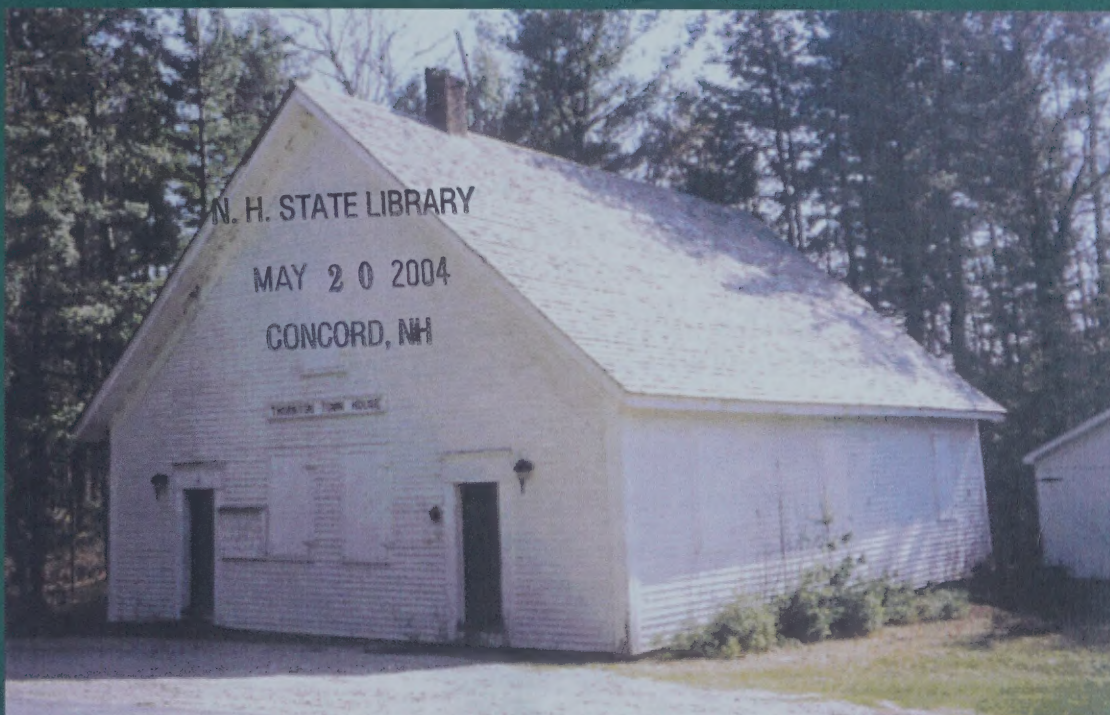


# THORNTON NEW HAMPSHIRE



## Thornton Town House

Route 175  
Originally Built 1789

For the fiscal year ending  
December 31, 2003



# INFORMATION *for* VOTERS

LOCATION	Midway of the Pemigewasset Valley between Plymouth and the Franconia Notch.
POPULATION	2003—1,800
REGISTERED VOTERS	1,335
AREA	32,640 acres of which 15,475 are public lands.
ALTITUDE	From 555 to 2,610 feet

<b>EMERGENCIES — 911</b>	
Thornton Police Department .....	726-4222
Campton-Thornton Fire Department .....	726-3300

## TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday .....	9:00–4:00
Tuesday .....	11:00–6:00
Friday .....	9:00–3:30

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday .....	8:00–4:00
Friday .....	8:00–3:30

## SELECTMEN

To contact a Selectman, call the Town Office .....	726-4232
Selectmen's Meeting.....	Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Municipal Building

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held the second Tuesday in March with Warrant Articles on the Saturday following. The Non-partisan Town Ballot is used. Filing fee is \$1.00. See the Town Clerk if you are interested in being a candidate for Town Office.

## REPRESENTATIVES

State Senator .....	Carl Johnson
U.S. Senators .....	Judd Gregg and John Sununu
U.S. Congressman .....	Charles Bass
General Court.....	Bonnie Ham (Woodstock)

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS

FOR THE

# TOWN OF THORNTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2003



## Thornton Historical Society

P. O. Box 1176  
Thornton, NH 03223

January 26, 2004

Dear Friends:

The Thornton Historical Society was resurrected early last year by a small group of residents dedicated to preserving our past. Working together over the course of the year, we accomplished most of the administrative tasks required to make our Society viable. The New Hampshire Secretary of State has reinstated THS as a non-profit corporation, and our application for federal non-profit status has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service. We also joined the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire, where we meet members of other societies around the state to learn more about New Hampshire history and exchange ideas that will help us grow and strengthen our local Society.

With those administrative tasks completed, we are ready to proceed with the hard work necessary to achieve the goals we have established. Among the most ambitious of those goals is the **restoration of the Old Town House** (circa 1784) on Route 175, creating a museum for the display and preservation of heirlooms and artifacts representative of our history. Ultimately, we hope to install both plumbing and electricity in the building so that it can serve as a meeting place year-round for THS and as a gathering place for other town-related events.

Last year, we enjoyed some **excellent programs**, including Gloria Kimball's presentations based on her father's writings about Thornton and Ron Jansen's program on Thornton cemeteries. We also learned how to trace our own family histories with a program by certified genealogist, Diane Gravel. We began our **fundraising efforts** by sponsoring booths at Neighborfest 2003 and the White Mountain Boogie n' Blues, selling THS T-Shirts, popcorn and soft drinks, and raffling off a number of prizes so generously contributed by local businesses.

Plans for 2004 are rapidly taking shape. We plan to reestablish **Thornton's Old Home Day** as an annual event, beginning this fall. We will also seek funding from the New Hampshire Humanities Council for historical programs for our meetings. To assist with our fundraising efforts, Nancy Byerly and Steve Scherer are working hard at constructing **Old Town House Birdhouses**, truly amazing replicas that are available for \$35 each, with a portion of the proceeds from each sale going to the Society. Gloria Kimball has designed some beautiful **Historic Note Cards** with early pictures of the town, also available for purchase.

If we are to succeed, however, **we need your support**. Restoration of old buildings is expensive. Although we plan to apply for grants to assist us in our preservation efforts, those funds must be matched by private contributions and proceeds from fundraising events. You can support us in several ways:

1. **Come join us!** Individual memberships are \$10 per year; family memberships are \$15.
2. **Monetary donations** are critical if we are to receive matching grants. Your contributions are tax-deductible!
3. **Purchase a THS T-Shirt, Historic Note Cards, or Old Town House Birdhouse** for yourself and your friends and family. They make great gifts!
4. If you have **pictures, artifacts or even stories** to share relating to the history of Thornton, please let us know so that we may begin making plans to preserve or duplicate them.

Monthly meetings will resume in April, and are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Refreshments and good conversation with friends and neighbors are always a highlight of our meetings. But don't wait until April. **We need your support now!** See Barbara Sellingham at the Town Hall, or contact us by mail at the above address or e-mail at [Thorntonhistory@earthlink.net](mailto:Thorntonhistory@earthlink.net).

Won't you join us?



# THE TOWN OF THORNTON 2003 DEDICATION



**Robert "Bob" McGee**

Bob has resided in Thornton for fifty-six years, with his wife of fifty-eight years, Barbara.

He was a police officer for the town for twenty-eight years, and served as Chief of Police for seventeen of those years. He also held the offices of Health Officer, Overseer of the Poor, Truant Officer and Civil Defense Commissioner.

Bob retired from his town offices in the early eighties and has enjoyed every minute of his retirement. He spends a great deal of time with his daughter, Sharon and her family; Bob and Barbara will become great-grandparents in July 2004.



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**TOWN OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

**Board of Selectmen**

Edward O. Pope, Chairman  
Ralph L. Perron  
Sally S. Kriebel

**Town/Clerk Tax Collector**

Barbara Sellingham  
Lisa White, Assistant

**Treasurer**

Susan Dumont

**Town Office**

Candy Andrew, Administrator  
Marianne Peabody

**Highway Department**

Jim Sanborn, Road Agent  
Tom Dubey  
George Cheney  
Chad Downing

**Overseer of Public Welfare**

Marianne Peabody

**Health Officer**

Marianne Peabody

**Emergency Management**

Terry Joyce  
Seve Medaglia. CCC/CERT

**Moderator**

Robert Gannett

**Supervisors of the Checklist**

Dorothy Drake, Chairwoman  
Susan Lyons  
Cynthia McAuley

**Library Trustees**

Anita Ross, Chairwoman  
Laura Laufenburg  
Maureen Gaites

**Library**

Selena Cate, Library Director

**Police Department**

Walter Joyce, Chief  
Cecil Cooper, Sergeant  
Sean McDaniel  
John Senechal  
Noah Glynn  
Casino Clogston  
Rod Diamond  
Charles Gridley  
Terry Joyce

**Fire Chief**

David Tobine

**Fire Commissioners**

Nancy Byerly  
David Hiltz

**Transfer/Recycling Center**

David Hilliard, Manager  
Donald Howe  
Luigi Zanellato  
Don Grace

**Conservation Commission**

Sally Smathers-Davis

**Planning Board**

Fred Gunter, Chairman

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Paul White, Chairman

**Superintendent of Cemeteries**

Bradford Benton

**Cemetery Trustees**

Phyllis Holbrook  
Katherine Leland  
Duncan Booth

**Trustees of Trust Funds**

Rebecca Rodgers  
Rebecca Farnsworth  
Heidi Robarge



**TOWN OF THORNTON, NH**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 15, 2003**

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:**

**You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Municipal Building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2003 at 8:00 AM of the clock to act upon the following subjects: The polls not to close earlier than 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots to be cast at 5:00 PM.**

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary officers for the terms stated:

Selectman for three years – Edward O. Pope  
 Selectman for two years – Sally S. Kriebel  
 Selectman for one year – Ralph Perron  
 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year – Marianne Peabody  
 Cemetery Trustee for three years – Phyllis Holbrook  
 Cemetery Trustee for two years – Katherine A. Leland  
 Trustee of Trust Funds for three years – Rebecca A. Rodgers  
 Library Trustee for three years – Maureen Gaites  
 Supervisor of Checklist for five years – Cynthia McAuley

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of amending the existing town zoning ordinance, "Article IV Boundaries of Zones" (Changes shown in bold type)

**Recreational Zone East**

Recreational Zone East shall include all abutting lands in Thornton formerly owned by Dr. Warren Butterfield, including that portion of the **352.8** acre tract between Upper Mad River Road and the White Mountain National Forest that lies in the **Rural Residence Zone** and the General Residence Zone; the abutting 6.5 acre tract on the corner of the Upper Mad River Road and Burbank Hill Road; and the abutting **27.5** acre Goose Hollow Campground property bordering the Mad River.

Article 2 Passed

162 Yes

115 No



**Article 3:** Are you in favor of amending the existing zoning ordinance "Article IV E.2". (Changes shown in bold type)

Industrial Zone II

Beginning at the point where Merrill Access Road and I-93 intersect; thence easterly following Merrill Road and **Cross Road** to the railroad thence northerly along the railroad to the point where it intersects the old town road by Hubbard Brook **Depot Road**; thence northwesterly along said road and **Mirror Lake Road** to the Thornton-Woodstock town line; thence southerly along the Thornton-Woodstock town line and I-93 to the point of beginning.

Article 3 Passed 153 Yes 121No

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of amending the existing town zoning ordinance "Article VI Development Requirements" by deleting the first sentence and replacing it with:

In all zones building shall be constructed in accordance with the New Hampshire Building Code RSA 155-A:2.

Article 4 Passed 204 Yes 74 No

The following articles were taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 15th day of March 2003 at the Thornton Central School.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert Gannett at 10:01 A.M. A Motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Warrant. Motion Passed, voice vote.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicle, Equipment and Major Maintenance Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

Moved and seconded, no discussion, Article passed – Voice Vote

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the existing Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

Moved and seconded, no discussion, Article passed – Voice Vote

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the existing Transfer Station Major Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article

Moved and seconded, no discussion, Article passed – Voice Vote

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand thirty eight dollars (\$19,038) for the purpose of purchasing multi-user software for Police Department Reporting needs. This appropriation is conditional on the approval of a 90% matching grant with the remainder offset by general taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

Moved and seconded. Question asked as to the certainty of the Grant being received. Chief Joyce replied that he felt receiving the grant was doubtful at this time and felt that a better alternative might be to lease the software for three years. Chief Joyce then stated in answer to a question, that the Police Department would then own the software at the end of the lease period.

Article 8 was then amended to read as follows: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed seventy two hundred dollars (\$7200.00) for the purpose of leasing multi user software for Police Department reporting purposes. This will be a non-binding lease Amendment moved & seconded. Amendment passed – Voice Vote.

Amended Article 8 passed – Voice Vote



**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand six dollars (**\$17,006**) for the purpose of funding various Emergency Management activities including the purchase and installation of a generator, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$4,000** and accumulated interest in an amount not to exceed **\$600** from the Emergency Generator Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the generator and to discontinue said Fund, with the balance of **\$12,406** to come from matching grants. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article

Article moved and seconded. Discussion

Terry Joyce addressed the question as to where the generator would be located. It would be in the addition to the Police Department, installation would be included in the costs associated with the addition. Emergency Management funding is necessary due to current concerns of terrorism. Funds would be used for equipment, training and other needs as warranted.

Article passes – Voice Vote

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars (**\$48,000**) for the design and construction of an addition to the Municipal Building to add office, garage, and storage space for the Police Department. This appropriation will be offset by withdrawal from a capital reserve established for this purpose in the amount of **\$36,000** and accumulated interest not to exceed **\$2,000**, with the remainder to come by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the addition is completed or December 31, 2004, whichever is sooner. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

Article amended by Board of Selectmen to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety seven thousand five hundred dollars (**\$97,500.00**) for the design and construction of an addition to the Municipal Building to add office, garage and storage space for the Police Department. This appropriation will be offset by withdrawal from a capital reserve established for this purpose in the amount of thirty six thousand dollars (**\$36,000.00**) plus accumulated interest not to exceed two thousand dollars (**\$2,000.00**) with the remainder to be raised by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the addition is completed or December 31, 2004 whichever is sooner.

Amended Article moved and seconded. Discussion

Chief Joyce offered by way of explanation for the additional funding that building costs have increased dramatically since he first proposed this addition. The quotes he has received are from local contractors with a cost of **\$45.00** per sq. ft. These are only quotes or estimates not to be construed as bids. The project will be put out to bid. Bob Paulson suggested that plans be submitted to Dodge Plan Room to broaden the base of contractors bidding. Tim Tyler suggested that in the future when projects are being considered by the town, it would be best to have the consultant or architect present the proposal to the Town rather than the department head.

Amended Article 10 passed – Voice Vote

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-three thousand six hundred dollars (**\$43,600**) for the purpose of bank stabilization along Mill Brook Road (in the area of the barriers). This appropriation is conditional on the approval of a 60% matching grant with the remainder offset by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the addition is completed or December 31, 2004, whichever is sooner. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

Article amended by Board of Selectmen to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand eight hundred seventy eight dollars (**\$45,878.00**) for the purpose of bank stabilization along Mill Brook Road (in the area of the barriers). All other language remains the same.

Amended article moved and seconded. Discussion

Selectman Perron stated EPA and DES will not cover 100% of the cost. Twenty seven thousand five hundred twenty seven dollars (\$27,500.00) is the amount of the federal grant administered by the EPA and DES. The Article must be approved today in order to receive this grant. This project will stabilize the bank only. Jim Parziale spoke to the concerns he has over the curve in the road, he feels if this is not corrected the hazard to public safety will still be there and that the bank could not be stabilized until this was done. Jim Sanborn, Road Agent, spoke to this and stated the town was aware of this situation with the road itself and that it would be corrected. Barbara Patterson expressed her concern over the barriers being left in place she felt that in addition to a guard rail the barriers should remain..

