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1998 Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

DURHAM



NEW HAMPSHIRE

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This Journal Compiles the Town of Durham 1998 Accomplishments for each Department and Committee; and Includes Their Goals for 1999. A Record of Pertinent Budget and Finance Information is Provided on Colored Stock Bound into the Center. For Enjoyment, A Sampling of Durham History, Traditions and Miscellanea are Also Included.

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JOHN
WOODSUM
HATCH
1919-1998

in Memoriam

Whenever we go to the Town Hall we will think of John Hatch and his map of Durham which he made and updated with every house and road and river in place. Last September Maryanna Hatch spoke at John's memorial service about another of John's lasting gifts to us. These are her words:

As most of you know, John Hatch loved life. He loved this place, between the mountains and the sea. He loved his immediate and extended family and he embraced his friends in a wide circle around that nucleus. Every day, for John, was a day of discovery. Throughout his illness, there was not a day that he did not find new beauty and strength in gifts of flowers and food; new interests in letters and visits from friends; and reassurance and comfort through his many care-givers. Since his death, our family has been deeply touched by friends - old and new, near and far who have reminisced with us and have expressed much love and sorrow over the loss of John's presence. In reflecting on his life and work, through the years, one memory stands out - perhaps as a message for this day.

We returned from an eventful sabbatical, in the spring of 1957, to an urgent summons for John to meet with the architect at the Memorial Union, then under construction on the campus of the University of New Hampshire. The urgency was real. Well into the project, a chemical company had offered to fund a new kind of stained glass for the window wall of the Memorial Room - if, the architect could find an artist willing to experiment with a polyvinyl medium developed for the manufacture of safety glass, and demonstrate its potential as a new art form. The room was to be the official State Memorial for the men and women who had served and died for their country. It was to be dedicated in the early fall.

Other artists had rejected this great opportunity as risky and unreasonable, but John could not resist the challenge. It taxed his ingenuity, his patience, and his health. Limitations, imposed by the process and the materials, narrowed his options in creating a contemplative work of art to bold color and abstraction. The last panel was in place - just hours before the dedication. John was physically and emotionally exhausted. The response to his unconventional memorial [to New Hampshire's war dead] was guarded, if not hostile. When asked what it meant, John was at a loss for words that would help others find meaning for themselves.



PHOTO BY GARY SAMSON

About four years later, an elderly gentleman rang our door bell and asked to see John. He said it was urgent! He was leaving Durham, having attended a writer's workshop at UNH. And, after meditating every day in the Memorial Room, he HAD to know if he had captured the essence of the window. We found John at the Ledges - in the midst of carpenters and paint cans - where he was working on a mural for George and Isabelle Sawyer. When it was understood that the gentleman wanted to read something to John, Izzy asked everyone to stop work and listen.

In the silence, as if from a pulpit, the Rev. Thomas John Carlisle delivered his poem, entitled "Panoply of Glass."

*No dirge
No Reservoir of tears, No Somber cloak
No artificial wreath, No shattered laughter.*

*Only brilliant glass
the best of blues and purples, reds and golds
in live crescendos
glowing with gladness.*

*Reveille of life
with sunset's sunrise
and memory
quicken'd to joy.*

"John looked stunned and asked to hear it again. Then he smiled and said, "That's it! By George, you got it! Thank you, thank you for words for the window."

"Now, they are words for John. He would hope that all of us will continue to see the Glow of Gladness in the color of each Sunrise and Sunset. And, he would want us to Rejoice with him as he moves on from the edge to new horizons and discovery."

A Generous Gift from Kitty and Charlie Sawyer

We received the following letter from Charlie Sawyer to the DHA. As you know, Charlie's family owned the Frost Homestead and Charlie and his brother George spent their summers there. Both dean of the Yale School of Fine Arts and Michigan's, Charlie and his wife Kitty have been staunch friends of history and the DHA all their lives. He writes:

"When I was in Durham last May for my Kitty's burial service in Dover, I had a brief visit with John and Maryanna Hatch who came to the reception at Isabelle Sawyer's after the service. I told Maryanna that there was a small bequest for the Durham Historic Association in Kitty's will and in mine, which will become available after my death. Since it is indicated as a percentage of our net estate, I cannot estimate accurately the amount but it will probably be in the neighborhood of \$5-10,000. I suggested to Maryanna that it might be specifically designated for care of collections: especially preservation of manuscripts and records."

Thank you. Kitty's and your generosity will ensure that the generations after us will be able to read our record. 🍀

Honorable Mentions

At the March 11, 1998 Informational Town Meeting, several Town staff, Town Council and Town citizens were recognized for their services to the community. We would like to take this opportunity again and thank these individuals for the important contributions they have made.

Employee Tenure Certificates

Duane Walker, Department of Public Works - 25 years

Marjorie Rawson, Police Department - 25 years

Mike Lynch, Department of Public Works - 20 years

Michael Golding, Police Department - 20 years

David Williams, Department of Public Works - 20 years

Gail Jablonski, Department of Public Works - 10 years

Joe Morganella, Police Department - 10 years.

Sheryl Hoisington, Fire Department - 10 years

Jeffrey Furlong, Fire Department - 10 years

Richard Miller, Fire Department - 10 years

Employee Performance Certificates

Hubert Matheny for earning Fire Officer of the Year

Tom Stano for earning Firefighter of the Year

Council Member Recognitions

Walter Rous for his service on the Town Council from March 1995-March 1998

Patricia Samuels for her service on the Town Council from March 1997-March 1998

Citizen Recognitions

Herbert Jackson. Mr. Jackson was presented with the Conservation Commission's fifth annual Conservation Commission

Award for his lifetime of contributions to the Town of Durham's conservation efforts.

The Town would also like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their services on various Town boards, commissions and committees:

Conservation Commission
David Funk

Historic District Commission:
James Walsh

Parks and Recreation Committee:
David Bucciero

Planning Board
Edward McNitt
Annemarie Harris
John Leland
Suzanne Loder

Zoning Board of Adjustment:
Mark Sternberger
Annette Tischler

Economic Development Committee
Chuck Cressy
David Murphy

Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee
David Funk
Richard Lord
Theresa Walker



In Memoriam

H. Sharon Ossenbruggen
1943-1998

Sharon Ossenbruggen, an urban forestry specialist with the US Forest Service, joined the Conservation Commission in 1994. She brought a distinctive perspective to the Commission and her imagination, sensibility and wit are sorely missed.

*She'll be in every tree that you see, in the whisper of a branch
brushed by the wind*

*I know she'll be in the birds that you see, her lovely eyes will
wink at you as she flies by.*

*You'll feel her in the hiss of wet grass that you walk through
in the morning, and when you touch fine silk it will slide
through your fingers like her memory.*

She'll be everywhere...and where she is will be peaceful.

—Poem written by Sharon's best friend in response to Sharon's daughter's comment, "I'm trying to imagine a peaceful place for her to be."

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NEW FACES

(Photo Unavailable)
DANIEL OSBORNE
Laborer, Wastewater
Treatment Plant
Hired 9/21/98



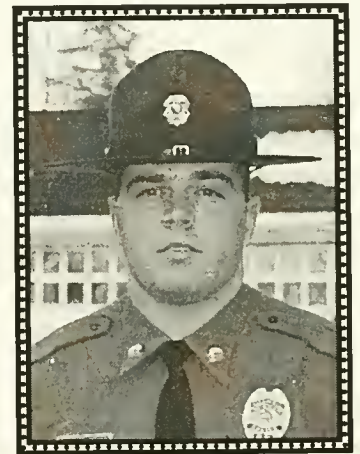
SHARON ELLIOTT
Administrative Secretary
Hired 10/5/98



ANN DUNKERLEY
Police Officer
Hired 2/10/98



DAWN MITCHELL
Secretary, Dept. of Planning,
Zoning & Assessing
Hired 8/25/98



EDWARD PIKE
Police Officer
Hired 4/6/98



BONNIE McDERMOTT
Recycling Asst., Solid Waste
Facility
Hired 11/9/98



BRIAN DALTON
Heavy Equipment Operator,
Highway Division
Hired 3/20/98

(Photo Unavailable)
FRANKLIN DALY III
Police Officer
Hired 6/1/98



MICHAEL BILODEAU
Police Officer
Hired 9/8/98

Officers, Boards & Committees

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTHORIZED
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Bruce Bragdon, <i>Chair</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
George A. Rief, <i>Pro Tem</i>	23 Edgley Garrison Rd	868-2551	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
Dale L. "Pete" Chinburg	32 Woodridge Rd	868-2381	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Scott Hovey	41 Canney Rd	868-1551	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
David Langley	50 Langley Rd	868-5650	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
Vi B. McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd	868-5859	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Malcolm Sandberg	15 Langley Rd	868-5211	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Edward Valena	Durham Point Rd	868-2174	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
James Walsh	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Terry Farish, <i>Director</i>	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
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HOURS: Tue; 12:00-8:00 PM Wed; 12:00-8:00 PM Thu; 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Sat; 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carol Lincoln, <i>Chair</i>	12 Littlehale Rd	868-7254	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
John Aber, <i>Secretary</i>	4 Sumac Ln	868-2818	1 Yr	3/99	Elected
Dale Leland Eichorn, <i>Treas.</i>	196 Piscataqua Rd	742-7465	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls	659-7992	2 Yrs	3/00	Elected
John Farrell	8 Little John Rd	659-7605	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
William Schoonmaker	24 Mill Rd	868-1797	1 Yr	3/99	Elected
Ruth Schondelmeier	12 Bucks Hill Rd	868-2122	2 Yrs	3/00	Elected

MODERATOR

Michael H. Everngam	49 Emerson Rd	868-5765	2 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Shirley Thompson (<i>Asst. Moderator</i>)	48 Bagdad Rd	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/98	Appointed

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Jay Flanders	9 Williams Way	868-2606	6 Yrs	3/04	Elected
Joyce Sheffield	18 Littlehale Rd	868-1882	6 Yrs	3/00	Appointed
Lynn Allen	Packers Falls Rd	659-7340	6 Yrs	3/02	Elected

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Linda L. Ekdahl	15 Newmarket Rd	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
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TOWN TREASURER

Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Rd	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
Franklin Heald, Deputy	15 Newmarket Rd	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/99	Appointed

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Harold Hurd, <i>Chair</i>	13 Bucks Hill Rd	868-5183	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
Harold J. Schondelmeier, <i>Treasurer</i>	12 Bucks Hill Rd	868-2122	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Hall, William	Smith Park Ln	868-7400	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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TOWN ADMINISTRATION

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Laurence Shaffer.....15 Newmarket Rd.....868-5571N/A.....N/ACouncil

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Laurence Shaffer.....15 Newmarket Rd.....868-5571N/A.....N/ACouncil

BUSINESS MANAGER

VACANT.....15 Newmarket Rd.....868-8043N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Michael Jeffords, *Planner*15 Newmarket Rd.....868-8064N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

Duane Hyde, *Master Plan*15 Newmarket Rd.....868-8064N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Joseph I. "Skip" Grady100 Stone Quarry Dr868-5578N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

FIRE CHIEF

Ronald O'Keefe51 College Rd868-5531N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

POLICE CHIEF

David Kurz.....86 Dover Rd868-2324N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS

Susan Bruns, *President*.....P.O. Box 4, Durham862-3674N/A.....N/AVolunteer

Mary Davis, *Manager*.....P.O. Box 4, Durham862-3674N/A.....N/AVolunteer

DURHAM DISTRICT COURT

Gerald Taube, *Justice*868-2323N/A.....N/AState

Sharon Theodore, *Clerk of the Court*868-2323N/A.....N/AState

HEALTH OFFICER

Richard Blakemore.....4 Davis Ave868-20733 Yrs3/99Council/State

KEEPER OF THE SWANS

Margery Milne1 Garden Ln868-2794N/A.....N/ACouncil

MAIN STREET MANAGER

Beth Fischer4 Ballard St868-3322N/A.....N/AMain St. BOD

RABIES CONTROL OFFICER

Susan Guthrie15 Newmarket Rd.....868-2324N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

WELFARE OFFICER

VACANT.....15 Newmarket Rd.....868-8043N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Richard Hunsberger15 Newmarket Rd.....868-8064N/A.....N/ATown Admin.

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TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Theresa Walker, <i>Chair</i>	RFD 3, Bennett Rd	659-7226	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/99	Council
Petya Encheva	Morse Hall, UNH	862-1792	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/99	Council
M. Robinson Swift	18 Mill Rd	868-5238	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Steve Harvey, <i>Alt.</i>	11 Bayview Dr	868-3182	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Gary Lauten, <i>Alt.</i>	15 Cutts Rd	868-7133	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
David Langley, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	50 Langley Rd	868-5650	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Walter Cheney, <i>PB Rep</i>	575 Bay Rd	868-3550	1 Yr	3/99	Plan. Brd

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Bill Schoonmaker, <i>Chair</i>	10 Mathes Terrace	868-1848	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Michael Behrendt	27 Edgewood Rd	868-6698	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Cynthia Hirsch	53 Newmarket Rd	868-5473	3 Yrs	3/99	Council
Frank L. Pilar	26 Newmarket Rd	868-5326	3 Yrs	3/99	Council
Andrea Bodo	20 Newmarket Rd	868-6870	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Edward Valena, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	Durham Pt. Rd	868-2174	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Homer Chalifoux <i>PB Rep</i>	8 Bayview Rd	868-2769	1 Yr	3/99	Plan. Brd

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

John Churchill, <i>Chair</i>	4 Briarwood Ln	868-2616	3 Yrs	3/99	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Thomas Christie	201 Dame Rd	659-0128	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Richard Dewing	3 Willey Rd	868-7523	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Lewis Newsky	221 Dame Rd	659-3288	3 Yrs	3/99	Council
Tracy L. Schroeder	18 Bagdad Rd	868-7575	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Scott Hovey, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	41 Canney Rd	868-1551	1 Yr	3/99	Council
VACANT (<i>Alt.</i>)			3 Yrs	3/02	Council

PLANNING BOARD

VACANT			3 Yrs	3/99	Council
Neil Wylie, <i>Vice Chair</i>	117 Madbury Rd	868-7345	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Alex Auty, <i>Secretary</i>	32 Colony Cove Rd	868-6468	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Homer Chalifoux	8 Bayview Rd	868-2769	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Walter Cheney	575 Bay Rd	868-3550	3 Yrs	3/99	Council
Peter Smith	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
William Cote, <i>Alt.</i>	21 Littlehale Rd	868-7599	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
David Pease, <i>Alt.</i>	11 Willey Creek Rd	868-3835	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Vi B. McNeill, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	44 Colony Cove Rd	868-5859	1 Yr	3/99	Council
David Langley, <i>Alt Cncl Rep</i>	50 Langley Rd	868-5650	1 Yr	3/99	Council

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS (COUNCIL REPS.)

George A. Rief	23 Edgely Garrison Rd	868-2551	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Edward Valena	Durham Point Rd	868-2174	1 Yr	3/99	Council
James Walsh	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	1 Yr	3/99	Council

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
William Drapeau, <i>Chair</i>	4 Sullivan Falls Rd	659-7992	3 Yrs	3/99	Council
William H. Annis	47 Oyster River Rd	868-2426	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Karyn Krause-Elmslie	70 Mill Rd	868-6827	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Nancy Sandberg	15 Langley Rd	868-5211	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Hans Heilbronner	51 Mill Pond Rd	868-2440	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Jane Towle, <i>Alt.</i>	22 Shearwater Rd	868-3713	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Rebecca Worcester, <i>Alt.</i>	21 Davis Ave	868-2204	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	3/99	Council

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

CABLE TELEVISION RENEWAL CONTRACT COMMITTEE

Citizen Reps

Robert F. McCarthy, Chair	3 Tall Pines Rd	659-2341	6 mos.	2/28/99	Council
Nancy Bergeron	1 Pinecrest Ln	868-5003	6 mos.	2/28/99	Council
Stephen Burns	20 Newmarket Rd	868-7152	6 mos.	2/28/99	Council
Ed Durnall	26 Mathes Cove Rd	868-5010	6 mos.	2/28/99	Council

ORCSD Rep

Paul Gasowski	46 Lamprey Ln, Lee	659-5273	6 mos.	2/28/99	Council
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Computer Steering Comm. Rep.

Donna Langley	50 Langley Rd	868-8065	6 mos.	2/28/99	Council
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Town Council Rep.

James Walsh	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	6 mos.	2/28/99	Council
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CCE-STEP COALITION

David Langley	50 Langley Rd	868-5650	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Vi B. McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd	868-5859	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Malcolm Sandberg	15 Langley Rd	868-5211	1 Yr	3/99	Council
James Walsh	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	1 Yr	3/99	Council

CHAIN COMMITTEE

Edward Valena	Durham Point Rd	868-2174	1 Yr	3/99	Council
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COMMUNICATIONS CENTER POLICY COMMITTEE

VACANT, <i>Business Mgr.</i>		868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
David Kurz, <i>Police Chief</i>		868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Ronald O'Keefe, <i>Fire Chief</i>		868-5531	N/A	N/A	Council
Roger Beaudoin, <i>UNH Police Chief</i>		862-1427	N/A	N/A	UNH
Gregg Sanborn, <i>UNH Exec. Asst. to the President</i>		862-2450	N/A	N/A	UNH
Susanne Bennett, <i>UNH Maintenance Director</i>		862-3937	N/A	N/A	UNH

DURHAM BUSINESS PARK COMMITTEE

Pete Chinburg	32 Woodridge Rd	868-2381	1 Yr	3/99	Council
David Langley	50 Langley Rd	868-5650	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Vi B. McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd	868-5859	1 Yr	3/99	Council
James Walsh, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	1 Yr	3/99	Council
W. Arthur Grant, <i>Citz. Rep.</i>	Box 598, Mast Rd	868-5356	1 Yr	3/99	Council

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE					
Alex Auty	32 Colony Cove Rd.....	Unlisted	N/A	N/A	Council
Homer Chalifoux.....	8 Bay View Rd.	868-2769	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
David Garvey.....	P.O. Box 935	659-3519	N/A	N/A	Council
Don Gray	80 Longmarsh Rd.....	868-2731	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
Kenneth Young	48 Main St.	868-2688	N/A	N/A	Council
Scott Hovey, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	41 Canney Rd	868-1551	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Mal Sandberg, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	15 Langley Rd.....	868-5211	1 Yr	3/99	Council
James Walsh, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	1 Yr	3/99	Council
LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Richard Dewing, <i>Chair</i>	3 Willey Rd	868-7523	3 Yrs	2/01	State
Gary Lauten.....	15 Cutts Rd	868-7133	3 Yrs	8/01	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.....	659-2721	3 Yrs	2/01	State
Judith Spang	55 Wiswall Rd	659-5936	3 Yrs	2/01	State
VACANT			3 Yrs	2/01	State
MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE					
Mark Henderson, (Madbury 03820)	171 Madbury Rd.....	749-3791	N/A		Council
Dorene Higgins.....	10 Laurel Ln	868-7121	N/A		Council
William Schoonmaker	P.O. Box 863	868-1848	N/A		Council
Alma Tirrell	14 Mill Rd	868-2700	N/A		Council
Dorothy True	21 Park Ct	868-2665	N/A		Council
Roberta Woodburn	6 Cormorant Cir	868-3618	N/A		Council
Edward Valena, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	Durham Point Rd	868-2174	1 Yr.....	3/99	Council
PDA NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE					
Malcolm McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd.....	868-5859	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Diana Carroll.....	54 Canney Rd	868-2935	N/A	N/A	Council
Joan Drapeau.....	4 Sullivan Falls	659-7992	N/A	N/A	Council
Kate Glanz	25 Orchard Dr	868-5398	N/A	N/A	Council
Anne Loomis	367 Durham Pt Rd	868-7584	N/A	N/A	Council
Catharina B. de Jong	24 Garden Ln	868-5616	N/A	N/A	Council
Joyce Sheffield	18 Littlehale Rd.....	868-1882	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION					
Paul Berton, <i>DLA Rep.</i> (Portsmouth 03801)	482 Broad St	431-0068	N//A	N/A.....	DLA
Eric Chinburg, <i>DLA Rep</i>	6 Newmarket Rd.....	868-5995	N/A	N/A.....	DLA
VACANT, Prop. <i>Owner</i>					
Jay Gooze, Prop. <i>Owner</i>	9 Meadow Rd	868-2497	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT, <i>Tenant Rep.</i>					
Heidi Kendall, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Alexander, Rm 119,	868-1234	N/A	N/A	UNH
Leila Moore, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Student Affairs Ofc.....	862-2053	N/A	N/A	UNH
Barbara Paiton, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Dir. of Housing, UNH	862-2120	N/A	N/A	UNH
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Cncl Rep.</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.....	868-5435	1 Yr	3/99	Council

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTHORIZED
STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MPO POLICY)					
VACANT, Citz Rep			4 Yrs	3/99	Council
George Rief, Cncl Rep	23 Edgly Garrison Rd	868-1759	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Neil Wylie, Pln Brd Rep	117 Madbury Rd.....	868-7345	1 Yr	3/99	Plan Brd
SMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Duane Hyde, Director					
Planning and Community Development.....	15 Newmarket Rd.....	868-5578	1 Yr	08/99	Council
WATER, WASTEWATER & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE					
Pete Chinburg, <i>Chair</i>	32 Woodridge Rd	868-2381	1 Yr	3/99	Council
Bruce Bragdon	7 Colony Cove Rd.....	868-5435	1 Yr	3/99	Council
George Rief	23 Edgly Garrison Rd	868-2551	1 Yr	3/99	Council
W. Arthur Grant, <i>Citz Rep</i>	261 Mast Rd	868-5356	1 Yr	3/99	Council

Durham's Main Street looking up Church Hill, c. 1895. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM.



TRIBUTE

Richard H. O'Kane

Rear Admiral, United States Navy
1911-1994



On March 28, 1998 the Aegis destroyer, built at Bath Iron Works, Maine, was launched and christened the "O'Kane" in honor of Rear Admiral Richard H. O'Kane. Admiral O'Kane was a Durham native who served his country with great distinction during World War II as one of its outstanding and most highly decorated submarine captains. He was one of only seven submariners during the war to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in combat above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to receiving this highest of military honors, Richard O'Kane received the Legion of Merit, three Silver Stars and three Navy Crosses.

His wife Ernestine writes about the months she lived in Durham just after she received word that TANG had gone down in the Formosa Strait.

It was in early December 1944 that the word went out that the submarine U.S.S. TANG was lost with all hands. My husband, Lt. Commander Richard O'Kane, was the skipper of that boat. This was to be Dick's last war patrol. It was his tenth.

I had been especially worried, not because Dick would take any unnecessary chances, but because it had been longer than in the past that I had seen his strong penmanship on an envelope in my mail box. Whenever TANG came into any one of our ports, Dick always wrote just about daily to me. I knew that all those families with a man on TANG were as gravely affected as myself. When school closed I got the required gas coupons and drove our two young children to Durham where Dick and I grew up. Once on Woodman Road, our lives picked up. The families on that street were so thoughtful and helpful, giving us meat coupons and all possible cheer. Our daughter Marsha and Dudley Webster and Lida Capelle became a threesome and our son Jimmy never was without someone to play with, whether good or mischievous. Dick's family were doing as well as could be expected and Dick's mother came to read to our children when they had the measles. So the days passed and the nights didn't last as long hours of gloom as much as previously.

Mid-August arrived and our President dropped the atomic bomb and our country must have had thousands of families who held their breath to learn whether or not their loved one would be found. I was one of the lucky ones. Dick was in a Japanese POW camp.

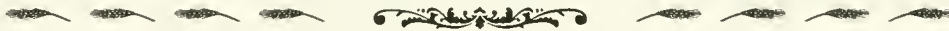
Durham seemed to smile with me as I waited to hear how he was. The joy and release of feelings was a burst of light for Dick's family and for me. We learned that his condition was so grim that he would not have lasted another 10 days. Dick phoned when he reached the Hawaiian hospital and we felt truly lucky and so thankful. It was a month before he was recovered from hepatitis and beri beri to return to the States.

So it was a most special day, October first, when I waited at the Durham railroad station. Slowly a thin but erect Richard O'Kane stepped down onto that platform to be greeted by myself, our children, and his family. It was Durham which had truly helped me the most to carry on near normal for those grim eight months.

Admiral O'Kane is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. A plaque describing in more detail Admiral O'Kane's distinguished military career is displayed in the Town Hall lobby. A memorial honoring him is also located by the Oyster River where he once sailed - a lilac tree planted by Mr. Schiot's fifth grade class. Ernestine O'Kane still keeps in contact with the families of those who "are still on patrol."

