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OF

THE SELECTMEN AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

NEW IPSWICH, N.H.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004



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Selectmen

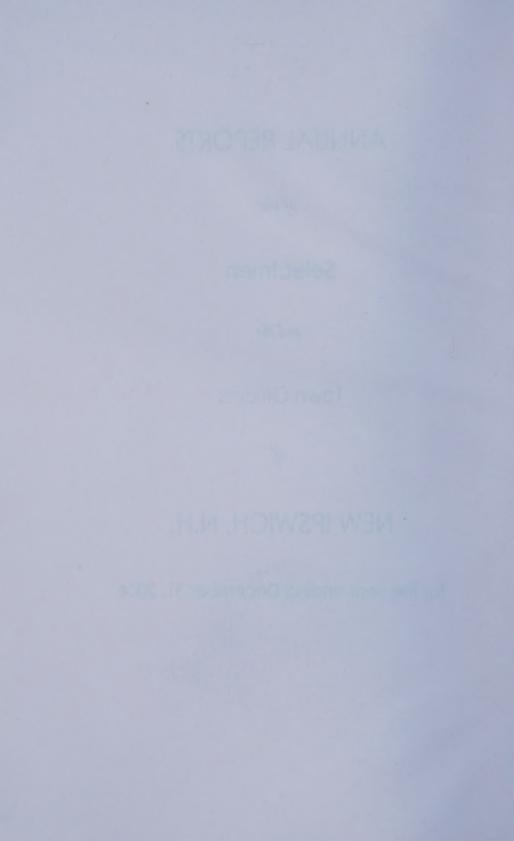
and the

Town Officers

of

NEW IPSWICH, N.H.

for the year ending December 31, 2004





In Memoriam William "Bill" Edmonds

Bill Edmonds moved to New Ipswich in 1983 after retiring from the Marine Corp, having served close to 30 years as a Master Sergeant. His tours of duty included serving in the Far East and other areas and he received many awards and decorations.

While employed at New Hampshire Ball Bearing in Peterborough for 19 years, he also was very active in community projects such as coaching Pee Wee Football and Greenville baseball teams (Little League). At the same time he was a scout leader for 16 years. He also was Chairman of the Memorial Day Parade Committee right up to his passing and served on the 250th Town Anniversary Committee.

Many years ago it became evident that there was a need to have an active Emergency Management Plan and Bill volunteered to initiate it. He spent tireless hours as the Director to make it what it is today. Because of his efforts, we have a comprehensive plan to handle any emergency needs in the town. Shortly before his passing, the town's first Ham Radio Club was activated to coincide with the Emergency Management plan.

It is not very often that people of Bill's dedication and caliber come along and we must be very thankful for his efforts. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to his family for sharing him all those years. He is <u>truly</u> missed by all of those who knew him. His goal was to make our town a better place.

Well done, good and faithful servant!

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FIRE

TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lance E. dePlante, Chairman Jay Hopkins George H. Lawrence Cheryl Billings, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK

MODERATOR

Jeanne Cunningham, Chairman James E. Coffey Patricia Card Joanne Meshna, Secretary James G. Boyd, Resigned

George K. Slyman, Sr. Amy Thibault, Deputy Lucy Lemons, Deputy, Resigned

Lucy Lemons Cindy Lussier, Deputy

Matthew Glavey Laurence Ackerson, Deputy

Laurence Ackerson

Beverly Vaillancourt

W. Garrett Chamberlain, Chief Jennifer Weston, Secretary

Rick Hewitt, Jr., Chief

March 2005 March 2006 March 2007 Appointed

March 2005 March 2006 March 2004 Appointed

March 2005 Appointed Appointed

March 2005 Appointed

March 2005 Appointed

March 2005

March 2007

Appointed Appointed

March 2005

AUDITOR

TREASURER

POLICE

PLANNING BOARD

Elizabeth Freeman, Chairman Oliver Niemi Jacqueline Rager **Glenn Connell** James Coffey Jonathan Sawyer Edward Dekker, Alternate Edward Rogers, Alternate Woody Meiszner, Alternate Robert Ashmead, Alternate George H. Lawrence, Selectmen's Representative Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Susan Williams, Chairman David Cotzin Clark Baldwin Toni Lovell Greg Hanselman Wendy Freeman, Alternate Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary James Coffey, Resigned

HEALTH OFFICER

Board of Selectmen

WELFARE OFFICER

Carrie Traffie

March 2005 March 2004 March 2006 March 2005 March 2005

March 2007

Appointed

March 2005 March 2006 March 2007

March 2005 March 2005

March 2006

March 2006

March 2007

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March 2007

March 2007

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

ROAD AGENT

Renee Blanchette Connie Cooke Celia Wright

Jean Randall

Barbara Carlson **Berneice** Peakes

David Leel

Appointed

March 2006 March 2008

March 2010

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bob Boynton, Chairman	
Jack Messe	
Douglas Waitt	
Harvey Green	
Daniel Daly	
Friedericke Kazo	anda/file
Stanley Kellogg, Alternate	
Nathaniel Ober, Alternate	
Joanne Meshna, Alternate and Secretary	
Hannelore Slyman, Associate	
Graham Messe, Associate	
Mary Jane Grasty, Associate	

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER **Richard Caravella**

Appointed

George H. Lawrence

BUILDING PERMIT OFFICER

Appointed

Grace Shaw, Director Cindy Haigh, Aquatic Programs Manager

Nathaniel Ober, Chairman Randy Kangas Al Jenks

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

James Hicks, Director William Edmonds, Deceased

Beverly Vaillancourt Kathy Gauvin Mary Hall

Oliver Niemi, Jr.

STEARNS-BURTON LECTURE

Appointed Appointed Appointed

Appointed

7

Appointed

March 2007 March 2005 March 2006

Appointed

POOL

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

SEXTON

Appointed

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

George "Butch" Leel Emanuel Pinkney Oliver Niemi Lance E. dePlante

Appointed Appointed Appointed Appointed

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Suzan Schafer, Chairman Bentti Hoiska Brian Somero Marvin Salmonson Jay Hopkins, Selectmen's Representative Appointed Appointed Appointed Appointed

OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Laurence Ackerson, Chairman Wendy Archambault Beverly Vaillancourt Mary Hall Patty Hoffman Charles Aho Rick Hewitt, Jr. Lance E. dePlante, Selectmen's Representative Appointed Appointed Appointed Appointed Appointed Appointed Appointed

COMPARATIVE BUDGET STATEMENT

	2004	2004	2005	2005
	Budget	Actual	Proposed	Default
Town Office	123,976	125,962	139,433	132,382
Moderator	941	901	636	636
Town Clerk	35,597	33,921	40,862	40,404
Election & Registrations	11,453	13,383	8,622	8,622
Vital Stats	1,100	1,504	1,800	1,800
Trustees	1,082	1,030	1,109	1,109
Auditor	7,307	7,306	7,638	7,638
Assessors	46,989	45,324	41,767	40,394
Tax Collector	37,200	36,477	40,197	37,999
Treasurer	6,947	6,738	10,100	7,113
Legal	17,500	19,193	20,000	17,500
Employee Benefits	160,735	156,297	246,222	249,722
Planning	9,383	7,624	9,380	9,380
Zoning	380	359	380	380
General Government Bldgs	14,355	22,490	31,699	16,155
Cemeteries	9,700	9,700	19,256	10,433
Insurance	40,467	44,991	51,059	51,059
Regional Association	7,843	7,843	8,180	8,180
Police	319,000	316,713	381,207	377,078
Ambulance Service	19,331	19,331	18,903	18,903
Fire	79,354	77,438	82,000	80,257
Building Permit	1,830	1,232	1,922	1,922
Emergency Management	1,250	1,433	2,560	1,250
Communications	28,527	28,615	30,283	30,283
Highway	321,648	336,740	322,444	322,444
Street Lighting	21,330	18,633	18,500	18,500
Transfer Station	0	44,611	150,000	150,000
Landfill Testing	0	18,844	26,000	26,000
Health Officer	190	10	190	190
Animal Control	8,480	6,704	8,480	8,480
Welfare	30,000	34,956	30,000	30,000
Parks & Rec.	5,500	7,866	16,400	5,599
Pool	14,500	11,490	29,000	15,027
Patriotic Purposes	515	189	450	450
Conservation Commission	2,075	2,075	2,070	2,070
Princ Notes & Bonds	10,000	10,000	50,000	50,000
Interest Notes & Bonds	3,895	3,895	31,308	31,308
Interest TAN	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	1,400,380	1,481,816	1,880,057	1,810,667
Percentage increase over 2004 budget		*	34.25%	29.30%
Percentage increase over default budg	et		3.83%	

* = Total voted appropriation which can be exceeded = \$90,254

REVENUES

Source	Estimated 2,004	Actual <u>2,004</u>	Estimated 2,005
Land Use Tax	55,000	77,200	55,000
Yield (Timber) Tax	20,000	20,071	20,000
Payment in Lieu Taxes	2,701	2,701	2,701
Excavation Tax	1,900	2,120	2,131
Interest & Penalties	26,000	27,644	25,000
Inventory Penalties	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Permits	682,000	781,542	780,000
Building Permits	5,500	10,174	10,000
Other Permits & Fees	34,000	37,018	37,000
Federal Government	198,414	0	0
Shared Revenue	32,377	60,172	60,172
Rooms & Meals Tax	160,002	160,002	160,002
Highway Block Grant	110,398	110,398	119,790
State/Federal Land	144	143	143
Other from State	440,000	0	400,000
Departments	10,000	264,011	10,000
Sale Town Property	42,300	42,600	200,000
Interest on Investments	10,000	19,374	20,000
Other Misc. Revenues	200,000	0	0
Capital Reserve Funds	70,000	70,000	146,300
Trust Funds	0	0	0
Rent of Town Property	34,706	34,872	34,000
Voted from Surplus	204,777	0	277,320
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0
State Revolving Loan Fund	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,340,219	1,720,042	2,359,559

WARRANT ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD

		EXPENDED IN	
2002		2004	REMAINING
Solid Waste Facility Bridge Design Pool Filter Sand/ Diving Board	\$ 1,983 35,320 1,290	\$ 1,983 35,320 0	\$ 0 0 1,290
2003	APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED <u>IN 2004</u>	REMAINING
Roads Records Storage Thermal Imaging Came Street Light Conversion	72 era 43 35,196	72 43 35,196	0 0 0 0

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

	Landfill Bond December 31, 2004	
DUE DATE	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST
1/15/05		1,565.00
7/15/05	10,000	1,565.00
1/15/06		1,177.50
7/15/06	10,000	1,177.50
1/15/07		785.00
7/15/07	10,000	785.00
1/15/08		392.00
7/15/08		392.00

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Land	\$ 155,325,712
Buildings	220,569,800
Public Utilities	6,406,300
Less Total Exemptions Allowed	2,362,300
Net Valuation	\$379,939,512

TAXES COMMITTED TO TAX COL Town Property Taxes Assessed	LECTOR: \$5,490,126
Less War Service Tax Credits	- 107,017
Net Property Tax Commitment	\$5,383,109

TAX RATE 2004 \$14.45 Per 1,000

Town	\$ 1.92
County	1.02
School	9.00
State	 2.51
	\$ 4.45

TAX RATE HISTORY

	<u>1999</u>	2000	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Town	\$3.27	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.55	\$1.92
County	1.40	1.57	1.67	1.74	1.69	1.02
School	7.68	8.46	11.83	12.41	16.23	9.00
State	<u>5.02</u>	5.03	5.53	5.47	5.68	2.51
	\$17.37	17.73	21.70	22.29	26.15	14.45

2005 TOWN WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Mascenic High School in New Ipswich on the 8th day of February, 2005 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening for the first session (Deliberative Session) of the Annual Town Meeting and you are further notified to meet at the Mascenic High School on the 8th day of March, 2005 between 7 o'clock in the forenoon and 7 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting at the second session) to vote upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the following necessary town officials for the year ensuing:

Selectman		3 year term
Board of Assessors		3 year term
Board of Assessors		2 year term
Town Clerk		3 year term
Tax Collector		3 year term
Auditor		1 year term
Planning Board	2 for	3 year terms
Cemetery Trustee		3 year term
Trustee of the Trust Funds		3 year term
Fire Chief		1 year term

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed ARTICLE 2. by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: 1) eliminate in all districts the 3 acre minimum lot size requirement for lots containing areas with slopes greater than 15%; and 2) repeal Article X. C Steep Slopes District, and replace it with a new Article XII-1 - Controls For Slopes And Wetlands. The new Article XII-1: a) retains and clarifies the existing provision that lots containing areas with slopes greater than 15% shall include one contiguous acre of land that is less than 15% slope and does not contain wetlands, b) in the case of multi-family dwellings, requires additional acreage that meets these conditions, c) retains the provision that an erosion and sediment control plan must be approved for construction on slopes greater than 15%; and d) adds a provision that areas with slopes greater than 25% may not be used to satisfy minimum lot area requirements?

- ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance as follows: a) change the definition of wetlands so as to be consistent with the newly adopted NH RSA 482-A:2, paragraph X; b) clarify the method by which wetlands are to be delineated; c) clarify current requirements for setbacks from wetlands and surface waters; and d) establish a requirement for a 25 foot buffer from those wetlands greater than 10,000 sq. ft. in area and from ponds in addition to the current requirement for a 25 foot buffer from streams?
- ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: repeal the existing Article XIII.F - Signs and replace it with a new section XIII.F - Signs which establishes standards for the number, size, height, and illumination of signs and also prohibits certain kinds of signs?
- ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: specify and define permit requirements pertaining to driveways?
- ARTICLE 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance, Article XII, Section A, Dimensional Controls to allow for 1.5 acres minimum lot size in the Rural District and Steep Slopes District; and to amend the minimum road frontage to be 150 feet in all districts? Approval of this zoning amendment would also require amending Article XII, Section B, Density Control, to reflect the 1.5 acre minimum lot size in the Rural District. Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.
- ARTICLE 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: 1) amend Article XII, Section A, Dimensional Controls and Article XII, B, Density Control by changing the minimum lot size for single family and two family dwellings in the Rural District from 2 acres to 3 acres and by changing the minimum lot size for multi-family dwellings in the Rural District from 2 acres to 4 acres with a minimum of 1 acre per dwelling unit; 2) amend Article XII, A, Dimensional Controls by changing the minimum road frontage in feet in the rural district from 200 feet to 250 feet; and 3) Amend Article XIII, E, Cluster Development, subsection 2.d by changing the words in the first two lines from "The maximum number of allowed house lots in a cluster

subdivision shall be one per two acres in the parcel" to "The maximum number of allowed house lots in a cluster subdivision shall be one per the minimum lot size in the district in which the cluster subdivision is located." ? Submitted by petition. Neither approved of nor disapproved of by the Planning Board.

- ARTICLE 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: to repeal and abolish Article X, Section C, Steep Slope District in its entirety? Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.
- ARTICLE 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance, Article XII, Section B, Density Control, to allow all land within lot boundaries be used for density and lot area calculation, by adding to the end of the paragraph: "All land within the lot boundaries of the existing lot shall be used to calculate unit density or lot area calculations for the proposed development."? Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.
- ARTICLE 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV, Section A, 1 to have elected rather than appointed Zoning Board of Adjustment members; and to delete Article XIV, Section A,1 and replace the section as follows: "XIV.A.1. There shall be a Board of Adjustment consisting of five members and three alternates who shall be elected in accordance with NH RSA 673:3 and NH RSA 669. The members of the Board of Adjustment shall conform their duties and authority to the provisions of the chapters of NH RSA chapters 673-677"? Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.
- ARTICLE 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 for the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Article XVI, A, Administration by adding the following section 9. "The Planning Board shall not appoint any alternate members to the Planning Board whose term on the Planning Board was defeated by election within the three previous years."? Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,880,057?