Motion made to move the article, seconded, passed by voice vote

Amended Article passed – Voice Vote

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (**\$10,000**) for the ensuing year to partially fund with the Town of Campton, an eight week summer 2003 recreation program to be facilitated by the organization, Thornton-Campton Neighborfest, Inc. (This article submitted by petition.) The Board of Selectmen does not support this article.

Representatives of Neighborfest spoke to their dismay as to why the Selectmen were not supporting this article. The summer program for children has a total cost of \$80,000.00 . The \$10,000.00 they hope to receive from both Campton and Thornton would be used to offset these costs. Costs to families per week would still be approximately \$85.00 per child. Members of the community spoke to the fact that a program being subsidized by the Towns should be affordable to low income families and this would not be. Adapt is a summer program available to town residents. They have a summer program that is currently free to the children of Thornton. This program has a budget of \$10,000.00 runs for seven weeks during the summer and includes two field trips per week.

Selectman Kriebel addressed the issue from the Selectmen's point of view. They felt that since The Town of Thornton did not have as many children as Campton, they would have been willing to support a sixty/fifty split. The representatives of Neighborfest were informed of this by the Board. The Town of Thornton's Board of Selectmen does support the Neighborfest organization but felt it was asking the town for a disproportionate share of funding.

It was pointed out that Campton had appropriated the \$10,000.00 requested. They funded it through the Parks & Recreation line on the town's budget. The question was asked as to why the town was funding this at all, since private organizations, it was felt should not be funded by taxpayer dollars. Tim Tyler spoke to the fact that Thornton was first in the name of the organization and that many hours had been donated by volunteers .

Motion made to Move the Article, seconded - Motion Passed – voice vote.  
Article defeated – Voice Vote



**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million, six hundred thirty one thousand, three hundred forty-four dollars (**\$1,631,344**) to support operations for the 2003-year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles.

Article 13 dollar amount amended to read One million six hundred thirty one thousand eight hundred forty four dollars (\$1,631,844.00) this would include Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for Neighborfest.

Amended Article moved and seconded. Amended article passes – Voice Vote.

**Article 14:** To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

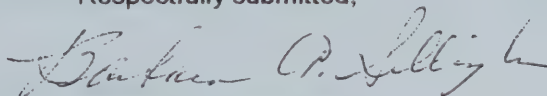
1. Health Care Resolution – A majority of those in attendance affirmed this resolution.
2. It was requested that in future Town Reports, department budgets are itemized in order that residents may know where money is being spent.
3. Vote to reconsider Article 12 was called for. Motion moved and seconded. Voice vote – not decisive. Vote by raising of hands – 35 Yes 37 No Motion defeated.

Any newly elected officials were asked to come forward after adjournment to be sworn in.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, passed – Voice Vote

Meeting adjourned by Moderator at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Sellingham  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## **The Health Care for New Hampshire Resolution**

**Whereas**, New Hampshire residents pay the 12<sup>th</sup> highest cost of insurance in the country; and  
**Whereas**, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and  
**Whereas**, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and  
**Whereas**, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of THORNTON, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;**
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;**
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective, and**
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.**

The above language represents a resolution signed by the required number of registered voters requesting that this be placed on the 2003 Warrant for consideration. This resolution is non-binding and represents no fiscal impact.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February in the year 2003.

Thornton Board of Selectmen,

Edward O. Pope, Chairman

Ralph L. Perron

Sally S. Kriebel



DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
2003 TAX RATE CALCULATION

		Tax Rates
Appropriations	1,815,428	
less: Revenues	(1,073,387)	
less: Shared Revenues	(2,522)	
Add: Overlay	24,304	
War Service Credits	18,400	
 Net Town appropriation	 782,223	
Special Adjustment	0	
 Approved Town Tax Effort	 782,223	
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>		<b>4.58</b>
 Net Local School Budget	 2,045,270	
Regional School Apportionment	1,236,039	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(549,958)	
State Education Taxes	(791,071)	
 Approved School Effort	 1,940,280	
<b>Local Education Tax Rate</b>		<b>11.34</b>
 State Education Taxes		
2001 Equalized Value \$160,786,707		
(w/o utilities) x 4.92 (state rate)	791,071	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation		
\$167,620,845 (w/o utilities)		4.72
<b>State Education Tax</b>		
Excess State Education to State	0	
 Due to County	 293,495	
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,959)	
 Approved County Tax Effort	 291,536	
<b>County Tax Effort</b>		<b>1.70</b>
 <b>Tax Rate w/o Precinct</b>		<b>22.34</b>
 <b>Total Property Tax Assessed</b>	 3,805,110	
Less War Service Credits	(18,400)	
Add: Village District Commitment	203,860	23.73
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>3,990,570</b>	

Proof of Rate	Net Valuation	Rate/1000	Assessment
State Education Tax	167,620,845	4.72	791,071
All Other Taxes	171,052,245	17.63	3,014,039
			3,805,110
Village Precinct	8,590,800	23.73	203,860
War Service Credits			(18,400)
			3,990,570

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS VS. EXPENDITURES  
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003**

Category	Carried to 2003	2003 Available	2003 Expenditures	Carried to 2004
Executive	\$ -	\$ 87,938	\$ 86,961	\$ -
Election & Registrations		49,129	46,268	
Finance and Office Expense	4,400	53,899	46,992	400
Reappraisal of Property		12,500	12,827	
Legal Expense		6,500	5,346	
Personnel Administration		160,495	159,769	
Planning & Zoning		4,330	3,498	
General Government Building		19,250	11,988	3,500
Cemeteries		19,500	16,867	
Insurance		24,350	24,326	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		2,950	2,948	
Contingency, Maps & Perambulation	3,125	12,626	8,888	
Police Department		289,491	287,305	
Ambulance		20,170	20,170	
Fire Department	900	121,278	118,777	
Building Inspection		5,000	6,711	
Emergency Management		17,006	14,158	
911 Expense		2,500	1,239	
Highways		343,611	344,717	
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Dist.		1,580	1,578	
Recycling/Transfer Station		255,048	262,134	
Closure Monitoring		3,200	2,375	
Septage Disposal		100	100	
Health Agencies & Hospital		10,592	10,092	
General Assistance/Welfare		23,789	20,527	
Agencies		7,023	7,023	
Parks & Recreation		-	-	
Library		38,900	37,086	
Patriotic Purposes		300	61	
Other Culture/Recreation (Neighborhood)		500	500	
Principal-Long Term Loans		45,000	45,000	
Interest -Long Term Loans		10,920	10,920	
Interest -Tax Anticipation Notes		15,000	-	
Land		-	-	
New Equipment (Capital Reserve W/D)		6,290	6,290	
Buildings & Improvements		97,500	2,371	95,129
Mill Brook Road Improvements		45,878	7,670	38,208
Capital Reserve-Hwy Equip./Major Maint		6,000	6,000	
Capital Reserve-Municipal Buildings		5,000	5,000	
Capital Reserve-Tsf Station Major Mnt/Equip		5,000	5,000	
Steele Bridge (State A/R not reflected in '03)	83,714	83,714	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 92,139</b>	<b>\$ 1,913,857</b>	<b>\$ 1,649,482</b>	<b>\$ 137,237</b>
less amount carried forward from '02		(92,139)		
less amount w/d from capital reserve		(6,290)		
Steele Bridge (80% State funding)			352,616	20,505
<b>2003 Appropriation</b>		<b>\$ 1,815,428</b>		<b>\$ 157,742</b>



REPORT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON  
ON DECEMBER 31, 2003

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	***PRINCIPAL***				***INCOME***				
		Balance 1/1/03	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/03	Balance 1/1/03	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Balance 12/31/03
1/2/91	Steel Bridge	60,000.00		60,000.00	0.00	9,270.07	531.16	9,801.23	0.00	0.00
1/2/91	Highway Vehicle, Equipment & Major Maintenance	6,464.64	6,000.00	6,464.64	6,000.00	8,306.21	116.49	7,535.36	887.34	6,887.34
1/2/91	Fire/Rescue Vehicle, Equipment & Major Maintenance	23,577.09			23,577.09	4,813.46	245.23		5,058.69	28,635.78
8/4/99	Emergency Generator Fund	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00	575.58	35.01	610.59	0.00	0.00
7/5/01	Transfer Station	7,688.00	5,000.00	6,290.00	6,398.00	181.59	24.83		206.42	6,604.42
12/31/00	Municipal Bldg Addition	36,000.00	5,000.00		41,000.00	1,539.02	305.48		1,844.50	42,844.50
6/8/01	Thornton School District - Building Improvements	10,000.00			10,000.00	320.87	83.35		404.22	10,404.22
1/2/91	Thornton School District - Special Ed.	48,058.37			48,058.37	24,354.00	585.06		24,939.06	72,997.43
	TOTAL	195,788.10	16,000.00	76,754.64	135,033.46	49,360.80	1,926.61	17,947.18	33,340.23	168,373.69

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON  
ON DECEMBER 31, 2003

NAME OF TRUST FUND	***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***				
	Balance 1/1/03	New Funds Created	Cash Gains Securities	Balance 12/31/03	Balance 1/1/03	Amount	Expended	Balance 12/31/03
Perpetual care funds in Fidelity stock and Capital gains in bank CDs	15,428.59	0.00	336.00	15,764.59	77.34	333.65	333.65	15,841.93
W. Lee Trust for general care MRC Fidelity stock and Capital gains in CDs	8,107.75	0.00	0.00	8,107.75	0.00	175.38	175.38	8,107.75
W. Lee Trust for Thornton Library Fidelity stock and Capital gains in CDs	8,107.75	0.00	0.00	8,107.75	0.00	175.39	175.39	8,107.75
Perpetual care funds bank deposits	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	635.52	82.06	76.20	7,641.38
Town Cemetery Maintenance Trust Lot Sales, Income for general care	17,425.00	700.00	0.00	18,125.00	0.00	197.38	197.38	18,125.00
I. Ham Memorial Trust for Library books	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	58.00	58.00	1,000.00
C. Ham Memorial Trust for Library books	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	58.00	58.00	1,000.00
Jeanne Robbins Memorial Trust, Income to reduce taxes	146,688.38	0.00	0.00	146,688.38	0.00	1,619.92	1,619.92	146,688.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>204,757.47</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>336.00</u>	<u>205,793.47</u>	<u>712.86</u>	<u>2,699.78</u>	<u>2,693.92</u>	<u>206,512.19</u>



**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$ 311,149.00
Furniture & Equipment	331,500.00
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	
Furniture & Equipment	9,825.00
Police Department, Land & Buildings	
Equipment	69,465.00
Fire Department, Lands & Buildings	146,410.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Highway Department, Lands & Buildings 13.03 ac.	153,000.00
Equipment	151,625.00
Materials & Supplies	15,000.00
Park, Commons and Playgrounds	35,000.00
School, Lands & Buildings, Equip. 6.35 ac.	2,447,000.00
Transfer Station 21.00 ac. +/-	171,600.00
All Land acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
Prior to 1998	25,025.00
1998 Deeded Property	19,670.00
1999 Deeded Property	2,639.00
2001 Deeded Property	21,379.00
2003 Deeded Property	28,979.90
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Total	\$3,940,266.90

**TOWN OF THORNTON  
COMPARATIVE VIEW OF  
TAX RATES FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS**

**- RATES -**

Unit of Government	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Municipal	4.58	3.83	4.77	5.57	5.79
School- Local Funding	11.34	9.64	10.57	9.53	7.89
School- State Ed Fund	4.72	5.00	6.50	6.45	6.57
County	1.70	1.51	1.74	1.56	1.55
<b>Combined Town Rate</b>	<b>22.34</b>	<b>19.98</b>	<b>23.58</b>	<b>23.11</b>	<b>21.80</b>
<b>Waterville Estates Village District</b>	<b>23.73</b>	<b>21.62</b>	<b>26.93</b>	<b>27.38</b>	<b>23.87</b>

Unit of Government	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Municipal	4.80	6.54	3.85	3.95	4.38
School- Local Funding	17.63	18.33	13.73	13.00	12.33
School- State Ed Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
County	1.50	1.40	1.06	1.15	1.07
<b>Combined Town Rate</b>	<b>23.93</b>	<b>26.27</b>	<b>18.64</b>	<b>18.10</b>	<b>17.78</b>
<b>Waterville Estates Village District</b>	<b>28.03</b>	<b>22.42</b>	<b>12.67</b>	<b>13.34</b>	<b>11.79</b>



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2003

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$349,946.71
UCC Filings	390.00
Marriage, Birth & Death Certificates	850.00
Dog License Fees	1,892.00
Miscellaneous Fees	<u>116.00</u>
Total Fees Collected	\$353,194.71

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Sellingham,  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

**Cash on hand January 1, 2003**

Checking	\$ 1,575.00	
Money Market	<u>539,140.05</u>	
		<b>\$ 540,715.05</b>

**Receipts:**

Selectmen	\$ 682,952.03	
Tax Collector	4,051,572.91	
Town Clerk	351,822.71	
Grants	53,160.31	
Landfill Closure	2,715.58	
NHPDIP	1,290,000.00	
Pemi National Bank Interest	<u>2,007.52</u>	
		+ <b>\$6,434,231.06</b>

**Payments:**

Selectmen		<b>\$5,035,232.45</b>
Transfer to NHPDIP		- <b><u>\$1,400,000.00</u></b>

**End of year balance December 31, 2003**

Checking	\$ 22,382.44	
Money Market	<u>517,331.22</u>	
	<b>\$ 539,713.66</b>	<b>\$ 539,713.66</b>
	<u><u>=====</u></u>	<u><u>=====</u></u>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan Dumont Treasurer**



**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY  
LANDFILL/CLOSURE BOND  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<b>Cash on hand January 1, 2003:</b>	<b>\$19,354.83</b>
Receipts:	
Interest	+ 135.58
Withdrawals:	
Selectmen	<u>- 2,715.58</u>
<b>End of year balance December 31, 2003</b>	<b>\$16,774.83</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY  
NHPDIP GENERAL FUND  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<b>Cash on hand January 1, 2003:</b>	<b>\$921,841.14</b>
Receipts:	
Interest	+ 4,994.84
Contributions	<u>+1,400,000.00</u>
Withdrawals:	
Selectmen	<u>-1,290,000.00</u>
<b>End of year balance December 31, 2003</b>	<b>\$1,036,835.98</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY  
ESCROW ACCOUNT S MORTON-KEONA ROAD  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<b>Beginning balance January 1, 2003</b>	<b>\$1,000.73</b>
Receipts:	
Interest	+ <b>2.85</b>
 Withdrawals:	
Selectmen – to close	<b><u>- 1,003.58</u></b>
 <b>End of year balance December 31, 2003</b>	 <b>\$ 00.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer



**SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Balance Due School Districts 1/1/03		\$ 1,229,966
Payments: 1/1/03-6/30/03		
Thornton Central School	\$ 780,383	
Pemi-Baker Regional School District	449,583	
Balance due on 02/03 appropriation		\$ -
03/04 School Appropriations		
Thornton Central School	\$ 1,693,950	
Pemi-Baker Regional School District	1,037,401	
Account Payable at 12/31/03		
Thornton Central School		\$ 748,950
Pemi-Baker Regional School District		457,401
Balance Due School Districts 12/31/03		\$ 1,206,351

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS THROUGH  
December 31, 2003

