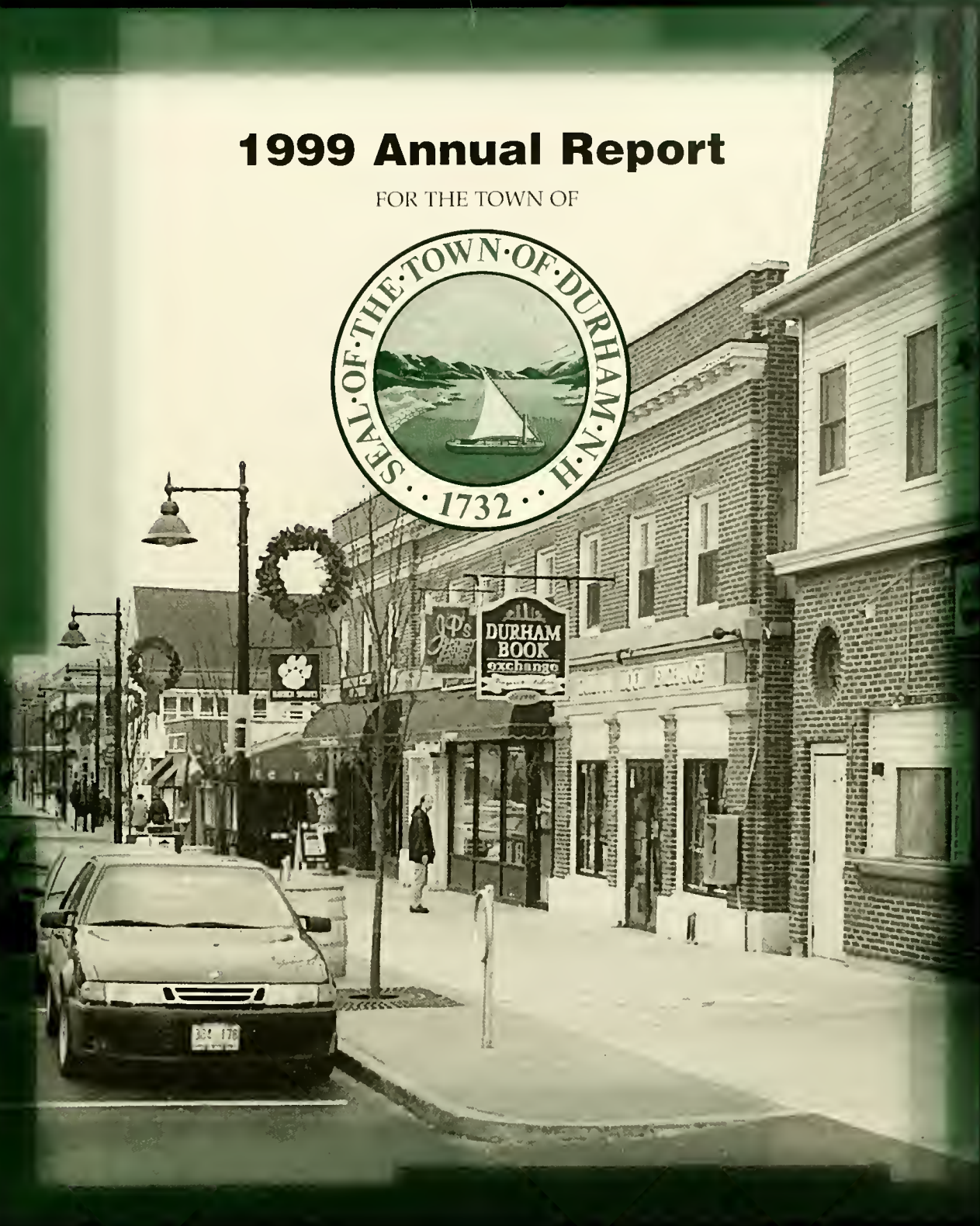


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A Memoriam

CLAYTON "RED" L. FOLLANSBEE

May 30, 1918 – August 22, 1999

Clayton "Red" L. Follansbee was born May 30, 1918 in Laconia, NH. When he was seven years old he and his family moved to Durham. Red attended Dover High School where he was actively involved in ice hockey, football and track. After graduating with high honors from Dover High in 1937, Red attended Tilton Prep School for approximately one year. After leaving Tilton Prep, he applied for and was accepted into the University of New Hampshire (UNH). At the University, he excelled in field and track events, receiving numerous medals. He was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity, serving on its board of directors and also a student advisor.



Upon graduating from UNH in 1941, Red managed and worked in "Follansbee's", a family owned restaurant originally located on Jenkins Court which later moved to Main Street. When World War II began, he enlisted in the US Navy and was stationed on the U.S.S. Saratoga.

While still serving in the Navy, Red married Edna Peters on June 16, 1943. Red and Edna made their home at Madbury Road and raised three daughters; Gail, Cheryl and Pamela. Throughout their fifty-six years together, Edna fondly remembers Red as a loving husband, devoted father and caring individual who touched the lives of many people. At the completion of his enlistment, he joined the Coast Guard Reserves and served as Chief Warrant Officer until his retirement. After the war, Red returned to work at the family restaurant. He also worked as a civil service employee at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where he was the department head of housing.

Red attended the Church of St. Thomas More in Durham and volunteered his time and efforts to many civic and Town organizations including: Organizing and establishing the McGregor Ambulance Corps, past commander and chaplain of the Bourgoin-Reardon American Legion Post 94, life member and past chaplain of the Lee Memorial Post 10676 VFW, organized and lead the Durham Memorial Day Parade for over thirty (30) years, served as a member on the Durham Fire Department, the Newmarket Rising Star Lodge 47 A&FM, the William Whipple Military Lodge in Portsmouth, the Durham Garden Club, the Durham Historic Association, the 100 Club, the Friends of UNH Hockey, the Republican Party, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Retired Officers Association, the Durham Budget Committee and the Durham Town Council. Additionally, he was instrumental in having a plaque dedicated to deceased Durham Veterans and placed in the Memorial Union Building at the University of New Hampshire.

Red's ability to give unselfishly and ceaselessly of his time and energy throughout his life is a true testimonial for his love of country, dedication to family and desire to serve his community. He will be greatly missed by those who were privileged to have known him.

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Honorable Mentions

During 1999 a number of Town citizens volunteered their time and efforts serving on various boards, commissions and committees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank these individuals for the important contributions they have made to the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

Bruce Bragdon for his service on the Town Council from March 1996-March 1999

David Langley for his service on the Town Council from March 1997-March 1999

Edward Valena for his service on the Town Council from March 1996-March 1999

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Petya Encheva and *Steve Harvey*

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION:

Cynthia Hirsch and *Frank Pilar*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Lewis Newsky

CABLE TELEVISION RENEWAL CONTRACT COMMITTEE

Robert F. McCarthy, Nancy Bergeron, Stephen Burns, Ed Durnall, Paul Gasowski and Donna Langley

RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William Bonin, Joan Drapeau and Anne Loomis

SPECIAL SERVICE RECOGNITION

Raymond C. Osborne

Maintenance Worker III, Wastewater Division

On October 8, 1999 Raymond Osborne celebrated twenty-five years of service with the Durham Public Works Department.

Born in So. Berwick, ME and raised in Portsmouth, NH, Ray graduated from Marshwood High School of Eliot, ME. After 12 years of service in the military, during which he saw duty in both Korea and Vietnam, he was hired by the Wastewater Division of the Durham Department of Public Works as a laborer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

During his 25 years at the Treatment Plant Ray has seen many advancements and changes in wastewater treatment technologies. He has been with us through two major plant upgrades and a great deal of expansion to the collection system. For the past 15 years, he has been the primary person involved in cleaning and maintaining the sewer mains throughout the Town. Working full-time for the Wastewater Division is not enough for Ray, he has also spent countless hours over the past years working with the Highway Division staff on their snow removal program. He can't wait to plow snow and can be seen most often operating the heavy loader in the downtown area cleaning the parking areas.



In 1998 Ray completed a correspondence course at the California State University at Sacramento and then obtained a Grade II operator's license from the State of NH. He also holds a Class B CDL truck driver's license.

Ray spends his off duty hours with his family and maintains the family-run restaurant in So. Berwick, ME. He also runs a small engine repair service to keep himself busy.

On behalf of the community, thank you Ray for your hard work, your willingness to deal with problems others would not and the devotion you have given over the past quarter century. Durham's Wastewater Treatment Plant's appearance and operating and our customers' satisfaction are testimonials to the professionalism and pride with which you have served the community. You are a valued member of the Public Works team and we very much look forward to your future contributions.

— Duane L. Walker, *Supt. of Wastewater*
Joseph "Skip Grady, *Director of Public Works*



CORINNE S. MCCRONE
Staff Accountant, Business office
DOH: 7-7-99



FRANCIS M. WEEKS III
Patrolman
DOH: 3-22-99



HOWARD C. HEDEGARD, JR.
Business Manager
DOH: 3-15-99



ILENE M. HEALY
Town Administrator
DOH: 8-16-99



JASON J. BEST
FIREFIGHTER
DOH: 6-26-99



MICHAEL N. BLAKE
Asst. Fire Chief
DOH: 5-3-99



MICHAEL LYCZAK
Patrolman
DOH: 12/6/99



SEAN R. DOLLIVER
Patrolman
DOH: 3-8-99



ROBERT LEVESQUE
Town Engineer, DPW
DOH: 11-1-99



STEVEN B. VALPEY
Asst. Tradesman,
DPW Equipment Maintenance Div.
DOH: 5-11-99



ROBISON W. HEDDEN
Library Director
DOH: 11-18-99



WILLIAM M. EDNEY
Zoning and Code
Enforcement Officer
DOH: 11-29-99

Elected Officials

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL					
Vi B. McNeill, <i>Chair</i>	44 Colony Cove Rd	868-5859	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
James Walsh, <i>Pro Tem</i>	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
Dale L. "Pete" Chinburg	32 Woodridge Rd.	868-2381	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Jerry Dee	46 Woodridge Rd.	868-3433	3 Yrs	3/02	Elected
Annmarie Harris	56 Oyster River Rd	868-5182	3 Yrs	3/02	Elected
Scott Hovey	41 Canney Rd	868-1551	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
George A. Rief	23 Edgly Garrison Rd	868-2551	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
Malcolm Sandberg	15 Langley Rd.	868-5211	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
William "Bill" Woodward	76 Madbury Rd	868-5895	3 Yrs	3/02	Elected
DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES					
John Aber, <i>Chair</i>	4 Sumac Ln.	868-2818	3 Yr	3/02	Elected
Ruth Schondelmeier, <i>V.Chair</i>	12 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-2122	2 Yr	3/00	Elected
Carol Lincoln	12 Littlehale Rd.	868-7254	3 Yr	3/01	Elected
Dale Leland Eichorn, <i>Treas.</i>	196 Piscataqua Rd.	742-7465	3 Yr	3/01	Elected
Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls Rd.	659-7992	2 Yr	3/00	Elected
John Farrell, <i>Secretary</i>	Little John Rd.	659-7605	3 Yr	3/01	Elected
William "Bill" Schoonmaker	24 Mill Rd.	868-1797	3 Yr	3/02	Elected
LIBRARY DIRECTOR					
Gus Hedden, <i>Director</i>	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Trustees
Ann Metcalf, <i>Asst. Librarian</i>	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Trustees
MODERATOR					
Michael H. Everngam	49 Emerson Rd.	868-5765	2 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Shirley Thompson (<i>Asst. Mod</i>)	48 Bagdad Rd.	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/00	Appointed
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST					
Ann Lemmon	Durham Point Rd.	868-1458	6 Yrs	3/02	Elected
Joyce Sheffield	18 Littlehale Rd.	868-1882	6 Yrs	3/00	Elected
Kathleen Sparr	5 Deer Meadow	868-5885	6 Yrs	3/04	Elected
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR					
Linda L. Ekdahl	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/02	Elected
TOWN TREASURER					
Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/02	Elected
Franklin Heald, <i>Deputy</i>	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/02	Appointed
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS					
Hall, William, <i>Chair</i>	Smith Park Ln.	868-7400	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
Harold J. Schondelmeier, <i>Treas.</i>	12 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-2122	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/02	Elected

Boards, Commissions and Committees

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
CEMETERY COMMITTEE					
Hall, William, <i>Chair</i>	Smith Park Ln.	868-7400	3 Yrs	3/01	Elected
Harold J. Schondelmeier, <i>Treas.</i>	12 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-2122	3 Yrs	3/00	Elected
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/02	Elected
Scott Hovey, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	41 Canney Rd	868-1551	1 Yr	3/00	Council
George A. Rief, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	23 Edgly Garrison Rd	868-2551	1 Yr	3/00	Council
Malcolm Sandberg, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	15 Langley Rd.	868-5211	1 Yr	3/00	Council
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
Gary Lauten, <i>Chair</i>	15 Cutts Rd.	868-7133	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
Steve Harvey	11 Bayview Dr.	868-3182	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
M. Robinson Swift	18 Mill Rd.	868-5238	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Theresa Walker	RFD 3, Bennett Rd.	659-7226	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Allan Howland, <i>Alt.</i>	32 Ffrost Dr.	868-5928	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Jennifer Smith., <i>Alt.</i>	4 Partridgeberry Ln.	868-3796	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Bill Woodward, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	76 Madbury Rd.	868-5895	1 Yr	3/00	Council
Walter Cheney, <i>PB Rep</i>	575 Bay Rd	868-3550	1 Yr	3/00	Plan. Brd
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
William Schoonmaker, <i>Chair</i>	10 Mathes Terrace	868-1848	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Michael Behrendt	27 Edgewood Rd.	868-6698	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Andrea Bodo	20 Newmarket Rd.	868-6870	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Joan Graf	360 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-1844	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
Douglas Worthen	14 Newmarket Rd.	868-5026	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
James Walsh, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	30 Woodridge Rd	868-2678	1 Yr	3/00	Council
Homer Chalifoux <i>PB Rep</i>	8 Bayview Rd.	868-2769	1 Yr	3/00	Plan. Brd
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
John Churchill, <i>Chair</i>	4 Briarwood Ln.	Unlisted	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
Thomas Christie	201 Dame Rd.	659-0128	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Richard Dewing	3 Willey Rd.	868-7523	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Tracy L. Schroeder	18 Bagdad Rd.	868-7575	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/01	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	3/02	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	3/02	Council
Jerry Dee, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	8 Hemlock Way	868-3433	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
PLANNING BOARD					
Neil Wylie, <i>Chair</i>	117 Madbury Rd.	868-7345	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Alex Auty, <i>Vice Chair</i>	32 Colony Cove Rd.	868-6468	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Homer Chalifoux, <i>Secretary</i>	8 Bayview Rd.	868-2769	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Walter Cheney	575 Bay Rd.	868-3550	3 Yrs	3/02	Council

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Boards, Commissions and Committees continued...

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
William Cote	21 Littlehale Rd.	868-7599	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
Peter Smith	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Thomas Kelly, <i>Alt.</i>	63 Canney Rd.	868-8193	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
David Pease, <i>Alt.</i>	11 Willey Creek Rd.	868-3835	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Vi B. McNeill, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	44 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5859	1 Yr	3/00	Council
Malcolm Sandberg, <i>Alt Cncl Rep</i>	5 Langley Rd.	868-5211	3 Yrs	3/00	Council

RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION

Pete Chinburg, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	32 Woodridge Rd.	868-2381	1 Yr	3/00	Council
Paul Berton	482 Broad St, Portsmouth, NH 03801	431-0068	N/A	N/A	Council
Rene Kelly, <i>Durham Police</i>	86 Dover Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Perry Bryant, <i>DLA Rep.</i>	53 Jenkins Ln., Lee	659-5263	N//A	N/A	DLA
Matt Cutter, <i>DLA Rep</i>	6 Newmarket Rd.	868-5995	N/A	N/A	DLA
Leila Moore, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	102 Thompson Hall	862-2053	N/A	N/A	UNH
Clancey McMahon, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Janetos Place	862-1427	N/A	N/A	UNH
Kate Kokko, <i>Tenant Rep.</i>	UNH Student Rep.	862-2163	N/A	N/A	Council
<i>VACANT, Tenant Rep.</i>					DLA/UNH Student Organ. Council

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

William Drapeau, <i>Chair</i>	4 Sullivan Falls Rd.	659-7992	3 Yrs	3/02	Council
William H. Annis	47 Oyster River Rd.	868-2426	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Karyn Krause-Elmslie	70 Mill Rd.	868-6827	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Nancy Sandberg	15 Langley Rd	868-5211	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Hans Heilbronner	51 Mill Pond Rd	868-2440	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
Jane Towle, <i>Alt.</i>	22 Shearwater Rd	868-3713	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
Rebecca Worcester, <i>Alt.</i>	21 Davis Ave.	868-2204	3 Yrs	3/01	Council
<i>VACANT, Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	3/02	Council

Town Working Committees

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER POLICY COMMITTEE

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

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Richard Dewing, <i>Chair</i>	3 Willey Rd.	868-7523	3 Yrs	2/01	State
Gary Lauten	15 Cutts Rd.	868-7133	3 Yrs	8/01	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	2/01	State
Judith Spang	55 Wiswall Rd.	659-5936	3 Yrs	2/01	State
VACANT			3 Yrs	2/01	State
MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE					
Mark Henderson	171 Madbury Rd. Madbury NH 03820	749-3791	N/A		Council
Dorene Higgins	10 Laurel Ln.	868-7121	N/A		Council
William Schoonmaker	P.O. Box 863	868-1848	N/A		Council
Alma Tirrell	14 Mill Rd.	868-2700	N/A		Council
Dorothy True	21 Park Ct.	868-2665	N/A		Council
Roberta Woodburn	6 Cormorant Cir.	868-3618	N/A		Council
VACANT, <i>Cncl Rep</i>			1 Yr	3/00	Council
PDA NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE					
Malcolm McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5859	3 Yrs	3/00	Council
RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Diana Carroll, <i>Chair</i>	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	N/A	N/A	Council
William Bonin	Dover Rd.	868-2892	N/A	N/A	Council
Catharina B. de Jong	24 Garden Ln.	868-5616	N/A	N/A	Council
Kate Glanz	25 Orchard Dr.	868-5398	N/A	N/A	Council
Anne Loomis	367 Durham Pt Rd.	868-7584	N/A	N/A	Council
Susan Thorne	269 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-3090	N/A	N/A	Council
Joyce Sheffield	18 Littlehale Rd.	868-1882	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT					
Annmarie Harris, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	56 Oyster River Rd	868-5258	1 Yr	3/00	Council
STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MPO POLICY)					
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	4 Yrs	3/03	Council
George Rief, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	23 Edgly Garrison Rd.	868-1759	1 Yr	3/00	Council
Peter Smith, <i>Plan Brd Rep</i>	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	3/02	Plan. Brd
SMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Duane Hyde, Director of Planning and Community Development	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5578	1 Yr	6/99	Council
UNH OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL STUDY COMMITTEE (JOINT UNH/TOWN)					
Cheryle St. Onge	8 Wiswall Rd.	659-7528	N/A	N/A	Council
Ken Rotner	36 Madbury Rd.	868-5080	N/A	N/A	Council
Marjorie Wolfson	12 Fairchild Dr.	868-5192	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
Annmarie Harris, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	56 Oyster River Rd	868-5182	1 Yr	3/00	Council

Appointed Officials continued...

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
WATER, WASTEWATER & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE					
Pete Chinburg, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	32 Woodridge Rd.	868-2381	1 Yr	3/00	Council
George Rief, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	23 Edgley Garrison Rd.	868-2551	1 Yr	3/00	Council
Bill Woodward, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	6 Madbury Rd	868-5895	1 Yrs.	3/00	Council
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Citizen Rep</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	1 Yr	3/00	Council

RIGHT: Public Works Director, "Skip" Grady shown addressing Town Councilors and citizens alike at the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new downtown Main Street, September 1999.

Photo courtesy of Foster's Daily Democrat

BELOW: A nice view of the new Main Street.



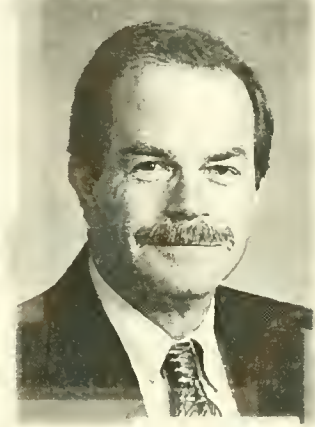
Town Council Members



GEORGE A. RIEF Term: 3/98-3/01



JAMES WALSH Term: 3/98-3/01



JERRY DEE Term: 3/99-3/02



MALCOLM SANDBERG Term: 3/97-3/00



D.L. "PETE" CHINBURG Term: 3/97-3/00



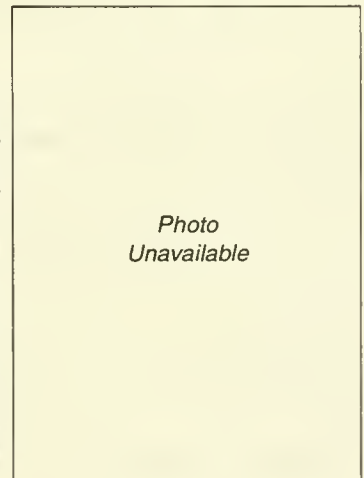
SCOTT HOVEY Term: 3/98-3/01



VI B. MCNEILL, Council Chair Term: 3/97-3/00



WILLIAM WOODWARD Term 3/99-3/02



ANNMARIE HARRIS Term: 3/99-3/02

1999/2000

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Ordinances for 1999

- 99-01An ordinance adopting a codification and revisionPassed.....03/01/99
of the ordinances of the Town of Durham, County of
Strafford, State of New Hampshire
- 99-02An ordinance amending the Code of the Town ofFailed08/02/99
Durham to add a new chapter, Chapter 46, entitled
"Disorderly Actions", in Part II, General Legislation
- 99-03An ordinance amending the Code of the Town ofFailed08/02/99
Durham to add a new Article VI, entitled "Town
Property", in Part I, Administrative Legislation,
Chapter 4, Administrative Code
- 99-04An ordinance amending Chapter 49 entitledRemanded to08/16/99
"Regulation of Dogs" to the Code of the Town of the Town
Durham by adding a new section 49-7 entitled Administrator
"Removal of Dog Feces" in place of the existing for additional
section 49-7 titled "Penalty" and renumbering said work
"Penalty" section accordingly
- 99-05An **Emergency** ordinance relating to water shortages,Passed.....08/16/99
authorizing declaration of an emergency, defining (expired in 60 days)
emergency, providing for emergency notice and order,
requiring publication of emergency notice, specifying
duration, providing for appeals establishing penalties
and declaring an emergency
- 99-06An ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 85Continued09/13/99
"Noise" in the Code of the Town of Durham
- 99-07An ordinance prohibiting buses from a section ofContinued12/06/99
Edgewood Road

Resolutions for 1999

- 99-01(B).....A resolution establishing the compensationPassed01/25/99
for department heads and the Town Clerk/Tax
Collector for Fiscal Year 1999
- 99-02 (A)....A resolution authorizing the issuance of fourPassed03/15/99
million two hundred thousand dollars
(\$4,200,000.00) in Tax Anticipation Notes
- 99-03A resolution consenting to the appointment ofPassed03/01/99
Howard C. Hedegard, Jr. as Business Manager at an
annual salary of \$46,500.00
- 99-04A resolution establishing compensation for thePassed03/01/99
Police Chief for Fiscal Years 1999,2000,2001 and 2002
- 99-05A resolution authorizing the increase of the 1999Passed04/05/99
General Fund operating budget appropriations by
\$32,500.00 to construct the necessary improvements
to the UNH outdoor swimming pool
- 99-06(A)A resolution authorizing the issuance of long-termPassed05/17/99
bonds or notes not to exceed two hundred twenty
three thousand eight hundred ninety dollars (\$223,890.00)
for the purpose of bonding 1998 capital fund purchases
of equipment and Main Street enhancements
- 99-07(A)A resolution authorizing the issuance of long-termPassed05/17/99
bonds or notes not to exceed one hundred fifty-five
thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) for the purpose of
bonding 1999 Capital Fund projects including the
Route 108 project
- 99-08A resolution authorizing the expenditure of fundsPassed04/19/99
received from a crime prevention grant awarded
by the US Bureau of Justice assistance
- 99-09A resolution authorizing the Trustees of Trust Funds toPassed04/19/99
reimburse the Town of Durham for fire equipment
purchases/repairs from the Fire Equipment Capital
Reserve Fund and the Fire Service Agreement Capital
Reserve Fund in the amount of \$166,071.96
- 99-10A resolution authorizing the Trustees of Trust FundsPassed04/19/99
to consolidate the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
and the Fire Service Agreement Capital Reserve Fund

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1999 Resolutions continued...

