010
1992	127%	\$405,083,660
1991	124%	\$401,134,319
1990	111%	\$394,840,000

1995 MS-1 Summary

Total Taxable Land	\$103,661,259
Total Taxable Buildings	\$209,545,700
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$2,191,000
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$315,397,959
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$604,430
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$314,793,529
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$27,500

Tax Rate in Durham 1990-1995

YEAR	TOWN	SCHOOL DISTRICT	COUNTY	TOTAL
1995	\$10.09	\$21.62	\$2.64	\$34.35
1994	\$ 8.37	\$20.05	\$2.58	\$31.00
1993	\$ 8.71	\$18.51	\$2.58	\$29.80
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

Inventory of Town Property

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Bagdad Road	Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary	03-02-06 & 14	\$8,700
Beech Hill Road	Water Tank Site	09-26-00 (99-300-0)	\$180,000
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	Not available
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Not available
Colvos Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-0	\$100,000
Dame Road	Willey Property	19-06-05	Not available
Dame Road	Westerly side	18-27-00	\$33,400
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Dover Road	Sewer Pumping Station	11-11-00	\$102,800
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	\$315,700
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	11-36-02	\$73,600
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	16-03-02	\$11,400
Fogg Drive	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	\$105,500
Foss Farm Road	Water Standpipe	99-300-00	\$1,020,000
Foss Farm Road	Woodlot	06-01-13A	\$2,700
Littlehale Road/US4	Vacant lot	10-21-00	\$4,200
Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	\$50,800
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	\$142,700
Main Street	Grange Hall/Davis Memorial Building	05-01-05	\$231,600
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	\$5,300

VALUATION AND TAX HISTORY

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	Not available
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	\$75,700
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	\$25,200
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-05	\$19,000
Mill Road & Main St.	Strip of Park Land at Shopping Center		Easement only
Newmarket Road	District Court and Museum	05-04-12	\$192,400
Newmarket Road	Easterly side	06-12-14	\$2,100
Newmarket Road	Town Offices & Police Station	05-04-11	\$156,000
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	Not available
Old Concord Road	Cemetery	09-24-00	\$58,100
Old Concord Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	\$297,000
Old Landing Road	Town Landing	05-05-14 (Incl 5-5-13)	\$67,400
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	\$74,900
Orchard Drive	Scenic easements	6-2-22...6-2-25	Easements only
Oyster River	Access easement		Easement only
Oyster River Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	\$100,000
Packers Falls Road	Lord Property	17-55-01	\$30,800
Packers Falls Road	Spruce Hole Conservation Area	13-13-05	\$26,800
Packers Falls Road	Abutting Spruce Hole	13-13-01	\$600 CU*
Pettee Brook Lane	Town Parking Lot - Multiple Parcels	4-13-0; 2-15-0, 1	\$339,600
Pinecrest Lane	Scenic easements (title remains with Linn)	15-15-08	Easement only
Piscataqua Road	Thatch Bed	11-31-31	\$66,700
Piscataqua Road	Wagon Hill Farm	12-08 - 01 & 02	\$316,464 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-04 (Incl. 11-11-3)	\$494,100
Piscataqua Road	Johnson Creek Drive	11-27-0	\$464,000
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09 - 01 & 02	\$65,200
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	\$6,198,800
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot - Part of Treatment Plant	11-09-05	Included above
Piscataqua Road	Public Works Site	11-12-0	\$18,400
Schoolhouse Lane	Highway Garage - Multiple Parcels	05-04-10	\$385,000
Schoolhouse Lane	Cemetery (owned by heirs, town maintained)	05-05-12	Not available
Simons Lane	Two small lots	18-11 - 13 & 14	Not available
Technology Drive	Water Booster Station	99-300-00	\$90,000
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	Not available
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam		Not available
Woodridge Road	Lot 55	07-01-55	Not available
Lee Five Corners, Lee		Lee 06-07-07	\$32,200
Garrity Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 09-03-00	\$160,700
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 15-01-09	\$307,000
Snell Road, Lee	Water Pump House	Lee 05-06-01	\$84,000

Total..... \$12,536,564

*CU = at current use value

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Police Department Statistics

SERVICES RENDERED	1994	1995
Aid to Citizens	3850	2904
Aid to Other Agencies	1300	1232
Aid to Officers	1467	1671
Development Checks	2114	2400
Parking Tickets	3402	3241
Building Checks	2926	2957
Escorts	118	63
Radar Checks	1630	1870
Warnings		
Motor Vehicle	1720	2020
Criminal	189	311
Bicycle	257	311
Pedestrian	350	217
Citations Issued	2155	6040
Motor Vehicle Arrests	235	142
Criminal Arrests	682	731
Other Department Arrests	82	48
Complaints	2773	2953
Accidents	391	269
Criminal Investigations	329	177
Totals	25,970	29,557

Several members of the Durham Women's Club wearing period costumes while enjoying The Lincoln Day Tea, 1936. Years ago "teas" were a common social event. Photo courtesy of Durham Women's Club and Historical Association.



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Durham Ambulance Corps

The Durham Ambulance Corps (DAC) is a private, non-profit volunteer service that has provided 24-hour emergency ambulance service to Durham, Lee, Madbury and the University of New Hampshire since 1968 in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor. Staffed with volunteers and one full-time Manager, the Corps has greatly improved its level of patient 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 a quarter-century tradition of providing some of the most sophisticated and progressive emergency care in the area.

1995 was a record breaking year for the DAC with 800 responses to emergency medical calls, a 15% increase from 1994. There were 326 calls in Durham (not including the UNH campus), 326 calls on the UNH campus, 152 calls in Lee, and 55 calls in Madbury. The corps responded to mutual aid calls to other communities 21 times.

1995 Accomplishments

■ Established a program for training members in Tuberculosis and Respiratory Protection as required by OSHA. Each member receives annual refresher training in Infection Control including TB,

Hazardous Materials and Respiratory Protection.

■ Conducted a very successful fund drive to raise money for its Building Fund with \$10,000 raised and additional donations still being received.

■ Evaluated patient billing, which has been very well received by our patients. Revenues in excess of the budgeted amount directly offset appropriations from the communities DAC serves. We continue to have a program to waive balances for those patients who cannot afford to pay their bills. No patient is denied service due to outstanding balance or inability to pay.

■ Streamlined initial member training and promotional training.

1996 Goals

■ Renovate and expand the existing DAC station to meet our needs for the next 5-10 years, with plans for major reconstruction or move into new quarters within 10 years. The Capital Improvements Station Renovation Fund will partly fund renovation/construction.

■ Explore community needs for additional services such as stand-by coverage, non-emergency transfers, and mobile health care. If such services are necessary, we will explore funding options that do not increase appropriations from the communities we serve.

■ Recruit permanent area residents for active membership to alleviate personnel shortages when UNH is not in session.

■ Evaluate the quality of service the Corps provides by sending service evaluation forms to patients and evaluating the results.

We owe a great deal of thanks to the communities and citizens of Durham, Lee, Madbury and UNH for their continued support, and especially for their generous response to our fund-raising efforts. We would also like to thank the Durham, Lee and Madbury Fire Departments, the Durham-UNH Communications Center and the Durham, UNH, Lee and Madbury Police Departments for their support. Most of all, we would like to thank all the DAC volunteers for their many hours of dedicated service.

– Susan J. Bruns, President
– Patrick D. Ahearn, Administrative V.P.
– Mary C. Davis, Manager
– Jennifer Gingras, Secretary
– Robert Buelte, Operations V.P.
– Karen N. Henny, Training Coordinator
– Scott C. Ellis, Treasurer

Emergency: 862-1212
Business: 862-3674

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director of Public Works

Time passes so quickly! In my eighth report to you, our customers, it is nice to report many accomplishments.

1995 Accomplishments

Besides completing daily and ongoing routine maintenance and operations, the following tasks are highlights. More details appear in the Superintendents' reports.

- Our 10,000 gallon unleaded gas tank was removed due to a leak which was discovered.
- Began site and building design process for new Public Works Facility. Sumner/Davis - Architects; Barletta Engineering - Construction Manager; MJS Engineering - Engineer.
- Developed Employee Handbook including safety manual. Drafted and implemented Anti-Drug & Alcohol Abuse Programs, including testing for CDL drivers per US Department of Transportation.
- Replaced deteriorated foot bridge over College Brook off Chesley Drive.
- Enlarged and reconstructed plastics storage at Solid Waste Management Facility.
- Changed crosswalk striping pattern to wide bars parallel to vehicular traffic. Positive reports to date.
- Completed aggressive road resurfacing (all paved) program, 7.4 miles total. Although liquid asphalt sealing was planned, all roads (Emerson and Edgewood were reclaimed) were paved with hottop because of favorable bid prices. Expect longer life with paving on some roads. All roads sand-sealed in FY 94 failed inspection and were resealed in the spring at no cost to the Town.
- A long awaited closed drainage system was installed in Edgewood Road which should lengthen the lift of the surface and lessen drainage problems experienced by customers.
- Repaired and paved the Madbury Road sidewalk. Also modified all of its tip downs to meet the American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. This is the beginning of a five year program designed to address all sidewalks.
- New guardrail was installed at Dewey's corner and along Bennett Road.
- The Lamprey Incinerator closed on November 30, 1995. Refuse is being hauled directly to Waste Management, Turnkey Landfill.
- We implemented oil filter, dry cell battery and oil based paint recycling programs.
- Conducted biennial hazardous waste collection.
- Continued intensive equipment repair and preventive maintenance effort designed to lengthen equipment life and reliability. Highway loader and grader were repainted.
- Received and outfitted new Ford L8000 3 to 5-ton dump truck which replaced a 1979 International dump truck.
- Replaced the following pickups:
 - 1985 3/4 ton Chevy with 1995 3/4 ton Chevy (highway).
 - 1985 1/2 ton Chevy with 1995 1/2 ton Ford (water).
 - 1985 3/4 ton Chevy with 1996 1 ton 4-WD dump (parks); currently being built.
 - 1985 1/2 ton Chevy with 1995 1 ton dump (wastewater).
- Consultants finally determined that additional aeration capability is the solution to long-standing wastewater process problems. Early summer 1996 construction planned.
- Began process to replace 15-year old and deteriorated sodium hypochlorite tanks at Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Began dechlorinating wastewater effluent as required by our discharge permit.
- Conducted flow and smoke tests in College Brook wastewater line to identify location of surface and ground water getting in lines.