ACCOUNT NUMBER		CATEGORY TOTAL
2230-10	Tax Anticipation Note Payable	-
3110-10	Warrants: Property Tax - Current Year	\$ 4,008,364.00 (Town Portion) \$ 767,033.00
	Less Overlay for abatements/deeded property	(14,534.52)
3120-10	Land Use Change	52,542.00
3185-10	Yield Tax - Current Year	7,069.04
3188-13	Excavation Activity Tax	6,089.84
3191-10	Interest & Costs: Property Tax - Current Year	\$ 5,287.43
3191-11	Property Tax - Previous Year	27,470.20
3191-12	Property Tax - Liens	25,807.21
3191-13	Excavation Tax	4.27
3192-10	Land Use Change	6.79
3198-00	Yield Tax	120.73
		58,696.63
3220-10	MV Registration Fee	350,087.71
3290-10	Dog License Fees	1,892.00
3290-20	Vitals	907.00
3290-25	UCC Filings	375.00
3290-40	Filing Fees	18.00
3290-60	Planning Board - Fees	2,188.63
3290-61	Planning Board - Regulations	50.00
		5,430.63
3230-10	Building Permit Fees	9,016.13
3351-10	NH Shared Revenue	10,337.00
3352-10	NH Room & Meals	56,091.68
3353-10	NH Highway Block Grant	74,219.46
3356-10	State & Federal Forest Reimbursement	21,258.00
3359-10	Other State Grants & Reimbursement	348,384.04
3379-10	Recycle/Landfill - Town Reimbursements	152,765.45
3404-10	Recycle/Landfill - Disposal Charges	11,519.00
3404-20	Recycling Income	17,206.63
		28,725.63
3504-10	Police Fines and Fees	1,340.00
	Police Details	8,330.00
		9,670.00
3501-10	Sale of Tax Deeded Property	-
3509-20	Interest - Money Market	2,007.52
3509-21	Interest - NHPDIP	5,130.42
		7,137.94
3506-15	Insurance - Dividend	2,350.75
3509-35	Health/Dental Insurance Reimbursement	32,953.95
3509-30	Copy Machine Income	443.96
3909-25	Returned Check Fees	225.00
3910-10	Miscellaneous Revenue	25,614.33
3910-11	Fire Department Reimbursement	748.54
3910-12	CCC/CERT	1,400.05
		61,385.83



SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS THROUGH  
December 31, 2003

ACCOUNT NUMBER		CATEGORY TOTAL
3912-00	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	2,402.53
3915-30	Transfers from Capital Reserves	63,431.75
3916-10	Transfer from Trust Funds	-
	Fund Balance used to reduce tax burden	<u>200,007.00</u>
	<b>Audited 2003 Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,279,597.52</b>

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

ACCT #	2003 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Audited Exp to 12/31/03	Balance Available
<b>4130</b>		<b>EXECUTIVE</b>		
4130-10	11,400	PAYROLL - SELECTMEN	11,400.00	
4130-25	44,882	PAYROLL - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	44,882.00	
4130-40	26,956	PAYROLL - PLANNING/ADMIN SUPPORT	26,956.00	
4130-45	2,500	PAYROLL-OVERTIME/PART-TIME	2,686.00	
4130-50	200	MODERATOR	200.00	
4130-60	2,000	EXPENSES FOR SELECTMEN	837.14	
	<b>87,938</b>	<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE (4130)</b>	<b>86,961.14</b>	977
<b>4140</b>		<b>ELECTION, REGISTRATION</b>		
4140-10	34,879	PAYROLL -TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	34,879.00	
4140-11	11,000	PAYROLL - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	8,787.42	
4140-19	1,250	OTHER TOWN CLERK EXP	909.15	
4140-25	2,000	ELECTION EXPENSES one election	1,692.60	
	<b>49,129</b>	<b>TOTAL ELECTION, REGISTRATIONS (4140)</b>	<b>46,268.17</b>	2,861
<b>4150</b>		<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		
4150-15	400	COLLECTION EXPENSES	710.41	
4150-20	3,219	PAYROLL - TREASURER	3,219.00	
4150-30	1,200	PAYROLL-TRUSTEES	1,200.00	
4150-40	6,690	AUDITING	6,240.00	
4150-50	10,000	OFFICE EXPENSE - SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	11,986.49	
4150-51	4,800	OFFICE EXPENSE - TELEPHONE	3,169.98	
4150-52	500	OFFICE EXPENSE - BANK SERVICE CHARGE	463.95	
4150-53	9,790	OFFICE EXPENSE - COMPUTER CHARGES	10,194.07	
4150-54	2,800	OFFICE EXPENSE - TOWN REPORTS	2,395.20	
4150-55	1,450	OFFICE EXPENSE - EQUIPMENT RENTALS	586.50	
4150-56	1,950	OFFICE EXPENSE - DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,108.59	
4150-57	5,800	OFFICE EXPENSE - POSTAGE	4,330.31	
4150-58	900	TRAINING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	387.89	
	<b>49,499</b>	<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (4150)</b>	<b>46,992.39</b>	2,507
<b>4152</b>		<b>PROPERTY VALUES</b>		
4152-10	-	UPDATE OF PROPERTY VALUES	-	
	12,500	PICKUPS (BLDG PMTS/DEMOLITIONS)	12,826.75	
	<b>12,500</b>	<b>TOTAL REEVALUATIONS OF PROPERTY (4152)</b>	<b>12,826.75</b>	-327
		<b>LEGAL EXPENSE</b>		
<b>4153-10</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>TOTAL LEGAL (4153)</b>	<b>5,345.66</b>	1,154
<b>4155</b>		<b>PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>		
4155-10	50,495	FICA & RETIREMENT	51,787.39	
4155-20	110,000	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	107,981.62	
	<b>160,495</b>	<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIONS (4155)</b>	<b>159,769.01</b>	726
<b>4191</b>		<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>		
4191-20	3,580	PLANNING BOARD - OPERATING COSTS	3,287.37	
4191-30	750	PLANNING BOARD - LEGAL EXPENSES	211.00	
	<b>4,330</b>	<b>TOTAL PLANNING &amp; ZONING (4191)</b>	<b>3,498.37</b>	832



**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

ACCT #	2003 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Audited Exp to 12/31/03	Balance Available
<b>4194</b>		<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>		
4194-10	3,000	GOV'T BUILDING - CUSTODIAL	3,000.00	
4194-20	2,400	GOV'T BUILDING - GAS	1,529.61	
4194-30	4,950	GOV'T BUILDINGS - UTILITIES	4,256.45	
4194-40	8,000	GOV'T BUILDINGS - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,631.80	
4194-50	900	GOV'T BUILDINGS - SUPPLIES	570.60	
	<b>19,250</b>	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (4194)</b>	<b>11,988.46</b>	7,262
<b>4195</b>		<b>CEMETERIES</b>		
4195-20	9,000	CEMETERIES - LABOR	8,550.00	
4195-25	500	CEMETERIES - ROAD MAINTENANCE	-	
4195-26	500	PINE GROVE FENCE REPAIRS	90.00	
4195-30	7,000	CEMETERIES - EQUIPMENT & MACHINES	7,800.00	
4195-40	2,500	CEMETERIES - SUPPLIES	426.90	
	<b>19,500</b>	<b>TOTAL CEMETERIES (4195)</b>	<b>16,866.90</b>	2,633
<b>4196</b>		<b>INSURANCE</b>		
4196-10	5,000	INSURANCE - WORKERS COMPENSATION	6,067.37	
4196-20	500	INSURANCE - UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	490.03	
4196-30	18,850	INSURANCE - OTHER	17,768.56	
	<b>24,350</b>	<b>TOTAL INSURANCE (4196)</b>	<b>24,325.96</b>	24
<b>4197-10</b>	2,950	<b>ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOC.</b> North Country Council/Chamber of Commerce	2,948.03	
	<b>2,950</b>	<b>TOTAL ADVERTISING/REGIONAL(4197)</b>	<b>2,948.03</b>	2
<b>4199</b>		<b>OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
4199-10	7,000	CONTINGENCY FUND	6,388.00	
4199-20	2,500	MAP & UPDATE	2,500.00	
4199-30	1	PERAMBULATION	-	
	<b>9,501</b>	<b>TOTAL (4199)</b>	<b>8,888</b>	613
<b>4210</b>		<b>POLICE</b>		
4210-10	124,214	POLICE-PAYROLL FT (expense includes grant position)	160,879.83	
	34,947	(grant position)		
	24,960	(secretary)\$12.26	21,600.00	
15	12,261	(part-time)\$10.51	11,713.15	
4210-20	31,813	POLICE - COMMUNICATIONS	25,687.28	
4210-30	4,890	POLICE - EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	10,972.08	
4210-40	4,500	POLICE - UNIFORMS	6,712.55	
4210-50	8,933	POLICE - OUTSIDE SERVICES	8,327.68	
4210-60	26,073	POLICE - VEHICLE EXPENSES	25,645.55	
4210-70	1,000	POLICE - TRAINING	2,351.76	
4210-80	700	POLICE - CHIEFS EXPENSES/NOTICES	115.00	
	<b>274,291</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL POLICE (4210)</b>	<b>274,004.88</b>	286
4211-10	5,000	POLICE-DETAILS	3,425.00	
4211-20	3,000	POLICE-FOREST SERVICE CONTRACT	2,775.00	
4211-30	7,200	IMC Multi User Software	7,100.00	
	<b>289,491</b>	<b>TOTAL POLICE (4210)</b>	<b>287,304.88</b>	2,186

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

ACCT #	2003 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Audited Exp to 12/31/03	Balance Available
4215-10	<u>20,170</u>	TOTAL AMBULANCE (4215)	<u>20,170.49</u>	0
<b>4220</b>		<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>		
4220-10	100,847	Fire department operations (Thornton's 38%)	100,846.60	
	1,300	Hydrants	800.00	
4220-20	1,100	FOREST FIRE EXPENSE	-	
4220-30	12,196	LAKES REGION MUTUAL OPERATIONS	12,195.67	
	4,935	LAKES REGION MUTUAL BUILDING (yr 4 of 5)	4,934.34	
	<u>120,378</u>	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (4220)	<u>118,776.61</u>	1,601
4240-10	<u>5,000</u>	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS (4240)	<u>6,710.71</u>	-1,711
4290-10	<u>17,006</u>	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	<u>14,157.81</u>	2,848
4300-00	<u>2,500</u>	TOTAL 911 POSTS/SIGNS (4300)	<u>1,239.08</u>	1,261
<b>4312</b>		<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		
4312-10	57,283	HIGHWAY-PAYROLL regular hours	57,644.59	
4312-11	10,328	overtime	9,119.88	
4312-12	9,000	part-time seasonal	9,027.45	
4312-20	14,500	HIGHWAY - SUPPLIES	29,889.74	
4312-21	50,000	HIGHWAY - Road Repair & Paving	56,163.89	
4312-22	30,000	HIGHWAY - ROAD AGENT	24,585.00	
4312-23	8,000	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - SUMMER	1,102.50	
4312-24	4,000	HIGHWAY - MOWING & SWEEPING	-	
4312-25	55,000	HIGHWAY-EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	68,162.32	
4312-26	10,500	HIGHWAY-EQUIPMENT RENTAL	3,532.00	
4312-27	10,000	HIGHWAY-BUILDING SUPPLY & MAINT	14,560.42	
4312-30	15,000	HIGHWAY - SALT & SAND	17,247.34	
4312-21	5,000	HIGHWAY - GRAVEL	1,889.26	
4312-33	65,000	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - WINTER	51,792.75	
	<u>343,611</u>	TOTAL HIGHWAY (4312)	<u>344,717.14</u>	-1,106
4314-00	<u>-</u>	HIGHWAY-BRIDGES	<u>-</u>	0
4322-00	<u>1,580</u>	PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE	<u>1,578.02</u>	2
<b>4323/4324</b>		<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>		
4323-10	31,887	PAYROLL-Manager	32,395.94	
4323-11	22,628	-Full Time Operator	23,716.15	
4323-12	15,600	-Part time	16,948.89	
4323-20	4,675	SOLID WASTE - BUILDING & UTILITY	4,672.39	
4323-21	1,500	UNIFORM EXPENSE	278.92	
	<u>76,290</u>	SOLID WASTE RECYCLE (4323)	<u>78,012.29</u>	-1,722
4324-10	10,670	SOLID WASTE - GENERAL/EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	14,438.63	
4324-20	112,088	SOLID WASTE - DISPOSAL	118,563.30	
4324-30	-	SOLID WASTE - LEGAL	-	
4324-40	56,000	SOLID WASTE - BULKY DEBRIS	51,119.59	
	<u>178,758</u>	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (4324)	<u>184,121.52</u>	-5,364
	<b>255,048</b>	TOTAL TRANSFER STATION	<b>262,133.81</b>	-7,086



**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

ACCT #	2003 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Audited Exp to 12/31/03	Balance Available
4325-10	3,200	<b>MONITORING/CLOSURE</b>	2,374.75	
		Budget reflects only Thornton's portion		
4325-10	<u>3,200</u>	<b>TOTAL MONITORING/CLOSURE (4325) Thornton's Portion</b>	<u>2,374.75</u>	825
4326-00	<u>100</u>	<b>TOTAL SEPTAGE DISPOSAL (4326)</b>	<u>100.00</u>	0
<b>4415</b>		<b>HEALTH</b>		
4415-10	9,453	HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS	9,452.65	
		Pemi-Baker Home Health '04	\$8,446.10	
		Speare Memorial Hospital	\$1,100.00	
4415-20	639	PAYROLL - HEALTH OFFICER	639.00	
4415-30	500	LOCAL HEALTH	-	
	<u>10,592</u>	<b>TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES &amp; HOSPITALS (4415)</b>	<u>10,091.65</u>	500
		<b>WELFARE</b>		
4441-10	3,789	PAYROLL - OVERSEER OF WELFARE	3,789.00	
4442-10	20,000	DIRECT ASSISTANCE - WELFARE	16,738.09	
	<u>23,789</u>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE (4442)</b>	<u>20,527.09</u>	3,262
<b>4444</b>		<b>HEALTH &amp; AGENCY REQUESTS</b>		
4444-10	1,278	VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE	1,278.00	
4444-11	900	TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	900.00	
4444-12	900	GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS	900.00	
4444-14	1,000	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL CLINIC	1,000.00	
4444-17	2,000	ADOLESCENT DRUG & ALCOHOL	2,000.00	
4444-18	645	GWMCA AMERICAN RED CROSS	645.00	
4444-19	300	LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES	300.00	
	<u>7,023</u>	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SPECIAL APPROP (4444)</b>	<u>7,023.00</u>	0
4520-10	-	<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	-	
	-	<b>TOTAL PARKS &amp; RECREATION (4520)</b>	-	0
<b>4550</b>		<b>LIBRARY</b>		
4550-10	23,555	PAYROLL - LIBRARY	23,936.25	
4550-20	15,345	LIBRARY - OTHER	13,150.00	
	<u>38,900</u>	<b>TOTAL LIBRARY (4550)</b>	<u>37,086.25</u>	1,814
4583-10	300	<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>	61.30	
4589-10	500	<b>NEIGHBORFEST</b>	500.00	
	<u>800</u>	<b>TOTAL (4583-4589)</b>	<u>561.30</u>	239
4711-10	<u>45,000</u>	<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM BONDS (4711)</b>	<u>45,000.00</u>	0
4721-10	<u>10,920</u>	<b>TOTAL INTEREST - LONG TERM BONDS (4721)</b>	<u>10,919.97</u>	0
4723-10	<u>15,000</u>	<b>INTEREST - TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE</b>	-	15,000