Administrative Summary

NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
1998 ORDINANCES			
98-01	An ordinance amending Article 4, Section 4-1 and 4-6 of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance and creating a new article, Article 13, in the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Passed	02/02/98
98-02	An ordinance restricting daytime parking to residents only in the Woodman Road neighborhood	Passed	02/16/98
98-03 (A)	An ordinance adopting a form for presentation of the code of ordinances of the Town of Durham, County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire	Passed	03/16/98
98-04	An ordinance establishing no parking on a certain section of Woodman Road	Passed	04/06/98
98-05	An ordinance establishing the speed limit for Main Street between College Road to Gable Residence Hall Access Road as 25 MPH	Passed	04/06/98
98-06	An ordinance establishing no parking on a certain section of School House Lane	Defeated	08/17/98
98-07	An ordinance prohibiting parking on a certain section of Garrison Avenue	Tabled	08/17/98
98-08	A citizen initiated Zoning Ordinance amendment to Article IV, page 4-13 of the Durham Zoning Ordinance	Not passed	08/17/98
98-09	An ordinance establishing the speed limit for Emerson Road as 25 MPH	Passed	12/07/98
98-10	An ordinance establishing the speed limit for Dame Road as 25 MPH	Passed	12/07/98



NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
1998 RESOLUTIONS			
98-01	A resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to submit a 1998 Coastal Program Assistance Grant application with a Town cash match in an amount not to exceed \$15,975.00	Passed	01/12/98
98-02 (A)	A resolution establishing compensation for department heads for Fiscal Year 1998	Passed	01/12/98
98-03 (A)	A resolution establishing compensation of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 1998	Passed	01/12/98
98-04	A resolution amending the minimum application fee schedule for the Town of Durham	Passed	01/12/98
98-05	A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from a Crime Prevention Grant awarded by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance	Passed	01/26/98
98-06	A resolution authorizing the increase of the 1998 Capital Fund Budget appropriations by four hundred nine thousand dollars (\$409,000) to purchase an aerial ladder truck to be funded with a long-term lease/purchase	Passed	02/16/98


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NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
1998 RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)			
98-07	A resolution authorizing the issuance of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in Tax Anticipation Notes	Passed	03/16/98
98-08	A resolution authorizing filing of an application for State Revolving Loan Fund in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter ENV-C 500	Passed	03/16/98
98-09	A resolution authorizing signing of a grant application for a WEB page enhancement and economic community profile brochure project and appropriating those funds if the grant is awarded	Passed	05/18/98
98-10	A resolution recognizing the Durham Ambulance Corps for thirty (30) years of providing emergency medical services and transportation to the citizens of the Town of Durham	Passed	06/15/98
98-11	A resolution recognizing the many achievements of the young men and women of the Oyster River Cooperative School District for the 1997/98 school year	Passed	07/06/98
98-12 (A)	A resolution accepting a \$5,000 tree releaf grant from Oakhurst Dairy of Portland, Maine for clean-up and restoration of trees at Durham wooded areas	Passed	07/06/98
98-13	A resolution appropriating \$23,829.00 from the General Fund fund balance to be transferred to the capital fund for the Town Hall ADA renovations project	Defeated	07/20/98
98-14	A resolution accepting \$18,000.00 in grant funding from the National Park Service for improvements to the stone walls at the Wiswall Historic Park	Passed	07/20/98
98-15	A resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to apply for a grant for the restoration of shade and ornamental trees in public areas which were damaged in the January 1998 ice storm	Passed	09/14/98
98-16	A resolution consenting to the appointment of Ronald O'Keefe as Fire Chief for the Town of Durham at an annual salary of \$52,685.00	Passed	10/19/98
98-17	A resolution appropriating \$18,109.80 from the Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund for the fire alarm replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.	Passed	11/02/98
98-18	A resolution requesting that NHDOT postpone further planning or implementation of the foregoing state betterment projects or any additional projects on the foregoing section of US Route 4 until the foregoing safety study is completed	Not Passed	11/16/98
98-19	A resolution extending the terms of offices for the members on the various town boards, commissions and committees	Passed	12/21/98
98-20	A resolution adopting the 1999-2004 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	Passed	12/21/98
98-21(A)	Town Council approval of the 1999 Capital Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/98
98-22(A)	Town Council approval of the 1999 General Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/98
98-23	Town Council approval of the 1999 Sewer Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/98
98-24	Town Council approval of the 1999 Water Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/98
98-25	Town Council approval of the 1999 Vehicle Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/98
98-26	Town Council approval of the 1999 Parking Fund Budget	Passed	12/21/98

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BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBMITTED BY ..LAURENCE SHAFFER, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

lara Varney, Business Manager for the Town of Durham, resigned in 1998 to take a position as Finance Director for the City of Waterville, Maine. All of Clara's friends at Town Hall wish her the best of luck.

Presently, the Town is in the process of recruiting a successor to Clara as Business Manager. A recruitment and selection team has been formed to assist the Town in the selection process. The team consists of Bruce Bragdon, Town Council Chair; David Clukay, Vachon and Clukay, the Town's Auditor; Dick Lilly, Town Treasurer; Jane Marmontello, Manager of the local Granite Bank and Pam Arnold, Vice President of Public Finance for the Bank of New Hampshire. The Town has received thirty-four (34) applications for the position. The Town anticipates that the start date for the new Business Manager will be March 15, 1999. The Business Manager is responsible for the development and oversight of the budget, the Capital Improvement Plan, the financial accounting and control, data processing, purchasing, personnel, risk management, welfare and property assessment.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received low interest

rate on sale of Tax Anticipation Note.


- Closed out old escrow accounts.
- Received grant to double money available for new design of Web page.
- Corrected items listed in Audit management points.
- Decentralized most of payroll data input.

1999 GOALS

- ☞ Finish decentralizing payroll data input.
- ☞ Decentralize Accounts Payable data input.
- ☞ Distribute new computers stations to all employees in Town Hall.
- ☞ Utilize new Accounts Receivable Program.
- ☞ Provide efficient, friendly service to people in the Durham community. 🍀

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

SUBMITTED BYBRUCE R. BRAGDON, CHAIRMAN

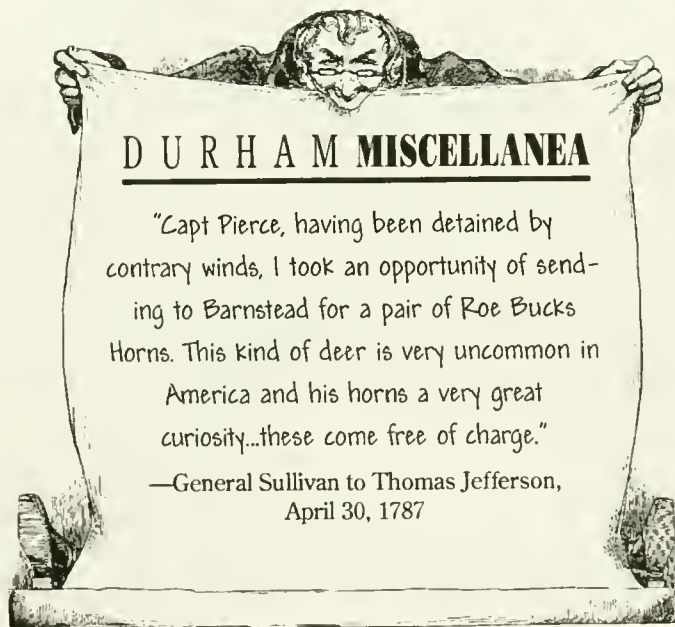
wenty-five years ago the citizens of the Town of Durham stood up to Aristotle Onassis and voted not to allow the placement of an oil refinery on Durham Point Road. That resolve serves as an example of how the Town can determine and control its future. If the character and quality of Durham are to be preserved, the citizens must articulate their vision of the community. This vision is memorialized in the Town Master Plan which gives direction to future changes of the town. The Master Plan is being updated now. Please get involved.

Townspeople must be vigilant and involved to make sure that Durham continues to be, as stated in part in the 1995 Community Development Plan, "a spe-

cial community... a "University Town" [with] a long and proud history and tradition that extends beyond. Durham was settled three hundred and fifty years ago and was a vibrant and thriving community focused on activities and life along its waterways. Durham has long been a special place concerned with the quality of life of its citizens..." In keeping with that the Town Council is trying to make the Informational Town Meeting more interactive. We will present for the town people's reaction several issues such as recycling and pay per bag, possible repairs or changes to the Crommet's Creek bridge, the Bennett Road bridge and the Wiswall bridge, changing the Rt. 108/Durham Point Road intersection to a "T" from its current design. The Council recognizes that these are not new ideas, but they seem to keep coming up and we want your reaction so we and staff can respond appropriately. Do not hesitate to call us with other topics for discussion.

Continuing with the sense of community and quality of life the Main Street Program and Durham Business Association have worked hard to keep a central focus on the downtown. The "Light Up Durham" winter celebration and the Main Street summer music program are two fine examples of such effort.

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COUNCIL CHAIRMAN (CONTINUED)

We have a new Fire Chief, Ron O'Keefe who was appointed to replace Bob Wood. Ron has a Bachelor of Science in Fire Service Administration from Empire State College and has been Assistant Chief since 1989. We know that Ron's energy and expertise will lead the Fire Department to new levels of achievement and performance.

The Town staff once again deserves our thanks for their efforts. Help during the ice storm of '98 was

appreciated by all. Larry Shaffer, acting as Emergency Management Director with great support from the Fire, Police and Public Works departments, opened the shelters and roads and checked the elderly who were without heat or electricity. The public came forward also with people like Chuck Cressy, owner of the Durham Marketplace, personally delivering boxes of food and drink to the workers and those in the shelter. The staff was busy throughout the rest of the year too. The culvert and bridge replacement on Mill Pond Road will hopefully help us through

the types of problems that last June brought. The police have been reaching out to the community with the Explorers, the D.A.R.E. program and with Chief Kurz's visits to the neighborhoods to see their needs. The Fire Department did a great job with the "Learn not to Burn" program.

John Hatch, who died this year, will be greatly missed. He was involved with his wife Maryanna in so many ways in this Town. From the fight against the oil refinery, the Durham Historic Museum, green space preservation, Wagon Hill Farm and to the map

and many paintings on display at the Town Hall to name a few. The wall map that we look at every time we enter the Town Hall will be an ongoing daily reminder of John's dedication to Durham.

Finally, thanks to the Town Council, Town staff, the Town Administrator, Larry Shaffer, all the Town volunteers for the help and diligence without which the Town of Durham could not be such a "special community" and to my wife, Irene and daughter, Tara for their great tolerance during this period. 🍷

The Durham Town Council. Standing (l-r): Scott Hovey, David Langley, Pete Chinburg, Malcolm Sandberg, Edward Valena. Seated (l-r): Vi B. McNeill, Bruce Bragdon (Chairman), George A. Rief (Chair Pro Tem), James Walsh.



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MINUTES OF THE 1998 INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998
OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Members Attending:

George Rief, Chair; Bruce Bragdon; Vi B. McNeill; David Langley; Edward Valena; D.L. (Pete) Chinburg; Malcolm Sandberg; Patricia Samuels; Walter Rous

Members Absent:

None

Also Attending:

Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator; Robert Wood, Fire Chief; Ron O'Keefe, Assistant Fire Chief; Skip Grady, Director of Public Works; Clara Varney, Business Manager; David Kurz, Police Chief; Duane Hyde, Director of Planning and Community Development

The Town Moderator Michael Everngam called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS BY TOWN MODERATOR

A. Members of the 1997 Town Council

Michael Everngam introduced the current Town Council members.

B. Newly elected members to the Town Council in 1998

Michael Everngam introduced the newly elected members of the Town Council. He announced that George Rief was re-elected and Jim Walsh and Scott Hovey were elected to the Council.

C. Election Results of Other Town Officials

and Charter Amendment Votes

The results of the election for the three open Town Council seats are as follows:

Dee Grant...665
Annmarie Harris...674
Scott Hovey...685
Vincent Morgan...554
George Rief...927
Jim Walsh...728

The results of the election for the seven openings for the Library Board of Trustees are as follows (all candidates were elected to the Board):

Three-year terms:

Dale Eichorn...1145
John Farrell...1164
Carol Lincoln...1193

Two year terms:

Joan Drapeau...1176
Ruth Schondelmeier...1173

One-year terms:

John Aber...1210
Bill Schoonmaker...1204

Michael Everngam received 1206 votes and was re-elected as moderator. Jay Flanders received 21 write-in votes for the Supervisor of the Checklist vacancy and has agreed to serve in that position.

Michael Everngam announced that the opening for Trustee of the Trust Funds was not filled. In answer to a question, he stated that ten votes are required for a person to be elected to the position. He also announced that all of the housekeeping amendments to the Town Charter as well as the article pertain-

ing to the Library Board of Trustees passed by at least a 9 to 1 margin.

II. REMARKS

A. Comments and presentations by Town Council Chairman George Rief

George Rief, Council Chair, presented certificates and Town awards to outgoing Councilors P. Samuels and W. Rous.

George Rief spoke on specific projects and issues the Council has been working on in the Town of Durham over the past year. He also spoke of issues to be addressed in the upcoming year. These items can be found in the Council Chairman's executive summary in the 1997 Town Report.

B. Comments by Town Administrator Laurence Shaffer

1. Presentation to Outgoing Council Chair

L. Shaffer presented an official Town of Durham Council Chair to the outgoing Chairman George Rief.

2. Presentation of Tenure Certificates to Town Employees

Ten-year service recognition certificates were awarded to Gail Jablonski, Department of Public Works; Joe Morganella, Police Department; Sheryl Hoisington, Fire Department; Jeff Furlong, Fire Department; and Richard Miller, Fire Department.

Twenty-year service recognition certificates were

awarded to Mike Lynch, Department of Public Works; Mike Golding, Police Department; and Dave Williams, Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Twenty-five-year service recognition certificates were awarded to Duane Walker, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Marjorie Rawson, Police Department.

3. Presentation of Performance Certificates to Town Employees

Tom Stano was honored as Firefighter of the Year and Hubert Matheny was honored as Fire Officer of the Year.

4. Report on Various Town Activities and Projects

L. Shaffer directed those in attendance to visit informational booths set up around the room to learn about projects of interest within each of the departments of the Town offices.

G. Rief introduced Senator Katie Wheeler and Representative Marjorie Smith.

III. COMMENTS BY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Brief reports were given by the Chairs of the Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Library Board of Trustees, and Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee. The con-

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MINUTES (CONTINUED)

tent of these remarks can be found within the 1997 Town Report.

Dave Funk, Chair of the Conservation Commission, presented the year's conservation award to Herb Jackson. Mr. Jackson thanked the Commission for the award and shared with the audience some of his memories of living in Durham.

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

Bill Hall, Smith Park Lane, stated that he does not share the cheery feeling about Town government that is present at the Town Meeting. He thought the meeting represented a mutual admiration society and that there was not enough participation by citizens at the meeting outside of those already serving on Boards and Committees. He also expressed dismay over the amount of money spent by the Town on legal expenses. He stated that all Town meetings need to be televised in order to bring more public involvement and scrutiny of the Town government.

Neil Wylie, Madbury Road, stated that there are three Boards in Town with land use interests, including the Town Council. He suggested that these three boards together hold a semi-annual land use workshop for the public to participate in.

Anmarie Harris, of Oyster River Road, stated that it is up to the citizens to monitor the activities of the Council and the Planning Board to make sure issues are kept above the table and out in the open. She expressed a desire to form a League of Women Voters and urged interested citizens to contact her.

Bob Levins, Newmarket Road, expressed his opposition to the semi-annual tax idea. He hoped the issue would go to the vote of the Town. He stated that he would like to manage his finances and taxes in a way that is most beneficial to himself, not the Town. He compared semi-annual taxing to loaning the Town money. He asked that if the Town needs more money it simply increase the tax rate so citizens can be aware of the spending situation. This is a more direct and open way of getting money from the citizens.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was discussed.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 8:55 p.m. ✂



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

SUBMITTED BY ..LAURENCE SHAFFER, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



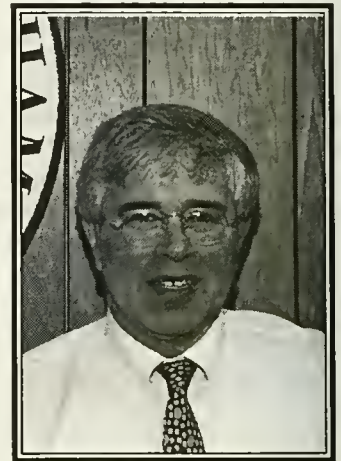
In 1998 the Town experienced a number of accomplishments, resolved some problems, welcomed new Town staff and prepared for future Town initiatives. I am pleased to submit my summary of the events of 1998.

College Brook Project

The completion of the College Brook Project resulted in the construction of a new bridge across College Brook on Mill Pond Road and the reconstruction of the walking bridge further north adjacent to Margery Milne's property. This project, funded in large part by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will prevent the flooding of properties that occurred along the course of College Brook as a result of heavy rain or snow melt. In December, citizens from the neighborhood attended the grand opening of the newly constructed College Brook bridge to express their pleasure with the project.

Wagon Hill Farm

Many people attended a forum in 1998 designed to solicit community input relative to the use of Wagon Hill Farm. The purpose of the forum was to gather information in preparation for a recommendation to the Town Council relative



Laurence Shaffer

to a use policy at Wagon Hill Farm. Should the Town continue to allow unfettered use of Wagon Hill Farm by dogs? Does the present use of Wagon Hill Farm limit the ability of others to enjoy Wagon Hill Farm? I plan to conduct another forum in 1999 to inform interested people of what my recommendation will be to the Town Council. A list of recommendations on policy changes will be submitted to the Town Council for their review and action.

UNH Swimming Pool

1998 was the best of times and the worst of times for the University Swimming Pool. First, the good news - attendance at the pool increased by 19%. Both adult and youth passes to the University Pool increased dramatically. A pool party was held for the second straight year and many adults and children were there to enjoy the food, games and music. The bad news is that the

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University received notice from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) that the pool was not in compliance with certain regulations. The cost to correct is considerable. I hope to be able to work with the University and DES in order to achieve a reasonable resolution that will allow for the community to continue to use the pool while a solution is developed.

The Ice Storm

The January 1998 ice storm wrecked havoc upon Durham—icy streets, power outages, lack of heat, fallen trees blocking roads and damaging property all caused many difficulties. The Durham Police, Fire Department and the Department of Public Works did an excellent job protecting the safety of the people of this community. I applaud them for their dedication and hard work. Many thanks also to the Federal Emergency Management Agency which provided funding for the pick up of the damaged tree limbs and brush caused by the ice storm.

UNH/Town Relationship

I continue to encourage collaboration with the University of New Hampshire in order to promote the best interests of the community. The University is a very significant community asset. We need to continue to work closely with the University in order to promote sound

economic development, efficiency and effectiveness in providing public services and planning for a better community. I appreciate all of the efforts of the University to make Durham a better place.

New Fire Chief

The Town of Durham has a new Fire Chief. Ronald O'Keefe, the Assistant Fire Chief, was appointed to replace the retired Bob Wood, effective October 20, 1998. Ron brings twenty years of experience in fire and emergency services, nine of which were as Assistant Fire Chief of Durham. Ron successfully completed a rigorous selection process at the end of which it was clear that he was the best person for the job.

Master Plan Update

The Master Plan update process is proceeding nicely under the guidance of Duane Hyde, the Director of Planning and Community Development. I am confident that the update process will recognize the importance that a sound economic development policy has for the stabilization of the tax rate. The single greatest challenge to the quality of life in Durham is tax affordability. We can no longer passively await for tax base enhancement — we must both define what constitutes suitable and appropriate development and then take steps to see that it occurs.

WEB Page

Donna Langley and the staff WEB Page Committee have been working hard to create

a new expanded presence for the Town on the World Wide Web. The Town successfully acquired a grant from the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) to construct a Town WEB page. The new WEB page will be up in 1999. It will include information from the Town departments, minutes of the Town government meetings and a host of important information about the Town.

Sprint Spectrum Settlement

The difficult Sprint Spectrum litigation is finally resolved. Clearly this suit

pointed out exactly why it is difficult for the public sector to be entrepreneurial. However, after much pain and cost, the Town has an agreement with Sprint that will allow for a shorter tower at the landfill. The financial terms, although not as favorable to the Town as the original agreement, allow for the Town to abate rent without out of pocket expenditures.

I continue to be impressed with the dedication, creativity and expertise of the Town staff. It is a privilege to work with such fine people. The Town staff and I look forward to serving you in 1999. 🍀

1932 at Durham's Main Street and Mill Road Intersection showing Grant's Cafe and the College Inn. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



Culture and Recreation

DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SUBMITTED BY.....THERESA L. WALKER, CHAIRMAN

The Durham 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 and regional affairs, and as a source of information for Town residents.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reviewed seventeen applications to the NH Wetlands Bureau by Durham property owners for projects such as dock construction, driveway culverts, and home building that impact wetlands or shoreland.
- Held a public hearing to discuss a proposal to lower the water level of Mill Pond during the 1998-1999 winter to kill vegetation growing in the center and along the edges of the Pond. Twelve residents attended the hearing and expressed no objections.
- With great thanks to Durham Public Works employee Paul Halpin, signs marking all river and stream crossings have begun to appear around Town. Mr. Halpin carved 64 signs which, when erected, should help to increase

awareness of water resources in our community.

- Prepared a written policy on Open Space Protection to help focus local and regional land protection efforts.
- Worked with regional and state organizations on a variety of projects involving identifying and mapping natural resources in Durham.
- With assistance from Mike Lynch, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, purchased and planted trees along the road leading to the future playground at Jackson's Landing. The trees are planted in the memory of Commission member Sharon Ossenbruggen who passed away this summer.
- Continued to work with abutters to Beard's Pond and Creek concerning long-term management of the resource.
- The Commission was pleased to honor Dr. Herbert W. Jackson with the fifth annual Conservation Award.

1999 GOALS

- ☞ Work with the Planning Board and staff and Master Plan committees in the process to revise the Master Plan.

- ☞ Sponsor a project with UNH senior students to develop public education materials on Mill Pond and the important role it plays in our community's ecosystem.
- ☞ Work with the Lamprey River Advisory Committee on implementation of the management plan, specifically a policy on water conservation.
- ☞ Prepare a long-term management strategy for Mill Pond.

The Commission extends heartfelt thanks to retiring Chair Dave Funk for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the Board.

Residents are encouraged to bring their concerns and comments to the Commission, either by letter or by joining us at our monthly meetings held in the Council chambers at the Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. *

DURHAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

SUBMITTED BY.....MARION JAMES, PRESIDENT AND RICHARD DEWING

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Board of Directors

Along with its regular business, the Board has concentrated on the old Town Hall and the Historic Museum. Specifically the members were concerned about changes in the windows, recommending restoration, not replacement. Generally, and more important, we have been interested in the future of the building and the museum. In relation to that, representatives of neighboring historical societies were invited to come to Board meetings to talk about their museum buildings, collections, and relationship with their towns. We also learned about their organizations, dues, ways of



The Association, with its roots going back to 1851, is the preserver of the Town's artifacts and guardian of the history which has marked Durham's growth from a riverside agricultural community into a more complex town, incorporating the University of New Hampshire. While the organization is a private institution, more than similar groups it is closely tied to the Town, the study of which is its goal. It not only preserves the Town's history, but it informs its citizens of the nature and identity of the present community. Durham is the sum of its past experiences.

earning money, programs, etc. Our guests included Duke Delp from Nottingham, Sylvia Getchell from Newmarket, Jerry Batchelder from Stratham, and Arthur Nelson from Kingston. We also, through phone conversations, received helpful information from Edward Chase, Harold Struss, and Dorothy Rising of Exeter, Amherst, and Walpole respectively. These people represented different parts of the state and towns of varying sizes and wealth. Their information has helped us evaluate our own situation.

General Meetings

We held four regular program meetings last year, arranged by our program Chairman, Professor Robert Dishman. The first program in January, given by Glenn Knoblock, was centered on the history of the controversial ministers in eighteenth-century Durham. In April Dale Valena, Curator of the University Museum, spoke on the history of that institution and the pleasure of moving into better quarters in the renovated UNH Library. At the same meeting Gene Allmendinger talked about one of Durham's WWII war heroes—Rear Admiral Richard O'Kane, for whom the Aegis destroyer built in Bath, Maine, had recently been named. A plaque describing O'Kane's achievements was presented to the Association. At the June picnic, Bob Dishman pointed out significant details about the two raids on Fort William and Mary at the outset of the American Revolution.

Without doubt, in October, the Association's most ambitious program was presented. It was devoted to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the oil refinery crisis in 1973-4, as some say - Durham's "finest hour". Bob Dishman did an outstanding job in pulling the complexities of that event together. Joe Michael, Moderator of the famous Town Meeting, again served as moderator of the program. The speakers included Jim Horrigan, who described the 1970's Arab oil embargo; Mal Chase who told of mysterious offers made for his land on Durham Point; and Phyllis Bennett, who revealed the Onassis plan in Publick Occurrences. Nancy Sandberg, founder and leader of Save our Shores, then told of organizing and energizing the opposition; and Karen Mower described the organization's Technical Advisory Committee whose well-researched reports seriously undermined the feasibility of the Onassis project. Alden Winn, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen at the time, spoke on the agonizing of the Selectmen over the issue, and Frank Shanda, then a Newmarket Selectman and representing the other side, told of his approval of the refinery. Owen Durgin and Geoff Savage, appointed to Governor Thompson's Commission to study environmental, economic, and institutional effects, described their experiences. And finally, Dudley Dudley, then a representa-

tive to the General Court, explained how the passage of her home rule bill blocked any possibility of the refinery in Durham. The program was videotaped for the Association archives by Ben Lilyestrom, a student at Oyster River High School, with the help of his video teacher, Paul Gasowski. The meeting revealed how the community was brought together twenty-five years ago as never before.

The Museum

Craig Brown for a good part of the year, served as Director but during the winter months, we have depended on members of the Museum Committee to keep the museum open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 PM The chief function of the

committee members—Marny Sumner, Alma Tirrell and Trudy Wells—is to keep the museum open and available. Their other important task is to continue cataloguing existing holdings and new gifts. This is a major, long-term undertaking. They also arrange displays, help visitors and give tours, for example tours that have been coordinated with Moharimet school needs.

The Newsletter

The Association Newsletter came out four times in 1998. Ably edited and written by Sally Ford, its articles are well researched and informative. Its major articles this last year centered on the old Town Hall, the refinery crisis, and the history of bridges between Durham and Portsmouth. It also featured such individuals as the Reverend Curtis Coe and Richard O'Kane.

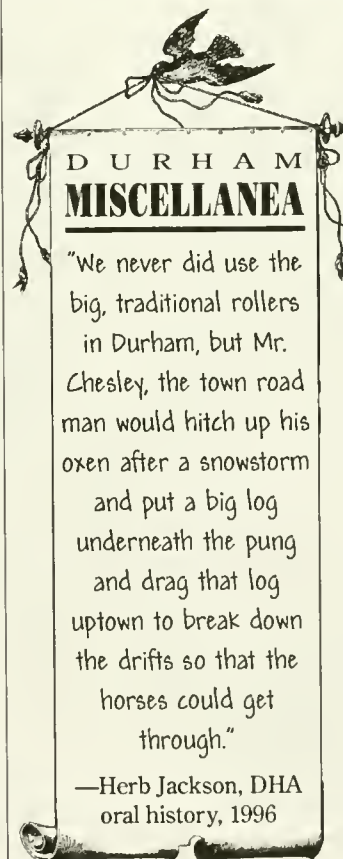
1999 GOALS

The Association will continue its past activities, but some new efforts should be noted.

The Museum

- (1) Try to establish new programs aiming at the involvement of townspeople in Durham's history.
- (2) Add to our documentary resources—both original sources and secondary materials.
- (3) Catalogue appropriate materials that exist in the UNH library's Special Collections and in other outside collections.
- (4) Obtain copies of docu-

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HISTORIC ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

ments of Durham people when possible. (5) Continue more actively with oral history projects.

Activities of the Association

(1) Participate more actively in Town affairs when they deal with historic buildings and areas (for example, participate in or keep informed on Master Plan studies). (2) Form a closer connection with the Durham Historic District Commission. (4) Consider new activities to engage Durham citizens in their history. (5) Establish a more visible image in Town.