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,810,667, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law, or, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town of New Ipswich will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the SEIU (Service Employee International Union) Local 1984, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Est. Increase	Year	Est. Increase	Year	Est. Increase
2004	\$ 28,121	2005	\$98,612	2006	\$ 96,704

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$126,733) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety Dollars and Twenty-three cents (\$119,790.23) for the purpose of maintenance of town roads. (The amount of this appropriation is equal to the amount of funds received from the State Road Block Grant). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$66,500) to be added to the capital reserve funds created previously as directed below:

Highway Equipment	\$ 24,000
Fire Truck	24,000
Pool	4,000
Maintenance of Parks & Rec. Facilities	2,000
Firefighter Protective Equipment	5,000
Police Cruiser	_7,500
	\$ 66.500

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) to support the New Ipswich Library. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of consulting services to develop a schedule of impact fees in order to implement the Impact Fee Ordinance adopted by the town in March, 2004 and to authorize the transfer of \$30,000 from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance for this purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of hiring a part time professional planner. (Responsibilities of the Planner would include: review of all proposed subdivision and site plans for compliance with town policies and sound planning principles; coordination of the review process among town staff, engineers, state agencies and others; and professional planning services such as assistance with comprehensive plan updates, zoning ordinance revisions, capital improvement program development, development of site plan and subdivision regulations and staff support to other committees) and to authorize the transfer of \$40,000 from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance for this purpose. If this warrant article passes, the appropriation for this position will be in the following years operating and default budgets. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 19. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of New Ipswich on March 14, 1998, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by law? (Note: A 3/5 "yes" majority on this question will return New Ipswich to the previous form of town meeting.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
- ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of upgrading the phone system at the Town Offices and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund

balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$465,000) for the purpose of construction and related construction engineering services for the replacement of the Lower Ashby Road bridge over the Souhegan River (NH DOT Bridge No. 137/062, a Town-owned bridge with critical deficiencies and for the purpose of funding the shortfall in the construction and related construction engineering services for the replacement of the Old Country Road bridge over Waterloom Pond (NH DOT Bridge No. 145/089), a Town-owned bridge with critical deficiencies. Upon completion of the construction, the Town will be reimbursed 80% (\$372,000) by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) through the NHDOT Municipally Managed Bridge Aid Program. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$8,300) for the following pool maintenance: repair or replacement of chlorinator filter gauges, railing cup replacements, pool house floor repair and safety mats, deck fencing, and maintenance equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of maintenance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of painting the two remaining sides of the Old Town Hall and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$12,559) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services: Monadnock Family Services \$5,824; Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services \$4,500; St. Joseph Community Services \$1,235; and American Red Cross \$1,000. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of installing two dry hydrants during the construction of the bridges on Old Country Road over Waterloom Pond and the Lower Ashby Road bridge. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$26,350) for the purpose of hiring a sixth full time police officer. (This amount includes salary, benefits, and related employment expenses for a six month period.) If this warrant article passes, the appropriation for this position will be in the following years operating and default budgets. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to remove the existing hazardous and deteriorated playground equipment and possible toxic soils beneath the existing wooden playground structure and to authorize the transfer of \$8,000 from the existing Parks & Recreation Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing new playground equipment to replace the existing deteriorated and hazardous equipment and to authorize the transfer of \$25,000 from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance for this purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town of New Ipswich will vote to refund 2% of all the tax revenues received from the properties, which are accessed by the use of Middle, Upper Pratt Pond, and private non-public portion of Lower Pratt Roads. Monies collected payable to the Pratt Pond Association Road Committee for use in maintaining and improving these currently private roads. Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the preparation of an Engineering Study for the replacement of the Tricnit Road Bridge

over Furnace Brook (NHDOT Bridge No. 139/106), a Town-owned bridge with critical deficiencies. The Town will be reimbursed 80% (\$28,000) of the engineering costs by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) through the NHDOT Municipally Managed Bridge Aid Program. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing selfcontained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department and to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from the Fire Department Protective Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. (This amount will cover the Town's commitment to the Federal Grant for the \$72,000 awarded to the town.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the purpose of purchasing 30 pagers for the Fire Department. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of replacement of three (3) insulated overhead garage doors at the fire station. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$10,400) for the purpose of constructing an addition to the rear of the fire station for additional space. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of installing two (2) additional dry hydrants for water supply for fire protection according to NFPA 1142 Standards. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of resealing and/or repaying town roads. Recommended by the Board of

Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

- ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new dump truck and to authorize the transfer of this sum from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new dump truck and to authorize the transfer of this sum from the existing Highway Department Capital Reserve Account previously established for this purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of repairing the roof on the Highway garage and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of resealing and repaving the parking lot at the Town Office complex and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six-Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and training of six (6) Taser X-26 law enforcement less-lethal devices. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.
- ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,320) for the purpose of funding the transfer station to be open for an additional day each week (a total of two days per week) and to authorize the transfer of this sum from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved

fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to R.S.A. 230:57 and 231:42 to permanently abandon a section of the unused roadway conveyed by the State of New Hampshire to the Town in October, 1972 through the reconstruction of Route 123 & 124. The roadbed is located on Lot #78, town tax map #7, formerly of Koski, now owned by Timothy Krook at 168 Davis Village Road and is abutted on both sides by Timothy Krook and consists of 0.21 +/- miles as described by New Hampshire plan for project S-1366 completed in 1972.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of January, 2005.

Board of Selectmen Lance E. dePlante, Chairman Jay Hopkins George H. Lawrence

AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 8, 2005 TO THE 2005 WARRANT

ARTICLE 15. Amended to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds created previously as directed below:

Highway Equipment	\$ 24,000
Fire Truck	24,000
Pool	4,000
Maintenance of Parks & Rec. Facilities	2,000
Firefighter Protective Equipment	5,000
Police Cruiser	<u>15,000</u>
	\$ 74,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 29. Amended to read as follows:

To see if the Town of New Ipswich will vote to refund 0% of all the tax revenues received from the properties, which are accessed by the use of Middle, Upper Pratt Pond, and private non-public portion of Lower Pratt Roads. Monies collected payable to the Pratt Pond Association Road Committee for use in maintaining and improving these currently private roads. Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 32. Amended to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the purpose of purchasing 30 pagers for the Fire Department and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 33. Amended to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of replacement of three (3) insulated overhead garage doors at the fire station and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$10,400) for the purpose of constructing an addition to the rear of the fire station for additional space and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2004 unreserved fund balance. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,320) for the purpose of funding the transfer station to be open for an additional day each week (a total of two days per week). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 9, 2004

Article 1.	The results of the Town Election are as follows:												
	Selectman for 3 years George H. Lawrence	1,232 votes											
	Board of Assessors for 3 years James Boyd	1,175 votes											
	Auditor for 1 year Laurence Ackerson	1,269 votes											
	Planning Board (2) for 3 years Robert Ashmead James Coffey Woody Meiszner Jonathan L. Sawyer	531 votes 817 votes 594 votes 775 votes											
	Cemetery Trustee for 3 years Nathaniel Ober	1,172 votes											
	Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years Berneice E. Peakes	1,161 votes											
	Treasurer for 3 years Beverly A. Vaillancourt	1,285 votes											
	Moderator for 2 years Matthew W. Glavey	1,282 votes											
	Supervisors of the Check List for 6 years Celia Wright	1,260 votes											
	Fire Chief for 1 year Rick Hewitt, Jr.	1,254 votes											

WARRANT ARTICLE RESULTS

Article 2. Negative vote to adopt a new Article VII-1 – Souhegan District and a new Article VII-2 – Wapack District. These two new districts are intended to preserve open space and the rural and scenic character of the Town. The Souhegan District requires a five (5) acre minimum lot size and a 300 foot minimum road frontage. The Wapack District requires a ten (10) acre minimum lot size and 425 foot minimum road frontage. Two-family, multi-family, and condominium dwelling units are allowed in these districts only if amendment #4 passes and they are located in an Open Space Residential Development.

Yes votes 683 No votes 834

Article 3. Negative vote to a) change the minimum lot size in the Rural District from 2 to 3 acres for single family dwellings, with an exception for certain lots of record which are at least 4 acres but less than 6 acres; b) change the minimum lot size in the Rural District from 2 to 5 acres for Two Family dwellings; c)change the minimum road frontage in feet in the Rural District from 200 to 300 for Two Family dwellings; d) require that multi-family dwellings and condominiums in the Rural District be located in an Open Space Residential Development if amendment #4 passes; and e) change the maximum number of allowed house lots in a Cluster Development in the Rural District from one per 2 acres to one per 3 acres if amendment #4 does not pass.

Yes votes 645 No votes 867

Article 4. Negative vote to revoke the current Article XIII Section L – Protection of Ground Water and Surface Water and replace it with a new Section L. The new Section L. requires that the Soil Carrying Capacity, as defined by the Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England Special Publication No.4, be included in determining the minimum size of a building lot and that a lot must contain a minimum area of at least 20,000 square feet of contiguous nonwetland area per proposed dwelling unit. Lots of record are exempt from certain provisions.

Yes votes 606 No votes 895

Article 5. Negative vote to repeal Article XIII, Section E – Cluster Development and adopt a new Article XII-1 –Open Space Residential Development (OSRD). The intent of an OSRD is to protect open space by allowing a greater density of development in return for the permanent protection of open space. A minimum of 50% of an OSRD must remain open space and be permanently protected through easement. The number of dwelling units allowed in an OSRD will be determined by a yield plan based on conventional subdivision with bonus dwelling units available for innovative open space protection. Single family, two family, multi-family dwelling units and condominiums are permitted in an OSRD. The number of dwelling units actually allowed may not exceed the soil based carrying capacity of the parcel. The minimum parcel size is ten (10) acres. The Planning Board may require an OSRD where special land features exist.

Yes votes 609 No votes 875

Article 6. Negative vote to adopt a new Article XII-2 – Flexible Lot Size Development (FLSD). The intent of an FLSD is to give developers and the Planning Board flexibility in establishing lot sizes. For any parcel, the same number of lots for single family dwellings that would be available through conventional subdivision could be reconfigured into larger and smaller lots provided that all lots must have a soil carrying capacity sufficient to support a septic system. The uses permitted in an FLSD are all those allowed in the underlying zoning district other than two family and multi-family dwellings and condominiums.

Yes votes 581 No votes 897

- Article 7. Affirmative vote to adopt a new Article XVI-1 Impact Fees. The intent of this ordinance is to allow the Planning Board to require any subdivision or site plan applicant to pay a fair share of off-site improvements to public facilities affected by the development.
- Negative vote to repeal the current "New Ipswich Wetlands Article 8. Conservation District Ordinance" and adopt a new Article X. Section D. - Wetlands Conservation District and a new Article X. Section E. - Shore Land Conservation District. These two new districts are intended to protect water quality and wildlife habitat by restricting uses within each district to those that do not threaten the quality of the Town's water resources. Both districts are overlay districts. The Wetlands Conservation District is defined as any wetland area together with a defined buffer zone around each wetland. The buffer is graduated from 50 feet to 200 feet depending on the size of the wetland. The Shore Land District is defined as all lands within a certain distance from ponds and streams. This distance is graduated from 50 feet to 200 feet depending on the size of the pond or stream. The Shore Land District has a shoreline frontage requirement for ponds and streams over a certain size which is graduated from 150 feet to 300 feet depending on the size of the pond or stream. Yes votes 609 No votes 877
- Article 9. Negative vote to adopt a new Article XIII, Section O Accessory Dwelling Units. The purpose of Accessory Dwelling Units is to provide more housing opportunities and flexibility in household

arrangements. Accessory Dwelling Units are built on the same lot as the principal dwelling. A Type I Accessory Dwelling Unit is for housing guests or employees but not tenants, may have up to 4 bedrooms, and requires a minimum lot size of 10 acres. A Type I Accessory Dwelling Unit may not be rented. A Type II Accessory Dwelling Unit is limited in size to between 300 and 800 square feet and may have only one bedroom. There is no minimum lot size for a Type II Accessory Dwelling Unit. Type II Accessory Dwelling Units may be located within the principal dwelling unit or within a barn or garage accessory to the principal dwelling unit. A Type II Accessory Dwelling Unit may not be rented.

Yes votes 571 No votes 912

Article 10. Negative vote to adopt a new Article XIII, Section P – Phased Development. The purpose of this Phased Development is to manage the rate of growth of New Ipswich in an orderly way. Applicants for new subdivisions would have the choice of phasing the development of the subdivision or doing an impact study showing how the proposed development would affect the town's infrastructure or taxes. In the event that the Planning Board determines a proposed development will create a sudden demand on services which can not be provided for by a reasonable expenditure of public funds, the development must be phased over a period of time to allow the Town to meet the demands created for such services.

Yes votes 718 No votes 761

Article 11. Negative vote to amend Article X-C – Steep Slope District, Section 3 – Special Provisions, subsection b by increasing the required amount of land that is less than 15% slope on a lot from one acre to a minimum of one acre plus an additional 20,000 square feet per every dwelling unit over one, by specifying that this land must be non-wetland soils, and by requiring that the shape of this area is capable of containing a square of 100 feet by 100 feet. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the intended benefits of the current steep slope district are achieved. These benefits include protection of water resources from erosion and from effluent from improperly sited septic systems.

Yes votes 632 No votes 850

Article 12. Negative vote to amend Article XVIII – Definitions by adding definitions for Condominiums, Soil Carrying Capacity, Soil Based Carrying Capacity of a Lot, Water Body, Wetlands and Single Family Dwelling.

Yes votes 626 No votes 847

Article 13. Negative vote to amend Article XIII – General Provisions, Section K – Septic Disposal by changing the first sentence to read as follows: "No sewage effluent leaching field shall be located within 75 feet of the edge of any wetlands or within 75 feet of the normal bank of any lake, pond, river, stream or brook not subject to the provisions of the State Shore Lands Protection Act (RSA 483-B)". The purpose of this amendment is to make Article XIII, Section K consistent with Article XII.A. – Table of Dimensional Controls as amended in 1999. Yes votes 695 No votes 784

Article 14. Negative vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,612,909. Yes votes 598 No votes 889

- Article 15. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$110,398.34) for the purpose of maintenance of town roads. Yes votes 1125 No votes 477
- Article 16. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$66,500) to be added to the capital reserve funds created previously as directed below:

Highway Equipment	\$	24,00	0
Fire Truck		24,00	0
Pool		4,00	0
Maintenance of Parks & Rec. Facilities		2,00	0
Firefighter Protective Equipment		5,00	0
Police Cruiser		7,50	0
	\$	66,50	0
Yes votes 1025 N	lo vot	es	477

Article 17. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) for the purpose of construction and related construction engineering services for the replacement of the Old Country Road Bridge over Waterloom Pond (NHDOT Bridge No. 145/089), a Town-owned bridge with critical deficiencies. Upon completion of the construction, the Town will be reimbursed 80% (\$440,000) by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) through the NHDOT Municipally Managed Bridge Aid Program REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH CALENDAR YEAR 2004

	Income	Year End	Balance Grand Total	13,101.13 40,974.43	36,783.88 63,312.81	40,732.34 70,377.41		1 25,		2.47 1,354.19		2	235.66 941.41	5,798.36 46,968.28			9,643.35 10,643.35			40		1,841.09 24,867.09	28,747.37 100,276.25	4,422.99 16,431.33	3,423.16 143,651.53	77.21 147.83	269.51 35,086.08	8,007.60 8,007.60	6,770.29 31,305.31	168.75 5,102.07	213.77 8,213.77	,206.29 1,206.29	0 03 374 305 1E
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- Article 18. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$262,600) for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck and to withdraw from the Capital Reserve fund for Fire Trucks the sum not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) which is the Town's share of a Federal grant to be received of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$192,600) and nothing to be raised from taxation. Yes votes 937 No votes 564
- Article 19. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the purchase of twenty-five (25) pagers for the Fire Department and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance. Yes votes 937 No votes 564
- Article 20. Affirmative vote to delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority to accept dedicated streets pursuant to RSA 674:40-a. Yes votes 892 No votes 549

Article 21. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of resealing and repaving roads.