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

ACCT #	2003 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	<u>Audited Exp to 12/31/03</u>	Balance Available
<b>4901</b>				
		<b>LAND</b>		
4901-10	-	LAND	-	
4901-11	-	LAND - INTEREST	-	
	-	TOTAL LAND (4901)	-	0
<b>4902</b>				
		<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
	-	FIRE DEPARTMENT Command Vehicle	-	
4902-40	-	POLICE-1 cruisers lease/purchase	-	
	-	TOTAL EQUIPMENT (4902)	-	0
<b>4903/4909</b>				
		<b>BUILDINGS &amp; IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
4903-10	-	LANDFILL IMPROVEMENT (Offset by Cap Res W/D)	6,290.00	
4903-20	-	MUNICIPAL BUILDING - highway building	-	
4903-30	97,500	MUNICIPAL BUILDING-police dept addition	2,371.12	
4903-40	45,878	MILL BROOK ROAD BANK STABILIZATION	7,669.65	
	<b>143,378</b>	TOTAL BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS	<b>16,330.77</b>	127,047
<b>4915</b>				
		<b>CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS</b>		
4915-11	6,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	6,000.00	
4915-12	5,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - MUNICIPAL BLDGS	5,000.00	
4915-16	5,000	CAPITAL RESERVE-TSF STATION EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	
	<b>16,000</b>	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE (4915)	<b>16,000.00</b>	0
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	900,487	SUBTOTAL	875,038	25,449
	914,941	SUBTOTAL	774,444	140,497
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	<b>1,815,428</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,649,482.17</b>	165,946
	92,139	Carried from 2002		
	6,290	Transfer Station Equip Cap Reserve W/D		
	<b>1,913,857</b>	<b>FUNDING AVAILABLE</b>		
<b>Carried to 2004</b>				
4150-10		Office Supply		400
4194-10		General Government Buildings-Repair & Maint		3,500
4909-12	373,121	Steele Bridge	352,616	20,505
4909-11		Mill Brook Stabilization		38,208
4903-11		Municipal Building Improvements		95,129
				<u>157,742</u>

# TOWN OF THORNTON

## FY 2003 MS-61 REPORT AS OF 12/31/2003

### UNCOLLECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

	2003	2002	2001	2000+
PROPERTY TAXES:		\$299,043.20	\$0.00	\$0.00
RESIDENT TAXES:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USE CHANGE TAXES:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES:		\$456.62	\$145.33	\$0.00
EXCAVATION TAXES:		\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACTIVITY TAXES:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER/SEWER TAXES:		\$0.00	\$935.46	\$0.00
BETTERMENT TAXES:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Credits Carried Forward:</b>	\$2,738.50			

### TAXES COMMITTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

	2003	2002
PROPERTY TAXES:	\$4,006,364.00	\$130.00
RESIDENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00
USE CHANGE TAXES:	\$52,542.00	\$0.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES:	\$7,069.04	\$0.00
EXCAVATION TAXES:	\$6,089.84	\$0.00
ACTIVITY TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER/SEWER TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00
BETTERMENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00

### OVERPAYMENTS COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

	2003	2002	2001	2000+
PROPERTY TAXES:	\$21,431.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$636.60
RESIDENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USE CHANGE TAXES:	\$37.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXCAVATION TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACTIVITY TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER/SEWER TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BETTERMENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

### INTEREST COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

	2003	2002	2001	2000+
ON TAXES:	\$5,287.43	\$27,585.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
RESIDENT TAX PENALTIES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	\$4,098,821.57	\$327,285.72	\$1,080.79	\$636.60
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<b>COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR</b>
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	2003	2002	2001	2000+
PROPERTY TAXES:	\$3,633,067.10	\$296,874.89	\$0.00	\$0.00
RESIDENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USE CHANGE TAXES:	\$51,676.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES:	\$7,069.04	\$456.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXCAVATION TAXES:	\$6,089.84	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACTIVITY TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER/SEWER TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BETTERMENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INTEREST PENALTIES:	\$5,287.43	\$27,585.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
CONVERTED TO LIENS:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>ABATEMENTS GRANTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR</b>
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	2003	2002	2001	2000+
PROPERTY TAXES:	\$12,583.81	\$1,661.31	\$0.00	\$0.00
RESIDENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USE CHANGE TAXES:	\$12.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.33	\$0.00
EXCAVATION TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACTIVITY TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER/SEWER TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BETTERMENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEEDED:	\$558.00	\$637.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>OVERPAYMENTS COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR</b>
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	2003	2002	2001	2000+
PROPERTY TAXES:	\$21,431.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$636.60
RESIDENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USE CHANGE TAXES:	\$37.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXCAVATION TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACTIVITY TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER/SEWER TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BETTERMENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>UNCOLLECTED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR</b>
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	2003	2002	2001	2000+
PROPERTY TAXES:	\$360,155.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RESIDENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USE CHANGE TAXES:	\$853.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXCAVATION TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACTIVITY TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER/SEWER TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$935.46	\$0.00
BETTERMENT TAXES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	\$4,098,821.57	\$327,285.72	\$1,080.79	\$636.60
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<b>CURRENT UNASSIGNED CREDITS:</b>	\$6,426.52	<b>PRIOR YEAR UNASSIGNED CREDITS:</b>	\$0.00
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## LIENS REPORT

### LIENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

	2003	2002	2001	2000+
UNREDEEMED:	\$0.00	\$74,975.03	\$46,359.50	\$56,630.29
LIENS EXECUTED:	\$111,027.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INT/COSTS COLLECTED:	\$983.53	\$5,381.61	\$5,070.03	\$14,372.04
ELDERLY LIENS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW ELDERLY LIENS:	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$112,011.30</b>	<b>\$80,356.64</b>	<b>\$51,429.53</b>	<b>\$71,002.33</b>

### COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

	2003	2002	2001	2000+
REDEMPTIONS:	\$15,549.44	\$31,259.50	\$17,775.47	\$25,166.59
INTEREST COSTS:	\$983.53	\$5,381.61	\$5,070.03	\$14,372.04
ABATEMENTS:	\$400.00	\$239.94	\$235.70	\$1,255.64
LIENS DEEDED:	\$592.78	\$1,428.44	\$1,036.78	\$12,933.65
BALANCE AT YEAR END:	\$94,485.55	\$42,047.15	\$27,311.55	\$17,274.41
ELDERLY LIENS:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$112,011.30</b>	<b>\$80,356.64</b>	<b>\$51,429.53</b>	<b>\$71,002.33</b>

## END MS-61 REPORT

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE:**

*Debra A. Seligson*

Thornton Public Library  
Report 2003

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to provide my second end of the year report for the Thornton Public Library. It has been an exciting and rewarding year. I am enjoying the many aspects of my position and hope I have met the expectations of my Board of Trustees and those of the community. Moving the library collection out of the building for the summer was an unexpected expense and challenge. However, the overall experience was worthwhile now that we have new carpeting in the library. I am grateful to Principal Bownes for his cooperation and concern and Lew Marcotte, our head of maintenance, and his staff for their support and help. My appreciation goes to the community for their understanding and concern and to Dennis Cate and Bill Bigl for physically moving the collection. The help and support that I received, especially from Laura Laufenberg, Anita Ross and Maureen Gaites, our Library Board of Trustees, raised my spirits when I really didn't want to move the library I had spent months organizing. In spite of the big move the summer reading program was a wonderful success. A grant from Kids Books and the Arts enabled us to have Phil Sptiz "Mr. Phil" entertain 45 attendees. Story programs are very popular and well attended. Patty Imire, proprietor of the Early Start Daycare Center made a generous donation in support of children's programming. In 2004 we will start a CD collection, our audio (books on tape) collection is very popular and patrons have requested CDs. Library circulation for 2003 was unbelievable; 13,130 materials were borrowed from our collection and an additional 540 were loaned to other libraries through (ILL) and 159 were loaned to other libraries through ILL a total of 13,829, for an increase of 5,160 from last year's 8,669 total. Thank you for a wonderful year. Please, remember that your input and suggestions are always welcome. I am grateful for your past and continued support.

Most Sincerely Yours,  
Mrs. Selena M. Cate  
Library Director



## Thornton Public Library Budget

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Proposed
<b>Income</b>			
Town and School Appropriation	35,675.00	37,086.25	39,888.00
School Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Trust funds	600.00	340.58	500.00
Interest Income	5.00	0.97	3.00
Grants		150.00	100.00
Other Income	80.00	30.00	80.00
Donations		100.00	
Unexpended funds previous year		121.49	
Petty Cash	40.00	71.90	35.00
From School for program		590.95	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>38,900.00</b>	<b>40,992.14</b>	<b>43,106.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Books	8,500.00	8,493.09	8,500.00
Salaries	23,555.00	23,936.25	25,481.00
Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Equipment	1,200.00	546.55	1,000.00
Postage	70.00	106.09	100.00
Dues	60.00	50.00	60.00
School Program		1,154.00	500.00
Library Supplies	500.00	1,308.37	600.00
Telephone	1,000.00	834.35	1,000.00
Travel/Conferences	100.00	154.60	200.00
Professional Development	400.00	126.00	400.00
Bank Fees	15.00	30.00	15.00
Computer: supplies & repair	250.00	0.00	250.00
Summer Reading Program	300.00	395.52	500.00
Technical Support	450.00	450.00	500.00
Other Expenses (moving)		876.71	1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>38,900.00</b>	<b>40,961.53</b>	<b>43,106.00</b>
Unexpended funds previous year	121.49	30.61	

Respectfully Submitted  
Mrs. Selena M. Cate  
Library Director

## Thornton Selectmen's Report 2003

One of the most newsworthy events in Thornton for 2003 was the installation of the replacement for the Steele Bridge across Mill Brook. The new bridge is certainly a beautiful addition, and we were fortunate to have the State reimburse Thornton taxpayers for 80% of the construction costs. Current and previous Town employees spent many hours to get this project completed.

The Road Agent and his crew have been seen throughout town in all seasons trying to keep up with the maintenance needs of the town roads. This year the Highway Department transformed an empty metal building into a much-needed Highway garage. Paving projects for 2003 included Sunset Hill Road and Banjo Drive as well as short portions of Mill Brook Road and Steele Bridge Road.

The Selectmen are keenly aware of rising property values and the abundance of new homes that are being built in town. We are also aware of the reduction in financial aid from the state for our school. We continue to strive to balance the needs of our community with the taxpayer in mind.

As always, the Board is grateful to all town employees and volunteers for all the work they do to make Thornton a wonderful place to live.

Edward O. Pope, Chairman  
Ralph L. Perron  
Sally S. Kriebel

## 2003 Campton-Thornton Fire Commissioners report

It has been another busy year for the Campton-Thornton Fire Department with over five hundred calls for the year. This number reflects the continued trend of increasing number of calls each year. Chief Tobine continues to work hard to acquire much needed equipment and supplies through grants. He secured a grant that paid for ninety percent of a sixty four thousand five hundred dollar forestry truck. In addition to that grant he applied for and received two other grants for over three thousand dollars combined.

The department members continue to train ever harder and more than a few of the members became Emergency Medical Technicians over the course of the past year. As the towns populations continue to increase so does the demand for more and continued training. This increases the time our fire fighter's need to devote to our towns and the commissioners would like to thank all of the members of the department for their efforts in protecting us. We would like to extend a big thanks to Chief Tobine for his continued excellence in serving our towns in his capacity. His dedication to excellence shows in the efficiency of the department.

The commissioners would like to also extend a thank you to the members of the Ladies Auxiliary for their support of our Fire Department members. We know it can be a lonely cold job but it does not go unnoticed. We would also like to thank the townspeople who the Fire Department serves for their support now and in the future.

Respectfully Submitted.

David Hiltz  
Nancy Byerly  
Cliff Eastman  
Richard Gheil  
John Ward



## Campton-Thornton Fire Department Chief's Report for 2003

The Firefighters and EMT's had a very busy year with a total of 504 calls compared to 466 calls last year. As always a dedicated staff are on call for you 24 /7. I would like to thank them for not only being there in emergencies, but for their dedication to serve our communities.

We purchased a new forestry truck with the funds from the grant we received. The truck arrived in April just as the forest fire season began. The beginning of the season was busy as the ground dried out quickly. The truck got a good workout and proved to be a valuable asset.

The past few years there has been a lot of development. Thornton has seen a lot of building in the Millbrook area of RTE 175 and the Owl's Nest Golf Course. Campton has seen growth in many parts of town, in particular RTE 175 south of Beebe River. I am concerned about this area due to the response time. Blair Bridge is not passable with a fire truck, which requires us to access this area via Rte 175. Even though Plymouth is an automatic response from Blair Road south the response time is the same for both departments. There are other areas of Campton and Thornton that has automatic responses for this reason but in most cases the other town's response is quicker because they are closer. I have discussed this with the Campton Selectmen and aired my concerns. Considering the growth in this area, we need to be proactive instead of reactive. A sub station in the Blair area would be most beneficial to the community in saving life and property.

We are recruiting members for the explorer program, boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18 years are eligible. You can contact the station if you would like more information or to fill out an application.

As always the department is looking for new members who can make a commitment to serve their community, if you would like more information or would like an application stop by the Campton Station.

Respectfully submitted  
David E. Tobine, Fire Chief

**CAMPTON - THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

**Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003**

Checking	\$ 41,546.34
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**Receipts**

Interest Income	49.88	
Inspection Income	1,480.00	
Other Income	602.03	
FEMA Grant	24,204.00	
DRED Grant	3,117.90	
Appropriations	206,169.25	
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		235,623.06

**Disbursements**

Commissioners (2003 Budget)	202,203.49	
Commissioners (Encumbered 2002)	4,391.78	
Commissioners (Encumbered 2003)	3,926.53	
Commissioners (FEMA & DRED Grants)	61,167.90	
Commissioners (Reimbursement to towns )	1,969.84	
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		273,659.54

**Ending Balance - December 31, 2003**

Checking	3,408.86	
Encumbered Funds 2002	101.00	
Encumbered Funds 2003	3,926.53	
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		<u>\$ 7,436.39</u>

CAMPTON - THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

**FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT**

**Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003**

Savings		\$ 271.40
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**Receipts**

Interest Income	2.20	
		2.20

<b>Ending Balance - December 31, 2003</b>		<b>\$ <u>273.60</u></b>
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**FM RADIO ACCOUNT**

**Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003**

Savings		\$ 2,164.38
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**Receipts**

Interest Income	24.70	
		24.70

<b>Ending Balance - December 31, 2003</b>		<b>\$ <u>2,189.08</u></b>
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**EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT**

**Beginning Balance - January 1, 2003**

Savings		\$ 1,864.78
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**Receipts**

Interest Income	21.28	
		21.28

<b>Ending Balance - December 31, 2003</b>		<b>\$ <u>1,886.06</u></b>
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## CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Summary of Receipts

For the Period From January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
3401.10	<b>Interest Income</b>		
	Pemigewasset National Bank	49.88	
			49.88
3401.11	<b>Inspection Income</b>		1,480.00
3401.12	<b>Other Income</b>		
	Cash	201.00	
	Choice Point	15.00	
	Devine Millimet & Branch	10.00	
	Foremost Ins. Company	10.00	
	Frontier Adjusters	10.00	
	H. Garod	10.00	
	Nat'l City Bank	10.00	
	NHMA Property Liab Trust	266.08	
	Peerless Ins.	15.00	
	Seufert Prof. Assoc.	10.00	
	Town of Plymouth	44.95	
			602.03
3401.90	<b>Appropriation</b>		
	Town of Campton	119,578.16	
	Town of Thornton	78,344.32	
	Town of Ellsworth	8,246.77	
			206,169.25
3425.00	<b>FEMA Grant</b>		
	FEMA	24,204.00	
			24,204.00
3425.10	<b>DRED Grant</b>		
	State of NH	3,117.90	
			3,117.90
			<u>235,623.06</u>

## CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Summary of Payments

For the Period From January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2200.00	<b>Encumbered Funds</b>		
	BOUND TREE CORPORATION	2,034.78	
	OSSIPEE MTN. ELECTRONICS, INC.	2,357.00	
			4,391.78
2201.00	<b>Payable to Towns</b>		
	TOWN OF CAMPTON	1,142.51	
	TOWN OF ELLSWORTH	78.79	
	TOWN OF THORNTON	748.54	
			1,969.84
3425.00	<b>FEMA GRANT</b>		
	GRAPPONE FORD INC.	28,908.00	
	LAKES REGION FIRE APPARATUS	29,142.00	
			58,050.00
3425.10	<b>DRED GRANT</b>		
	NEW PIG	1,760.90	
	FIRE TECH & SAFETY	1,357.00	
			3,117.90
4220.01	<b>Payroll Expense</b>		
	<b>Chief</b>		
	DAVID TOBINE	39,359.32	
			39,359.32
	<b>Call Company</b>		
	DEAN R. CHANDLER	2,340.00	
	MICHAEL J. CRISTIANO	712.50	
	JAMES D. SCOTT DUCKWORTH	2,724.00	
	PATRICK J. DUNAWAY	2,026.25	
	ELLEN EDERSHEIM	188.00	
	COLLEEN FORD	1,512.00	
	DAN GILMAN	872.50	
	IAN HALM	4,798.00	
	BRIDGET JOAQUIN	3,970.00	
	ELIZABETH LAWRENCE	48.00	
	KRISTY A. LYMAN	120.00	
	JAMES McALOON	184.00	
	VICTOR MOORE	187.50	
	CHRISTOPHER PIAZZA	978.75	
	ERIN PIAZZA	24.00	
	MICHAEL PIAZZA	433.50	
	MICHAEL H. POMERANTZ	2,056.25	
	WADE PRENTICE	392.00	
	ERIN SMITH	1,997.00	
	THEODORE SMITH	2,917.50	
	PAUL D. STEELE JR.	1,108.00	

## CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Summary of Payments

For the Period From January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	CHRISTOPHER SZATYNSKI	2,380.00	
	JOSEPH M. THOMPSON	611.25	
	BRIAN TOBINE	4,289.50	
	DAVID TOBINE	5,505.72	
	JEFFREY D. TOBINE	3,628.50	
	CORITA L. TOBINE	1,204.00	
	KATHRYN G. TOBINE	1,640.00	
	SHAWN WOODS	42.50	
		<hr/>	48,891.22
	<b>Secretary</b>		
	LORI WARD	3,911.63	
		<hr/>	3,911.63
	<b>Bookkeeper / Treasurer</b>		
	REBECCA D. FARNSWORTH	3,360.00	
		<hr/>	3,360.00
<b>4220.03</b>	<b>Payroll Tax Expense</b>		
	PEMIGEWASSET NATIONAL BANK	4,525.62	
		<hr/>	4,525.62
<b>4220.04</b>	<b>Payroll Other Expense</b>		
	PEACHTREE SOFTWARE	254.90	
	NEBS	214.22	
		<hr/>	469.12
<b>4220.06</b>	<b>Payroll - Retirement</b>		
	NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4,540.37	
		<hr/>	4,540.37
<b>4220.07</b>	<b>Payroll - Health Insurance</b>		
	CIGNA HEALTHCARE OF NH INC.	12,631.40	
	HEALTHTRUST	431.88	
		<hr/>	13,063.28
<b>4220.10</b>	<b>Postage</b>		
	CAMPTON POST OFFICE	74.00	
	CAMPTON-THORNTON FIREMANS ASSC	66.00	
	REBECCA FARNSWORTH	2.30	
	WENTWORTH POST OFFICE	111.00	
		<hr/>	253.30
<b>4220.11</b>	<b>Vehicle Fuel</b>		
	TREASURER, STATE OF NH	3,527.01	
		<hr/>	3,527.01
<b>4220.12</b>	<b>Chief's Expenses</b>		
	ANTON ENTERPRISES INC.	113.50	
	GALL'S INC.	140.92	
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## CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Summary of Payments

For the Period From January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			254.42
<b>4220.13</b>	<b>Deputy Chief Expenses</b>		
	GALL'S INC.	151.50	
	HANDYMAN HARDWARE	37.62	
	NEP/UCOM	206.32	
	UCOM	222.00	
		<hr/>	617.44
<b>4220.14</b>	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>		
	APOLLO SAFETY, INC.	354.00	
	BERGERON PROTECTIVE	4,516.81	
	NEW PIG	36.00	
	SPEARE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	194.10	
	ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	460.69	
		<hr/>	5,561.60
<b>4220.15</b>	<b>F.D. Equipment &amp; Rescue Supply</b>		
	2001 GRANT - FORESTRY EQUIP		
	ANTON ENTERPRISES INC.	347.25	
	BELL-HERRING, INC.	120.13	
	BERGERON PROTECTIVE	2,163.34	
	BOUND TREE CORPORATION	1,732.18	
	CAMPTON-THORNTON FIREMANS ASSC	84.99	
	EAGLE PERSONAL COMPUTER	1,509.00	
	FIRE TECH & SAFETY	19,170.64	
	FRONTLINE FIRE & RESCUE	885.35	
	MERRIAM-GRAVES CORPORATION	24.12	
	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SVCS. INC	336.91	
	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOC	524.63	
	OSSIPEE MTN. ELECTRONICS, INC.	2,095.35	
	PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, INC.	665.74	
	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	225.17	
	TREASURER, STATE OF NH	35.00	
	TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION, INC	35.95	
			29,955.75
<b>4220.17</b>	<b>Insurance Deductions</b>		
	FIRE TECH & SAFETY	1,415.25	
	LAKES REGION FIRE APPARATUS	1,096.23	
	STAPLES	499.00	
		<hr/>	3,010.48
<b>4220.20</b>	<b>Training</b>		
	CHANNING BETE COMPANY INC.	225.30	
	EMS DISTRICT A-5	275.00	
	GPS STORE	1,227.53	
	LYNDONVILLE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,695.00	
	NH DIVISION OF FIRE STANDARDS	1,532.00	



# Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Municipal Building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 2004 at 8:00 AM of the clock to act upon the following subjects: The polls not to close earlier than 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots to be cast at 5:00 PM.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary officers for the terms stated:

Selectman for three years  
Moderator for two years  
Treasurer for three years  
Overseer of Public Welfare for one year  
Cemetery Trustee for three years  
Trustee of Trust Funds for three years  
Library Trustee for three years  
Supervisor of Checklist for six years

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Article V Permitted Uses in Various Zones:**

**First paragraph change to read:** Agricultural activities are permitted in all zones. Regulated commercial excavation operations in accordance with RSA 155:E and Thornton Excavation Regulations are permitted in the Commercial and Industrial Zones. (It presently reads: Commercial Excavation operations are permitted in all zones.)

The following articles will be taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 13th day of March 2004 at the Thornton Central School.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicle, Equipment and Major Maintenance Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the existing Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the existing Transfer Station Major Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to enter into a three year lease-purchase arrangement for the purchase of a 2004 Police Cruiser in the amount of \$24,906, and to raise and appropriate the amount of Eight thousand, three hundred two dollars (**\$8,302**) to fund the first payment, and further to appropriate the amount of Two thousand dollars (**\$2,000**) for the purchase and installation of replacement equipment. This lease agreement shall contain an escape clause. (Majority vote required).

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to purchase a 2004 command vehicle for the Fire Department for the amount of \$28,800, and to raise in appropriate the amount of Eleven thousand, five hundred twenty dollars (**\$11,520**) to fund 40% of the purchase price. These monies will only be expended if a like article placed on the Campton warrant to raise the balance of the purchase price passes. (Majority vote required).

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand five hundred dollars (**\$8,500**) for the purpose of funding various Emergency Management activities. These monies are to be 100% offset by Homeland Security grant funds. (Majority vote required).

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars (**\$4,000**) for the ensuing year to partially fund with the Town of Campton, an eight week summer 2004 recreation program to be facilitated by the organization, Thornton-Campton Neighborfest, Inc. (Majority vote required).

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty four thousand, six hundred thirty six dollars (**\$34,636**) for the purpose of continuing a position in the Police Department that was formerly partially funded by Federal grant monies.

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of raising the Veterans Tax Credit from \$100 to \$200 per year? This article was placed by petition pursuant to RSA 72:28II. (Majority vote required).

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Road Agent from elected to appointed effective March 2005. (Majority vote required). The Board of Selectmen and Road Agent recommend this article.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication of an easement for highway purposes from Robert and Margaret Tole to widen the end of Mountain Woodlands Road where that road intersects with NH Route 175. (Majority vote required).

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to accept a parcel of land on Mill Brook Road for highway purposes from Gloria Kimball to widen that road in the area of the barriers to help alleviate continued erosion on the South side of the road. (Majority vote required).

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate with the owner(s) of land identified on the Thornton Tax Maps as parcels 16-1-7 (currently owned by Pike Industries, Inc.) and 16-1-5 (currently owned by the Pope Family Trust) for the granting by the Town of Thornton of one or more rights of way across land owned by the Town of Thornton adjacent to the Thornton Sanitary Landfill to the abutting owner(s) for vehicular, pedestrian and/or utility rights of way; and further subject to approval by the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute, convey and record the right(s) of way, upon such terms as the Selectmen shall deem appropriate. (Majority vote required).



**Article 16:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept, on terms and conditions acceptable to them, in accordance with RSA 229:1, a road known to the right as Remington Road and to the left as Maxie's Way off of Route 3 approximately ½ mile north of Exit 29, being a length of 2000 feet including a cul-de-sac on each end which are shown on Plat Plan of Macera Subdivision, approved by the Thornton Planning Board and recorded as Plan #10370 at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. This article placed by petition. (Majority vote required).

**Article 17:** To see if the Town would vote to request the Thornton School Board to consider combining the School and Town deliberative meetings on the second Saturday in the month of March (the second Tuesday of March being the day on which voting at the polls takes place). Upon completion of the Thornton School District meeting, the Thornton Town Meeting would begin.

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million, seven hundred, fifty-one thousand, four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$1,751,477) to support town operations for the 2004-year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles. (Majority vote required).

**Article 19:** To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of February in the year 2004.

Thornton Board of Selectmen,



Edward O. Pope, Chairman



Ralph L. Perron



Sally S. Kriebel

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON  
 Appropriation Estimates for the Ensuing Fiscal Year  
 January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004

Account #	Purpose of Appropriation	2003 Appropriation	Audited 2003 Expenditures	Recommended 2004 Appropriation
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
4130	Executive	\$ 87,938	\$ 86,961	\$ 95,428
4140	Election & Registrations	49,129	46,268	53,642
4150	Finance and Office Expense	49,499	46,992	50,796
4152	Reappraisal of Proprety	12,500	12,827	32,500
4153	Legal Expense	6,500	5,346	11,500
4155	Personnel Administration	160,495	159,769	193,782
4191	Planning & Zoning	4,330	3,498	3,950
4194	General Government Building	19,250	11,988	22,900
4195	Cemeteries	19,500	16,867	19,500
4196	Insurance	24,350	24,326	31,510
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2,950	2,948	2,998
4199	Contingency, Maps & Perambulation	9,501	8,888	9,575
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
4210	Police Department	289,491	287,305	290,878
4215	Ambulance	20,170	20,170	22,445
4220	Fire Department	120,378	118,777	127,831
4240	Building Inspection	5,000	6,711	6,700
4290	Emergency Management	17,006	14,158	8,500
4300	911 Expense	2,500	1,239	2,500
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>				
4312	Highways	343,611	344,717	370,000
<b>SANITATION</b>				
4322	Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Dist.	1,580	1,578	1,545
4323-4324	Recycling/Transfer Station	255,048	262,134	283,160
4325	Closure Monitoring	3,200	2,375	3,200
4326	Septage Disposal	100	100	100
<b>HEALTH</b>				
4415	Health Agencies & Hospital	10,592	10,092	10,732
<b>WELFARE &amp; AGENCIES</b>				
4441-4442	General Assistance/Welfare	23,789	20,527	24,062
4444	Agencies	7,023	7,023	7,187
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
4520	Parks & Recreation	-	-	-
4550	Library	38,900	37,086	39,888
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300	61	300
4589	Other Culture/Recreation (Neighborfest)	500	500	4,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
4711	Principal-Long Term Loans	45,000	45,000	45,000
4721	Interest -Long Term Loans	10,920	10,920	7,504
4723	Interest -Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000	-	15,000
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
4901	Land	-	-	-
4902	New Equipment	-	6,290	21,822
4903	Buildings & Improvements	97,500	2,371	-
4903	Mill Brook Road Improvements	45,878	7,670	-
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>				
4915-11	Capital Reserve-Hwy Equip./Major Maint	6,000	6,000	6,000
4915-12	Capital Reserve-Municipal Buildings	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915-16	Capital Reserve-Tsf Station Major Mnt/Equip	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,815,428</b>	<b>\$ 1,649,482</b>	<b>\$ 1,836,435</b>

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON**  
**Revenue Estimates for the Ensuing Year**  
**January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004**

Account #	Revenue Classification	MS-4 2003 Estimate	Audited 2003 Actual	MS-6 2004 Estimate
<b>TAXES</b>				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 41,759	\$ 52,529	
3185	Timber Taxes	7,069	7,069	6,000
3186	PILOT-Wt Mt Natl Forest	21,258	21,258	20,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Taxes	30,000	58,709	30,000
	Excavation Tax (.02/cu yd)	6,090	6,090	5,000
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES</b>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	280,000	350,088	300,000
3230	Building Permits	5,400	9,016	6,700
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,000	5,430	5,000
<b>STATE FUNDS</b>				
3351	Shared Revenues	7,815	10,337	12,296
3352	Meals & Room Tax	56,092	56,092	56,091
3353	Highway Block Grant	74,219	74,219	74,219
3359	Other State/Federal Funds	64,288	348,384	8,500
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
3379	From Other Governments	130,000	152,765	180,000
3401-3406	Income from Departments	19,880	30,066	25,000
3409	Other Charges/Police	5,500	8,330	1,300
3502	Interest on Investments	7,000	7,138	7,000
3503-3509	Other/School	48,210	63,737	60,000
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN</b>				
3913	From Capital Project Funds	3,200	-	3,200
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	56,600	63,432	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	4,000	2,403	
	Fund Balance to Reduce Tax	200,007	200,007	100,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 1,073,387</b>	<b>\$ 1,527,099</b>	<b>\$ 900,306</b>

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Total Appropriations Recommended	\$ 1,836,435
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	<u>(900,306)</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to Be Raised	<u><u>936,129</u></u>











## CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Summary of Payments

For the Period From January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	OSSIPEE MTN. ELECTRONICS, INC.	701.75	
	PRIMEDIA WORKPLACE LEARNING	288.00	
			5,944.58
<b>4220.30</b>	<b>Insurance</b>		
	NH MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	70.00	
	NHMA PROPERTY LIABILITY TRUST	9,453.36	
	PRIMEX	3,034.34	
			12,557.70
<b>4220.40</b>	<b>Equipment Maintenance</b>		
	BERGERON PROTECTIVE	248.00	
	EAGLE PERSONAL COMPUTER	39.95	
	FIRE EQUIPMENT LIQUIDATORS	263.56	
	FIRE TECH & SAFETY	1,441.43	
	HANDYMAN HARDWARE	8.95	
	IAN HALM	43.99	
	LACONIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC.	42.45	
	LYNDONVILLE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	299.30	
	MERRIAM-GRAVES CORPORATION	844.07	
	MOTOROLA	108.00	
	NEP/UCOM	222.00	
	OSSIPEE MTN. ELECTRONICS, INC.	352.06	
	PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, INC.	599.44	
	TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION, INC	459.69	
	UNITED DIVERS, INC	673.51	
	VISIONARY SYSTEMS, LTD.	595.00	
	ZEP MANUFACTURING CO.	79.81	
			6,321.21
<b>4220.50</b>	<b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>		
	A&H AUTOMOTIVE	2,179.39	
	CAMPTON-THORNTON FIREMANS ASSC	895.00	
	FIRE TECH & SAFETY	276.00	
	FREIGHTLINER OF NH INC.	436.66	
	HANDYMAN HARDWARE	19.75	
	IAN HALM	232.45	
	LAKES REGION FIRE APPARATUS	1,006.34	
	OSSIPEE MTN. ELECTRONICS, INC.	291.63	
	RUSSELL MARTIN IND. INC.	242.00	
	SANEL AUTO PARTS	1,268.44	
	THORNTON COLLISION CENTER	79.95	
	WILSON TIRE, INC.	1,204.80	
	ZEP MANUFACTURING CO.	175.18	
			8,307.59
<b>4220.60</b>	<b>Utilities</b>		
	AT&T	255.32	
	FRED FULLER OIL CO., INC.	3,009.67	
	NH ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	362.34	

## CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Summary of Payments

For the Period From January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	NORCOM	131.97	
	ONESTAR LONG DISTANCE	79.71	
	PUBLIC SERVICE OF NH	2,253.67	
	US CELLULAR	345.28	
	VERIZON	1,727.58	
		<hr/>	8,165.54
<b>4220.70</b>	<b>Publications</b>		
	FIREHOUSE MAGAZINE	28.97	
	INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL INC.	64.99	
	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOC	715.50	
	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	81.93	
		<hr/>	891.39
<b>4220.80</b>	<b>Supplies</b>		
	HANDYMAN HARDWARE	118.93	
	KENCO, INC	282.42	
	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	174.80	
	ZEP MANUFACTURING CO.	47.50	
		<hr/>	623.65
<b>4220.90</b>	<b>General Expense</b>		
	HANDYMAN HARDWARE	181.34	
	KENCO, INC	81.02	
	LACONIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC.	77.45	
	LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID	200.00	
	PEMIGEWASSET NATIONAL BANK	16.39	
	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	359.55	
	ZEP MANUFACTURING CO.	52.05	
		<hr/>	967.80
<b>4220.92</b>	<b>Audit</b>		
	PLODZIK & SANDERSON	1,050.00	
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			273,659.54

## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org) or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

### 2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

#### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc*	67

(\*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES**



## Thornton Police Department

As I was reviewing the past twelve months, there were several things that came to mind. First, I would like to reintroduce the full-time staff to you. As Chief for the last 24 years, I have seen a lot of changes in employees and I think I have one of the best staffs right now. Sgt. Cooper has been with us since 2000 and came to our department with ten years of experience. Officer John Senechal grew up in Thornton, attending both Thornton and Lin-Wood schools. He joined our department in 2002 and brought four years of past experience. Officer Sean McDaniel is the newest employee and is a true asset to the town. In his short time here, he has resuscitated a person with no pulse, de-armed a person brandishing a loaded shotgun, and found a lost child, who was found sleeping in the woods. All of these incidents required quick thinking and appropriate reaction to each situation. Last, Terry Joyce has now joined the force in a full-time administrative assistant position as well as her part-time officer position.