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- Completed wood ash/sludge composting trials and have determined that it is not successful during the winter and ash does not eliminate all the odor. Looking at alternative to haul off site.

- Completed our annual wastewater collection line pressure cleaning. An operation which continues to keep untimely sewer plugs to extremely few.

- Completed bidding process for contracting with an engineering firm to peer review past studies of the UNH Water Treatment Plant and determine best course of future action: upgrade existing or construct new plant.

- The 1994 Water Audit recommended flow testing of larger meters and the repair/ replacement of deficient ones. That effort continued both on the Town and UNH level. The fall 1995 distribution loss percentage has shown the second decrease since the fall of 1994; down from 29.4% to 24.8%. Although small, it appears we are heading in the correct direction.

- Undersized and deteriorated sections of water line on Lundy Lane and Scotland Avenue were replaced with new 6" ductile iron. Both roads received new pavement as cost was comparable to patching. One inch wearing course is planned for 1996.

- Corrosion control measures for the control of lead and copper in the municipal water appear to be



Gail Jablonski, Assistant to Public Works Director and Skip Grady, Public Works Director

working well as recent tests are meeting EPA standards.

- All became very aware of the value of water this year as we experienced two dry spells (summer/fall) requiring the transfer of water from the Lamprey River; the Town has water rights to the river.

- The Lee Well pump was pulled, inspected and reinstalled. The well interior was video taped and is considered in good condition.

1996 Goals

- Construct and move into new Public Works Facility - a major undertaking and very exciting!!

- Continue an aggressive road resurfacing effort. Many outlying subdivision roads built in the 1980's and several streets in and around the planned Emerson Road project are targeted.

- Rebuild ramps and resurface Bagdad Road sidewalk.

- Reconstruct Emerson Road to include adding a sidewalk in the Littlehale area. Project will match 1995 reclaimed section of Madbury Road.

- Design and replace undersized Mill Pond Road College Brook culvert.

- NHDOT will begin design of Route 108/Main Street intersection improvement. Construction in 1997-98. Replacement of water and sewer lines and extending sidewalk on south side of Church Hill proposed with project.

- Replacement of refuse packer, sweeper and backhoe.

- Contract for site assessment of current Public Works yard to determine extent of any fuel contamination.

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- Pursue more recycling opportunities with commercial sector; significant potential exists.
- Complete Town/UNH Study of Spruce Hole Aquifer as a potential source of municipal water. Final report due by spring 1996.
- Replace deteriorated Old Landing Road waterline.
- Install additional aeration capability at Wastewater Treatment Plant to improve treatment process.
- Complete wastewater line/manhole repairs to reduce excessive inflow/infiltration of water into system.

1996 promises to be very exciting for us as we embark on the construction of a new Public Works Facility which will house the Highway, Equipment Repair, Parks & Grounds and Water Divisions, as well as serving all Divisions in one way or another. We express our sincere appreciation to you, our customers, the Town Council and Larry Wood for the support and vision. We pledge our very best effort to ensure the project will be one Durham can look to with pride.

The longer I'm here the more I appreciate our Public Works employ-

ees; their effort and dedication is second to none.

We continue to express our appreciation to our Town Council for the difficult issues they confront and resolve, Larry Wood, our "boss", who we will sorely miss, the many town groups and departments for their assistance and finally to you, our customers, for whom we strive; Thank you for your continuing patience, suggestions and support.

— Joseph I. Grady, Public Works Director

Highway Division

The 94/95 winter snow and ice season was one of a nuisance variety; most storms were 4" or less of snow changing to rain or rain that caused icing conditions. There was one major storm in the first week of February which dumped 14" of snow.

1995 Accomplishments

Another very ambitious roadway program was completed in 1995.

■ **Roadway Resurfacing.** A total of 4,400 tons of hottop was used on the following areas: Durham Point Road from Route 108 to Longmarsh Road; Laurel Lane; Griffiths Drive; Cedar Point Road from the paved area of Route 4 to the Burke residence; Bunker Lane; Young Drive; Pinecrest Lane; Sunnyside Drive;



Phillips Brooks, Tradesman (l) and Terry Edison, Assistant Tradesman (r)

Wiley Road; Denbow Road from Ffrost Drive to the upper end of Pinecrest Lane; Cutts Road. In conjunction with the paving, the road-

way shoulders were backed up, roadside ditches were cleaned, rotted cross culvert pipes were re-

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placed and drainage structures were repaired where needed. Tilcon Maine, Iafolla and Continental Paving completed the work.

■ **Drainage Project.** A major closed drainage project was completed on Edgewood Road between Emerson Road and the driveway to the Tree Farm on the Fitts property. Approximately 550 feet of 15" and 12" underdrain pipes and seven drainage structures were installed. A ledge section, 100 feet long, was blasted to make way for the drain pipes.

■ **Reclamation of Emerson and Edgewood Roads.** After the completion of the drainage project on Edgewood Road, the pavement on it and Emerson Road was broken up with an asphalt reclaimer and re-

covers on the drainage structures, backed up the shoulders with gravel and landscaped where needed.

■ **Sidewalk repair.** The sidewalks along Madbury Road from Hampshire to Garrison Avenue were overlaid with 1" of hottop. The tip downs for streets and drives were shimmed or reconstructed to bring them up to the ADA standards. The work was completed by the Haron Corporation. The highway crew will be doing some backing up of the pavement with either gravel or loam as needed.

■ **Maintenance of gravel roads.** All the gravel roads in Town were deep graded. The roadside ditches were cleaned, graded deeply and new gravel was added. The crown of the

to the following roads: Cedar Point; Woodridge Road; Longmarsh at the Route 108 end; Winecellar Road and Dame Road.

■ **Catch basin cleaning.** Two weeks were spent on catch basin cleaning using the jet rodder. With this cleaning, all of the basins in the confined area of the Town have been cleaned and inspected.

■ **Roadside brush removal program.** The roads listed below were clean cut back to the edge of the right-of-way (ROW) to open up the area's sight distance and make way for pedestrians to walk and jog: Mathes Cove Road, Langley Road, Laurel Lane, Old Piscataqua Road, Riverview Road, Riverview Court, Bunker Lane, Morgan Way, Williams Way, Dennison Road and Edgewood Road between Madbury and Emerson Roads. Also, the program included the town-wide Christmas tree chipping.

■ **Miscellaneous.** A Town-wide inventory of traffic and street name signs was performed to identify any missing or defaced signs. Repair work was done throughout the year. An inventory was made of all pavement markings, crosswalks, yield symbols, turning arrows, lane lines and center lines. With this information, we were able to create a bid list to have some painting done early in the spring. A bid packet was put together and a contract was awarded to J.D. Enterprises to paint the crosswalks, yield symbols, lane lines and turning arrows. New symbolic



(l-r): Paul Halpin, MWIII; James Currie, MWIV; Raymond LaRoche Sr., MWII; Brian Beers, Superintendent of Highways; Charlton Dill, Highway Foreman; Michael Douglas, MW III.

graded, compacted and repaved with 2" of 3/4" hottop binder. The highway crew then adjusted all the

road was reestablished and re-rolled with the Texas roller. Approximately 650 cubic yards of gravel was hauled

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signs for "No Bicycles on the Sidewalk" and "Wrong Way - Bicycles Do Not Enter" were posted in the downtown business loop on March 17th.

■ Guardrail on Bennett Road along the Lamprey River in the area of the Highland House corner and on Packers Falls Road at Dewey's Corner were replaced. Old deficient post and cable guard post were removed and replaced with w-beam post and railing.

■ The Highway Division took delivery of the new 1995 Ford L8000 in early April. It was fitted with a new dump body, plow and wing push frames, hydraulic system, safety

lights and equipment and placed in service the first of July. In July a 1995 3/4 ton 4 x 4 pickup truck to replace the 1985 unit was received.

1996 Goals

■ Completion of the new Public Works Facility and being able to move into a facility with more room to store equipment and consolidate operations.

■ To continue to give the highest level of service and maintenance to the community as resources will permit.

■ The completion of another aggressive roadway resurfacing program.

■ Total reconstruction of Emerson

Road from Bagdad Road to the beginning of the area on Emerson Road that was reclaimed in 1995, along with the addition of a sidewalk between the Littlehale entrances.

■ Reclamation of Hampshire Avenue, paving of Tom Hall Road and overlaying Wood Road, Lundy Lane and Scotland Road with 1" of hottop are also planned.

■ The purchase of replacement equipment to include the 1980 Mobil sweeper and 1984 Case backhoe.

— Brian S. Beers,
Superintendent of Highways

The year 1995 was a very busy year for the Tree Warden with approximately \$7,500 in maintenance and clean up cost being expended.

1995 saw three major wind and rain storms with 50-60 mph winds recorded. The year also saw major investments in maintenance from the Utility Companies that serve our area.

The Town was honored with its 17th consecutive Tree City USA Award by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Durham has successfully been awarded Tree City USA since 1978 and is the longest running Tree City in the State. This

award directly relates to the community support and involvement in all aspects of tree care.

The Town also received a Small Business Association Grant for \$3,400 for the planting and care of ten shade trees.

If ever I can assist you in any of your tree projects or concerns,



(l-r): Raymond Osborne, Jr., MWIII
and Michael Lynch, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

please give me a call at 868-5578.

— Michael Lynch, Tree Warden

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Water Division



GUY HODGDON PHOTO

Michael Howcroft, Water Technician and Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water and Solid Waste

1995 Accomplishments

- Completed replacement of water main on Lundy Lane and Scotland Road.
- Provided uninterrupted service to our customers during the extreme drought this summer.
- Reconditioned the Lee Well pump and inspected the well, redevelopment of the well not necessary.
- Continued to implement recommendations from the water audit. Meter testing was performed on over 50 meters in the system by both UNH and Town personnel.
- Completed the yearly program to exercise all the valves in the system in cooperation with UNH.
- Completed the spring flushing of all mains in cooperation with

UNH. Due to the drought status, our fall flushing had to be canceled.