Moneymaking Projects

The organization is in need of money for operating expenses. We will continue with the sale of Durham Commemorative afghans and the sale of Durham histories. We will also repeat our Antiques Roadshow, begun this past spring, an event when appraisers from the seacoast area donate their time and expertise to evaluate items brought in for examination ♥



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

SUBMITTED BYBILL SCHOONMAKER, CHAIRMAN

The Commission has enjoyed a year of diverse activity. Completion of work at the historic Frost-Sawyer Homestead/Three Chimneys Inn was followed by the initiation of work at the Community Church. For a brief moment, after the demolition work had been complete, the church stood simply and stoically at the top of the hill. As of this report, work on the new addition is

approximately 25% complete and it is clear that 20th century building techniques are beginning to meld with the original building. In addition to approving the amended application of the Community Church, the Commission issued two Certificates of Approval to Cheney East Corporation for re-construction and repair work at the Mellon House, two Certificates of Approval to James M. Munsey for modifications to his garage and summer porch, a Certificate of Approval to Franklin Heald

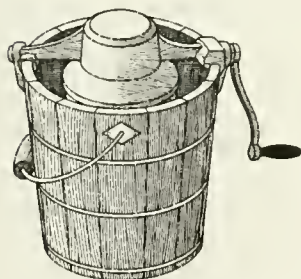
The Frost Homestead c. 1850 shown from the gate. Barns are behind. UNH Special Collection. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



for modifications to his summer porch, a Certificate of Approval to the Three Chimneys Inn to construct a storage shed and a Certificate of Approval to Kyreages, Inc. for re-construction of two entry porches.

The Commission previewed the State's plans for reconstruction of the Route 108/Main Street intersection and held an information exchange with the State Office of Historic Preservation on the work to be undertaken by the State. Following that meeting, the Commission along with members of the public, developed a modified version to the State's plan. This revised plan, presented to the State during a meeting in Concord, was generally well received by the State. The Department of Transportation's final plan reflects many of the requested modifications although the final disposition of lighting, signage and specific signalization devices remains unclear.

The Commission embarked on an ambitious rewrite of Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance and plans to hold a public forum on the reconfigured article early in 1999 before forwarding it to the Planning Board and the Council for review.



In conjunction with the Main Street Program, the Commission is assisting in the initiation of a historical marker/plaque program for at least the identified properties on the Historic Association's Walking Tour.

Finally, the Commission is investigating appropriate options for the repair and rehabilitation of windows at the former Town Hall/District Court Building. This work will most likely include the significant rebuilding of the three original windows, repair, weatherstripping and tuning-up of the other windows and the installation of new combination storm windows over all of the windows.

The Commission's previous Chair, James Walsh, had to step down from the Commission when he assumed his new seat on the Town Council. Despite this loss, the Commission has been favored with new members Michael Behrendt, Homer Chalifoux (Planning Board member) and Andrea Bodo.

In the coming year, the Commission would like to complete work on Article 6 to coincide with the new Master Plan, see the formal initiation of the marker/plaque program, carefully follow progress at the Community Church and continue outreach to the district's inhabitants and land owners as well as to all residents of Durham. Anyone interested in the effort to preserve the Town's historic culture and architecture is encouraged to participate in all of the Commission's activities. ❖

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

SUBMITTED BYDAVID PEASE, CHAIRMAN



Our first year was a very productive one for the Durham Main Street Program. Following the four-point approach prescribed by the national organization the Promotion, Business Development, Design and Organizational Committees were formed under the guidance of Kevin Coyle, Program Manager. Kathy LaPlante of the NH Main Street Program and a team of consultants led Durham citizens through a session to develop the workplan for the program to follow for the next three years.

In June, the Durham Business Association (DBA) voted to separate the Main Street Program from their organization. Kevin Coyle left the program in July and Elizabeth Fischer, a long time seacoast resident, was

hired by the Durham Business Association as Executive Director.

This fall a 17 member Board of Directors was assembled to guide the program with representation from the business community, University of New Hampshire, Town of Durham, religious community as well as citizens at large.

Events co-sponsored by the Main Street Program for 1998 included, Young Artist's Festival, UNH Welcome Back Days, Light up Durham, Holiday Dinner for Durham's Senior citizens, turkey, food and toy drive, DBA and Main Street Stakeholders gathering, MOH Clean-a thon 98 and Summer Concert Series.

The Durham Main Street Program is for everyone. To find out more information contact the Main Street office at 4 Ballard Street, Durham; 868-3322 or contact us at durhammainst@tcl.net.

Sketch designed and illustrated by Walter Rous.



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OYSTER RIVER YOUTH ASSOCIATION

SUBMITTED BYCATHY CARON, EX. DIRECTOR

In this past year, ORYA had set a goal to increase overall participation in activities. As a result, the overall numbers have increased six percent (6%) over last year. We attribute the increase to the many recreational alternatives offered to the children of the community. It should be noted that these

new initiatives span the spectrum from traditional sporting activities (such as our new lacrosse program), to more general activities, including dance, theater, karate, outdoor education and a middle school program, to name a few.

As we move into the 1999 season, ORYA will try to achieve three goals: (1) Continue to fine tune the

existing programs, (2) Add new programs to continue to involve as many children from the communities of Durham, Lee and Madbury as possible and (3) Focus on the field shortage situation and find solutions to this recurring dilemma.

The Oyster River Recreation Center at Jackson's Landing is up and running and ready activities. Activities include adult roller hockey leagues, adult pick up, children's leagues, children's pick up, women's leagues, clinics, teen dances

and a teen center. Stop by the facility for a quick tour.

At the heart of this organization is the tremendous amount of time and energy that our volunteers contribute. ORYA is a true "Community Spirit" organization and without the spirit, hard work and dedication of the volunteers, we would be just another program.

So..... here's to the hundreds of volunteers that make this organization what it is today—THE BEST!! Thank you all. ❁

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY.....RICHARD H. DEWING, CHAIRMAN

In 1998 this committee focused on events that would be enjoyed and supported by the community. With the town Recreation Advocate position having been recently discontinued, the Committee elected to promote events within its volunteer capabilities.

The first event of the year was the Father-Daughter Valentine Dance. Held at the Newmarket Rockingham Ballroom, this was a combined venture with the Newmarket Parks and Recreation Committee. John Churchill and his family coordinated the event for Durham. About one-third of the attendees came from Durham. The big hall was decorated in classic Valentine decor. Each lady

was presented with a rose and each had the chance to have her picture taken while sitting in the royal chair.

The Easter Egg Hunt, led by Tom Christie, was held on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Laurie Hochgraf and Kate Rice helped throughout all phases of this event. Twenty-three hundred colored eggs were hidden around the scenic Town Landing. Lynne Christie hopped around in a bunny costume, lending just the right atmosphere to the gathering. There were several eggs with prize numbers in them and one golden egg with a special prize. Captain Richards and crew were on hand with fire trucks that fascinated many of the kids. Jenn Pazdon lent her artistic flair in designing poster signs for egg recy-

cling which helped to recover over three-quarters of the eggs. Heather Manning, Mike Gault and Zander Unrein helped in hiding eggs, collecting donations and assisted in many ways to make the event fun for over three hundred children.

Traditionally, this committee helps Mike Lynch with planting flowers throughout the Town. The flowers are enjoyed by all and have become part of Durham's expected attire.

Late in the spring an intense search for useable soccer fields was started. Sections of the Business Park were mowed and loam was brought in to make areas useable for practice. However, the problem of wood ticks caused a halt in play at the Business Park.

In April the committee heard proposals prepared by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee for the Wiswall Pocket Park. The committee endorsed the

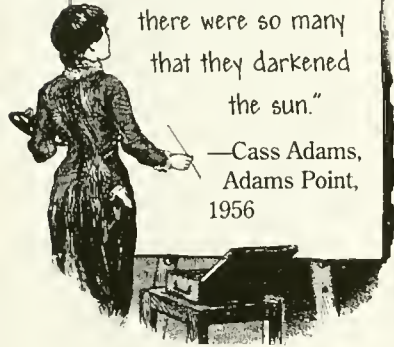
plan for restoration of the sluice-way walls with appropriate fencing, a canoe launch area and a scenic picnic table area. The site is on the National Historic Places Register and the National Park Service has made available nearly \$18,000 for the project.

1998 also saw great progress for the new Jackson's Landing Playground. The grass-roots committee, working with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Durham Public Works Department (DPW), identified a suitable location, presented their plans to the appropriate boards and conducted several fund-raising events. The DPW has nearly completed the basic site work. The top surface in the playground area will be child-friendly, shock absorbent mulch. The steeper slopes surrounding the park will have fencing installed and picnic tables will be strategi-

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"Our winters began to be milder and duck and geese stayed around all the seasons. Around 1910 to the first World War there were so many that they darkened the sun."

—Cass Adams,
Adams Point,
1956



cally placed where parents can both watch their children and enjoy the scenic Oyster River view. Mike and Cheryl Hoffman, Chrisanne Borner, Nicole Moore, Laurie Potter and Tracy Schroeder deserve much credit for their hard work and dedication. They have raised nearly \$21,000 with \$13,000 of that coming from local donations. Through the efforts of Melinda Haas of Bay Road, a grant from the William Penn Foundation was awarded in the amount of \$7,000. A sign will be placed in the playground area listing the donors. Heartfelt thanks go out to local businesses and all others who have supported this most worthwhile project.

More people are using the Doe Farm for hiking because of the improved trails. A new sign was installed just above the parking area off Bennet Road that helps folks under-

stand the trail locations. Craig Mills recently finished his Eagle Scout Project and the old homestead cellar hole is greatly improved because of Craig. Our hats go off again to Wayne Lord's Troop 154 of the Durham Boy Scouts.

The DPW crews readied the UNH pool for its traditional summer use. A complete wash-down was required along with painting and repairs. Some volunteer help was used but most of the work force came from the DPW. This recreational asset has been deemed by many to be essential. The pool has been in operation since 1938.

The Gala Tri-Town Fourth of July Celebration was lauded by many as the best ever. Donna Langley chaired the 4th of July Committee which also included Cynthia McClain of the Lee Parks and

Recreation Committee, Todd Allen, Greg Moore and Dick Dewing. Mike Lynch of the DPW ably handled the bidding and coordinated the contract for the fireworks. Feedback after the event indicated that the display was suitably spectacular, but a longer show would be appreciated. This is being studied as well as are ways to fund it.

Several aspects of the celebration were new or improved. Todd Allen arranged for a 5K road race. Thanks, Todd, for a job well done. Bill Lenharth's antique auto show was a crowd pleaser. Cheryl Hoffman worked out the details for the children's parade and her husband, Mike, dressed up as Uncle Sam, and led the kids around the stadium to music by John Phillip Sousa. The Playground Committee did well with a 50/50 raffle.

Volunteers Dick and Kathleen Gsottschneider, Bill Schoonmaker and Donna Hamel operated a hot dog and hamburger stand to help defray expenses. The Durham Great Bay Rotary coordinates the chicken barbecue. Bill Skinner's hard working crew combined with Chuck Cressy insuring the necessary supplies and Frank Reinhold's supervision at the barbecue pit produced a fantastic meal. The Rotary also made possible the presence of the Seacoast Wind Ensemble to provide outstanding music. A vendor court area provided additional goodies. Juke Box Gems provided the right music at every opportunity.

One critical facet of the July Fourth event is the cooperation and the support of UNH. We have enjoyed the gracious hospitality of UNH on the 4th for the past sever-

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Town Councillor, Vi B. McNeill poses for a picture with her Arabian Horse Baltic Druska and one of the Newmarket Militia at the Annual Memorial Day Parade.



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PARKS AND RECREATION (CONTINUED)

al years. President Leitzel has already sent a letter approving our use of Cowell Stadium for Saturday, July 3, 1999. That support is greatly appreciated and when combined with the continued enthusiastic hard work of the volunteers, the business community and the area citizens, we anticipate another memorable Independence Day celebration.

The Halloween Haunted Hayrides at Emery Farm have become a tradition. Capacity crowds gathered at Emery Farm for two weekends in October. Brad Emery is the main organizer and a recreation class at UNH assists in staging fun and spooky situations on



"In the early '20s, when they first had automobiles, Rt. 4 was a dirt road...and the Scammell Bridge wasn't built. If we heard a car coming...I knew it was either my grandfather... or Pete Simpson..."

—Rosamund Leland,
DHA oral history, 1996

the trails. This event is taking on a life of its own and it requires little input from this committee. This success story is a lesson in private enterprise.

During this year in which this committee of volunteers had to scale back events offered, we are very grateful for people like Mike Libby and Chris Johns. They salvaged the Summer Memorial Park Concert Series. Mike provided the bandstand for eleven Sunday evenings and both Mike and Chris moved chairs and insured that all went smoothly all summer. Thanks to the Durham Council, the Durham Business Association and, most especially to Mike and Chris.

Also richly deserving grateful recognition are the Durham Business Association and our town leaders for our December "Light Up Durham" observance. All our special events reflect the unique character of our small New Hampshire town.

The Durham Parks and Recreation Committee is appreciative for the support and encouragement from our Town departments and employees. We are most appreciative. We are also very thankful for the outstanding work Cathy Caron does with the Oyster River Youth Association. This organization provides the lion's share of organized recreation in our Town.

Finally, our heartfelt thanks go to the Durham business people, parents, participants and volunteers, all of whom are essential ingredients for success. ☐

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBMITTED BYLIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



his has been the first full year of operation of the new Durham Public Library. It has been an eventful year - one of progress and service.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishments in 1998 can be divided into two categories—library services, and management and fundraising. For library services, 1998 saw:

- Increased hours of operation (27 hours/week instead of 16, open 4 days instead of just 2).
- Addition to library staffing (34 hours/week).
- Initiation of children's story hours, summer

reading program and class visits.

- Initiation of adult programming including a New Hampshire Humanities Council Discussion Series and exhibits by local artists.
- Initiation of interlibrary loan.
- Continuation of Outreach program to Bagdad Woods.
- Constantly increasing number of cardholders and circulation (see annual statistics in adjacent table, total monthly circulation in 1998 is about 20% ahead of the same month in 1997).
- Addition of 2 new computer stations.
- Addition of 1079 books to the collection.

The Library was conceived as a public-private

Library Statistics (through December 1998)

Materials circulated.....	17,178
New patron registrations	891
Total number of library patrons.....	2,046
Materials added to collection	1,143
Number of materials in collection	31,201
Interlibrary loans transacted	126
Number of children attending library programs including class visits, story programs, summer reading club	936
Number of adults attending library programs including book discussions, outreach services	211
Hours open/week	27
Volunteer hours worked	960
Staff	3 part-time (plus volunteers)

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partnership in which volunteer effort and private giving would make a substantial contribution. In our first full year,

- over \$15,000 in contributions was raised from private sources.
- Corporate support was received from Cabletron, Durham/Great Bay Rotary Club, Sidore Foundation, Elmain Corp, Media One, and Yankee Magazine.
- The Friends of the Library group contributed several thousand dollars for important technology and program needs.
- A direct appeal by mail to Durham residents resulted in 80+ contributions and nearly \$4,000 for operating expenses.

- More than 30 trained volunteers contributed over 90 hours of volunteer service per month.
- Additional programs and special events were organized by the Friends group.
- Many thousands of books were donated by residents and patrons for inclusion in the Library collection or sale in the Friends Book Sale.

1999 GOALS

Our goals also fall into two categories—Improving services and beginning the search for a permanent home for the Library. In terms of services:

- ☞ We hope to increase technical services activities to speed the processing of new books

and the tremendous number of donated volumes.

- ☞ The search for a permanent location for the Library is driven by the large fraction of our operating budget which goes to rent at the current location (\$28,000/yr) and the need for additional space for programming, stacks and community functions.
- ☞ In 1999, the Board will be examining available options to permanent locations for the Library, and testing the potential for fundraising for a new, permanent Library.

The Library Staff and the Board of Trustees would especially like to thank the Friends of the Durham Public Library, and their offi-

cers (Laurie Hochgraf, President; Linnea Hirst, Treasurer; and Sally Hochgraf, Secretary) for their extraordinary efforts as volunteers in the Library, and as supporters of Library activities and programs. ❁

The Library Board of Trustees:

John Aber (*Chair*), Joan Drapeau, Dale Eichorn (*Treasurer*), Jack Farrell (*Secretary*), Carol Lincoln, Ruth Schondelmeier (*Vice-Chair*), Bill Schoonmaker

The Library Staff:

Terry Farish (*Library Director*), Ann Metcalf (*Assistant Librarian*) and Peggy Thrasher (*Children's Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator*).



Durham Public Library first anniversary party. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in September 1998.



THE SWAN REPORT

SUBMITTED BYMARGERY MILNE, KEEPER

During the mild days of February swans can be seen when you look skyward. This year the season started in a strange and sad way. An alert call came that an injured swan was at the dam. On checking, I discovered a male bird minus an identification band. That told me it was not a Durham swan but a wayward one, or a young bird (cygnet) from the previous year. The following week the parent birds were seen in the estuary. Shortly afterward, February 26th, they were home on the Mill Pond. Soon the swans became busy building a nest on an island in the center of the pond. For more than forty days the mother bird sat on the nest. The father helped but got grumpy and chased away any visitors.

On March 17th a child pointed out that the father bird was without its wedding band (identification tag). Did he lose it, or was he trying to escape his mate?! This could be that he was getting impatient for the baby birds or overprotective. At any rate no one could approach that male swan as he came to be King of the Mean.

In April the rains were plentiful. It was then that I slipped on the wet grassy slope into the wings of the male swan and scared him.

He reacted by hitting me several times on the leg with his huge wings. A severe swelling the size of a baseball developed, became black and blue and I had bad back pains. The next day I refused to go down near those swans, yet as I limped by that male swan, he flew right to me. I forgave him even though it took six weeks for the swelling to disappear.

There were no cygnets this wet season as the eggs or babies could have been washed out of the nest or the wild creatures who live nearby, such as mink, otter, weasels could have attacked. Fifty percent of water fowl lose out in this way of survival.

For companions, the swan pair had only the mal-

lard ducks in great numbers (25 to 50). Whenever the swans went so did the ducks to gather food. In late June a new visitor arrived along with four Canadian geese. The new visitor especially attracted my attention. It was a small white feathering egret. It came out of the pond, stayed quietly near the swans looking smaller than ever near those big birds. This bird seemed different from the usual white egrets. Strangely, the swans ignored it. It was a very polite visitor and could have been a rare moment that he visited the Mill Pond as the little bird was reported seen in Newmarket also, as a visitor from Europe, here only briefly. So watchers at the pond can observe surprises. On never knows what to expect.

One October afternoon while I was watching around at the pond, the

male swan came at my hand grabbing the bagel. He took the food to the pond and soaked it in water to make it easy for him to eat. The he returned to me for more food. I thought if he were a monkey his behavior would be reported for science in the Journal of Behavior. Come to think of it, however, we and the swan work and live in a university town where we all show remarkable behavior through the year!

For the swans, the year of 1998 seemed to be everlasting because the mild weather was remarkable. The swans stayed on at the Mill Pond enjoying areas of open water until the Christmas holiday to celebrate along with Durham townfolk. ❁

A 1966 Photo of the original Durham Swans: Hamilton and Alice. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



General Government

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BYRAY BELLES, CHAIRMAN
DUANE HYDE, DIRECTOR



Looking back at the Planning sections of the past Durham Annual Reports there is a consistent theme: the need to update the Town's 1989 Master Plan. A Master Plan is a policy document that expresses the vision and direction for the community through sound analysis and recommendations. The Master Plan forms the foundation upon which the Town formulates capital improvements, ordinances, regulations, policies, and programs. It also provides a direction for private individuals and corporations as to the needs and desires of the community.

In 1998, the Durham Planning Board realized that in order to address the many issues facing the Town (residential growth, a high tax burden, outdated ordinances, conservation of natural resources, etc.) the Town would have to first undertake an update of the 1989 Master Plan in order to provide the direction from the community as to how to address these issues. The Town applied for and was awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Coastal Program that is funding half of the cost of the Master Plan Update. The update of the Master Plan began in July of 1998

and a draft will be completed by July of 1999.

Work Done to Date

In order for a Master Plan to be accepted by the community and implemented by the Town, the vision, issues, and recommendations must come from a broad spectrum of the community. To that end, the process outlined for this Master Plan Update has been designed to be grassroots based and involve the citizens of the Town as much as possible. A series of kick-off workshops held in July and August of 1998 were attended by over 100 residents. The primary objective of these workshops was to identify what the residents of Durham perceived as the most important issues facing Durham into the future. Simultaneously, the Planning Board appointed a 14 member Master Plan Steering Committee to oversee the Master Plan Update. Because not everyone can attend a workshop, a telephone survey of 300 Durham residents was also conducted to assist in better understanding the attitudes and perceptions of the community.

Next, the Master Plan Steering Committee compiled the information gathered from the workshops

and previous plans and studies. The Steering Committee established issue based subcommittees for the Master Plan Update each of which will formulate a chapter of the Master Plan. The subcommittees formed are as follows:

- Land Development Regulations
- UNH Coordination
- Demographics, Housing, and Growth Management
- Downtown and Commercial Core
- Transportation
- Public Utilities and Services
- Sense of Community and Town Facilities
- Recreation
- Tax Base Development and Management
- Environmental and Cultural Resources

Next a volunteer drive was initiated for members from the community to serve on these subcommittees. Seventy-five residents, in addition to numerous members of the UNH community and business community volunteered to serve on these subcommittees and their work is now underway. Based upon the input from the community, a series of "guiding principles" was adopted by the Master Plan Steering Committee to establish the direction for the Master Plan Update, reflect the community's values, and provide a base from which

all goals, recommendations, and action strategies from the subcommittees will be measured. An abridged version of the guiding principles is as follows:

Town Character—Preserve Durham's small town character and ambiance while retaining the rural New England characteristics of the rural portions of Durham.

Sense of Community—Enhance Durham's sense of community through improved communication, involvement, and a Town center for social interaction of the townspeople.

Downtown and Commercial Core—Retain, invigorate, and improve the appearance of the Downtown and commercial cores of Durham.

Tax Base—Expand and diversify Durham's tax base to stabilize the residential tax burden and retain the character of the community.

Growth—Manage and guide the Town's residential growth so that it is at a rate which the Town and school system can sustain, it is in locations for efficient service, it is diverse in type and cost, and it is designed with principles of open space and human interaction.

UNH Cooperation—Work cooperatively with the University of New Hampshire in a noncompetitive manner and recognize and support the importance of the University to the success of the Town.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

Recreation- Improve and expand youth and adult recreational opportunities in the Town.

Resource Conservation- Conserve Durham's open space, natural, and cultural resources for the benefit of existing and future residents.

Transportation- Establish and continually update an interconnected system of roads, sidewalks, trails, bus service, rail connections, and other forms of transportation that is in scale and in character with the community.

Parking- Improve parking throughout the Town and abutting University areas so that it is sufficient, aesthetically designed, and has minimal impact on adjoining areas.

Utilities & Services- Provide public utilities and services that effectively and efficiently support the Town now and into the future.

Efficiency in Services- Seek operating efficiencies for all services, including consolidation and cooperation with the University.

Regulations & Ordinances- Establish regulations and ordinances that implement the vision set forth in the Master Plan and that are fair, flexible, and enforceable.

Elevate the Master Plan- Make the Durham Master Plan the policy document for the Town so that its recommendations are implemented irrespective of personnel changes in the Town administration or Town government.

1999 GOALS

The subcommittees have started defining the issues, reviewing past plans and

studies, preparing additional studies, formulating goals, and making recommendations. The 1999 goals for the Master Plan Update include:

- ☞ Conduct a public forum in early March at which the residents of Durham can review the work done to date by the subcommittees and provide comments and suggestions.
- ☞ Complete a first draft of the Master Plan by late June for the residents of Durham to review and comment on via a series of workshops or open houses.
- ☞ Submit to the Planning Board a final draft of the Master Plan by the end of July.
- ☞ Seek adoption of the Master Plan by the Planning Board and acceptance by the Town Council before the end of 1999.

The Master Plan Steering Committee is committed to developing a Master Plan Update for Durham that establishes a unified vision that reflects the community's desires and which makes recommendations that will be implemented. This can only happen if you make an effort to attend at least some of the Master Plan Steering Committee meetings, subcommittee meetings, and workshops. The dates for the meetings are posted at the Town Hall and you will be notified via the mail of the community workshops.

If you have questions or comments please contact Duane Hyde, Director of Planning and Community Development at 868-8064 or via e-mail at plan-zone@ci.durham.nh.us. By the spring of 1999 you will also be able to find information about the Master Plan Update on the Town's website at www.ci.durham.nh.us.

The Hamilton Smith Red Tower on Main Street. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



PLANNING BOARD

SUBMITTED BY EDWARD McNITT, CHAIRMAN



As we approach the 21st Century, Durham is facing change at an ever increasing rate. Already, interest in development is at the highest levels since the mid-1980s. Unrestricted residential development will increase taxes. Non-residential development may be beneficial from an economic viewpoint but might change Durham's character.

It has been an active year. Three major items were carried over from 1997 and continued to move ahead during 1998.

In February, the Town enacted the new Telecommunications section to the Zoning Ordinance. This new section, which was written with the help of an outside consultant and advice from many interested citizens, is applicable to all entities seeking to build wireless personal communications facilities in Durham. However, the original application to the Town by Sprint Spectrum was made before this ordinance was passed. Consequently, it does not apply to Sprint's use of the site on the former Town Landfill.

Most of us will remember that in 1997, the Town rescinded a contract calling for construction of a 190

foot lattice tower off Durham Point Road by Sprint Spectrum. The company then sued the Town and the Planning Board in Federal Court. The Court found in favor of Sprint. Since then, the Town has been negotiating with Sprint to find a solution which meets the company's coverage needs with much less visual pollution than the original tower.

Of high interest to many residents approaching retirement, the Sprucewoods retirement community on Mill Road remains on track. We look forward to completion when it will provide both quality retirement living here in Durham and tax revenues well in excess of the project's cost to the Town.

Two current items are of great importance. First, the Town Staff obtained a grant from the NH Coastal Program to help finance an update of the Master Plan. Michael Jeffords joined the staff to handle planning functions so that Duane Hyde could concentrate on the Master Plan. Approximately 100 residents are now working on the Master Plan Steering Committee and the Subcommittees. They will point out the directions Durham should follow as we enter the new century. The Steering Committee will bring the completed Plan to the Planning Board for approval at mid-year. Then it will be a legal basis

for revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and the development regulations which govern land use and infrastructure extension in Durham. The Master Plan effort is off to a fine start.

The second item is a rapid increase in the number of building permits for residences. There are about two hundred lots now available for construction of single family homes. Some of these were approved during the real estate boom of the middle 1980s, some even earlier. The 1998 permit applications were about twice as many as in a normal year and represent an increase of 2.6% above the 1637 total single family homes in Durham at the start of the year. Each added school child in the new homes represents about an \$8,000 increase in the payment the Town makes to the Oyster River School District. This growth will also impact Town services, increase traffic congestion, and they bring added hazard to pedestrians and cyclists along our roads.

One major subdivision and several smaller ones came before the Board during the year. The Planning Staff reports informal discussions with developers which could indicate an increase in activity during 1999.