Some of the activities the department employees have participated in this year are the Special Olympics' Torch Run, the Chem-Free Party, a search for a missing boy in Lincoln, Halloween Safety, school dances, Neighborfest at Branch Brook, Scouting field trips to the police office and KidCare, a child safety program. All department members have participated voluntarily in these activities.

Some of the most costly items the department has responded to this year are homeowner alarm systems. While these systems do protect the private home and business, they also can become expensive to the department due to the late night/early morning calls. The department has activated a fee for responses after an unreasonable number of calls to any individual home. This fee schedule can be obtained from the Police office should you need one.

Finally, I would like to thank those people who volunteer their time to the department. There are many times that a cup of hot coffee or an assist at a scene has appeared without request. These are the things that keep moral up and a positive outlook for the members of the police department while working with the public. As many of you know, there are often times that we deal with situations that are difficult. Thank you for caring about your officers. As we go into a new year, I hope that you continue to find Thornton a safe place to live. All members of the department wish each of you a safe day, every day of the year.

Respectfully,  
Walter G. Joyce  
Chief of Police

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR 2003

2003 was a busy and interesting year for members of the Thornton Planning Board.

Members approved 12 subdivision applications, 2 voluntary mergers and 1 boundary line adjustment. They inspected 3 pits and issued 3 excavation permits, and conducted 3 site plan reviews.

Work continued on the results from the survey which was sent to residents and the Master Plan has been completed.

All Planning Board Meetings are public and participation by the residents and property owners is always encouraged and appreciated. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

### Planning Board Members:

Fred Gunter, Chairman  
Ralph Perron, Ex-Officio  
Thomas Anderson  
Michael Benton  
Nancy Byerly  
Sally Davis  
Beverly MacIntosh  
Robert Paulson  
Tyler Phillips  
Edwin Wester  
Marianne Peabody, Secretary

## 2003 REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER

During 2003, the Transfer Station received 1529 tons of municipal solid waste. We also received 386 tons of construction debris, which is down from 530 tons in 2002. This is due to the Transfer Station adopting a new policy on construction debris. Please call the Transfer Station before starting any project that will generate construction debris.

### RECYCLING 2003 BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
newspaper	63 tons	55 tons
cardboard	61 tons	82 tons
mixed paper	47 tons	24 tons
glass	59 tons	84 tons
aluminum cans	7 tons	10 tons
tin cans	14 tons	10 tons
plastic	9 ton	10 tons
textiles	10 tons	12 tons
waste oil	880 gallons	690 gallons
car batteries	133 units	152 units
scrap metal	130 tons	237 tons

I would like to thank the townspeople for their recycling efforts in 2003. I would also like to thank the volunteers who help make the Thornton Mall Swap Shop a success. Without these individual's help we would not be able to have this in our Transfer Station. Thanks for your help.

### NEW FEATURES IN 2003:

*Used upright baler-with grant monies*  
Rolloff Truck-saves the towns on trucking fees  
New policy on Construction Debris- saved the towns \$11424.00

I would like to thank the townspeople once again for their recycling efforts; if you had not recycled in 2003 you would have an additional \$19,458.60 in expenses at the 2003 tipping & hauling rates. Instead by recycling we received \$18,047.01 in revenue. This brings a total savings of \$37,505.61 by recycling. Then if you add the savings in construction debris above this year we saved \$48,929.61 Great Job Everyone!

In closing I would like to thank the crew, Donald Howe, Luigi Zanellato, and Don Grace. Once again with recycling markets ever changing and adding new recycling



equipment they continue handle the tons of recycling thrown at them. Thanks very much guys for your hard work.

Please email or call us with any questions or ideas you have. We will be glad to listen to your ideas or comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Hilliard  
Manager



ADOLESCENT DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION TOOLS, INC.

Dear Selectmen:

The Board of Directors of ADAPT, Inc. would like to express sincere appreciation to the Town of Thornton for its past financial support.

ADAPT (Adolescent Drug & Alcohol Prevention Tools) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to prevention of substance use among individuals under 21 in the towns of Thornton, Woodstock, and Lincoln. ADAPT provides young people with healthy life style choices and positive alternatives to self-destructive behavior. This is done through programs that offer student assistance, indoors and outdoors recreational challenges, and summer and after-school activities. For the most part our programs are provided free or at a normal cost to participants. Our funding comes primarily from grants, fundraisers, and the annual appropriations from the three towns that we serve.

The following list provides a sample of what we offer.

- An Annual trip to the PSU ropes course for middle school students.
- A Student Assistance Program that includes teen leadership/mentorship; parent consultation and research; group and individual consultation and crisis intervention.
- Family programs – such as “Family Climbing Night” at the Pemi Valley Rock Gym.
- Evening Activities including rock climbing, volley ball, basketball, soccer, and community volunteering.
- Thornton Summer Recreation Program- 6- week program, June-August for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- We bring teams of students to youth workshops and seminars, including the Teen Institute’s Leaders in Prevention program and the Youth-to-Youth Eastern States Conference on Youth Empowerment in Rhode Island.
- Guest speakers, such as Ty sells who provide inspirational messages to our students.
- Outing Club – River Rafting; Overnight Backpacking trips; Snow shoeing; Hiking; Kayaking on the Pemi River.
- Teen Institute’s “Thriving In Middle School” youth summit.
- Dare to be you! Parenting class
- Prime for Life! Under 21-drug and alcohol addiction awareness program.

Parents, community members, and the others familiar with ADAPT believe the organization provides both short-term and long-term benefits to the community, particularly in light of studies that reveal how vulnerable young people are between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. throughout the school year, and during school vacations; when many have plenty of free, unsupervised time.

We are now actively recruiting new board members and would encourage any members of the community who have an interest to contact the ADAPT office at 745-9092 for further information.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sean O'Brien Youth Resource Coordinator ADAPT, Inc.

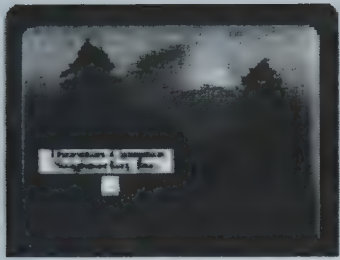
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The ADAPT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# Thornton-Campton Neighborfest, Inc.

**Proud Host of Neighborfest 2003**

*"A non-profit organization established by neighbors to create greater awareness of the needs of the Towns of Thornton, Ellsworth and Campton through fundraising, community events, recreational activities and to support mutual endeavors for the common good of the local citizenry."*



## Directors

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**Darlene King-Jennings**

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2003 was a productive and successful year for community programming initiatives by Thornton-Campton Neighborfest, Inc. We launched a successful summer day camp program called the White Mountain Adventure Camp located at the Campton Elementary School. The camp ran for seven weeks and serviced over 40 children ages 5-12 years from both the Campton/Thornton community and several children from Plymouth and surrounding towns. Because of our efforts to provide a service to local families that was truly a "need" of the community, we looked to our needs assessment survey conducted in 2002 through a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and determined that a structured, day program that would accommodate working parent's work hours was needed. Our program ran Monday through Friday from 8am until 4pm. Transportation was provided daily from several local bus stops. Children participated in swimming at the White Mountain Athletic Center in Waterville Valley, as well as hiking, tennis, soccer clinics, arts and crafts and other field/group games, singing and theater productions. Children also participated in a community oral history initiative called the "The Neighborhood Project". Many of the children who participated signed up for extra weeks because they enjoyed themselves so much. The parent feedback at the end of the camp program was overwhelmingly positive.

In addition to offering our day camp program, we offered a leadership program to six 13 and 14 year olds and four 15 year olds. The Counselor in Training and Junior Counselor Programs offered the opportunity for teens who wanted extra responsibility during their summer vacation and also to participate in an adventure camp program to do so by shadowing Senior Counselors and receiving a small stipend for their contributions. We have expanded this program this year by offering a "Service Summer" program for two eligible children to take on extra responsibility during the camp day and receive free camp tuition.

We are pleased to offer the program again this year and have increased our registration numbers to offer 45 children per day the opportunity to participate. The Town of Campton residents voted to support the program last year and thus were eligible for a "resident rate" for tuition. It is our hope that the Town of Thornton will choose to support the program this year and be eligible for the same benefit as Campton residents. The Thornton Board of Selectmen has added the program to its Warrant Articles to be voted on at the 2004 Town Meeting in March.

In a time of such disconnection in our world, it is the organization's position that the children of our community can benefit greatly from community programming such as a summer program where they can connect positively

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with their peers, the camp staff, adult volunteers and other community members who come together to make this fun and educational experience successful.

In addition to our camp program, Neighborfest also launched "Aging Well" a senior exercise program supported by Spere Memorial Hospital and Mad River Fitness and Tanning. The program sessions run for six weeks at one time and will be offered four times throughout the year. The programs consist of cardiovascular exercise, individualized weight training, and yoga/stretching as well as additional workshops on



senior- related health topics. This program, too, was well-received by its participants.

The "Senior Program Series" began in November, 2002 and is held one time per month at various locations depending upon the activity. On the third Tuesday of every month, from 7-9pm, Seniors (ages 55 and above) can attend various scheduled activities such as:

Nature talks, craft activities, holiday gatherings, book discussions, and bingo or other game nights. All of the information on any of our programs can be found on our website: [www.neighborfest.com](http://www.neighborfest.com) or by calling Jennifer Morris, Executive Director at 726-2086.

It is the intent of Thornton-Campton Neighborfest, Inc. to continue these programs throughout the year. The organization is in the process of applying for several grants, one major grant being the "Out of School Matters" grant through the NH Department of Education in collaboration with Campton Elementary School to begin an after-school program in Campton for the 2004-2005 school year.

Neighborfest has come to a cross roads while we continue our fundraising efforts for the construction of the First Phase of the Neighborfest Pavilion Building which would eventually house the summer camp and other recreation programs, the organization is also pursuing corporate foundations as well as major charitable foundations for grants and sponsorships. We also need the support of community members in the form of multi-year pledges whether it is a \$50.00 per year contribution or a \$5,000. per year contribution. The effort of our vision is as strong today as when it began, and the Neighborfest Board of Directors has re-directed its efforts from holding a two day community festival in 2004 to begin working on the "Bricks and Mortar" of the building effort. We will be holding a community 5K Run as we have at each of the festivals, which will be followed by the "Taste of the Neighborhood." The board has chosen to take the energy and funds it requires to put on the Neighborfest Festival and put that energy and time into our construction campaign development.

We also will hold our Annual Canoe and Kayak "Paddle for Cover" fun race in August as well as an Owl's Nest sponsored Golf Tournament—First Annual! Our Fourth Annual Mystery Dinner at the Common Man Inn is scheduled for November 2004 as well. For more information on any of our programs or making a tax deductible donation, please contact us at [info@neighborfest.com](mailto:info@neighborfest.com) or by calling 726-2086. Thank you for your support in 2003.

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2003

It has been another busy year at North Country Council. We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. Summaries of some of the major projects are as follows:

### **Transportation:**

- Completed over 200 traffic counts during the spring, summer and early fall
- Complete the TIP process and sent a report to NHDOT with our region's priorities
- Coordinated the Transportation Enhancement process including a work session with the committee, project review based on set criteria, presentations by applicants, and a final review and prioritization and final report to NHDOT
- Began the updating of the regional transportation plan.
- Coordination meetings with NHDOT on process of the Ten Year Plan
- Attendance and participation at the GACIT meetings throughout the North Country
- Assisted Community Planner with the update to two master plans' Transportation Sections
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.

### **Economic Development:**

- Successfully received \$1.5 million from EDA for the Mouth Washington Valley Technology Village
- Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee
- Successfully extended the EDA District to include all of Grafton County
- Successfully completed a \$2.6 million EDA application for the Dartmouth Regional Technology Village in Lebanon, currently hiring an engineer for the project.
- The CEDS Committee also undertook a major re-write of the CEDS document and held seven public meetings in order to educate the public about EDA and to gather input to economic issues in the region.
- Wrote 34 grants, for a total of \$7,020,505 for the region in order to assist local communities. Of these grant applications \$4,567,830 have been funded and \$1,469,000 is still pending.
- Applied for funding to assist with a telecommunications feasibility study, one of the major issues raised at the public advisory meetings in the spring.

### **Community/Regional Planning:**

- Provided technical assistance to 20 towns throughout the region.
- Participated in the updated 7 master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities.
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the NH Municipal Association.
- Provided assistance to three (3) towns for the creation of Hazard Mitigation Plans.

### **Environmental Planning:**

- Provided technical assistance to over 25 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 23 communities.
- Conducted solid waste and transfer station audits for 2 community transfer stations.
- Conducted an ongoing fluorescent light collection program.
- Conducted 2 electronic equipment collections
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2004. Major programs for the year 2004 will be completion of our Regional Transportation Plan, the development of a feasibility study for a Regional Hazardous Waste collection site and the continued assistance to all of our communities in grant writing, community planning and other community planning needs.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely

Michael J. King  
Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2003

The Grafton County Commissioners present the following reports and financial statements for the period of July 01, 2002 ~ June 30, 2003. We hope that they will increase your understanding of Grafton County finances and operations and assure our citizens that their tax dollars are being spent wisely.

Financially, Fiscal Year 2003 was another good year for the County. Revenue received for the fiscal year was \$20,828,739.79 and the total expended was \$19,968,912.84 with \$10,948,197 being raised in County taxes. The budget process for FY 2004 was somewhat more challenging than other years have been. With a great deal of uncertainty from the State of NH with their budget process there were many unanswered questions. In addition, the County had many increases that were unforeseeable and beyond control. However, the County did pass a budget, which, contained an increase of \$2,724,842, or 13.74%, with a tax increase of 1,469,782.