- Provided technical support to the Water Policy Task Force.
- Held monthly meetings with the UNH treatment plant personnel to keep all parties informed on day-to-day operation issues.
- Received approval from the state on our waiver application for Phase II & V Water Source Protection regulations. Having this protection plan in place reduces the amount of testing we are required to do.
- Continued testing and reporting to meet the EPA regulations for Lead and Copper. Our latest tests show that the system is now in compliance with these regulations.
- Continued study of the Spruce

Hole Aquifer. 1996 is the final year of this 5 year study.

- Pumped over 61 million gallons of water from the Lee Well to "The System".
- Purchased new gate box vacuum and cleaned out all boxes in the system.
- Purchased and installed a crane on W-2, the department service truck, to assist in lifting and moving the many heavy parts used in this department.
- Updated the department computer to enable us to stay current and compatible with the other computers at the Town office.
- Completed state required training to maintain our certification to operate the water system.
- Took delivery on a new pickup truck for the department.
- Provided water line installation inspection services for various new construction projects in Town.
- Responded to various customer requests and concerns.
- Provided round the clock response to over 10 water line breaks and numerous system alarms.
- Had the 5 year inspection of the paint job at the Foss Farm 3 million gallon water tank completed. An early report from the engineering firm that performed this inspection is that the interior of the tank is in fine shape but the outside needs some

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minor repairs. A video of this underwater inspection was produced and is available for review.

1996 Goals

- Intensify flow testing to determine accuracy and proper sizing of larger water meters in the system.
- Continue to pursue automated meter reading for the system. This will greatly improve the efficiency and accuracy of the meter reading and billing program.
- Continue improving and/or replacing failing water main throughout town. Old Landing Road line is a priority for 1996.
- Development and printing of a construction and policy manual.
- Complete the study of the

Spruce Hole Aquifer.

- Continue mandated testing of the system according to EPA and State regulations.
- Purchase a new electric generator for the service truck, an electrically operated gate wrench and a new water line locator.

- Continue to work towards total customer satisfaction and quick response to customer's requests.

The telephone numbers for the Water Department are 868-1001 or 868-5578.

*— Guy S. Hodgdon,
Superintendent of Water and Solid Waste*

Water Division Activities

ACTIVITY	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Water Line Failures Repaired	10	7	8	12	5	11
New Service Lines Installed	—	4	7	4	8	3
Sprinkler Systems Installed	—	3	3	0	9	3
Meters Repaired / Replaced	40	50	39	57	29	23
Hydrants Repaired / Replaced	—	—	—	11	4	11
Other System Repairs	50	—	20	25	20	14

Wastewater Division

The dechlorination project, which began in December of 1994, has been substantially completed at this time. There have been some automated control problems which are presently being addressed by the design engineers and should be ironed out in the near future.

1995 Accomplishments

- The 30-year-old #2 raw sewage

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(l-r, standing): Mark Deland, Lab Technician; Dwayne Walker, Superintendent of Wastewater; David Williams, MWIII; Raymond Osborne, MWIII. (l-r, kneeling): Daniel "Max" Driscoll, MWIV; Francis Rawson, MWII

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pump in the Dover Road Pumping Station was rebuilt and reinstalled in April.

- The driveway at the Dover Road Pumping Station was rebuilt and repaved in May.

- In June, 53,623 feet or 10.15 miles of gravity sewer mains were cleaned as part of our annual sewer line maintenance program.

- In August, the College Brook Interceptor and some of its immediate tributaries were smoke tested in an effort to identify some of the problem areas of that system as part of our ongoing Inflow and Infiltration Study. This is being done in areas of particular concern to try and reduce the amount of illegal water being treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- In September, a new 1-ton dump truck was purchased as part of our

ongoing capital improvements program, to replace the 17-year-old 3-5 ton dump truck. The new truck was outfitted with a snow plow which, along with its downscaled size, will make it a much more practical vehicle for our needs.

- Four new houses were tied into the collection system.

- After extensive investigation of the problems associated with activated sludge aeration system, all parties involved have reached an agreement as to the corrective action to be undertaken. Plans are to have the needed modifications completed by early summer of 1996.

- During the first ten months of 1995 we removed and treated 261.11 metric tons of dry solids from the treatment plant effluent, thus preventing it from entering the estuary.

Also during 1995 the staff attended

various seminars and courses to keep abreast of changes in the wastewater field and to maintain their wastewater certification with the State of NH.

1996 Goals

- Replace existing 17-year-old sodium hypochlorite tanks and metering pumps.

- Rebuild the #3 raw sewage pump in the Dover Road Pumping Station.

- Test two underground fuel storage tanks at the Treatment Plant.

- Purchase and install a new influent composite sampler.

- Replace existing 17-year-old hot water storage tank.

– Duane L. Walker, Superintendent of Wastewater

Wastewater Vital Statistics

	Permit Parameters	Avg. 1995 Total	Avg. 1994 Total	Avg. 1993 Total
Avg Flow MGD	n/a	0.950	0.96	1.00
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	30 MGL	19.10	17.40	22.40
Avg % TSS Removal	min. 85%	92.20	92.70	95.90
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	30 MGL	15.10	14.50	14.70
Avg % BOD Removal	min. 95%	93.40	94.20	93.80
Total Flow (MG)		348.00	349.70	400.70
Septage Received (GAL)		411,900.00	301,800.00	377,750.00

MGD.....Million Gallons per Day

TSS.....Total Suspended Solids

BOD.....Biochemical Oxygen Demand

MG/L Milligrams per Liter

MG. Million Gallons

GAL Gallons

PUBLIC WORKS

Solid Waste Division

1995 Accomplishments

■ Started three new recycling programs:

- Oil Based Paint, recycled over 450 gallons.
- Dry Cell Batteries, recycled over 14,000 batteries of various sizes.
- Oil Filters, recycled over 600 oil filters

Removal of this type of material from our waste stream continues to reduce our cost of solid waste disposal while improving the environment.

■ Recycling tonnage for 1995 was down slightly from 1994, however, recycling revenues were up over 65% from 1994. (1994 = \$ 38,040 1995 Est. = \$ 62,800).

■ The textile recycling program continues to be well received by residents. Once again this year we recycled over 15,000 pounds of textiles.

■ After reviewing many options for long term solid waste disposal, the Town Council decided to contract disposal of solid waste with Waste Management of NH, and retain municipally operated collection of refuse and recyclables as well as recyclable processing by Town personnel.

■ As was anticipated, the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste facility was closed on November 20, 1995. Since that date the Town has been disposing of solid waste at Waste Management's turnkey facility in Rochester, N.H.

■ Developed specifications for a new refuse packer to be purchased in 1996. This new vehicle will be



(l-r): Lloyd Gifford, MWIII; Arthur Nutter, MWIII; Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water and Solid Waste; and James Sprague, recycling Assistant. Not pictured: Christopher Pickle, MWIII.

GUY HODGDON PHOTO

needed to ensure reliability on the collection route as well as hauling to the Turnkey facility. Our current prime unit is over 11 years old.

■ Produced and distributed an updated Solid Waste Newsletter. This document is a very handy tool for residents who have questions on our recycling capabilities. The last version was published in 1993 and was extremely outdated as we have changed our recycling program many times since that publishing.

■ Held a Household Hazardous Waste collection day at our Solid Waste Management Facility in cooperation with the towns of Lee, Newmarket and Nottingham. We will plan to do this program every other year.

■ Completed Phase III of the hydrogeologic study of the landfill on Durham Point Road. The study and recommendations have been presented to the Town Council and the

State of NH for review. Closure concept will follow.

■ Staff completed recertification requirements for the NH Solid Waste Operators license.

■ Continued our close association with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which provides markets for our recyclables and keeps us on the cutting edge of recycling in NH.

■ Completed a town-wide spring and fall cleanup.

■ Compiled data and made application to NHDDES for the Waste Oil Recycling Grant. These funds will be used to cover, contain and improve our waste oil handling area.

■ Completed bi-annual employee evaluations.

■ Continued meeting with the Recycling Committee to explore

Statistics continued on next page.

PUBLIC WORKS

Statistics – Tons of Material Marketed

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Fiber (Newspaper, etc.)	248	374	404	520	586	572
Glass - All Colors	192	199	234	231	256	228
Aluminum/Steel						
Containers	29	54	49	51	50	47
Plastics - All Grades	0	19	19	27	33	25
Textiles	0	0	0	0	8	8
Dry Cell Batteries	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	469	646	706	829	933	881

Revenue from						
Recyclables	\$13,644	\$16,810	\$14,199	\$18,038	\$38,042	\$62,800
Tip Fee Avoidance	\$25,795	\$36,822	\$40,242	\$47,253	\$51,315	\$43,900

Other Data

Scrap Metal Recycled (tons)	112	100	81	66	80	79
Tires Recycled (each)	**	1,500	900	835	750	755
Car Batteries Recycled (each)	**	159	75	100	150	144
Waste Oil Recycled (gallons)	**	1,500	1,100	1,200	1,225	995
Bulky Waste Disposed (tons)	517	400	375	370	375	481
SWMF Permits Issued (each)	442	550	255	250	250	729
Oil Filters Recycled (each)	**	**	**	**	**	600
Hazardous Waste Disposed (gallons), Includes other Towns	##	1,300	1,260	1,345	##	1,675
Oil Based Paint Recycled (gallons)	**	**	**	**	**	450

** = Program not yet started ## = No program this year

new ideas and keep them informed on our progress.

■ Provided Christmas tree recycling for all residents at the curb.

■ Provided for removal of over 550 cubic yards of leaves to ERRCo at no cost to the Town.

1996 Goals

■ Increase commercial participation in the recycling program by providing a means for businesses to recycle mixed office paper in large quantities.

■ Purchase of a new refuse packer.

■ Review leaf and yard waste disposal options.

■ Work more closely with the Oyster River schools to improve their recycling programs.

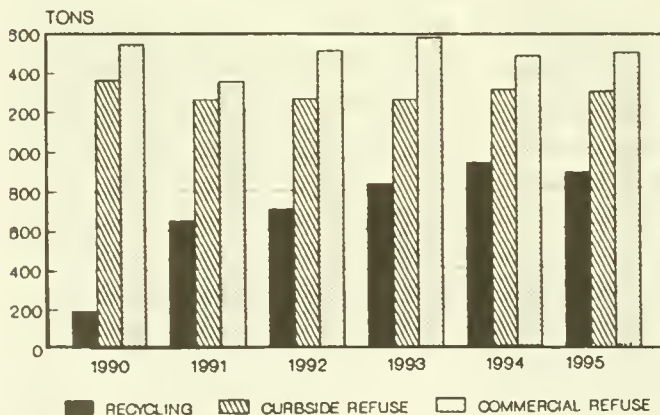
■ Continue review of the various options for closing the Durham Landfill site.