Yes votes 785 No votes 709

Article 22. Negative vote to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Yes votes 694 No votes 747

Article 23. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck and to authorize the transfer of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

Yes votes 529 No votes 961

- Article 24. Negative vote to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Yes votes 687 No votes 775
- Article 25. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$104,777) of revenue related to landfill closure received during 2003 from New England Organics, Inc., Park Construction Company, Inc., and the

sale of recyclables generated prior to June 1, 2003, currently in the general fund, and transfer said funds to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

Yes votes 1119 No votes 366

Article 26. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from 2004 anticipated transfer station revenues including, but not limited to, the sale of bags, demolition disposal revenues, recycling revenues and transfer station car stickers to the Transfer Station Expendable Trust established at the 2003 annual town meeting to be used for the costs in running the transfer station.

Yes votes 1034 No votes 404

Article 27. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of repaying a part of the principal borrowed for the closing of the landfill and to authorize the transfer of this amount from the existing December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance.

Yes votes 1075 No votes 367

- Article 28. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) to support the New Ipswich Library. Yes votes 1066 No votes 380
- Article 29. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services: Monadnock Family Services \$5,824; St. Joseph's Community Services, Inc. \$130; and Milford Area Mediation Program \$4,046.

Yes votes 970 No votes 477

Article 30. Affirmative vote to discontinue Whirlpool Road (a Class A Trail) pursuant to RSA 231-A:6 beginning from Preston Hill Road (a Class A Trail) southerly for 900 feet to take effect only after the Selectmen have received a permanent easement for the trail. The abutting landowner has offered a permanent easement for the trail along a route acceptable to the Town of New Ipswich.

Yes votes 1021 No votes 403

Article 31. Affirmative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0) for design engineering services for the replacement of the Lower Ashby Road Bridge over the Souhegan River.

Yes votes 1185 No votes 226

Article 32. Affirmative vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general funds unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Yes votes 991 No votes 443

Article 33. Negative vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to purchase playground equipment to replace the existing outdated equipment and to authorize the transfer of these funds from the December 31, 2003 unreserved fund balance.

Yes votes 655 No votes 797

Article 34. Affirmative vote to adopt the optional elderly exemption from the property tax. The optional exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$40,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$80,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$22,500 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$30,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the residence.

Yes votes 1091 No votes 348

- Article 35. Affirmative vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for a Veteran's optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for service-connected total disability. The optional disability tax credit will be \$2,000, rather than \$1,400. Yes votes 1067 No votes 374
- Article 36. Affirmative vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veteran's tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit on the taxes due on

residential property. The optional veteran's tax credit shall be \$500, rather than \$100.

Yes votes 1025 No votes 408

Article 37. Affirmative vote to revise the 1991 warrant article determining the disposition of revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (Land Use Change Tax) and vote to deposit all revenues collected up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) per year pursuant to RSA 79-A (Land Use Change Tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25II.

Article 38. Affirmative vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to negotiate with the Monadnock Conservancy, a regional land trust, or with a similar qualified conservation organization, for the purpose

of conveying conservation easements on land managed by the Conservation Commission. These easements, which will require final approval by the Board of Selectmen, will assure permanent enforceable protection of the Town's conservation lands at no cost to the taxpayer. The Town will still retain ownership of the land.

Yes votes 916 No votes 514

Article 39. Negative vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, or take any other action relating thereto.

Yes votes 661 No votes 808

Article 40. Negative vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint Five (5) citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint not more than Five (5) additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto.

Yes votes 696 No votes 765

Article 41. Negative vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer to issue building permits, to inspect and approve any construction related thereto and to enforce all state building codes and zoning ordinances. Also to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the necessary expenses to carry out the function of the office. Compensation for the Code Enforcement Officer in the form of inspection fees will be determined and set by the Selectmen. The Zoning Board of Adjustment will function as the Board of Appeals on questions that may arise in the administration of the state building codes and zoning regulations, or take any action thereon.

Yes votes 548

No votes 933

Article 42. Negative vote to disband and discontinue the Finance Advisory Committee as formed by Article #26 of the March 14, 1995 annual town meeting.

Yes votes 462 No votes 994

TOWN AUDITOR

I performed my usual duties as your Town Auditor, which included, but are not limited to checking the income of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Town Office. I also check the important revenues of the departments, such as the trial balances, disbursements, etc. As you know, the town retains the services of a professional auditing company, which conducts a more complete audit at the end of the year.

It has been a pleasure to once again be able to serve as your town auditor.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Ackerson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2005 Tax Collector Town Clerk Town Office Trustees of Trust Funds for 2003 " " " " " " State Revolving Fund 2003 Tax Lien	2004	3,130,002.74 5,571,542.81 804,024.00 858,079.70 20,023.75 276,539.46 294,854.59 137,779.01 11,092,846.06
Interest Earned: BNH Citizens NHPDIP T I A BNH Pool	1,868.79 404.73 7,837.49 5,217.41 4,002.10	19,330.52
Collected Check 2003 Uncollected Check 2004 Uncollected S/C 2004 Fees Collected 2004 Deposit Slips Wire Fees		11,112,176.58 + 25.00 - 602.65 - 40.00 + 620.00 - 69.25
Less Bills Paid Paid to MRSD 2003 Tax Lien Balance End of month		11,112,109.68 -3,227,191.12 -4,600,074.90 - 137,779.01 3,147,064.65
Bank of New Hampshire Citizens Bank NHPDIP T I A Account BNH Pool	62,274.56 26,589.59 927,948.00 1,413,394.80 716,857.70	

3,147,064.65

Balance End of month

	REVENUE BREAKDOWN – DECEMBER	31 2004
Town Office:	State Revenue Sharing	60,172.00
	Highway Block Grant	110,398.34
	Rooms & Meals Tax	160,002.26
	NH Forest Fire Reimbursement	143.95
	Workers Compensation (Primex)	149.00
	IRS Reimbursement 941	182.00
	Sale of Town Property - Old Police Station	42,300.00
	- Town plow	300.00
	Adelphia Cable	13,082.94
	Waterloom Falls	2,701.43
	Reimbursement – Retiree's Insurance	2,656.01
	Copies/Fax	459.83
	Voter checklists	230.00
	MRSD Elections	512.37
	Mascenic Reg. School - roof repairs – SAU	2,500.00
	Mascenic Reg. School - SAU Rental fees	23,796.00
	Mascenic Reg. School - Title 1 rental fees	7,200.00
	Fireworks Permits	135.00
	Building Permits	10,174.93
	Driveway Permits	170.00
	New Home Occupancy Permits	1,103.00
	Interest Collected	43.04
	NHMA Prop/Lia Reimburse - Dump Truck	3,581.77
	State Revolving Fund	294,854.59
	Postage	5.00
	Deeding	16.37
	PSNH Reimbursement	263.78
	Mailing Labels	15.00
	Address Labels	30.00
	Normandeau - Landfill water test	200.00
	US Cellular	30.00
	New Ipswich Library - Heating	946.96
	Concord Heritage Insurance Refund	50.81
	Reimbursement - R. Aho/Carlson accident	434.86
	Tree Harvesting	3,497.82
	Town Clerk's Convention	330.00
	Tax Records	35.50
	Joanne Meshna	29.99
	Hoyle Tanner Engineering/Landfill Closure	2,744.26
	Notices	78.75
	Trustees of Trust Funds: Transfer Station	70,540.00
	Trustees of Trust Funds: 2003 Landfill Funds	3,934.56
Animal Contr	ol: Emergency	123.00

Assessors: Blo	otter Books Tax Maps	100.00 326.00
Emergency	Management: Federal Grant	15,000.00
Fire Dept:	Insurance Reports Oil Burner Permits Stenersen Fire Reimbursement AT&T VFA Grant - Portable tank & foam HLS Grant - New fire truck HLS Grant - Laptop/projector HLS Grant - Trailer State of NH - Forest Fire Reimbursement Vanguard Reimbursement	125.00 205.00 800.00 11.61 350.00 192,600.00 2,268.00 9,114.09 111.05 250.00
Highway:	Signs Memphis Equipment Hakala Construction 2003 FEMA Funds MRSD – Salaries Culverts	119.88 29.95 12,975.00 5,813.75 5,772.94 364.50
Landfill:	Stickers Trash Demolition Trash Bags PSNH Tires	236.00 929.40 4,620.00 13,358.75 74.75 144.00
Planning:	Regulations Subdivision Fees Postage Notices Map Updates Master Plan Legal Fees Registry	72.00 13,391.13 2,359.49 163.75 525.00 30.00 705.00 35.00
Police:	Insurance Reports Fingerprints J-P District Court State Witness Fees Police Detail Reimbursement Viking Office Products	1,374.00 225.00 3,621.40 1,156.96 11,798.43 19.46

	Sharp Reimbursement HLS Grant 2003 - Radios HLS Grant 2003 - Vests HLS Grant 2004 - Outside Telephone Grappone Ford reimbursement NHMA Liability Trust - Police Cruiser Saveall/Cruiser reimbursement NH Retirement reimbursement	15.00 4,497.50 188.40 2,380.00 34.77 802.49 1,530.31 290.06
Recreation:	Verizon reimbursement At&T reimbursement Donations: Salaries Pool repairs Chemicals Various Children's Fair Pool Salaries reimburse from Revolv. Fund	61.21 57.94 1,000.00 2,500.00 2,326.00 9,551.00 300.00 4,280.43
Trustees:	Electric Light Fund Interest	231.38
Zoning:	Regulations Fees Notices Postage	48.00 200.00 280.00 712.03
Welfare	Past Years	506.39

MONADNOCK CABLE TELEVISION CONSORTIUM

The renewal franchise agreement between the Town of New Ipswich and Mountain Cable Company, L.P. d/b/a Adelphia Cable Communications is effective April 12, 2004 and expires April 11, 2009. The agreement contains provisions protecting the Town's interests in the event Adelphia is sold or other judicial action undertaken.

I thank the citizens who provided input during the negotiations for the franchise renewal.

Respectfully Submitted, David E. Peakes, Representative to the Consortium

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

		Submitted to
	<u>Total Receipts</u>	Treasurer
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$781,701.00	\$781,701.00
Titles	2,676.00	2,676.00
Marriage License Fees	1,170.00	1,170.00
Filing Fees	9.00	9.00
UCC Filings	1,640.00	1,640.00
Municipal Agent Fees	10,887.00	10,887.00
Vital Statistics	696.00	696.00
Dog License Fees	4,420.00	4,420.00
Utility Fees	50.00	50.00
Animal Control Forfeiture Fees	675.00	675.00
Dredge and Fill Permits	20.00	20.00
License to Sell Guns	50.00	50.00
Junk Yard Licenses Fees	25.00	25.00
Clerk Recording Fees	5.00	5.00
Total Receipts	\$804,024.00	\$804,024.00

MUNICIPAL AGENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

This year we processed 7,295 plates and decals through the Town Clerk/Municipal Agent's office.

I want to thank you for supporting the Municipal Agents Program this year. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Respectfully submitted, Lucy Lemons, Town Clerk/Municipal Agent

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In March, George Lawrence was re-elected, keeping the Board intact.

Since the proposed budget was not approved by the voters we were once again in a default situation which meant realigning the figures in a priority manner with Public Safety, Fire, and the Highway Department being at the top and unfortunately other areas had to be decreased resulting in some unhappy citizens.

The Police Department continued to have many calls for service and the number of incidents and complaints rose involving four-wheelers and off road vehicles at an alarming rate. If citizens only realized the time and investigation efforts that go into these type of incidents perhaps they would better understand the need for additional police officers and be more supportive of the Police Department in general. You will notice that there are increases for additional requests for the Police Department in the warrant this year and we hope they will be supported.

All of the departments and boards were very busy during the year as you can see by their reports, especially in the areas of land use (Planning Board) where there were and continue to be many requests for subdivisions, etc. 2005 could possibly be a big year for building permits as the signs are there at present with the proposed subdivisions already in process and more to follow.

The Highway Department continues to provide the services requested with the ever constant struggle of keeping equipment on the road, especially with dump trucks. You will notice two dump trucks are requested this year to try to bring us back to where we were previously during the winter months. It is very disheartening to try to provide the services you as taxpayers demand and deserve with antiquated equipment. Please consider this seriously prior to entering the voting booth.

Please consider all the articles inserted in the warrant and vote according to your best judgment. New Ipswich is growing and we must adapt whether we as individuals like it or not.

In 2003, the employees voted to establish a union. The Selectmen, after a long period of negotiation agreed to a contract. There were many concessions (most of them by the employees) and we feel that the present agreement is in the best interest of all of us. If the article fails, then it is back to the negotiation or arbitration table and could be a long, drawn out process and more costly as time progresses for the Town.

We would be remiss if we did not recognize David Howard, Dick Hall, and William Edmonds who were involved in Town Government at one time or another and passed away in 2004.

Once again we must recognize the fact that all of the people both elected and appointed working in the Town Office and other areas go far beyond expectations and we thank them all.

In closing, we would like to sincerely thank Cheryl and Joanne for their continued dedication and efforts during the year 2004. They are the heart and soul of <u>many</u> boards, especially the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted, Lance E. dePlante, Chairman Jay Hopkins George H. Lawrence

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In 2004 the Board of Assessors, working with our vendor, Avitar Associates, completed a "statistical update". This update was based on sales data over the past two years and resulted in an increase in property values and a lowering of the tax rate. This was a major component of meeting state standards for assessments within our town.

We presently are conducting a revaluation based on a five year program. During the initial four years we will be collecting data, 25% per year, and for the fifth year we will focus on updating values. 2004 has been our initial year and will complete in 2008.

The cycle will then repeat itself resulting in a five year revaluation cycle. During this period we will also be handling all new construction and changes that take place each year.

During 2004 Board member Jim Boyd relocated to another town. The Board was fortunate to find an able volunteer in Patricia Card. We look forward to working with Pat.

We wish to thank our administrator, Joanne Meshna, for her support and dedication toward meeting our goals. If you have any questions concerning your assessment, please call Joanne at the town office for an appointment.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Cunningham, Chairperson

TAX COLLECTOR

I would like to start out my Tax Collectors Report this year with a sincere thank you to Lucy Lemons, for serving as my Deputy Tax Collector for the past nine years and having done an excellent job. Lucy's own position of Town Clerk has grown so much that she asked to be relieved of the Deputy position so that she could devote all of her time to doing all the detail work necessary to do her job more efficiently. In my next breath I want to welcome aboard Amy Thibault as my new Deputy. Many of you will recognize Amy when you see her. She grew up in New Ipswich as a Bergeron, graduated from Mascenic in 1991 and attended Endicott College, where she majored in marketing. She is the proud mother of 3 and earned her volunteer "wings" as the coach of the Cheerleaders for Mascenic High School.