On September 16, 2002 the groundbreaking ceremony was held which was the beginning of construction on our capital project. Since that point, significant work has been accomplished on the new addition for the Nursing Home. The first phase of the project is scheduled for completion in early October 2003. We are eagerly anticipating this opening. The building is a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility that will be such an asset to all the residents of Grafton County. The second phase of the project, which will include a renovation of the 1969 building will begin upon completion of the first phase and will take approximately six to nine months. We anticipate that by the beginning of FY 2005 the Nursing Home will be united again in one building.

June 30, 2003 marked the expiration of our first Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Electrical Workers, which represented units at both the Nursing Home and Department of Corrections. During the month of June many members of the Department of Corrections unit chose to withdraw membership and with that came the withdrawal of the UE from the Department of Corrections. Those employees returned to employee council status as of July 01, 2003. The Nursing Home unit is negotiating with the County team at this time.

During the 2002 NHAC Annual Conference last fall, Eileen Bolander was named "Nursing Home Administrator of the Year" – congratulations to her on a job well done. The Nursing Home also received a deficiency free survey last fall from the State survey team. Congratulations to the entire Nursing Home staff!

The Grafton County Economic Development Council was again approved for funding this year

The Barbara B Hill Fun(d) continues to help less fortunate children in Grafton County with FUN activities. During this year a fund drive was held to collect money for the



Barbara B. Hill Fund), to date we have collected \$6,980.00. As always donations are welcome at any time.

During the past year concerns were raised regarding the County Farm's financial status. To address these concerns a Farm Task Force was developed and met several times throughout the course of the winter months to make some recommendations regarding the farm. One of the recommendations made was to establish a Farm Advisory Committee, which has been set up and is in its infancy. This Committee will work through suggestions and develop ideas that will be brought forward to the Commissioners. The hope is to get some diversity at the farm, as many are aware, the dairy farming industry is experiencing some very difficult times. We are taking steps to address this issue to sustain the Farm as a viable and vital part of Grafton County for future generations.

Grafton County has completed another successful year and have much to look forward to in the coming year. **We are thankful for the excellent employees that we have and extend a heartfelt thanks to each of them. Without all of you Grafton County would not function!**

The Grafton County Commissioners hold regular weekly meetings at the County Administrative Building on Dartmouth College Highway in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public. Please call the Commissioners' Office to confirm date, time and schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Panagoulis, Chair (District 3)  
Michael J. Cryans, Vice-Chair (District 1)  
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)



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*Executive Councilor  
 District One*

### Report to the People of District One By Ray Burton, Executive Councilor

It is a pleasure to report to you now in my 25th year of serving the 98 towns, 4 cities and Coos, Carroll, Grafton, Sullivan and Belknap counties of New Hampshire. All together there are 249, 000 people who I consider my customers, clients and constituents. It has always been a pleasure to respond, as my duties within the Executive Branch of your state government mandate, to inquiries for information, relief and assistance as provided in NH state law and budget. It is an honor to serve you as a public servant.

Below are listed several documents that are available to citizens and I find them to be a valuable NH resource.

The 2003-2004 state telephone directory of state departments and personnel. This 180 page directory includes TDD access numbers, office information, coordinators, map of location of state buildings, legislative listings, judicial branch listings, department listings, personnel listing and a topical listing. This is available for a cost of \$6.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Make checks payable to the State of New Hampshire, or order on line at [www.gencourt.state.nh.us/visitorcenter](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/visitorcenter). The entire directory is available at <http://www.state.nh.us/government/agencies.html>

The 2003-04 NH County Directory of all NH County officials is free and available by calling (603) 224-9222. This is also on the web at [www.nhcounties.org](http://www.nhcounties.org)

Also available at no cost from the Secretary of State Office at 271-3242 or at [elections@sos.state.nh.us](mailto:elections@sos.state.nh.us), or mail at Secretary of State, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301 are the following publications:

The NH Election Procedural Manual for 2004-2005  
 The NH Election Laws for 2004-2005  
 The NH Political calendar for 2004-2005

The duties of the NH Executive Council, The NH Tour Guide book, the official tourist map and the NH Constitution are always available from my office at 271-3632 or 747-3662 or [ray.burton4@gte.net](mailto:ray.burton4@gte.net)

As long as I'm around as one of your elected officials never ever feel you are alone in your hour of need. Contact me anytime!

#### COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,  
 Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,  
 Dixville, Dummer, Errol,  
 Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,  
 Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland,  
 Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,  
 Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,  
 Whitfield

#### SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish,  
 Croydon, Grantham, Newport  
 Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



#### Towns in Council District #1

##### CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett,  
 Chatham, Conway, Eaton,  
 Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc.,  
 Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,  
 Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,  
 Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

##### GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,  
 Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,  
 Bristol, Campton, Canaan,  
 Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,  
 Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,  
 Groton, Hanover, Haverhill,  
 Hebron, Holderness, Landaff,  
 Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,  
 Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,  
 Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford  
 Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney,  
 Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,  
 Waterville Valley, Wentworth,  
 Woodstock

##### BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,  
 Gifford, Laconia, Meredith,  
 New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton





## Thornton Town Report – 2003

Representative: Duncan Booth

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice provides your community with a multitude of services and programs. Some of the *new* initiatives during the past year have been. . .

- Participation in the Home Visiting NH program called "Healthy Mom, Happy Baby", a collaborative effort with Speare Memorial Hospital
- Providing RN consultation to the Plymouth Senior Center's Adult Day Program
- A series of four programs for caregivers, in collaboration with ServiceLink of Southern Grafton County
- Foot Care Clinic at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center
- Advance Care Planning, Wound Care and Pediatric Homecare Trained staff

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice participates with Speare Memorial Hospital to present monthly community health forums as part of their Health & Wellness Series.

One of our most notable accomplishments over the past twelve months has been the success of our bi-monthly community education television series on Cable access 3 "*Your Health Matters*". We present current and relevant health topics such as *Coping with Caregiver Stress and Over the Counter Medications for the Elderly*.

We are proud to announce that Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice was asked to participate in a PBS documentary being filmed by Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center regarding Hospice Care at home.

Over the past year, agencies across the nation have continued to deal with financial issues that affect their ability to provide adequate services to their patients. In addition to a 10 percent payment cut for rural agencies, here was an additional 15 percent reduction in Medicare payment rates. Current Medicaid rates do not cover the cost to deliver services, paying in some cases, only 30 to 50 cents on the dollar for services rendered. The workforce shortage, rising insurance premiums, inflexible and burdensome regulatory systems, declining charitable giving and an ever-increasing elderly and frail population all contribute to operational hardships and strain service provider resources. *For these very reasons, you can be assured your town dollars are helping to support programs and services in your community.*

***We are your local homecare agency. . . ask for us by name.***

***Duncan Booth*** for

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice





Grafton County

# Senior Citizens Council

## Inc. GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2003

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787-2539

Linwood Area Senior Services  
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Lincoln, NH 03251  
743-4705

Littleton Area Senior Center  
P.O. Box 98  
Littleton, NH 03561  
444-6050

Mascoma Area Senior Center  
P.O. Box 210  
Canaan, NH 03741  
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Orford Area Senior Services  
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Plymouth Regional Senior Center  
P.O. Box 478  
Plymouth, NH 03264  
536-1204

Upper Valley Senior Center  
P.O. Box 433  
Lebanon, NH 03766  
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RSVP of Upper Valley & White Mts.  
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Lebanon, NH 03766  
418-1825

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2003, 62 older residents of Thornton were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Thornton enjoyed 639 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 666 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Thornton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 56 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 139 visits by a trained social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- Thornton's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 271 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Thornton residents in 2003 was \$12,163.25.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Thornton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

A United Way Agency providing services to older adults in Grafton County

Voices Against Violence  
2003 Report to the Town of Thornton

Since joining Voices Against Violence in August, I have been continually amazed by the variety of services the agency provides and by the degree of professionalism with which the staff and volunteers deliver these services. I have been humbled by the experience of meeting men, women and children who have endured unspeakable acts of violence and who define strength and resilience just by their being. For over 20 years, Voices has been offering support and encouragement to a full age range of female and male survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families in Thornton and seventeen other Grafton County towns through:

- 24-hour crisis line
- confidential emergency shelter and food for women and their children
- emergency transportation
- hospital, court, and police accompaniment
- assistance with temporary and permanent restraining orders
- legal, social service, and housing advocacy
- support groups for adults
- education programs for elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools

Through these services, Voices had 2,059 contacts with 321 clients in our fiscal year 2003; 104 of these contacts were with 6 females from Thornton. In the first six months of our fiscal year 2004, Voices has had 8 contacts with 3 female and male victims from Thornton. While these numbers represent persons assisted through a combination of all of the services listed above, we provided on-going, intensive support to 19 women and their 15 children who stayed in our shelter for a total of 2,078 bednights, an increase of 15% over fiscal year 2002. In the first six months of our fiscal year 2004, 11 women and their 11 children have been sheltered 858 bednights. For safety reasons, we do not often provide extended shelter stays for residents from our immediate area. This does not mean that women and children from our area are not experiencing violence; it means that our energy with them is focused on providing the support and assistance necessary to secure them a safe location.

While much of our energy is focused on providing this type of direct service, Voices is continually developing preventative models to stop the spread of violence in communities before it reaches a crisis stage. One step in that process is to maintain ongoing communication and collaborative programming with other social service agencies, law enforcement, medical personnel, the education and faith communities, area businesses, civic organizations, and others to assist community members of all ages in recognizing and developing the tools and skills necessary to avoid and limit crisis situations.

As part of this commitment to ending violence in our communities, Voices has enhanced our public outreach efforts, resulting in presentations to 2,317 area school students and community members during our fiscal year 2003. These presentations teach students about respecting self and others, maintaining healthy boundaries, stopping bullying and teasing, as well as offer information on the prevalence and cost of domestic and sexual violence to society.



Voices Against Violence serves the following towns:

Alexandria	Dorchester	Lincoln	Waterville Valley
Ashland	Ellsworth	Plymouth	Wentworth
Bridgewater	Groton	Rumney	Woodstock
Bristol	Hebron	Thornton	
Campton	Holderness	Warren	

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaye Olmstead  
Executive Director



## Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce

We began our 31<sup>st</sup> year as a more productive and efficient organization, enabling us to focus more on helping our membership through challenging economic times. This effort has been focused in three areas:

- **Business Advocacy and Information:** Our Breakfast Series was launched in September, presenting information on State of NH tourism initiatives and health insurance issues. Strong partnerships continue with organizations such as NH Business & Industry Association, the NH Assn of Chamber of Commerce Executives and MicroCredit NH. We continue to provide our members with valuable contacts to local and state businesses and agencies that can help them bolster their businesses.
- **Regional promotion** remains strong with our New Hampshire Central Magazine and exposure in publications such as Best Read Guides and State of New Hampshire promotions.
- **Community Outreach:** We are poised to continue to support our community with Breakfast Series programming on the creation of the Thornton-Waterville Valley-Campton Civilian Corps Council. Other programs include our new “Chamber Ambassador Program”, continued support of many community efforts in our bi-weekly email broadcasts and a partnership with the Neighborfest organization on the creation of a much-needed community street map.

With over 40,000 visitors passing through our Visitor Center doors in 2003, we continue to be a valuable resource to businesses, residents, prospective residents and visitors. We offer our annual Hometown Guidebook, sales of hunting & fishing licenses, snowmobile/ATV registration, and USFS parking permits, as well as area information on-site or through our website, [watervillevalleyregion.com](http://watervillevalleyregion.com), which receives over 11,000 pageviews on average monthly.

Our mission remains constant: to serve, protect and promote our member businesses and the economic environment of our primary service area: Campton, Thornton, Plymouth and Waterville Valley. Our continued success is evident in the 35 businesses that joined our association in 2003. Without the support of the Town of Thornton, within which the Chamber represents approximately 26 businesses and its residents, the Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce would never have been able to accomplish the progress it has made. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude is extended to all of you, as well as the many volunteers who support our good works.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Bolan, Executive Director



# PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Robert Berti, Chairman  
Joan Marshall, Vice-Chairman  
Tim Kingston, Treasurer

107 Glessner Road  
Bethlehem, NH 03574  
(603) 838-6822

## **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District 2003 Annual Report**

2003 was another busy year for the District. Proper household hazardous waste management was again a top priority. With assistance from North Country Council, the District coordinated three (3) one-day collection events - Littleton and Thornton in the summer and Plymouth in the fall. These collections resulted in the proper disposal/recycling of over 4,700 gallons of material. Over 400 households participated in this program. The average amount of household hazardous waste dropped off by each participant was thirteen (13) gallons. A major reduction from 2002 when the average amount per participant was over twenty (20) gallons. The District received \$9,799.65 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program and a \$1,000 donation from North Country Environmental Services to help offset some of our program costs.

The District also recycled over 26,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs that were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year - our highest total yet. We used a new recycling vendor for this material, Complete Recycling Solutions (CRS), and we could not be any happier with our decision. Not only were we able to secure lower recycling costs but CRS also provided exceptional service and technical support.

In 2004, the District plans to hold two (2) HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Rumney) and one (1) in the fall (Plymouth). We will continue to coordinate the year-round collections of oil-based paint and fluorescent light bulbs.

The District built off of the success of our initial electronics recycling collection program in 2002 and held two (2) one-day collection events in the spring (Littleton and Plymouth). This collection was open to residents and businesses. Participants were asked to pay a fee for each item recycled which varied due to type and size. To help publicize the event, Sharp Electronics donated two portable CD stereo systems that were given away to two lucky participants. Over 8 tons of material was collected between the two events. In 2004 the District plans to provide this service once again. We are currently looking at ways we can reduce the fees charged at this event through grants, donations and negotiations with our contractor. If they so choose, towns may collect this material year-round and then bring it to one of the one-day collection sites.

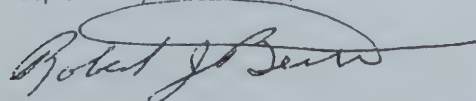
The District takes very seriously the need to decrease the toxicity of our solid waste stream. Through our programs, we strive to provide a means to do this in a cost effective manner.

This past year the District took time to examine alternative disposal facilities in the region that could provide the district competitive pricing with long-term stability. Representatives from the Mt. Carberry Landfill in Success met with the District and provided an overview of their disposal facility and their tiered pricing structure. Pricing information was also gathered from the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester and the Wheelabrator Incinerator in Penacook. The District also looked at transportation options available including purchasing of roll-off trucks and District-wide transportation contracts.

As always, the District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste management and recycling. By working together, the District communities can minimize the costs of these programs and help ease the strain on municipal budgets.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Berti  
PBSWD Chairman

## 2003 REPORT OF UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION—GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants. Educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council.

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on-site visits, seminars and conferences, and up-to-date web sites. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keeps up-to-date on the latest research and information, and works collaboratively with many agencies and organizations.

A professional staff of seven educators works out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. Two additional staff members work in Plymouth and Littleton to provide educational programs for limited-resource families. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with Extension programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN GRAFTON COUNTY, FY03:

- To strengthen NH's Communities: Community Profiles; Community Conservation Assistance Program; Preserving Rural Character through Agriculture; Urban and Community Forestry; Community Youth Development; and Volunteer Training.
- To strengthen NH's Family and Youth: After-School Programs; Family Resource Management; 4-H Youth Development; Family Lifeskills Program; 4-H Camps; Nutrition and Food Safety Education; Parenting Education; Cradle Crier/Toddler Tale Newsletters; and Volunteer Leader Training Programs.
- To sustain NH's Natural Resources: Dairy Management; Agroecology; Forest Industry Assistance; Forest Resources Stewardship Program; Fruit Production and Management; GIS Training; Lakes Lay Monitoring Program; Integrated Pest Management; Ornamental Horticulture; Plant Health Diagnostic Laboratory; Vegetable Crop Production; Wildlife Habitat Program; Water Quality/Nutrient management Programs and Agricultural Business Management.