The telephone numbers for the Solid Waste Department are 868-1001 or 868-5578.

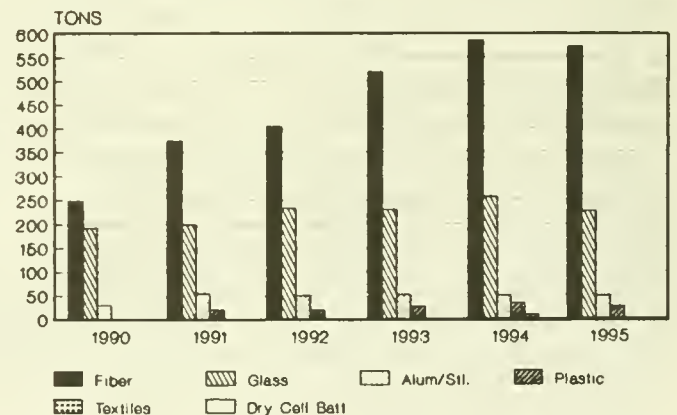
– Guy S. Hodgdon,

Superintendent of Water and Solid Waste

Solid Waste Tonnage 1990 - 1995



Marketed Recyclables 1990 - 1995



Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee is pleased to report that Durham's ever-expanding recycling program continues to be a model for others to emulate. As you may note in the Public Works report, oil based paint (May - October), oil filters and dry cell batteries were added to the list of items collected for recycling. Total tonnage remains high while cost per ton continues to drop.

The Committee investigated the construction and operation of a

"swap shop" at the Solid Waste Management Facility to recycle discarded but usable items such as books, electronic gear, etc. It was decided to encourage residents to utilize existing organizations such as Goodwill, at least for the time being.

More paper recycling in the commercial section is the primary goal for 1996.

My appreciation to the Town Council for their continued sup-

port, Committee members for their ideas and guidance, Town staff for their hard work and to all participants who separate and put out their recyclables for collection; it really is working!

— Skip Grady, Public Works Director
For Chairman William "Bill" Skinner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Jane Bristol
Joan Drapeau
Richard Fitts
Kate Glanz

Mrs. Malcolm J. Chase makes a presentation of the Historical Murals for the Durham Post Office Lobby at the dedication ceremony July 18, 1959. Photo courtesy of Durham Women's Club and Historical Association.



HERNDON ASSOCIATES PHOTO

HEALTH AND 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, over 1,000 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 over 1,900 visits during 1995. This is an increase and is attributed to increased access capability at Lamprey Health Care.

Our increased capacity has made service to the residents of our local area, including Durham, a much easier process. Our Newmarket Center is staffed by three family physicians and a pediatrician. Two Family Nurse Practitioners, a support staff of Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses, a nutritionist and Community Health Workers rounds out the medical team. Lamprey Health Care also provides translation/outreach services to those in need. 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. INFO-LINK is Lamprey Health Care's newest program and is a data base encyclopedia of over 1800 agencies, support groups, government agencies and officials, as well as local municipal offices, hospitals, schools, nursing homes and a variety of other information available to run on a Personal Computer (PC). INFO-LINK is available for a minimal subscription fee and is a tremendous program for anyone working with clients, patients, employees or people in general.

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 M. Shaw
Director of Community Services
659-3106

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Sexual Assault Support Services

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) offers the following services: 24-hour rape crisis hotline, advocacy (medical, emotional, and legal) for survivors of sexual assault, support groups for survivors, their parents and partners, child sexual assault prevention programs and adolescent workshops (K-12), and community service referrals.

The primary objectives of Special Assault Support Services are to empower survivors and to support

them in their healing process and to educate the community, heightening awareness around sexual assault and its prevention. Another objective is to provide prevention programs throughout the school system, and to broaden awareness of the issues of sexual assault and harassment among students, teachers and the community. In addition, the staff strives to work with police departments and hospital staff to improve response to sexual assault cases and

to assure a supportive environment for the survivor.

SASS is committed to providing programs to help prevent sexual violence and guarantee appropriate response and support for the survivor, to help them in their recovery process. Volunteers are welcome and are utilized in any and all aspects of the program.

– Diane Stradling, Executive Director
436-4107

COAST Transportation

1995 Accomplishments

- Safe and timely movement of nearly 500,000 persons on public transit in 35 communities, within budget.
- Achievement of number one organizational goal - to maintain all community commitments and existing service levels in face of decreasing federal operating funds.
- Service expansion on both of the new routes introduced in 1994 (Farmington-Rochester & Exeter-Newington), less than one year after startup.
- Conducted of Strategic, Maintenance, Financial, Capital and Americans with Disabilities Act planning to ensure COAST, and especially the communities we serve, benefit from excellent planning of our growing regional transit system.

- Close liaison with the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization in the implementation of the region's 20-year transit plan, progressing transit growth into the 20th century.
- Maintaining our status as the most cost-effective transit operator in Northern New England, and among the most cost-effective in the United States, per the Federal Section 15 report.

1996 Goals

- Our ongoing number one goal in 1996 is to maintain our existing levels of service and community commitments in face of the challenge of declining federal operating funds. We have accomplished this primary goal since 1989. It has not been easy and it gets tougher every year.

- Ongoing commitment to offer service delivery at the most cost-effective levels possible. In 1996, COAST and the University of New Hampshire will be going out for a joint bid to verify/ensure that COAST and the University are purchasing service at a cost level that maximizes our public investment and community trust.
- Ongoing development of the Regional Transportation Coordination and Consolidation (TC2) program. Currently this program is working to cooperatively improve the total public funded transportation efforts of over 35 transportation providers in Strafford and Rockingham Counties.

– Rad Nichols, Assistant Executive Director
862-1931/1944

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Health Officer's Report

Friends, relatives and residents in general are often interested in knowing just what Health Officers do. A brief perusal of some of the activities engaged in this year attests to the diversity of the matters attended to by the Durham Community Health Officer. During 1995 the Health Officer attended several meetings of the New Hampshire Health Officer's Association in Concord (as well as "Water Expo" held at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester). Discussion topics at the former included:

- Adoption of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Emergency Rules following amendments to Env-Ws 801.
- Amendments of He - P1600 and changes to RSA 130-A (Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Act).
- Case studies of recent NH food-borne disease outbreaks (salmonellosis, shigellosis and yersiniosis).
- New Hampshire rabies spread update.

■ New Hampshire Adult Protection Program (discussion and case study relating to public health problems and vulnerable adults).

■ New Hampshire Emergency Response Management Plans for Towns -(case study concerning New Hampshire train derailment) - roles of Health Officers.

■ Review of New Hampshire Rules governing tattoo practitioners and tattoo establishments.

■ Assessment of New Hampshire radon exposure measurements by Town.

Also in 1995 the Health Officer conducted foster home and child care facility inspections (some 15 or so), food establishment inspections (informally - inasmuch as the Town's restaurants are also inspected regularly by the district sanitarian), approved food and beverage use applications, and discussed proper setup of residential kitchens involved in distribution of food to the public. The Officer received notice of, but was not required to act in regard to, asbestos abatement projects and

DES water/well sample analysis conducted within the Town. Several questionnaires were completed, including a recent one for the NHDES dealing with groundwater protection. The recent closure of the garbage incinerator to the windward side of Town has already resulted in a very much improved air quality in the vicinity. Responsibilities relating to licensing and inspection of septic systems and test pits were assumed by the Deputy Health Officer. Residents are reminded that files of educational materials relating to public health matters are maintained by the Health Officer. Interested parties may call 868-2073.

— Richard Blakemore, Health Officer

Welfare Director's Report

Durham's general assistance, although not high, has increased again this year. Jennie Berry disperses, collects, and validates the information on all applications. She also does an excel-

lent job maintaining a list of places in the area that give aid and assistance to people. This is very useful for those times when the Town does not offer the kind of assistance needed (such as temporary hous-

ing). Durham will most likely continue to see an increase in local welfare expenses as funds from the State and Federal level decrease.

— Clara Varney, Welfare Director

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Durham Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has a State 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 as a source of information for Town residents.

1995 Accomplishments

■ Reviewed, on-site, 13 applications submitted to the NH Wetlands Board by Durham property owners for projects such as a rugby field, culvert placement, a large parking lot, dock construction, and home building that impacts wetlands or shoreland.

■ Held a public hearing in March to discuss the proposed vegetation control project in the Mill Pond. Fourteen residents attended and expressed no objections. We also contracted with Dr. Garrett Crow of UNH to survey the proposed treatment area for the presence of endangered or otherwise sensitive plants; he found that we could proceed without undue adverse impact.

The project was carried out by Aquatic Control Technology of Northborough, Massachusetts in October, using equipment called a "Muck-Mess Monster" by the local press. We are now negotiating with the Strafford County Conservation District and US Natural Resources Conservation Service for a study of silt depth and chemistry in the pond



In August Aquatic Control Technology used the "Muck Mess Monster", a hydrorake, to clean out the overabundant weeds in the Mill Pond.

DAVID T. FUNK PHOTO

and the sources and rate of sediment accumulation.

■ Working with Planning Director Rob Houseman, and with strong support from UNH intern Sloane Deluke we have drafted a Sand and Gravel Excavation Ordinance and accompanying regulations for consideration by the Town Council. Although Durham presently has no sand or gravel pits, we also have no ordinance to guide their establishment or management.

■ For the third year, we continued to work with the Planning Board and Town Council on revision of the Shoreland Protection article of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

■ Finally, we were pleased to recognize Buildings and Grounds employees Mike Lynch and Ray

LaRoche, Jr. with Durham's second Conservation Award at the Informational Town Meeting in March.

1996 Goals

■ Complete the Sand and Gravel Excavation Ordinance and forward it to Town Council for action.

■ Prepare a silt and sediment management plan for the Mill Pond.