By the time you read this report the tax "season", which was a little later than usual because of the re-evaluation, will be over. Most people were pleased with the new lower rate of \$14.45 per thousand, down considerably from the \$26.15 from the previous year. Because of the newspaper report of the dropping rate, many people told me that they had expected to receive a much lower tax bill and were surprised when that did not occur. Many more people wanted to know what effect the new higher assessments would have of future tax bills. I answered honestly that it was impossible to say and suggested to them, as I do to all of you, that they direct those questions to the Selectmen for a more in depth view of what their plans are for our little town.

Another suggestion I made is that you attend our "new" form of Town Meeting, which is the Deliberative Session. It is at that meeting that budgets are explained in detail, and dollar amounts can be increased or decreased if necessary. Although it is the most important meeting with regard to the town's portion of your tax bill, only 9 people showed up last year that didn't work for the town in some capacity. It is held sometime in February about a month before the vote on the budget occurs, so look for it and mark it on your calendar and plan on attending. It is truly the only time before you vote that you can discuss the items in the budget in an open forum, listen to the pros and cons of the issues and have some input into the final amounts that will appear on the ballot.

Some other... "Most often asked questions" this year were: Why is the cost of running the town going up so rapidly? Why did the town close the landfill one day a week? Why didn't the pool get the funding it did last year to give the kids more to do in summer?

In closing I can only say that it was another very interesting year at the tax desk, and one can only wonder... What next year will bring.

Respectfully submitted George K. Slyman Sr., Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

	DEBITS	
Uncollected Taxes	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Beginning of Year:		2/1 057 45
Property Taxes Land Use Change		361,957.45 3,500.00
Yield Taxes		72.49
Inventory Penalty		2,452.95
Taxes Committed:		
Property Taxes	5,373,442.28	12,035.95
Inventory Penalty	15,830.03	
Land Use Change C/U	102,200.00	
Yield Taxes	20,145.88	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	1,815.18	100
Other Charges		180
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes Refunded		5,120.43
Refunds	13,233.48	
Interest - Late Tax Other Charges	5,003.45	186.98
Omer Charges		100.70
TOTAL DEBITS	5,531,670.30	385,506.25
	<u>CREDITS</u>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u> Property Taxes	5,017,597.33	375,626.37
Land Use Change	102,200.00	3,500.00
Yield Taxes	20,145.88	72.49
Interest	5,003.45	
Penalties	12,729.71	2,382.95
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	1,815.18	180
Other Charges		
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	8732.43	3487.46
Inventory Penalties	25.83	256.98
Uncollected Taxes		
End of Year:		
Property Taxes	360,346.00	
Resident Taxes	3,074.49	
TOTAL CREDITS		
IOTAL CREDITS	5,531,670.30	385,506.25

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	<u>DEBITS</u> 2003	<u>2002</u> 66,580.92	<u>2001</u> 32,462.01
Liens Executed During Year	137,779.01		
Interest & Costs Collected (After lien execution)	4,930.91	6,068.44	12,150.99
TOTAL DEBITS	142,709.92	72,649.36	44,613.00
	CREDITS		
Redemptions	61,629.34	33,510.62	31,601.87
Interest & Costs Collected (After lien execution)	4,930.91	6,068.44	12,150.99
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	19.52		
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	76,130.15	33,070.30	860.14
TOTAL CREDITS	142,709.92	72,649.36	44,613.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S UNCOLLECTED TAX LIENS AS OF 12/31/04

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	2001
Adelphia		678.48	
Ashe, Sandra A.	718.59		
Belanger, Francis A.J.	1,274.72	759.33	
Blais, Timothy J.	3,655.68		
Clark Jr., Elroy G.	5,703.02	2,410.77	
Foringer, Kelly F.	2,207.91	1,907.32	860.14
Glavey, Cheryl S.	3,463.85	2,989.35	
Haigh, George	4,764.59		
Kane, Michael E.	2,744.31	2,468.52	
Matthews, Ellen	2,574.03	2,222.84	
Newlinks Invest. Ltd. Lia. Co.	4,350.23		
Packard, Stephen J.	487.93	421.85	
Packard, Stephen J.	1,247.82	1,076.71	
Packard, Stephen J.	627.67	542.28	
Packard, Stephen J.	64.84	57.25	
Packard, Stephen J.	381.72	330.33	
Parhiala, Clifford	666.76		
Parhiala, Clinton	1,116.78		
Parhiala, Irena C.	4,572.35	1,339.94	
Pease, Levi L.	2,892.65		
Pena, Manuel A.	3,898.29		
Riley, Richard S.	2,137.33	1,522.17	
Rodier, Gerald	654.54	551.28	
Shaw Jr., Robert S.	4,671.32		
St. Pierre, Albert	2,121.27	874.81	
Sullivan, James	729.42	633.22	
Swett, Sidney W.	2,453.93	1,069.91	
Thibault, Robert C.	634.4	190.38	
Timbertop Realty Trust	4,093.59		
Tuttle, Nathaniel E.	2,518.80	756.36	
Tuttle, Nathaniel E.	5,985.11	5,163.30	
Tuttle, Nathaniel E.		4,324.74	
Vaillancourt, Edward R.	417.49		
Vaillancourt, Gregg	483.03		
Vaillancourt, Maurice J.	1,171.01	779.16	
Wilkins, Stephen S.	645.17		

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Department was deeply saddened by the passing of our director, William "Bill" Edmonds, this past year. He served from 1991 to 2004. We miss his leadership, dedication, and most of all we miss our friend.

This year we had to write a new Emergency Operations Plan. This plan had to be formatted to comply with FEMA's new requirements. This was accomplished with the help of a state grant for a consultant, input from the other town departments and hours of reading and re-writing. We presented the new plan to the Selectmen at the end of the year. In the year 2005 we will have to write a mitigation plan to comply with NH Emergency Management requirements.

The New Ipswich Citizen Corps was formed in 2004. The Citizen Corps is a federally funded program to train and equip citizens to help themselves and their neighbors during disasters. We don't have the resources such as National Guard and reserve units. These resources are committed to the war effort in the Mid East.

The emergency Management Office has pamphlets and materials available to the citizens of New Ipswich. We are always looking for people to join our effort to assist citizens in time of need. We are in need of amateur radio operators to provide emergency communication.

I would like to thank the town's department heads, Fire Chief Rick Hewitt, Police Chief Garrett Chamberlain, and Road Agent David Leel for their help in my transition to the director's position. I would also like to thank my Deputy Director, Richard Lehtonen and Communications Officer, George Standley for their hours of dedication and help.

Please feel free to stop in to Emergency Operation Center in the rear lower floor of the town hall. We meet every Tuesday night at 7:30 P.M. The phone number is 878-4515.

Respectfully submitted, James Hicks, Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We have worked through another year. I would like to express my gratitude for assistance from other Town Departments when called upon. In addition, there are some very important people who also need to be recognized, and that would be the Town Office staff for the prompt and efficient help and the support people who are often overlooked...the firefighter's families. These are the ones who sacrifice the most with their loved one giving more and more at all times of the day and night. I bring this to everyone's attention due to there are less and less who will give up the time to do all required in being the a volunteer firefighter. I have said in the past it is not just one thing, it is learning and keeping up on fire, haz-mat, and emergency medical training information - then it must be practiced. So, as you read this and you feel you can give some more, please call us and we can talk about your potential community service.

The year 2004 saw the Fire Department work long and hard for the residents and customers in obtaining grants to ease the burden of funding the recommended issues dealing with National, State and Local emergency planning. The total dollar amount of grants received - starting with the 2003 awarding of the fire truck grant - is approximately \$320,000. However, there is a Town responsibility to receive these dollars which came from capital reserve accounts and will be requested to be withdrawn from other capital reserve accounts in 2005.

The most notable new equipment received is the new fire pumper and the covered trailer, new audio visual equipment for training and fire prevention, a new haz-mat gas meter, and new mobile radios for state wide inter-operability were installed in all fire apparatus and support vehicles. All of the equipment was on display during the fire department open house held in November. In case you missed it, we'll do it again.

My staff and I shall continue to work hard to keep up with the increase in growth. We shall continue to seek out and secure grant funding for as long as it is available, keeping mindful of a larger responsibility in the future.

The State of New Hampshire has a population of approximately 1,288,000. In the past 5 years the state has averaged 16 fire deaths per year. In 2004 New Hampshire has seen 14 fire deaths to date and all have a common tie. All but one revealed no smoke detection and the one which did possibly was not operational. I bring this forward because I do not want any of our, residents, to be part of statistics like you just read.

We are encouraging you to obtain and maintain your smoke detectors. We would like to also mention that if you need assistance with obtaining or checking the operation or education about your smoke detectors... please call and we will gladly come to your home and do so. As with any emergency you should experience - dial 911, stay calm, and listen to the operators questions. This will direct your call quickly to the proper agency. Remember a meeting place outside, get out and stay out!

Any business questions may be placed by calling 878-1364 and leaving a message.

I thank you for your support in the past and in the future. Stay safe!

Respectfully submitted, Rick Hewitt, Fire Chief

Grants applied for and received during 2003, 2004, 2005:

REQUESTED	RECEIVED	TOWN SHARE
2003 Fire Truck	\$192,600.00	\$70,777.00
2004 Radio Interop 7 Radios	29,169.00	0.00
2003/2004 NH Homeland Security	18,620.55	0.00
2004 Fire Prevention	3,710.00	371.00
2004/2005 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	72,000.00	8,000.00
Defibrilator	2,500.00	0.00
Fire Training Network	0.00	

Fire Department Statistics

As of 12/31/2004 there were 290 calls, which are broken out as follows:

Automatic fire alarms	48
Electrical	3
Fire drills	10
Fires- brush	13
Fires- contained	19
Fires- malicious	17
Fires-motor vehicles	2
Fires- structures	2
Hazardous materials	2
Investigations	14
Miscellaneous Services	12
Motor vehicle accidents	55
Mutual aid- all types	12
Rescue	76
Water problems	_5
Total	290

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forest & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

CAUSES OF	FIRES	REPORTED
Arson	15	
Campfire	41	
Children	12	
Smoking	19	
Debris	201	
Railroad	1	
Equipment	5	
Lightning	5	
Misc.	163	(power lines, fireworks, electric fences,
		etc.)
1	otal F	ires Total Acres

ital Fires	Iotal Acres
462	147
374	100
540	187
942	428
	462 374 540

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

BOARD OF HEALTH

Once again the Board of Selectmen served as Health Officers. As in the past, most of the problems involved septic issues, especially relative to adjacent water supplies. Also one of the other common problems is trash attracting rats and other animals.

We would like you as citizens to engage in regular water testing for your homes to eliminate potential health problems.

Respectfully submitted, George H. Lawrence, Selectman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2004 started with some of the coldest temperatures we have seen in a long time. The first half of winter was relatively snow free compared to 2003. Because of the cold we spent many weeks thawing frozen culverts.

Crushed gravel was spread on Boynton Hill, Stowell, Timbertop, Collins, Willard and Wilson Hill Roads.

Drainage work was done on Old Country, Stowell, Temple, Collins, Lower Ashby, Tricnit, Poor Farm and Boynton Hill Roads.

Ditching was done on Lower Ashby, Poor Farm, Binney Hill, Old Wilton, Temple and Perry Roads.

Shimming was done on Wilton, Perry, Mason, Timbertop and Temple Roads.

With the approval of the warrant article we were able to seal Mountain View, Malthouse and parts of Binney Hill and Poor Farm. We ground up and re-paved parts of Lower Ashby and Binney Hill . We also paved part of Page Hill.

This year the town took over maintenance of Cedar Ridge and part of Emerson Hill, which now gives us well over 100 miles of road to maintain.

Because of age and poor mechanical condition, we removed another truck from full service and made it into a sand truck only, bringing us down to 2 dump trucks, the same number we had in 1983. The older of these two trucks has a bad frame, which we had to have repaired so we could continue to use it. This truck only plows snow and hauls small amounts of material. Our 1997 pick-up truck also has a broken frame that has been repaired. In 2005 we will need to do engine and transmission work on the 1994 pick-up and also engine work on our 1995 pick-up truck (our newest truck).

As we are adding more roads that must be maintained we should be expanding our fleet, not reducing it. If you wonder why a sand truck has not been on your road yet it is because we only have 4 trucks to sand with. In 1995 we had 6 trucks to sand with.

If you are curious why it takes so long for some projects to be completed we only have 2 trucks to carry materials with – we had 4 in 1995.

If you as taxpayers are unhappy with the speed in which you receive service you are the only ones that can change that. We asked for a new dump truck in 2003 and 2004 and the voters said no both times. Because of the age of our equipment we spend more time every day just to keep them going. As you can see by reading our repair expenses in 2004 we over spent that line by almost 50%, and many items remain in need of repair but will have to wait until 2005. Please help us improve our equipment so we will not have to spend so many of your tax dollars on repairs.

Along with maintaining the commons in town, helping out at the recreation field, cemeteries and transfer station, we now are responsible for maintenance of all town buildings.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and Town Office staff for all their support.

The Highway Dept. consists of full time workers: Dennis Eastman, Asst. Road Agent, Gregg Eastman; Foreman, Hazen Fisk, Ken Saari and Bob Boisvert. Part time workers are: Christian Lund, Mike Heikkila, Roland Derosiers, Richard Drouin, and Scott Vaillancourt.

On behalf of the Highway Department, I want to thank you for all your patience and understanding.

Respectfully submitted, David Leel, Road Agent

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

After 16 months of operation, I am pleased to say everything is working well.

Because of the default budget and the loss of 2003 revenues, we were forced to close the transfer station 1 day a week. In the spring we lost 1 of our employees and we were unable to replace her because of the budget cut. This has put a tremendous strain on the rest of the employees.

During the summer the landfill capping was completed and grass is now growing on the mountain.

If the budget is approved, the Board of Selectmen have voted to open to 2 days a week in early April.

We are always seeking new ways to increase revenues. If anyone has any ideas please let us know.

I want to thank George, Eric and Paul for all that they do to make the Transfer Center run.

Respectfully submitted, David A. Leel, Road Agent

ORDINANCES ENACTED

ORDINANCE # 04-01 - LOAD LIMIT

SECTION 1. Thru Trucking Load Limitation

From and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to travel empty, haul, transport or cause to be transported through the streets or roads listed below, except for the origination or destination to and from lots, residences or businesses on these roads by vehicles exceeding said load limit. The gross vehicle weight limit shall not exceed 12,000 lbs. Emergency and government vehicles are exempt. The selectmen or their designee may give specific permission for a vehicle upon request.

SECTION 2. Load Limitation on any Class V or Class IV Road

The Selectmen may post a limit of 12,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight on any Town road, as they deem necessary from February 1st to June 1st. The Selectmen or their designee will post notice of such limitations twenty-four (24) hours prior to their taking effect.

SECTION 3. Penalty

Whoever shall fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of \$250.00 for the first offense, and \$500.00 for the second and subsequent offenses. For the purpose of this ordinance, each load hauled, transported or moved over said Town road shall be a separate occurrence.

SECTION 4. Appeals Board

Any person aggrieved by a decision to impose a fee under the provisions of this Ordinance may appeal that decision to an Appeals Board consisting of three (3) members who shall be appointed and confirmed by the Board of Selectmen.

Adopted by the Selectmen this 20th day of July, 2004.