- 99-11A resolution in opposition to HB 636 and bindingPassed05/03/99
arbitration of interest disputes

- 99-12A resolution authorizing the increase of the 1999Passed05/17/99
General Fund operating budget appropriations by
\$30,000.00 to provide grant matching funds for the
Route 4 Traffic Safety Study

- 99-13(A)A resolution authorizing the increase of the 1999Passed06/21/99
General Fund operating budget appropriations by
\$13,797.00 to provide funds for the repair of the Town's
FMC highway street sweeper and horizontal baler

- 99-14(A)A resolution authorizing a capital expenditure increasePassed07/12/99
of \$59,151.00 to allow for the purchase of an attack fire
engine, also to authorize the long-term debt necessary
to acquire said fire engine and to authorize the sale of
the 1975 Mack CF 685 attack engine

- 99-15A resolution authorizing budget adjustments in thePassed06/07/99
amount of \$264,394.58 to transfer carry forwards from
the 1998 General Fund budget to the Capital Fund and
to transfer the 1999 General Fund budgeted paving
expenses from the General Fund to the Capital Fund

- 99-16A resolution requesting reimbursement from thePassed06/21/99
Community Development Expendable Trust Fund in the
amount of \$91,709.71 for Durham Business Park
infrastructure work and improvements

- 99-17A resolution requesting reimbursement from thePassed06/21/99
Reserve Water Fund in the amount of \$15,009.29 for the
engineering study conducted to increase storage at the
Lee Well, upgrade of the PRV station and hard pipe
the Lamprey River

- 99-18A resolution authorizing the issuance of two millionPassed06/21/99
eight hundred thousand (\$2,800,000) dollars in Tax
Anticipation Notes

- 99-19A resolution authorizing the Town Council, inPassed06/21/99
accordance with RSA 31:95-b, to apply for, accept and
expend unanticipated funds from a federal, state or
other governmental unit or a private source which
becomes available during the Fiscal Year

- 99-20A resolution authorizing application to the NewPassed07/12/99
Hampshire Department of Environmental Services State
Wastewater Revolving Loan Fund for \$950,000 for
wastewater system improvements
- 99-21A resolution authorizing the application to the FederalPassed07/12/99
Highway Administration for a year 2000 Transportation
and Community System Preservation Pilot (TCSP)
Program Grant.
- 99-22A resolution authorizing the application to the State ofPassed07/12/99
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) for
the construction of a new transmission pipe to connect
the University of New Hampshire's Arthur Rollins
Water Treatment Plant to the Lamprey River
- 99-23A resolution authorizing budget adjustments in thePassed07/12/99
amount of \$30,000.00 to transfer grant matching funds
for the Route 4 Traffic Safety Study from the 1999
General Fund to the Capital Fund
- 99-24A resolution authorizing the Town Administrator toPassed08/16/99
enter into a contract with Dufresne-Henry of Manchester,
NH for a not to exceed expenditure of \$92,800.00 for
engineering and design work for the Lamprey River
hard pipe project with funding to come from the
Town/UNH Capital Reserve Water account
- 99-25A resolution authorizing a capital expenditure increasePassed09/13/99
of \$106,980.48 for the Route 108 reconstruction project
and to authorize a bonding resolution for the funding of
this project in the amount of \$692,980.48. Also, to
authorize the Town Administrator to issue a letter of
concurrence to the NHDOT
- 99-26A resolution appropriating \$5,000.00 in accordance withPassed09/24/99
section 5.5 of the Durham Town Charter and accepting
\$5,000.00 in grant funding from the National Park Service
to refine a plan and a specific budget for the enhancement
of the Wiswall Historical Area
- 99-27A resolution authorizing the issuance of a bondingPassed10/04/99
resolution for \$177,500.00 to fund Resolution #99-27 for
the Main Street water and sewer upgrades and a portion
of the Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation project

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1999 Resolutions continued...

- 99-28Town Council approval of the FY2000 Water Fund BudgetPassed12/28/99
- 99-29Town Council approval of the FY2000 Sewer Fund BudgetPassed12/28/99
- 99-30Town Council approval of the FY2000 General Fund BudgetPassed12/28/99
- 99-31Town Council approval of the FY2000 Capital Fund BudgetPassed12/28/99
- 99-32Town Council approval of the FY2000 Vehicle Fund BudgetPassed12/28/99
- 99-33Town Council approval of the FY2000 Parking Fund BudgetPassed12/28/99
- 99-34A resolution adopting the FY 2000-2005 CapitalPassed12/28/99
Improvement Plan (CIP)



Two views showing Main Street under construction for the Downtown Main Street Enhancement Project.



Business Manager

HOWARD HEDEGARD, Business Manager

It was a year of progress as the Business Office experienced a year of staffing changes and faced many challenges during 1999.

The year started with Carol Coppola, Municipal Resources Incorporated, serving as a consulting Business Manager. Howard Hedegard was hired as permanent Business Manager in March and Cori McCrone, a Durham resident and UNH graduate,

was hired as the Staff Accountant in July. Scott Esposito, a UNH School of Business senior, joined the team as a student intern in the fall.

The primary challenge of 1999 was to effectively complete the daily tasks of the business office (accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, payroll, water and sewer billings, public assistance, budget development and control, etc.) while thoroughly identifying the systems, internal controls, procedures and practices that needed improvement. Significant gain has occurred and the team remains ready to complete the challenge during the year 2000. □

BELOW TOP: Business Manager Howard C. Hedegard, Jr., and Corinne S. McCrone Staff Accountant

BELOW BOTTOM: Council Chairman Vi B. McNeill with her Arabian Horse Baltic Druska.

Council Chairman

VI B. MCNEILL, Council Chairman

The Ship of State is steady and on course for the New Millennium.

Three years ago when I was elected to Town Council, I had visions of immediately reducing taxes, making dramatic improvements, and voting on momentous issues. Like most new Councilors, I quickly learned that most expenditures are justified, that broadening the tax base is a long process, that most Council time is taken up in decisions involving infrastructure and maintenance rather than design or philosophy, and that change comes very, very slowly. Nevertheless, after being elected Chairman last March, I challenged the Council that at the end of the year Durham should be a better place for our citizens. I believe it is.

We were all the beneficiaries of the work done by previous town councils, staff and citizens with the 1995 Community Development Plan. Its call

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to unite the merchants helped create the Durham Business Association which then joined with the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire to fund the Mainstreet Program - a national program that helps local volunteers preserve and enhance downtowns. This program has had broad public support, building a sense of community through public involvement. The further recommendation of the Community Development Plan regarding the downtown was to "enlarge geographically, renovate visually and revitalize economically," leading to the Downtown Enhancement Project, Durham's version of "The Big Dig."

The marriage of the Mainstreet Program and the Downtown Enhancement project really helped us through the "Dirt Days Of Summer." The Town Council appropriated the funds and our Public Works Director, Skip Grady, became a permanent Main Street fixture, handling all the construction details and conducting this huge project with minimum disruption to the merchants or the residents. The Mainstreet Program through its executive director Beth Fischer served as the good-will ambassador, offering humor, tee shirts, a constant flow of information and fund-raising for such things as benches, waste-baskets and extra lighting.

The new downtown is a source of pride to all. Didn't we look spectacular during the "Light Up Durham" festivities and on national television during the Presidential debates? The community is generally delighted with what has been called the "Renaissance of Durham." Soon we will see improvements by the Courthouse intersection, up Church Hill and down gasoline alley. How wonderful to enter the new millennium with our own little Renaissance.

Much of the Town Council's time in 1999 was dedicated to the national search for a new Town Administrator after Larry Shaffer's March departure for Connecticut. Pat MacQueen, as part-time Interim Administrator, assisted us through the 5 month process. We received applications from 50 candidates in 24 states. Half were invited to respond to a series of essay questions. Four candidates were then invited for on-site interviews. Three were invited back for day-long interviews. Each candidate met with Councilors and department heads, toured the town and answered questions before a representative group of 20 citizens. Evaluations were received on each final-

ist. As a Council, we were aware of the importance of this decision, and we were very pleased that our unanimous choice was the almost universal choice of all who participated in the process.

Our new Town Administrator, Ilene Healy began work on August 16. To celebrate Ilene's hiring, we revived the Durham Day Celebration at Wagon Hill. The Town Councilors served up barbecue and snow cones; area residents offered boat rides on the bay; Emery Farm and Little Bay Buffalo Company provided hay ride tours of Wagon Hill Farm; ORYA organized games and crafts, and a DJ and the NH Gentlemen serenaded our new Town Administrator. While we hope not to hire a new administrator for a very long time, we do hope the Durham Day Celebration will again become an annual event.

Unplanned bonfire celebrations after the hockey championships reminded us that the town and the university must work together. UNH President Joanne Leitzel and I have jointly led top UNH officials, student leaders and Council members in addressing issues of mutual concern. Community dialogue is being expanded; students are being encouraged to be respectful of the host community and the town to be a better host; landlord-tenant issues are being discussed; legal and judicial improvements are being explored. Police enforcement has been strengthened. Parents are being notified by UNH and by Durham police when minors are arrested. As a result, citizen complaints have been dramatically reduced by 50%, and the entire community has benefited from this spirit of cooperation.

The Master Plan update is nearing completion. Since July of 1998 Duane Hyde, our Director of Planning and Community Development, has led this major effort. I served as the Town Council representative to the Planning Board and as the Council and Planning Board representative to the Master Plan Steering Committee, a link to the 3 groups. These positions allowed me to see the great public involvement and support. Now it is up to the Planning Board to complete the review, adopt the Master Plan and expeditiously implement the appropriate zoning changes. This would support the vision of the 1995 Community Development Plan "to help Durham continue to prosper, change and grow into the 21st century."

Durham is a better place thanks, in part, to the work done by so many volunteers whether serving on the Master Plan update, the Mainstreet Program, the various boards, commissions, committees, or independently. The Jackson Park Playground opened this year because of dedicated volunteers who took the project from concept, through fundraising, to construction. Ryan Thompson is reclaiming Bicentennial Park—the corner of land between Main Street and The Bagelry—as part of his Eagle Scout project. Thanks to all, including the many dedicated staff members, who worked to improve our community.

Thanks to my fellow Councilors for accepting my challenge and backing it with long hours and hard work. This work must continue. We must actively encourage community-sensitive economic growth and broaden our tax base in order to reduce our reliance on the residential property tax. In this way Durham can maintain its charm, small town feeling as well as quality of life as we sail into the new century.

I wish to give special thanks to Jennie Berry, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator. She is often our institutional memory—the one who can find the ordinance, the file or the right word. This year she assisted 3 different town administrators, and 9 demanding Town Councilors, always with a smile. Each year Jennie almost single-handedly plans, designs and edits the Town Report while still efficiently performing all her other duties. If you appreciate the booklet, thank Jennie. I certainly do.

Thanks to my friends and family for the support and for understanding that this year most of my time and energy belonged to Durham. Special thanks to my husband Malcolm for accommodating my busy schedule, and for grumbling only a little that our 30th wedding anniversary was spent hiring a town administrator.

Finally, I thank the citizens of Durham for the honor and the privilege of serving you. □

Minutes of the 1999 Informational Town Meeting

SHARON ELLIOTT, Secretary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1999 AT 7:00 PM
Oyster River High School Cafeteria

Moderator Mike Everngam called the Informational Town Meeting to order at 7:13 PM. He welcomed everyone to the Informational Town Meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS BY TOWN MODERATOR

Members of the 1998 Town Council

Mike Everngam introduced the members of the 1998 Town Council and thanked them for the job they had done this past year.

Newly Elected Members to Town Council in 1999

Mike Everngam introduced the newly elected members to the Town Council. Those elected members include Jerry Dee, Annmarie Harris and Bill Woodward

Election Results of Other Town Officials

Mike Everngam reported the results of the rest of the election.

REMARKS

Comments by Town Council Chairman Pro Tem George Reif

G. Rief, Chair Pro Tem presented an overview of the format of the Informational Town Meeting. He explained that for about one half hour all attendees would have a chance to visit the different informational booths and ask questions of Town staff.

G. Rief stated that he would like to expand on the accomplishments of the Town this past year. He cited one major accomplishment that the entire Town reaps the benefits of as the bringing in of \$423,000.00 in grant money this past year which essentially means that much less on the tax bill for

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the citizens of Durham. He stated that the Town Council would continue to work with the Town staff to find ways of bringing in new and additional grant money to provide services for the Town.

G. Rief also stated that L. Shaffer, Town Administrator, would be leaving his position and moving to a new position in Connecticut. He stated that the Town Council had enjoyed working with L. Shaffer over the past three years and wished him well on his new job.

**Comments by Town Administrator
Laurence Shaffer**

L. Shaffer gave an explanation of the informational booths that were set up for the citizens to look at. He stated the purpose of the informational booths was for the citizens to see what progress the Town has made, the direction the Town is going in and to ask questions if they so desired.

In the absence of Police Chief, David Kurz, L. Shaffer introduced the new police officers to the Town and announced the promotions that had taken place within the department in 1998.

L. Shaffer encouraged the community to continue enhancing its relationship with the University. He stated that he understood that tax affordability continues to be a concern of the citizens and he encouraged the Town staff to continue searching out opportunities for revenue especially in terms of grants. He stated that the Town also needs to have more appropriate economic development so that the Town can start to expand on the tax base and have more people paying for the services the Town needs to provide.

The public was given one and one-half hours to review various informational stations.

**Comments by Boards, Commissions
and Committees**

1. Parks & Recreation Committee - John Churchill

Chair Churchill discussed the goals the Parks & Recreation Committee has for 1999 including the Father/Daughter dance, Easter Egg Hunt, and Planting of the Flowers around the Town.

2. Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Linda Ekdahl spoke of the advancement of now issuing license plates. This was done so the Town would not lose approximately \$10,000.00 in revenue.

3. Master Plan Committee - Ray Belles

Mr. Belles reported that the Master Plan was going along very well. There are fourteen members on the Steering Committee with 75 community members involved in the subcommittees.

4. Conservation Commission - Theresa Walker

Chair Walker discussed the goals for 1999 including a long term plan for the water quantity and water quality in Mill Pond. Chair Walker presented the annual Conservation Award to former Conservation Commission member, Dave Funk.

5. Historic District Commission - Bill Schoonmaker

Chair Schoonmaker stated that the major project the Historic District Commission was involved in is a re-write of Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance. A goal the Historic District Commission has is to have a plaque program in the Historic District.

6. Planning Board - Neil Wylie

Chair Wylie stated that the annual report explained the work of the past year very well. He did state that the major work the Planning Board did in 1998 was work on instilling the telecommunications ordinance that was very hard, as there was no precedent for it.

7. Library Board of Trustees - John Aber

John Aber stated that it had been a real year of growth for the library. He reported that the library had gone from 16 opening hours per week to 27 and has approximately 2200 cardholders. The major goal for the library now is to find a permanent building.

8. Zoning Board of Adjustment - Bill Drapeau

Chair Drapeau stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment is a board of appeals so it does not set goals. He stated what the Zoning Board of Adjustment did.

**9. Lamprey River Management Advisory
Committee - Judith Spang**

Judith Spang stated that the video tape of the history of the lamprey river is complete and is excellent. She thanked the DPW for their help when the Secretary of Interior, Bruce Babbitt came to Durham for a visit. She stated that land preservation is a top priority for this committee.

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

G. Rief presented the out going Councilors with a plaque. Out going Council members include David Langley, Ed Valena and Bruce Bragdon.

Bill Hall, Smith Park Lane, discussed his attendance at the Master Plan meeting in regards to the Northern Connector. He stated that he wants to know how the Town is going to proceed with the Northern Connector. Ray Belles responded to this by stating that he had already shown Bill Hall where the Northern Connector is located on the Master Plan agenda.

Betsy Horskin, Smith Park Lane, asked about getting the Town meeting on to cable TV so that the citizens know what is going on. J. Walsh responded to this by stating that the meeting should be on TV by the end of the year.

Ted McNitt stated he felt it had been a valuable meeting.

Bill Hall, Smith Park Lane, asked about the Sprint Settlement. L. Shaffer responded that the legal costs for the Sprint Settlement was roughly \$60,000.00 of which a sizable portion has been picked up by the insurance. He stated that there was a \$25,000.00 payment to Sprint to cover their legal expenses, which was paid by the insurance.

Bill Schoonmaker stated that he wanted to thank Chair Bragdon, E. Valena and D. Langley for the time they put in for the Town. He also thanked L. Shaffer for the time he has put into the Town.

At this time G. Rief presented Bruce Bragdon with a plaque for his service to the Town Council. Bruce Bragdon was absent when the other Councilors were presented with their earlier.

Moderator Mike Everngam adjourned the meeting at 8:50. □

Town Administrator

ILENE M. HEALY, Town Administrator

It is with great pleasure that I submit my first report to the residents of Durham. I proudly began my tenure here as Town Administrator on August 16th having recently come from New London, NH. My professional municipal career spans over 13 years, (a number I consider to be good luck). I have moved to Durham and I look forward to making Durham my home for many years to come.

As I read through this Annual Report and review the numerous reports and summaries of events that have occurred over the past year, I have learned about the multitude of accomplishments that have been realized throughout 1999. The information provided in the many pages of this report

as submitted by the volunteer elected officials, board members and committee members as well as staff, is an impressive sign of the high quality of dedicated individuals who work side by side to create a sense of community spirit through teamwork.

I have spent the past four months meeting with the staff in all of the town departments, with the many members of the various boards and committees and have met many citizens, business owners and UNH officials. I am slowly learning some history of Durham, am being updated on the present and ongoing issues we face in the year 2000 and have noted issues we will face as we head forward.

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Ilene M. Healy,
Town Administrator

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In this Council form of government my overall responsibility is to be the Chief Administrative Officer of the town and supervise and be responsible for the administrative and financial affairs of the town and shall carry out the policies enacted by the Town Council.

A key component by which the Council uses to set direction and policy is through the Master Plan. It is a document that creates and establishes a 10-year plan for Durham, which states proposed visions, goals and wishes of the public. This Master Plan document is the tool that will be used to frame and implement studies, programs, and plans for the town over this next 10-year period. I look forward to the Planning Board's final approval in March of 2000, of the town's Master Plan.

A most common theme that has been threaded throughout the chapters and pages of the Master Plan is the need for improved and timely communication to the citizens, residents and taxpayers. It is difficult to get accurate and timely information out to the public. To that end, my office plans to produce a quarterly newsletter whose purpose is to provide municipal information. This newsletter will be mailed to every taxpayer and registered voter. My hope is to have a first edition out highlighting information about the annual town elections and annual informational meeting that will take place in March of 2000.

Also, along the lines of communication, and in this age of technology, the town has been working with UNH and the Main Street Program towards enabling the three web sites to have links to each other. We will continue in 2000 to work together to implement and improve this valuable connection. The Municipal site is online and is located at: www.ci.durham.nh.us. If you have a chance, take a visit. Included in the site are names and phone numbers of town officials and the town departments,

meeting schedules, agendas and minutes, as well as other pertinent municipal information you may be looking for or may have an interest.

As you read the pages of this annual town report, you may notice that each department has outlined in their respective reports, their goals and objectives for the year 2000. We will be working together as a team to meet and exceed these goals and objectives and to bring to our public professional and cost effective services.

During 1999 two new department heads were added to the team. Howard Hedegard is the Business Manager and has already proven his expertise in the numbers arena. Bill Edney is the new Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer and has taken on the challenge to enforce the Zoning Ordinance and the Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA) Code. We also added a much needed Town Engineer Bob Levesque is who is beginning to tackle the many engineering projects that have been awaiting his arrival.

There is work to accomplish in 2000 and beyond and this can be done more easily with a competent and high caliber staff. I would like to take this opportunity to praise and thank the department heads and municipal staff who I have found to be dedicated hard working individuals and to whom I give praise.

I wish to thank the Town Council for giving me this opportunity to serve Durham and to thank you for the warm welcome and reception received upon my arrival in town.

I look forward to meeting many of you during this coming year. As a public servant my policy has always been to have an open and revolving door and I welcome suggestions, concerns and comments. □

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Conservation Commission

The Commission was pleased to honor David Funk with the sixth annual Conservation Award.

GARY N. LAUTEN, Chairman

The Durham Conservation Commission has a state legislative mandate to inventory, manage and protect the natural resources of the Town and to review and make recommendations to the State on all wetlands applications. The Commission acts as an advocate for conservation in Town and regional affairs, and as a source of information for Town residents.

1999 Accomplishments

- Reviewed fifteen (15) applications to the NH Wetlands Bureau by Durham property owners for projects such as dock construction, driveway culverts, road construction, and home building that impact wetlands or shoreland.
- Held a public hearing to discuss the plan and the ramifications for hardpiping water from the Lamprey River to the Arthur T. Rollins Water Treatment Plant.
- Held a public hearing to discuss a proposal to lower the water level of Mill Pond during January and February of 2000 to kill vegetation growing in the center and along the edges of the pond. The majority of the residents present were opposed to this proposal, but were very much in favor of a long-term solution for weed control in the pond.

We thank Durham Public Works employee Paul Halpin for the signs marking all river and stream crossings that are appearing around Town. Mr. Halpin has carved 64 signs and is placing them to help increase awareness of water resources in our community.

- Continued to work with abutters to Beard's Pond and Creek concerning long-term management of the resource.

2000 Goals

- Work with the Planning Board and staff on implementation of the Master Plan.
- Work with the Lamprey River Advisory Committee, landowners, and other conservation organizations on voluntary, permanent land and water protection.
- Prepare, with Town Council and staff, a long-term management strategy for the Mill Pond.
- Provide materials to educate residents on what improvements/changes to their property require application to, and approval of, the NH Wetlands Bureau before work is accomplished.

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

Historic District Commission

WILLIAM "BILL" SCHOONMAKER, Chairman

The Commission has enjoyed a year of diverse activity. The completion of the excellent work at the historic Community Church is a testament to a thoughtful combining of genuinely beautiful historic and thoughtfully designed new construction. The architect was Jean Carroon Architects, Inc. from Boston and the contractor was David R. Witcher from Strafford. In addition to the Community Church, the Commission approved Applications for Certificate of Approval to Cheney East Corporation for major re-construction and repair work at the Mellen House

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(with conditions), to Great Bay Kennel to reconstruct and widen the driveway entrance to the kennel, to Franklin Heald for an above ground swimming pool, to Three Chimneys Inn to enclose a dining porch using screening, construct a new storm vestibule around a lower service entry and to construct an 8' x 6' enclosure around a freezer and to Bill and Debra Bonnell to reconstruct the stone wall on the west side of Route 108 near the entrance to the Mill Pond Center for the Arts.

The Commission held discussions with Michael Lang, a Life Scout in the Durham Boy Scout Troop who is developing a historic trail as his Eagle Scout project. The Commission chair volunteered to act as Michael's sponsor on this critical project.

The Commission completed an ambitious rewrite of Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance, held a public forum on the reconfigured article at the June meeting, revised the draft article based on public comment and has forwarded the draft document to the Planning Board for review.

In conjunction with community volunteers from the Main Street Program, the Commission is initiating a historical marker/plaque program for properties in the district. In addition, the Commission requested money in the FY2000 budget to purchase three signs for the three entry points to the district.

Finally, the Commission developed plans and specifications for the repair and rehabilitation of windows at the former Town Hall/District Court

Building. This work was intended to assist the Department of Public Works in assembling bid packages. Due to the very tight construction market, only two bids were received and as of this writing it is not clear if the work will be awarded to one of the two bidders or put out to bid again in early 2000 for completion in the spring. The work will include the significant rebuilding of the three original windows and transom over the front door, repair, weatherstripping and tuning-up of the other windows and the installation of new combination storm windows over all of the windows. It should be noted that the Durham Historic Association has undertaken the restoration of the former front curved-wood door, under the leadership of Nancy Sandberg.

The Commission's numbers were diminished when Cynthia Hirsch, Frank Pilar and Ed Valena's terms expired. However, the Commission has been favored by new members Joan Graf, Doug Worthen and Jim Walsh (Council Member).

In the coming year, the Commission would like to see the newly configured Article 6 as a part of the Zoning Ordinance, see the formal initiation of the marker/plaque program, carefully follow progress at the Mellen House and continue outreach to the district's inhabitants and land owners as well as to all residents of Durham. Anyone interested in the effort to preserve the town's historic culture and architecture is encouraged to participate in all of the Commission's activities. □

Parks and Recreation Commission

JOHN CHURCHILL, Chairman

The biggest contribution to our community this year has come from the Jackson's Landing Community Park Committee ("Playground Committee"), an independent group of volunteers comprised of Chrisanne Borner, Cheryl Hoffman Mike Hoffman, Nicole Moore, Laurie Potter, and Tracy Schroeder.

The ad hoc committee was formed in October 1997 by these citizens in an effort to have a better playground in Durham for local children. During the committee's first winter of meetings, a

site was selected, then prepared by the Town. A playground manufacturer was chosen and fundraising ideas were considered. In April of 1998, the Town Council approved a plan. Two fund-raisers were conducted—a 50/50 raffle at Durham's Fourth of July festivities and a yard sale was held in September. Less than 18 months into the project, the equipment was ordered and on the weekend of June 5th, the playground was built.

Over one-hundred volunteers endured very hot weather to erect the structure and a great time was had by all. A week later the children were able

to use the playground and it has now seen its first full season of usage. It is indicative of the generosity and community spirit of our townspeople that a mere 20 months later the playground would be in full use by our town's youngest residents! The committee is still working on fencing, signage and landscaping and is planning a first year anniversary party in June 2000.

The community really pulled together on this project thanks to the hard work and tenacity of the Playground Committee. They did a fantastic job - thank-you!