■ Work with the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests on an action plan to protect the watershed of the Town/UNH reservoir.

— David T. Funk, Chairman

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Committee



LARRY FLINT PHOTO

Citizens reviewing the master plan of Wagon Hill Farm

Recent years had seen the Committee spending most of its time in data collection and planning. This year, the Committee started implementation of its first Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was limited to a one year time frame, pending the outcome of a key 1994 recommendation, which was to create a position for a Recreation Advocate. Without such a paid position, the Committee would be unable to make much progress beyond providing recreation land and running a few annual community events. In May, Larry Flint, formerly Recreation Director in Newport, took up the challenge to start a Durham recreation program from scratch. His duties include significant responsibilities for fund-raising and for liaison with

other groups, such as UNH, ORYA, other Town recreation directors and various Town entities, as a means of expanding Durham recreation opportunities. At the end of his first six months on the job, a framework for an exciting community recreation program is emerging. Already, a number of program firsts have been initiated in the form of Durham's entry into the Hershey Races, walking clubs, Halloween functions (with assistance from recreation students from UNH), and bus trips to special events. He also acted to coordinate the reinstatement of the Durham Day Picnic, which was held in August.

Another major breakthrough has been to oversee the completion of a Master Plan for Wagon Hill Farm.

This was done by the Cavendish Partnership, of Cavendish, Vermont. The planning process included a series of community involvement forums. As we move toward the close of the year, planning is in motion to establish an organizational structure for Wagon Hill which is aimed at gradual implementation of the Plan. One objective of the plan is to minimize the amount of Town funds needed for implementation.

Development of usage and pricing policy is underway to insure that Town recreation properties and events attract appropriate returns.

Work is also underway to start promoting use of the Town's many Class VI roads for recreational use. These roads have seen recreational use by some long time residents for many decades, but are not so well known by newer residents. The Committee is also working with the Trustees of the Trust Fund to develop and promote a recreation plan for Doe Farm.

At the close of the year, we cannot boast that all of the tasks outlined in the Strategic Plan were accomplished, but a plan is in place and the vision for Durham's parks and recreation is much clearer than ever before!

- Anne Whittenbury, Chair

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Historic District Commission

1995 Accomplishments

Three restoration projects in the Historic District for 1995 will enhance townspeople's pleasure in their historic resources for many years to come. The first is the restoration by Mark Henderson of the first of four exterior walls of the Joshua Ballard house prominently situated across the street from the Durham Post Office. This house was the popular meeting spot in the 1790s and the early 1800s for the movers and shakers of Durham, the State, and the fledgling Nation. At 56 Newmarket Road is the charming, refurbished outbuilding of retired Professor Charles Leighton which was the outhouse for the school in this district. The preservation of this structure allows for its reuse in 1995 as a storehouse without destroying its significance as a 19th century school outhouse. For the third restoration project of which the townspeople may be justifiably proud, please see the following article prepared by HDC member, Marion James, retired UNH Professor of History and former Trustee of the University.

The Historic District Commission issued twelve (12) approvals with conditions this year for items such as renovations, roof repairs, reclapboarding and signs. Compliance issues took the balance of the Commission's time this year. When the HDC gives approvals to owners



Joshua Ballard House, C. 1790, restored east wall.

MARION JAMES PHOTO

and developers of some of our most historically important structures we expect that they will be carried out carefully and thoroughly. We are closely monitoring work on the Hill-Woodman-Frost-Sawyer property, the Rundlett House, and Core Health Services, Inc.

With help from the Planning Department the boundaries of the Historic District have been reconfirmed and a new map of the District has been drawn by Kal Doukma which is now included in the Durham Zoning Ordinance. These materials, along with a letter from Pamela Worthen, were included in a special package mailed to all residents of the District in an effort to increase understanding of how the Historic District Ordinance works to preserve the town's history.

Due to the demands of a new job the thoughtful input of Paul Flynn will be missed by the Commission, but very fortunately James Walsh, a UNH Ph.D. candidate in history, is ably carrying on the job.

1996 Goals

To obtain grant funds from the State Historic Preservation Office for a photographic survey of historic buildings and sites in Durham.

Plan a walking tour of the Historic District for the benefit of the community.

— Nancy Sandberg, Chair

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The Town Pound, nearing completion after skillful masonry work of John Wastrom (pictured) and assisting masons William and David Allen (not pictured).

Restoration of the Durham Town Pound

The restoration of the Durham Town Pound this past summer was an event worthy of note. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, most New England towns built pounds in which to keep stray animals. The example in Durham, situated off Route 108 on Durham Point Road, is particularly impressive with its massive six-foot high stone walls. It is also one of the oldest extant edifices of its kind in New Hampshire, dating from 1709. While most town pounds have collapsed or vanished completely, this one has the distinction of being unusually well preserved. Because of these assets, the Durham pound was included in the Historic American Building Survey of the 1930's as possessing exceptional historic in-

terest. A record and description of it has been deposited in the Library of Congress.

A crisis, however, occurred three and a half years ago when the rear wall fell back into the house of Ian and Lori Wilson. The town repaired the house and, with a crane, deposited the stones loosely inside the pound—to await an appropriate time, adequate funds, and the proper equipment to undertake the repair of the pound itself. Replacing the huge stones carefully and accurately according to their historic position, and at the same time achieving stability, was to be the greatest problem.

Ultimately, the project engaged the efforts of many people. The town Public Works Department and the Historic District Commission (HDC) cooperated on the restora-

tion plan and a restoration mason, John Wastrom of Rollinsford, NH was asked, at the suggestion of the HDC, to oversee the project from the time of preparation through the actual rebuilding. Michael Lynch, the town Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was charged with the responsibility of coordinating or bringing together the people and equipment necessary for the task. Finally, on August 1st of this year, Mr. Wastrom, William and David Allen—local masons interested in the project, and Neil Duncan, crane operator from the Badger Rand Company, gathered at the site to rebuild the back wall. Throughout the process, they paid the closest attention to maintaining architectural integrity, while securing the stones firmly in place. By the end of the day, thanks to the very able efforts of all these men, the historic Town Pound had been restored to its former state and its important place in the history of New Hampshire.

— Marion E. James

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Durham Public Library

1995 Highlights of Children's Room Activities:

- Several series of pre-school story times.
- Special story times for large groups.
- Several series of film programs for pre-schoolers.
- Library tours for visiting classes, including Oyster River, and for the Active Retirement Association.
- Visits to most classes of the Mast Way and Moharimet schools.
- NH summer reading program, "Saddle up a good book".
- Summer crafts and parties.

■ Durham Day: Little Red Wagon, author/illustrator, Bruce McMillan, storyteller, Ann Jennison.

■ Summer employment of an Oyster River High School student.

Adult Activities included:

■ Monthly visits to Bagdad Woods with books.

■ Durham Day: Celia Thaxter, as portrayed by Donna Rule; Darryl

Thompson with slides and memories of life at Canterbury Shaker Village; Professor Khelif tracing the family tree.

Due to Inadequate Funding:

■ Passes to the Children's Museum of Portsmouth and the McAuliffe Planetarium were not renewed.

■ Book purchases were severely limited.

— Claudia Morner, Librarian

Public Library Statistics

Registrations:

Residents (adult) 1387
Juvenile (Oyster River) 806

Circulation:

Juvenile Books 20,452
Youth Books 2,298
Browse 12,090
Videos 2,545
Audio Books 636

Oyster River Youth Association

The year was a very exciting and productive one for the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA). A new Executive Director was hired; existing programs were expanded; new programs were developed to broaden and increase enrollment; training for volunteer coaches was increased; and construction of the Oyster River Recreation Center at Jackson's Landing took a giant leap forward toward completion.

The dream to have a year-round, multi-use recreational facility for the youth of Durham, Madbury and Lee became a reality this year. A concrete floor was poured (a full year

ahead of schedule), roof installed, locker rooms improved, and refrigeration system was added, insuring good ice surface for winter programs. All improvements were the result of countless hours of volunteer work and effort. ORYA is hoping to make full use of the facility by next year, when it will be totally operational by the start of winter skating season, and available for art programs, indoor soccer, tennis, baseball, and community social activities.

Special emphasis for 1996 will be to involve more children in ORYA programs. Several new programs are ready to go, including track and field, K-2 basketball, K-12 indoor

soccer, indoor tennis for children ages 4-6, children's theater, and a new figure skating program.

Additional focus will also be put on fund-raising, expanding girl's programs and improving field access.

ORYA is a volunteer, non-profit organization, dedicated to the kids of Durham, Madbury and Lee, and possible only through the innumerable hours of work and boundless energy of its supporters. This community spirit and grass-roots approach makes ORYA unique, and keeps it flourishing.

— Cathy Caron, Executive Director
868-5150

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Advocate



Larry Flint, Parks and Recreation Advocate

The Durham Town Council approved the hiring of a Parks and Recreation Advocate as part of the 1995 Town Budget to work with the Durham Parks and Recreation Committee and to promote recreational activities for the community. This position was requested by the Durham Parks and Recreation Committee after several years of intense study. The town used a combination of citizens, professional recreators and Town staff in the evaluation process to select and fill the position. Lawrence "Larry" W. Flint from Newport, NH, was selected as the first Durham Parks and Recreation Advocate.

Summer activities that were conducted included the of the 4th of July Celebration at Cowell Stadium and the Durham Day Picnic held at

Wagon Hill Farm. A total of 54 racers participated in the first annual 5K Wagon Hill Farm Trot and cross country race, also held at Wagon Hill Farm. The return of Durham Day Picnic saw more than 500 residents and volunteers participate in a variety of activities from dunking booth, boat rides, historic displays, viewing of the Wagon Hill Farm Master Plan, and have the opportunity to enjoy and communicate with their neighbors. This event helped to promote the "Sense of Community" theme that Durham is seeking. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony had the largest turnout in years as more than 200 people participated in singing carols, listening to the Oyster River Middle School Band and New Hampshire Gentlemen, and The McGann Clan. Santa's arrival on a Durham Fire Department Pumper was a big hit with the children. Wagon Hill Farm has had several hundred people participant in snow sliding activities each day since winter 1995 came early to the seacoast.

1995 Accomplishments

- Hiring of first Parks and Recreation Advocate.
- Developing a network of community resources and people.
- Durham Hershey Track and Field — first Town recreation team to participate in state track meet.
- Establishment of a trail policy

and general management plan for trails.