Durham is an attractive community and has a top grade school system. The state and national economies encourage new home construction. We can expect increased pres-

sure for more residential subdivisions. The Town may have to manage residential growth by directing it toward retirees and other demographic groups with few school age children. At the same time it may become desirable to encourage non-deleterious, net tax benefit, commercial growth.

David Pease, Alternate Member, replaced John Leland, who left because of conflict with his work schedule. Otherwise, the membership in the Board remained constant.

The Durham Planning Board welcomes opinions of citizens in writing or verbally at any of our regular meetings. Your thoughts are especially pertinent during public hearings on projects in your neighborhood.

Finally, the Board particularly appreciates the efforts of the Director of Planning and Community Development, Duane Hyde and Assistant Planner, Michael Jeffords. Planning Secretary, Deborah Quisumbing, transferred to the Fire Department and was replaced by Dawn Mitchell. The Board thanks both of them for their outstanding support during the year. ✨



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBMITTED BYDUANE HYDE, DIRECTOR



As the department has changed in years past, it appears that it will continue to make many more changes in the future. With over one and half years under his belt as the Director of Planning and Community and Development, Duane Hyde, is working with the community to update the 1989 Master Plan. With widespread community support and input, the Master Plan Update began in July 1998, and will continue to July 1999 at which time the draft will be complete. For more information on the Master Plan Update, see the section of the Town Report on the Master Plan. In order to help accomplish this main task of 1998-1999, Duane hired a temporary planner, Mike Jeffords, to help in the day-to-day tasks.

Change continued when the office secretary, Deborah Quisumbing, transferred to the Fire Department. The office is grateful for Deb's service and we wish her well at her new position. The office was lucky to find another outstanding secretary, Dawn Mitchell, to replace Deb. Like Deb, Dawn has been quick to learn and her hard work and diligence is greatly appreciated.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This has been a very busy year for the Department of

Planning and Community Development, and 1999 shows no signs of letting up. In addition to the staff support provided to the Planning Board for the applications it reviews, the following is a synopsis of some of the other activities participated in or conducted this year:

- In early 1998, the Town Council adopted the Personal Wireless Service Facilities Overlay ordinance which is intended to permit wireless carriers to locate facilities in Durham, but in a manner compatible with the visual and environmental features of the Town.
- Department staff served as the Chair to the Technical Review

Committee, which reviews minor site plans referred to it by the Planning Board. The Committee reviewed two site plans in 1998, both of which were approved.

- Department staff worked with the Planning Board and residents on several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations. The amendments included several "housekeeping" changes based on changes to the state law.
- Completed an application, and received a grant from the New Hampshire Coastal Program for fifty percent funding of the Durham Master Plan update.
- Submitted in conjunction with the Main Street Enhancement Project the bid documents for the Town

Wide Bike Improvements. The Town Wide Bike Improvements include bike racks at seven public facilities and the Mill Road Plaza; bike lane striping of Coe Drive, Garrison Avenue and Main Street; and share the road signage on Mast Road, Packers Falls Road, Mill Road, and Bennett Road.

- Worked with interested members of the community, abutters, Madbury, and the staff of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission in the planning of the Wagon Track Bike Trail, which is expected to be constructed in the year 2000. The trail that will extend from Dover Road to Watson Road.
- Worked in a continuing effort with other Departments, Boards, and Committees to ensure that the construction plans for the Route 108 and Main Street intersection serve the best interest of the Town.
- Wrote an application and was awarded a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for a \$50,000 environmental site assessment of the Craig Supply Property, which is located between the Whittemore Center and railroad tracks. This is the first step in cleaning up this contaminated property and the redevelopment of the site.
- Worked with the Strafford Regional

Duane Hyde, Director of Planning and Community Development with Dawn Mitchell, secretary.



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Planning Commission and the University of New Hampshire to submit a Letter of Intent that, if awarded, will allow the Town to apply for 2.5 million dollars worth of grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration to improve the transportation connection between the proposed Amtrak train station, Whittemore Center, and the University's A-Lot. The funding also includes a study for improved transportation connection to this area from Route 4 and the feasibility to increase parking in the area via a parking garage.

➤ Developed the scope of services, and coordinated a consultant to develop the traffic study for the Durham Business Park on Route 4.

1999 GOALS

- ☞ Complete an Update to the Master Plan which, among other things, will give guidance for the comprehensive review and rewrite of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.
- ☞ Continue to provide high levels of service to the Planning Board and the public.
- ☞ Continue to work with Madbury and interested citizens in the design of the Wagon Track Bike Trail.
- ☞ Coordinate and submit transportation projects, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, into the Seacoast Transportation Improvement Program. 🌿

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

SUBMITTED BY.....LYNN M. ALLEN, CHAIRMAN

During the Town Meeting in March, we all bid farewell to long time Supervisor, Lisa Maurice. After 18 years of service to the town, she felt it was time to retire and enjoy her new grandchild! She has been missed, but has only been a phone call away to her replacement Jay Flanders and current members Joyce Sheffield and Lynn Allen!

Much of 1998 was fairly quiet with the usual additions and deletions of members of the Durham commu-

nity. The September primary and November general election saw a low turnout, but many new registered voters. Currently, the Durham checklist consists of 5478 voters. Updated checklists are posted at the Town Hall and the Durham Post Office.

Looking toward 1999, the Supervisors plan a general purge of the checklist, trying to revise the checklist to reflect voters that remain in Durham and those that have moved. This purge is in preparation for the year 2000 Presidential Primary. 🌿



Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda L. Ekdahl. Seated (l-r): Donna Hamel, Assistant to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Lorrie Pitt, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Richard Hunsberger, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer and Donna Langley, Assessor



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TAX COLLECTOR (FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998)

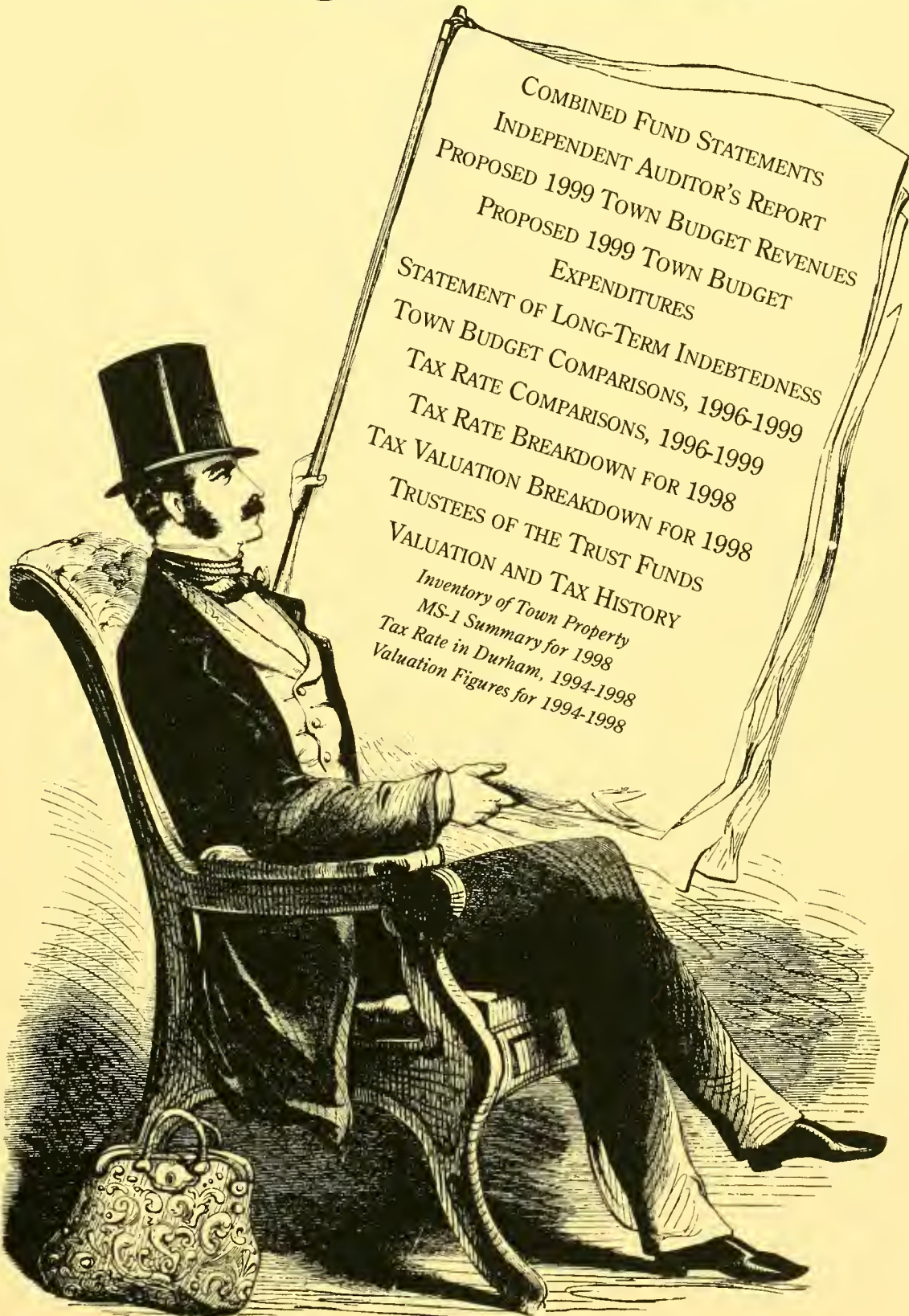
SUBMITTED BYLINDA L. EKDAHL, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

	1998	1997	1989
UNCOLLECTED TAXES (as of January 1, 1998):			
Property Taxes	0	\$1,089,807.87	\$11,187.84
Land Use Change	0	4,500.00	0
Yield Taxes	0	2,737.34	0
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$12,639,712.00	0	0
Land Use Change Taxes	24,311.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	2,299.60	0	0
Boat Taxes	148.50	0	0
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	31,480.26	121.08	0
Interest Collected on Property Taxes	3,866.98	51,860.03	0
Miscellaneous Interest Collected	322.14	1,237.49	0
TOTAL Debits	\$12,702,140.48	\$1,150,263.81	\$11,187.84
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$11,589,820.60	\$890,410.74	\$0
Land Use Change Taxes	24,311.00	4,500.00	0
Yield Taxes	1,588.95	2,737.34	0
Boat Taxes	148.50	0	0
Interest on Property Taxes	3,866.98	51,860.03	0
Miscellaneous Interest	322.14	1,237.49	0
Conversion to Lien	0	280,452.13	0
Abatements Made During Year			
Property Taxes	\$0	\$66.08	\$0
Uncollected Taxes (as of December 31, 1998)			
Property Taxes	\$1,081,371.66	0	\$11,187.84
Yield Taxes	710.65	0	0
TOTAL Credits	\$12,702,140.48	\$1,150,263.81	\$11,187.84

UNREDEEMED TAX LIENS

	1997	1996	1995	1994 & PRIOR
Balance of Unredeemed Liens (as of 1/1/98)	\$0	\$160,410.46	\$90,187.45	\$164,274.33
Tax Liens Executed During Year	329,466.54	0	0	0
Interest & Costs After Lien	5,863.52	11,898.18	15,241.13	6,184.13
Overpayments Made During Year	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Debits	\$335,330.06	\$172,308.64	\$105,428.58	\$170,458.46
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$141,944.49	\$64,692.04	\$42,949.03	\$9,155.71
Interests & Costs After Lien	5,863.52	11,898.18	15,241.13	6,184.13
Abatements Made During Year	0	-	404.42	0
Tax Liens Deeded to Town	0	0	0	0
Unredeemed Liens (as of 12/31/98)	187,522.05	95,718.42	46,834.00	155,118.62
TOTAL Credits	\$335,330.06	\$172,308.64	\$105,428.58	\$170,458.46

Budget & Finance



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COMBINED FUNDS STATEMENTS

	1998 BUDGET	UNAUDITED REVENUES FY ENDING 12/31/98	FY 1999 COUNCIL APPROVED
REVENUE			
General Fund			
Taxes	\$3,468,772	\$3,448,026	\$3,531,094
Licenses & Permits	\$539,800	\$630,777	\$569,800
State & Federal	\$389,576	\$512,218	\$458,851
Other Governments	\$1,020,557	\$1,078,551	\$1,067,121
Department Revenues	\$221,550	\$583,643	\$419,144
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$359,597	\$282,207	\$213,491
Fund Balance	\$164,000	\$0	\$357,000
Total General Fund	\$6,163,852	\$6,535,422	\$6,616,501
Water Fund	\$396,221	\$369,735	\$328,163
Sewer Fund	\$1,206,547	\$1,059,230	\$1,249,215
Capital Fund	\$643,863	\$164,000	\$2,125,600
Parking Fund	\$107,000	\$122,374	\$108,960
Vehicle Fund	\$14,250	\$14,250	\$50,000
Total All Funds	\$8,531,733	\$8,265,011	\$10,478,439

	FY 1998 COUNCIL APPROVED	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/98	FY 1999 COUNCIL APPROVED
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Town Council	\$22,500	\$24,026	\$23,000
Town Administrator	\$121,344	\$123,128	\$133,112
Treasurer	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Town Clerk / Tax Collector	\$84,464	\$88,948	\$86,203
Accounting & MIS	\$133,555	\$148,793	\$139,157
Elections	\$2,600	\$4,702	\$4,916
Planning, Zoning & Assessing	\$222,788	\$215,417	\$186,309
Strafford Regional Planning Commission	\$4,012	\$4,012	\$4,470
C.O.A.S.T.	\$6,014	\$0	\$0
Other General Costs	\$126,000	\$232,211	\$129,100
General Government Total	\$724,577	\$842,537	\$707,567
Public Safety			
Police Department	\$819,879	\$928,800	\$911,225
Fire Department	\$1,030,520	\$1,062,796	\$1,165,320
Communications Center	\$130,090	\$97,568	\$144,596
Ambulance Services	\$25,820	\$15,981	\$21,000
Public Safety Total	\$2,006,309	\$2,105,144	\$2,242,141
Public Works			
Administration	\$75,290	\$86,216	\$115,483
Roadway Maintenance	\$299,763	\$247,088	\$246,700
Snow/Ice Control	\$126,500	\$114,450	\$128,900

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	FY 1998 COUNCIL APPROVED	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/98	FY 1999 COUNCIL APPROVED
Drainage / Vegetation	\$45,400	\$81,366	\$63,747
Traffic Control	\$96,768	\$92,381	\$90,470
Maintenance / Repair	\$155,141	\$151,416	\$157,843
Miscellaneous	\$111,623	\$121,704	\$139,393
Public Buildings	\$107,721	\$113,068	\$81,405
Cemeteries / Graveyards	\$11,531	\$10,594	\$13,081
Parks & Grounds Maintenance	\$96,464	\$98,193	\$93,317
Public Works Total	\$1,126,201	\$1,116,477	\$1,130,339
Sanitation			
Administration	\$45,009	\$48,957	\$48,908
Curbside Collection	\$155,716	\$152,612	\$152,711
Transfer Station	\$70,566	\$83,364	\$69,374
Litter Removal	\$10,019	\$8,908	\$10,166
Recycling	\$101,647	\$110,809	\$93,927
Hazardous Waste Day.....	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Vehicle Operation	\$0	\$0	\$16,612
Sanitation Total	\$382,957	\$404,651	\$397,698
Health			
Health Department	\$1,600	\$4,703	\$1,600
Lamprey Health	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150
Sexual Assault Support Services	\$1,583	\$1,583	\$0
Health Total.....	\$6,333	\$9,436	\$4,750
Welfare			
General Assistance.....	\$3,500	\$1,110	\$1,500
Strafford C.A.C.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
My Friend's Place	\$0	\$0	\$500
Welfare Total	\$4,500	\$2,110	\$3,000
Culture/Recreation			
Public Library	\$42,711	\$42,711	\$67,711
Parks & Recreation Programs	\$3,800	\$2,100	\$4,550
O.R.Y.A.	\$17,218	\$17,218	\$17,200
Memorial Day	\$450	\$514	\$650
Conservation Commission	\$2,700	\$1,064	\$1,500
Historic District Commission	\$200	\$0	\$100
Historic Association Museum.....	\$2,750	\$0	\$100
Resident Pool Rebate.....	\$15,000	\$15,015	\$15,000
Swans	\$100	\$145	\$100
July 4th	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600
Wagon Hill	\$19,350	\$34,105	\$12,636
Culture/Recreation Total	\$109,879	\$118,472	\$125,147
Debt Service			
Principal	\$345,550	\$345,550	\$367,956
Interest	\$162,602	\$162,601	\$179,253
Debt Service Total	\$508,152	\$508,151	\$547,209

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	FY 1998 COUNCIL APPROVED	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/98	FY 1999 COUNCIL APPROVED
Other Costs			
Short - Term Debt	\$157,000	\$179,525	\$182,000
Fringe Benefits	\$1,007,194	\$832,871	\$953,325
Insurance.....	\$82,500	\$79,502	\$86,625
Interfund Transfers	\$48,250	\$48,250	\$236,700
Other Costs Total	\$1,294,944	\$1,140,148	\$1,458,650
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....	\$6,163,852	\$6,247,125	\$6,616,501
Other Funds			
Water Fund	\$396,221	\$320,539	\$328,163
Sewer Fund	\$1,206,547	\$1,159,678	\$1,249,215
Capital Fund	\$643,863	\$1,101,865	\$2,125,600
Parking Fund	\$27,500	\$122,374	\$108,960
Vehicle Fund.....	\$14,250	\$39,476	\$50,000
Other Funds Total.....	\$2,367,881	\$2,743,933	\$3,861,938
COMBINED TOTALS.....	\$8,531,733	\$8,991,059	\$10,478,439

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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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, 1997, 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 \$954,916 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 \$714,032 to (\$240,884) 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, 1997, 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.

Nelson, Chubb & Co., PC

March 20, 1998

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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, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Type	(Memorandum Only)	
				Expendable Trust Funds	For the Years Ended December 31,	
					1997	1996
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$3,159,954	\$10,019			\$3,169,973	\$3,192,358
Licenses and permits	600,405				600,405	536,915
Intergovernmental revenues	1,630,693	374,011			2,004,704	1,473,020
Charges for service	356,353	1,076,972			1,433,325	1,590,616
Miscellaneous revenues	350,855	67,937	\$8,461	\$162,431	589,684	481,551
Total Revenues	6,098,260	1,528,939	8,461	162,431	7,798,091	7,274,460
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,816,136				1,816,136	1,668,145
Public safety	1,933,239				1,933,239	1,874,016
Highways and streets	947,400				947,400	972,844
Sanitation	387,660	629,237			1,016,897	974,785
Water treatment and distribution		211,266			211,266	223,354
Culture and recreation		49,344			49,344	
Capital outlay	10,470	40,628	1,153,313		1,204,411	847,332
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	343,286	309,664			652,950	507,748
Interest and fiscal charges	386,324	153,794			540,118	474,929
Total Expenditures	5,824,515	1,393,933	1,153,313		8,371,761	7,543,153
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	273,745	135,006	(1,144,852)	162,431	(573,670)	(268,693)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Proceeds of long-term obligations	10,470		93,628		104,098	1,741,608
Operating transfers in	1,132	196,117	127,839	62,955	388,043	124,166
Operating transfers out	(57,711)	(62,955)		(266,245)	(386,911)	(144,601)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(46,109)	133,162	221,467	(203,290)	105,230	1,721,173
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	227,636	268,168	(923,385)	(40,859)	(468,440)	1,452,480
Fund Balances - January 1	671,535	345,646	687,948	1,379,481	3,084,610	1,632,130
Fund Balances (Deficit) - December 31	\$899,171	\$613,814	(\$235,437)	\$1,338,622	\$2,616,170	\$3,084,610

See notes to financial statements

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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, 1997

	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	\$3,122,613	\$3,159,954	\$37,341				\$3,122,613	\$3,159,954	\$37,341
Licenses and permits	493,800	600,405	106,605				493,800	600,405	106,605
Intergovernmental revenues	1,543,229	1,630,693	87,464	\$276,079	\$324,011	\$47,932	1,819,308	1,954,704	135,396
Charges for service	294,118	356,353	62,235	1,142,952	1,076,972	(65,980)	1,437,070	1,433,325	(3,745)
Miscellaneous revenues	316,025	350,855	34,830	19,088	41,559	22,471	335,113	392,414	57,301
Total Revenues	5,769,785	6,098,260	328,475	1,438,119	1,442,542	4,423	7,207,904	7,540,802	332,898
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General government	1,914,839	1,816,136	98,703				1,914,839	1,816,136	98,703
Public safety	1,834,328	1,933,239	(98,911)				1,834,328	1,933,239	(98,911)
Highways and streets	902,783	950,730	(47,947)				902,783	950,730	(47,947)
Sanitation	384,494	390,660	(6,166)	645,796	629,237	16,559	1,030,290	1,019,897	10,393
Water treatment and distribution				278,652	211,266	67,386	278,652	211,266	67,386
Capital outlay				10,194	29,825	(19,631)	10,194	29,825	(19,631)
Debt service:									
Principal retirement	343,286	343,286		286,602	309,664	(23,062)	629,888	652,950	(23,062)
Interest and fiscal charges	390,792	386,324	4,468	149,206	153,794	(4,588)	539,998	540,118	(120)
Total Expenditures	5,770,522	5,820,375	(49,853)	1,370,450	1,333,786	36,664	7,140,972	7,154,161	(13,189)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(737)	277,885	278,622	67,669	108,756	41,087	66,932	386,641	319,709
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating transfers in	10,000	1,132	(8,868)				10,000	1,132	(8,868)
Operating transfers out	(57,711)	(57,711)		(67,669)	(62,955)	4,714	(125,380)	(120,666)	4,714
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(47,711)	(56,579)	(8,868)	(67,669)	(62,955)	4,714	(115,380)	(119,534)	(4,154)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(48,448)	221,306	269,754	277,804	45,801	45,801	(48,448)	267,107	315,555
Fund Balances - January 1 - Budgetary Basis	671,535	671,535		277,804	277,804		949,339	949,339	
Fund Balances - December 31 - Budgetary Basis	\$623,087	892,841	\$269,754	\$277,804	\$323,605	\$45,801	\$900,891	\$1,216,446	\$315,555

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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, 1997

		(Memorandum Only)
	1997	1996
Operating Revenues:		
Investment income	\$12,242	\$9,787
Operating Expenses:		
Contractual services	9,174	10,432
Net Operating income (loss)	<u>3,068</u>	<u>(645)</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):		
Bequests	4,622	8,366
Net gain (loss) on investment transactions	40,351	218
Non-operating revenues	<u>44,973</u>	<u>8,584</u>
Net Income Before Operating Transfers	48,041	7,939
Operating Transfer In	2,300	20,435
Operating Transfer Out	(1,132)	
Net Income	<u>49,209</u>	<u>28,374</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	191,587	163,213
Fund Balance - December 31	<u>\$240,796</u>	<u>\$191,587</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, 1997

		(Memorandum Only)
	1997	1996
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Interest and dividends on investments	\$12,242	\$9,787
Cash payments for contractual services	(9,029)	(17,200)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>3,213</u>	<u>(7,413)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Operating transfer in	2,300	20,435
Operating transfer out	(1,132)	
Bequests received	4,622	8,366
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>5,790</u>	<u>28,801</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net (increase) decrease in investment securities	(145,952)	39,110
Net gain on investment transactions	40,351	218
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(105,601)</u>	<u>39,328</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(96,598)	60,716
Cash - January 1	96,744	36,028
Cash - December 31	<u>\$146</u>	<u>\$96,744</u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Income to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$3,068	(\$645)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Increase (decrease) in interfund payable	145	(6,768)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$3,213</u>	<u>(\$7,413)</u>

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

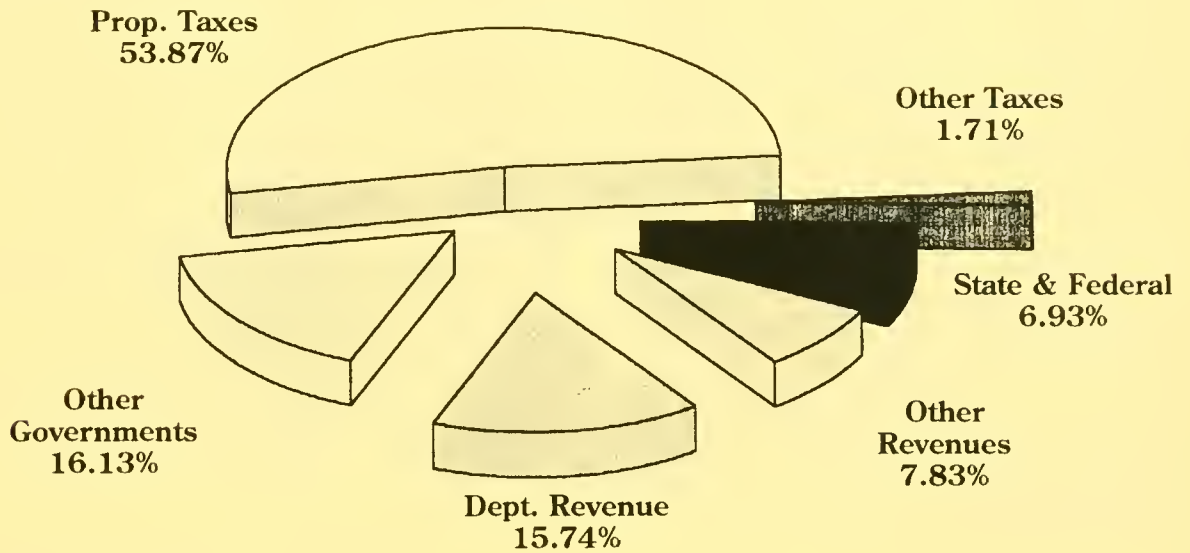
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 1997

ASSETS	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group General Long- Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only) December 31,
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	1997
Cash	\$3,936,508	\$64,226		\$22,489	\$4,023,223
Investments		209,408		2,195,626	2,405,034
Receivables:					
Taxes	1,347,643				1,347,643
Accounts	110,315				191,320
Due from other funds	36,499		\$205,023		378,805
Due from others	4,833			4,833	1,138,257
Due from other governments	251,678				
Prepaid expenses	15,773				226,392
Deposits		3,500			14,416
Tax decided property	11,654				4,643
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations					
Total Assets	\$5,714,903	\$1,226,075	\$205,023	\$7,581,788	\$16,925,514
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$188,200				\$303,784
Accrued liabilities	83,403	\$43,377	\$59,343		397,861
Deposits	19,589			22,489	62,007
Due to other funds	654,606		29,796	993,046	1,138,257
Due to other governments	3,861,037			106,084	3,827,122
Retainage payable			10,821		821
Deferred revenue	8,897			8,897	10,000
Bond anticipation note payable			340,500		
General obligation debt payable					7,488,134
Other long-term obligations					165,997
Capital lease payable				10,470	
Compensated absences				271,512	255,334
Total Liabilities	4,815,732	612,261	440,460	7,581,788	13,649,317
Fund Balance (Deficit):					
Reserved:					
Reserved for tax decided property	11,654				11,654
Reserved for prepaid expenses	15,773				15,773
Reserved for endowments					
Reserved for encumbrances	6,330			204,848	6,330
Unreserved:					
Designated for future years' expenditures	121,132	7,162			1,466,916
Undesignated	744,282	606,652	(235,437)		1,151,445
Total Fund Equity	899,171	613,814	(235,437)	1,579,418	3,276,197
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$5,714,903	\$1,226,075	\$205,023	\$7,581,788	\$16,925,514