ORDINANCE # 04-02 - Alarm Ordinance

SECTION 1. Purpose

This ordinance is intended to regulate the activities and responsibilities of those persons who purchase, rent, or use, and those persons who own or conduct the business of selling, renting, maintaining or monitoring alarm systems, devices or services, and the installation of fire alarm systems per NFPA 72. It is further intended to encourage the improvement in reliability of these systems, devices and services and to ensure that fire and police personnel will not be unduly diverted from responding to actual emergency activity as a result of responding to false or nuisance alarms. This ordinance specifically encompasses Burglar Alarms, Robbery Alarms. Panic Alarms, Holdup Alarms, and Fire Alarms both audible and inaudible (silent). The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to alarm systems that are owned or maintained by the Town of New Ipswich and installed on premises in which the town has a property interest.

SECTION 2. Alarm System Definitions

Alarm System:

A functionally related group of devices that when either automatically or manually activated will sound audio and visual warning devices on or off the

protected premises.

Digital Encoder Alarms:

Those alarm systems that automatically seize a telephone line and dial a specified number signaling the fire alarm system by means of sequential toning.

Direct Dialer Tape Alarms:

Those alarm systems that automatically seize a telephone line connected to Southwestern Mutual Aid Dispatch, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Dispatch or any other Dispatch Agency and reproduce a prerecorded voice message indicating the existence of the emergency situation the alarm is designed to detect.

Enforcement Official:

Means the Fire Chief, Police Chief, or their designated representative.

False Burglar Alarm:

A False Alarm is any alarm caused by human error or equipment problems requiring police response with no evidence of an actual crime having been committed. False alarms shall not include alarms caused by earthquakes, violent winds, or external causes beyond the control of the owner or lessee of the alarm system.

False Fire Alarm:

Means the activation of any Fire Alarm System which results in a response by the New Ipswich Fire Department and which is caused by the negligence or intentional misuse of the Fire Alarm System by the owner, its employees, lessee, agents or any other activation of a Fire Alarm not caused by heat, smoke or fire, exclusive of a Nuisance Fire Alarm. False alarm shall not include alarms caused by earthquakes, violent winds, or external causes beyond the control of the owner or lessee of the alarm system.

Nuisance Alarms:

Means the activation of any Alarm System, which results in a response by the fire and/or police department, caused by mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, lack of proper maintenance or any other response for which the fire and/or police department personnel are unable to determine the apparent cause of the alarm activation. Nuisance alarm shall not include alarms caused by earthquakes, violent winds, or external causes beyond the control of the owner or lessee of the alarm system

Registration:

Means the notification by an owner to the Enforcement Official that an Alarm System has been installed and is in use. All Fire Alarm systems must have an Acceptance Test after installation. The installer, in the presence of the New Ipswich Fire Department, must perform this test.

SECTION 3. False or Nuisance Alarm Charge

Any person who maintains or has an alarm connected to 'the municipal alarm system to an alarm agent, alarm business, or person responding to alarms which cause any signal, message, or alarm to be transmitted to the Southwestern Mutual Aid Dispatch or Hillsborough County Sheriff Dispatch either by direct telephone or other communication and which is proven to be a false or nuisance alarm shall pay a False or Nuisance Alarm Charge to the Town of New Ipswich. This charge shall be based on the number of false or nuisance alarms received from the same alarm system during a billing period. The billing period shall be January first through December thirty-first. Upon the recommendation of law enforcement officials, the board of Selectmen may choose to exchange civil forfeiture for community service.

(a) There is no charge for the first three (3) false or nuisance alarms.

(b) The charge for the fourth, fifth and sixth false or nuisance alarms is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per alarm.

(c) The charge for the seventh and subsequent false or nuisance alarms is three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per alarm.

SECTION 4. Appeals Board

Any person aggrieved by a decision to impose a fee under the provisions of this Ordinance may appeal that decision to an Appeals Board consisting of three (3) members who shall be appointed and confirmed by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 5. Alarm System Owner's Responsibility

The property owner or the owner of the alarm system shall ensure that a representative known as the Key Holder shall be available to arrive at the property within thirty (30) minutes after being notified by the Communications Operator at Southwestern Mutual Aid Dispatch - Hillsborough County Sheriffs Dispatch, or other alarm monitoring dispatch center of the sounding of an alarm at the property, or upon notification that a hazard to life or property exists.

If no representative is reached or no one responds to the property for a fire alarm within thirty (30) minutes then the New Ipswich Fire Department will reset the fire alarm system. The fee for the service of resetting the fire alarm shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The New Ipswich Police Department will not reset any alarm system within a building.

Property owners with fire and burglar alarm systems shall register them with the New Ipswich Fire and Police Departments. Registration shall include property owner information and key holder information. There is no fee for this registration.

The property owner, or the owner of the alarm system shall provide the Southwestern Mutual Aid Dispatch and Hillsborough County Sheriffs Dispatch with a telephone number, list of individuals (3 minimum) who are able to respond to the location of the alarm activation. The list shall also be posted on the inside cover of the master alarm panel and updated annually.

No fire alarm system is to be reset prior to the arrival of the New Ipswich Fire Department.

Notice:

Public Utilities Chapter 370-A Use of Customer-Owned Equipment Section 370-A: 2; Prohibited Use; Notification Required.

No person shall have a self-dialing telephone alarm system connected to his telephone which automatically calls a government agency unless that agency receives notification from the person prior to connection of such alarm system in compliance with regulation and guidelines promulgated by the department of safety pursuant to RSA 541- A. The governmental agency to be notified may provide a form suitable for information and action required of said agency upon receipt of call Source. 1979, 205:1. eff. Aug. 10, 1979.

Public Utilities Chapter 370-A

Use of Customer-Owned Equipment Section 370-A: 3, Violation.

Any person who has a self-dialing telephone alarm system connected to his telephone and who has not obtained written permission pursuant to RSA 370-A:2 shall be guilty of a violation. Source. 1979. 205:1, eff. Aug. 10, 1979.

SECTION 6. Fire Watch:

If the New Ipswich Fire Department is unable to fully reset the fire alarm system, or a representative of the property owner or owner of the fire alarm system does not arrive, then a fire watch will be placed at the scene and will remain at the property until such time as the property owner/occupant or a representative thereof has arrived. The fee for this service will be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per hour (four hour minimum) and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per hour for each subsequent hour beyond four hours. (The reset fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in the Alarm System Owner's Responsibility section above is included in this charge.)

SECTION 7. Alarm System Registration:

A one time Registration shall be required for all Alarm Systems in accordance with Adopted Codes. This registration does not apply to residential Fire Alarm Systems unless they are connected to a monitoring business. The owner shall be required to re-register whenever there is a change in the Alarm Business responsible for maintaining, servicing and/or monitoring the Fire Alarm System. Registrations shall not be transferable from one premise to another or from one owner to another. Every Alarm Business shall notify the Enforcement Official of the existence of an Alarm System prior to the to the system being put into operation. It shall be the responsibility of the installing Alarm Business to provide the owner with notice of the existence of this ordinance, a Registration Form and a copy of the Alarm System operation instructions in accordance with Adopted Codes, and the manufacturer's instructions.

The Registration Form shall include the following information.

- The name(s), address of the premises, mailing address (if different from the address of the premises), business and home telephone number of the owner, lessee, operator) manager or person in possession of the premises wherein the Alarm System is installed;
- The name, address and telephone number of a minimum of three (3) persons who can be notified by the Enforcement Official in the event of the activation of the Alarm System, who shall be capable of responding to the premises within thirty (30) minutes, and who are authorized to enter the premises to ascertain the status thereof.
- The name, address and telephone number of the Alarm Business which has contracted to service the Alarm System and proof of proper state licensing/registration with the Enforcement Official, if required. Proof of proper state licensing may be a valid state licensing number.
- The date the registration is signed or the alarm System is placed in operation for any reason; and
- Any other documentation that is required by Adopted Codes.

When, any of the information required in Section 3 has changed, the owner shall report it to the Enforcement Official within fifteen (15) days of the owner becoming aware of such change. The owner shall complete and deliver the Alarm System Registration in the required format to the Enforcement Official before the Alarm system is activated or placed into service. The Alarm Business, when authorized by the owner, may assist the owner in accomplishing this submission of the Alarm registration to the Enforcement Official. All Fire Alarm Systems require an Acceptance Test approved by the New Ipswich Fire Department prior to being put into service.

SECTION 8. Acceptance Test

All newly installed or re-certified commercial Fire Alarm Systems shall be approved by the New Ipswich Fire Department. This approval will consist of verifying that the system is designed for the environment and use of the premises. An Acceptance Test will be conducted by the alarm installer and must be supervised by the Enforcement Official. This test will be a test of all devices of the system including the reporting times from the monitoring company.

SECTION 9. Inspection, Testing and Maintenance

- The owner shall ensure that all Alarm Systems are inspected and tested at least once per year in accordance with Adopted Codes.
- The owner shall ensure that all Alarm Systems are periodically maintained per manufacturer specifications and Adopted Codes.
- The owner shall keep records of inspections, Testing and Maintenance and provide to the Enforcement Official upon request.

SECTION 10. Fire and Police Department Response

Fire Department Response:

The New Ipswich Fire Department will respond to all activated fire alarms within the Town of New Ipswich. On arrival, the officer in charge will investigate the cause of the alarm and notify Southwestern. Mutual Aid Dispatch of the cause. Notification will be made to the key holder for their response.

Police Department Response:

The New Ipswich Police Department will respond to all activated alarms within the Town of New Ipswich. In the event of a burglar alarm, the responding police officer will determine the cause of the activation on arrival. If the activation is determined to be a false alarm, the officer will notify Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dispatch. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dispatch will then notify the property owner or key holder. The officer will notify Dispatch if the building is secure or not. If the building is secure, the officer will not wait for the property representative to respond unless requested to do so by the representative. If the representative fails to arrive at the property within thirty minutes, the officer will resume his/her patrol even if requested to remain on scene by representative.

SECTION 11. Alarm Requirements

Fire Alarm Systems:

All Fire Alarm Systems required by the State Fire Code will be installed in accordance with NFPA 72.

Emergency Key Box:

The New Ipswich Fire Department requires all commercial and multi-family (3 or more units) buildings to be equipped with an emergency key box system that holds a master key to all areas within the building. Contact the New Ipswich Fire Department for information regarding this requirement.

Adopted by the Selectmen this 20th day of July, 2004.

ORDINANCE # 04-03 - HOUSE NUMBERING

SECTION 1 - Purpose

- 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the rapid location of properties for the delivery of public safety and emergency services.
- 2. This ordinance is adapted pursuant to and consistent with the NH RSA 31:39 & NH RSA 231: 133-a
- SECTION 2 Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. Road is any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, fire road, or similar paved, gravel or dirt way within the Town of New Ipswich.
- B. Improved property is any property on which a more or less permanent structure has been erected or placed.
- C. Owners are defined as the person or persons who are listed on the current assessment records of the Town of New Ipswich.

SECTION 3 - Official Map

1. The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for maintaining the following official records of the numbering system:

A. Dispatch Map of the Town of New Ipswich and

B. An alphabetical list of all property owners as identified by current assessment records, by last name, showing the assigned numbers and

C. An alphabetical list of all roads with property owners listed in order of their assigned numbers.

2. Copies of the official records as listed shall be deposited with the Town Clerk, Fire Department, Police Department, and Ambulance Squad for their use and shall be updated and/or replaced by the Board of Selectmen with new records from time to time as necessary.

SECTION 4 - Name and Numbering System

- 1. Each residence and business property shall have a number indicating its position on the road on which it is located.
- 2. In general, one whole number on each side of the road shall be assigned for every fifty (50) feet interval of road frontage.
- 3. Every improved property with more than one principal use or occupancy shall have a separate designator for each use or occupancy (i.e. 123 Any Road, Apt. 2).

SECTION 5 - Numbers and Names to be Posted

- Every owner of an improved property shall, within thirty (30) days of notification as defined in Section 2 of this ordinance, or within thirty (30) days of new habitation, display and maintain in a conspicuous place on said property the number assigned.
 - A. The number assigned shall be displayed in numeral form and be no less than three inches (3") high. Numerals shall be a contrasting color from the background, and preferably reflective in nature.
 - B. Assigned numbers of each improved property shall be posted near the principal entrance to the property and in a manner as to be legible from the road on which the property is located.
 - C. Owners of buildings that are not visible from the road shall place the assigned number on both sides of a post or mailbox at the entrance to the property.

2. Every person whose duty it is to display the assigned number shall remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number or name assigned in conformance with this ordinance.

SECTION 6 - Proposed Roads and Structures

- 1. Proposed roads shall be named and numbered in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this ordinance. All proposals for road names shall be subject to confirmation and possible alteration by the Board of Selectmen.
- 2. On any final plan submitted to the Planning Board showing proposed roads, applicants shall mark on the plan lines or dots, in the center of the proposed roads every fifty (50) feet so as to aid the town in assigning numbers to properties.
- 3. No building or occupancy permits for new structures will be issued in the town unless the applicant demonstrates that they have applied for or received the assignment of a property number from the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 7 - Violations and Penalties

- 1. Unlawful to deface assigned numbers or road signs.
 - A. No person may knowingly alter, deface, or remove any number placed on any property in accordance with this ordinance.
 - B. No person may alter, deface, or remove any road sign erected in the Town of New Ipswich.
- 2. Any violation of any provision of this article of this ordinance shall be subject to a civil fine assigned by the Board of Selectmen, payable to the Town of New Ipswich of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the third or subsequent offenses, together with attorneys and other legal fees incurred by the town in the enforcement of this ordinance.

SECTION 8 - Amendment and other Legal Provisions

1. Interpretation: Interpretation of what may not be clear in this Ordinance shall be according to the intent of the Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan.

- 2. Conflict with Other Ordinances: Whenever the regulations of this Ordinance conflict with those of another Ordinance, the stricter shall apply.
- 3. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.
- 4. Amendment:
 - A. No regulation or amendment of this ordinance shall be adopted until after the Selectmen of the Town have held a public hearing.
 - B. Amendments to this Ordinance shall be considered following petition, recommendation of the Police and Fire Departments, the Ambulance Squad, or motion of a Selectmen.
- 5. Effective Date:
 - A. This ordinance shall be enacted and be of full force on October 15, 2004.
 - B. It shall be the duty of each property owner assigned a property number to comply with this ordinance within thirty (30) days of notification in accordance with Section 5 of this ordinance.
 - C. It shall be the duty of each property owner of a new structure assigned a property number to comply with this ordinance within thirty (30) days of habitation in accordance with Section 5 of this ordinance.

Adopted by the Selectmen this 31st day of August, 2004.

BUILDING PERMIT OFFICER

In 2004 fewer new houses were constructed and overall permits declined considerably from previous years as can be seen below. Residents are reminded once again that permits are needed for <u>most</u> renovations, alterations, and new buildings and are to be obtained prior to commencement of construction.

We issued 32 new house permits and 98 miscellaneous permits as detailed below:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	
Homes	50	55	71	32	22	
Mobile Homes	8	5	8	2	3	(replacements)
Miscellaneous		<u>_79</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>78</u>	
Totals	130	139	176	130	103	

Respectfully submitted,

George H. Lawrence, Building Permit Officer

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for four different aspects of planning: 1) periodically updating the Town's Master Plan to ensure it reflects the community's wishes regarding growth, infrastructure, and town facilities, 2) proposing zoning amendments when necessary to support the Master Plan, 3)establishing a Capital Improvement Plan to support the Master Plan, and 4) administering the zoning ordinance.