- Haunted Hay Rides at Emery Farms — a public, private and University project that offered to more than 500 riders a recreation Halloween experience. The significance was the cooperation of local business, town government and University of New Hampshire students working together for the betterment of the community.
 - First Annual Durham Halloween party for K-4 students, 25 kids along with 30 parents took advantage of the recreation program.
 - Durham Doers gave the Durham Parks and Recreation the first monetary grant for the "Cocheco Trail" sign. Volunteers started clearing the this trail in November and will work throughout the winter to complete the project.
 - Durham Day Picnic revived as a community gathering.
 - Christmas Tree Lighting — the largest community gathering in several years for this holiday event.
 - Family Board Game Day and Family Open Gym Day at Oyster River Middle School during the Christmas break for students.
- Most importantly, I want to thank the Buildings and Grounds Division, Police Department, Fire Department, Town Office staff, Town Clerk office, Parks and Recreation Committee and Larry

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Wood, Town Administrator for their support to help create a smooth transition in the development of Durham Parks and Recreation. I want to thank the many volunteers who have given freely of their time to Durham Parks and Recreation programs. The recreation programs could not become a reality without their continued support. I need to recognize the UNH Recreation Program Management class for an outstanding effort in providing Halloween activities for the Durham community. Finally, I need to recognize several businesses for continued support of our recre-

ation programs: Durham Market-place, Emery Farms, The Bagelry, Main Street Music, Campus Convenience, Red Onion Deli, Dentist Bruce Bragdon, Young's Restaurant, and Houghton's Hardware.

1996 Goals

- Develop programs to promote wellness for the community.
- Create traditional and non-traditional recreation programs for the community.
- Develop non-athletic type programs and special events to pro-

mote family and community participation.

- Publicize and market Durham parks and natural resources for recreational activities.
- Develop a Friends of Durham Recreation organization.
- Develop an Adopt-A-Park and trail program.
- Volunteer program of needs and wants to get the community involved.

— Lawrence "Larry" W. Flint
Parks and Recreation Advocate

July Fourth Citizens Committee

The July Fourth Citizens Committee was made of the following people from the three communities of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. Durham representatives Donna and Dave Langley, Suzanne Dev, Lorrie Pitt, Greg Moore, Ron O'Keefe, and Larry Flint; Lee representative, Elaine Gauthier; and Madbury representatives, Gail Houghton and Melissa Walker.

The committee would like to thank:

- Mike Lynch, Durham Building and Grounds Superintendent for arranging for the fireworks display and his crew for setting up Cowell Field for the July 4th event.
- The Durham Fire Department

for assisting in setting up and providing fire protection for the evening.

- The Durham Police Department, University of New Hampshire Police and the Durham Police Explorers for providing traffic control.
- The Durham Town Council and Town officials, and the Lee and Madbury selectman for soliciting donations at the gate.
- The Oasis Steel Band for entertainment.
- Joe Morganella for being the DJ with easy listening music before the fireworks.
- Food vendors: Durham Market Place and Durham House of Pizza
- Federal Savings Bank and Granite

Bank - face painting and balloons.

- Durham Parks and Recreation - children's activities.
- Lee, Durham and Madbury Fire Departments for the chicken barbecue.
- University of New Hampshire for the use of Cowell Stadium and its equipment.

It is the generosity from businesses, citizens, the three towns who donate and the collection of money at the gates to this event that make this truly a tri-town community spectacular event.

The crowd was estimated at more than 7,000 spectators for the fun

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filled evening. An excerpt from a thank you letter from an out-of-state visitor best expresses the 4th of July event: "I looked around at the families enjoying picnics on blankets spread on the field; calling hellos to one another; the children playing

games afar. Everyone seemed so friendly, relaxed and happy. Then we sat in the stands and when the Star Spangled Banner played thousands stood and sang it together. The first fireworks went off; in the spotlight the flag was waving in the breeze. It

was small town America. The backbone of this great nation. I was so glad to be there and participate in it".

— Larry Flint
Parks and Recreation Advocate

The Durham Swans

Looking skyward in February, watch for swans returning home to Durham. The seasonal change of longer days and warmer air gets the birds revved-up.

February 17, 1995 will be recalled as a foggy and tragic day. In late afternoon, three swans electrocuted themselves by flying into the wires that run over the Newmarket bridge at Oyster River and Mill Pond. All the nearby buildings became dark. Two hundred students were evacuated from the Middle School. Were these just a few wayward birds and not our nesting Durham swans? Only a few swans showed up for awhile in the estuary and then disappeared.

Nature has a way of healing itself. Within a week, sadness became joy when a pair of swans appeared on the ice in the Mill Pond and walked or skated toward me. I could not believe my eyes when I spotted a silver band we had placed on Walter the male swan and his mate. The discovery provided ecstasy. When the ice started melting, the swans settled down to their mating and

nesting rituals. It seemed like the female swan sat on the nest forever, but it takes forty days to hatching time. Then two fluffy grey baby swans (cygnets) appeared at the end of May. On Memorial Day they paraded proudly after their parents. A week later one was gone. It could have gotten a viral infection as do fifty percent (50%) of water fowl or a hungry mink or snapping turtle could have devoured it. The other cygnet grew and soon replaced its black bill with an orange one and its grey feathers with white. From observing its parents it was seen flying. About then, in the week of October 17, a seemingly giant contraption entered the swan's world. It was a hydrorake to dredge and clean out the excess vegetation clogging the water ways for the swans and ducks and other wildlife. David Funk and the Conservation Commission tackled the task and managed to successfully provide a waterway passage. The swans and ducks all stayed off to one side not the least bit disturbed.

A week before Veteran's Day, the young swan sensed the cold weather

and flew off perhaps to Great Bay. The parents followed a week later. It became very cold indicating that swans are forecasters of weather. This was earlier than the previous year when the pond did not freeze over until early December.

We will look forward to their return in 1996. Sadly, though, they will be without the young swans who will leave the nest, as youngsters do, to begin families of their own.

— Margery Milne, Keeper of the Swans

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Lamprey River Management

This has been a year when many of the Lamprey River Advisory Committee's goals for the past three years have been realized.

1995 Accomplishments

■ The River Management Plan, completed in late 1994, was circulated and enthusiastically adopted by the Towns of Lee, Durham and Newmarket. With this endorsement, the Committee can now begin to implement the plan—assisting upstream towns in working together to protect the river.

■ A significant milestone was passed when the three towns also voted overwhelmingly to support designation of the Lamprey River in Lee, Durham and Newmarket into the national Wild and Scenic River system. The Wild and Scenic bill has been drafted and is awaiting introduction to Congress. Already,

the National Park Service has been extending help to Newmarket for redeveloping their mills, and has offered landscape and design services to Durham for fish passage and site enhancement at the Wiswall dam.

1996 Goals

The Committee welcomes volunteers in implementing the Plan, which will be an ongoing activity. Priorities include:

- Developing better canoe access to the river.
- Enhancing low-impact recreational opportunities.
- Providing for public and landowner information on water pollution, water conservation, wildlife habitat, land conservation and history and archeology of the river.
- Working with the State, Town boards and the public to encourage

protection of important river characteristics.

- Restoration of anadromous fish to upper parts of the Lamprey.

Copies of the Lamprey River Management Plan are available at the Town Hall and Dimond Library. Meetings of the RMAC are held on the second Tuesday of every month, and are open to the public.

— Judith Spang, Secretary

LRAC Members:

Durham: John Hatch, Dick Lord, Judith Spang, Dave Funk, Dick Dewing

Lee: Sharon Meeker (Chair), Joe Ford, Brian Giles, Kitty Miller, Dick Wellington

Newmarket: Susan Beaulieu, Chris Schoppmeyer

Epping: Kevin Martin

Library Services Task Force

The Library Services Task Force (LSTF) completed all of the tasks it was assigned by the Town Council charge established in March 1994. We finalized our recommendations and completed a report which was presented to the Town Council in September.

The LSTF recommends that the Durham Town Council establish a

community – based public library. This community library should focus on the needs and desires of the citizens of Durham, and it should be readily accessible to the citizens while retaining a close, cooperative relationship with the UNH Library, in order to make use of its extensive services. Consideration should also be given to developing the Durham Public Library as a community cen-

ter. While a community library is a long-term goal, several strategies could be implemented to improve library services within the current framework. To this end, The LSTF recommends that the Town of Durham:

- Renegotiate the 1906 Agreement with UNH. Issues to be discussed

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include: a governing body for the town, physical separation of Durham and UNH collections, funding, parking and personnel.

■ The Town must recognize that more money is needed to improve library services (72% of survey respondents were willing to pay additional taxes for library services).

■ Organize a Friends of the Library group to fund-raise, search, recommend and lead.

■ Replace the Children's Room staff with persons more reflective of the community's needs.

■ Place a book depository in the Mill Plaza.

■ Establish a capital fund to support a community library.

■ When a physical separation is closer at hand, a Board of Trustees needs to be established to manage the Durham Public Library. Initially they may be appointed by the Town Council, but eventually they should be elected by the citizens.

■ Search for a suitable site for the Durham Public Library.

1996 Goals

While the Library Services Task Force has been dissolved, a group of interested citizens has been meeting to discuss the development of a community library. It is hoped that a Friends of the Library group will be established. Issues that need to be resolved include: finding a temporary site for the Durham Public Library while Dimond Library is being renovated, renegotiating the compact with UNH, and funding sources.

— Roni Pekins, Chair

Business Park Committee

The Durham Business Park Committee advises the Town Council on economic development of the 29-acre parcel of land off US Route 4, abutting the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which the Town acquired in 1994 in settlement of a legal suit. Bordered by the Oyster River and Johnson Creek and zoned for Office and Research uses, this meadow land is considered an unusually attractive and unique business site.

The committee — made up of Councilors Ralph Bristol, George Rief, Walter Rous, Arthur Grant and Town Administrator Larry Wood — acquired topographical and soils surveys of the property, a professional appraiser's assessment of the land's market value, and cost estimates for infrastructure work and

property improvements necessary to accommodate prospective occupants. A foundation for the committee's ongoing efforts has been laid through contacts and consultation with the State Department of Resources and Economic Development, the Pease Development Authority, the Office of State Planning, the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Strafford County chambers of commerce, and Dr. James Morrison (UNH emeritus vice president for research and public service).