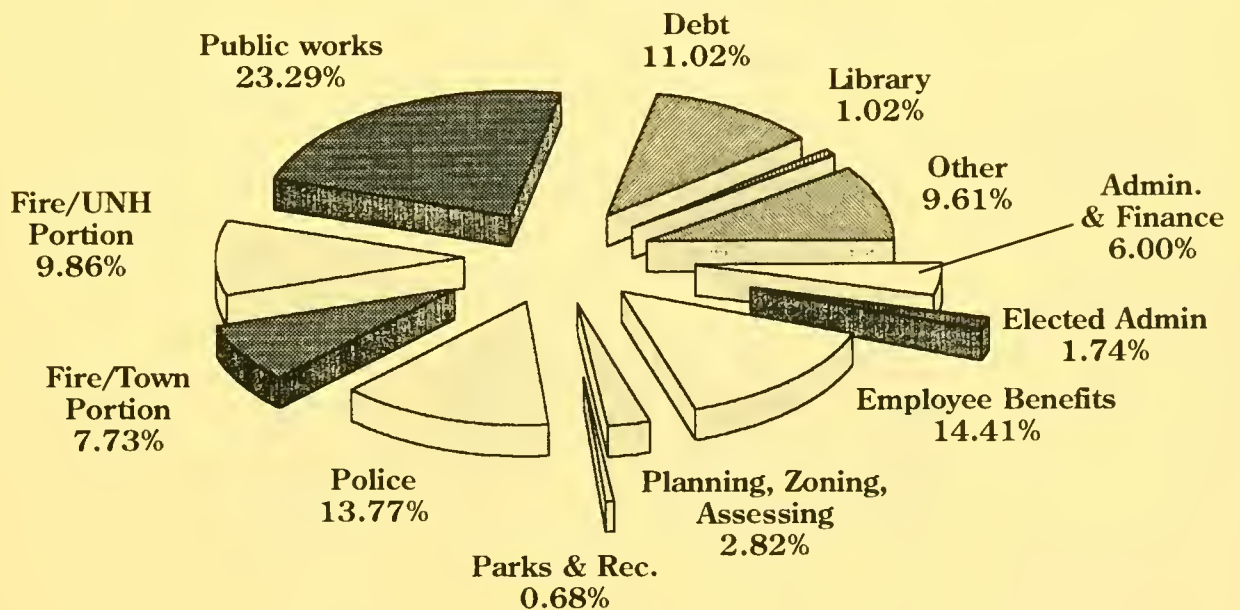
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BUDGET & FINANCE

1999 TOWN BUDGET REVENUES



1999 TOWN BUDGET EXPENDITURES



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Statement of Long-Term Indebtedness Payments 1-1-98 through 12-31-98

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/ LOANS	LOAN DATE	PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	BALANCE	INTEREST PAID	BALANCE
Land Acquisition/Equipment	12-15-89	\$3,920,000	6.66%	12-15-09	\$100,000	\$2,000,000	\$81,438	\$838,976
State Obligation Bond	7-15-92	\$666,000	4.25%	7-15-99	\$70,000	\$65,000	\$6,140	\$2,990
State Revolving Loan Fund	6-18-93	\$3,366,018	3.91%	6-18-08	\$197,308	\$2,450,937	\$103,480	\$556,948
Davis/White Land Acquisition	9-15-94	\$500,000	5.74%	9-15-04	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$19,950	\$58,450
SRLF-1997 Dechlor Eng.	10/20/97	\$259,625	2.61%	9/1/16	\$23,633	\$212,961	\$6,162	\$25,706
1996 General Obligation Bond	9/1/96	\$1,740,000	5.11%	9/1/16	\$215,000	\$1,410,000	\$91,383	\$691,342
Total		\$10,451,643			\$655,941	\$6,438,898	\$308,553	\$2,174,411

Trustees of the Trust Funds Report

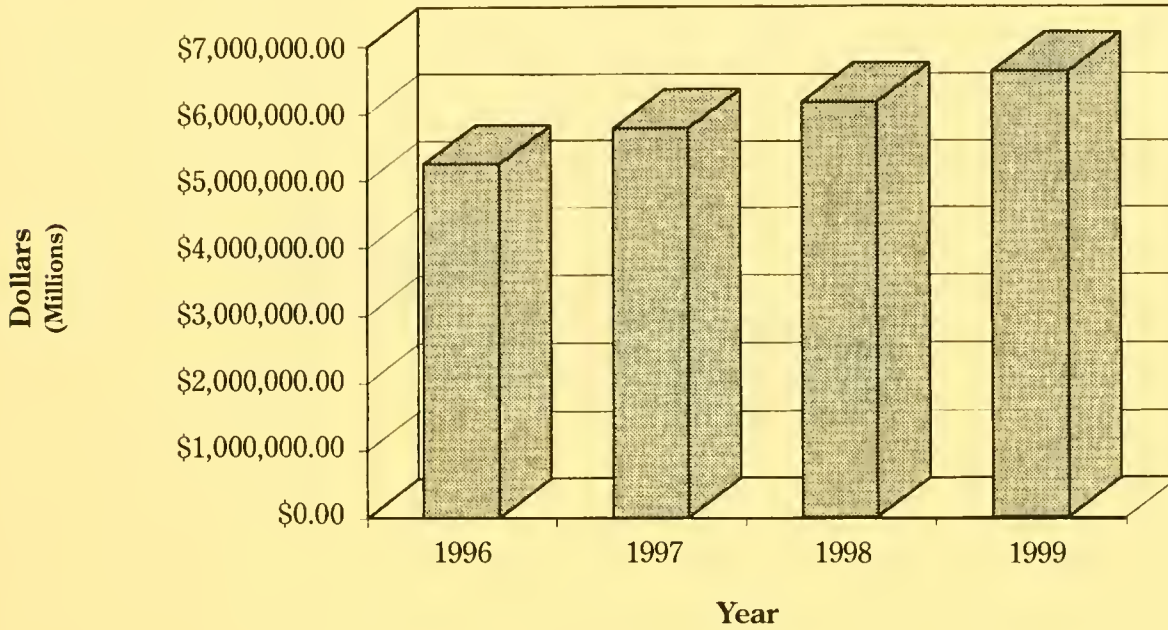
NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 1/1/98	CHANGE IN FUNDS	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 12/31/98	INCOME BALANCE 1/1/98	EXPENDED	BALANCE END OF YEAR	COMBINED FUND BAL. 12/31/98
Capital Reserve Funds							
Parking Fund	\$75,301.00	\$0	\$75,301.00	\$37,444.83	\$0	\$43,359.57	\$118,660.57
Fire Equipment	59,440.00	0	59,440.00	15,879.21	0	19,830.47	79,270.47
Wiswall Dam	216.69	0	216.69	3,956.66	0	4,175.69	4,392.38
Fire Service Agrmnt.	84,989.60	0	84,989.60	23,386.74	0	29,072.28	114,061.88
Community Devel.	531,322.42	0	531,322.42	84,305.52	0	116,602.03	647,925.45
Solid Waste Truck	8,625.00	0	8,625.00	4,206.51	0	4,879.75	13,504.75
Res. Water Service	257,749.80	(49,624.43)	208,125.37	23,177.95	0	36,878.62	245,003.99
Mill Pond	1,295.30	0	1,295.30	272.68	0	354.85	1,650.15
Sewer Fund	120,703.39	0	120,703.39	7,770.25	0	14,510.16	135,213.55
Emerson Road	20,000.00	0	20,000.00	2,925.34	0	4,128.04	24,128.04
Total	\$1,159,643.20	(49,624.43)	\$1,110,018.77	\$203,325.68	0	\$273,791.46	\$1,383,810.23

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 1/1/98	CHANGE IN FUNDS	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 12/31/98	INCOME BALANCE 1/1/98	INCOME BALANCE 12/31/98	INCOME (EXPENSE)	INCOME BALANCE 12/31/98
44 Separate Trust Funds							
Smith Fund (Town Improvement)	\$25,156.87	\$100.00	\$25,256.87	\$4,820.34	\$1,570.16	\$1,362.62	\$5,027.88
Durham 250 Fund (Town Improvement)	7,432.96	0	7,432.96	11,919.17	1,015.23	0	12,934.40
Smith Chapel Fund (Cemetery Care)	6,378.22	0	6,378.22	2,659.24	474.03	0	3,133.27
Philip A. Wilcox Fund (Unfunded Graveyards)	8,239.44	150.00	8,389.44	856.35	475.54	445.37	886.52
Wagon Hill Fund (Memorial)	2,273.50	0	2,273.50	708.05	156.36	0	864.41
Tirrell Fund	765.38	0	7865.38	149.93	47.66	0	197.59
Memorial Day Parade	0	0	0	341.53	18.17	0	359.70
George Ffrost Fund (Education)	0	0	0	306.16	15.20	0	321.36
Olinthus Doe Fund (Farm Care / School Suppt.)	4,441.23	0	4,441.23	5,008.64	494.93	500.00	5,003.57
Town Cemetery Fund (Cemetery Care)	5,954.06	0	5,954.06	2,564.28	446.22	545.00	2,465.50
Memorial Park	135,799.73	2,450.00	138,249.73	6,336.24	7,505.08	7,260.77	6,580.55
Wagon Hill Farm Expen. Trust Fund	8,406.00	0	8,406.00	423.31	463.16	0	886.47
July 4th Celebration	79,400.23	676.30	80,076.53	155.12	4,191.96	0	4,347.08
ORCSD Capital Dev. Fund	3,503.52	0	3,503.52	699.23	220.51	0	919.74
Fire Station Expend. Trust ¹	102,380.41	0	102,380.41	3,703.88	5,565.21	0	9,269.09
Total of All Trusts	\$390,131.55	\$28,376.30	\$418,507.85	\$40,651.47	\$23,162.49	(\$10,113.76)	\$53,700.20

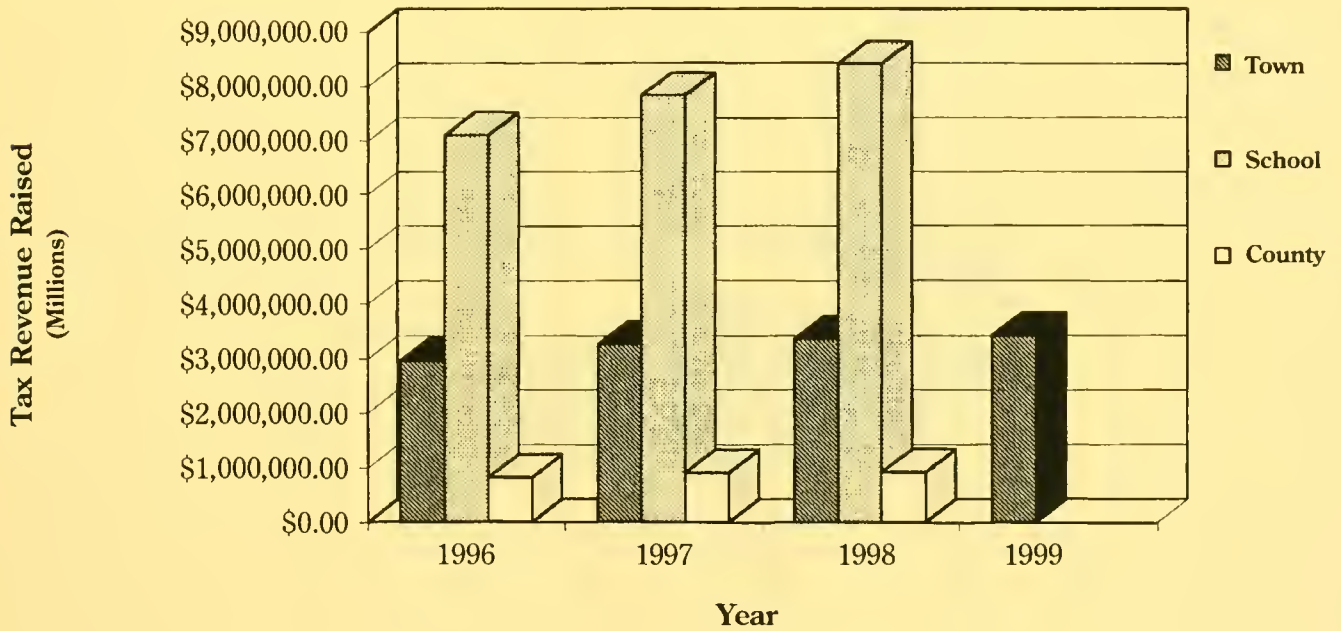
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TOWN BUDGET COMPARISON 1996-1999

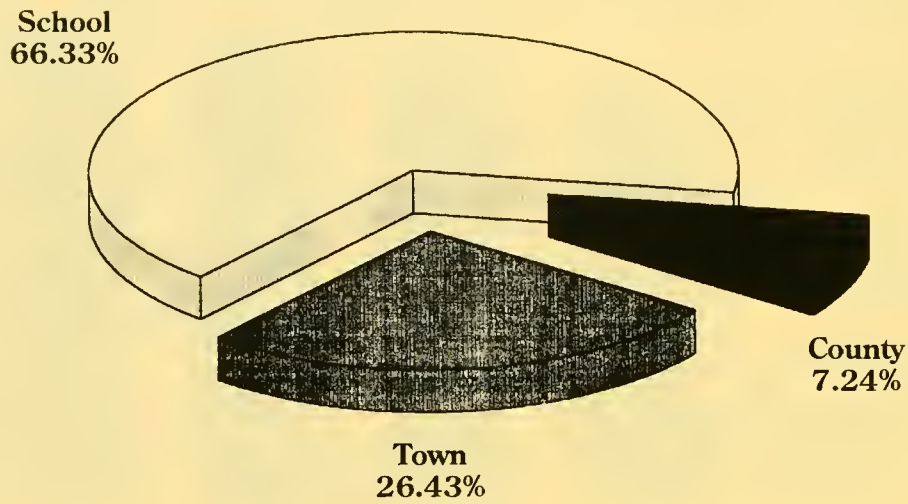


TAX RATE COMPARISON 1996-1999

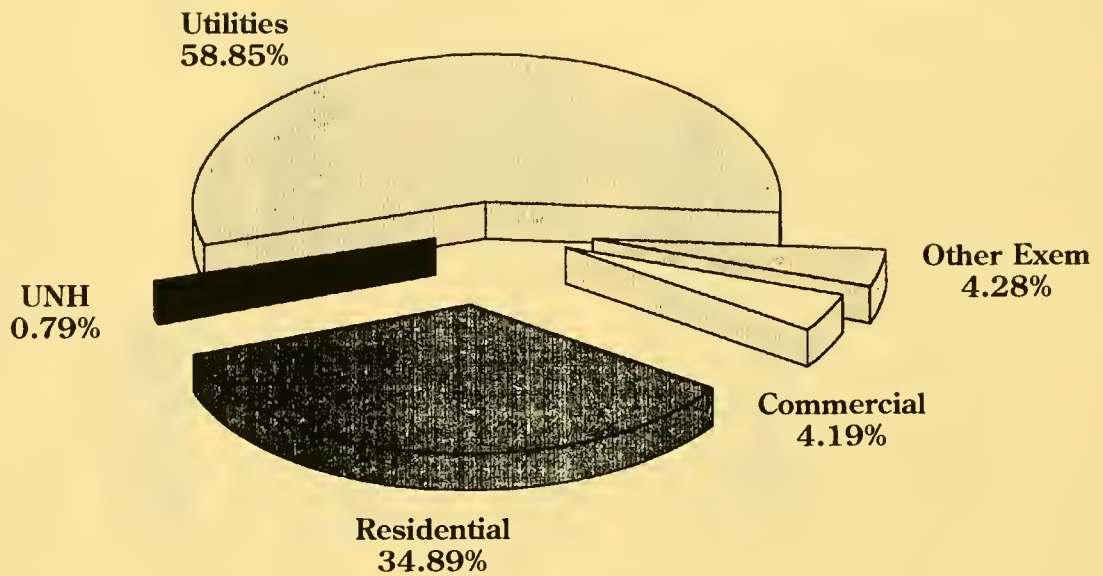


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TAX RATE BREAKDOWN FOR 1998



TAX VALUATION BREAKDOWN FOR 1998



VALUATION & TAX HISTORY

1994-1998 Valuation Figures

YEAR	PERCENT OF VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
1998	*86%	\$340,466,554
1997	92%	\$329,822,470
1996	95%	\$321,488,104
1995	96%	\$314,793,529
1994	97%	\$313,867,343

*estimate of percent of valuation

1998 MS-1 Summary

Total Taxable Land	\$106,356,834
Total Taxable Buildings	\$227,336,900
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$7,451,200
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$342,144,934
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$678,380
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$340,466,554
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$29,050

Tax Rate in Durham 1994-1998

YEAR	TOWN	SCHOOL DISTRICT	COUNTY	TOTAL
1998	9.84	24.68	2.69	37.21
1997	9.85	23.72	2.75	36.32
1996	\$9.53	\$22.07	\$2.55	\$34.15
1995	\$10.09	\$21.62	\$2.64	\$34.35
1994	\$ 8.37	\$20.05	\$2.58	\$31.00

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)	\$190,000
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	150,000
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easements only
Colvos Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-0	\$100,000
Dame Road	Willey Property	19-06-05	10,000
Dame Road	Westerly side	18-27-00	\$33,400
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Dover Road	Police Facility	11-4-1	\$420,100
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	\$1,020,100
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	\$232,700
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	\$5,300
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	15,000
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	\$75,700
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	\$25,200

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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.....	05-04-11	\$156,000
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	\$100,000
Main Street	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	2-15-0, 1	\$214,100
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).....	\$654,200
Piscataqua Road	W. Arthur Grant Circle	11-27-0	\$464,000
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing.....	11-09-02	\$57,300
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	\$509,000
Schoolhouse Lane	Former 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	\$45,000
Simons Lane	Vacant Land.....	18-11-06	\$23,400
Technology Drive.....	Water Booster Station	99-300-00	\$90,000
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	\$20,000
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam Site	Map 17	\$50,000
Wiswall Road	Vacant Land.....	17-11-00	\$972 CU*
Woodridge Road.....	Lot 55	07-01-55	\$37,000
Lee Five Corners, Lee	Vacant	Lee 06-07-07	\$32,200
Garrity Road, Lee.....	Gravel Pit.....	Lee 09-03-00	\$94,900
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Gravel Pit.....	Lee 15-01-09	\$155,700
Snell Road, Lee.....	Water Pump House	Lee 05-06-01	\$84,000
Garrity Road, Lee.....	Vacant	Lee 09-03-01	\$41,200
Total			\$13,769,636

*Assessed at Current Use Value

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN ASSESSOR

SUBMITTED BY.....DONNA LANGLEY, ASSESSOR

The Assessor's office is responsible for ensuring equitable assessments, which distribute the Town's tax burden in accordance with state statutes. Assessments are based on fair market value of property and are applied in a fair, equitable and consistent manner.

For information regarding assessments, tax exemptions, tax credits, abatement requests, Current Use, timber cutting, tax map and legal ownership information, you may contact the Assessing Office via telephone: 603-868-8065, e-mail: assessing@ci.durham.nh.us or visit us at the Town Office.

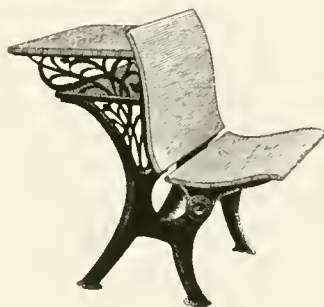
With the booming real estate economy, there has been a considerable amount of residential construction. Our Town wide taxable valuation (commonly referred to as the tax base) increased from \$329,822,470 to \$340,466,554. Of this \$10,644,084 increase, the commercial/industrial portion of the tax base increased by \$811,600, the residential assessment increased by approximately \$8,972,744 and the utility assessment increased by approximately \$885,500. Our Tax exemptions increased by \$25,760.

This year, we acquired Vision Appraisal's Computerized Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) pro-

gram and are in the process of a data conversion project. This project will be completed in 1999. Our first annual Town wide assessment review and index update will be instituted in 2000. With annual index updates, assessments will maintain equity from year to year.

For information regarding our 1991 - 1998 valuation and tax history, including a breakdown of the Town, School District and County tax rates, please refer to the **Budget and Finance section** of this Town Report.

While I understand that we all are burdened by ever increasing property taxes in New Hampshire, some tax relief may be available through the following courses of action: Exemptions/Tax Credits for the Blind, Elderly, Veterans', Disabled and Physically Handicapped; Exemptions for Solar Energy Systems; Tax Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled; Current Use assessments; and Abatement requests. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information. ☀



TOWN CLERK

SUBMITTED BYLINDA L. EKDAHL
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/98

Auto Registrations	\$618,212.00
Title Applications	2,076.00
Municipal Agent Fees	11,865.00
Marriage Licenses	1,710.00
Vital Statistics Copies	482.00
U.C.C. Recording Fees.....	1,179.00
U.C.C. Termination Fees	240.00
Dog Licenses.....	4,517.00
Miscellaneous	261.56
Total.....	\$640,542.56
Autos Registered	6,025
Dogs Licensed.....	662

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY.....HAROLD C. HURD, CHAIRMAN



total of twenty-four burials were made this year in the Durham Cemetery including seven-teen caskets and seven cremations. Five lots were sold for a total of eleven graves. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Mike Lynch and his crew have kept the cemetery in very good condition. Loam has been spread on graves which have been sinking. Several leaning monuments have been straightened and several have had new bases installed. In order to facilitate mowing, many footstones have been lowered. Rubbish which has collected around the cemetery has also been cleaned up and extensive shrub trimming has been done. All graveyards have been given the usual care.

A mason was hired to restore the walls of the Smith Chapel. Approximately 80% of the work has been completed and the rest will be done in 1999. More work has to be done to repair gutters, downspouts, windows and the interior. There has been one wedding and one memorial service in the chapel this year. Contributions made to Town projects from trust funds are as follows:

<i>Frost Temperance Fund to Oyster River School District for drug and Alcohol education.....</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Olinthus Doe Trust Fund to the Town of Durham to defray school expenses.....</i>	<i>\$800.00</i>
<i>Smith Town Improvement Fund to the Town of Durham for downtown beautification flowers.....</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

SUBMITTED BYWILLIAM DRAPEAU, CHAIRMAN



uring 1998 the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment met nine times. There were twenty-two applications that came before the Board.

Variances— There were 11 requests for variances. Five were granted and six were denied.

Motion for Rehearing — Two of the applicants, whose original requests for variances were denied, filed a motion

for a rehearing. The Board denied both motions for a rehearing as the Board felt the applicants had not provided any new information to support their requests. In one instance the applicant has now filed an appeal with the Superior Court, which is their right.

Requests for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Control— This provision was created by the NH Legislature in 1996 to address the situations where a good faith error was made in the citing of a building or

other dimensional layout issue. There were seven requests filed. Six involved properties where the errors were made anywhere from 25 to 100 years ago. All of the requests met the criteria outlined in the State Statute and were approved.

Appeal of an Administrative Decision— There was one appeal of a decision rendered by the Town of Durham Zoning Code Enforcement Officer. The Board upheld the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer's decision and denied the appeal.

Special Exceptions— There was one request for a special exception to allow for two

attached homes to be used for elderly housing. This request was approved.

Membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment - During 1998 the Town Council made these appointments:

Hans Heilbronner, Vice Chair, was reappointed for three years.

Karyn Krause-Elmslie, an alternate, was appointed as a regular member for three years.

Nancy Sandberg was appointed as a regular member for two years.

Jane Towle was appointed as an alternate member for two years.

The Board wishes to thank former members: *Annette Tischler* and *Mark Sternberger* for their time, effort, and dedication while serving as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. ☞☜



Zoning Board of Adjustment Breakdown of Hearings - 1998

Variance	11
Special Exception	1
Administrative Appeal.....	1
Equitable Waiver	7
Re-Hearing Request	2
Total	22

TOTAL PERMITS PROCESSED	1998**	1997	1996
Construction Permits	160	155	149
Permits Denied	5	2	0
Permits Withdrawn	5	2	10
Septic	52	55	26
Electric	104	112	119
Plumbing/Mechanical	60	127	55
On Hold	0	2	3
Demolition	1	3	2
Total Permits	387	456	364
<i>Value of Permits Given</i>	<i>\$11,115,855</i>	<i>\$8,184,613</i>	<i>\$9,325,881</i>
<i>Fees Collected for all Permits</i>	<i>\$48,783</i>	<i>\$31,073</i>	<i>\$25,890</i>

BREAKDOWN OF PERMITS	1998**	1997	1996
Single Family House	42	33	26
Multi-Family House	0	0	0
Additions, Renovations.....	103	97	89
Commercial (New & Renovations).....	8	18	24
Demolition	1	3	2
Septic	52	55	26
Signs	4	9	7
Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical	164	239	174
Withdrawn	5	2	10
Hold/Renewals	1	2	6
Swimming Pools	7	3	N/A
Totals	387	456	364

**all figures are thru December 14, 1998

Health and Welfare

HEALTH OFFICER

SUBMITTED BYRICHARD BLAKEMORE, HEALTH OFFICER

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The community Health Officer was invited to investigate a number of situations referred by the State, Town or directly by residents. Inquiries regarding feral, stray and companion animals with respect to rabies were received and dealt with according to the Town's rabies epidemic protocol. Inspections of local restau-

rants and child day care facilities were conducted. Meetings, including those of the NH Health Officers Association, were attended.

1999 GOALS

The community Health Officer intends to continue with the diversity of activities encountered during previous years of service. ❁

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

SUBMITTED BYANN H. PETERS, EX. DIRECTOR

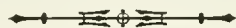
Lamprey Health Care (603-659-3106) provides a variety of services to residents of your community.

1998 marked 27 years of providing service to our communities. We are very proud of this achievement and wish to thank the citizens of the Town of Durham for their continuing support so that we can continue to provide service to our neighbors and communities.

The Senior Citizen Transportation Program operated by Lamprey Health Care is one of the most important services provided to residents of the area. 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.