In March of this year the Planning Board adopted a new Vision Chapter of the Master Plan. This was the culmination of a 2 year effort to obtain citizen input as to what planning issues are important and what are the preferred solutions to those issues. It represents the hard work of over a hundred citizens who were involved in this effort and reflects the results of over 1000 questionnaires that were filled out and returned by town residents.

As a consequence of the Master Plan update process, the Planning Board formed an ordinance drafting committee in the later part of 2003. This committee worked with the Southwest Region Planning Commission to draft ordinances reflecting the results of the questionnaire. Because an Interim Growth Management Ordinance was due to expire in March of 2004, this committee worked hard to have the amendments ready in time for the March 2004 Town Meeting. The committee drafted 12 amendments to the zoning ordinance. Only one was approved, an impact fee ordinance. One can only speculate as to the reasons for the defeat of the other eleven amendments, but it is clear that there was not sufficient time for a dialogue between the Board and town residents in order to develop a full understanding of the purpose of the amendments and their potential impact, and to make revisions in light of such dialogue.

This year the Board has proposed four amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Two of these address sources of confusion in the existing ordinance related to steep slopes and wetlands, one establishes standards for signs in town, and one establishes standards for driveways. The Planning Board has also learned that the implementation of impact fees is a complex process requiring special expertise and has proposed a warrant article to raise funds for a consultant to help with this project.

Another consequence of the Master Plan update process was the establishment of a committee to develop a Capital Improvement Plan. A Capital Improvement Plan is an essential planning tool for any town experiencing growth, yet New Ipswich has never had one. Thanks to the very hard work of the committee, the Planning Board adopted a Capital Improvement Plan in June – the first one for New Ipswich.

Another project the Board undertook this year was to clarify and streamline the application process. This effort entailed a revision of the subdivision application form and accompanying checklist, working with the town engineer to create a review process that provides early identification of potential problems, and working with the Fire Chief to establish uniformity regarding the Board's assessment of adequate fire protection. The Board also adjusted application fees to reflect the current costs of doing business.

During the course of the year, the Planning Board reviewed 43 applications for subdivisions or site plan reviews. Some of these, such as a cell tower and a new excavation permit, involved subjects new to the Board. The Board's workload this year is a significant increase over previous years, even taking into account the one year Interim Growth Management Ordinance.

To accommodate its workload this year, the Board moved its meeting time forward a half hour and often did not adjourn meetings until well after 11 PM. In addition to its 24 regularly scheduled meetings, the Board held an additional 19 meetings for work sessions, site visits, hearings on zoning amendments, and just to catch up on a back load of applications. This amount of work approaches a level where the Town should consider employing a part time professional planner. The number of new building lots and multi-family units that are being approved suggests the town will experience considerable growth in the near future. This year the Board approved 19 additional building lots and a 12 unit multi-family dwelling. A growth of 31 additional dwelling units in one year would appear to be a reasonable rate of growth, but these represent only the tip of an iceberg. In fact, there are an additional 130 new building lots and a nine unit condominium currently under review or discussion. Most of these are likely to have been approved by the time this report goes to print. These constitute a potential growth rate of over 10%. Depending on the rate of development, this could present a serious problem for the town in terms of its ability to provide necessary services and infrastructure.

The Planning Board faces significant challenges in the coming years. The remaining chapters of the Master Plan need to be updated, the new Capital Improvement Plan needs to be refined and updated on a regular basis, and the Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations still have sections which need improvement. But most importantly, the Board must find some way, acceptable to townspeople, to manage the future growth of the town so as to keep taxes under control and preserve the unique character and beauty of our town.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Freeman, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 2004, the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approved four special exceptions (down from thirteen last year), and one equitable waiver of dimensional control (two last year). Two more special exceptions are pending. Much of the Board's time this year was consumed by a single application, from Pitcherville Sand and Gravel Corporation for a granite quarry on East Old Country Road. Hearings began in April and finally concluded in November. The application generated a great deal of controversy and every hearing was attended by dozens of interested parties, many of whom sought to testify. Ultimately, the issue was resolved when Pitcherville withdrew their application in November.

Clark Baldwin, David Cotzin, Greg Hanselman, and Toni Lovell continued to contribute their valuable insights as permanent members, supplemented by Wendy Freeman, who became an alternate member of the ZBA this year. Jim Coffey resigned his position as an alternate member. Joanne Meshna did yeoman service as Secretary to this board, particularly in light of the protracted Pitcherville hearings, for which she had to produce lengthy and detailed minutes. We are grateful for her expertise in land use matters and for her ability to serve both the Board and the public with grace and competence.

We are still in need of volunteers and welcome interested members of the community as participants. This is a chance to find out what is happening in your town and to have an impact on its future at a crucial time in the history of New Ipswich. The Zoning Ordinance helps to balance the demands of land developers and builders for growth, with a desire to preserve New Ipswich's rural character, scenic beauty, and fragile historical and environmental resources. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Adjustment, please contact any member of the ZBA for more information.

The ZBA meets at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of every month at the Town Office. When necessary and appropriate, the board schedules additional meetings to meet the needs of applicants. Since additional meetings are unbudgeted, the applicant covers their cost. To make appointments with the ZBA and to get any additional information about New Ipswich's zoning regulations and procedures, please contact Joanne Meshna during working hours.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Williams, Chairman

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Here is a statistic you might not know. New Ipswich has one of the highest populations of children under the age if 18 in the state. According to the US Census Bureau, 34 percent of the town's population is under the age of 18. With that said.....

This year brought challenges and success to the Department of Parks and Recreation. We had a late start to the year, as the present committee was formed at the end of the spring. In addition, our budget saw a 2/3 percent cut which left us with an operating budget of \$5,500. With some ingenuity and creativity we saw a productive year.

As we all know each year brings change. This year not only did we have the birth of a new committee but we also saw the resignation of our Recreation Director, Mike Martel. Mike served the town for approximately 18 months, with some of that time on a volunteer basis due to budget cuts. His time and effort was greatly appreciated. Thanks Mike.

Throughout this year we have made an effort to become a cohesive team and organize our administrative duties. We have created a Mission Statement, Committee By-Laws and a long term Capital Improvement Plan. In addition we have also worked with Friends of Recreation to hold the 1st annual Autumn Town Social. We saw at least 150 people attend this function which was a great success. Thanks to all of you who donated time and money to make this event possible. We have also seen the generosity of volunteers that insured the grass on the town fields was mowed and maintained. Another big thanks!

The Mascenic Youth Soccer Program also saw some changes this year. AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) is now the organization that Mascenic Youth Soccer falls under. This year we saw over 300 kids, grades K and up, involved in the program. What a great success!

Although the Basketball program got off to a late start, we had over 125 kids participating in grades K-9. One of our goals next year is to look for local business or individuals to sponsor Basketball teams. It will be a great way to get more town folks involved in the future of our kids.

Last year the creation of the Revolving Fund was brought about. The purpose of this is to eventually become predominately funded by user fees, alleviating a tax burden on the Town. In layman's terms this means that you will make the choice to fund the Recreation department by participating in activities that require a fee to be paid. This is not going to be an immediate process. In the mean time we will still require a supplemental budget from the town until activities are established and running solidly. In addition, we have annual fundraisers planned to help build up the revolving fund. As monies are collected they are deposited and earmarked in the Revolving Fund.

There are so many people that volunteered to make this past year possible. We would like to give a HUGE thank you to all of the town folks and generous volunteers who helped make this year successful!!

Our primary goal next year is to replace the existing playground equipment. Due to safety issues and state regulations the equipment must be removed. If monies are not allocated and raised, our children will be without a playground next year. For those of you who have not seen the equipment, we urge you to take a walk through the playground. Notice the nails sticking out of pieces of wood, the unsafe height of some of the structures without safety rails and splintered wood, just to mention a few.

As the Recreation Committee we are committed to creating and developing recreational opportunities for all community members. We believe that positive recreation promotes and fosters team building, creates a sense of community and enhances the quality of life. In addition we know the success of our programs is an investment in the future of our children. Wouldn't you agree?

Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month and as always the public is welcome to bring their comments, concerns and ideas regarding recreation to our meetings. None of our goals are possible without input and help from the community. We are an all-volunteer committee that is looking for more community support. Would you come out and give us your ideas?

Respectfully Submitted, Nina Dilger, Chairman The pool had a fairly challenging year. With our anticipated budget of \$39,000, reduced to \$14,500, things weren't looking too hopeful. Having been through this before about 12 years ago, I was not looking forward to it again. A small, but eager group got together to begin efforts to fundraise the minimum required to function. Although they put a lot of creative and energetic effort into it, the results were not enough for our needs. Cindy Haigh and I really appreciated the fundraiser's work, and this motivated us to go forward optimistically. Well, it proved to be worthwhile. People made contributions, often in the nick of time. Our services were extremely limited, but the main goal we had was to be open on those hot summer afternoons. This was certainly accomplished, thanks to so many.

As far as maintenance was concerned, there's not much to report since there was not much money left for anything beyond the most basic needs. If there was any possibility of postponing work until next year it was postponed. While I hate to even consider it, should the pool budget again be cut substantially, there would be no swim programs. We would not open to the public, but any available funds would be directed into much needed maintenance.

Hoping that all will go well this year, the proposed 2005 budget requests the majority of the maintenance needs come from the Pool Capital Reserve Fund. This will cover new fencing and gates, repair or replacement of vital filter equipment, gauges, deck work, pool house work and other maintenance equipment.

Despite all of our challenges, we did hold two sessions of swim lessons, as opposed to the usual three, and we were able to have an excellent swim team season. Aquatics manager and Swim Team Coach, Cindy Haigh, along with assistant Christine Lage led our largest team yet of 45 children to many victories. They practiced 4 times a week and competed in the local area. They were undefeated. In the more advanced Milford Rotary Meet, which includes teams from all over the state, they took 1st place in their division. This is a tremendous accomplishment for a struggling facility. This team works hard and will be in great shape should they choose to join our high school swim team which has been competing for 3 years.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to each of you who contributed to our operation this year. Whatever size donation, some smaller, some extremely generous, others with contributions of time and energy, it really couldn't have happened without you. You made a huge difference this summer. I want to mention my terrific staff, who worked under ridiculous circumstances, not knowing from week to week whether or not there would be enough money to keep their jobs open. They all had to find other part time employment to supplement their pool income, and work around their pool schedules. This made life more hectic than ever for them. From myself, and many grateful residents, thank you so much.

Also thanks to the Board of Selectmen and my fellow town departments, who never fail to come through for me whatever my needs. I greatly appreciate you all.

Please support the town budget. Attending the deliberative session will give you the information you need to make educated choices and find out why the department heads make specific requests. We put a lot of effort into these preparations, as does the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen. We work hard to do the best job we can to provide the services that make our town the great place that it is. We need you support and your votes.

Respectfully submitted, Grace Shaw, Pool Director

WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

I have been acting as the welfare director since February 2004 serving the individuals and families in the community.

Currently my office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Messages can be left for me the days that the town offices are open. Upon emergency situations I can be reached accordingly.

It is very important that I be notified prior to shut offs of utilities and evictions.

DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Welfare Administration	\$ 1,141.08
Electric Payments	3,336.02
Heat Payments	2,480.13
Food Vouchers	2,009.36
Shelter	22,751.52
Miscellaneous	3,238.09
TOTAL	\$ 34,956.20

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Traffie, Welfare Director

OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

There haven't been any major changes in our committee's activities since our last report, primarily because no funds were available from the town to complete our goals to refurbish this old historic building. We did however solicit estimates to complete the project, in the event that funds became available. We were primarily concerned about being able to complete the repairing and painting of the north and west sides of the hall and hopefully the town will be able to include monies in their budget for that purpose.

We are revealing a list of projects completed using donated funds from concerned groups etc. with the exception of the emergency alarm system.

- 1. Complete rewiring and new circuit panel.
- 2. Emergency door installed at rear of building with crash bar.
- 3. Crash bar installed on front door.
- 4. New emergency alarm system.
- 5. Emergency exit lights installed over doors.
- 6. Carrying timber on south side of building repaired. (Highway Dept. assisted)
- 7. Front and south sides of hall painted.
- 8. Brush removed from north and rear of building. (Highway Dept. assisted)
- 9. Twelve foot easement obtained in back of hall and ten feet on south side.
- 10. Approximately \$4,000 of donated labor and material realized from Congregational Church and others.

It has been a pleasure to serve the town in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Ackerson, Chairman

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

In March of 2004 the town voted down the budget so the town operated on a default budget. The Selectmen decided to cut the Cemetery budget by 37%, or from \$15,486 to \$9,700. Because of this drastic cut, it was not possible in 2004 to maintain the cemeteries as well as the trustees would have liked. The Cemetery Trustees will in 2005 do whatever needs to be done to assure that our New Ipswich cemeteries are well maintained, even if it means depleting our Maintenance Trust Fund. (Please see the minutes of the Cemetery Trustees' meeting of January 4, 2003.) The dead deserve better, and the way a town keeps its cemteries says a lot about the town.

Our sexton, Oliver Niemi, did his best to maintain the cemeteries as well as he could during the 2004 year. Without the help of the Chief of Police who provided valuable aid through community service workers, the cemeteries would not have been maintained even to the degree they were. The Sexton, however, had to spend many hours in supervising the community service workers and in mowing the cemeteries himself. Oliver will be paid by the Trustees from the Maintenance Fund for these hours that are above and beyond the duties of the sexton. Volunteers also contributed by preparing the fence in Central for painting and by brush removal.

During the year fourteen burials took place in our cemeteries, eight full burials and six cremations. Nine new lots were sold, two single lots and seven double lots. Monuments were placed on graves and the Sexton and the trustees worked with the families to place new veterans' stones. Dead trees were removed from the Old Burial Ground and the Central Cemetery by contractors. And the Trustees also spent several work days removing dead trees from the Old Burial Ground and cleaning up the brush in and around that cemetery. Eighteen hundred dollars was spent from the Maintenance Fund to restore monuments that need repair, and that work which began in 2000 will be continued for several more years.

The Cemetery Trustees and the Cemetery Sexton meet (usually) on the third Tuesday of each month. The dates and times of the meetings are posted in the town office. The public is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Nathaniel Ober, Chairman The year of 2004 was another busy year for the police department, with continued vandalism reports consuming a significant portion of the officer's time. I do believe that the appearance of the community is improving as the criminal element is continuously facing consistent enforcement. Many of the trouble spots that have plagued the town for years with large groups of youths and adults congregating have been eliminated thanks to the assistance of several business owners who have taken steps to assist the police department in removing loiters. In 2004 the police department responded to 3,492 calls for service, completed 594 criminal incident reports, made 177 arrests and stopped 1,391 motor vehicles for various offenses. The number of accidents was reduced again this year to 63, which is a dramatic decline from years past when there were more than 100 accidents. This reduction in accidents is a direct result of increased traffic enforcement and visibility.

The police department was selected to participate in a grant program funded by the Department of Justice and the University of New Hampshire computer lab, called Project 54. The police department received all new equipment for its fleet of cruisers including computers, radar units, GPS system and light bars. The project 54 system allows the officers to activate all cruiser functions with voice commands after pressing a button on the steering wheel. Project 54 is still in the refining stages and will be a valuable asset once it is perfected. If you would like to see how technology has advanced in this area, feel free to stop by the police department for a demonstration.