The Lamprey Advisory Committee and the Public Works Department worked to improve the Wiswall Dam and to create a new "pocket park". Through their efforts we will have a greatly improved area to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Lamprey River. Special thanks goes to Eagle Scout Andrew McDowell who has done a considerable amount of work cleaning out the cellar hole.

The Jackson's Landing Ice Rink continues to be a great success. The "rec" times are highly attended. A women's hockey program has been tremendously successful and the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) youth teams did especially well in this year's playoffs.

The UNH Outdoor Pool was to be closed because the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) cited it for several violations. Over 300 families, representing about 1200 citizens, signed a petition emphasizing the importance of the pool. Through the combined efforts of the University and the Town, several changes were made and the pool was kept open. The repairs were considered temporary and required a waiver from the DES. This year's attendance figures were very high and the citizens of Durham appreciate the effort it took to keep the pool open. A "Pool Committee", comprised of UNH officials and Durham community members is seeking a long-

range solution. The Parks and Recreation Committee is concerned there is not a clearly stated objective. The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to have a centrally located, affordable outdoor pool with all options being seriously considered and researched. The University does not plan to open the existing pool after the year 2000, nor does the community have a plan to permanently repair the existing pool or to build another outdoor pool.

The Public Works Department continues to do an excellent job of maintaining our parks. Additionally, they have taken the initiative to address several long-range issues. Specifically, the Town of Durham has a shortage of both playing and practice fields, and the existing fields are poorly constructed. The Public Works Department has a very cost-efficient plan to rebuild the Father Lawless fields. While they are redoing these fields, their plan is to build temporary playing fields at the Durham Business Park. In the future, these temporary fields can also be used during mud season and as practice fields in order to minimize damage to the rebuilt Father Lawless fields.

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Children enjoying the new slide and playground set at Jackson's Landing. Photo courtesy of Chrisanne Borner



Parks and Recreation continued...

The Parks and Recreation Committee sponsored two events this year; the Father/Daughter Dance for Valentines Day and an Easter Egg Hunt. Both were very successful with increased attendance over last year. The Father/Daughter Dance was done in conjunction with Newmarket. Because of its financial success, Newmarket has decided to do the dance independently as a fundraiser. The Easter Egg Hunt was done totally with volunteers and the St. Thomas Moore Church was instrumental in providing help. Special thanks go to Nicole Pitt, Courtney O'Keefe, and Laura Cote.

The 4th of July Celebration was once again a wonderful success. As usual, the general comment was "great but we want more!" Our Town employees were instrumental in organizing and manning this event. Thank you for a job well done!

The Town Council hosted a Durham Day Picnic at Wagon Hill Farm. The event was used as an opportunity to welcome our new Town Administrator Ilene Healy. The Town Council, Town Administrator, Town employees, ORYA, and numerous other volunteers all came together insuring the picnic was a success. Special thanks go to the citizens of Durham for coming out and sharing the day with us.

The "New Hampshire Gentlemen" serenade the new Town Administrator, Ilene Healy, at the Durham Day Picnic on September 12, 1999



Every year flowers are planted around Durham. This is due in large part to Dick Dewing. Working in conjunction with the Public Works Department, Dick takes it upon himself to beautify our Town. If there was an award in Durham for Volunteer of the Year, Dick Dewing would get my vote this year and for every year that I have had the pleasure of knowing him. It is impossible to categorize his efforts or list everything he has done - Dick is simply phenomenal! He is an active supporter of Parks and Recreation, the Historic Association, the Lamprey Advisory Committee, the UNH 100 Club, the Newmarket Militia, the Rotarians, the Masons, the Shriners—the list goes on and on. Through Dick's tireless efforts, Durham truly is a better place to live. Thank you Dick.

Residents are encouraged to bring their concerns and comments to the Committee, either by letter or by joining us at our monthly meetings held in the Durham District Courthouse building on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM.

**DURHAM DAY AT WAGON HILL FARM
SCOTT HOVEY**

The Town Council used the arrival of our new Town Administrator, Ilene Healy, as a good reason to rejuvenate Durham Day and to use the day to introduce her to the town and the town to her.

The committee was made up of Scott Hovey, Chairman, Annmarie Harris, and Vi McNeill. A great deal of help came from the Parks and Recreation Committee as well as Oyster River Youth Association. We do not want to forget the time and effort donated by town staff, which was a tremendous help. I am not going to list all of the participants because there would be many that would be missed. It is safe to say a large number of volunteers made the event a success.

It was the intent of the committee

to offer something for everyone at this event. We wanted this to be a true community gathering for a good time. Having the celebration in the fall instead of the summer we believed would attract more people, which proved true.

The day was centered on the introduction of Ilene Healy where she was serenaded by the New Hampshire Gentlemen. However, the day was full of many events. Boat rides on the Oyster River were very popular. The children had all kinds of games and fun provided by Patricia "Patches" Holmes and Cathy Caron of the Oyster River Youth Association. Games for adults were also on hand. Wagon rides were popular with young and old alike. The Fire Department had an array of equipment staged for attendees to visit. There was

plenty of music with a live disk jockey as well individual musicians. Plenty of food was on hand. Popcorn and slushies were popular with the kids. Cheeseburgers and hotdogs were gobbled up by all. Some brought potluck dishes which disappeared way too soon. Of course everything was free.

People stayed right up until it was time to close. It is the committees' hope that this was just the beginning in revival of an old Durham tradition. The event was organized with very short notice. Durham Day 2000 should be bigger and better with more of everything and we hope Durham's citizens will plan to attend!

Thank you everyone who helped make Durham Day Wagon Hill 1999 the success it was. □

Durham Public Library

Board of Trustees:

JOHN ABER, Chairman; RUTH SCHONDELMEIER, Vice-Chair; DALE EICHORN, Treasurer; JOAN DRAPEAU; CAROL LINCOLN; BILL SCHOONMAKER

And the Library Staff:

GUS HEDDEN, Library Director AND ANN METCALF, Assistant Librarian

This has been the second full year of operation of the Durham Public Library, and a very rewarding one. Services to patrons continue to expand and participation in Library activities reaches new residents each year. The Library is beginning to fulfill the goal of providing a vital community center for the Town.

1999 Accomplishments

LIBRARY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS

- Hired Gus Hedden as new Library Director

- Added to Library staff time (now at 52 hours/week)
- Cardholders increased to over 2,600
- Circulation up to more than 17,000 (increase of nearly 15%).
- Saw a major increase in participation in the summer reading program (over 60 children registered)
- Over 100 additional children per month at Library programs
- Continuation of adult programming including New Hampshire Humanities Council Discussion Series, open readings and exhibits by local artists
- Continuation of inter-library loan
- Continuation of outreach program to Bagdad Woods
- Addition of 1500 books to the collection



Robinson "Gus" W. Hedden,
Library Director

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Durham Public Library continued...

- The Friends group has been very active, again holding a successful book sale and other activities netting over \$5,000 for support of library activities
- The Friends also supply high-quality used books for direct addition to the collection

FUNDRAISING

The Library was conceived as a public-private partnership in which volunteer effort and private giving would make a substantial contribution. In our third year:

- Over \$30,000 in contributions was raised from private sources including:
 - \$10,000 from an anonymous donor
 - About \$1,000 from Yankee Magazine, Durham/Great Bay Rotary Club, and others corporate and community sources
 - More than \$5,000 in response to a direct appeal by mail to Durham card holders and Durham residents
 - More than 20 trained volunteers contributed over 80 hours of volunteer service per month

2000 Goals

We have two primary goals for 2000: To improve services to an expanding set of patrons, and to find a permanent home for the Library. In terms of services, we hope to increase technical services activities to speed the processing of new books and the tremendous number of donated volumes. Users of the Library also know about the unique cataloging system we inherited with the collection. A major effort will be made to complete recataloging in the next year. The search for a permanent location for the Library is driven by the large fraction of our operat-

LIBRARY STATISTICS (through December 1999)

Membership and circulation

Number of cardholders	2,672
Number of volumes circulated	17,401
Number of items purchased.....	457
Number of items donated	1,188

Programming

Number of children's story hours	65
Total attendance	1,354
Registration for summer reading program	69
Number of adult programs	17
Total attendance	167

Total operating budget	94,400
<i>Support from Town Budget</i>	<i>67,711</i>

ing budget which goes to rent at the current location and the need for additional space for programming, stacks and community functions. In the millennial year, the Board will be developing proposals for several different Library locations and presenting those options to the public.

The Library Staff and the Board of Trustees would like to thank the Friends of the Durham Public Library and the growing number of active Library patrons for their continuing support and enthusiasm. We would especially like to thank Jack Farrell for his hard work and common sense during his tenure on the Board – he will be missed. □

Swan Report

MARGERY MILNE, Swan Keeper

When the Mill Pond froze solid on New Year's Day, the swans took no chances and were off to anywhere. They reappeared briefly on January 21 making the front page of the Foster's newspaper and they returned to stay on March 16, having a tough time walking on the frozen pond. The swans chose as their new nesting place the far end of the pond where the beavers had a house.

The male swan seemed very restless flying back and forth, while his mate remained quiet. On Easter Sunday an egg was reported seen on the nest. The next day the male was very active and came to edge of the pond to feed.

Other wildlife on the Mill Pond such as the wood ducks, merganser ducks and mallards, were showing family antics. At the edge of pond the colorful cercropia and green luna moths and wild turkeys were displaying.

On June 5th six swan cygnets appeared. On June 23rd a cygnet was missing. The saddest happening of all was the disappearance of the father swan. Upon searching for him it was discovered that he had flown into the wires above the dam and was electrocuted. The female bird was left to raise her family alone. She was very attentive and remained near the young cygnets when they approached people to be fed.

Early in July, the swans had special watchers because I took off for over a month. Mr. and Mrs. R. Guy and others of the Churchill Apartments were careful tenders of the remaining swan family. But my escape was saddened as I received news that all the swans vanished from the pond. News was received that the birds had been eaten, or taken. Gail Bigglestone on Durham Point Road reported seeing the

Mill Pond swans in a pond on Durham Point. The day after I returned home and to the Mill Pond the birds were cavorting in the pond as though they were dancing. I was truly joyous. The mother bird came over to eat from my hand. My joy was brief because the next day the birds had once again left the pond.

The swans appeared on and off from late August until mid October. Then only the mother swan and a young swan appeared. They stayed a few days and disappeared; perhaps to Great Bay where swans seem to have winter reunions. It was the earliest that the swans have left the pond in spite of very mild weather. Perhaps the female was in search of a new mate and needed to have a head start! On December 1, a swan pair was spotted on the open water of a pond in Lee. Could they be the Durham swans? A watch is on for the first warm days of spring. Look skyward and see them in flight. Be delighted when they splash down once more into the Mill Pond as they have done for many years. □

Swan Keeper Margery Milne caring for the swans on Mill Pond.

Photo courtesy of Jack Hubbard



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Health Officer

RICHARD BLAKEMORE, Health Officer

1999 Accomplishments

Aside from a fire at the High School, the century closed down with a whimper not a bang. This may portend a trend which hopefully might continue as Durham residents collectively seem to be availing themselves of "best management practices" for achieving good health (exercise, cessation of smoking, improved awareness of the role of proper nutrition, stress relief). Congratulations Durham! The community health officer was invited to investigate a number of situations referred by the State, Town or directly by residents. Inquiries regarding animals

were received and dealt with in respect to the Town's rabies epidemic protocol. Advice was provided to the Town Council regarding a dog feces ordinance for Durham. Inspections of local restaurants, child day care facilities and foster home care providers were conducted. Meetings, including those of the NH Health Officer's association, were attended.

2000 Goals

The community health officer intends to continue with the diversity of activities encountered during previous years of service. These are expected to include attendance at Statewide meetings, as well as conducting health inspections of local food handling and daycare establishments and foster care providers. □

Planning Board

NEIL WYLIE, Chair

This has been a challenging year for the Planning Board. Please refer to the table for a summary of applications and approvals during 1999 and previous years. One of the most significant applications that came before the Planning Board was for a wireless personal telecommunication services facility on the Foss Farm water tank. The Planning Board's approval fulfilled the terms of the legal settlement with Sprint Spectrum. Two other important applications included condominium units for the elderly (age 55 and over). All three projects generated vigorous public comments from abutters and others, and all three were improved as a consequence.

The law does not permit the Planning Board to reject a proposed project simply because Board members or abutters don't like it. Rather, projects that meet the terms and conditions of the Town's

Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Board's regulations for Site Plans, Subdivisions, and Road Construction must be approved. The role of the Planning Board is not to prevent development, but to ensure that all development conforms to applicable land-use laws and regulations.

At the time this report is being drafted, the Planning Board is on schedule to approve a major revision of the Master Plan for the Town of Durham by the time its term ends. All Durham residents should be grateful for the excellent work of the Master Plan Steering Committee and all the other Town residents who volunteered to serve on its various subcommittees. The Steering Committee gave the Planning Board many thoughtful and thought-provoking ideas, the vast majority of which will likely be accepted without revision.

The successful work of Master Plan Steering Committee and its subcommittees would not have been possible without the excellent professional

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Planning Board continued...

support of Duane Hyde, Durham's Director of Planning and Community Development. He deserves the thanks of every resident of the Town. In addition, the Planning Board would like to thank the three interim planners who provided our day-to-day professional support while Duane was on his important temporary assignment: Michael Jeffords, Matthew Nazar, and Steve Slovinski.

The Planning Board plays a unique quasi-judicial role in our community. To adequately represent the

many legitimate views of what our Town is and what it should become, representation of different visions of Durham among its membership is essential. The terms of two Planning Boards members expire in March, and the Planning Board urges the Town Council to ensure that differing visions of the Town continue to be represented when it considers new appointments. Finally, the Planning Board encourages all residents of the Town to consider volunteering their time for service on the Planning Board, or other Town related committees or commissions. □

APPLICATION APPROVALS COMPARISON 1994 - 1999

APPLICATION TYPE	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Subdivision	6	6	7	5	3	4
Site Review/Conditional Use	6	6	5	5	5	4
Boundary Line Adjustment/ Subdivision Modification	4	5	5	7	7	3
Site Plan Review by Technical Review Committee*	2	2	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	2	7	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	20	26	27	17	15	11

**Prior to 1997, this item was included under the Site Review/Conditional Use Row*

Planning and Community Development

DUANE HYDE, Director of Planning and Community Development

For the past several years the Planning and Community Development report has started with an overview of all the changes occurring within the Department. Well, the predictions for change that were made in 1999 rang true, but hopefully stability will arrive in the Year 2000.

The Department started 1999 with a full-time temporary planner, Michael Jeffords, who served as the Town Planner while Duane Hyde worked on the Master Plan Update. Mike moved on to further his education in January of 1999 and the Town contracted with Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) for part-time planning services for 16 hours

a week. Under this contract Matt Nazar provided exceptional services, but in a career advancement he left SRPC and Durham to work for the State of Maine. SRPC then provided the Town with the services of Stephen Slovinski, a land-use attorney, who capably filled in as the Town's temporary Planner until October, when Duane Hyde resumed working as the Town Planner. In addition to the turn-over in the Planner position, the Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Office secretary position experienced numerous changes when Dawn Mitchell took a 3 month maternity leave to spend time with her adopted daughter, Kristina. Anyone who called the office during this three month period realizes that it seemed there was a different temporary secretary here every week. It's great to have Dawn back!

1999 Accomplishments

The most important and major accomplishment of 1999 was the completion of the "Draft Master Plan 2000" which was submitted by the Master Plan Steering Committee to the Planning Board in November, 1999. Over 75 volunteers served on the Steering Committee and subcommittees working hard to complete Durham's most comprehensive Master Plan to date, and their dedication and hard work is appreciated. *(Please see the Master Plan Update at the end of this section.)* Although 1999 was supposed to be the year the Department focused solely on getting the Master Plan Update completed, there were a number of "other projects" that the Department worked on. In addition to the staff support provided to the Planning Board for the applications it reviews, the following is a synopsis of some of the other activities the Department participated in or conducted this year:

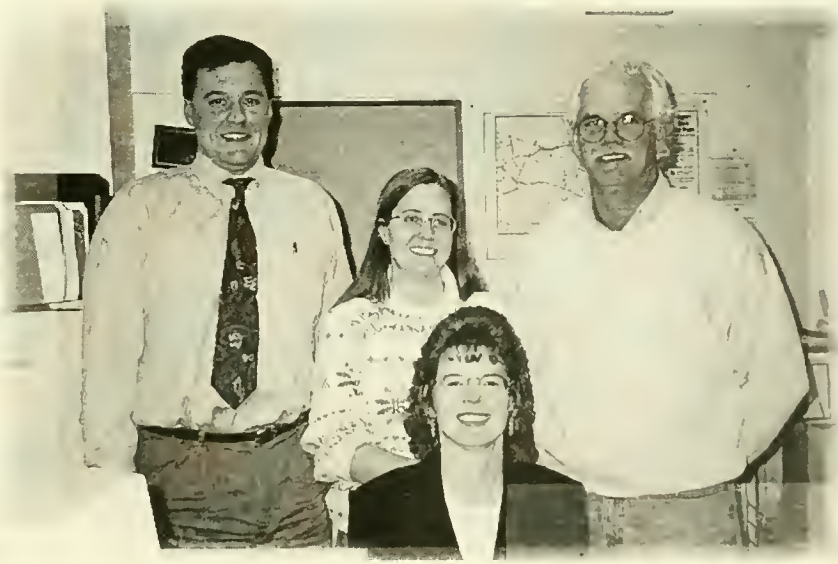
- Prepared transportation project applications for funding through the State Transportation Improvement Program. These projects included: Transportation Improvements Study for Northwest and Southeastern Linkages to Downtown Durham and UNH; Main Street/Downtown Traffic Calming, Pedestrian, and Roadway Improvements; Route 4 Safety Improvements; and Bennett Road Bridge Improvements/Replacement.
- Prepared transportation enhancement applications for funding through the NH DOT for the Central Durham Sidewalk and Bike Lane project, and the Mast Road Bike Lane project.
- Continued to work with the SRPC and Wagon Track Advisory Committee on the proposed Wagon Track Bike Trail. The Committee completed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between Durham and Madbury and

an Agreement between Durham and the NH DOT. These documents will be before the Town Council in 2000.

- Managed the contract and worked with a committee initiating the Route 4 Safety Study.
- Prepared a grant application to the Federal Highway Administration Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program for a parkway access alternatives and intermodal transportation center study to improve access to downtown Durham and UNH.
- Coordinated with a committee to make recommendations to the Town Council with respect to design issues for the NH DOT's Route 108/Main Street road project.
- Assisted the Town Administration in fulfilling the Town's obligations in order for the NH DOT to proceed with construction of the improvements/signalization of the Route 4/Backriver Road intersection.
- Contracted with the SRPC to digitize the Town's Tax Maps as part of a town geographical information system.
- Conducted a public forum on Town

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Standing (l-r) Duane Hyde, Director of Planning and Community Development; Donna Langley, Assessor; William Edney, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; seated: Dawn Mitchell, Secretary.



Planning and Community Development continued...

options regarding establishments selling alcohol in Durham and presented the options to the Town Council.

- Worked with a committee in an effort to clean-up and return to productive use a "brownfield" property known as Craig Supply. The site assessment of the property was completed in 1999.

- Finish the design of the Wagon Track Bike Trail project and prepare the necessary documents for construction in 2001.
- Propose to the Town Council an update of the fees for services under the Planning and Community Development Department.
- Complete the tax map digitization process to allow for computer desktop viewing and querying of the Town's tax maps and associated land records.
- Develop a computerized system to track Planning Board applications from the Planning Board process through to construction.
- Complete the Route 4 Safety Study and work with the SRPC and NH DOT to implement its recommendations.
- Prepare alternative development scenarios for Town Council consideration and agreement so the Durham Business Park can be better marketed and put back on the tax rolls.
- Complete the negotiations for the reuse and the remedial action plan of the Craig Supply brown-field property. □

2000 Goals

- Complete with the Planning Board and the public a review of the Draft Master Plan 2000 and have the Plan adopted by the Planning Board. Prepare an implementation plan to accomplish the goals and recommendations contained in the Master Plan.
- Begin the rewrite process of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and land use regulations to include the recommendations of the Master Plan.
- Actively seek grants to off-set costs for Town projects such as the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project and sewer system inflow and infiltration reduction project.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

DUANE HYDE, Director of Planning and Community Development

Looking back to the 1998 Annual Report you will find a report on the Master Plan Update that indicates the preparation of the Town's Plan was about half done, but the Report states that the "meat" of the work still remained to be done in 1999. This work included: Defining the issues, reviewing past plans and studies, preparing additional studies, formulating goals, and making recommendations. Although we were not able to meet the schedule laid out in the 1998 Annual Report, thanks to the hard work of over 75 volunteers from the Durham community and a 13-member Steering Committee, in 1999 the Town of Durham received a Draft Master Plan that is now under review by the Planning Board. The Draft Plan that resulted from all of this hard work does not represent the view or vision of a small group of people, but a broad spectrum from the community. Members of the Durham community were asked to participate in the development of the Master Plan by

not only participating in the subcommittee and Steering Committee meetings, but through a series of workshops held in March, September, and October of 1999.

The Draft Master Plan consists of approximately 400 pages covering 10 Chapters with the following headings:

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

Copies of the Draft Master Plan are available through the Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Office at the Town Hall. In addition, copies are available for review at the following locations: Durham Town

2000 Goals

Hall, Durham Library, UNH Dimond Library reference desk, Durham Main Street Office, the Bagelry, and Young's Restaurant. Copies of the executive summary of the Master Plan are available at the Town Library and the Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Office, and also on-line at the Town's website www.ci.durham.nh.us. The entire Draft Master Plan will also be on-line in the near future.

The scope of this Master Plan is so expansive that there is the danger it will simply overwhelm the reader. This concern led the Steering Committee to bring forth to the Planning Board a short list of ten projects for primary focus. These projects were chosen on the basis of their immediacy, their impact, or their ability to respond to demonstrated public interest.

With the exception of the first recommendation (Route 108 Sunoco) the following recommendations are not presented in any order of priority. The hope is that all ten will be given serious and immediate attention by the Town.

- Redevelopment of the Route 108 Sunoco Property
- Implementation of Zoning Changes and the Conservation Development Process
- Review the School District Funding Formula
- Support of Conservation Easements
- Programs to Improve Town and Citizen Communication
- Continuation of the Main Street Program
- Development of a Joint Town/UNH Office Park
- Implement a Northwest/Southeast Transportation Linkage Study
- Complete the Main Street and Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project
- Examine Consolidation of Water and Sewer Utilities

As stated earlier, the Draft Master Plan is before the Planning Board for review and consideration of adoption. The Planning Board has a tentative review schedule with a goal of acting on the Master Plan by the end of March 2000. Prior to the Planning Board taking action on the Plan, there will be a public hearing to allow for additional public comment. Once the Planning board has an adopted Master Plan, the goal should and will be to ensure that the Plan is implemented and used as an aid in Town decision making and capital planning.

In closing, once again a special thanks is deserved to everyone who helped draft the Plan, but especially to the 13 members of the Steering Committee who spent many hours away from their families to work on this Plan: Alex Auty, Ray Belles, Michael Behrendt, Allan Braun, Jack Farrell, Frank Graf, Richard Gsottschneider, Art Guadano, Sandy Martin, Vi McNeill, Nancy Sandberg, Don Thompson, and Robbi Woodburn. □

Laborers working on the new brick sidewalks for the Main Street Enhancement Project



Supervisors of the Checklist

2000 Goals

The year 2000 is a busy one for the supervisors, with four major election days scheduled as follows:

- Presidential Primary - February 1
- Town and School District Elections - March 14
- State Primary Election - September 12
- Presidential or General Election - November 7

At all four elections, registration will be allowed at the polls. Having learned some very important lessons in 1996 about same-day registration, we hope to minimize the difficulties that arise when trying to register over 1000 individuals in the same day by encouraging people to come to Town Hall and register to vote in advance of an election.

We will continue refining the checklist, removing those who have left town while simultaneously adding new voters. Hopefully we will be able to get a better polish on the crystal ball with respect to the University's ever-changing student body.

On a personal note, my great thanks to Joyce Sheffield and Kathy Sparr, who have given many hours of their time to assist. Also, thank you to Lisa Maurice for her continued assistance and support. Without these three individuals to assist, my job as Chairman would have been much more difficult. □

ANN R. LEMMON, Chairman

Joyce D. Sheffield

Kathleen C. Sparr

1999 Accomplishments

We have had three chairmen and two new replacement members this year - not the ideal circumstances for a year of accomplishments! However, we held several special voter registration sessions in preparation for the Oyster River Cooperative School District bond vote; corrected, updated, and printed the checklist twice for the School District and attended the informational meeting and the all-day vote on November 16.

Additionally, with the advice and outstanding assistance of former Checklist Chairman Elizabeth Vail Maurice, we have completed a mini-purge of the list which will allow us to make further corrections before the February 1st Presidential Primary.