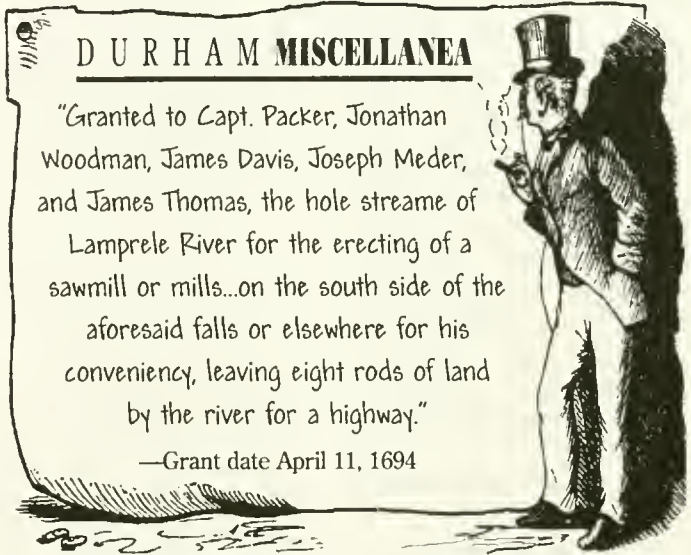
All seven of the busses operated by this program are handicapped accessible. Special appointments which cannot be incorporated into the specific routes serving your area are arranged through the Transportation Coordinator and a group of volunteers. The Program also operates as a "Friendly Callers" program 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



DURHAM MISCELLANEA

"Granted to Capt. Packer, Jonathan Woodman, James Davis, Joseph Meder, and James Thomas, the hole streame of Lamprele River for the erecting of a sawmill or mills...on the south side of the aforesaid falls or elsewhere for his conveniency, leaving eight rods of land by the river for a highway."

—Grant date April 11, 1694



do them due to illness, etc. This program does a great deal toward keeping our elderly population healthy, independent and in their homes.

The medical services provided by Lamprey Health Care include primary medical care, health promotion and education and social services. Increased capacity in both our Raymond and our Newmarket centers allows Lamprey Health Care to serve the residents of our local area in a timely and efficient manner. Staffing for both Centers includes seven Board Certified Family Physicians and one Pediatrician. Five Nurse Practitioners and a support staff of Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses, a Dietician, a Diabetes Educator and Social Workers round out the medical team. Medical care provided includes prenatal care, adult medicine and geriatric medicine, as well as screen-

ings and follow-up for various medical conditions.

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

A reminder that Lamprey Health Care provides comprehensive information and referral through **Info-Link available toll free at 1-888-499-2525 - Monday through Friday from 8am-6pm.** Info-Link can help local residents find the answers and support they need when they have a question about any service or type of assistance. Info-Link is "your link to community services".

Thank you again to the Town of Durham. ❁

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

SUBMITTED BY ...DIANE STRADLING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sexual Assault Support Services is dedicated to supporting victims/survivors in their effort to

heal from the trauma of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, while striving to prevent the occurrence of sexual violence in local communities and in society at large.

This mission is accomplished by providing the following services:

- Toll-free confidential 24-hour crisis intervention hotline 1 (888) 747-7070.
- Outreach office for Strafford County located in Rochester at One Wakefield Street (332-0775).
- Accompaniment to medical and legal (police and court) appointments.
- Information and referral to related services such as attorneys and therapists.
- Support groups for survivors, their parents and partners.
- Child sexual assault prevention education programs in area schools, recreation programs, camps and scouts.
- Adolescent workshops on sexual harassment and sexual assault.
- Professional training

and consultation to police departments, hospital and school personnel and human service agencies.

- Sexual harassment in the workplace workshops to municipalities and businesses.

Our program is committed to providing support, education and advocacy to all survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse and their parents, partners and other community members.

The primary objectives of Sexual Assault Support Services are to empower survivors, to support them in their healing process, to educate the community and to heighten awareness of sexual assault and its prevention. We provide prevention programs throughout the school system in order to broaden awareness among students, teachers and the community of the issues of sexual assault and harassment. In addition, our staff coordinates with police departments and hospital staff to improve response to sexual assault cases and to assure a supportive environment for the survivors.

Sexual Assault Support Services has provided services for twenty (20) years. Volunteers are welcome and are utilized in all aspects of the program. ☺

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

SUBMITTED BYROBERT MARSHALL, DIRECTOR



In 1998, the Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SCCAC) (603-749-13349) appreciated Town support in delivering vital services to low-income and at-risk elderly households

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fuel assistance (15 households).
- Assistance with rent/utilities (5 households), and security deposits (4 households).
- Elderly transportation (676 rides) and access

to a personal emergency response system (3 persons).

- Provision of food via food pantries (22 households).
- Information and referral services (602 units).
- A value of \$16,270 in goods and services, exclusive to Durham.

1999 GOALS

With an ongoing partnership between the Town and SCCAC, we will continue to provide programs critical to the needs of otherwise vulnerable and unprotected citizens. ☼

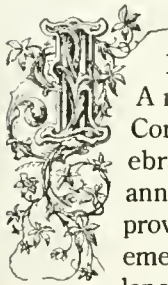
Main Street 1895. Photo shows previous store at location of Post Office. The Elsie Brown House and Durham Community Church are in the distance. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



Public Safety

DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS

SUBMITTED BY.....SUSAN J. BRUNS, PRESIDENT



In 1998 the Durham Ambulance Corps (DAC) celebrated its 30th anniversary of providing 24-hour emergency ambulance service to

Durham, Lee, Madbury and the University of New Hampshire in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor. The Corps is a private, non-profit, volunteer service funded by patient billing, appropriations from the communities and donations.

1998 was another record breaking year for the DAC with 966 responses to emergency medical calls. There were 373 calls in Durham (38.61%), 292 calls to the UNH campus (30.22%), 186 calls in Lee (19.25%), 38 calls in Madbury (3.93%), and 77 mutual aid calls to other communities

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

➤ Several DAC members completed Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate (EMT-1) training. This 10+ hour program trains EMTs to perform advanced patient assessments, administer intravenous fluids and medication, and insert endotracheal airways. Corps volunteers now include 4 paramedics, a paramedic student, 14 EMT-

Is, and several EMT-1 students.

- We have continued to explore community needs, and in planning for the future, we are meeting with representatives of the communities we serve to do strategic planning.
- We have recruited many new members and are continuing to offer scholarship funding for EMT training to permanent area residents.

1999 GOALS

- ☞ Public education and Corps member training programs will be expanded by increasing paid personnel time dedicated to educational tasks.

- ☞ We will begin the process of purchasing a new ambulance, including exploring various options, meeting with vendors, and writing specifications.
- ☞ Once again, we will conduct our biennial fund drive to raise money for the McGregor Memorial and Building Funds
- ☞ We will formalize the Quality Improvement process, including revision of the patient satisfaction survey that is sent to all patients, so that the survey results may be used to numerically track patient satisfaction.

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 gen-

erous response to our fundraising 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 that have enabled us to provide state-of-the-art emergency medical care to the communities for over 30 years. We look forward to serving our communities for many more years. *

Mary C. Davis, Manager

Patrick D. Ahearn, Administrative V.P.

Liane Hall, Training Coordinator

Julie Zajac, Secretary

Marcus Day, Treasurer

1950's vintage Seagrave Aerial Ladder Truck.



PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTED BYRONALD P. O'KEEFE, FIRE CHIEF



As your new Fire Chief, I look forward to leading this progressive thirty member combination Fire Department with twenty full-time members and ten paid call members. The Durham Fire Department provides a full range of services to the community, including: emergency response to fire, rescue and medical incidents, public assistance services, public education and code management services.

We are proud to provide these services to the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) with a

combined population of 22,000 people in a 25 square mile area. The department operates from one station located on the campus of UNH, providing 24 hour-a-day coverage to the community. In 1998 we responded to 2,005 incidents and provided 9,372 public assists to the community.

Our mission statement is: "We, the Durham Fire Department, are an organization of dedicated professionals whose mission is to: Save Lives, Protect Property, Protect the Environment, Provide the Best Services Possible to the Community and Be Nice."

Our department's philosophy is to foster an attitude

FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS 1998

	UNH INCIDENTS	TOWN INCIDENTS
Structure fires.....	6.....	8
Other fires (<i>vehicle, brush, refuse</i>)	8	28
Emergency medical	342.....	335
Extrications	41	6
Spills/leaks (<i>no ignition</i>)	21.....	17
Service calls	175.....	129
Smoke investigations	37.....	29
Malicious false alarms	14.....	18
Unintentional false alarms	71.....	61
Good intent	43.....	38
System malfunction.....	32.....	21
False calls not classified	64.....	47
Miscellaneous (<i>assist police, chemical emergencies, arcing electrical equipment</i>)	28	243
Total	882	980
Mutual aid provided to other communities		36
THREE YEAR AVERAGE		
	UNH	Town
1996	57%	43%
1997	56%	44%
1998	47%	53%
Rates for 1999	53%	47%

Durham Firefighters during Ice Rescue Training Class, March 1998. Standing (l-r): Will Lenharth, Peter Henny, Tom Richardson, Rick Miller, Mark Tetreault, Brian Murray, Tom Stano, Jim Lapolla, Mike Hoffman, Dick Stevens, and Larry Best. Front Row (l-r): Tom Bulcock (instructor), Dave Emanuel, Ron O'Keefe, Chuck Moorenovich, Jim Davis, Paul Marcoux, and Matt Newton.



PUBLIC SAFETY

of caring for our internal customers (our personnel) and our external customers (residents and those who travel to Durham). Family values and customer satisfaction are two of our highest priorities. We want to be the community's number one service agency. If you have a problem and don't know who to call, call the Durham Fire Department. If we cannot correct the problem, we can at least assist you in finding someone who can.

We acknowledge that our business is dangerous. We will provide the community with a highly trained team who will: take significant risks to save lives, take calculated risks to save and protect property and take minimal risks when lives and property are not salvageable. We encourage our members to be visible and active within the community. We promote the professionalism and credibility of our department and the municipal government. We will do nothing to discredit the proud history of the Fire Service and the Durham Fire Department.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Emergency purchase of a new Ladder 1 due to the mechanical failure of the old Ladder 1 (1980 Seagrave). New unit is a 1997 Emergency One 110 foot Aerial.
- All members completed Water/Ice Rescue training conducted at the Old Durham Reservoir and the Lamprey River at Packers Falls.

- Developed Alarm Cards for Rescue Situations, i.e. confined space, ice/water, motor vehicle.
- Conducted a retirement testimonial roast for Retired Chief Robert P. Wood.
- Purchased and placed into service our Avon inflatable rescue boat.
- Welcomed Deb Quisumbing as our new Administrative Assistant with the resignation of Sheryl Hoisington.
- Replaced Medic 1 (1988 Suburban) with a 1998 Dodge Quad Cab Advanced Life Support Medical Unit.
- Added two new teachers to the "Learn Not to Burn" program bringing the total to fourteen teachers participating.
- Hosted the 1998 Fall Conference of the New England College and University Fire Safety Officers Association.
- Obtained the loan of a laptop computer from UNH Environmental Health and Safety.
- Captain Richard Miller attended computer training at the UNH Interoperability Lab and completed the Fire Department portion of the Town of Durham Web Page.
- Inspector Mark Tetreault attended the National Fire Academy and became certified as an Inspector Level II.
- Firefighters Jim Lapolla and Tom Stano achieved certification as

Hazardous Material Technicians.

- Firefighter Jim Lapolla became a member of the Seacoast Technical Assistance Response Team (START).
- Firefighter Paul Marcoux was appointed START team leader.
- Firefighter Larry Best completed his Bachelors Degree program in Fire Service Administration at Riviere College.
- Call Firefighter Steve Shackford completed NH Hazardous Materials Operations

Level and Firefighter I courses.

- The Department received the Life Safety Achievement Award from the International Association of Fire Chiefs for no fire related deaths in 1997.

1999 GOALS

- 🔧 Develop a Complete Fire Prevention Specification Manual to include Sprinkler Systems, Hydrants, Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Lanes.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES 1998

Fire Safety Inspections.....233

Including: multiple occupancy, commercial, home, daycare, and chimney and woodstove inspections

Permits Issued/Approved

Blasting	30
Burning	323
Fireworks Display.....	3
Install/operate fire alarm system	30
Install (LPG) tank	1
Install oil burner	13
Install fire sprinkler system	18
Open flame in place of assembly	15
Operate place of assembly	45
Kerosene heater	2
Remove underground fuel storage tank	7
Pyrotechnics	7
Hazard Notices.....	34
Haunted House	2

Fire Safety Education.....173

Including: fire drills, fire extinguisher classes, other programs (public school programs, dormitory and Greek system programs, station tours, etc.)

Miscellaneous

Major fire investigations	5
Special event coverage	75

Public Assists8,760

Including: fire safety information requests and department business via telephone and walk-in service.

1998 Combined Total Activities11,674

FIRE DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

- ☞ Complete the computerization of fire prevention permits and fire inspections.
- ☞ Replace Engine 1 (1975 Mack) with a new attack engine.
- ☞ Replace the Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life) with a new, lighter weight unit.
- ☞ Re-evaluate the services provided to the community to enhance our capabilities.
- ☞ Initiate an employee Fitness/Wellness program.
- ☞ Upgrade outdated fax and printing machines.
- ☞ Improve community relations through neighborhood visits and increased public education.
- ☞ Develop a Department Values Statement.
- ☞ Conduct a risk assessment for the community.
- ☞ Initiate the development of a long-term plan for the Fire Department.
- ☞ Provide quality, cost effective fire protection services to the community. 🌸

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

SUBMITTED BY ...RONALD P. O'KEEFE, FIRE WARDEN



contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, 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.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands. Forest Protection Bureau State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and

several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. These early detection measures and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a criti-

cal factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property as low as possible.

As of the end of November, Durham's 1998 fire season experienced 10 brush fires which burned approximately 4 acres of land. The largest fire burned 3 acres off of Bennett Road. The January ice storms have left large amounts of broken limbs and debris on the ground. I urge everyone to be careful while enjoying our woodlands.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

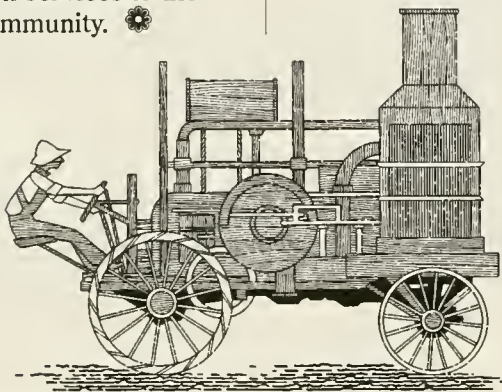
(All Fires Reported through December 23, 1998)

Fires Reported by County

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton.....	43
Hillsborough.....	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12
Total Fires	798
Total Acres	442.86

Causes of Fires Reported

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use.....	24
Lightning.....	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous.....	53
Unknown.....	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious.....	16
Illegal.....	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of Ashes.....	19



POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTED BYDAVID L. KURZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

The year 1998 has been one of significant change for the department. Four senior officers left the agency to advance their careers. Jack St. Hilaire accepted a Patrol Sergeant's position with the University of Boston Police Department. Todd Biery moved to the Manchester Police Department where the salaries are higher and the diversity of New Hampshire's largest police agency offered more professional advancement. Kevin Theriault accepted employment with an insurance company in Richmond, Virginia as an Accident Reconstructionist. Tom Dronsfield returned with his wife to her home in Pennsylvania to explore opportunities in that State.

The people who make up an organization are the true measure of its quality and effectiveness. No where is this more true than in the police profession. Services that are confidential and very personal are extensively affected by the quality of the officer and the training they receive. We are pleased that a solid recruiting and hiring process has produced exceptionally qualified and dedicated employees to fill the void left by the departure of senior staff. Ann Dunkerley, Edward Pike, Frank Daly and Michael Bilodeau have completed training required by the State of New Hampshire. In addition, they have completed their indoc-

trination and field training that is designed to educate them to the style of policing Durham desires. In all, twenty weeks of intensive law enforcement education will combine with their college degrees and life skills to create an exceptionally qualified police officer to serve the community of Durham.

Community Initiatives

The agency has continued to embrace the community policing philosophy. Durham has expanded this concept by designing our mission and values statement towards a dedication that seeks to deliver quality service to our customers. Partnerships with neighborhoods, each with their unique issues, have served to open dialogue between

the police and the residents improving relationships after each event. In essence, we each learn how to help the other. During 1998, there have been approximately seventeen such meetings. Over 1800 hours of personnel time have been committed to fostering these partnerships. One of the many events we host focus on our active retired citizens. Cooking a dinner or barbecue creates wonderful opportunities to interact in a positive way. On one such occasion Elaine Hutchinson read a poem that she wrote for us.

*'Tis the week before
Christmas and all thru
the town*

*We haven't a worry or
even a frown*

*For they protect us and
help us these men and
women in blue*

*Barbecues and now the
traditional dinner. Yes they
feed us too!*

*When the winter storm hit
and the lights went out*

*They were there and we
didn't need to shout!*

*No task is too big-no
task too small*

*They come in a moment
if when we hear a noise
in the hall.*

*We salute you policemen of
Durham, Fire Department
and the EMT's too!*

*We appreciate everything
and all that you do!*

Another extremely positive initiative brought together a group of interested community members one Saturday. We collectively exchanged ideas and attitudes and philosophies concerning the type of policing Durham desires. From this

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Durham Police host the 1998 Seniors Christmas Dinner at St. Thomas More Church as part of their community service project.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

forum came a strategic plan that formulated a roadmap for our future. This meeting was such a success that we are committed to review the Strategic Plan at a yearly forum to reshape our goals to reflect the desires of the community.

Recognition

Sergeant Sean Kelly and Officer Todd Biery were recognized for their life saving action involving a suicidal young man. The officers broke in the door of an apartment to find the man hanging by his neck. Working together, they held him up while the other cut the young man down.

Officer Jason Lamontagne was commended when he dragged an unconscious man from a burning vehicle that had been involved in a

motor vehicle accident. When just 15 feet from the vehicle, it exploded throwing Officer Lamontagne and the injured person to the ground.

Officer David Holmstock was commended for his involvement with the Explorer Post and the young men and women who benefit from his commitment. Under his tutorage, the Post has tripled in size and is recognized as one of the best groups in the State. In July, the Post competed against other Explorers from New England in a variety of disciplines. At that competition, the Durham Explorers won first place.

Training

We successfully reached one of our major goals this year. Increase the availabili-

ty of quality training by 25% for all employees. Training has many positive attributes for the officers as well as the agency. It is recognized as an opportunity for the officers to interact with other police officers who have different perspectives and problem-solving techniques.

specialized training. With our new facility, we have embarked upon a strategy whereby we host nationally recognized training. In exchange for providing the classroom facility, the agency gains by having access to high quality training at little or no cost there-

Police Department Statistics

Investigations.....	1,333
Arrests.....	335
Summonses.....	1,370
Warnings.....	4,143
Accidents.....	207
Parking Tickets.....	4,776

While also providing an opportunity to "recharge their batteries", the officers learn new skills and refine old ones returning to Durham with renewed energy and enthusiasm. In 1998 alone, the officers received more than 1700 hours of

by significantly reducing our training expenditures.

Accreditation

One of the primary objectives of the agency has been to obtain national accredited status. We have accomplished this task literally one step at a time by using the New Hampshire accreditation system. New Hampshire's system mirrors that of the national but creates three levels. The Durham Police Department is the first police agency in the State that is Level III accredited. In May of 1999, three nationally recognized assessors will review our policies and procedures to determine if we comply with the standards of the profession. What we can assure our community is that the agency will never be complacent always seeking the highest level of excellence in the delivery of police services. ★

The Newmarket Road and Durham Point Road intersection around 1918. Photo shows the Town Pound, the L.F. Heald House prior to being moved and the Willey House at the far left. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



Public Works

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBMITTED BYJOSEPH I. GRADY P.E., DIRECTOR

It does not seem possible, but this past August I completed ten years as your Public Works Director; the time seems to fly by so fast these days. In August we completed one year in the new Public Works Facility and its functionality has exceeded our expectations and, hopefully you, our customers, have seen the increase in efficiency we are experiencing. Again grateful appreciation to our customers for providing the facility and we invite you to stop by and tour it if you haven't already.

1998 was a challenging year to say the least and it started off with the big ice storm on Super Bowl weekend, as we all painfully remember. That ice storm created tree removal work for many weeks thereafter. We can report that the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the State provided over \$100,000 reimbursement for that work plus we distributed nearly all the wood chips produced back to customers.

The long awaited and highly publicized Downtown Main Street Enhancement Project was advertised, however, the bids were too high in my opinion and, unfortunately, I

had to recommend rejecting the bids and rebidding the project for 1999.

The Mill Pond Road Culvert is now a bridge and from all reports I hear it is an ideal example of how a project can satisfy both the need (reduce flooding incidences) and enhance a neighborhood's appearance at the same time. Again, FEMA assisted in the funding, contributing over \$150,000 to the \$260,000 plus project. Special thanks go to all involved, especially to the immediate abutters for their cooperation in giv-

ing permission to work on their land and for their patience throughout the construction. This is a project well worthwhile stopping by to look at.

The reports from each Public Works Division follow this one and will highlight the 1998 accomplishments and 1999 goals.

I would like to report on the progress of the major goals for 1998 and highlight the major goals for 1999. For 1998, I am reprinting and annotating a portion of my 1997 Town Report which outlines our 1998 recommendations to keep pace with the past ten years growth. Town growth continues and my 1997 Town report on growth and its

service level implications remains applicable and is worth rereading.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- "The creation of a sixth primary snow plowing route." This was not funded for 1999; however, the Town Council remains concerned about this issue and directed that it be further considered during 1999.
- "An aggressive buildings' capital repair program." The Town Council directed that emphasis will be placed on repair of the historic District Court House for 1999 and authorized over \$42,000 to complete a major portion of the needed repairs.
- "Adding a third summer employee to the Buildings and Grounds Division." This was accomplished in 1998 and enabled us to perform more needed facility maintenance tasks.
- "Reestablishing the Town Engineer position not filled since 1987." The Town Council reestablished this position for 1999 and a concentrated effort will be directed towards hiring the best candidate and producing results.
- "Requiring our Highway Division summer help, for the next three years, to have previous maintenance experience allow-

Joseph "Skip" Grady, Director of Public Works and Gail Jablonski, Assistant to Public Works Director.



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PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (CONTINUED)

ing the creation of two-experienced summer maintenance crews. Those crews would aggressively address highway drainage and pavement maintenance deficiencies." This program was very successful in helping to complete lingering projects done in 1998; however, the favorable economy made it impossible to hire the desired number

of candidates. Some funding was provided for the partial continuation of the program in 1999.

- "Changing collection of recyclables to a two-stream/alternate week commingled system to cut down on collection/processing time." This program was approved by the Town Council and will be implemented January 26, 1999.
- "Double the water production from the Lee Well to 325,000 gallons a

day to reduce water purchases from UNH Water Treatment Plant." A new pressure reducing valve was installed this past December and production has increased as planned.

- "Replace aging and costly equipment." This continues to be a strong recommendation and high priority goal for the years to come. A six-year capital equipment replacement plan was adopted by the Town Council and a ten-year capital equipment repair/renovation plan was given to the Town Council for its consideration in 1999.

replacement and visual enhancement, addition of sidewalks, enhancement of the Historic District, period streetlights, water and wastewater line replacement/upgrade and street resurfacing. Construction is anticipated to begin in 1999 and be completed in 2000.

- ☞ Development of five-year solid waste/recyclables program to respond to solid waste regulatory, market and technological changes for 2000-2001 capping of Durham Point Road Landfill and increasing costs. Recommendations will be presented to the Town Council in September-October 1999.

TOP: As part of the College Brook Project, the once narrow pedestrian bridge, located off Mill Pond Road, was widened.
BOTTOM: Residents of the Mill Pond road area were pleased when the long awaited College Brook bridge installation was completed in October.



1999 GOALS

- ☞ A higher level of funding for the resurfacing program is needed and will be pursued for year 2000 and beyond.
- ☞ Completion of the long awaited Downtown Main Street Enhancement Project. The goals of this project include improved traffic and pedestrian safety, enhance and theme the appearance of the downtown area and to attract people to the business center of Durham. Construction to begin in May and be substantially complete by mid-August.
- ☞ Commencement of NHDOT/Town Route 108/Main Street Reconstruction Project. This will include traffic flow/control improvements, aerial utilities'

☞ Completion of the engineering and negotiation necessary to renew an environmentally responsible and cost-effective Wastewater Discharge Permit with EPA. The firm of Wright-Pierce of Topsham, Maine will also perform engineering to address our excessive inflow and infiltration (rainfall and groundwater getting into the wastewater piping system), reduce treatment plant odor, improve the treatment process and update the facility plan which predicts the treatment capacity will be reached and identifies facility needs to address now and in the future. A construction project will result from this preliminary engineering.

☞ Gaining the necessary Public, Officials and Government Agencies' support, agreements and funding to complete the design and construction to "hard-pipe" the Lamprey River to the Arthur Rollins Water Treatment Plant. This "hardpiping" would convert the current water supply line from the Lamprey River, which empties into the Oyster River several thousand feet above the treatment plant to a line, to one which would be connected directly into the treatment plant. There are several advantages to converting this piping, but I think the most important two are:

1. This direct piping would allow precise environmentally responsible management of our precious water resources, particularly during extended dry and low flow periods and

2. Provide a separate backup water supply if the Oyster River should become contaminated, say by a substance from an overturned tanker on highly traveled Routes 4 or 125 (we had one close call within the past two years).

I have been very concerned about this water supply issue since I came to work here in 1988 and am urging that all interests

come together and work collaboratively to insure that this project be completed in such a manner that all concerns are met as much as reasonably possible. We must look beyond tomorrow, next year and the year after. This is a project of enormous interest and future importance for the community. We must compel ourselves to look fifty years and more into the future when establishing, committing and managing our drinking water supplies.

In closing, I would like to recognize and thank the Town Council and various Boards for their direction and tough decisions, our Town Administrator Larry Shaffer for his support, other Town Departments for their help and our great Public Works team (second to none) for their dedication and hard work, and most of all a big thank you to you, our customers, for your suggestions, reporting of problems, patience, financial support and encouragement. ✱



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTED BY.....BRIAN S. BEERS,
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

The Division was very busy the beginning of 1998 with 15 weather-related incidents from January through March. One particular storm which began on January 23rd and didn't end until January 25th was very severe with 8" of snow changing to freezing rain and 2" of ice.