As the Town of New Ipswich continues to grow, the police department is being required to provide additional services on a more frequent basis. The position of a police officer is a highly trained position with significant investment before the community is able to see the results. The officers of the police department are hard working and professional, but they are also subject to burnout when they respond to an endless number of complaints and type hours upon hours of reports. In an effort to continue to be a proactive agency, in the year 2005 I will be asking for a sixth full-time officer to help reduce the work load that each officer faces, and allow for the implementation of several proactive policing programs. We anticipate the support of the voters in funding the officer's position.

As always, the door is open and anyone with questions or concerns may stop in and speak to any officer or myself, as we will be happy to assist you in any way that we can.

Respectfully submitted, Chief W. Garrett Chamberlain

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



www.NewlpswichCC.org

The purpose of the Conservation Commission is to insure the "proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the said city or town" (RSA 36-A). Commission activities are directly related to this purpose. Activities for 2004 are outlined below:

- The Commission has begun the process of defining Prime Wetlands in New Ipswich. Prime Wetlands are those wetlands which have extraordinary natural resources and warrant an extra level of protection.
- The Commission has continued the development of a Trail and Nature Guide for the Williams Conservation Property. The purpose of the guide will be to educate the public on the natural resources present on the property and the importance of protecting those resources.
- Members of the Commission attended a series of Zoning Board meetings to provide comment on the potential impact of a proposed rock crushing operation on land abutting the Nussdorfer Nature Area, Marshall State Forest, and private property.
- In March of 2004, the voters of New Ipswich approved a warrant article to place lands managed by the Conservation Commission under easement (protection) with a land trust. The Commission is currently in the process of putting the Johnson Property and Nussdorfer Nature Area into easement with the Monadnock Conservancy.
- The Conservation Commission continued the publication of a series of documents to inform the citizens of New Ipswich about the value of the town's natural resources and the importance of protecting those resources. Each document, known as the "Green Sheet" covers such topics as timber harvesting, stream buffers, and wetlands.
- The Town's Tree Warden (Fridericke Kazo) has been active in planting trees on town property and working with the schools to educate the young on the importance of trees. The Commission distributed 325 trees to the local schools. The students planted the trees near their homes and will monitor their growth.
- The Commission started the process of forming an Open Space Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to specify the locations and types of open space which are important to New Ipswich and which should not be developed. The Open Space Committee will consist of members of various town boards and the general public.

- The Commission donated a book to the New Ipswich Library titled "Conserving Your Land – Options for New Hampshire Landowners". The Commission frequently donates conservation-related books to the library.
- The Conservation Commission has a representative on the Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SRLAC). The committee provides local advise on the monitoring and protection of the Souhegan River.
- Members of the Conservation Commission's Easement Monitoring Teams monitored the various conservation lands managed by the Conservation Commission. The purpose of the monitoring is to insure that the conservation values of the lands are not negatively impacted.
- During the year Commission members maintained hiking trails located on town-owned conservation land. The hiking trails, which are provided for the use and enjoyment of the public, require on-going maintenance such as brush cutting, bridge repair, and other trail grooming activities.
- The Commission spent a great deal of time reviewing Wetland Permits and monitoring development activities adjacent to the wetlands. The Commission is very concerned about the impact the increased development will have on the town's wetlands. The wetlands are important for wildlife habitat, water storage and flood control. Wetlands are one of the town's most valuable natural resources, and your Commission spends a considerable amount of time protecting them.
- The Conservation Commission sent letters to town boards, offering comments and suggestion on the impact of development on the town's natural resources.
- The Commission is looking for full or part-time new members who have an interest in protecting the town's natural resources and are able to give time to various Commission projects. If you are interested, please contact the Town Office.



Hoar Pond Nussdorfer Nature Area





Furnace Brook Falls Floor Rhoads Easement Respectfully Submitted,

Flood Control Dam Dam Site 13

Bob Boynton

Chairman

LIBRARY

This report is dedicated to Richard (Dick) Hall who passed away in the spring of 2004. Dick was a long standing member of the Board of Trustees. During his tenure, Dick was largely responsible for managing the Library's investments and for keeping the Library's financial affairs on a steady course. We will miss him.

The year 2004 has been a time of progress on many fronts:

The new addition is almost complete. The new ramp is proving to be useful to the handicapped, elderly as well as young mothers with strollers and toddlers. A perennial garden is in process along one side of the ramp, courtesy of Trustee Mikko Salokangas. It will add greatly to the attractiveness of the new addition. The Board of Trustees would, once again, like to thank the Hutter Company for overseeing the construction of the addition as well as all the local contractors who contributed time, materials and talents.

The Library has been given its own stop on the State van delivery route, allowing for efficient delivery of materials from libraries all over the State, right to our own door.

The computers have been successfully networked and work has started on the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) which will replace the traditional card catalog. Special thanks to Laurie Bellamy and Trustees Tim Somero and Jeff Zarend for the countless hours and expertise they have given to this project.

Mr. Burton Lund became an Honorary Trustee of the New Ipswich Library. Mr Lund was honored for his long and devoted service, as custodian par excellence, to the Library.

The PTA joined the Library in erecting the 250th anniversary sign, temporarily, in the PTA park. The sign served to highlight events at both the Library and school.

The Library also continued its traditional programming:

The Summer Reading Program continues to be one of the Library's most successful events. More than 46 children read 200 books. Small prizes were awarded for each book read and gift certificates to the Toadstool Bookstore were given to participants at the end of the program.

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Library sponsored two special events. The first was a presentation by Jerry Schneider, the Butterfly Man, who gave the children interesting information about the lives of butterflies, common

and exotic. Each child also had the opportunity to create their own butterfly Tshirt. Second was a performance by Steve Thomas, whose illusions are tailored specifically for the younger library audience. Over 80 children and their parents attended these two special presentations. The Library staff and Board of Trustees wishes to extend our thanks to the Stearns-Burton Fund for making this programming possible.

The "Book Club" continues to be active with 14 members who meet at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss books chosen by the members.

"Bedtime Story Hour" is also offered on Monday evenings at 7pm.

The Library also continues to support our elementary school system by providing class visits to the Library. During these visits, a story is read to the children and each child checks out a book of their choice. In addition, the Library assists and supports pre-school and home schooled students in our community.

Finally, The Board of Trustees and the Library Staff wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Children's Fair and the PTA for their generous contributions and our sincere appreciation to the Town of New Ipswich for its continued support. This support is invaluable and essential to keep the level of library service now offered by the Library.

Librarian; Anne Soini. Asst. Librarians; Ann-Marie Howard, Celia Koski and Laurie Bellamy.

Trustees; Renee Blanchette, Connie Cooke, Fredericke Kazo, Bunny Peakes, Mikko Salokangas, Tim Somero, John Sterrett and Jeff Zarend.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members: Bentti Hoiska; Jay Hopkins; Suzan Schafer Meiszner,Chair; Marvin Salmonson; Brian Somero

The Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) got off to a late start this year. For this reason, we scheduled two meetings per week (Mondays and Tuedays), to accommodate all unit heads and to assure the New Ipswich community that we will have the time to do our work diligently.

The Committee sees its charge as reviewing budget requests, taking the time to ask questions regarding new and continuing expenses, discussing options that

may save money and then forwarding its recommendations (with questions and/or justifications) to the Board of Selectmen (BOS).

We recognize that there are many needs in the Town and each department head/budget manager wants to do the best job possible and provide quality service to NI citizens.

However, to meet the costs of all of their department's needs is challenging in any one year. The job of the FAC is to help analyze and prioritize within specified budget constraints. This means that most units will not receive all the funding that they request and truly believe they need. Difficult decisions are made and not everyone leaves the FAC meeting fully satisfied. However, we do hope that everyone understands the Committee's thinking.

To assist the Committee with its work, we asked the department managers to be prepared to discuss what is needed (in dollars and personnel) to meet their goals. The FAC frequently recommends exploring cost saving measures and potential revenue options to help offset the town expenses whenever possible. Also, where appropriate, the Committee recommends certain items be removed from the operating budget request and be submitted as warrant articles.

All revenues to the town go into the general fund. It is usually difficult to relate expenses to offsetting revenues. The Committee is currently asking questions about this to better understand the budget requests. In fact, revenue, other than taxes makes up over half of the income that the Town spends. This revenue includes user fees such as building permits, licenses for animals and automobiles, landfill bags and stickers, and state and /or Federal grants. All of this other revenue helps to fund Town expenses and, while they add to the overall budget, they do not add to the tax burden. The Pool and the Parks and Recreation Departments are the only departments (by State law) that can collect and then spend their user fees for activities such as swimming lessons, basketball or soccer team support.

Many of you have heard about the increases in the budget of the Town based on "contractual items" and wonder what this means and how it will impact your tax bill. We understand contractual items to mean those items for which there is a contract for services or salaries and no control or choice exist. They are deemed to be unavoidable obligations of the town. This includes salaries, insurance, bond payments and the like. The BOS and the FAC are trying to get their hands around these issues and identify which items are non-negotiable, which we can recommend go out for bids, or which we have choices to support or suspend. As we review budget items, it is clear that the non-negotiable and contract expenses have increased the base budget to a level significantly higher than the past years, so that even a default budget will reflect substantially higher costs. The two areas with major impact are: 1)the state required closing of the landfill and opening of the transfer station (added costs in bonds-principal and interest, facilities and personnel 230K vs. a budgeted amount of 14K) and 2) the expanded costs of town personnel employee benefits 250K vs 160K. While the actual expenses for 2004 are not yet final, those items that increased under contractual obligations will push the default to a level closer to 1.8 million dollars. The Board of Selectmen and the FAC agreed that the budget goal for 2005 is an increase of five percent above the 2004 default amount. That figure is closer to 1.9 million. Holding to that limited percent of increase has been the goal of the FAC.

As one of the items that has increased the budget significantly is the closing of the landfill and the opening of the transfer station, the FAC believes the transfer station can become self supporting. The Committee will present a model that will demonstrate how this can work; reaching total self support may take two to three years to be fully realized.

Most of the departments the Finance Advisory Committee has reviewed have requested increases within the five percent goal. In fact several have had no increases or even slight decreases. Their needs list continues to grow, but they are aware that this is not the time to request more money than absolutely necessary in their operating budgets.

During the past year, the Capital Improvements Program Group (CIP) was appointed by the Planning Board to work with the unit managers to identify which capital projects should be undertaken, what equipment should be acquired, and what are the priorities of these items/projects. The FAC will use the document prepared by this Group in making its recommendations regarding budgets and warrant articles.

We have already reviewed a significant number of warrant articles from several departments. These warrant articles will give the community an opportunity to examine the special needs of the departments and vote on each request. As in the past two years, the FAC will make available a chart of its work with annotated recommendations for consideration of the voters. The Town Budget Deliberative Session, scheduled for February 8th, will provide an opportunity to explain and discuss each of these warrant articles as well as the town budget and how, or if, they will impact your tax bill. The BOS has indicated that they believe there will be no need to increase the town portion of your tax bill next year. We encourage everyone's attendance on February 8th.

The FAC proposes to extend its work this year to review the processes under which it operates and how the budget is put together and managed. It will spend time on some of the major budget issues, such as communication expenses across the departments and establishing a fund balance policy. The FAC expects to make these and other recommendations for revisions to the BOS in the later part of the spring.

Respectfully submitted, Suzan Schafer, Chairman

SOUHEGAN VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

These are certainly challenging times for all EMS organizations. SVAS has worked hard responding to nearly 400 calls per year to make sure our area residents received the highest level of quality care that we are able to deliver. We currently have 24 basic EMT's, four of whom are enrolled in an EMT-Intermediates who provide advanced life support to the community.

We are also keenly aware, being taxpayers ourselves, of the fiscal responsibility we have to the towns we serve. Since billing began in 1999, we have been able to consistently reduce the towns' contribution to the Service even though our expenses, like the residents we serve, have risen. SVAS, like NIFD and GFD, is a great example of what can be accomplished in small towns with the exceptional volunteer efforts of our community members. The dedication of our attendants and the sacrifices of their families, add much to the quality of lives here in New Ipswich and Greenville.

The Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to all its members and their families and to all the people who assist us in providing emergency care to the community.

Respectfully submitted, Anne McInnis, SVAS Secretary

MEMORIAL DAY

Dedicated to those who served our country during peace and war lest we forget.

(*) Indicates died in service for their country.

Aaltonen, Rudolph Adams, Ephrain *Adams, Phineas Aho, Charles F. Aho Jr., Leonard Aho, Norman Aho Sr., Leonard Aldrich, William Allard, James Allard, Paul R. Ames, Captain Jacob Anderson, Oiva R. Andrews, Asa Antilla, Alexander Appleton, Francis Appleton, Euguene F. Barney, F. Bartecchi, Eugene J. Batchelder, Samuel Beaudoin, Robert M. Beaver, Ronald L. Bennett, Harlan Bernier, James R. Berube, C. Kenneth Bewley, William Blackburn, Rovce Blanchard, Edwin F. Blanchard, Simeon Bon, Primus B. Bonner, Clarence Bourgault, Lucien Bowman, Nellie Boyce, Paul L. Breed Jr., Allen Breed, John Brooks, Stephen Brown, Captain Abner Burdick, William Cadman, Donald H. Carter, Edward Chandler, Arthur Chandler, James L. Chandler, James R. Chapman, Fred Clark, Ebenezer Clark Sr., Richard A. Coleman, Robert J. Corbett, Ransom Cummings, Charles Cutter, John Davidson, P. Edwin *Davis, Albert H.

*Davis, Edward E. Dicker, Arthur A. Donley, Captain William Donley, Michael P. Dunn, Ann Dutton, Jonas Edmond, Brian Edmonds, William J. Estes, Thomas C. Fairfield, Edward *Fairfield, Richard C. Farwell, Daniel Fisher, Albert Fitch, Leo Flanaaan, John Fletcher, Ebenezer Fletcher, John A. Fletcher, Thomas Foskett, Isaac *Foster, Ephrain *Foster, Samuel Fournier, Steven Fowler, Archibault C. Franks, Joseph Frederick, Elisha Frost, Leon (Stubby) Frost, Ronald E. *Gaanon, Roche Garneau, Raoul Gilchrist, Harry Gordon, Robert Gore, John Gragink, Abner Greenman, William Grenwood, Donley Gregory Jr., Oren Hakala, Arthur Halfpenny, George Hall, Richard A. Harbor, Farnsworth Hayden, Peter Heald, Thomas Hewitt Sr., Richard G. Hildreth, Stephen Hill, Leo Hoaan, Kenneth N. Holombo, Douglas Hopkins, George Howard, Ambrose Howard, David H. Howard, William Hubbard, George H.