A familiar corner showing the completed Downtown Main Street Enhancement Project



Tax Collector

LINDA L. EKDAHL, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

	1999	1998	1989
UNCOLLECTED TAXES (as of January 1, 1999:			
Property Taxes	\$ 0	\$1,081,371.66	\$11,187.84
Yield Taxes	0	710.65	0
<i>Taxes Committed to Collector:</i>			
Property Taxes	\$12,360,254.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	1,498.07	0	0
Boat Taxes	269.64	0	0
<i>Overpayments:</i>			
Property Taxes	8,675.68	1.60	0
Interest Collected on Property Taxes	849.48	49,495.70	0
Miscellaneous Interest Collected	4.50	102.56	0
TOTAL Debits	\$12,371,551.37	\$1,131,682.17	\$11,187.84
<i>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</i>			
Property Taxes	\$11,338,374.61	\$887,228.004	\$ 0
Yield Taxes	1,498.07	710.65	0
Boat Taxes	269.64	0	0
Interest on Property Taxes	849.48	49,495.70	0
Miscellaneous Interest	4.50	102.56	0
Conversion to Lien	0	189,460.22	0
<i>Abatements Made During Year</i>			
Property Taxes	0	4,685.00	0
<i>Uncollected Taxes (as of December 31, 1999)</i>			
Property Taxes	\$1,030,555.07	0	\$11,187.84
TOTAL Credits	\$12,371,551.37	\$1,131,682.17	\$11,187.84

UNREDEEMED TAX LIENS

	1998	1997	1996	1995 & PRIOR
Balance of Unredeemed Liens (as of 1/1/98)	\$ 0	\$187,522.05	\$95,718.42	\$202,281.12
Tax Liens Executed During Year	237,292.57	0	0	0
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,687.05	9,743.87	19,074.94	11,384.76
Overpayments Made During Year	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Debits	\$238,979.62	\$197,265.92	\$114,793.36	\$213,665.88
<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>				
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$46,147.55	\$52,863.54	\$51,255.12	\$14,254.40
Interests & Costs After Lien	1,687.05	9,743.87	19,074.94	11,384.76
Abatements Made During Year	0	-	0	.44
Tax Liens Deeded to Town	0	0	0	0
Unredeemed Liens (as of 12/31/99)	191,145.02	134,658.51	44,463.30	188,026.88
TOTAL Credits	\$238,979.62	\$197,265.92	\$114,793.36	\$213,665.88

Town Assessor

DONNA LANGLEY, Assessor

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

During 1999, the State legislature enacted a State Wide property Tax to resolve the education funding crisis. Because this education tax is levied across all municipalities, communities must maintain equitable assessments to keep the distribution fair. Therefore, more frequent revaluations and updates will play a key role in maintaining fairness.

The Town of Durham's last full revaluation was in 1988. During a full revaluation, a private firm physically inspects all properties, performs a market analysis and then updates all assessments. Since 1988 the Town conducted an assessment update in 1993. In an assessment update, there is no full inspection of all properties, there is only a market analysis and an update of assessments. The Town is now due for

another full revaluation and overdue for an assessment update.

There has been a considerable amount of residential construction this year. Our town wide taxable valuation (commonly referred to as the tax base) increased from \$340,466,554 to 349,183,492. Of this \$8,716,938 increase, the commercial/industrial portion of the tax base increased by \$181,100, the residential assessment increased by approximately \$8,714,558 and the utility assessment decreased by approximately \$115,000. Our Tax exemptions increased by \$63,720.

For information regarding our 1995 - 1999 valuation and tax history, including a breakdown of the Town, School District and County tax rates, please refer to the Budget and Finance section of this Town Report.

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

(l-r) Donna Hamel, Asst. to Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Linda L. Ekdahl, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Lorrie Pit, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector



1999 Accomplishments

- Vision Appraisals Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal software was installed and Durham's assessing database was entered into the program.
- The Assessor's web page went on line, it is located on the Town of Durham's web site www.ci.durham.nh.us.
- The digitizing of the Tax Maps is underway, this project is being coor-

minated through the Planning Department. Once digitized the assessing database can be accessed through the Town GIS system.

Goals

- Prepare for a 2001 Town wide assessment update.
- Incorporate the assessing database into the Town's GIS system.
- Create a customer workstation terminal for the lobby.

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

Town Clerk

LINDA L. EKDAHL, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/99

Auto Registrations	\$698,455.50
Title Applications	2,520.00
Municipal Agent Fees	13,267.50
Marriage Licenses.....	2,070.00
Vital Statistics Copies	586.00
U.C.C. Recording Fees.....	1,104.25
U.C.C. Termination Fees	382.00
Dog Licenses	4,840.00
Miscellaneous.....	272.00
Total	\$723,447.25

<i>Autos Registered</i>	<i>6,257</i>
<i>Dogs Licensed</i>	<i>666</i>

Tree Warden

MICHAEL LYNCH, Tree Warden

Accomplishments

- The Town secured \$14,000 for tree replacements from the Department of Resources & Economic Development.
- 38 dead or hazardous trees were removed from Town property or right-of-ways.
- The Tree Warden continued to administer the Small Business Administration Tree Planting Grant. This Grant allowed the Town to purchase and plant Deciduous trees at the Father Lawless playing fields and Old Landing Park.
- The Town was honored with its 21st consecutive Tree City USA award. Durham has successfully been awarded Tree City USA since 1978 and is the longest running Tree City Town in the State of New Hampshire.

- Bid and managed a tree stump and grinding machine which chipped all debris (ie. stumps, logs, butts) left over from the January 1998 ice storm.
- Had the pleasure to inspect, purchase and oversee the installation of the 13 Zelkova Serrata trees which were planted as part of the Main Street Enhancement Project. □

Durham's Main Street showing the completed Downtown Main Street Enhancement Project.



Trustees of the Trust Funds

WILLIAM F. HALL, Chairman
HAROLD SCHONDELMEIER, Treasurer

The Trustees have been able to accomplish some monument maintenance at the Town Cemetery with the help of Durham Public Works and the support of descendants and relatives. Cemeteries in town continue to receive regular maintenance and we're still cleaning up ice storm damage from 1998.

The cemetery has been surveyed three times, resulting in some discrepancies that continue to be a problem. We have asked Mike Lynch to have the "C" section surveyed which are on either side of the entry road and in front of the flag pole.

We will be grading the front sections of the cemetery as per the comprehensive report of 1984. This report has been forwarded to the Town Council for consideration of acquiring additional cemetery land.

The descendants of those buried at the Jackson Landing Cemetery have requested in writing to have a fence or effective barrier placed between the cemetery fence and the playground. We support the wishes of the families and have asked the Town Administrator to erect such a fence or barrier without delay.

For many years, the maintenance of the Doe Farm as directed in the conditions set in the will for the benefit of the Doe Trust has been more well intentioned than real forest maintenance and real financial support of the Trust. In 1969, Trustee Mal Chase had a forestry management plan prepared by John Sargent. We discussed this plan with the County Forester Don Black and asked for his recommendations relative to the directions of the will which is on file with the Strafford County Probate Court. Mr. Black found that the mature growth was dying and completely out of proportion with new growth and that selective cutting was imperative to establish a healthy forest and wildlife environment. We have signed a contract with a state licensed forester to perform the work when the ground is frozen. □

Zoning and Code Enforcement

WILLIAM EDNEY, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

I am pleased to have been welcomed into the community staff for the Town of Durham. There are a

number of issues that Durham faces that are both challenging and interesting that require aggressive proactive community participation. I am excited about the opportunities and hope to expand and streamline the level of service this office offers to the residents of the community.

I look forward to my continued association with all of you. □

BREAKDOWN OF PERMITS	1999	1998	1997
Single Family House	49	43	33
Multi-Family Units	8	0	0
Additions, Renovations.....	93	105	97
Commercial (New & Renovations)	15	8	18
Demolition	2	1	3
Septic	47	53	55
Signs	6	4	9
Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical	198	164	239
Withdrawn	2	5	2
Hold/Renewals	1	1	2
Swimming Pools	4	7	3
Totals.....	425	391	456
<i>Average Value for New Homes: \$178,504.57</i>			

Zoning Board of Adjustment

WILLIAM DRAPEAU, Chairman

During 1999 the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment met eight times. There were ten applications that came before the Board.

Variations: There were 2 requests for variations. One was granted and one was denied.

Motion for Rehearing: Two applicants, whose original requests were denied, filed a motion for a rehearing. The Board granted both motions for a rehearing as the Board felt the applicants had provided new information to support their requests.

Requests for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Control: This provision was created by the NH Legislature in 1996 to address the situations where a good faith error was made in the citing of a building or other dimensional layout issue. There was one request filed. The request met the criteria outlined in the State Statute and was approved.

Appeal of an Administrative Decision: There were three appeals of decisions rendered by the Town of Durham Zoning Code Enforcement Officer.

Special Exceptions: There were two requests for a special exception. These requests were approved.

Membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Membership did not change in 1999. Several Board members took advantage of training workshops offered by the State Office of Planning.



1999 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BREAKDOWN OF HEARINGS

Variance	2
Special Exception	2
Administrative Appeal	3
Equitable Waiver	1
Re-hearing Request	2
Total	10

TOTAL PERMITS PROCESSED	1999	1998	1997
Construction Permits	159	163	155
Permits Denied	0	5	2
Permits Withdrawn	2	5	2
Septic	47	53	55
Electric	106	104	112
Plumbing/Mechanical	92	60	127
On Hold	0	0	2
Demolition.....	2	1	3
Total Permits.....	408	391	456
<i>Value of Permits Given</i>	<i>\$13,898,280</i>	<i>\$11,301,755</i>	<i>\$8,184,613</i>
<i>Fees Collected for all Permits</i>	<i>\$59,335</i>	<i>\$49,555</i>	<i>\$31,073</i>

Welfare Director

HOWARD HEDEGARD, Welfare Director

Durham has minimal requests for welfare assistance. The primary requests for 1999 were for food and temporary shelter. The most difficult request to meet is for short-term shelter. Durham has minimal short term housing options and shelter resources located in Dover and Portsmouth consistently experience a demand in excess of their capacity.

To allow us to be more responsive to need and to make more effective determinations, we have worked to develop a greater understanding of the statewide welfare system and to improve our internal processing of welfare applications. □

Main Street under construction



Durham Ambulance Corps

SUSAN J. BRUNS, President
MARY C. DAVIS, Manager
PATRICK D. AHEARN, Administrative V.P.
NATHAN KATZ, Training Coordinator
KAREN HENNY, Secretary
JENNY MOULTON, Treasurer
GLENN MCGILLICUDDY, Operations Vice President

The Durham Ambulance Corps (DAC) provides 24-hour emergency ambulance service to Durham, Lee, Madbury and the University of New Hampshire in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor. The Corps is a private, non-profit, volunteer service funded by patient billing, appropriations from the communities, and donations.

In 1999 the DAC responded to 964 calls, down just two calls from our 1998 total of 966: 331 calls (34.34%) were located in Durham, 222 calls (23.03%) in Lee, 63 calls (6.54%) in Madbury, 280 calls (29.05%) on the UNH campus, and 68 calls (7.05%) were mutual aid to other towns.

DAC volunteers are local residents, UNH students, faculty, and staff. We welcome those interested in the Corps to ride with us and learn more about our service. Scholarship funding for Emergency Management Training (EMT) is offered to qualified permanent area residents.

1998 Accomplishments

- Public education and Corps member training programs were expanded by increasing paid personnel time dedicated to educational tasks.
- A new ambulance has been ordered, with delivery expected in late Winter or Spring of 2000.
- The biennial fund drive to raise money for the McGregor Memorial and Building Funds has

begun. Members of the community continue to be generous in their financial support of DAC.

- The Quality Improvement process has been revised and formalized so that patient satisfaction survey results may be used to numerically track patient satisfaction.
- The Corps, along with community leaders, explored service delivery options and concluded that DAC is meeting the needs of the communities.
- Renovated the DAC kitchen to make it more space-efficient, and allow appropriate storage for rehabilitation supplies.

2000 Goals

- Continue to work with community leaders to plan for the future, including plans for future Corps housing and planning to meet increased call volume.
- Explore investment options for Corps funds, including the McGregor Memorial Fund and the Building Fund, so that maximum safety, liquidity, and return are achieved.
- Accept delivery of a year 2000 ambulance, train members to operate the vehicle, and place the vehicle in service.

We owe a great deal of thanks to the communities and citizens of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and UNH for their continued support, and especially for their generous response to our fund-raising efforts. We would also like to thank the Durham, Lee, and Madbury Fire Departments, the Durham-UNH Communications Center, and the Durham, UNH, Lee, and Madbury Police Departments for their support. Most of all, we would like to thank all the DAC volunteers for their many hours of dedicated service that have enabled us to provide state of the art emergency medical care to the communities for over 30 years. We look forward to serving our communities for many more years. □

Fire Department

RONALD P. O'KEEFE, Fire Chief

As my first year as Durham's Fire Chief comes to a close, I would like to review the many challenges the Fire Department has faced this year. 1999 was the busiest year of the last two decades in terms of significant structure fires. Our personnel performed admirably in dealing with this increase in fire activity, fighting seven multiple alarm fires over an eight-month period, one involving the successful rescue of an elderly woman.

The Fire Department also took on several significant training initiatives to improve our efficiency in dealing with emergencies. We conducted live fire training at the UNH Poultry Complex. This two-day exercise included a mutual aid drill involving surrounding Fire Departments.

Another day-long training exercise taught firefighters unique ways to rescue themselves if trapped in a building. Two instructors from the Derry Fire Department, along with Assistant Chief

Mike Blake, ran our personnel through a series of firefighter survival skill exercises. The ultimate goal of this type of training is to reduce the chances of a firefighter fatality.

Our new Training/Safety Captain Tom Stano conducted two half-day Confined Space Entry drills in a UNH utility tunnel. Confined spaces offer very challenging obstacles when attempting to rescue victims trapped inside. Personnel used our equipment to retrieve a "victim" of a heart attack who was located 100 feet below ground in a four foot tunnel.

Along with the training and emergency duties, the department started a voluntary physical fitness program. Firefighter Brian Murray was successful in securing a grant from the New Hampshire Municipal Association to fund training and equipment. Brian became certified as a fitness coordinator and evaluated the fitness level of our staff. Approximately 50% of the staff now participate in physical fitness activities on a regular basis. The goal of the program is to have physical exercise become a normal day-to-day activity for our firefighters. We want to provide a healthier work environment and reduce lost work time due to illness and injury. I am very excited about this program.

We also purchased several major pieces of equipment this year. A new Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life) was installed on Rescue 1. The new tool will expedite the rescue of victims trapped in automobiles, thereby increasing their chance of survival and decreasing pain and suffering. A specification committee comprised of Captain Richard Miller, Firefighter William Davis and Firefighter Jeffrey Furlong spent many hours researching and writing the specifications for a new fire attack pumper. The new unit will be delivered by mid-year 2000.

In addition, the Fire Department also took on the task of improving the

Durham Firefighters during a training burn, January 1999. Standing (l-r): Michael Hoffman, Jen Gringras, Mark Tetreault, Larry Best, Rick Miller, Jim Lapolla, Michael Scherb, Dick Stevens, Tom Richardson, Richard Mang, Dave Emanuel and Will Lenharth. Kneeling (l-r): Chuck Moorenovich, Russell Smith, Ron D'Keefe, Jeff Furlong, Burt Matheny, Brian Murray, Colby Walker, Matt Newton, Tom Stano, and Jim Davis.



appearance of our facility. Many individuals assisted in the numerous projects to spruce up the building, often on their own time. New carpets, flooring and painting have been completed in many areas by our staff as well as by UNH maintenance personnel. Our staff also installed new cabinetry and countertops in the kitchen, saving the community the high cost of installation.

As always, we continue to strive to provide the best services possible to the community. We want to be the agency people can call upon to solve their problems. I continue to enjoy serving as your Fire Chief, and I am proud to lead the men and women of the Durham Fire Department into the 21st Century. Please feel free to stop in any time to explore your Fire Department and view the apparatus and equipment.



Accomplishments

- Updated position descriptions for Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Captain
- Developed a position description for the new position of Training/Safety Captain
- Inventoried equipment on all apparatus
- Coordinated Assessment Centers for filling the Assistant Fire Chief and Training/Safety Captain positions
- Promoted Thomas Stano to Training/Safety Captain
- Hired Firefighter Jason Best to fill the position left vacant by Thomas Stano's promotion
- Hired new Call Firefighters Hildi Orkin, Matt Welch & Paul Stevens
- Researched and developed specifications for an attack pumper. Vehicle ordered with an estimated delivery date of May 2000
- Purchased and installed a new Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life) on Rescue 1
- Developed a tri-fold brochure highlighting the Fire Department's services for distribution in the community
- Developed and distributed a quarterly department newsletter, which won an award for best layout and design at the 1999 Compensation Funds of NH Conference
- Evaluated property numbering in several neighborhoods

- Evaluated the delivery system of emergency medical services within the community
- Participated in the Durham Master Plan project
- Advertised the department by way of news articles, newsletters and brochures
- Completed renovations to the fire station, including: painting, flooring and cabinetry
- Initiated a voluntary physical fitness program and secured grant monies for the program
- Conducted department training in structural firefighting, firefighter survival and confined space rescue

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES 1999

Fire Safety Inspections	165
Including: multiple occupancy, commercial, home, daycare, and chimney and woodstove inspections	
Permits Issued/Approved	
Blasting	25
Burning	151
Fireworks Display	4
Install/operate fire alarm system	15
Install (LPG) tank.....	2
Install oil burner.....	4
Install fire sprinkler system	20
Open flame in place of assembly	8
Operate place of assembly	38
Remove underground fuel storage tank	7
Pyrotechnics	3
Hazard Notices.....	26
Haunted House	1
Fire Safety Education	117
Including: fire drills, fire extinguisher classes, other programs (public school programs, dormitory and Greek system programs, station tours, etc.)	
Training Hours	3,061
Miscellaneous	
Major fire investigations	11
Special event coverage	68
Public Assists	5,233
Including: fire safety information requests and department business via telephone and walk-in service.	
1999 Combined Total Activities	7,768

Fire Department continued...

2000 Goals

- Complete a risk assessment of the community
- Complete the Fire Department's long-term plan
- Overhaul our Standard Operating Procedures
- Complete the Conversion Plan for the Emergency Operations Center within the fire station
- Incorporate the new dispatch software program into our operations
- Complete the evaluation of property numbers within the community
- Update the 911 mapping information
- Order a new Fire Prevention vehicle
- Continue with neighborhood meetings to better inform the public of Fire Department operations
- Conduct an open house at the fire station

FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS 1999

	UNH INCIDENTS	TOWN INCIDENTS
Structure fires	8	29
Other fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	9	21
Emergency medical	271	296
Extrications.....	24	8
Spills/leaks (no ignition).....	13	16
Service calls	244	157
Smoke investigations	30	29
Malicious false alarms	15	19
Unintentional false alarms.....	56	75
Good intent	41	38
System malfunction	56	19
False calls not classified	51	16
Miscellaneous (assist police, chemical, emergencies, arcing electrical equipment)	81	227
Total	899	950
Mutual aid provided to other communities ..		21

THREE YEAR AVERAGE

	UNH	TOWN
1997	56%	44%
1998	47%	53%
1999	49%	51%
Rates for 2000	51%	49%

Forest Fire Warden

RONALD P. O'KEEFE, Forest Fire Warden

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported by county thru December 10, 1999)

COUNTY	NUMBER OF FIRES	ACRES BURNED
Belknap	139	66
Carroll	81	17
Cheshire	131	28
Coos	18	3.25
Grafton.....	70	18
Hillsborough	271	50
Merrimack	213	115
Rockingham	218	111
Strafford.....	98	26
Sullivan	62	17
	TOTAL FIRES	TOTAL ACRES
1999.....	1301	452.28
1998	798	442.86

Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season, Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging, but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months, combined with the residual effects of the 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Home-owners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

The Town of Durham experienced 14 brush/grass fires in 1999. All of these fires were very minor in scope and burned approximately 1,500 square feet of earth. The fire department evaluated

the community's woodlands this fall. There are still large amounts of limbs and debris on the ground. I urge everyone to be careful and responsible while enjoying our beautiful woodland resources. Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!! □



A view of a beautiful new Main Street all thanks to the completed Downtown Main Street Enhancement Project.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	352	Campfire	161
Miscellaneous*	279	Arson/Suspicious	54
Smoking	188	Equipment Use	43
Children	176	Lightning	42
Railroad	6		

*Miscellaneous includes fires caused by powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV's, etc.

Police Department

DAVID L. KURZ, Chief of Police

As we reflect upon 1999 and the activities of the police department, it becomes more clear that change is inevitable. After 21 years of service to the community, Captain Michael Golding retired to accept a position with the New Hampshire Court system. Officer Michele Foster, a three-year veteran of the department, accepted a position with the Dover Police Department. And, a new position was created that will dedicate an officer to the downtown business district, partially funded by the federal COPS grant program. These changes resulted in the hiring of three new officers.

In spite of an extremely strong economy that has created difficulty in attracting large applicant pools elsewhere, we are pleased that a solid recruiting and hiring process has produced exceptionally qualified and dedicated employees to fill the void left by the departure of senior staff. Sean Dolliver, Frank Weeks and Michael Lysack have completed their indoctrination and field training designed to educate them to the style of policing Durham desires. Officers Weeks and Lysack had previous experi-

ence at other police agencies. Officer Dolliver attended the NH Police Academy during the spring for certification. In all, twenty weeks of intensive law enforcement education will combine with their college degrees and life skills to create an exceptionally qualified police officer to serve the community of Durham.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The agency has continued to embrace the community policing philosophy. Durham has expanded this concept by designing our mission and values statement towards a dedication that seeks to deliver quality service to our customers. Partnerships with neighborhoods, each with their unique issues, have served to open dialogue between the police and the residents improving relationships after each event. In essence, we each learn how to help the other. During 1999, there have been approximately 27 such meetings. Over 2100 hours of personnel time have been committed to fostering these partnerships. In addition, we have continued with our tradition of bringing together a group of interested members of the community so that department can gain from their insight, ideas and opinions. This group has been a major asset in helping us to create a roadmap for our future. We are committed to review the Strategic Plan yearly and reshape our goals to reflect the desires of the community.

PROMOTIONS

Sergeant Rene Kelley was promoted to the rank of Captain with direct oversight of all patrol operations. Officers David Holmstock and Bobby Joslin were promoted to Sergeant each overseeing a patrol shift. These three officers use their 31 years of combined experience to guide and shape the daily activities of their subordinates.

Durham Police, 1st row (l-r): Michael Bilodeau, Patrolman; Michelle Murch, Patrolman; Franklin Daly, Detective; Jason Lamontagne, Patrolman. 2nd row (l-r): Joseph McGann, Captain; Jennifer Johnson, Police Clerk; David Kurz, Chief; Andrew Buinicky, Sergeant. 3rd row (l-r): Joseph Morganella, Sergeant; Ann Champagne, Patrolman; Edward Pike, Patrolman; Rene Kelley, Captain; Marjorie Rawson, Secretary. 4th row (l-r): Bobby Ray Joslin, Sergeant; David Holmstock, Sergeant; Sean Kelly, Sergeant; Edward Levesque, Sergeant; Richard Martin, Traffic Enforcement Officer.



RECOGNITION

Captain Rene Kelley, Detective Ed Levesque and Officer Ann Champagne were recognized for their investigative skills and personal tenacity in resolving the fire-bombing arson at the Oyster River High School. The arrest of five persons for arson allowed a deeply saddened community some closure in the realization that the school would be attacked in this manner. The entire community's outrage at this act was matched only by the police department's commitment to arresting the persons responsible.

The Daniel Webster Council recognized Sergeant David Holmstock as the outstanding adult advisor for the State of New Hampshire for his involvement with our Explorer Post. Under his tutorage, the Post has tripled in size and is recognized as one of the best groups in the State. In July, the Durham Explorers achieved accredited status, one of only a handful in New England.

Jennifer Johnson, a valued staff member was commended for her involvement in the department's attainment of accredited status. Her commitment and valuable insight made the difficult process much easier.

TRAINING

We continued to maintain our commitment of providing quality training to all employees. Training has many positive attributes for the officers as well as the agency. It is recognized as an opportunity for the officers to interact with other police officers who have different perspectives and problem-solving techniques. While also providing an opportunity to "recharge their batteries", the officers learn new skills and refine old ones returning to Durham with renewed energy and enthusiasm. In 1999, the offi-

cers received more than 2400 hours of specialized training, a 29% increase over 1998. With our new facility, we have embarked upon a strategy whereby we host nationally recognized training. In exchange for providing the classroom facility, the agency gains by having access to high quality training at little or no cost thereby significantly reducing our training, travel and lodging expenditures.

ACCREDITATION

One of the primary objectives of the agency has been to obtain nationally accredited standing. We accomplished this task one step at a time by using the New Hampshire accreditation system to gain national status. New Hampshire's system mirrors that of the national but creates three levels. The Durham Police Department is the first police agency in the State to become Level III accredited. In May of 1999, three nationally recognized assessors reviewed our policies and procedures and determined that we comply with the standards of the profession. In July, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reviewed us at their meeting in Montreal based upon the report of the inspection by the team of assessors. At that meeting, Durham became one of only 500 police departments in the United States and Canada granted accreditation. Accreditation assures our community that this is an agency that will never become complacent. We will always seek the highest level of excellence in the delivery of police services to our community.