The second week of June was very wet; 10+/- inches of rain between June 13th and 16th fell. This caused major swelling of the Lamprey River and required the gate at the Wiswall Dam to be opened. This rain caused some downstream flooding of Route 108/Newmarket Road and

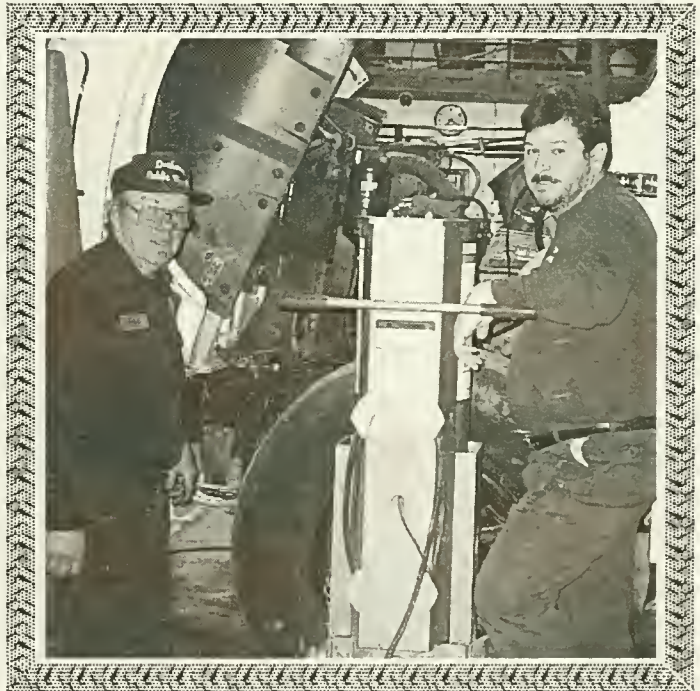
the culvert area on Longmarsh Road. There was some washout of Longmarsh Road that will need to be repaved.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The crew screened 2800 cubic yards (cy) of sand and hauled 1200 cy of sand to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There it was mixed with 10 parts sand to 1 part salt for use during the 1998-99 winter season.
- The contract crosswalk and traffic markings (stencils, pedestrian symbols, arrows and stop lines), along with the centerline and edge

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Phillips Brooks, Tradesman and Terry Edison, Assistant Tradesman both work in vehicle maintenance.



PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY DIVISION (CONTINUED)

lines were painted mid-April to mid-May. The crosswalks and traffic markings were completed in one night. This is a first! The company that was contracted sent in three crews who "blew in and blew out of the Town."

➤ The spring cleanup of furniture, stuffed goods and appliances was completed the end of May in just one week. Six dump trucks and two front-end loaders were deployed along with employees from all of the Public Works Divisions, including Administration. There was some 90 tons of bulky waste picked up and disposed of at the SWMF. This material

was then hauled off in 30 cy rolloff containers to the Kingston Landfill. Disposal of items picked up during this week cost the Town approximately \$8,600.

➤ The fall cleanup of brush, leaves and garden waste was completed the end of October. There were 35 dump truck loads of brush picked up and brought to the SWMF equaling approximately 280 cy of brush. There were also 9.75 tons of leaves and garden waste disposed of at E.R.R.C. in Epping, NH. 56 cy of these materials was disposed of at the SWMF.

➤ Pike Industries, Inc. of Portsmouth, NH per-

formed the roadway paving program consisting of Pettee Brook Lane, Dennison Road parking lot area, Stone Quarry Drive, the road to the Lee Well and the Wastewater Treatment Plant entrance. In addition, Cowell Drive, Sauer Terrace and Glassford Lane received the 1" wearing course following the waterline replacement and reclamation work done in 1997.

➤ Canney Road from Route 108 to the Madbury line and Wednesday Hill Road from Packers Falls Road to the Lee line were ground up with a drum grinder, reshaped, fine graded and recompact before receiving a 2" course of bituminous base hottop by Pike Industries. In addition,

prior to Pike performing the reclamation work, the Highway Division performed roadside brush removal, drainage ditch cleaning and culvert inspection and identification on these roads.

➤ The Highway Division completed a spot shimming program on the severely rutted and pot holed areas of Bay Road, Durham Point Road from Longmarsh Road to Adams Point and the paved section of Dame Road to the Newmarket line. There are still many areas in need of this type of attention and the hopes are that they can be addressed in the 1999 paving season.

➤ The Mill Road culvert project was completed by H.L. Smith of North Hampton, NH. If you have not had the opportunity to view the completed project, you should take the time and view the roadway and sidewalk alignment and the beautiful precast culvert and bridge. It has made a great improvement to the area.

➤ The Faculty Road sidewalk was overlaid with 1" of hottop and all driveway and crosswalk cuts were brought into the new ADA conformity.

➤ In March the Division hired Mr. Brian Dalton as a heavy equipment operator to fill the position vacated by Mike Douglas' promotion to Highway Foreman. Brian comes to us with over

Durham Highway Department (l-r): Paul Halpin, Laborer; James Currie, Laborer; Raymond LaRoche Sr., Laborer; Brian Dalton, Heavy Equipment Operator; Brian Beers, Superintendent of Highways; Michael Douglas, Highway Foreman (not pictured).



PUBLIC WORKS

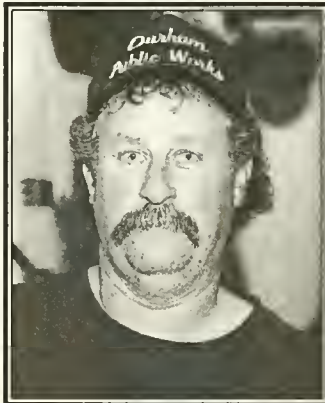
ten years of experience operating equipment for the Washee County DPW, Reno, Nevada.

➤ Supt. Brian Beers and Foreman Mike Douglas have attended several seminars throughout the year focusing on drainage, the use of geotextiles in transportation, paving techniques, public works mutual aid program and project costing and specing for Public Works. Foreman Douglas has moved to the Road Scholar II level of the T2 road scholar program with 50+ hours of Public Works training.

➤ The entire Highway Division attended A Mountain of Demonstrations at Gunstock Ski Area in June. This is a large equipment show which offers seminars on practical uses of various equipment and material uses.

➤ The Division purchased a 2 cy aluminum hopper spreader for the superintendent's three-quarter ton pickup truck. This unit will enable the superintendent or foreman to treat the various "hot spots" in the town as they patrol the roads during and after storms. In late June the Division took delivery of a 1998 Colprin tractor to replace the 1983 Landini tractor. This tractor was used for roadside mowing this summer and has been set up to be the first line sidewalk plow this winter season. The old Landini was

Congratulations to Michael Douglas upon his promotion to Highway Foreman.



retained as a backup machine and a second sidewalk plow if storm conditions warrant its use. In November a new 1998 Sterling Heavy Duty Dump Truck was received. This truck is set up for plowing and will be replacing a 1986 model. The new truck will be fitted with safety lights and two-way radio and will be placed into service in time for the first snow storm of the winter season.

➤ Drainage problems which were not completed in the 1997 construction season were taken care of, as well as two other projects which have been on the books since the 80's. An under-drain pipe and shallow catch basin were installed between 27 and 29 Edgewood Road and the guide post and batter board over the roadway crossculvert at 47 Oyster River Road were replaced. A paved swale along the side of the road was created to improve the drainage in that area and stop erosion at the infall end of the crossculvert.

1999 GOALS

➤ Roadway Resurfacing to include the overlay of Main Street from Madbury Road to Pettee Brook Lane and the wearing course on Canney Road and

Wednesday Hill Road following the reclamation work done in 1998.

➤ The finalization of a Town-wide hot asphalt shimming program to address the poorer sections of our collector roads.

➤ Continue to address deficient driveway culverts and other drainage structures as they are inspected.

➤ Install a closed drainage system on Woodridge Road.

➤ Install a drop inlet structure and 6" under-drain along the curblin on Mill Pond Road in the parking area across the road from the Mill Pond park.

➤ Continue to develop the storage area at the new Public Works Facility.

➤ Continue to provide the highest level of service possible to the residents of Durham. ❀

Snowstorm aftermath on Durham's Main Street—1945. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BYDIANA CARROLL,
CATHARINA DEJONG, KATE GLANZ,
ANNE LOOMIS, JOYCE SHEFFIELD,
AND SUSAN THORNE



Durham is doing a good job of recycling and we can be proud of our innovative role in the State. Our town, like other NH communities, seeks to curb costs and improve the efficiency of its recycling program. Our purpose is to work as a citizen committee to insure that the changes made to the program are good for our community and good for the environment.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Programming Changes - The Town has collected 1,000 tons of recyclable material this year, up from 475 tons in 1989, the first year of operation. Over 200 stops have been added to the collection route. The Committee considered options to handle the overload and issued a town-wide survey which suggested a more efficient alternate week collection. Residents responded positively and we are working on ways to make a smooth changeover to the new system on January 25, 1999. We also recommended that the Town and UNH jointly purchase and operate a roll-off truck for savings on hauling.
- Commercial Sector Recycling- We voted to

delay a proposal for curbside collection of Sorted Mixed Office Waste Paper, reasoning that the system could not handle the large amount of recyclables which would be generated. We appreciate the efforts and willingness of some of the Town's businesses to participate.

- Public Education Booklet- The Committee gathered information for a booklet based on Londonderry's publication Buried Treasure. This will become an important effort as we continue to educate newcomers (and old timers).
- Education- The Committee participated in several educational activities. On September 22nd we attended a program in Portsmouth, NH sponsored by the NH Governor's Recycling Program. It received funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency to provide free technical assistance to any community looking to explore the benefits of a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program. This is a unit-based pricing system, also called Bag and Tag, in which households are financially

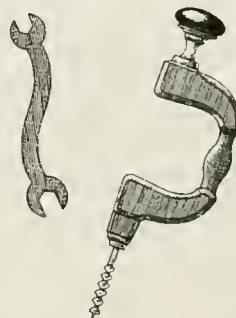
responsible (partly or wholly) for each bag of waste they generate. At present 24 NH communities are participating. Residents are motivated to generate less waste and recycle more.

- We attended the 6th Annual Governor's Recycling Conference on October 21st in Bedford, NH and brought back some practical suggestions for our work to keep up the interest in recycling.

1999 GOALS

The Committee will continue to be a sounding board and advocate for some of the new initiatives presented to us. We will work with the Master Plan and:

- ☞ Promote the ideas of the three R's: **REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE.** Recycling is not the total answer to our solid waste issues. Each individual can effect the amount of the waste stream by **REDUCING** and **REUSING** as well as recycling. Without the first two much of what we bring into our houses will end up in the trash barrel or recycling bin.



- ☞ Continue to examine programs and strategies which reduce solid waste such as the PAYT program. Many options exist to tailor this program for our town.
- ☞ Review the issue of a relocation of the transfer site. With the landfill closure and capping date approaching in 2001, we will lose the burning pit and yard and leaf storage areas.
- ☞ Increase cooperative efforts with UNH to make both recycling systems more cost effective.
- ☞ Bring approximately 100 town businesses fully into the program. Recycling efforts are low at present.
- ☞ Consider an automated pickup at curbside. A more advanced mechanized vehicle would reduce the cost of labor.
- ☞ Study recycling and waste prevention in schools.

We recognize Skip Grady, Public Works Director and Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Solid Waste, for their leadership in Durham's successful recycling program and thank them for keeping us informed. There is an opening on the Board at present. Please contact Skip Grady at the Public Works Department, 868-5578, if you would like to work with us.

We would like to thank Joan Drapeau for her contributions while she was on the committee. ☐

PUBLIC WORKS

SOLID WASTE DIVISION

SUBMITTED BYGUY HODGDON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SOLID WASTE

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recycling markets and methods change quickly. To address the changes we continue to adjust our program to fit the demands.
- Transportation of the recyclable material to market has become an important factor in the overall recycling process. To address this need in 1998, a used rolloff truck was purchased jointly by UNH and the Town. The addition of this vehicle to the program will allow substantial savings in hauling costs.
- A survey was conducted asking all Durham residents asking for their response to a planned program change. Based on the survey responses, we have started to implement an alternate week collection program for recyclable material. The program is scheduled to start in January 1999.
- Durham continues to be an innovator in the State. This year we were the first NH Town to offer propane tank recycling at our SWMF. This program creates a small revenue and allows a very hazardous material to be handled easily at the local level.
- To increase efficiency and cost effectiveness, at the SWMF, our old bucket loader and skid steer

machine were traded in for one new and larger skid steer machine.

- The Division replaced two positions during the year to fill vacancies.

- The recycling vehicle was scheduled for replacement this year. It was decided to overhaul the old unit in-house before we faced serious mechanical problems with the unit.
- A different area for offloading bulky waste material at the SWMF

was constructed. This area allows dumping of material from above the container vs. the old method of having to carry the material upstairs to unload.

- We would like to thank the Recycling

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CHANGE IN COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR RECYCLABLES

Please note that effective January 25, 1999 recyclables are to be separated into two groups and placed out on alternating weeks. This change is based on the 1998 survey response and an attempt to keep labor costs down.

- ✱ Newspapers, magazines and corrugated cardboard (*fiber recyclables*)
- ✱ Glass, plastic, tin and aluminum cans (*co-mingled recyclable containers*)
- ✱ Fiber recyclables and co-mingled recyclable containers will be collected on alternating weeks. This schedule is clearly marked on the recently distributed flyer. If you do not have a copy of the flyer, please call Durham Public Works at 868-5578.

The following will be collected weekly:

- ✱ Textiles in plastic bags (*clearly marked*).
- ✱ Household dry cell batteries (*in small plastic baggies*).
- ✱ Refuse.

(l-r) Arthur Nutter, Recycling Processor; Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water & Solid Waste; Bonnie McDermott, Recycling Assistant; Lloyd Gifford, Recycling Truck Operator.



PUBLIC WORKS

SOLID WASTE (CONTINUED)

Committee for its interest and support of the recycling program in Durham.

1999 GOALS

- ☞ Implement the new alternate week recycling collection program.
- ☞ Continue review of options for commercial participation in the recycling program.
- ☞ Ongoing review of future program options when the landfill site is

closed and capped.

- ☞ Continue working cooperatively with UNH on solid waste issues.
- ☞ Increase public education about solid waste issues.
- ☞ Assist the Oyster River schools to improve their recycling programs.

The telephone numbers for the Solid Waste Division are 868-1001 or 868-5578 ☼

SOLID WASTE DIVISION STATISTICS

Tons of Material Marketed

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	1996	1997	1998
Fiber	666	614	687
Glass	239	173	177
Aluminum/Steel	41	30	29
Comingled Containers	18	72	128
Plastics	41	19	15
Textiles	7	4	2
Dry Cell Batteries	1	1	0

Totals	1,013	913	1038
Recycling Revenue	\$12,269	\$12,827	\$12,319
Tip Fee Avoidance	\$46,934	\$43,370	\$50,208

Other Material Recycled

Scrap Metal (tons)	77	94	66
Car Batteries (each)	147	72	154
Car Tires (each)	875	1,330	784
Waste Oil (gallons)	1,133	1,156	825
Oil Filters (each)	525	300	400
Oil Based Paint (gallons)	750	440	350
Leaves Collected @ Curb	8	9	10

Material Disposed

REFUSE (TONS)			
Curbside Collection	1,276	1,310	1,410
Commercial	729	1,151	1,130
Refuse Total	2,005	2,471	2,540
Bulky Waste (tons)	613	536	549
Hazardous Waste (gallons)	0	890	0
SWMF Permits Issued	823	762	1,084

TREE WARDEN

SUBMITTED BYMICHAEL LYNCH, TREE WARDEN

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

➤ The most significant challenge the Tree Warden faced this year was the assessment and clean up following the January 24th ice storm which devastated Durham. This storm damaged approximately 50% of the trees and dramatically changed the roadscape for years to come. Applications for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding resulted in approximately \$100,000 to help offset clean-up costs.

➤ The Town received a \$5,000 donation for tree replacements following the January ice storm from Oak Hurst Dairy of Maine.

➤ The Town secured \$24,000 for tree replacements from the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

➤ 102 dead or hazardous trees were removed from Town property or right-of-ways.

➤ The Tree Warden continued to administer the Small Business Administration Tree Planting Grant. This Grant allowed the Town to purchase and plant Deciduous trees at the Father Lawless playing fields and Old Landing Road Park.

TOP: Mike Lynch, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.
BOTTOM: Raymond LaRoche Jr. Assistant Supt. of Buildings and Grounds



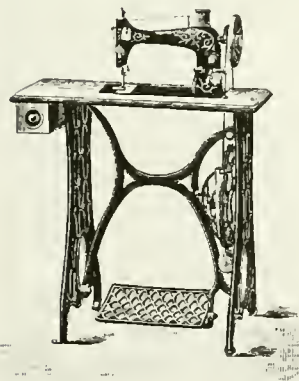
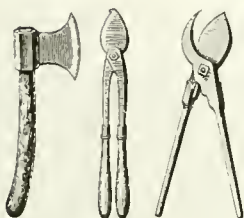
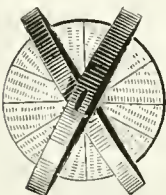
➤ The Town was honored with its 20th consecutive Tree City USA Award. Durham has successfully been awarded Tree City USA since 1978 and is the longest running Tree City Town in the State.

➤ The Town received a 3" caliper Red Oak tree from the NH Electric Cooperative. The Tree is intended to symbolize the reforestation of Town land in which trees are trimmed or removed for utility line maintenance.

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

1999 GOALS

- Aggressive removal of any remaining elm trees inflicted with Dutch Elm disease along the Town's right-of-way.
- Pursue the Town's 21st Tree City USA award.
- Submit an application for the NH Community Beautification Award which is granted to three cities or towns who show a significant town-wide beautification program.
- Assist Town residents with landscape or tree concerns. ❖



WASTEWATER DIVISION

SUBMITTED BYDUANE L. WALKER, SUPERINTENDENT

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- On January 21st a serious ice storm hit the region causing serious damage to trees and power lines. The Treatment Facilities and Pumping Stations operated flawlessly on stand-by power for 21 hours without incident.
- On February 1st we began contracting out the hauling of Durham's wastewater sludge to the Merrimack Composting Facility. This program has worked well for the Town of Durham.
- A new 200 MGZ computer was purchased on February 16th to replace the 12 year old 286 unit in the Treatment Plant office.
- Proposals were sought for engineering services for the upcoming Wastewater Treatment Improvements and

Inflow and Infiltration Reduction which are being mandated by EPA and NHDES. Seven firms responded and, following interviews and reference checks, the work was awarded to Wright Pierce Engineering of Topsham, Maine.

- As the sludge is now being hauled and composted at the Merrimack facility, the Division was no longer in need of its larger two and one half yard John Deere loader. A smaller, more economical Bobcat Skid Steer loader was purchased and the John Deere loader was transferred to the Highway Division.
- In June the main fire alarm panel at the Treatment Plant was replaced when the existing one failed. The original panel was 18 years old and no longer serv-

iceable as parts are unavailable.

- In June a closed circuit video inspection system was rented to enable us to inspect and record the entire wastewater collection system throughout the town. This was a successful venture which gave us a better understanding of the condition of the sewer mains and provided data for the upcoming inflow and infiltration work required by NHDES.
- As part of the annual collection systems maintenance program all sewer mains were cleaned.
- In August the main access road and parking area at the Treatment Plant were repaved as scheduled.
- In September the Treatment Plant Control Building had a new roof installed as portions of the old roof were 32 years old and in need of repair.

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WASTEWATER VITAL STATISTICS (12 MONTHS)

PERMIT PARAMETERS	AVG. 1998 TOTAL	AVG. 1997 TOTAL
Avg Flow MGD	n/a	1.13
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	30 MG/L	11
Avg % TSS Removal	min. 85%	95.9
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	30 MG/L	8.6
Avg % BOD Removal	min. 85%	95.1
Total Flow (MG)	428.06	411.00
Septage Received (GAL)	80,050	82,700
MGDMillion Gallons per Day	MG/L . . . Milligrams per Liter	
TSSTotal Suspended Solids	MG Million Gallons	
BODBiochemical Oxygen Demand	GAL Gallons	

PUBLIC WORKS

WASTEWATER DIVISION (CONTINUED)

1999 GOALS

At this time several sections of the sewer mains are being proposed for repair or replacement. This list includes:

- ☞ The 6" line in the Main Street Enhancement area from Church Hill to Mill Road.
- ☞ The 8" line that flows from Park Court to Newmarket Road and the 8" line from the Courthouse to Old Landing Road (these lines are proposed to be replaced as part of the NHDOT Route 108/Main Street project planned for 1999).
- ☞ A section of the 10" line on Burnham Avenue.
- ☞ A section of the 8" line off Canney Road.
- ☞ Continue Phase 1 of the Wastewater Engineering Services. The current NPDES Discharge Permit expired on December 31, 1998. Although we do not know exactly what new parameters will be included in our new permit at this time, we do know that the EPA has been requiring such things as metals removal, phosphorous removal and possibly ammonia removal in recently issued discharge permits around the country.

In an effort to stay abreast of expected permit changes and to possibly have an input in what limits

will be included, the Town will continue to work with the firm of Wright Pierce Engineering of Topsham, Maine to assist in negotiating a new, environmentally responsible and long-term cost-efficient NPDES Discharge Permit. Also to be considered during Phase I Engineering Services are:

- Intermediate operational improvements;
- Recommendation of cost-effective odor reduction measures;
- Inflow/infiltration reductions throughout the collection system;
- Facility plan update; WWTP 10-Year capital improvements plan; and Collection system analysis. ♦



"This indenture. . .by and between Joseph Young and John Clough Selectmen and overseers of the poor of the Town of Durham. . .do put John Tasker of Durham, a minor and poor child that wants relief, to be an apprentice to the said Bradbury Jewell and his wife to serve from the date herof for and during the term of fourteen years and six months to be compleat and ended; during all which term the said apprentice his said master and mistress shall faithfully serve, their secrets keep and lawful comands everywhere obey. . ."

—Indenture Certificate of John Tasker, May 7, 1791

Wastewater Division: Back row (l-r) Duane Walker, Superintendent of Wastewater; Daniel Osborne, Laborer; Daniel "Max" Driscoll, Sewer Technician. Front Row (l-r) Mark Deland, Lab Technician; Raymond Osborne, Laborer; Dave Williams, Laborer.



PUBLIC WORKS

WATER DIVISION

SUBMITTED BY . . . GUY HODGDON, WATER SUPERINTENDENT

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided training for the Water Technician, Dwight Richard, which enabled him to become certified at the Distribution System Operator – Level 2 and the Treatment Operator – Level 1.
- Continue to meet regularly on an operational level with UNH as our distribution systems are connected. We carry out many programs cooperatively with UNH to better facilitate an efficient operation.
- Completed the process of installing remote monitoring devices for the chemicals that are injected at the Lee Well facility.

These devices will be linked to computers and dialers at both the UNH Treatment Facility and the Town Water Division.

- Worked with Northern Utilities who continue to hookup new services, as well as service those residences that are

already connected to natural gas.

- Completed hydrant flushing in the spring and fall.
- Performed annual water main valve operating program in cooperation with UNH. This program helps insure that we can operate the valves to isolate a section of pipe in the case of a water main failure.

- Completed painting and repairs to 25 of our fire hydrants.
- Completed yearly preventative maintenance on our cathodic protection devices and the main PARCO valve at the Lee Well.
- Completed, in cooperation with UNH and Pitometer, Inc., a review of our total water system looking for "lost water." This report should be available in early 1999.
- Completed the hydrant antifreeze program for the winter months.
- Performed a systemwide flow test in conjunction with UNH and Dufresne/Henry Engineers, to complete the computer modeling of the entire UNH/DURHAM Water System. This review also updated the current water system map.

WATER DIVISION STATISTICS

ACTIVITY	1996	1997	1998
Water Line Failures	5	3	4
New Residential Services	7	10	14
New Sprinkler Systems	6	1	1
Meters Repaired/Replaced	9	26	28
Hydrants Repaired/Replaced	3	4	3
General System Repairs	16	22	19

Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Water and Solid Waste (l) and Dwight Richard, Water Technician (r).



- Updated some of our databases using a summer engineering technician.
- Continued replacing water meters and system repairs as needed.
- Installed fencing around the Beech Hill Tank to improve security for that area.
- Installation on the new pressure reducing valve at Technology Drive should be completed by the end of the year. This valve will give us better ability to increase flows from the high pressure to the low-pressure system.

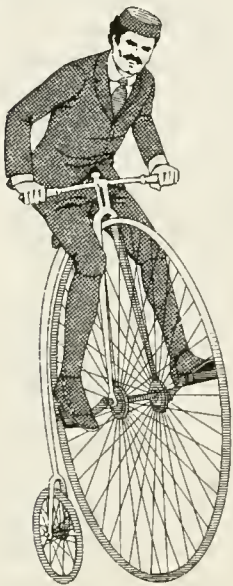
PUBLIC WORKS

WATER DIVISION (CONTINUED)

1999 GOALS

- Complete development and printing of a construction and policy manual.
- Continue mandated testing of the system according to EPA and State regulations.
- Continue to work towards total customer satisfaction and quick response to customers.
- Implement a hydrant-painting program to be completed during the summer.
- Increase production of the Lee Well from 175,000 gpd to 325,000 gpd to the system.
- Replace the Main Street and Route 108 water line in the area of the road reconstruction scheduled for 1999.