The committee analyzed various approaches that could be used in marketing the park and, this past Fall, presented to the Council and Planning Board its general concept for development of the park, enhanced by Councilor Rous' visual

renderings of possible site locations, landscaping, and architectural standards and treatments which might be applied within the park.

During the past year, Administrator Wood and members of the committee have met with a number of persons and small firms interested in the park. In early Fall, a local business leader who has been an asset in this community for the past 12 years informed the committee of his need to find space in Durham for expanding his business or to accept relocation offers from other communities. The prospective tenant plans to build a 10,000-square-foot commissary costing approximately \$450,000 and creating, initially, 15 new jobs (in addition to the 60 persons currently employed by the firm), with another 10 to 15 posi-

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tions anticipated within five years.

The applicant's original letter expressing interest in obtaining property within the park emphasizes the standards the committee seeks to apply to its ongoing development: "We are sensitive to the desires of the community in creating a pleasing facility. We will carefully consider the aesthetics of both the building and the viewsapes . . . To this end, design of the building will be given careful attention. Facades will be given special attention to detail. Additionally, landscape architects will be employed to treat the site, to

maximize the natural elements, and to capitalize on the already existing attributes."

This type of mutual-interests approach by both parties enabled the crafting of a land-transfer deed incorporating protective covenants which require Town Council approval of landscaping, exterior lighting and architectural plans for the site and the building; prohibit outside storage of any materials; and give the Town right of first refusal to repurchase the property and/or approval rights if the property is to be sold to another owner. The deed

and its covenants provide a model for use with all prospective park tenants/owners.

Town Council approved a \$110,000 investment from the Community Development Reserve Fund (former UDAG-grant monies remaining from the Data General project) to provide town water, sewer and electrical service at the site and Town staff are assisting the owner in pursuing private and public financing sources for the project

— *W. Arthur Grant, Chair*

Water Policy Task Force

The 1994 Report of the Water Policy Task Force proposes a number of actions the Town and the University should consider to assure that both communities will have a sufficient, economical supply of high-quality water going into the 21st Century. The Water Policy Advisory Committee — Councilors Ralph Bristol, George Rief and Arthur Grant, former Councilor William Duncan, and Town Administrator Larry Wood — guides the Town Council in implementing the 1994 report.

At the committee's recommendation, Town Council and the University engaged the Dufresne-Henry, Inc. engineering firm to make a financial analysis of the comparative costs, feasibility and

long-term benefits of upgrading the existing 60-year-old University water treatment plant versus constructing a new treatment plant (as recommended by the Task Force). The accuracy of supply and demand data used in projecting future water needs of the two communities was also evaluated. The engineering study's findings will help chart a course for the Town and University to pursue in the years ahead.

The committee is active in other areas recommended by the Task Force:

■ Committee representatives serve on a Durham-Lee-Madbury citizens commission studying non-point (surface water) pollution sources and needed protection of the Oyster River and Lamprey River watersheds. [The Oyster River provides

the major portion of the Town and University's daily water supply; the Lamprey is the emergency backup supply.]

■ The Town Administrator is charged with coordinating the Planning Board's development of a Water Resources Master Plan and the Conservation Commission's development of watershed and aquifer protection ordinances.

■ Improvement of water service in the Hampshire Avenue-Scotland Road areas of Durham in 1995 involved a major replacement of deteriorated mains and piping. This \$100,000 project begins a five-year plan to address the most serious deficiencies in the Town's distribution system.

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■ The committee and Town Council anticipate receiving and reviewing (in 1996) UNH Prof. Thomas Ballestero's multi-year technical study of the feasibility of developing

the Spruce Hole aquifer as an additional groundwater supply source for the Town and University.

■ The committee continues to be concerned about impacts on the

Lamprey River when the Town and UNH must draw from that source for backup water supply to offset extreme drought conditions (an action necessary in two of the past three years).

— W. Arthur Grant, Chair

Pease Part 150 Study Committee

The final "FAR Part 150 Noise Study and Recommendations" was completed by the committee and distributed in June. The Pease Development Authority accepted the plan and forwarded it to the Federal Aviation Authority

(FAA). The FAA has until February of 1996 to accept or reject the plan.

Durham is not eligible for any potential funding for noise compatibility programs because it does not lie within the area of highest noise im-

pact, and has elected not to participate in the land use management procedures proposed in the recommendations.

— Walter Rous, Durham Representative

Durham Rental Housing Commission

The Durham Rental Housing Commission was formed in September of this year to increase communication between the Town, the University, landlords and tenants, and to attempt to deal with chronic, long-standing problems related to rental housing. The initial members of the commission are: John Aber (Town Council), Paul Berton and Eric Chinburg (Durham Landlords' Association), Jay Gooze (Town Resident), Leila Moore and Barbara Paiton (UNH) and Heidi Kendall (UNH student). John Aber chairs the commission and Eric Chinburg is vice-chair. Regular meetings are held on the last Tuesday in each month.

In its first three meetings, the commission summarized its charge, re-

viewed the history of chronic complaints surrounding rental housing, including noise, cars and parking, and the number of residents per unit, and discussed the possible role of the UNH administration in supporting standards of off-campus behavior. This discussion included ways of increasing cooperation between the Town and the University with regard to unofficial or unrecognized fraternity houses. Also discussed were changes in rental housing management which have occurred, including the addition of resident managers to many larger units and rewriting of leases to increase parental responsibility and impose fines for residents whose behavior results in a police call.

The commission has begun work

in two areas: the development of a model lease, and an information packet highlighting major Town ordinances regarding rental housing. Both of these projects should be finished by May and will be made available to returning students next fall.

— John Aber, Chair

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For the Year Ending December 31, 1995

Births Registered in the Town of Durham

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
1994				
December 24	Portsmouth	Olivia Elaine Sparrow	F	John Edward Sparrow Lorraine Marie Sparrow
1995				
January 6	Exeter	Euna Jong Lee	F	Woo-Jai Lee Min-Sook Lee
February 2	Portsmouth	Joshua Kyle Buccini	M	Joseph Charles Buccini Sheila Veronica Buccini
February 4	Portsmouth	Aaron Patrick Noel Wolfson-Slepian	M	Neil Roy Slepian Marjorie Loretta Wolfson
February 8	Portsmouth	Sean Reid O'Rourke	M	Daniel James O'Rourke Catherine Elizabeth O'Rourke
February 10	Dover	Alexander John Strong	M	Richard Alan Strong Louise Stewart Rogers
February 10	Portsmouth	Alexandra Rae Harris	F	Constantine Harris Nancy Kristina Harris
March 6	Exeter	Simon Andrew Popecki	M	Mark Andrew Popecki Carolyn Singer
March 27	Portsmouth	Thomas Otto Haas	M	Thomas William Haas Melinda Anne Haas
April 21	Dover	Brenna Cathryn D'Amours	F	Marc Richard D'Amours Karen Ann D'Amours
April 23	Portsmouth	Zachary Jae-Hwang Park	M	Sun Woo Park Won Mee Park
May 8	Dover	Vivien Charlene Burnell	F	Scott Robert Burnell Silke Edeltraut Burnell
May 16	Dover	Anna May Zhang	F	Zhaohui Zhang Hong Cai
May 30	Exeter	Emmet St. Onge Todd	M	Vincent Ernest Todd Jr. Cheryle Anne St. Onge
June 4	Dover	Olivia Kessler Moore	F	Richard Gregory Moore Nicole Moore

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Births (cont.)

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
June 10	Dover	Phoebe Ann Lamont	F	Rovert Davis Lamont Melissa Bolte Lamont
June 11	Portsmouth	Kaeli Helen McPhee	F	Stephen Thomas McPhee Pamela Jane McPhee
June 20	Dover	Liam Emmett Wiberg	M	Sven David Wiberg Patricia Ann Wiberg
June 26	Exeter	Ian James Elmslie	M	Bruce Truitt Elmslie Karyn Alice Krause-Elmslie
July 1	Portsmouth	Quinlan Francis Dwyer	M	Walter James Dwyer IV Patti-Ann Marie Dwyer
July 29	Portsmouth	Daniel Adams Novak	M	Mark Anthony Novak Elizabeth Ann Novak
August 10	Portsmouth	Lillian Jayne Clark	F	Jay Wikan Clark Lisa Clark
August 25	Portsmouth	Abdoullah Houssaini Squalli	M	Mohammed Houssaini Squalli Lamiaie Benmakhlouf
September 3	Portsmouth	Alison Kate Pelczar	F	Timothy Alan Pelczar Paula Jo Pelczar
September 12	Portsmouth	Miles Leo Allen	M	Glenn Martin Allen Elizabeth Jane Allen
October 2	Portsmouth	Maxton Emmor Hewitt	M	James Asa Hewitt Elizabeth Ann Hewitt
October 9	Portsmouth	Phebe Tenbroeck Miner	F	Daniel Gore Miner Nancy Ann Miner
October 12	Portsmouth	Jenny Elizabeth Mistretta	F	Keith William Mistretta Joan Elizabeth Mistretta
October 12	Portsmouth	Neil William Mistretta	M	Keith William Mistretta Joan Elizabeth Mistretta
November 19	Portsmouth	Claire Marie McCarthy	F	William Joseph McCarthy Mary Arlene McCarthy