In compiling this report, it is important that the members of the Durham Police Department recognize the support of the new Town Administrator, Ilene Healy, the Town Council and, most importantly, the community we serve. □



TOP RIGHT AND BELOW: A couple of views showing the finished Main Street Enhancement Project. **FAR RIGHT:** "In the trenches" while Main Street was under construction.



Director of Public Works

JOSEPH "SKIP" GRADY, P.E., Public Works Director

It is a pleasure to submit on behalf of Public Works my twelfth annual report to the citizens of Durham, our valued customers. First, a review of the five major goals/accomplishments we set for 1999 (see my 1998 report) and their progress:

1999 Accomplishments

- **A higher level of funding for 1999 highway resurfacing.** This was accomplished spending approximately \$187,500.00 placing 4-inches of new pavement on the Main Street Enhancement project; placing 1 inch wearing course on Canney and Wednesday Hill Roads (both reclaimed in 1998) and completing some badly needed crack filling on several newer residential roads.
- **Completion of the Downtown Main Street Enhancement Project.** This has to be the highlight of 1999. In the short period of three summer months, downtown Main Street was converted from a quarter-mile, asphalt drag-strip to a pedestrian-friendly, traffic-calmed, tree-lined, brightly lit and attractive downtown center with wide brick-trimmed concrete sidewalks, safety bump-outs and crosswalks with highly visible brick-colored embossing. Three years in the making really paid off. People came to consensus, everyone was ready for the construction upheaval and all worked together to bring this vision to life. Durham can be very proud of this achievement which shows what we can accomplish when all efforts are focused. Hopefully this phase will be the first of many such future projects, which might include the enhancement of Jenkins Court (currently under design), the

Pettee Brook Lane loop, the municipal parking areas, Madbury Road from Main Street to Garrison Avenue, the Grange Hall area (a possible second connection to the Plaza and additional parking), University of New Hampshire plans for Main Street west of Pettee Brook Lane.

- **Commencement of the NHDOT Route 108/Main Street Reconstruction Project.** The construction phase commenced in October on the East end. This project will improve the appearance of the East gateway to the Town while at the same time improving traffic and pedestrian safety, intersection function and upgrading water and sewer lines. The project is scheduled for September/October 2000 completion. We all will need extra patience when construction is in full swing next spring and summer.
- **The Solid Waste Division completed its 5-year report,** which defines our current program in detail and forwards many recommendations to the Town Council; Recycling Committee; Water/Wastewater/Solid Waste Committee and the Town Administrator to consider. One of the major recommendations is to convert our refuse collection and disposal program from property tax-based to user-based. Across the country communities are finding that such a system reduces the amount of refuse produced and increases recycling. It is the fairest system for all and (most important to my way of thinking) it places more refuse cost control in each citizens' hands. I would expect to see implementation of some of the reports' recommendations in 2000.
- **Our Wastewater Treatment Plants next five-year National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Permit)** was awaited with real concern, as speculation was that highly restrictive limits would be placed on metals and ammonia. When the draft permit was issued in October it did contain a restriction on ammonia and monitoring of metals, however, we debated

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Public Works Director continued...

successfully with EPA that the limit on ammonia was not timely and that restriction was reduced to monitoring only. Although both ammonia and metals will likely come up again within the next five years, we now have time to look at other alternatives of which the most promising seems to be a regional approach. The treated discharge from all communities around Great Bay would be piped to a deep-water outlet closer to the ocean. This type of project should be Federally funded and would dovetail nicely with the ongoing Federal efforts to clean up Great Bay. Much work will be necessary to secure the support of all the affected Communities, N.H. State and Federal agencies to persuade Congress to pass enabling legislation. A feasibility study of the concept is the first step and is underway.

■ **Design of the Lamprey River "hard-piping" is underway.** Once completed, this transmission line would provide a direct pipeline from the Lamprey River to the University Water Treatment Plant. The new pipe will begin at the intersection of Mill Road and Packers Falls Road. It will connect to an existing pipe line, follow

along Mill Road easterly until just beyond Woodridge Road and then turn north to the water treatment plant. The two most important advantages of the project will be (1) to allow much more precise and environmentally-responsible management of our precious water resources and (2) to provide a separate water supply back-up should the Oyster River ever be contaminated or unusable for any reason.

I am happy to report that the Town Council reinstated the Town Engineer position and Mr. Robert Levesque, Professional Engineer, assumed the position early in November. He has already begun work on several difficult parking improvement projects, the design of the Wagon Track Bike Trail, the implementation of a computer-aided drafting system (CAD) and has assumed engineering responsibility for several permit processes and plan reviews. You can look forward to his report in the 2000 Town Report. You are invited to stop by and meet him.

Public Works Department, standing (l-r): Joseph "Skip" Grady, Director of Public Works and Robert Levesque, Town Engineer. Seated: Gail Jablonski, Assistant to Public Works Director.



2000 Goals

- Monitor the completion of the Route 108/Main Street Improvement Project.
- Construction of the Lamprey River transmission main ("hardpiping").
- Complete the design phase of the Durham Landfill closure.
- Complete Wastewater Treatment Plant process improvements to help reduce odor and stabilize the process.
- Complete wastewater facility plan update and design for wastewater line inflow and infiltration reduction.
- Public Works installation of Woodridge Road closed drainage/underdrain system held over from 1999; Public Works design of the Wagon Track Bike Trail.

- Implementation of an aggressive road and sidewalk resurfacing program.
- Monitor the Route 4/Back River/Cedar Point Road intersection reconstruction/ signalization safety improvement.

In closing, I would like to recognize and thank the Town Council and various Boards for their direction and tough

decisions, our Town Administrator Ilene Healy for her support, other Town Departments for their help and our great Public Works team (second to none) for their dedication and hard work, and most of all, a big thank you to you, our customers, for your suggestions, reporting of problems, patience, financial support and encouragement. □

Operations Division

MICHAEL LYNCH, Superintendent of Operations

The Division was very busy the beginning of 1999 with 13 weather-related incidents from January through March.

1999 Accomplishments

- The largest accomplishment in 1999, by far, was assisting the Main Street Enhancement Project contractor with trucks, sand, gravel and debris removal and managing the following aspects of the project:
 - Bidding, selecting and supervising the installation of 16 street trees utilizing State of New Hampshire Ice Storm Grant program funds;
 - Installing all brick sidewalk landscaping;
 - Designing and installing all traffic control signage;
 - Tying in of all new construction limits to all existing grades, including asphalt, concrete and landscaped areas; and
 - Designing and refurbishing the Memorial Park.
- The crew screened 6000 cubic yards (cy) of sand and hauled 3000 cy of sand to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There it was mixed with 10

parts sand to 1 part salt for use during the 1999/2000 winter season.

- The contract crosswalk and traffic markings (stencils, pedestrian symbols, arrows and stop lines), along with the centerline and edge lines were painted mid-April to mid-May.
- The spring cleanup of furniture, stuffed goods and appliances was completed the end of May. Six dump trucks and two front-end loaders were deployed along with employees from all of the Public Works Divisions. There were some 100 tons

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Durham's Operations Division (l-r): Michael Lynch, Superintendent of Operations; Michael Douglas, Highway Foreman; Terry Edison, Tradesman; Brian Dalton, Heavy Equipment Operator; Seven Valpey, Assistant Tradesman; James Currie, Laborer; Paul Halpin, Laborer; Phillips Brooks, Tradesman Part-time.



Operations Division continued...

of bulky waste picked up and disposed of at the Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF). This material was then hauled off in 30 cy roll-off containers to the Kingston Landfill. Disposal of items picked up during this week cost the Town approximately \$25,000.

- The fall cleanup of brush, leaves and garden waste was completed the first week of November. There were 57 dump truck loads of brush picked up and brought to the SWMF equaling approximately 456 cy of brush. There were also 7 tons of leaves and garden waste disposed of at Seacoast Farms in Fremont, NH. The cost of this pickup was approximately \$7,900.
- Pike Industries, Inc. of Portsmouth, NH performed the roadway paving program consisting of placing the top one inch wearing course of asphalt on Canney Road from Route 108 to the Madbury Line and Wednesday Hill Road from Packers Falls Road to the Lee line.
- The crack filling project within the Town was completed in the amount of \$8,000.
- A quarterly town-wide street light inventory was performed identifying malfunctioning lights and also incorporating a street name inventory to identify missing street name signs.
- Six downtown street lights were installed and put into service.
- The disposal of all concrete waste generated from the Main Street project was accomplished for under \$1,000 against a budgeted amount of \$15,000.
- The first snow removal policy for the Town of Durham was developed and two new plow routes were created to make all routes more efficient. In addition, the snow fighters handbook was updated to include ice and snow fighting procedures, personnel, equipment, mileage, call back information, weather and operators storm reports.
- A 12-month work plan was developed for the Operations Division which includes the Highways, Buildings and Grounds portion of Public Works.
- Several pending projects were completed to include:
 - repair of the Garden Lane drainage;
 - repairs to driveways on Patridgeberry Lane, Oyster River Road and Mill Road;
 - pavement repair and landscaping of the Mill Pond Road water break area;
 - repair of the drainage problem in the vicinity of 126 Madbury Road
 - paving of the Moat Road;
 - disposal of hazardous pipe stored at the DPW yard.
- Began work on a weekly road, drainage, sidewalk, sign and bridge inspection program.
- Completed the FY 2000 Operations Division budget proposal.
- Developed a project tracking board for all Divisions to review their individuals projects and program and track their progress for scheduling and budgetary purposes.
- Organized a supervisory training session for our drug and alcohol policy annual review.
- Created a new passive park at the Jackson's Landing Recreational Area that included drinking fountains, walking trails, benches and picnic tables.
- Supervised the renovation and construction phases of the new Wiswall Dam Park Area including wall rehabilitation, clearing, fencing, loam and seed.
- Scheduled renovations to the District Court building to include brick repairs and window upgrades.
- Bid and completed the storm debris cleanup using the tub grinding method.
- Coordinated the spectacular 1999 Fourth of July Fireworks Display.
- Secured a grant from the National Tree Trust for 300 seedlings.
- Installed a new police station septic system for \$10,800 saving \$3,200 from the original budget estimate for \$14,000.

2000 Goals

- Oyster River dam engineering to repair the concrete abutment.
- Inspect the renovation of the Back River Road/Route 4 intersection.
- Inspect the Packers Falls bridge revitalization.
- Refurbish the athletic fields at Woodridge utilizing an "in the field" workshop for contractors.
- Rebuild 200 feet of Schoolhouse Lane in conjunction with the State Route 108/Main Street Project. □

Solid Waste Division

GUY S. HODGDON,
Superintendent of Solid Waste

1999 Accomplishments

- On January 25, 1999 we started a new program for alternate week collection of recyclable material. The program is working very well and residents continue to participate in the recycling program at a very high level.
- Beginning in 1999, the Town provid-

ed all transportation of the recyclable and demolition material to the disposal sites. Using the rolloff vehicle we purchased jointly with the University of New Hampshire, we were able to reduce the cost of hauling by approximately 1/3, as well as have more flexibility in our hauling schedule.

- Worked extensively with the Recycling Advisory Committee.

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SOLID WASTE DIVISION Tons of Material Marketed

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	1996	1997	1998	1999
Fiber.....	666	614	687	703
Glass	239	173	177	0
Aluminum/Steel	41	30	29	0
Comingled Containers.....	18	72	128	332
Plastics	41	19	15	0
Textiles	7	4	2	5
Dry Cell Batteries	1	1	0	0
Totals	1,013	913	1038	1040
<i>Recycling Revenue</i>	<i>\$12,269</i>	<i>\$12,827</i>	<i>\$12,319</i>	<i>\$5,592</i>
<i>Tip Fee Avoidance</i>	<i>\$46,934</i>	<i>\$43,370</i>	<i>\$50,208</i>	<i>\$52,032</i>

Other Material Recycled

Scrap Metal (tons).....	77	94	66	65
Car Batteries (each).....	147	72	154	105
Car Tires (each)	875	1,330	784	645
Waste Oil (gallons).....	1,133	1,156	825	1,054
Oil Filters (each).....	525	300	400	300
Oil Based Paint (gallons)	750	440	350	350
Leaves Collected @ Curb (tons)	8	9	10	7
Propane Tanks (each)	0	0	43	128

Material Disposed

Refuse (tons)				
Curbside Collection.....	1,276	1,310	1,410	1,408
Commercial	729	1,151	1,130	1,32
Refuse Total	2,005	2,471	2,540	2,440
<i>Bulky Waste (tons).....</i>	<i>613</i>	<i>536</i>	<i>549</i>	<i>548</i>
<i>Hazardous Waste (gallons)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>890</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,050</i>
<i>SWMF Permits Issued.....</i>	<i>823</i>	<i>762</i>	<i>1,084</i>	<i>935</i>

Solid Waste Division continued...

- Started discussions with the Oyster River Schools to increase their recycling participation.
- Completed an in-depth review and report of all our solid waste programs.
- Improved the general appearance of the Solid Waste Management Facility. Upgraded signing at the site and increased the daily cleanup.
- Had a preventative maintenance overhaul performed on the baler at the Solid Waste Management Facility.
- Continued engineering and monitor-

ing of the old landfill area in anticipation of the capping of this area in 2001.

- Two employees, James Sprague and Bonnie McDermott, received their Solid Waste Facility Operator certifications.
- Provided regular updates of our program via flyers throughout the year.
- Rented a tub grinder and chipped the large stumps stockpiled at the Solid Waste Management Facility.
- Conducted a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in conjunction with the Towns of Newmarket and Nottingham.

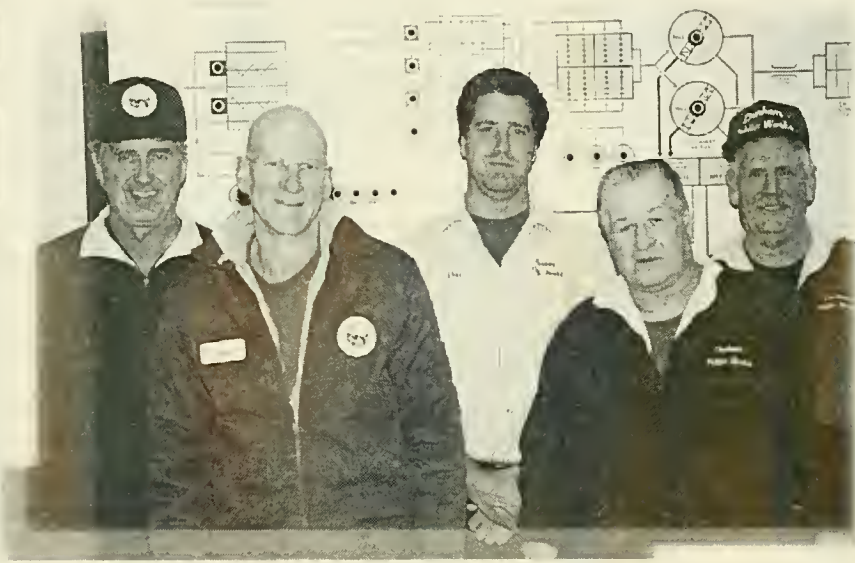
2000 Goals

- Study automated collection possibilities for Durham.
- Continue to work to increase commercial participation in the recycling program.
- Ongoing engineering review for the landfill closure.
- Study options for a jointly operated Solid Waste Management Facility with the University of New Hampshire.
- Work with the Recycling Committee on the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) user fee based program proposal.
- Assist the Oyster River schools to improve their recycling programs.

Numbers for the Solid Waste Division are 868-1001 or 868-5578. □

TOP: Wastewater Division (l-r)—Duane Walker, Superintendent of Wastewater; Daniel "Max" Driscoll, Sewer Technician; Daniel Osborne, Laborer; Dave Williams, Laborer; Raymond Osborne, Laborer.

BELOW: Solid Waste Division (l-r)—Bonnie McDermott, Recycling Assistant; Lloyd Gifford, Recycling Truck Operator; James Sprague, Refuse Truck Operator; Arthur Nutter, Recycling Processor; Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Solid Waste.



Wastewater Division

DUANE L. WALKER,
Superintendent of Wastewater

Accomplishments

- In January, bids were sought for the purchase of a new rotating assembly for the #1 main sewage pump in the Old Concord Road Pumping Station. The bid was awarded to Water Industries of Alton, NH and the new unit was purchased and installed.
- In January, bid quotations were also sought for the purchase of bulk chemicals for processing and for LPG to heat the facilities. These bids were awarded to various vendors.
- A new computer was purchased for the laboratory to update record keeping, data management and reporting tasks.
- In February proposals were sought for the replacement of the 20 year old hot water heater in the sludge processing building. The new unit was purchased from Standard Plumbing and Heating of Portsmouth, NH and installed by plant staff.
- In February Request for Quotations were sent out for the replacement of the final four hollow metal doors in the sludge processing building. The bid was awarded to HCI Craftsmen, Inc. of Portland, ME. These doors will complete the replacements of all the original hollow metal doors.
- In February Request for Quotations were sent out for the replacement of the phone system at the Treatment Plant. The bid was awarded to Williams Communications Services of Stratham, NH and the new system installed.
- On July 14th we repaired a 12 foot section of 10 inch sewer main on Burnham Avenue.
- On July 20th we poured a 65 ft x 12 ft concrete pad for the roll-off sludge containers.
- On September 16th Hurricane Floyd passed through the area causing heavy rains and flooding. No serious problems arose and the system handled the high flows without incident.
- In late September a 286 foot section of 8 inch sewer main was replaced off of Canney Road and Sumac Lane.
- In late September the EPA issued the new "Draft Discharge Permit" for our review and public comment. The engineering firm of Wright-Pierce of Topsham, ME is in the process of negotiating with the EPA on Durham's behalf. Early expectations are that the new parameters set forth in the draft permit will necessitate some considerable plant upgrade work in the near future. □

WASTEWATER VITAL STATISTICS (12 Months)

PERMIT PARAMETERS	AVG. 1999 TOTAL	AVG. 1998 TOTAL	AVG. 1997 TOTAL
Avg Flow MGD	n/a	1.09	1.21
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	30 MG/L	10.1	8.0
Avg % TSS Removal	min. 85%	96.8	96.6
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	30 MG/L	9.3	7.9
Avg % BOD Removal	min. 85%	95.2	96.0
Total Flow (MG)	404.7	366.16	411.00
Septage Received (GAL).....	106,000	69,550	82,700

MGD.....*Million Gallons per Day*
TSS*Total Suspended Solids*
BOD*Biochemical Oxygen Demand*

MG/L*Milligrams per Liter*
MG*Million Gallons*
GAL*Gallons*

Water Division

GUY S. HODGDON,
Superintendent of Water

1999 Accomplishments

- Attended various training seminars to keep abreast of the industry and maintain proper certification.
- Worked with the University of New Hampshire to produce and distribute



Water Division Superintendent
 Guy Hodgdon (l) and Dwight
 Richard, Water Technician (r).

the EPA mandated Consumer Confidence Report document.

- Regular monitoring of the Lee Well water production to the distribution system.
- Completed hydrant flushing in the spring. Due to the drought of 1999, the fall hydrant flushing was cancelled.
- Completed standardized painting of ALL the fire hydrants in the system.
- Upgraded the water piping on Main Street during the major Main Street Enhancement Project.
- Purchased a new Y2K compliant computer for the various division functions.
- Completed the hydrant antifreeze program for the winter months.
- Completed regular and required water tests throughout the year.
- Responded to customer and contractor requests in a timely manner.
- Continued replacing water meters and system repairs as needed.
- Completed minor roof repairs at the Foss Farm water tank.

2000 Goals

- Complete development and printing of a construction and policy manual.
- Continue mandated testing of the system according to EPA and State regulations.
- Increase chemical storage at the Lee Well.
- Upgrade the waterline at the end of Schoolhouse Lane.

The telephone numbers for the Water Division are 868-1001 and 868-5578. □

WATER DIVISION STATISTICS

ACTIVITY	1996	1997	1998	1999
Water Line Failures.....	5	3	4	6
New Residential Services	7	10	14	26
New Sprinkler Systems	6	1	1	1
Meters Repaired/Replaced	9	26	28	23
Hydrants Repaired/Replaced.....	3	4	3	1
General System Repairs	16	22	19	27

TOWN SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Durham Historic Association

MARION JAMES, President

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

1992 Accomplishments

PARTICULAR PROJECTS

The Old Town Hall. At the Town Council meeting of February 15, the President of the Historic Association presented the following proposal: "that, after the Court leaves Durham, the town lease the whole of the Old Town Hall to the DHA and allow the DHA to become the guardian of the building." This request came out of a study of other New Hampshire towns in which historical societies generally had their own buildings. Our presentation included an analysis of the importance of the Old Town Hall and suggestions for new uses of the main floor. A packet of appropriate material prepared by Sally Ford and Robert Dishman was given out to the council members, who also were invited to an open house on March 20 to see the Museum. On July 12 another presentation to the council on the internal architecture of the structure was given by Nancy Sandberg. She pointed out that DHA needs required no renovations, but that the present courtroom, if the conference cubicles were removed, could hold 108 people, providing a meeting room for many town uses. In the meantime our proposal was processed through the Master Plan. When the Plan

was taken up by the Planning Board on December 15, the President of the DHA again presented the Association's proposal for the Old Town Hall. This is where the matter stands at the end of the year.

The Curved Door of the Old Town Hall. The second important action of the Association came in July. At that time the Board decided that the organization offer, as a gift to the Town, to undertake the restoration of the old door and its return to its original site. Nancy Sandberg agreed to work with the Public Works Department on the project. Sally Ford asked that the gifts, given to the Historic Association in memory of her mother, Serena Hurlbert, be used for this plan. Also in the memory of her mother, Sally offered to provide a new light over the door, appropriate to the period. The Town Council accepted the Association's gift, and the work on the door has been under way this past fall. The Association expects that that the project will be finished in the spring. The proper repair is a most exacting task. The work on the wooden door itself is under the care of Kenneth Smart of Newfields, master craftsman; Russell Pope, a Newmarket blacksmith, is producing new wrought iron butt hinges; D.C. Mitchell, a period hardware specialist from Wilmington, Delaware, is making a wrought iron and brass box lock and knobset for the door; and Peter Dudley of Durham, artist and painter, is preparing the door for priming and its final coats of paint.

Work with the University. The Association has been in contact with both the UNH Art and History Departments to see if their museum courses could provide interns to work at the Durham Museum or/and if a joint program could be set up in which UNH students could work on projects drawn from our museum. As a beginning, during the fall semester, a student from Professor Macieski's museum course in the History Department wrote a paper on family farms, based on our documents.

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Four general meetings were held during the year. On January 26, Charles Clark spoke on "The Meetinghouse Tragedy, which was based on the collapse of the main roof beam of the Wilton meeting house in 1773. This event Professor Clark turned into a book illustrated by John Hatch. At the second meeting on April 27, the program featured the history of the Durham Bank and its two robberies. The speaker was John Skelton, treasurer of the bank from 1950 to 1960. The annual picnic took place on the Town Landing, on June 22. Don Sumner showed and explained the background of early American flags. The last meeting of the year was held on October 19. Mal Chase, Gerry Smith, and Francis Robinson told about Cedar Point, the old turnpike, and the plan of Franklin City (to be the capital of New Hampshire) which was never built. In addition to the general meetings, the Association sponsored its second Antiques Appraisal Day on March 20 in the Town Hall.

The Museum was and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 P.M., and by appointment. The Museum Committee worked diligently as in the past on cataloguing our possessions and getting the museum in good order. Of special interest were the tours for the school children of Durham that the committee organized. It might be noted that James Garvin, state architectural historian, has said in a letter that "the Association has created one of the most interesting historical collections in the seacoast area."

Sally Ford got out four numbers of the

Newsletter. In January one could read the letters from John Sullivan to Thomas Jefferson. A later issue concentrated on an interview with Dorothy Wilcox who had a long life and teaching career in Durham. The October issue was devoted to the Red Tower estate and Hamilton Smith who, in the late nineteenth century, turned an eighteenth-century house into the finest mansion in Durham, surrounded by beautiful gardens and park land.

In all, the year was a busy and important one for the Association.

2000 Goals

THE MUSEUM

- Add to our documentary resources.
- Have available a list of appropriate materials in the UNH Special Collections
- Obtain copies of Durham materials located elsewhere.
- Continue with oral history.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Finish the curved door project.
- Continue to press for the lease of the Old Town Hall to the Association.
- Participate more actively in town affairs when they concern historic places
- Form a closer relationship with the Historic District Commission.
- Continue to promote a closer link with UNH museum programs. □

Lamprey Health Care

ANN H. PETERS, Executive Director

Lamprey Health Care provides a variety of services to residents of your community.

1999 marked 28 years of providing service to our communities. We are very proud of this achievement and wish to thank the citizens of the Town of Durham for their continuing support.

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

food shopping, for medical appointments, the pharmacy and for recreational trips. Residents are picked up at their homes and are assisted with bundles and with shopping if necessary. The Senior Transportation Program is affiliated with COAST.

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

gram in that the seniors who ride are in contact with the program, and if not, they are checked on to be sure that everything is all right. The Transportation Health Workers (drivers) from the program also do necessary errands for their riders if they are unable to do them due to illness, for example. This program does a great deal toward keeping our elderly population healthy, independent and in their homes.

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

round out the medical team. Medical care provided includes prenatal care, adult medicine and geriatric medicine, as well as, screenings and follow up for various medical conditions.