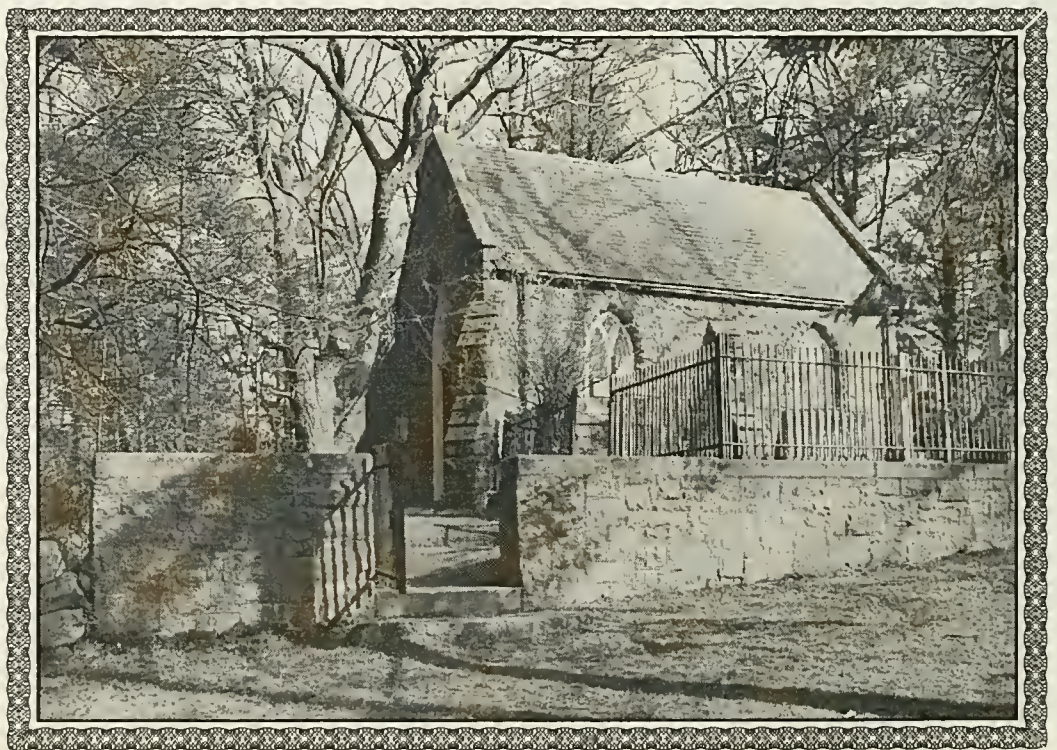
The telephone number for the Water Division is 868-5578. ♦



Durham Center School on Schoolhouse Lane. Photo taken around 1928-30 when the school was two and one-half stories tall.
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Smith Chapel on Mill Pond Road. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM



Special Advisory Committees

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BYALEX AUTY and DON GRAY



The purpose of the Durham Economic Development Committee (EDC) is to find ways to stabilize the residential tax burden through the promotion of balanced economic development in a manner that maintains the unique character of Durham. The EDC serves in an advisory capacity to the Council on the complex issues this task presents. The volunteers on the EDC are: Alex Auty (Co-Chair), Don Gray (Co-Chair), Homer Chalifoux, David Garvey, Jerry Dee, Malcolm McNeill, Vivian Miller, Mal Sandberg and Jim Walsh (Council Representatives). Last year the EDC adopted an action plan. The vital points of the plan are to a) double the commercial/industrial assessment to 26%; b) analyze the role of conservation land; c) charter an economic development corporation to implement growth; d) find incentives to change the use of buildings in the Historic District to uses other than student housing; and e) identify landowners in the office/research zone willing to commit to development. The EDC was able to address some of these points as follows:

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Collaborated with Town Staff on the construction of the economic development portion of the Town's website.
- Explored tax incentive options to promote a change in use of the buildings in the Historic District. Developed with Town Staff a list of available tax credits which the EDC then passed onto the Historic District Commission for distribution to the owners of the buildings in the Historic District.
- Developed a policy on open space preservation as a part of an overall

plan to stabilize the tax rate. The underlying assumption of this policy is that open space preservation together with development of appropriate commercial activity can help minimize the net taxable loss associated with single family development. The EDC consulted with the Conservation Commission to identify appropriate areas for open space preservation.

- Continued efforts to encourage the start up of a non-profit economic development corporation. The EDC continues to believe that a local economic development corporation would best serve the needs of this community and would encourage the renewal of interest in

this area. However, in the meantime, the EDC is in the process of recommending to the Council that it seek representation for Durham on the Strafford Economic Development Authority (SEDA).

1999 GOALS

- ☞ The EDC hopes to accomplish the following items next year:
- ☞ Obtain representation on SEDA.
- ☞ Develop a pamphlet for prospective businesses as a promotional and marketing tool.
- ☞ Assist the Master Plan efforts in identifying appropriate areas for commercial growth. ☑

LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BYJUDITH SPANG, CHAIRMAN



The Lamprey River Advisory Committee has undertaken an ambitious and rewarding variety of projects in 1998.

1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Thanks to a \$26,000 grant from the National Park Service, work was commenced on restoring the historic stone walls of the Wiswall

National Register of Historic Places mill site by John Wastrom, historic restoration stonemason. Dick Dewing, UNH students and the DPW prepared the site for the work. Signs will be installed describing the history of the site, and a picnic area will be created for public enjoyment of the Wiswall Falls. A new parking area will provide access.

- A videotape on the 8,000-year history of the Lamprey River is being completed. Research was conducted by members of the Lamprey Committee, led by Dick Wellington, who interviewed professional and town lay historians in each of the 9 Lamprey towns. The video will be available for schools and civic groups this spring.
- A study of endangered Blandings turtles in the Lamprey corridor was conducted by noted her-

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SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

LAMPREY ADVISORY (CONTINUED)

petologist David Carroll, with assistance from UNH graduate Sarah Callaghan. Radio transmitters attached to the turtles' shells were used to track their movements over a 6-month period to determine their range and the type of habitat needed to protect the species.

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt visited the banks of the Lamprey in November to celebrate the Lamprey as a Wild and Scenic River and announce the federal appropriation of \$500,000 for the construction of a fish ladder at the Wiswall dam.
- Land Protection continues to be a priority. The Committee is working with owners of two Lee properties totaling 165 acres and over 7,000 feet of river frontage, providing assistance and funding for appraisals and surveys.

1999 GOALS

The Committee will complete several on-going projects, including

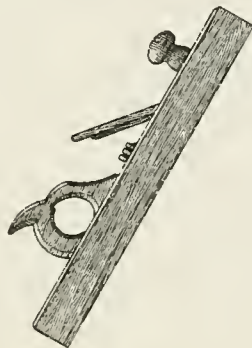
- ☞ Completing the Wiswall Historic Park, to be dedicated to artist and conservationist John Hatch.
- ☞ Working with two more property owners on conservation easements.
- ☞ Developing study guides and a web site to supplement the

History of the Lamprey videotape;

- ☞ Working with the U.S. Congressional delegation and private foundations to support land protection along the Lamprey; and fulfilling the Committee's statutory responsibilities to review river corridor development proposals.

New Activities Will Include:

- ☞ Investigating means for controlling excessive power boat speed on the Lower Lamprey.
- ☞ Documenting vegetation along the river banks through aerial and on-the-river photography to monitor destruction from natural causes and regulated cutting.
- ☞ Working with the Durham Conservation Commission to assure protection of the river in Town proposals to withdraw water during droughts.
- ☞ Supporting Epping river advocates in a March Town Meeting bid to add their segment of the Lamprey to the Wild and Scenic Rivers program. ☼



PEASE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY.....MALCOLM R. MCNEILL, JR.

The Pease Noise Compatibility Committee consists of representatives from various seacoast communities affected by noise at Pease, as well as representatives from various aviation users at Pease. This Committee was formed as part of a result of a process authorized under the regulations of the FAA. The purpose of the Committee is to review activities at Pease as they relate to noise compatibility issues with surrounding communities. The Committee meets quarterly and minutes are generated for each meeting.

During 1998, a noise barrier has been constructed with FAA funds, which will be of assistance in reducing noise. In addition, the Pease Development Authority, late in 1998, dedicated the passenger terminal for civilian use, and Pan American Airlines has announced its intent to use Pease for maintenance and passenger uses. In addition, various approvals have been issued for the construction of structures for air cargo use.

The Town of Newington, as well as the Pease Development Authority, are continuing their negotiations to implement restrictions on the commercial use of Pease, which will restrict night-time operations between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and which will also eliminate the use of noisy stage 2

aircraft at Pease by December 31, 1999.

I have continued to monitor closely all of these activities. It is imperative that any Durham resident who has a complaint regarding aircraft operations at Pease call the Pease Noise Complaint Line at (603) 436-6333. These complaints are distributed to all members of the Noise Compatibility Committee, as well as representatives of the Pease Development Authority and attempts are made by the Committee to adjust, where appropriate, aircraft activities in response to these complaints. Please be assured that if complaints are not made, there will be a presumption on the part of the Pease Development Authority that there are no objections to their activities. It is also probable that if a complaint is made, that there will be a direct return call to the complaining party from Pease indicating the nature of the activities.

Although the Committee attempts to work closely with the New Hampshire Air National Guard, the proposed restrictions on activities at Pease are not binding on military operations.

Please call (603) 868-5859 if you have any issues with regard to the operations at Pease. You may also contact the Pease Development Authority at (603) 335-3948. ☼

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS: FATHER & MOTHER
1997				
August 27	Exeter	Eric William Smath	M	Joseph Anthony Smath & Nancy Smath
1998				
January 9	Portsmouth	Thomas Charles Appleton	M	John Kevin Appleton & Pamela Whitney Appleton
January 10	Dover	Macy Marie Blankenship	F	Casey Irby Blankenship & Tracy Marie Blankenship
February 4	Exeter	Lucy Katherine Eiseman	F	William Eiseman & Anne Eiseman
February 18	Portsmouth	Daphne Isabella Boggess	F	Bart Jerry Boggess & Teresa Marie Boggess
February 22	Portsmouth	Caroline Buckley Knight	F	Peter Ashley Knight & Marybeth McGurl-Knight
February 24	Exeter	Courtney Paige Elmslie	F	Bruce Truitt Elmslie & Karyn Alice Krause-Elmslie
March 2	Dover	Timothy Clinton Wesson	M	Harry Clinton Wesson & Kimberly Ashburn Wesson
March 7	Dover	Maya Elena Fisher	F	Paul Robert Fisher & Rosanna Freyre
March 11	Portsmouth	Natalie Virginia Davis	F	John Matthew Davis & Ruth Carola Davis
March 23	Exeter	Maegan Elaine Doody	F	Sean Edward Doody & Robin Dana Doody
April 10	Exeter	Elizabeth Marie Paquette	F	Jeffrey Alan Paquette & Diane Marie Paquette
April 15	Portsmouth	Tabitha Annabelle Crepaux	F	Darryl Lorenzo Crepaux & Joyel Linda Crepaux
May 8	Dover	Miles Gaffney Trefethen	M	Keith Alan Trefethen & Elizabeth Ann Trefethen
May 8	Dover	Evan Trafton Gordon	M	Daniel Adam Gordon & Amy Elaine Trafton
May 11	Dover	Andrew Calhoun McQuade	M	Douglas Paul McQuade & Ruth Machado McQuade
May 31	Dover	Eric F Shi	M	Ying Shi & Yingfeng Fu
June 10	Exeter	Neville Miller Caulfield	M	John Thomas Caulfield & Mary Wellman Caulfield
June 20	Dover	Eric Xiangwei Sun	M	Xiankai Sun & Fang Pan
June 26	Exeter	Isabelle StOnge Todd	F	Vincent Ernest Todd & Cheryle Anne StOnge
June 26	Portsmouth	Margit Alexandra Hird	F	Bruce John Hird & Agnes Barbara Hird
July 11	Dover	Noah Michael Brust	M	Richard Michael Brust & Gina Frances Brust
July 22	Dover	Arabella Vanslyck Reece	F	Richard William Reece Jr & Julie Diane Reece
July 23	Exeter	Anupam Pokharel	M	Mohan Pokharel & Archana Pokharel
July 24	Dover	Jonathan Fredrick Lamontagne	M	Jason Norman Lamontagne & Ameer Grayce Lamontagne
July 24	Dover	Justin Matthew Lamontagne	M	Jason Norman Lamontagne & Ameer Grayce Lamontagne
July 31	Exeter	Emma Elizabeth Burns	F	Brian Burns & Emily Burns
August 2	Exeter	Jennifer Anne King	F	Daniel King & Lori King
August 5	Portsmouth	Dillon William Mulhern	M	Michael James Mulhern & Martha Miller Mulhern
August 10	Portsmouth	Taryn Louise Leach	F	David Charles Leach & Catherine Mary Leach
August 17	Portsmouth	Sophia Elizabeth Merritt	F	Wesley Arthur Merritt & Sonya Leigh Merritt

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BIRTHS (CONTINUED)

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS: FATHER & MOTHER
August 20	Portsmouth	Michaela Hodova Dehning	F	Bruce Nelson Dehning & Katerina Dehning
August 28	Dover	Patricia Emma McCrone	F	Martin McCrone & Catherine McCrone
August 30	Portsmouth	Caroline Catherine Fischer	F	William Michael Fischer & Kathleen Mary Fischer
September 3	Rochester	Emily Ann Olivier	F	Bryan Olivier & Mary Olivier
September 20	Portsmouth	Evan Lester Poworoznek	M	Paul Charles Poworoznek & Emily Poworoznek
October 5	Portsmouth	Mitchell Aidan Harling	M	Kurt Trafford Harling & Lisa Ann Harling
October 15	Dover	Veronica Catherine Skubisz	F	Michael Skubisz & Kelly Skubisz
October 16	Portsmouth	Patrick Seamus O'Rourke	M	Daniel James O'Rourke & Catherine Elizabeth O'Rourke
October 19	Portsmouth	Lindsay Anne Caldwell	F	Saunders Wylie Caldwell & Mary Elizabeth Caldwell
October 28	Dover	Rahul Mathai Varki	M	Sajeev Varki & Elizabeth Varki
November 20	Portsmouth	Marinna S Carrera-Raleigh	F	Matias Carrera & Margaret L Raleigh-Carrera
December 14	Exeter	Allyson Margaret Olson	F	Stephan Olson & Caroline Olson
December 15	Portsmouth	Annie Grace Hanley-Miller	F	Brian Miller & Catherine Hanley
December 19	Exeter	Clay Gordon Capra	M	Jamie Capra & Rheema Capra

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	OCCUPATION	STATE OF BIRTH
1995				
August 2	Dover	Michael Samuel Bales	Dentist	New York
1998				
January 14	Dover	James Henry Urquhart III	Athletic Coach	New York
February 15	Dover	Arthur MacLean Gahan Jr	Welder	Indiana
February 25	Portsmouth	Grace L Search		
February 25	Dover	James R C Leitzel	Mathematician	Pennsylvania
March 3	Dover	Rose M Hollweg		
March 7	Dover	Dudley Caldwell Hovey	Telecommunications	Massachusetts
April 9	Durham	Isobel Albrecht Korbel	Editor	Wisconsin
April 27	Portsmouth	Mary Elsie Ford	Office Manager	New Hampshire
May 17	Durham	Brainard MacNeill	Accountant	Massachusetts
May 22	Dover	Barbara Huse Robinson	Secretary	Massachusetts
June 11	Dover	Robert Paul Vreeland Jr	Professor	New York
June 24	Dover	David Wade	Executive Administrator	Georgia
June 24	Dover	Robert Baxter True	Deputy Finance Officer	New Hampshire
August 6	Durham	Brett Chandler Beyerle	Cook	New Hampshire
August 8	Durham	H Sharon Ossenbruggen	Urban Forester	Pennsylvania
August 18	Bedford	Irene P Bourque		

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DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	OCCUPATION	STATE OF BIRTH
September 1	Dover	Ernest Cutter		
September 7	Portsmouth	Lillian C Casey	Secretary	Massachusetts
September 16	Exeter	Allison Mildred Blanchard	Self-Employed	Massachusetts
September 20	Dover	Leon E Sylvain	Self-Employed	New Hampshire
September 29	Manchester	Stanley H Hersey		
September 30	Exeter	Hazel Thora Todd	Housewife	New York
October 3	Dover	Arthur E Bartlett		
October 4	Dover	Mary Elizabeth Vaughan	Hostess	Maine
October 30	Dover	Samuel Stevens		
November 8	Portsmouth	Thomas F Reid		
November 19	Durham	Martha Rae Borrer	Middle School Reading	Ohio
November 22	Dover	Muriel T Bourque		
December 8	Portsmouth	Dora L Kent	Bookkeeper	Arkansas
December 11	Hampton	Eric P Schuster		
December 21	Durham	Richard Robert Siegert III	Manager/Engineer	New York
December 29	Dover	William A Sipple		

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND DESIGNATION OF OFFICIANT
January 2	Durham	Dugal Thomas Cynthia Flare Milne	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Mary E Westfall Reverend
January 3	Concord	Brian Keith Perkins Stacy Donelle Miller	Ctr Barnstead, NH Concord, NH	Walter S Holder Reverend
January 24	Madbury	Donald Darcy McKinnon Joan B Newcomb	Barrington, NH Barrington, NH	Jenifer D'Arcy Hancock Justice of the Peace
February 5	Durham	Lewis Franklin Heald Glenys Mae Shepard	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
February 16	Durham	John Timothy Judge Dana Ellen Charney	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Donna L Hamel Justice of the Peace
February 21	Rochester	Sean C Wyckoff Laura Mary Moore	Rochester, NH Durham, NH	Wlifred A Michaud Jr Justice of the Peace
March 14	Durham	Edgar R Melanson Joyce B Hughes	Hampton, NH Durham, NH	Lyman O Baier Reverend
March 27	Conway	Robert Joel Thompson Lea Anne Craft	Lee, NH Lee, NH	Michael S King Justice of the Peace
March 28	Madison	John Robert Wentworth II Pamela Paige Bickford	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Gail A Monet Justice of the Peace
April 23	Durham	Bruce Benjamin Miner Elaine Marie Demers	Newbury, MA Osterville, MA	Jenifer D'Arcy Hancock Justice of the Peace

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MARRIAGES (CONTINUED)

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
May 21	Portsmouth	Paul Edward Garner Mary Patricia Rauschert	Taunton, MA Lee, NH	Robert Olberg Pastor
May 29	Portsmouth	Matthew Johnson Grant Margaret Ann Geary	Windham, NH Durham, NH	Gerald R Belanger Priest
May 30	Portsmouth	Garfield Bernard Goodrum Jr Lucille Lanphier Wheeler	Arlington, VA Durham, NH	John W Lynes Minister
June 29	Portsmouth	Steven A Jennison Patricia Lorraine Barry	Lee, NH Lee, NH	Suzanne Derocchi Justice of the Peace
June 27	Wilton	Allen Dean Drake Robin Ross Schoen	Durham, NH Wilton, NH	Terry Sharbaugh Senior Pastor
June 27	Durham	John Robert Kraft Elizabethe Gail Plante	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Larry Brickner-Wood Minister
June 27	Durham	Robert Reynolds Laforty Meredith Wheeler Bennett	Hackensack, NJ New York, NY	Robert H Thompson Minister
July 4	N Hampton	Samuel Stoddard Darlene Amy Daniels	Durham, NH Rollinsford, NH	Herbert L Coggeshall Jr Minister
July 9	Portsmouth	Andrew Shaw Beats Lisa Kozinczak	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Marie Hikel Justice of the Peace
July 11	Durham	Neal Ward Ferris Sylvia Jane Foster	Exeter, NH Durham, NH	Arthur S Vaeni Minister
July 11	Durham	Jacob Geoffrey Foster Carla Carol Christensen	Chattanooga, TN Chattanooga, TN	John L Ahlgren Justice of the Peace
July 12	Rye	Mark Edward Sohmer Shelby Anita McMillan	Brockton, MA Braintree, MA	David N Abbott Reverend
July 18	Dover	John Edward Bolles Elisabeth Marie Seiter	Durham, NH Newmarket, NH	Terry Sharbaugh Senior Pastor
July 24	Durham	Nathaniel Carl Grosky Shelley Lee Bradshaw	Portsmouth, NH Stratham, NH	Daniel A StLaurent Priest
July 25	Portsmouth	Francis Richard Costa Maryann Miller	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Mary Giles Edes Intern Minister
July 25	Durham	Randall Steven Farrimond Andrea Marie Eichorn	Berkeley, CA Berekely, CA	Mary E Westfall Reverend
August 6	Durham	Rongtian Zhang Wei Chen	Durham, NH Ann Arbor, MI	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
August 8	Durham	Michael Alan Campbell Jennifer Elizabeth Thompson	Maynard, MA Boston, MA	John W Lynes Minister
August 9	Durham	Michael Seth Zamore Abigail Smith	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA	Peter S Smith Justice of the Peace
August 11	Wolfeboro	Bernard Seymour Greenfield Barbara Lee Tersolo	Wakefield, NH Durham, NH	Donald Wyatt Justice of the Peace
August 22	Durham	Derek Steven Gagnon Orsolya Frantz	Glastonburry, CT Hungary	Lorrie L Pitt Justice of the Peace

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DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND DESIGNATION OF OFFICIANT
August 22	Lee	William Albert MacKinnon Sherry Ann Martine	Laingsburg, MI Laingsburg, MI	Susanne E Fecteau Justice of the Peace
August 31	New Castle	Jesus Alvarez Bulte Caryl Lavender Parke	Astoria, NY Astoria, NY	Thomas M Dudley Justice of the Peace
September 19	Durham	Lawrence Robert Kane Tracy Marie Warren	Durham, NH Rochester, NH	Daniel A StLaurent Priest
October 10	Durham	Necati Kaval Michiko Araki	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
October 10	Durham	David Emery Hills Catherine Ann McLaughlin	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Mary E Westfall Reverend
October 17	Durham	Randall Allister MacDormand Mary Anne Keenan	Portland, ME Portland, ME	Daniel A StLaurent Priest
October 29	Durham	Ronald Jay LeBlanc Jennifer Marie Taylor	Newmarket, NH Newmarekt, NH	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
November 21	Durham	David Ellis Tamar Lee Doran	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Margaret E Miles Justice of the Peace
November 21	Durham	James Clifton Weatherby Lisa Angela Bianchi	Sharon, MA Sharon, MA	Linda R Pandolfi Justice of the Peace
November 21	Bartlett	Joseph John Vaillincourt Molly Ann Hether	Portsmouth, NH Durham, NH	Douglas Page Justice of the Peace
November 28	Newmarket	Paul Nagy Jr Mary Ann Moran	East Andover, MA Durham, NH	John Finnigan Priest



Notes

Agenda

1999 INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1999

OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.....7:00 P.M.

I. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS BY TOWN MODERATOR

- A. Members of the 1998 Town Council
- B. Newly Elected Members to Town Council in 1999
- C. Election Results of Other Town Officials

II. REMARKS

- A. Comments by Town Council Chairman, Bruce R. Bragdon
- B. Comments by Town Administrator Laurence Shaffer
- C. Public to have one-half hour to review stations consisting of the following:
 - 1. Master Plan
 - 2. UNH Swimming Pool Update
 - 3. Main Street Program
 - 4. Main Street Reconstruction
 - 5. Route 108/Main Street/Newmarket Road Construction Plans
 - 6. Craig Supply Property
 - 7. Jackson's Landing Playground
 - 8. Public Works
 - a. Crommets Creek Bridge
 - b. Wiswall Bridge/Dam
 - c. Bennett Road Bridge
 - d. Durham Point Road/Route 108 Intersection
 - e. Hard piping from the Lamprey River to the Arthur T. Rollins Water Treatment Facility
 - f. Route 4 Safety Study including Beard's Creek and Johnson Creek Bridges
 - 9. Fire Station
 - 10. Police Station
- D. Comments by Boards, Commissions and Committees 1-2 minute highlight of upcoming year
 - 1. Town Clerk/Tax Collector
 - 2. Master Plan Committee
 - 3. Conservation Commission
 - 4. Historic District Commission
 - 5. Planning Board
 - 6. Library Board of Trustees
 - 7. Parks and Recreation Committee
 - 8. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - 9. Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee

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

(all members of boards, commissions and committees will be present for discussion and questions).

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Town of Durham Warrant

ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999

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 Cafeteria, Coe Drive, in said Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March 1999 (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); two (2) Durham Public Library Board of Trustees (3-year terms); one (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3-year term); one (1) Town Treasurer (3-year term) and one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term).

Given under our hands and seal this 4TH day of JANUARY
in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

BRUCE R. BRAGDON, CHAIRMAN

GEORGE RIEF, CHAIR PRO TEM

PETE CHINBURG

SCOTT HOVEY

DAVID LANGLEY

VI B. MCNEILL

MALCOLM SANDBERG

EDWARD VALENA

JAMES WALSH

Councilors of Durham

Resource Information

Land Area (2.2 miles of which is water surface) 25.5 sq. miles
Population (based on 1990 census) 11,818
Incorporated 1732
Durham's Congressional District Number 1

Town Tax Rate (Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation)\$37.21
 Town\$9.84
 School\$24.68
 County\$2.69
Net Assessed Valuation\$340,466,554.00
Percentage of Valuation86%*

** Estimate of percent of valuation.*

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 Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Parks & Recreation Committee. Second and fourth Thursdays 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 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Town Office Functions:

Town Office Hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Car Registration Registration in month of birth. Renewal stickers and license plates can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for an additional \$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 the Dover Point MV Substation.
 Dog Registration Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$9.00.
 Property Taxes. Due December 1st.
 Water & Sewer Billings Issued every six (6) months.
 Voter Registration New voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age and citizenship are required.
 Marriage Licenses Available through Town Clerk's Office

Miscellaneous

Public Hearings & Public Forums

Notices for public hearings and public forums are published in the legal notice section of the Foster's Daily Democrat.

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, located at 100 Stone Quarry Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 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, totally disabled and physically handicapped exemptions, or current use taxation, please contact the Tax Assessor at 868-8065.

TELEPHONE / FAX / E-MAIL

LISTINGS BY OFFICE

DEPARTMENT	EXTENTION	TEL. #	FAX #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
ADMINISTRATION				
Larry Shaffer.....	133	868-5571	868-5572	administrator@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennie Berry	129			
Sharon Elliott	130			
BUSINESS OFFICE				
Carol Coppola	138	868-8043	868-5572	business@ci.durham.nh.us
Kathie Lopez	116			
FIRE DEPARTMENT: 51 College Road				
Ron O'Keefe		868-5531	862-1513	fire@ci.durham.nh.us
Mark Tetreault and Deborah Quisumbing				
MAIN STREET MANAGER: 4 Ballard Street				
Beth Fischer		868-3322	868-8992	mainstreet@ttlc.net
MASTER PLAN UPDATE OFFICE				
Duane Hyde	110	868-8064	868-8033	plan-zone@ci.durham.nh.us
ORYA - OFFICE868-5150				
ORYA - RINK868-3907				
PLANNING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Zoning/Building/Code Enforcement/Assessing				
Matthew Nazar	121	868-8064	868-8033	planner@ci.durham.nh.us
Rich Hunsberger	118	868-8064		codeofficer@ci.durham.nh.us
Donna Langley	119	868-8065		assessing@ci.durham.nh.us
Dawn Mitchell.....	117			
POLICE DEPARTMENT: 86 Dover Road				
Dave Kurz		868-2324	868-8037	police@ci.durham.nh.us
Mike Golding, Joe McGann, Marjorie Rawson, Jen Johnson				
PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mill Road Shopping Plaza				
				Hours: Tues. & Wed. 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT: 100 Stone Quarry Drive				
Skip Grady		868-5578	868-8063	publicworks@ci.durham.nh.us
Gail Jablonski, Mike Lynch, Brian Beers, Derek Miles				
TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK				
Linda Ekdahl.....	137	868-5577	868-8033	clerk-collector@ci.durham.nh.us
Lorrie Pitt	136			
Donna Hamel	135			
WATER DEPT.—100 Durham Point Road				
Guy Hodgdon	142	868-1001		publicworks@ci.durham.nh.us
Dwight Richard				
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Route 4				
Duane Walker		868-2274		publicworks@ci.durham.nh.us

Town of Durham
15 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
P A I D
Permit No. 1
Durham, NH
03824