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Durham

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
February 4	Durham	Matthew Chapman Briana Lynn Calore	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Ann L. Shine Justice of the Peace
February 19	Durham	David Nelson Nedde Yuhong Zhang	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Joan M. Haskins Justice of the Peace
March 1	Durham	Didier Michel Yves Cransac Adriana Aura Badauta	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
March 24	Durham	Raymond Archie LaRoche Cheryl Renee LaRoche	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Wendy E. Drew Justice of the Peace
April 1	Keene	William David Walker Mary Ellen Connors	Claremont, NH Durham, NH	Debra L. Castor Justice of the Peace
April 8	Newington	Jeffrey Paul Salmon Jennifer Lynn Rosholt	Dover, NH Durham, NH	Rev. David L. Snyder Pastor
May 13	Durham	Robert Leslie Jensen Charlotte Andrea Tremain	Osage Beach, MO Durham, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
May 19	Dover	Kenneth Sole Leslie Ann Barber	Durham, NH Durham, NH	M. Betts Davis Justice of the Peace
May 27	Durham	Richard Basim Khleif Danielle Nicole Wesley	Durham, NH Lee, NH	Albert W. Snow Reverend
June 3	Durham	Peter Joseph Clancy Maureen Linda Murphy	Stamford, CT Stamford, CT	Rev. Patrick F. Irwin Pastor
June 9	Durham	Robert Joseph Zine Mary-Gladys Crisp	E. Falmouth, MA Mansfield, MA	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
June 10	Durham	Russell Craig Knightly Jocelyn Catherine Biron	Durham, NH Exeter, NH	John W. Lynes Minister
June 17	Durham	Thomas Edward Murdoch Patricia Anne Gagne	Durham, NH Allentown, NH	Abby L. Messner Justice of the Peace
June 17	Portsmouth	Michael Anthony Skubisz Kelly Anne Burke	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Sanford Fasth Reverend
June 21	Durham	David Stevenson Andrew Georgeann Elaine Murphy	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
June 24	Dover	Scott Colby Ellis Laurie Ann Roberts	Durham, NH Kennebunk, ME	Carroll C. Moore Clergyman
July 1	Durham	Sean M. Condon Mary Elizabeth Dolan	Warwick, RI Charlestown, MA	Rev. Patrick F. Irwin Pastor
July 8	Durham	Matthew Thomas Kusza Katherine Marie Reese	Ayer, MA Ayer, MA	Frederick J. Pennett R. C. Priest
July 15	Durham	Jerry Lane Hollister Kathleen Elaine Samson	Dover, NH Durham, NH	Laurence J. Strondak Minister

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Marriages (cont.)

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
July 22	Durham	John Alan Mengers Linda Louise Quealey	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Jonathan H. Gerard Rabbi
August 5	Durham	Mark George Labrecque Wendy Ann Purington	N. Andover, MA N. Andover, MA	John Langlois Reverend
August 5	Durham	Douglas Edwin Clark Kimberly Ellen Brennan	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John W. Lynes Minister
August 6	Sunapee	Michael Alexander Stark Allison Lynn Jones	Durham, NH Durham, NH	David Hargbol Justice of the Peace
August 12	Manchester	John D. Wallace Mildred S. Carr	Durham, NH Manchester, NH	Thomas J. Hannigan Catholic Priest
August 26	Rochester	Thomas Charles Christie Lynne Christine Pingree	Durham, NH Rye, NH	Beverly J. Gallen Justice of the Peace
August 31	Dover	George Huan Wang Yue Ping Zhang	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Donald L. Hiltz Jr. Justice of the Peace
September 23	Newmarket	Charles Wilfred Cyr Edna Davis	Portsmouth, NH Durham, NH	Laurence J. Strondak Minister
October 14	Durham	John Andrew Magee Donna Claire McAllister	Compton, MD Compton, MD	John W. Lynes Minister
October 14	Durham	Michael Shayne McCarthy Carol Marie Janeway	Natick, MA Natick, MA	Robt. Outman Conant Reverend
October 28	Durham	Michael David Shore Cassandra Patricia Prentice	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Benjamin R. Andrews Reverend
November 4	Durham	Gary James Ainsworth Debra Ann Abberton	Upton, MA Upton, MA	Frederick J. Pennett R. C. Priest
November 18	Rochester	Henry Jake Ashe W. Bellord Sarah Kate Wade	London, England Durham, NH	Gorden R. Allen Rector Emeritis
November 24	Durham	Sean Eric Doyle Nayantara Santhi	Winthrop, MA Winthrop, MA	Jeanette C. Gagne Justice of the Peace
December 4	Durham	Richard Edward Smith Michelle Marie MacKinnon	Easton, MA Easton, MA	Linda L. Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
December 11	Hampton	James Russell Golden Margaret Anne McKenna	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Jane Kelley Justice of the Peace
December 30	Salem	Carl Edward Weber Amanda Ellen Butterfield	Durham, NH Atkinson, NH	Allen W. Cook Pastor
December 30	Durham	Angelo Thomas Chinni Kathryn Marie Lauten	Raymondville, NY Durham, NH	Mary E. Westfall Reverend

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Durham

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	OCCUPATION	STATE OF BIRTH
1994				
December 12	Portland, ME	Robert N. Faiman	Educator/Administrator	Minnesota
1995				
January 9	Durham	George Sanderson Hand	History Teacher	New York
January 11	Durham	Virginio Fontana Corte	Baker	Italy
January 21	Durham	Carol Louise Cunningham	Teacher	New York
February 19	Exeter	Elwood Arthur Bucklin	Carpenter	New Hampshire
February 27	Dover	James Daniel Valenza	Line Cook and Chef	New Hampshire
March 4	Wolfeboro	Elizabeth Stewart Bacon	Dye Craft	Scotland
March 4	Dover	Polly Isabel Webster	Free Lance Writer	Massachusetts
March 13	Durham	James Gilder Conklin	Professor	Connecticut
May 17	Manchester	Zhenjie Huang	Homemaker	China
June 2	Dover	Faith Pilgrim	Teacher	New Hampshire
June 15	Dover	Frank Walter Meroth	Kitchen Assistant	Massachusetts
June 22	Durham	Norman R. Delude	Public Accountant	New Hampshire
September 17	Rochester	Nellie Eaton Sly	Homemaker	Massachusetts
September 28	Lebanon	Lily Ping Wang	(Infant)	New Hampshire
October 6	Durham	Brian Cornelius Swift	Student	New Hampshire
October 25	Durham	Richard C. Miller Jr.	Student	Massachusetts
November 3	Dover	Erna Vogeler	Teacher	Germany
November 12	Hampton	Eleanor Grindle Pierce	Bookkeeper	Maine
November 13	Dover	Wyman Emerson Langley	Farming	New Hampshire
December 7	Dover	Richard E. Johnson	Mathematician	Montana
December 9	Durham	Malcolm Coleman Neuhoff	Manager Marketing	New York
December 10	Dover	Mary Clare Brooks	Housewife	Maryland
December 14	Rochester	Effie Louise LaRoche	Repairer	New Hampshire
December 16	Portland, ME	Joseph Francis Fleming	Air Force Col., Retired	Massachusetts

TOWN WARRANT

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

*Warrant
Town of Durham
Election, Tuesday, March 12, 1996*

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, the County of Strafford, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School Cafetorium, Coe Drive, in said Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March 1996 (the polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors (3-year terms), one (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3-year term), one (1) Treasurer (3-year term), one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term), one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term) and one (1) Moderator (2-year term).

Given under our hands and seal this 22 day of January in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

Councilors of Durham:

*Ralph Bristol, Chairman
Arthur Grant, Chairman Pro Tem
John Aber
Patricia Cline
William Healy, Jr.
Scott Hovey
George Rief
Walter Rous
Patricia Samuels*

AGENDA

1996 Informational Town Meeting

*Wednesday, March 13, 1996
Oyster River High School Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.*

I. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS BY TOWN MODERATOR

- A. Members of the 1995 Town Council
- B. Newly Elected Members to Town Council in 1996
- C. Election Results of Other Town Officials

II. REMARKS

- A. Comments by Town Council Chairman Ralph Bristol
- B. Comments by Acting Town Administrator Joseph "Skip" Grady
 - 1. Presentation of Certificates
 - 2. Report on Various Town Activities and Projects

III. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

- A. Conservation Commission
- B. Historic District Commission
- C. Lamprey River Advisory Committee
- D. Parks and Recreation Committee
- E. Planning Board
- F. Zoning Board of Adjustment

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS ON ISSUES OF INTEREST

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

RESOURCE INFORMATION

Town of Durham Area

Land Area (2.2 miles of which is water surface) 25.5 square miles	Town Tax Rate (Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation)	\$34.35
Population (based on 1990 census) 11,818	Town.....	\$10.09
Incorporated 1732	School.....	\$21.62
Durham's Congressional District Number 1	County.....	\$2.64
	Net Assessed Valuation	\$314,793,529
	Percentage of Valuation	97%

Meeting Dates for Town Boards, Committees & Commissions (Notices are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall.)

Town Council.	First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Conservation Commission	Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Historic District Commission	First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Parks & Recreation Committee	First and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Planning Board	First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment.	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM, Town Hall

Town Office Functions:

Town Office Hours.	Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Car Registration	Registration in month of birth. Renewal stickers can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for \$2.50 per registration.
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.
Dog Registration	Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$9.00.
Property Taxes	Due December 1st or thirty (30) days after date of issuance.
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.
Marriage Licenses.	Available through Town Clerk's Office

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 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: 1-year permit - \$5.00. *Temporary permit* – \$5.00 (non-transferable; not to exceed a 30-day period).

Construction permit – \$50.00 (not to exceed a 30-day period).

Tax Exemptions

For information regarding elderly, veteran's, blind, solar energy, and physically handicapped exemptions, or current use taxation, please contact the Tax Assessor at 868-5571.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Town of Durham Area

Emergency Numbers – Fire, Police/Rescue

Emergency from 868 exchanges only	9-1-1
Emergency from other Town exchanges.	868-1212
Emergency from UNH campus only.	*9-1-1
Emergency from other campus exchanges.	862-1212

General Business

Fire.	868-5531
Police	868-2324
Ambulance	868-3674

Animal Control 868-2324

Town Offices

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (voter and car registrations; dog licenses; tax, water, or sewer payments).	868-5577
Public Works (landfill permits)	868-5578
Solid Waste Management Facility.	868-1001
Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement (building permits).	868-5578
Tax Assessor (property tax exemptions, abatements, assessment information).	868-5571
Business Manager	868-5571
Town Administrator	868-5571

Oyster River School District

Superintendent of Schools	868-5100
Oyster River Elementary School.	868-2155
Mast Way Elementary School.	659-3001
Middle School.	868-2820
High School	868-2375

Recreation

Larry Flint, Parks and Recreation Advocate	868-7880
Oyster River Youth Association.	868-5150

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Other Commonly Used Numbers

Post Office	868-2151
Town/UNH Library.	862-1534
Historic Museum.	868-5436
Durham District Court.	868-2323
Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (which serves Durham).	742-2218
NH Fish and Game	868-1095

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