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

Lamprey Health Care provides comprehensive information and referral through

Info-Link available toll free at 1-888-499-2525

Info-Link can help local residents find the answers and support they need when they have a question about any service or type of assistance. Info-Link is "your link to community services". □

Main Street Program

ELIZABETH R. FISCHER, Executive Director

Completion of the second year of the Durham MainStreet Program ended with a gathering of citizens to celebrate the successes of the program and plan for the new millennium.

This past year over 300 community members coordinated by the Promotions Committee, volunteered their talent and time to bring to our town activities such as *The MainStreet Beat*, our quarterly newsletter, design and launch of our web-site, durhamnhmainstreet.org, successful collaborative events including Light-up Durham, Young Artist Showcase, Independence Day Celebration, Mohariment PTO Clean-A-Thon, community dinner for senior citizens, summer movie series and of course the assistance given to the Town and merchants as Durham's streetscape was transformed this past summer.

The Design Committee completed conceptual drawings for the re-vamp of Jenkins Court, and reviewed plans for upgrading the Pettee Brook parking lot as well as sponsoring a community forum for the revitalization of the Store 24-lot. Finishing touches were also put on the design guidelines that will

govern the low interest revolving loan program developed by the Business Development Committee.

In December a 20 person strong Board of Directors was elected to lead the program for the coming year. Representation includes folks from the business community, University of New Hampshire, Town of Durham, clergy and citizens.

The Durham MainStreet Program is for everyone. To find out more about this grassroots community organization contact us at 4 Ballard Street, Durham, NH 03824 (603) 868-3322 durhamnhmainst@ttlc.net. □



My Friend's Place

ROBERT M. O'CONNELL, Executive Director

My Friend's Place is the Strafford County Homeless shelter, located at 368 Washington Street in Dover, New Hampshire. Through the month of October 1999, 197 people have stayed at My Friend's Place. This figure includes 76 men, 69 women, and 53 children. We expect 215 individuals to reside here during this calendar year. One family (Mother and 2 children) and 1 single woman from Durham stayed with us this year.

Many clients who leave the shelter are in need of on-going support services. Our Outreach program has a primary purpose to reduce the rate of clients becoming homeless again. My Friend's Place staff worked with 10 individuals on a regular basis throughout this year.

The Transitional Housing program opened the 6th unit at 23 Hough Street in April. This year 13 families have stayed in our transitional units. This figure includes 14 adults with 24 children.

We recruited and placed an Americorp VISTA volunteer to work with the winter overflow shelter and with homeless families. We expect this project to be on going for three years with funding for the last two years coming from the Corporation for National Service.

My Friend's Place has been instrumental in setting up the second year of the winter emergency shelter in Rochester. As members of the Strafford County Homeless Coalition we are operating an overnight shelter at the Salvation Army. An average of 6 people stayed there during the opening month (Oct-Nov 99). □

Oyster River Youth Association

CATHY CARON, Executive Director

This past year ORYA had set a goal to increase overall participation in activities. As a result, the overall numbers have increased tremendously over last year. We attribute the increase to the many recreational alternatives offered to the children of the community. It should be noted that these new initiatives span the spectrum from traditional sporting activities (boys and girls lacrosse program), to more non-traditional activities, including dance, theater, karate, outdoor education, a middle school program and out new folk art series.

As we move into the 2000 season, ORYA will try to achieve three goals: (1) Continue to fine tune the existing programs, (2) add new programs to continue to involve as many children from the communities of Durham, Lee and Madbury as possible, and (3) focus on the field shortage situation and find solutions to this recurring dilemma.

The Oyster River Recreation Center at Jackson's Landing is up and running and ready for another exciting year of activities. Activities include recreational skating, adult roller hockey leagues,

adult pick up hockey, children's leagues, children's pick up, woman's leagues, woman's open stick hockey, clinics, teen dances and a teen center. Stop by the facility for a quick tour and to meet our facilities manager.

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

So... here's to the hundreds of volunteers that make this organization what it is today — THE BEST!! Thank you all. We at ORYA are looking forward to another exciting and fun filled year! □

Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc.

ROBERT MARSHALL,
Director of Planning and Program Development

In 1999, Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SCCAC) appreciated Town support in delivering vital services to low-income and at-risk elderly households:

- Provision of food via food pantries (18 households)
- Holiday baskets (12 households)
- Medicare counseling (14 households)
- Dental assistance (6 patients)
- Information and referral services (568 units)
- A value of \$15,962 in goods and services, exclusive to Durham

1999 Accomplishments

- Fuel assistance (12 households)
- Assistance with rent/utilities (5 households), and security deposits (6 households)
- Home weatherization (1 household)
- Elderly transportation (666 rides) and access to a personal emergency response system (3 persons)

2000 Goals

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

TOWN SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

TOWN WORKING COMMITTEES

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

JUDITH SPANG, Chair

1999 LRAC MEMBERS, DURHAM:

Judith Spang, Chair

Dick Dewing, Parks and Recreation

Gary Lauten, Conservation Commission

Dick Lord

1999 LRAC MEMBERS, LEE:

Dick Wellington, Selectman

Joe Ford, Selectman

Brian Giles

Sharon Meeker

Kitty Miller

1999 LRAC MEMBERS, EPPING:

Kevin Martin

1999 LRAC MEMBERS, NEWMARKET:

Susan Beaulieu, Town Councilor

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) is a citizens committee with representatives from Lee, Newmarket, Durham, and Epping created under the State's Rivers Management and Protection Program and the federal Wild & Scenic Rivers Program

The Lamprey was designated a National Wild and Scenic River in the three lower towns in 1996, with legislation now before Congress designating Epping.

The LRAC's activities are carried out through volunteer effort and funding from the National Park Service and private foundations.

1999 Accomplishments

WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY

■ LRAC worked with the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire on their plans to improve management of water withdrawals from the Lamprey River.

- LRAC participated in the development of instream flow rules by the Department of Environmental Services. The Rules are intended to protect the level of river flows during droughts
- Working with the Epping Middle School, the Lamprey River Watershed Association, and the NH Volunteer River Assessment Program, volunteers monitored water quality at 10 sites from Newmarket to the Raymond line.
- LRAC supported the Town of Epping in securing \$2 million in federal funds to upgrade its sewage treatment plant, which discharges into the Lamprey.

WILDLIFE

- LRAC sponsored research along the river with the NH Fish & Game Department and UNH, tracking rare and declining turtles to determine their range and habitat use .
- The LRAC hosted Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt's visit to the Lamprey River to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and to announce his intent to secure funds to build a fish ladder at the Wiswall Dam in Durham. Fish passage here would open up 45 miles of habitat for shad and river herring.

HISTORY

- LRAC worked with the Town of Durham to develop a historic park and picnic area at the Wiswall Dam. The Committee secured federal funds for a stonemason specializing in historic structures to restore the tailrace walls.
- Landscaping and interpretive signs will ready the park for public enjoyment.
- LRAC researched, funded, and assisted with the

Lamprey River Advisory Committee continued...

production of a video on the history of the Lamprey River (available at the town library). The Committee then obtained a grant for the development of a fourth grade curriculum on the video, being piloted at Mastway School.

LAND PROTECTION

■ Initiated a major Lamprey Land Protection Campaign to obtain conservation easements or land donations on open land in the river corridor. Support was obtained from an appropriation of \$200,000 from the U.S. Congress and, together with the Great Bay Partnership, over \$1.4 million under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. A

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant also provides Lamprey landowners with funds for surveys and appraisals for easements. *Durham shoreland landowners are urged to apply for this program.*

■ The Campaign's first two easements came this fall, with LRAC providing landowner assistance and contributing \$66,000 for the Town of Lee to purchase easements embracing 173 acres and about 10,000 feet of river frontage.

RECREATION/PUBLIC AWARENESS

■ LRAC, in cooperation with local public works departments and the state Department of Transportation, installed Lamprey Wild & Scenic River signs at river crossings to encourage awareness and civic pride in the river.

2003 Goals

- Conservation of riverfront land will be a top priority. Hopefully Durham will become increasingly active in taking advantage of the LRAC's funds and assistance to landowners.
- The LRAC will continue to study wildlife use of the river corridor, with an emphasis on species which indicate habitat health such as mussels and turtles. Water quality monitoring will also continue.
- It is a goal to see the completion of the Wiswall Falls Historic Park so that Durham residents may enjoy the river and learn of its history.
- With support from the National Parks Service, LRAC will be preparing an informational brochure on riverfront lands for private landowners; another on recreational opportunities on the river; and a Lamprey River website for landowners, recreationists, students, and the public. □



Recycling Advisory Committee

DIANA CARROLL
CATHARINA DEJONG
KATE GLANZ
JOYCE SHEFFIELD
SUSAN THORNE
BILL BONIN

Durham's Recycling Program has consistently been one of the state's best and we are working to keep it that way by actively planning to meet the challenge of a rapidly changing waste disposal industry. Resident participation is high and new items are continually added to the list of recyclables.

Although we have a great recycling program, we still face a big challenge. We in our community are still producing too much waste, in times of rapidly dwindling waste disposal sites and increasing disposal costs, the challenge to reduce waste is more imperative than ever.

The Durham Recycling Committee is ready to work with Durham residents to meet that challenge. We invite the community to support our investigation and promotion of strategies and programs which will enable us to reduce the total amount of waste we are currently producing. By reducing waste, we can benefit both Durham's environmental and fiscal health.

1999 Accomplishments

With the support of the Durham community, recyclables have been separated into two groups and picked up on alternating weeks. For example, fiber one week and co-mingled containers the other week. Textiles and dry cell batteries are collected weekly. This change in schedule has allowed time for our current staff to do more baling of paper which has brought additional revenue.

The committee applauds Durham residents for their flexibility and commitment in adapting to the new alternate week recyclables pick-up. Even through the transition, an estimated 90%—95% of Durham residents are recycling. Great work, Durham!

- The Recycling Committee encouraged residents

to give discarded usable items to area charity shops during Durham's annual Spring Clean-up. On the front page of the Spring Clean-Up brochure there was a list of charity shops and relevant information. Usable items should not end up at the curb for the garbage pick-up and then end up in the landfill. With a little effort they can be reused by someone who needs them.

- The Recycling Committee was given a tour of the Kingman Farm composting operation by Prof. George Estes of UNH learning how this large scale UNH composting operation works.
- Several Recycling Committee members have attended education programs during the year. Most notably the 18th Annual Northeast Recovery Association Conference and Exposition in Boxborough, MA, in June and the Governor's Recycling Program 1999 Conference—Recycling in NH: Y2K Compliant, in Bedford, NH, in October.
- The Committee made available an educational display on PAYT (Pay As You Throw) at the July 4th town festivities, at the Durham Public Library and at "Durham Day" at the Wagon Hill Farm. At Durham Day, the "NH Recycle Mobile" was available for recycling. The Recycle Mobile is a unit that was designed and funded by the Governor's Office of Recycling, NH the Beautiful, Inc. and the Northeast Recovery Association for use at special functions that do not have recycling containers available.

2000 Goals

The Recycling Committee has taken on the overall umbrella goal of *reducing the total volume of solid waste generated in the Town of Durham*. This is the continuing goal that we will seek to work on with the Town Council and the residents over the next years.

- To work with the Town Council and the residents of Durham in establishing a PAYT (Pay As You Throw) system of garbage disposal. After studying this program and communities that

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Recycling Advisory Committee continued...

have implemented it, we find it to be a way to reduce the amount of trash generated, a fairer way to pay for trash pick up and a way for households to take control of the trash they produce and contribute to the landfill.

- To find a truly biodegradable trash bag.
- To encourage and educate residents on the benefits of backyard composting.
- To work with Durham businesses to recycle.
- To work with the Main Street Program to raise money and purchase recycling bins for use in the downtown area.

- To encourage residents, businesses, town government and schools to buy recycled products, if we are not buying recycled products then we are not closing the loop—we are not really recycling.

- Work with the students and teachers of the ORHS Recycling Club. Work with other OR schools to promote recycling with the schools.

The Recycling Committee would like to acknowledge and thank Skip Grady, Director of Public Works and Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Solid Waste, for their cooperation with the committee and their good work to make a great recycling program even better. □

Births

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS: FATHER & MOTHER
1998				
Dec. 31	Dover	Aurora Sarah Ahmad	F	Sohail Ahmad & Nasreen Dina
1999				
January 25	Exeter	Jacob Matthew Baldy	M	Michael Baldy & Julie Baldy
January 28	Portsmouth	Liam James McNamara	M	Timothy McNamara & Kimberly McNamara
Feb. 12	Exeter	Brian Borders King	M	Craig King & Linda King
Feb. 22	Exeter	Ashley Elaine Wilkins	F	Brian Wilkins & Tara Wilkins
Feb. 25	Exeter	Fiona N Grove	F	Nathan Grove & Yvonne Grove
March 2	Portsmouth	Caroline McNamara Clarke	F	Andrew Clarke & Andrea Clarke
March 8	Portsmouth	Setphen Headrick Owen	M	William Owen & Carla Owen
March 16	Portsmouth	Lucas Alexander-Shaw Webb	M	Douglas Webb & Pamela Shaw
March 17	Exeter	Daniel Sole-Barber	M	Kenneth Sole & Leslie Barber
March 23	Portsmouth	Emily Leighton Barbour	F	John Barbour & Valerie Buchanan
March 26	Portsmouth	Sydney Elizabeth Hopkins	F	W B Hopkins & Kristin Hopkins
March 30	Exeter	Amy Elise McCormick	F	Gregory McCormick & Elise McCormick
April 1	Dover	Mary Elizabeth Primich	F	Matthew Primich & Elizabeth Primich
April 2	Portsmouth	Patrick Finbar O'Brien	M	Michael O'Brien & Cathy O'Brien
April 25	Portsmouth	Parker Andrew Stewart	M	Robert Stewart & Wendy Gold
April 28	Portsmouth	Noah Robert Jacobs	M	Kenneth Jacobs & Emily Jacobs
May 5	Portsmouth	Ryan Andrew Jarvis	M	Calvin Jarvis & Deborah Jarvis
May 15	Portsmouth	Matthew Cronin Bishop	M	Richard Bishop & Kristan Bishop
May 22	Portsmouth	Samuel James Dreher	M	Michael Dreher & Jean Harcourt
May 26	Dover	Thomas Oakes Stafford	M	Hans Stafford & Isabelle Stafford
May 26	Portsmouth	Brianna Elizabeth Marquis	F	Roland Marquis & Dianne Marquis
May 31	Portsmouth	Aidan Thomas Yoder	M	Thomas Yoder & Collen Yoder
June 8	Portsmouth	Audrey Morgan Duvall	F	Daniel Duvall & Sandra Duvall
June 8	Portsmouth	Glenna Rose Sprenger	F	Matthew Sprenger & Heather Sprenger
June 15	Portsmouth	Jarrood James Bernier	M	Marc Bernier & Darlene Bernier
June 19	Exeter	John-Taylor Vaillincourt	M	Joseph Vaillincourt & Molly Vaillincourt
June 23	Portsmouth	Isaac Andrew Niman	M	Neil Niman & Deborah Hodge
June 29	Exeter	MacKenzie Brennan Clark	F	Douglas Clark & Kimberly Clark
July 5	Portsmouth	Jackson Foster Ehmett	M	Christian Ehmett & Shelley Ehmett
July 8	Dover	Emily Niu	F	Weijun Niu & Xiuoin Gao
July 9	Portsmouth	Jacob James O'Brien Weglarz	M	Stephen Weglarz & Mary Weglarz
July 9	Portsmouth	Kristin Nicole Short	F	Kevin Short & Michelle Short
July 9	Portsmouth	Jack Edward Donaldson	M	Mark Donaldson & Tracey Donaldson
July 9	Dover	Sierra Grace Carpenter	F	Kevan Carpenter & Kristin Carpenter
July 11	Portsmouth	Timothy Adam Bartos	M	Radim Bartos & Hana Bartosova
July 25	Portsmouth	Rowan Elizabeth Atwood	F	Ralph Atwood & Amy Atwood
August 4	Dover	Andrew Yang Shao	M	Junlong Shao & Linge Li
August 6	Dover	Nicholas Kase Knightly	M	Russell Knightly & Jocelyn Knightly
August 11	Portsmouth	Zak Ritchie Lanoue	M	Mark Lanoue & Jeannine Ritchie
August 23	Dover	Matthew Thomas Laferriere	M	Thomas Laferriere & Catherine Laferriere
August 24	Dover	Eli Richard Brust	M	Richard Brust & Gina Brust

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Births continued...

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS: FATHER & MOTHER
August 30	Dover	Emma Kate Fitch	F	John Fitch & Kathleen McWilliams
Sept. 7	Dover	Emily Ann Carroll	F	Kevin Carroll & Julie Carroll
Sept. 16	Portsmouth	Roopa Sriram Bhat	M	Sriram Thyagarajan & Vadhya Sriram
Sept. 19	Dover	Nickolas Jierui Zhang	M	Bo Zhang & Zhang
Sept. 23	Portsmouth	Kyler Hu Wang	M	Yige Wang & Jiong Jiong Hu
Sept. 25	Portsmouth	Frank Joseph Weber	M	Frank Weber & Lisa Weber
Sept. 26	Exeter	Spencer Sidney Pierce	M	Samuel Pierce & Margaret Pierce
October 5	Portsmouth	Mattias Milliken Keyser	M	Marcus Keyser & Kimberly Keyser
October 16	Portsmouth	Chiara Lynne Christie	F	Thomas Christie & Lynne Christie
October 31	Portsmouth	Elijah Demetrius Spiro	M	Richard Spiro & Gabrielle Copeley
Nov. 4	Portsmouth	Willa Pearl O'Callaghan-Shaw	F	Scott Shaw & Sarah O'Callaghan
Nov. 17	Exeter	David Edward Holmes	M	Edward Holmes & Lynne Holmes
Nov. 18	Portsmouth	Ahmad Nabil Kahar	M	Kahar Osman & Fazliaton Mansor
Nov. 24	Dover	Grayden Esty Sauerwein	M	David Sauerwein & Heather Sauerwein
Nov. 24	Dover	Emma Kathryn Sauerwein	F	David Sauerwein & Heather Sauerwein
Nov. 26	Exeter	Anna-Kate Morgan Munsey	F	James Munsey & Deborah Munsey
Nov. 30	Portsmouth	Eleanor Burnett Zwart	F	Gerrit Zwart & Anne Zwart
Dec. 20	Dover	Lina Araki Kaval	F	Necati Kaval & Michiko Araki
Dec. 26	Rochester	Jacob Andrew Zercher	M	Charles Zercher & Laura Zercher

Deaths

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	DECEDENT'S NAME	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
1999				
January 8	Dover	Wallace J Morse	Leslie Morse	Florence Johnson
February 1	Dover	William E Boyland	William Boyland	Maureen Gallagher
February 2	Durham	Soteria Rouman	Demetrios Denoes	Stamatia Batsakis
February 2	Rochester	Lloyd L Knowles	Verne Knowles	Ruth "Unknown"
February 12	Dover	Bertha J Manchester	Emile Beaulieu	Rose Gagnon
February 15	Durham	Myrtle G Merrill	Allan Isaacson	Maia Gunderson
February 18	Dover	Louis D O'Connell	Dennis O'Connell	Zelia Brabant
March 22	Exeter	Edna M Marden	Henry Slack	Edna Roache
March 27	Dover	Richard W Myers	Lester Myers	Flora Klein
April 12	Durham	William H Larkin	Horace Larkin	Mary Mrakovich
May 7	Dover	Alice T Smith	William Thomas	Alice Galvin
May 16	Dover	Barbara L Reilly	Arthur Lang	Bernice Norton
May 29	Durham	Ann B Lawlor	Benjamin Brun	Catherine Daneri
June 1	Dover	Doris S Dawson	Ray Smith	Ida Duvall
June 16	Durham	Natalie E McRae	Frank Bickford	Faye French
July 17	Durham	Richard D Hull	Walter Hull	Alice Sanders
August 11	Portsmouth	Robert G Stuttig	Charles Stuttig	Frances Welch
August 16	Dover	Kenneth J May	Roger May	Evelyn Robinson
August 22	Durham	Clayton L Follansbee	Clarence Follansbee	Evelyn Morin
October 26	Durham	William L Greer	William Greer	Mary Miles
December 3	Exeter	Barbara A Perricone	Stanislas Wiktorek	Mieheline "Unknown"
December 18	Dover	Julia J Colvin	Charles Woodward	Myrtle Bradshaw
December 22	Dover	Jeanne A McAllister	Herman Lavoie	Mary Choquette

Marriages

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Name and Designation of Officiant
1998				
April 25	Portsmouth	Joseph N Kazura Kerry L Cielinski	Newmarket Durham	
May 23	Rye	Samuel G Poole Tracy M Milligan	Durham Portsmouth	
September 12	Exeter	Scott A Knightly Tonya M Fleming	Durham Durham	
September 19	Portsmouth	Christopher P Howe Kelly A Townsend	Durham Durham	
October 18	Portsmouth	Steven J Leitz Bethany C Crowley	Durham Durham	
November 9	Hampton	Craig D Glenn Thunyanee Sukaphun	Durham Durham	
1999				
January 2	Portsmouth	John Joseph McCool Rachel Wyndham Obbard	Durham Durham	Margaret Britton Reverend
January 27	Durham	Peter Philip Papadopoulos Ann Elizabeth Metcalf	Bartlett Bartlett	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
February 10	Franconia	Michael Anthony Dreher Jean Marie Harcourt	Durham Durham	Gordon E Haym Justice of the Peace
February 14	Epping	George Richard Salvatore Vanessa Marie Issa	Lee Lee	Ronald D Townsend Pastor
February 28	N Conway	Craig E Stenslie Mary-Jane Samson	Durham Durham	Pojen Lee Pastor
March 3	Durham	Jack Alvin Furbush Jr Kathryn Iris Coombs	Durham Durham	Lorrie L Pitt Justice of the Peace
March 6	Portsmouth	Richard L Proulx Jr Melissa Day Howard	Durham Durham	Ramona L Brown Justice of the Peace
March 14	Exeter	Edward T Staples Roxanne J Staples	Manchester Durham	
March 19	Durham	Ronald Edward Johnston Lisa Ann Hart	Durham Durham	Clyde R Coolidge Justice of the Peace
March 20	Atkinson	Ruediger Sohns Mia S Yi	Durham Durham	
April 10	Bartlett	Christian Thomas Ehmett Shelley Ann Foster	Durham Durham	R David Power Justice of the Peace
April 17	Durham	Todd Huston Gagne Sarah Adams Closson	Lewiston, ME Lewiston, ME	Graham L N Ward Minister

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Marriages continued...

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Name and Designation of Officiant
May 15	Durham	John Mark Quinlivan Cheryl Ann Wade	Maimi, FL Miami, FL	Karen Miller Seeman Justice of the Peace
May 25	Durham	Ting Zhao Yi Zhang	Durham Durham	Donna L Hamel Justice of the Peace
May 29	Durham	Richard Louis Fritsch Andrea Liane Parsons	Durham Durham	Robert R Warner Sr Reverend
June 5	Durham	Joshua Ross Carver Stephanie Ann Mullaney	New Orleans, LA New Orleans, LA	Paula L Collins Justice of the Peace
June 5	Durham	Richard James Trofatter Jr Stacy Star Jabre	Exeter, Exeter	Kenneth Nielsen Reverend
June 12	Durham	Andrew B Schlieder Mary E Ober	Newmarket Durham	
June 19	Rochester	Robert W Noonan Alexis L Kyriazis	Durham Portsmouth	
June 26	Durham	William Scott Richard Janet Marie Chenelle	Durham Durham	Daniel A StLaurent Roman Catholic Priest
June 12	Nashua	Eric Michael Swanson Kelley Lynn Edwards	Durham Londonderry	John R Spangler Jr Pastor
June 26	Durham	Michael Angelo Bramante Angela Kae Graziano	Brentwood Brentwood	Mary E Westfall Reverend
June 26	Durham	Kevin Patrick Nydegger Carolyn Marie Towle	Mansfield, MA Mansfield, MA	Thomas P Nydegger Priest
July 3	Eaton	John Senior Rowntree Cameron Kemp Salmon	Durham Durham	Richard F Wilcox Sr Minister
July 10	Kensington	John D Morienee Jessica Chalpin	Milford Durham	
July 24	Rye	Scott Eric Kohnle Christine M Otte	Durham Durham	E Dennis Marasco Minister
August 1	Durham	James Joseph Szinger Una Smith	New Haven, CT Durham	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
August 7	Raymond	Armis McKoy Black Meliege Rodriguez	Dover Lee	Kenneth J Bosse Minister
August 18	Bethlehem	David J Razin Donna M Dargy	Durham Durham	
August 20	Durham	Alan Neally McKone Catherine Rebecca Kormos	Fountain Valley, CA Redlands, CA	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
August 21	Rochester	Brian Raymond Godbout Shawna Kate Durley	Durham Madbury	Joseph Marcucci Pastor
August 22	Lee	Edward James Gleason Anita Remig	Goffstown Durham	Anne R Jennison Vice Chairman, Bahai'
August 28	Durham	Matthew Morrison Fitch Amanda Eva Bernard	Durham Durham	David Wuori Minister

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Name and Designation of Officiant
August 28	Kensington	Christopher Mathew Johnson Diana Lynn Jones	Durham Durham	Richard F Wilcox Sr Pastor
August 28	Sugar Hill	Mark Jonathan Ducey Kathleen May O'Brien	Epping Epping	Lissa M Boissonneault Justice of the Peace
September 5	Gorham	Kenneth Frey Robin Ann Woodin	Woodbury, CT Woodbury, CT	Michael S King Justice of the Peace
September 10	Durham	Daniel Edward Peterson Jacqueline Ann Aitkenhead	Durham Durham	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
September 12	Exeter	Robert Adrian Herschbach Yihua Zheng	Durham Durham	David G Phreaner Mininster
September 25	Durham	Mark Duff Morong Elizabeth Anne Eastman	Madbury Durham	Pamela A Seaver Justice of the Peace
October 2	Durham	Daniel Hershel Hudson Donna Lee Bake	Durham Durham	Carol Ann Bonefant Justice of the Peace
October 10	Durham	Jesse Ray Yancey Jean Marie Chiaromonte	Brooksville, FL Brooksville, FL	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
October 16	Kensington	William Daniel Walsh Felicity Dady Little	Exeter Exeter	David P Lennox Reverend
October 16	Durham	Timothy Blake McDonough Natalie Anne Power	Kew Gardens, NY Kew Gardens, NY	Daniel A StLaurent Roman Catholic Priest
October 16	Durham	James Laurence Coon Jr Audra Jean Tatersall	Durham Durham	Terrence R McGarghan Justice of the Peace
October 16	Durham	Stephen Francis Dunhom Karolyn Elaine Thompson	Dover Durham	Terry L Sharbaugh Senior Pastor
October 16	Durham	Richard Reiner Erdmann Margot Anderson	Dover Tempe, AZ	Susan Kyser Mininster
October 23	Durham	Michael Paul Griffin Valerie Pett Crosby	Berwick, ME Madbury	Michael L Bradley Episcopal Pastor
November 6	Durham	Michael Christopher Dango Shirley Elizabeth Fruzzetti	Dracut, MA Dracut, MA	Karen Miller Seeman Justice of the Peace
November 6	Durham	James Alexander McIntyre Karen Melissa Baglin	Durham Durham	Georges DeLaire Reverend
November 20	Durham	Harry Baum III Sandra June Keon	Frisco, CO Frisco, CO	Karen Miller Seeman Justice of the Peace
December 18	Durham	Keith E Tabor Carol True	Dover Durham	

Agenda for the Informational Town Meeting

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2000 AT 7:00 P.M.