Hurd, Theodore Inbertila, Waino C. Jones, Herman Junni, Ragner Kangas, Alfred Kangas, Harvey Kangas, John *Kangas, Leonard I. Kangas, Ralph Kanaas, Toivo M. Kangas, Walter Keay, John Keefe, Alden P. Kenney, Nicholas *Kenney, Samuel Kesti, Peter Kiddl, Reuben Kinney, Samuel Kirth, Donald Kivela, Reino W. Kivela, Sulo *Knowlton, John F. Knowlton, William R. Koivula, Leo P. Koivula, Urho Koski, Charles Koski, Harvey Koski, Toivo J. Krook, Paul H. Lakanen, Daniel T. Lampi, Thomas T. Lampi, Uuno Lapointe, Peter LaBlanc, Joseph A.R. Legsdin, Sr., Warren E. Lehtola, Ahti Lehtola, Atso Lehtonen, Albert J.L. Lehtonen, Walter E. Lemons, Harry *Locke, Warren Louaee, Smith McCauley, Clay (Rev.) Maki, George Maki, Matti *Mansur, William Matson, John (Koski) Matthews, Frank *Maxwell, Earle R. McIntire, Alexander McNabb, James F. Menegus, George

Messier, Donald Meyer, Gary Miller, James Moore, John Mossy, Isiah Nauss, Earl (Rev.) Nelson, Leo Nevhall, Onesimus *Nicholas, Warren C. Niskala, Viekko Nishaka, Walter Novy, Jon Nutting, Allen A. *Nutting, Charles P. Nutting, Charles S. Nutting, Francis *Nutting, George H. Nutting, George P. Nutting, James F. Nutting, Jonas Nutting, Raymond Ober, Donald Olausen, Oscar Parhiala, Everett Parker, Donald Parker, Harold L. Parker, Jonathan Parker, Joseph Parmenter, George Pedersen, James S. Perry, Albert *Pike, John Pratt Jr., Chaires H. Pratt Sr., Charles H. Pratt, John Prescott, Clarence Preston, John Preston, Roger Pritchard, Jeremiah Pritchard, Perlev Pritchard, William Raponi, Eli Rawlston, Chester *Ray, Walter *Ready, Patrick Rodenshiser, Lawrence A. St. Pierre, Eugene Salmu, Wilhemina *Scott. David *Shattuck, John B. *Shattuck . William Silver, Joseph C.

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NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Cormier, Jared W Squires, Carolyn N	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Jaffrey	01/03/2004
Thoms, David L Lavalee, Shirley M	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	01/11/2004
Mark E Rassier Small, Donna L	New Ipswich, NH Peterborough, NH	Peterborough	02/14/2004
Frisella, Matthew J Nolan, Tracy A	Manchester, NH New Ipswich, NH	Wilton	02/14/2004
Maillet, Randy L Guild, Patricia L	New Ipswich, NH Wilton, NH	Mason	02/22/2004
Pelletier, Nathan S Antinelle, Jill	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Mason	02/27/2004
Erisman, William F MacMillan, Linda A	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	03/02/2004
Scanlan, Timothy J Loughlin, Lori A	New Ipswich, NH Ashby, MA	Milford	03/21/2004

NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
LaCroix, Robert L Milles, Jennifer A	Peterborough, NH New Ipswich, NH	Peterborough	04/03/2004
Aho, Timothy Hakala, Jill Ann	Greer, SC Greer, SC	Jaffrey	04/24/2004
Desrosiers, Tysan Rodney Scepkowski, Sara Rose	New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	05/15/2005
Ostergard, Adam C Beauregard, Erin G	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Bradford	04/17/2004
Poliquin, Edward G Notter, Virginia M	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Nashua, NH	05/20/2004
Norton, Robert J Robinson, Tammy A	New Ipswich, NH Bennington, NH	Laconia	07/10/2004
Finch, Jason C Perkio, Maila E	Rochester Hills, MI New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	07/11/2004
Haavisto, Joseph D Sharp, Jessica J	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Rindge	07/11/2004
Edgar, Timothy W Comeau, Michelle Y	New Ipswich, NH Peterborough, NH	Greenville	07/31/2004
Beauchamp, Robert A Ferguson, Kathleen A	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	08/25/2004

NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Robie, Jeffrey J Myshrall, Judith A	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Rindge	08/28/2004
Voner, Timothy E Morenalves, Karina	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	08/28/2004
Bishop, Christopher M Head, Stephanie L	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	08/28/2004
McGovern, John F Phillips, Sarah B	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	08/28/2004
McCoy, Donald J Philbrook, Kristin A	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	09/09/2004
Martinez, Valeriano Stanley, Amber J	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	09/11/2004
Ellis, Zachary B Wallker, Amy V	Harvard, MA New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	09/18/2004
Saari, Travis D LaPointe, Melissa A	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Jaffrey	09/18/2004
Kucharski, Ty G Somero, Heather A	Milford, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	09/18/2004
Allard, Kevin R Carpentiere, Samantha R	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Rindge	10/09/2004

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Rice, Daniel E Courtemanche, Cissy L	New Ipswich, NH Greenfield, NH	Greenfield	10/09/2004
Lifton, Scott A Brouillet, Rhonda I	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	Milford	10/16/2004
Nolin, Eric D Swan, Hilary J	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	10/31/2004
Ronayne, James J Desmond, Dawn E	New Ipswich, NH New Ipswich, NH	New Ipswich	11/27/2004

FOR THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004
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Child's Name	Birth Date	Place of Birth	Father's name	Mother's Name
Sikkila, Spencer Nathan	01/02	Peterborough, NH	Sikkila, Nathan	Sikkila, Danielle
Tuttle, Nathan Isaac	01/02	Peterborough, NH	Tuttle, Nathaniel	Tuttle, Patricia
Grovesteen, Emma Anne	01/07	Nashua, NH	Grovesteen, Jonathan	Grovesteen, Cheri
Sebastian, John William	01/08	Peterborough, NH	Sebastian, Stephen	Sebastian, Nancy
Stacy, Ayden Theodore	01/13	Peterborough, NH	Stacy, Corey	Stacy, Marcy
Somero, Pierce Alexander	01/16	Peterborough, NH	Somero, Niel	Somero, Krissa
Kivela, Alaina Rose	01/19	Peterborough, NH	Kivela, Brett	Kivela, Kristen
Crawford, Answa Diallo Telli	01/31	Peterborough, NH	Crawford, Diallo	Crawford, Anne
Callahan, Maya Leigh	02/02	Nashua, NH	Callahan, David	Callahan, Suzanne
Hannah, Owen Seldon G	02/08	Hillsborough, NH	Hannah, Andrew	Greenblatt, Tara
Lisio, Joseph Paul	02/10	Nashua, NH	Lisio, Joseph	Lisio, Martha
Somero, Natalie Joyce	02/20	Peterborough, NH	Somero, Nathan	Somero, Kimberly
Rivers, Cale N	02/23	New Ipswich, NH	Rivers, Earl	Rivers, Hannah
Kelly, Ryan Patrick	02/27	Leominster, MA	Kelly, Ralph	Helin, Marie
Robichaud, Julia Mae	03/05	Nashua, NH	Robichaud, Rrichard	Robichaud, Sarah
Loeber, Samantha Lynn	03/10	Peterborough, NH	Loeber, Thomas	Loeber, Jennifer
German, Jillian Laura	04/08	Peterborough, NH	German, Eric	German, Jennifer
Sawyer, Caleb Joseph	04/09	New Ipswich, NH	Sawyer, Jonathan	Sawyer, Stacy
Lampinen, Emma Theresa	04/09	Peterborough, NH	Lampinen, Nathan	Lampinen, Julie
Gibson, Audrey Brynn	04/10	Peterborough, NH	Gibson, Chad	Gibson, Karen

Child's Name	Birth Date	Place of Birth	Father's name	Mother's Name
Traffie, Ashlyn Marie	04/13	Peterborough, NH	Iraffie, David	Traffie, Ann
Parhiala, Chase Otto	04/20	Peterborough, NH	Parhiala, Clayton	Parhiala, Nichole
Traffie, Reagan Gabriel	04/23	Peterborough, NH	Traffie, Leif	Traffie, Jessica
Steele, Trinity Elizabeth	04/26	Peterborough, NH	Steele, Jeffrey	Steele, Elizabeth
Kaarto, Hunter James	04/26	Peterborough, NH	Kaarto, Nathan	Naeyaert,Suzanna
Peladeau, Joseph Daniel	04/28	Peterborough, NH	Peladeau, Peter	Peladeau, Roberta
Ojala, Estrid Vera	04/29	New Ipswich, NH	Ojala, Warren	Ojala, Melissa
Bangs, Molly Elizabeth	05/04	Peterborough, NH	Bangs, Michael	Bangs, Elizabeth
Seppala, Charlotte Anne	05/06	Peterborough, NH	Seppala, Ryan	Seppala, Kristina
Ledoux, Turner Warren	05/08	Peterborough, NH	Ledoux, Scott	Ledoux, Tiffany
Rogers, Finneas Mason	02/10	Nashua, NH	Rogers, Edward	Rogers, Kathleen
Hoard,Malaya Jean	05/18	Keene, NH	Hoard, Jesse	Hoard, Tanya
Chaput, Madison Aurelia	05/24	Nashua, NH	Chaput, Nicholas	Chaput, Amber
Traffie, Kenton Theodore	06/03	New Ipswich, NH	Traffie, Carl	Traffie, Kara
Chaffee, Nicholas Alexander	06/09	Manchester, NH	Chaffee, Criag	Chaffee, Deena
Kandoll, Dylan Michael	06/11	Peterborough, NH	Kandoll, Dale	Kandoll, Laurie
Stephens, Ashley Marie	06/14	Manchester, NH	Stephens, Bryce	Stephens, Amie
Archambault, Cole Robert	06/14	Nashua, NH	Archmbault, Douglas	Archambault, Lori-Ann
Theroux, Cadence Grace	06/16	Manchester, NH	Theroux, Michael	Theroux, Sarah
Krook, Zachary James	06/21	Peterborough, NH	Krook, Mark	Krook, Jenifer
Sikkila, Racavel Ina	06/27	Peterborough, NH	Sikkila, Joel	Sikkila, Jennifer
Maki, Caydence Rose	07/01	Peterborough, NH	Maki, David	Maki, Aundrea
Somero, Jethro Matti	07/04	New Ipswich, NH	Somero, Jason	Somero, Tina
Zimirowski, Piper Aspen	07/08	Peterborough, NH	Zimirowski, T Christian	Cote, Michelle
Holombo, Aaron Marcus	07/13	Peterborough, NH	Holombo, Gregg	Holombo, Lois

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Child's Name	Rirth Data	Place of Birth	Eather's name	Mother's Name
Pearson, Hayes Alan	07/21	Peterborough, NH	Pearson, Paul	Pearson, Amy
Chalke, Colton Mattew	07/23	Peterborough, NH	Chalke, Reuben	Chalke, Amy
Blandino, Luke Lawrence	07/26	Peterborough, NH	Blandino, John	Blandino, Paula
Mitchell, Jacob Kevin	07/27	Peterborough, NH	Mitchell, Kevin	Mitchell Kimberly
Letters, Emma Kaitlin	08/10	Peterborough, NH	Letters, Nicholas	Letters, Elizabeth
Henault, Emily Mae	08/25	Peterborough, NH	Henault, Benjamin	Henault, Tana
Traffie, Garrett Daniel	08/25	Peterborough, NH	Traffie, James	Traffie, Judith
Beaupre, Joseph Richard	08/27	Keene, NH	Beaupre, Richard	Beaupre, Amy
Bishop, Riley Kate	60/60	Peterborough, NH	Bishop, James	Bishop, Dawn
Boczar, Aidan Josseph	61/60	Nashua, NH	Boczar, Brian	Boczar, Candace
Michaels, Owen Lee	09/26	Peterborough, NH	Michaels, Jeremy	Anderson, Jessica
Kitto, Michael Joseph	10/06	New Ipswich, NH	Kitto, Terry	Kitto, Brenda
Dupuis, Joshua Jeffrey	10/14	Nashua, NH	Dupuis, Jeffrey	Dupuis, Katherine
Somero, Noelle Cassidy	10/25	Peterborough, NH	Somero, Dwayne	Somero, Nancy
Rautiola, Brynn Madalyn	10/26	Peterborough, NH	Rautiola, Lyle	Rautiola, Lori
Seppala, Samantha Grace	10/26	Peterborouah, NH	Seppala. Juha	Seppala. Kathrvn
Somero, Destiny Rose	10/28	Peterborough, NH	Somero, Nick	Somero, Heidi
Brown, Nathan Alexander	11/26	Nashua, NH	Brown, Timothy	Lawrence, Lenore
Weber, Parker	11/30	Nashua, NH	Weber, John	End, Angelika
Bogdanovich, Ty Frank	12/02	New Ipswich, NH	Bogdanovich, Glen	Bogdanovich, Myndi
Rautiola, Crayton Lance	12/13	Peterborough, NH	Rautiola, Lance	Rautiola, Louise
Wooster, Tiffany Joy	12/22	Peterborough, NH	Wooster, Scott	Wooster, Kristel
Parhiala, Lucas Joseph	12/30	Peterborough, NH	Parhiala, Clinton	Parhiala, Mary

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

DATE	NAME	PLACE OF DEATH
1/19/2004	Labier, Robert	Hudson, NH
1/19/2004	Burpee, Agnes	Jaffrey, NH
1/30/2004	Howard, David	New Ipswich, NH
2/05/2004	Edmonds, William	Lebanon, NH
2/07/2004	Fortin, Theresa	New Ipswich, NH
2/19/2004	Moran, William	Peterborough, NH
3/08/2004	Somero, Arthur	Peterborough, NH
3/12/2004	Korpi, Verner	Nashua, NH
3/31/2004	De Tiberiis, Valentin	Peterborough, NH
4/03/2004	McNabb, James	Peterborough, NH
4/13/2004	Gullage, Linda	New Ipswich, NH
5/04/2004	Hall, Richard	New Ipswich, NH
5/06/2004	Menegus, George	Peterborough, NH
6/09/2004	Fairbanks, Helen	Lebanon, NH
6/23/2004	Halbedel, Charles	New Ipswich, NH
6/24/2004	Gilli, Edmund	New Ipswich, NH
7/31/2004	Gullage, Charles	New Ipswich, NH
8/08/2004	Wolfe, Michael	New Ipswich, NH
9/11/2004	Jones, Warren	Nashua, NH
10/10/2004	Pritchard, Francis	New Ipswich, NH
10/18/2004	Boulay, Florence	New Ipswich, NH
10/20/2004	Mahoney, Edgar	Peterborough, NH
11/04/2004	Dowling, Leona	Peterborough, NH
11/05/2004	Dunn, Ann	New Ipswich, NH
11/27/2004	Salo, James	Peterborough, NH
12/25/2004	Phipps, Thomas	Milford, NH
	2003 CORRECTIONS	
1/14/2003	Somero, Peter Paul	New Ipswich, NH
2/06/2003	Somero, Braden Phillip	Lebanon, NH

BURIALS IN SACRED HEART CEMETERY YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

DATE	NAME	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
1/05/2004	Rita Margaret Fortin	81	Milford, NH
4/2/20004	Arthur J. Caouette Jr.	71	Bedford, NH
4/21/2004	Diana L. Arsenault	84	Epsom, NH
5/3/2004	Blanche Dorilla Breton	97	Milford, NH
7/26/2004	Theresa R. Bourgault	83	Peterborough, NH
8/9/2004	Maurice Raymond Paradis	86	Peterborough, NH
8/16/2004	Yolande Helena Paradis	87	Peterborough, NH
9/24/2004	Lilliana A. Droz		Nashua, NH
9/24/2004	Mary Gertrude Caron	69	Nashua, NH
10/1/2004	Odilon A. Fortin Jr.	71	Peterborough, NH

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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK:

TAX COLLECTOR:

Monday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00; Tuesday 1:00 to 7:00; Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00; last Saturday of the month 9:00 to 12:00

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00; Thursday 4:00 to 8:00

SELECTMENS OFFICE: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

ASSESSORS OFFICE: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 1:30 to 4:00. Meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD: Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF Meetings are on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

ADJUSTMENT

Meetings are on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

PHONE NUMBERS

Town Clerk: 878-3567

Tax Collector: 878-5068

Selectmen, Assessing, Planning, Zoning, Conservation, Welfare: 878-2772

Highway: 878-2447

Police (non-emergency): 878-2771

Fire Department: 878-1364

Landfill: 878-3179

Emergency Management Office: 878-4515