Oyster River Middle School Multipurpose Room

Introductions of Public Officials by Town Moderator

- Members of the 1999 Town Council
- Newly elected members to the Town Council 2000
- Election results of other Town Officials

Public to have 1 (one) hour to visit the various information sites setup as follows:

- Fire Department
- Planning and Community Development
- Craig Supply Property
- Master Plan
- Wagon Track Bike Trail
- Police Department
- UNH Communications Center Computer and Police Management System
- Public Works Department
- Route 108 Project
- 2000 Road Resurfacing Program
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – Discharge Permit
- Lamprey River Transmission Main
- Packers Falls Bridge Project
- Main Street Program
- Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee
- Recycling Committee

Remarks:

- Town Council Chairman, Vi B. McNeill
- Town Administrator, Ilene M. Healy

Town Moderator shall summon the voters for the town to hear reports of the previous year's activities and of proposals for the current year by the following:

- Business Department
- Fire Department
- Planning and Community Development
- Police Department
- Public Works Department
- Library Board of Trustees
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector
- Town Treasurer
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Historic District Commission
- Cemetery Committee
- Conservation Committee
- Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Recycling Committee

Open discussion between Town Council and Durham Residents on issues of interest.

Other Business

Adjournment

Resource Information

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

Town Tax Rate (Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation).....\$35.64
 Town.....\$10.08
 School.....\$15.28
 County.....\$2.64
 Net Assessed Valuation\$349,183,492
 Percentage of Valuation80%*

* Estimate of percent of valuation.

MEETING DATES FOR TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

(Notices are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall.)

Town CouncilFirst and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Conservation CommissionSecond Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Historic District CommissionFirst Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Parks & Recreation Committee.....Second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM, Dist. Courthouse
 Planning BoardFirst and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Zoning Board of AdjustmentSecond Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

TOWN OFFICE FUNCTIONS:

Town Office HoursMonday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Car RegistrationRegistration in month of birth. Renewal stickers and license plates can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for an additional \$2.50 per registration.
 Car InspectionCar must be inspected within ten (10) days of first registration in New Hampshire. After that, inspection is done in the registrant's birth month.
 Driver's LicenseApplication available at the Dover Point MV Substation.
 Dog RegistrationDue May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$9.00.
 Property Taxes.....Due December 1st.
 Water & Sewer BillingsIssued every six (6) months.
 Voter RegistrationNew voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age and citizenship are required.
 Marriage Licenses.....Available through Town Clerk's Office

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Hearings & Public Forums

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

Solid Waste Management Facility

Located on Durham Point Road. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Landfill Permits and Bulky Waste Disposal Coupons may be obtained at the Public Works Department, located at 100 Stone Quarry Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 868-1001

Fee Schedule for Landfill Permits

Permanent residents: 1-year permit - \$5.00. Temporary permit - \$5.00 (non-transferable; not to exceed a 30-day period). Construction permit - \$50.00 (not to exceed a 30-day period).

Tax Exemptions

For information regarding elderly, veteran's, blind, solar energy, totally disabled and physically handicapped exemptions, or current use taxation, please contact the Tax Assessor at 868-8065.

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Resource Information continued...

AMERICAN RED CROSS, Durham Chapter

81st Anniversary Year of Service

FOR INFORMATION OR SERVICE, CALL (603) 868-9692

In 1918, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, signed a charter creating the Durham, NH Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross in Durham is staffed entirely by volunteers and financed largely by membership contributions. It is the only all-volunteer Red Cross Chapter in New Hampshire. It's a hometown affair. People in Durham care about their neighbors. Hundreds of men, women, and young people are Durham Red Cross volunteers. Each year, they contribute funds to make the Red Cross services available to residents of Durham and to faculty, staff and students at the University of New Hampshire.

This year, more than 3,300 men, women and children of the Durham-UNH community were served by the Durham Red Cross in addition to the people who were helped by the 2,000 units of blood donated during the 17 days of Durham Red Cross blood drives.

**COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN CO-LEADERS:
Mr. Alexander Amell & Mrs. William Farrell**

AWARD membership	\$100 or more
Development	25 to \$99
Sustaining	10 to 24
Regular	1 to 9

All who register annually as a financial contributor, volunteer or blood donor are members of the Durham Red Cross chapter.

LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Nobel K. Peterson, Dr. James P. Barrett, C. Robert Keeseey, Mrs. Herbert H. Flather, Frederick I. Wakefield, Dr. Paul C. Young, Robert Doty, Kenneth R. Dudzik, Dr. Kevin V. Dugas, Kathryn Perry Firczuk, David T. Funk, Col. Calvin Hosmer III, Lucia Nazzaro, Peter J. Pekins, Alden L. Winn, Mrs. J.J. Winn, Col. Richard Erickson, Alexander Amell, Thomas, Barstow, William Carter III, Linda Ekdahl, Marcia, Erickson, Carol Farrell, Gerald J. Needell, Margaret, Reeves, Frank Reinhold, Dr. Amos R. Townsend

- **ARMED FORCES EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Service to military personnel, veterans, and their families is one of the primary responsibilities of the American Red Cross. It includes family counseling, reporting and communications in cooperation with the military services and Veterans Administration, assistance applying for government benefits, referral to other resources and emergency financial

assistance. This service also assists with international tracing and emergency communications.

- **DISASTER SERVICES:** All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. Immediate emergency aid or relief and recovery assistance must be provided for residents threatened or affected by disasters such as earthquake, flood, or hurricane. The Durham Chapter has a small share in Red Cross efforts to help alleviate suffering around the world.
- **BLOOD SERVICES:** Whenever a resident of Durham or a student, faculty or staff member of the University of New Hampshire needs blood while anywhere in the USA or Canada and notifies the Durham Red Cross, the blood can be replaced. All hospitals in New Hampshire are provided blood by the American Red Cross. This year, the Durham Red Cross conducted drives on 17 days and collected 2,000 units of blood. This service is successful because generous people contribute funds to their Red Cross chapter, serve as volunteers and give blood.
- **NURSING AND HEALTH SERVICES:** Volunteers in nursing and health services assist with Durham Chapter Red Cross Blood Services. Upon request, they assist with blood pressure clinics and AIDS information programs of the UNH Health Services. Volunteers told of Red Cross nursing and health services at community and area health fairs held on the UNH campus. The BAT program and Baby Sitting Course are available to school children.
- **WATER SAFETY SERVICES:** Service is provided for young people in Durham in cooperation with ORYA, and for UNH students and other adults. This year, more than 820 participated.
- **FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING:** Training in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation is available for all members of the Durham-UNH community. This year, more than 1,580 certificates were earned by Durham youth, UNH students, and other adults.
- **MOTOR CORPS SERVICE:** Transportation is provided to nearby medical facilities for routine treatment or therapy where there is need. This is the 54th year of service by the Motor Corps.
- **EQUIPMENT LOANED TO CONVALESCENTS:** Wheelchairs, walkers, hospital-type beds, canes, crutches, etc. are loaned on a first-request basis to residents of Durham and to UNH faculty, staff, and students. ■

Telephone Directory

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency9-1-1
 Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency from UNH campus only*9-1-1

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EXT.	FAX	E-MAIL
Administration 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Ilene M. Healy	Town Administrator	868-5571	133	868-5572	ihealy@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennie Berry	Admin. Assistant		129		jberry@ci.durham.nh.us
Sharon Elliott	Secretary		130		selliott@ci.durham.nh.us
Assessing 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Donna Langley	Assessor	868-8065	119	868-8033	dlangley@ci.durham.nh.us
Business/Finance 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Howard Hedegard	Business Manager	868-8043	138	868-5572	hhedegard@ci.durham.nh.us
Corinne McCrone	Staff Accountant		115		ccorinne@ci.durham.nh.us
Lisa Beaudoin	Accounting Assistant		116		lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
Fire Department 51 College Road Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Ronald O'Keefe	Fire Chief	868-5531		862-1513	rokeefe@ci.durham.nh.us
Michael Blake	Asst. Fire Chief				mblake@ci.durham.nh.us
Deborah Quisumbing	Admin. Assistant				dquisumbing@ci.durham.nh.us
Planning and Community Development 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Duane Hyde	Director	868-8064	121	868-8033	dhyde@ci.durham.nh.us
Dawn Mitchell	Secretary		117		dmitchell@ci.durham.nh.us
Police Department 86 Dover Road Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
David Kurz	Police Chief	868-2324		868-8037	dkurz@ci.durham.nh.us
Rene Kelley	Captain				rkelley@ci.durham.nh.us
Joseph McGann	Captain				jmcgann@ci.durham.nh.us
Public Works 100 Stone Quarry Road Hours: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon-Fri					
Skip Grady	Director	868-5578		868-8063	sgrady@ci.durham.nh.us
Gail Jablonski	Admin. Assistant				gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us
Mike Lynch	Superintendent of Operations				mlynch@ci.durham.nh.us
Tax Collector/Town Clerk 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
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 High School868-2375

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 Ice Rink868-3907

Main Street Program,

Beth Fischer, Exec. Director868-3322

Durham Post Office868-2151

Durham Public Library868-6699

Historic Museum.....868-5436

Durham District Court.....868-2323

NH Fish & Game868-1095

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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen.....271-2121

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Senator Judd Gregg431-2171

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Congressman John Sununu433-1601

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Warrant for the Town of Durham

ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School Cafeteria, Coe Drive, in said Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March 2000 (the polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors (3-year terms); two (2) Durham Public Library Board of Trustees (3-year terms); one (1) Durham Public Library Board of Trustee (1-year term); one (1) Town Moderator (2-year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (4-year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (2-year term); one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term) and one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (2-year term)

Given under our hands and seal this 10TH day of JANUARY in the year of our Lord Two Thousand.

Vi B. McNeill, Chairman

James Walsh, Chair Pro Tem

D.L. "Pete" Chinburg

Jerry Dee

Annmarie Harris

Scott Hovey

George A. Rief

Malcolm Sandberg

William Woodward

Councilors of Durham

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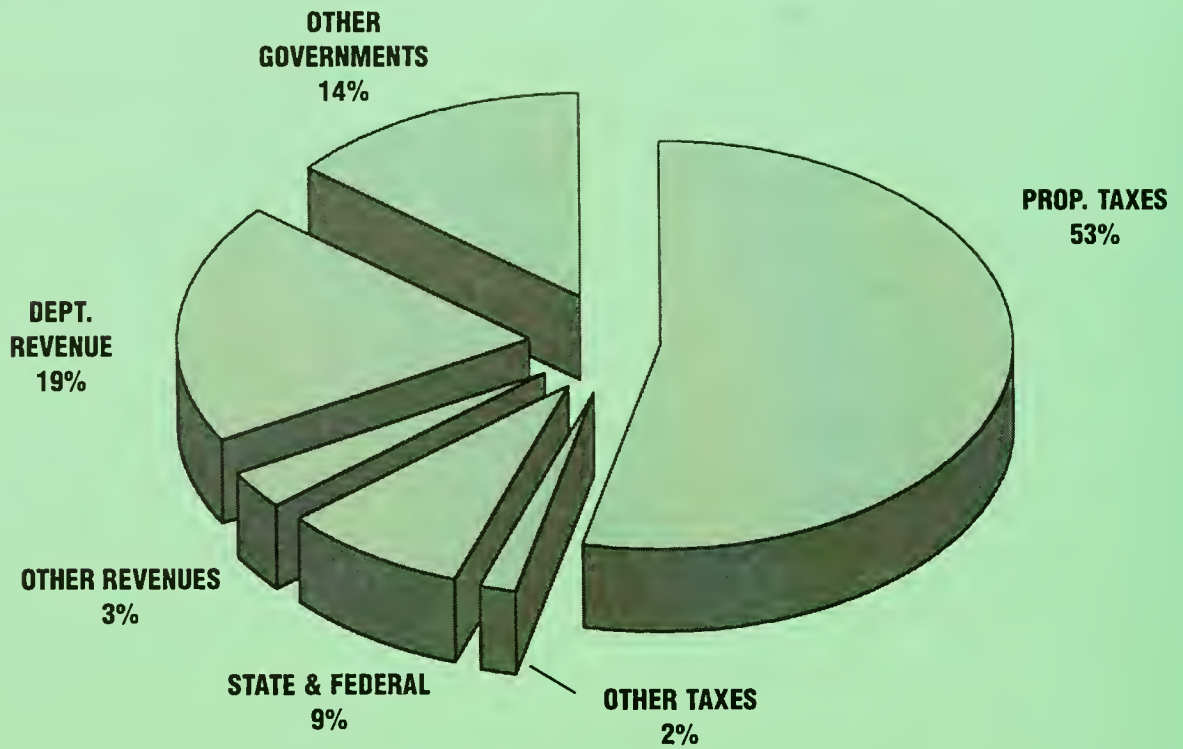
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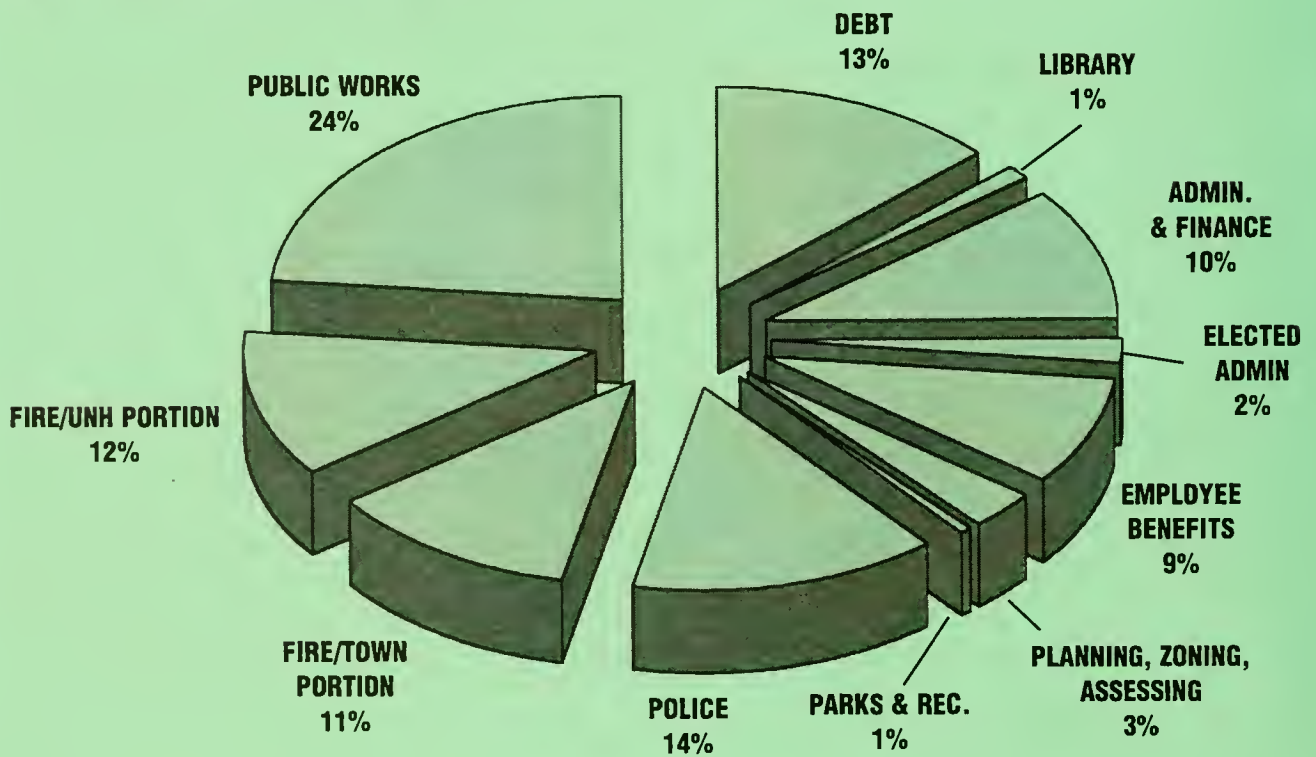
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2000 TOWN BUDGET REVENUES



2000 TOWN BUDGET EXPENDITURES



Combined Funds Statement

	1999 Budget	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/99	Fy 2000 Council Approved
REVENUE			
General Fund			
Taxes	\$3,531,094	\$3,624,671	\$3,840,959
Licenses & Permits	\$569,800	\$688,027	\$643,100
State & Federal	\$458,851	\$581,623	\$600,798
Other Governments	\$1,067,121	\$1,141,387	\$1,129,272
Department Revenues	\$419,144	\$466,942	\$463,796
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$213,491	\$230,731	\$249,277
Fund Balance	\$357,000	\$0	\$65,186
Total General Fund	\$6,616,501	\$6,733,381	\$6,992,388
Water Fund	\$328,163	\$338,123	\$328,163
Sewer Fund	\$1,249,215	\$1,262,857	\$1,249,215
Capital Fund	\$2,125,600	\$2,125,600	\$2,837,200
Parking Fund	\$108,960	\$109,041	\$110,500
Vehicle Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total All Funds	\$10,478,439	\$10,619,002	\$11,567,466

	FY 1999 Council Approved	Unaudited Expenditures FY Ending 12/31/99	Fy 2000 Council Approved
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Town Council	\$23,000	\$20,395	\$23,001
Town Administrator	\$133,112	\$136,380	\$152,738
Treasurer	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Town Clerk / Tax Collector	\$86,203	\$87,915	\$90,997
Accounting & MIS	\$139,157	\$150,030	\$133,696
Elections	\$4,916	\$1,522	\$9,577
Planning, Zoning & Assessing	\$186,309	\$186,004	\$211,439
Strafford Regional Planning Commission	\$4,470	\$4,333	\$5,547
C.O.A.S.T.	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other General Costs	\$129,100	\$218,855	\$148,057
General Government Total	\$707,567	\$806,734	\$776,352
Public Safety			
Police Department	\$911,225	\$989,092	\$994,681
Fire Department	\$1,165,320	\$1,144,974	\$1,335,277
Communications Center	\$144,596	\$144,596	\$160,000
Ambulance Services	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$29,559
Public Safety Total	\$2,242,141	\$2,299,662	\$2,519,517
Public Works			
Administration	\$115,483	\$118,883	\$128,983
Roadway Maintenance	\$246,700	\$108,849	\$247,352
Snow/Ice Control	\$128,900	\$112,379	\$120,587

COMBINED FUNDS STATEMENTS

	Fy 1999 Council Approved	Unaudited Expenditures FY Ending 12/31/99	Fy 2000 Council Approved
Drainage / Vegetation	\$63,747	\$34,785	\$44,151
Traffic Control	\$90,470	\$89,565	\$115,515
Maintenance / Repair	\$157,843	\$160,420	\$188,075
Miscellaneous	\$139,393	\$140,711	\$122,883
Public Buildings	\$81,405	\$61,346	\$133,828
Cemeteries / Graveyards	\$13,081	\$11,324	\$12,604
Parks & Grounds Maintenance	\$93,317	\$79,251	\$85,509
Public Works Total	\$1,130,339	\$917,513	\$1,199,487
Sanitation			
Administration	\$48,908	\$54,008	\$55,916
Curbside Collection	\$152,711	\$142,400	\$156,060
Transfer Station	\$69,374	\$82,711	\$74,817
Litter Removal	\$10,166	\$10,418	\$11,488
Recycling	\$93,927	\$86,742	\$81,856
Hazardous Waste Day	\$6,000	\$6,979	\$0
Vehicle Operation	\$16,612	\$1,256	\$21,314
Sanitation Total	\$397,698	\$384,514	\$401,451
Health			
Health Department	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
Lamprey Health	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150
Sexual Assault Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,583
Health Total	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$6,333
Welfare			
General Assistance	\$1,500	\$3,292	\$2,250
Strafford C.A.C.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
My Friend's Place	\$500	\$500	\$500
Welfare Total	\$3,000	\$4,792	\$3,750
Culture/Recreation			
Public Library	\$67,711	\$67,711	\$83,211
Parks & Recreation Programs	\$4,550	\$71	\$1,200
O.R.Y.A.	\$17,200	\$17,200	\$22,322
Memorial Day	\$650	\$650	\$650
Conservation Commission	\$1,500	\$398	\$1,500
Historic District Commission	\$100	\$0	\$3,100
Historic Association Museum	\$100	\$0	\$100
Resident Pool Rebate	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Swans	\$100	\$113	\$150
July 4th	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Wagon Hill	\$12,636	\$11,595	\$21,302
Culture/Recreation Total	\$125,147	\$118,338	\$148,536
Debt Service			
Principal	\$367,956	\$367,956	\$435,814
Interest	\$179,253	\$179,123	\$239,462
Debt Service Total	\$547,209	\$547,079	\$675,276

	FY 1999 Council Approved	Unaudited Expenditures FY Ending 12/31/99	Fy 2000 Council Approved
Other Costs			
Short - Term Debt	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$185,000
Fringe Benefits	\$953,325	\$709,144	\$915,062
Insurance	\$86,625	\$89,636	\$86,625
Interfund Transfers	\$236,700	\$236,700	\$75,000
Other Costs Total	\$1,458,650	\$1,217,480	\$1,261,687
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$6,616,501	\$6,300,862	\$6,992,388
Other Funds			
Water Fund	\$328,163	\$316,980	\$328,163
Sewer Fund	\$1,249,215	\$1,224,816	\$1,249,215
Capital Fund	\$2,125,600	\$2,125,600	\$2,837,200
Parking Fund	\$108,960	\$109,041	\$110,500
Vehicle Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Other Funds Total	\$3,861,938	\$3,826,437	\$4,575,078
COMBINED TOTALS	\$10,478,439	\$10,127,299	\$11,567,466

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Town Council
Town of Durham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

As described in Note 1, the Town has recognized tax revenues of \$869,809 in the General Fund which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as is required by generally accepted accounting principles (GASB Interpretation 3). Town officials believe, and we concur, that the application of this accounting principle, which would result in a decrease in the undesignated General Fund balance from \$620,531 to (\$249,278) would give a misleading impression of the Town's ability to meet its current and future obligations.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

Wachon, Gullay & Co., PC

April 23, 1999

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental and Similar Trust Fund Types
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type Expendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only) For the Years Ended December 31,	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects		1998	1997
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$3,389,690	\$14,405			\$3,404,095	\$3,169,973
Licenses and permits	640,048				640,048	600,405
Intergovernmental revenues	1,459,259	823,585	\$155,000	\$21,103	2,458,947	2,004,704
Charges for service	290,667	725,004			1,015,671	1,433,325
Miscellaneous revenues	391,112	98,126		79,224	568,462	589,684
Total Revenues	<u>6,170,776</u>	<u>1,661,120</u>	<u>155,000</u>	<u>100,327</u>	<u>8,087,223</u>	<u>7,798,091</u>
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,975,281				1,975,281	1,816,136
Public safety	2,014,219	20,874			2,035,093	1,933,239
Highways and streets	1,074,884				1,074,884	947,400
Sanitation	404,305	698,166		35,364	1,137,835	1,016,897
Water treatment and distribution		238,630		35,364	273,994	211,266
Culture and recreation		117,204			117,204	49,344
Capital outlay		12,316	1,035,823		1,048,139	1,204,411
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	345,550	310,421			655,971	652,950
Interest and fiscal charges	342,126	145,952			488,078	540,118
Total Expenditures	<u>6,156,365</u>	<u>1,543,563</u>	<u>1,035,823</u>	<u>70,728</u>	<u>8,806,479</u>	<u>8,371,761</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>14,411</u>	<u>117,557</u>	<u>(880,823)</u>	<u>29,599</u>	<u>(719,256)</u>	<u>(573,670)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Proceeds of long-term obligations			409,000		409,000	104,098
Operating transfers in	86,365	56,961	57,415	74,417	275,158	388,043
Operating transfers out	(114,790)	(135,782)		(24,586)	(275,158)	(386,911)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(28,425)</u>	<u>(78,821)</u>	<u>466,415</u>	<u>49,831</u>	<u>409,000</u>	<u>105,230</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(14,014)</u>	<u>38,736</u>	<u>(414,408)</u>	<u>79,430</u>	<u>(310,256)</u>	<u>(468,440)</u>
Fund Balances - January 1	899,171	613,814	(235,437)	1,338,622	2,616,170	3,084,610
Fund Balances (Deficit) - December 31	<u>\$885,157</u>	<u>\$652,550</u>	<u>(\$649,845)</u>	<u>\$1,418,052</u>	<u>\$2,305,914</u>	<u>\$2,616,170</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	General Fund		Special Revenue Funds		Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance		Budget	Actual	
			(Unfavorable)	Favorable			(Unfavorable)
Revenues:							
Taxes	\$3,346,130	\$3,389,690	\$43,560		\$3,346,130	\$3,389,690	\$43,560
Licenses and permits	539,800	640,048	100,248		539,800	640,048	100,248
Intergovernmental revenues	1,581,520	1,459,259	(122,261)	\$782,180	\$773,585	2,232,844	(130,856)
Charges for service	200,400	290,667	90,267	898,626	725,004	1,015,671	(83,355)
Miscellaneous revenues	308,695	391,112	82,417	28,962	62,648	453,760	116,103
Total Revenues	5,976,545	6,170,776	194,231	1,709,768	1,561,237	7,732,013	45,700
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General government	1,957,745	2,007,531	(49,786)		1,957,745	2,007,531	(49,786)
Public safety	1,934,993	2,014,219	(79,226)	39,948	22,299	2,036,518	(61,577)
Highways and streets	1,093,721	1,078,169	15,552		1,093,721	1,078,169	15,552
Sanitation	387,957	401,646	(13,689)	741,929	698,166	1,099,812	30,074
Water treatment and distribution				313,989	238,630	238,630	75,359
Capital outlay				37,490	8,629	37,490	28,861
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	345,550	345,550		310,395	310,421	655,945	(26)
Interest and fiscal charges	319,602	342,126	(22,524)	147,022	145,952	488,078	(21,454)
Total Expenditures	6,039,568	6,189,241	(149,673)	1,590,773	1,424,097	7,613,338	17,003
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(63,023)	(18,465)	44,558	118,995	137,140	118,675	62,703
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating transfers in	52,052	86,365	34,313	14,250	14,250	100,615	34,313
Operating transfers out	(114,790)	(114,790)		(133,245)	(135,782)	(250,572)	(2,537)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(62,738)	(28,425)	34,313	(118,995)	(121,532)	(149,957)	31,776
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(125,761)	(46,890)	78,871	15,608	15,608	(31,282)	94,479
Fund Balances - January 1 - Budgetary Basis	892,841	892,841		323,605	323,605	1,216,446	
Fund Balances - December 31 - Budgetary Basis	\$767,080	\$845,951	\$78,871	\$323,605	\$339,213	\$1,185,164	\$94,479

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances

All Non-Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	1998	(Memorandum Only) 1997
Operating Revenues:		
Investment income	\$12,682	\$12,242
Operating Expenses:		
Contractual services	<u>15,382</u>	<u>9,174</u>
Net Operating income (loss)	<u>(2,700)</u>	<u>3,068</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):		
Bequests	2,700	4,622
Net gain (loss) on investment transactions		40,351
Non-operating revenues	<u>2,700</u>	<u>44,973</u>
Net Income Before Operating Transfers		48,041
Operating Transfer In		2,300
Operating Transfer Out		<u>(1,132)</u>
Net Income		49,209
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>240,796</u>	<u>191,587</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u>\$240,796</u>	<u>\$240,796</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Cash Flows

All Non-Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	1998	(Memorandum Only) 1997
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Interest and dividends on investments	\$12,682	\$12,242
Cash payments for contractual services	<u>(10,114)</u>	<u>(9,029)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>2,568</u>	<u>3,213</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Operating transfer in		2,300
Operating transfer out		(1,132)
Bequests received	<u>2,700</u>	<u>4,622</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>2,700</u>	<u>5,790</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net (increase) decrease in investment securities	(5,414)	(145,952)
Net gain on investment transactions		40,351
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(5,414)</u>	<u>(105,601)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(146)	(96,598)
Cash - January 1	<u>146</u>	<u>96,744</u>
Cash - December 31	<u>\$146</u>	<u>\$146</u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Income to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	(2,700)	\$3,068
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Increase (decrease) in interfund payable	<u>5,268</u>	<u>145</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$2,568</u>	<u>\$3,213</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust & Agency	Account Group General Long- Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only) December 31,	
	General	Special Revenue			1998	1997
		Capital Projects				
ASSETS						
Cash	\$3,715,467	\$3,003	\$19,227		\$3,737,697	\$4,023,223
Investments		290,037	1,856,019		2,146,056	2,405,034
Receivables:						
Taxes	1,364,994				1,364,994	1,347,643
Accounts	119,845	79,260			199,105	196,153
Due from other funds	17,546	599,439	149,501		996,095	993,046
Due from other governments	79,835	14,004			155,439	465,008
Prepaid expenses	8,129	1,400			9,529	15,773
Deposits		2,500			2,500	3,500
Tax decayed property	11,654				11,654	11,654
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations						
Total Assets	<u>\$5,317,470</u>	<u>\$989,643</u>	<u>\$2,024,747</u>	<u>\$7,302,328</u>	<u>\$15,925,397</u>	<u>\$17,042,822</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$114,598	\$30,752	\$19,973		\$165,323	\$290,920
Accrued liabilities	129,240				148,467	485,277
Deposits	20,562				20,562	42,078
Due to other funds	22,026	158,466	235,022		996,095	993,046
Due to other governments	4,117,495	147,875	111,650		4,377,020	4,432,529
Retainage payable						10,821
Deferred revenue	2,451				2,451	8,897
Bond anticipation note payable					340,500	340,500
General obligation debt payable					6,643,835	7,299,806
Capital lease payable					416,217	10,470
Compensated absences	25,941				268,217	271,512
Total Liabilities	<u>4,432,313</u>	<u>337,093</u>	<u>365,899</u>	<u>7,302,328</u>	<u>13,378,687</u>	<u>14,185,856</u>
Fund Balance (Deficit):						
Reserved:						
Reserved for tax decayed property	11,654				11,654	11,654
Reserved for prepaid expenses	8,129				8,129	15,773
Reserved for endowments					207,547	204,848
Reserved for encumbrances	39,206	1,425	207,547		40,631	6,330
Unreserved:						
Designated for future years'						
expenditures	183,200	5,696	1,418,052		1,606,948	1,466,916
Undesignated	642,968	645,429	33,249		671,801	1,151,445
Total Fund Equity	<u>885,157</u>	<u>652,550</u>	<u>1,658,848</u>		<u>2,546,710</u>	<u>2,856,966</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$5,317,470</u>	<u>\$989,643</u>	<u>\$2,024,747</u>	<u>\$7,302,328</u>	<u>\$15,925,397</u>	<u>\$17,042,822</u>

STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS/TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS Payments 1-1-99 through 12-31-99

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/ LOANS	LOAN DATE	PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	BALANCE	INTEREST PAID	BALANCE
Capital Improve Ref Bondst	12-15-98	\$2,305,000	4.43%	12-15-99	\$205,000	\$1,885,000	\$88,429	\$438,432
General Obligation Bond	7-15-92	\$666,000	4.25%	7-15-99	\$65,000	0	\$2,990	0
State Revolving Loan Fund	6-18-93	\$3,366,018	3.91%	6-18-08	\$205,018	\$2,450,919	\$95,770	\$461,178
Davis/White Land Acquisition	9-15-94	\$500,000	5.74%	9-15-04	\$50,000	\$250,000	\$16,725	\$41,725
SRLF-1997 Dechlor Eng.	10/20/97	\$259,625	2.61%	9/1/16	\$24,280	\$188,681	\$5,546	\$20,160
1996 General Obligation Bond	9/1/96	\$1,740,000	5.11%	9/1/16	\$100,000	\$1,310,000	\$76,687	\$614,655
Total		\$8,836,643			\$649,298	\$5,879,600	\$286,147	\$1,576,150

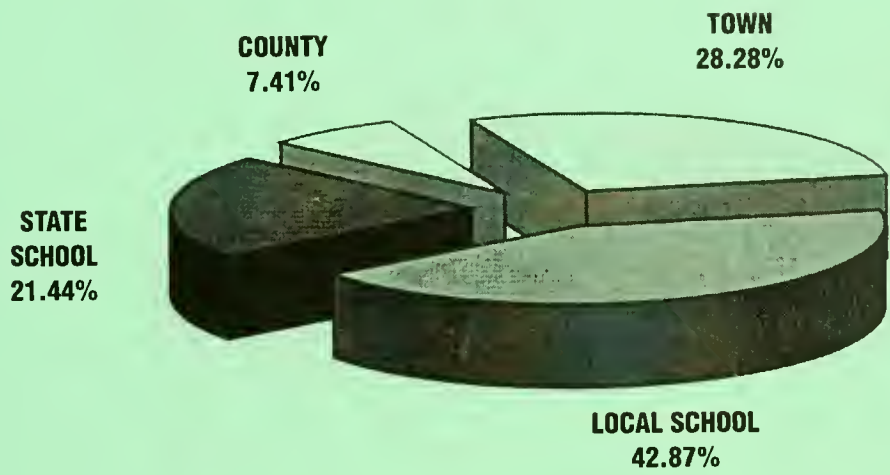
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

NAME OF CAPITAL RESERVE	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 1/1/99	CHANGE IN FUNDS	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 12/31/99	INCOME BALANCE 1/1/99	EXPENDED	BALANCE END OF YEAR	COMBINED FUND BAL. 12/31/99
<i>Capital Reserve Funds</i>							
Parking Fund	\$75,301.00	\$10,000	\$85,301.00	\$43,359.57	\$0	\$49,555.78	\$134,856.78
Fire Equip. & Ser.Agreement	144,429.60	(144,429.60)	0	48,902.75	(18,475.37)	34,658.16	34,658.16
Wiswall Dam	216.69	0	216.69	4,175.69	0	4,388.35	4,605.04
Community Devel.	531,322.42	(91,709.71)	439,612.71	116,602.03	0	145,744.24	585,356.95
Solid Waste Refuse Truck	8,625.00	(8,625.00)	0	4,879.75	(5,197.67)	0	0
Res.Water Service	208,125.37	2,838.76	210,964.13	36,878.62	0	50,539.72	261,503.85
Mill Pond	1,295.30	0	1,295.30	354.85	0	434.73	1,730.03
Sewer Fund	120,703.39	118,180.29	238,883.68	14,510.16	0	25,481.84	264,365.52
Emerson Road	20,000.00	0	20,000.00	4,128.04	0	5,296.31	25,296.31
Total	\$1,110,018.77	\$(113,745.26)	\$996,273.51	\$273,791.46	\$(23,673.04)	\$316,099.13	\$1,312,372.64

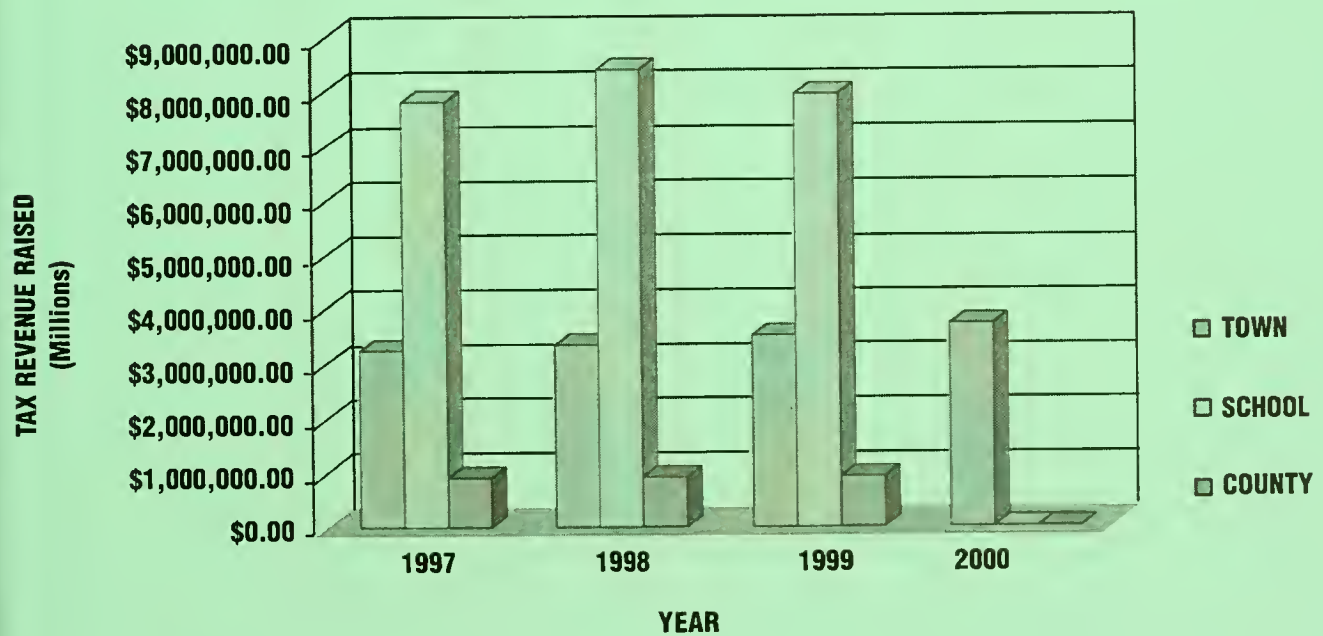
NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 1/1/99	CHANGE IN FUNDS	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 12/31/99	INCOME BALANCE 1/1/99	INCOME (EXPENSE)	INCOME BALANCE 12/31/99
44 Separate Trust Funds	\$25,256.87	\$100.00	\$25,356.87	\$5,027.88	\$0	\$6,498.03
Smith Fund (Town Improvement)	7,432.96	0	7,432.96	12,934.40	6,809.00	6,879.06
Durham 250 Fund (Town Improvement)	6,378.22	0	6,378.22	3,133.27	0	3,593.85
Smith Chapel Fund (Cemetery Care)	8,389.44	50.00	8,439.44	886.52	87.33	1,245.85
Philip A. Wilcox Fund (Unfunded Graveyards)	2,273.50	0	2,273.50	864.41	0	1,016.61
Wagon Hill Fund (Memorial)	765.38	0	765.38	197.59	0	244.44
Tirrell Fund	0	0	0	359.70	0	376.87
Memorial Day Parade	0	0	0	321.36	0	336.96
George Frost Fund (Education)	4,441.23	0	4,441.23	5,003.57	0	5,460.83
Olinthus Doe Fund (Farm Care/School Suppt.)	5,954.06	0	5,954.06	2,465.50	0	2,873.29
Town Cemetery Fund (Cemetery Care)	138,249.73	7,100.00	145,349.73	6,580.55	500.00	13,252.66
Memorial Park	8,406.00	0	8,406.00	886.47	0	1,336.41
Wagon Hill Farm Expen. Trust Fund	80,076.53	0	80,076.53	4,347.08	0	8,689.40
July 4th Celebration	3,503.52	0	3,503.52	919.74	0	1,133.93
ORCSD Capital Dev. Fund	102,380.41	0	102,380.41	9,269.09	0	14,675.22
Fire Station Expend. Trust	25,000.00	0	25,000.00	503.07	0	1,737.71
Total of All Trusts	\$418,507.85	\$7,250.00	\$425,757.85	\$53,700.20	\$7,396.33	\$69,351.12

Established 8/7/98 by resolution #97-30.

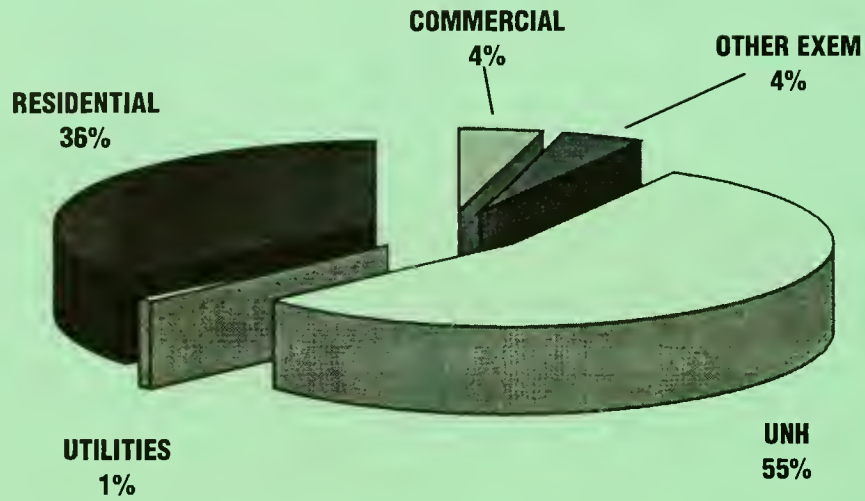
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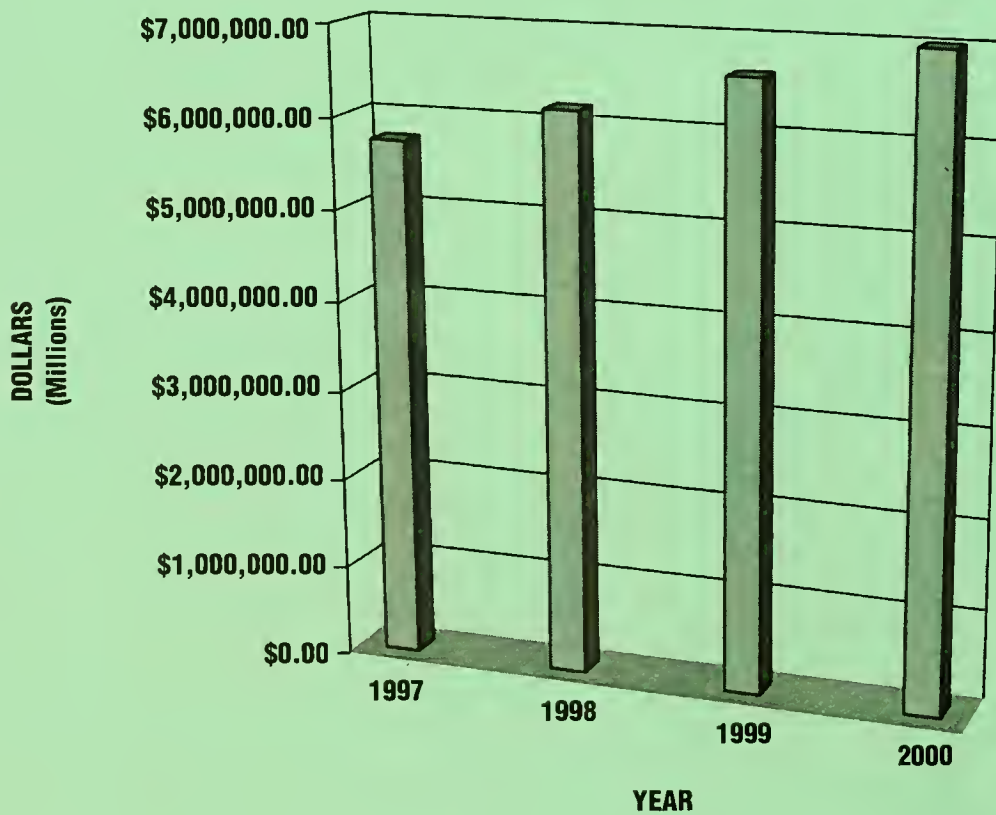
TAX RATE COMPARISON 1997-2000



TAX VALUATION BREAKDOWN FOR 1999



TOWN BUDGET COMPARISON 1997-2000



VALUATION FIGURES 1995-1999

YEAR	PERCENT OF VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
1999	*80%	\$349,183,492
1998	87%	\$340,466,554
1997	92%	\$329,822,470
1996	95%	\$321,488,104
1995	96%	\$314,793,529

*estimate of percent of valuation

MS-1 SUMMARY 1999

Total Taxable Land	\$107,464,592
Total Taxable Buildings	\$235,124,800
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$7,336,200
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$349,925,592
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$742,100
Net Valuation on which local tax rate is computed	\$349,183,492
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$28,600

TAX RATE IN DURHAM 1995-1999

YEAR	TOWN	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE SCHOOL	COUNTY	TOTAL
1999	\$10.08	\$15.28	\$7.64	2.64	\$35.64
1998	9.84	24.68		2.69	37.21
1997	9.85	23.72		2.75	36.32
1996	9.53	22.07		2.55	34.15
1995	10.09	21.62		2.64	34.35

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Bagdad Road	Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary	03-02-06 & 14	\$8,700
Beech Hill Road	Water Tank Site	09-26-00 (99-300-0)	\$190,000
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	150,000
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easements only
Colvos Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-0	\$100,000
Dame Road	Wiley Property	19-06-05	10,000
Dame Road	Westerly side	18-27-00	\$33,400
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Dover Road	Police Facility	11-4-1	\$420,100
Dover Road	Sewer Pumping Station	11-11-00	\$102,800
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	\$315,700
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	11-36-02	\$73,600
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	16-03-02	\$11,400
Fogg Drive	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	\$105,500
Foss Farm Road	Water Standpipe	99-300-00	\$1,020,100
Foss Farm Road	Woodlot	06-01-13A	\$2,700
Littlehale Road/US4	Vacant lot	10-21-00	\$4,200
Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	\$50,800
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	\$142,700
Main Street	Grange Hall/Davis Memorial Building	05-01-05	\$232,700
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	\$5,300
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	15,000
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	\$75,700
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	\$25,200

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Inventory of Town Property continued...

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-05	\$19,000
Mill Road & Main St.	Strip of Park Land at Shopping Center		Easement only
Newmarket Road	District Court and Museum	05-04-12	\$192,400
Newmarket Road	Easterly side	06-12-14	\$2,100
Newmarket Road	Town Offices	05-04-11	\$156,000
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	\$100,000
Main Street	Cemetery	09-24-00	\$58,100
Old Concord Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	\$297,000
Old Landing Road	Town Landing	05-05-14 (Incl 5-5-13)	\$67,400
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	\$74,900
Orchard Drive	Scenic easements	6-2-22..6-2-25	Easements only
Oyster River	Access easement		Easement only
Oyster River Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	\$100,000
Packers Falls Road	Lord Property	17-55-01	\$30,800
Packers Falls Road	Spruce Hole Conservation Area	13-13-05	\$26,800
Packers Falls Road	Abutting Spruce Hole	13-13-01	\$600 CU*
Pettee Brook Lane	Town Parking Lot - Multiple Parcels	2-15-0, 1	\$214,100
Pinecrest Lane	Scenic easements (title remains with Linn)	15-15-08	Easement only
Piscataqua Road	Thatch Bed	11-31-31	\$66,700
Piscataqua Road	Wagon Hill Farm	12-08 - 01 & 02	\$316,464 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-04 (Incl. 11-11-3)	\$667,700
Piscataqua Road	W. Arthur Grant Circle	11-27-0	\$464,000
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09-02	\$57,300
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	\$6,198,800
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot - Part of Treatment Plant	11-09-05	Included above
Piscataqua Road	Public Works Site	11-12-0	\$509,000
Schoolhouse Lane	Former Highway Garage-Multiple Parcels	05-04-10	\$385,000
Schoolhouse Lane	Cemetery (owned by heirs, town maintained)	05-05-12	Not available
Simons Lane	Two small lots	18-11 - 13 & 14	\$45,000
Simons Lane	Vacant Land	18-11-06	\$23,400
Technology Drive	Water Booster Station	99-300-00	\$90,000
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	\$20,000
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam Site	Map 17	\$50,000
Wiswall Road	Vacant Land	17-11-00	\$972 CU*
Woodridge Road	Lot 55	07-01-55	\$37,000
Lee Five Corners, Lee	Vacant	Lee 6-7-0700	\$32,200
Garrity Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 9-03-00	\$94,900
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 15-1-0900	\$307,600
Snell Road, Lee	Water Pump House	Lee 5-6-0100	\$84,000
Garrity Road, Lee	Vacant	Lee 9-3-0100	\$41,200
Total			\$13,926,036

*Assessed at Current Use Value



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