**Extension Staff:** Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy; Deborah Maes, Family Development; Northam Parr, Forestry & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections; Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP Program, and Jean Conklin, Agricultural Resources. Educators are supported by Donna Mitton, Kristina Vaughan and Sharon Youngman.

**Extension Advisory Council:** Mike Dannehey of Woodsville; Shelia Fabrizio of North Haverhill; James Kinder of Haverhill; David Keith of North Haverhill; Shaun Lagueux of Bristol; Jane O'Donnell of Littleton; Cindy Putnam of Piermont; Debby Robie of Bath; Carol Ronci of Franconia, Denis Ward of Monroe. Teen Members include: Tosona Melanson of Dorchester; Molly Roy of Bath and Justine Morris of Haverhill.

Extension Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

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<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:ce_grafton@unh.edu">ce_grafton@unh.edu</a>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	3785 DCH, Box 8, North Haverhill, NH 03774-4936		
<b>Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://ceinfo.unh.edu">http://ceinfo.unh.edu</a>		

*Extension programs and policies are nondiscriminatory with regard to age, color, handicap, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and veterans' status.*

Respectfully submitted,



Northam D Parr, County Office Administrator

State of New Hampshire  
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics  
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT  
01/01/2003 - 12/31/2003

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SFN	Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
2003000771	HOYT, HOLLY ROSE	01/24/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	HOYT, RAYMOND	HOYT, LESLIE
2003003478	CLARK, JILLIAN	04/08/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	CLARK, BENJAMIN	CLARK, EMILY
2003006517	FABA, ABRAHAM	06/22/2003	CONCORD, NH	FABA, THOMAS	SYWENKYJ, NATALIE
2003007235	DRAGON, VICTORIA LYNNE	07/09/2003	LACONIA, NH	DRAGON, ROBERT	DRAGON, JENNIFER
2003007527	WOODS, LIAM EDWARD	07/17/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	WOODS, WILLIAM	WOODS, TARA
2003010095	JOYCE, MITCHELL ROBERT	09/18/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	JOYCE, LEVELL	JOYCE, ANGELA
2003010097	STAFFORD, MARISA NICOLE	09/20/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	STAFFORD, THOMAS	STAFFORD, KELLY
2003011784	LUKASIK, ALYSSA JADE	11/08/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	LUKASIK, THOMAS	LUKASIK, ELIZABETH
2003012097	DINGER, MADISON ANN	11/16/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	DINGER, JEFFREY	DINGER, TERRI
2003013164	DEROSIER, JORJA SIMMONS	12/16/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	DEROSIER, JERARD	SIMMONS, CAROLEE

Total number of records 10



State of New Hampshire  
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics  
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2003 - 12/31/2003

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SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2003007171	PERRON, RALPH L.	THORNTON, NH	JOHNSON, CHRISTINE A.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	BETHLEHEM	05/17/2003
2003007172	SYLVESTER, JEFFREY T.	THORNTON, NH	DELFRANO, JESSICA A.	LITTLETON, NH	THORNTON	BETHLEHEM	05/17/2003
2003002373	MAHMOUD, MAHER M.	THORNTON, NH	SLOANE, ALEXANDRA R.	CHELSEA, MA	SALEM	SALEM	05/28/2003
2003008513	ZWAHLEN, JURG C.	THORNTON, NH	SNYDER, LOURINDA B.	MINEVILLE, NY	THORNTON	HOLDERNESS	06/14/2003
2003008511	UHLMAN, LEROY P.	THORNTON, NH	HAWKENSEN, HEIDI E.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	06/21/2003
2003009282	SPURLING, JOHN E.	THORNTON, NH	KREAMER, JUDITH A.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	07/05/2003
2003004346	LIMA, ROBERT C.	THORNTON, NH	WHITE, LISA M.	THORNTON, NH	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	07/19/2003
2003009280	JOYCE, LEVELL W.	THORNTON, NH	BRYANT, ANGELA M.	LINCOLN, NH	THORNTON	LINCOLN	07/26/2003
2003009281	CURRIER, RODNEY A.	THORNTON, NH	HENSON, CAROLEE A.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	07/27/2003
2003008997	POEHNERT, JEFFREY W.	THORNTON, NH	JANDOC, MARILYN S.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	STRAFFORD	08/17/2003
2003008968	MCALOON, JAMES P.	THORNTON, NH	LEVANDOWSKI, CORTNEY T.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	PLYMOUTH	08/23/2003
2003008970	BUSHAW, ROBY A.	THORNTON, NH	TOMLINSON, NICOLE M.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	GILFORD	08/23/2003
2003009171	MCNAMARA, KEITH A.	THORNTON, NH	MURRAY, SONDRAL.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	PLYMOUTH	09/20/2003
2003006817	NOVAK, JAMES J.	THORNTON, NH	LEVASSEUR, DENISE M.	LACONIA, NH	PLYMOUTH	THORNTON	09/21/2003
2003007538	KEEFE, STEPHEN J.	THORNTON, NH	LORDEN, REBECCA L.	THORNTON, NH	PLYMOUTH	CAMPTON	09/27/2003
2003007981	WOJCINSKI, MARK S.	THORNTON, NH	GOODRICH, TANI K.	THORNTON, NH	PLYMOUTH	LEBANON	10/13/2003
2003010199	HARTKE, ALDEN H.	THORNTON, NH	BERRY, ANN M.	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	CENTER HARBOR	10/29/2003
2003009762	LEVIN, DAVID	THORNTON, NH	DUNSTAN, MELISSA A.	THORNTON, NH	PLYMOUTH	CAMPTON	12/06/2003
2003010273	GREENE, DAVID A.	THORNTON, NH	SHEPARD, LAURI L.	GILFORD, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	12/31/2003

Total number of records

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State of New Hampshire  
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics  
RESIDENT DEATH REPORT  
01/01/2003 - 12/31/2003  
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SFN	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
2003000428	ROBERTS, CHARLOTTE L.	01/13/2003	THORNTON, NH	DOLE, ERASTUS	DAVIS, GRACE
2003000938	BROAD, CARL H.	02/02/2003	NORTH HAVERHILL, NH	BROAD, HERBERT	LYFORD, GRACE
2003001735	TURNER, MARY E.	02/04/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	TURNER, THERON	RIDEOUT, ELIZABETH
2003001111	MC IVER, FREDERICK D.	02/06/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	MC IVER, LEO	DAVIS, EDNA
2003001741	JAMES, FREDERIC	03/04/2003	MEREDITH, NH	JAMES, FREDERIC	REED, LAURETTA
2003002975	CORKUM, HELEN	04/12/2003	THORNTON, NH	HASWELL, THOMAS	BURGESS, RUTH
2003004797	ZWAHLEN, WERNER	06/27/2003	LEBANON, NH	ZWAHLEN, WERNER	HEHLEN, LINA
2003005514	BLAIR, ROBERT H.	07/31/2003	FRANKLIN, NH	BLAIR, HUGH	PARFITT, LILLIAN
2003008036	PANNETON, JOHN A.	11/02/2003	LACONIA, NH	PANNETON, PAUL	HASKELL, PAULINE
2003008693	CLEMENT, BARBARA J.	11/25/2003	PLYMOUTH, NH	SHERMAN, WILLIAM	REZENDES, MARION
2003009223	COLE, ALDEN B.	12/16/2003	MEREDITH, NH	COLE, PARKER	GARDNER, OLIVE
2003009236	MACINTOSH, GORDON W.	12/16/2003	THORNTON, NH	MCINTOSH, WILFRED	BROWNELL, INA

Total number of records 12



## PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Thornton  
Thornton, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Thornton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town'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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with many municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Thornton has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Thornton as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Thornton taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules 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 Thornton. 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.

February 6, 2004



# WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

562 Winterbrook Rd, Box 19  
Campton, New Hampshire 03223-9704 Telephone (603) 726-3082

2003 Audit and 2004 Budget will be available at the  
Waterville Estates Community Center  
562 Winterbrook Road  
And  
The Thornton Town Hall in Mid March

Michael Baumann - *Chairman*

Harry Learned - *Commissioner*

George Humphrey - *Commissioner*

Pat Perry - *Clerk*

Doug Smith - *Moderator*

Treasurer - *vacant*

**OFFICERS OF THE  
THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

School Board	Term Expires
Robert MacLeod	2004
Lee Freeman	2004
John Taffner	2005
Wallace Peltier	2005
Wendy Johnston	2006

**CLERK**

**TREASURER**  
Beth Matthew

**MODERATOR**  
Robert Gannett

**SUPERINTENDENT**  
John W. True, Jr.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**  
Mark Halloran

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**  
Ethel Gaides

MINUTES OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING  
THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL MARCH 8, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by moderator Robert Gannett. A motion was then made to allow people who are not registered voters in the Town of Thornton to speak at the meeting. This motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The following SAU 48 representatives were present: Mark Halloran, School Principal Jonathan Bownes and School Board Members Richard Brothers, Robert MacLeod, Lee Freeman, and John Taffner. The meeting began with the reading of the warrant. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the warrant, was seconded, and was passed by voice vote. The meeting progressed to Article 1.

Article 1: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$966,150) for renovation and improvement of the building and purchase of equipment, and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$966,150) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The School Board recommends this appropriation, (2/3 ballot vote required). A motion was made and seconded to accept this article.

A discussion about the nature of the renovations and improvements ensued. The polls were opened at 10:40, and remained open for 1 hour, closing at 11:40, to allow a ballot vote on Article 1. Fifty-two votes were cast. There were 41 "YES" votes, and 11 "NO" votes. Article 1 was passed.

Article 2: To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers. A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. There was no discussion and the article passed by voice vote.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. After a brief discussion the article was passed by voice vote.

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Thornton School District and the Thornton Education Association which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2003-2004	\$43,607
2004-2005	\$43,105
2005-2006	\$50,015

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-three thousand six hundred seven dollars (\$43,607) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. There was no discussion and the article passed by voice vote.



Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million two hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$3,218,758) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 1, 3, and 4 and includes sums previously approved for salaries. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. A motion was then made to amend this article to remove renovation funds listed in the budget, which were also included in Article 1 appropriations. The total amount of funds now being requested equal \$3,193,158. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amendment. The acceptance of the amendment as the new article was passed by voice vote. The new Article 5 reads as follows:

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million one hundred ninety-three thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$3,193,158) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 1, 3, and 4 and includes sums previously approved for salaries. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) There was not further discussion and article 5 passed by voice vote.

Article 6: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting: There was a brief recognition of Richard Brothers thanking him for his term as a School Board Member and presented him with an engraved school bell as a token of appreciation.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jayne S. Brown

Clerk, Thornton School District

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said District on the ninth day of March, 2004 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2. To choose a Clerk for the coming year.
- 3. To choose a Treasurer for the coming year.
- 4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 5. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Thornton the 20th day of February, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert MacLeod

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Johnston

\_\_\_\_\_  
John C. Taffner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wallace Peltier

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Freeman

A true copy of warrant attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert MacLeod

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Johnston

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John C. Taffner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wallace Peltier

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Freeman

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton, in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Central School on Saturday, the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) day of March, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1: To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.
- Article 2: To see if the District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)
- Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million four hundred fifty-seven thousand two hundred fifty-two dollars (\$2,457,252) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sum found in Article 2 and includes sums previously approved for salaries. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)
- Article 4: To see if the District would vote to instruct the School Board to investigate the idea of having a combined annual meeting day for the school district and town meeting. (This is a nonbinding advisory vote.)
- Article 5: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and four.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert MacLeod

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Wendy Johnston

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John C. Taffner

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Wallace Peltier

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Lee Freeman

A true copy of warrant attest:

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Robert MacLeod

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Wallace Peltier

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Lee Freeman



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**  
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION**  
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## SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

OF \_\_\_\_\_ THORNTON \_\_\_\_\_ N.H.

*Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From*  
*JULY 1, 2004 to JUNE 30, 2005*

**IMPORTANT:** *Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.*

1. *Use this form to list **ALL APPROPRIATIONS** in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.*
2. *Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.*
3. *When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school district clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.*

*Certified That Budget Was Posted With Warrant on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_*


**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: PLEASE SIGN ABOVE IN INK**

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT**

**Budget School District of Thornton****FY2005****MS26**

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Enacting Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Enacting Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
<b>INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs		857,128.00	981,529.00	955,536.00	
1200-1299	Special Programs		251,991.00	316,578.00	335,584.00	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs					
1400-1499	Other Programs		26,796.00	31,736.00	36,514.00	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs					
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs		0.00	200.00	200.00	
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services		132,438.00	164,289.00	179,872.00	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		30,811.00	37,704.00	41,648.00	
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310-840	School Board Contingency	2	752.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
2310-2399	Other School Board		15,833.00	17,739.00	17,079.00	
<b>EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services		89,699.00	92,609.00	91,925.00	
2320-2399	All Other Administrative					
2400-2499	School Administration Service		140,945.00	156,970.00	167,787.00	
2500-2599	Business					
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Pla		172,545.00	167,751.00	180,556.00	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		79,541.00	82,034.00	84,439.00	
2800-2999	Support Service, Central & Other					
3000-3999	<b>NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>					
4000-4999	<b>FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS &amp; CONSTRUCT</b>		54,003.00	966,150.00	5.00	
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110	Debt Service - Principal		0.00	0.00	193,230.00	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		0.00	21,324.00	23,412.00	
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service		98,685.00	88,345.00	81,265.00	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		31,088.00	67,200.00	67,200.00	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects					
5251	To Capital Reserves		0.00	0.00	0.00	
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see pg.3)					
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts					
5254	To Agency Funds					
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.					
	SUPPLEMENTAL					
	DEFICIT					
<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>		3	1,982,255.00	3,193,158.00	2,457,252.00	

**Budget School District of Thornton FY2005 MS26**

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:

\* Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Trust \$ (see RSA 198:20-c,V)

Help! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

**\*\*\* SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
<b>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	0.00	XXXXXXXXXX

**\*\*\* INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
	Contingency Fund	2			1,000.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	1,000.00	XXXXXXXXXX



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1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition		8,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		3,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		2,500.00	969,150.00	3,000.00
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid		0.00	0.00	57,969.00
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid				
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources		415,895.00	351,320.00	0.00
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		85,834.00	68,345.00	61,265.00
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		2,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)		64,000.00	64,000.00	64,000.00
4810	Federal Forest Reserve			4,696.00	0.00
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Rev Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		0.00	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year

**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Cont'd)**

5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
	<b>Unreserved Fund Balance</b>		5,923.00	17,497.00	0.00
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ = NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted from Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			590,352.00	1,499,208.00	220,434.00

**\*\* BUDGET SUMMARY \*\***

<b>SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)</b>	2,457,252.00
<b>SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)</b>	included in Subtotal 1
<b>SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)</b>	included in Subtotal 1
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	2,457,252.00
<b>Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues &amp; Credits (from above)</b>	220,434.00
<b>Less: Amount of Cost of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*</b>	245,265.00
<b>Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education</b>	1,991,553.00

\* Note: You will also be required to pay a State Education Tax RSA 76:3 and you may be required to pay an additional excess education tax in the amc \$

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET – 2003-2004

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash	112,919.87	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,109.07
Interfund Receivables	11,229.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	6,056.58	2,705.00	11,322.37	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	1,952.41	243.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,820.00	0.00
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Total Assets	132,158.06	3,048.92	11,322.37	19,820.00	83,109.07
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Interfund Payables	0.00	2,628.50	8,600.70	19,820.00	0.00
Other Payables	43,227.02	77.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenues	108.64	342.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Total Liabilities	43,335.66	3,048.92	8,600.70	19,820.00	0.00
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<b>Fund Equity</b>					
Res for Encumbrances	71,324.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Spec Purposes	0.00	0.00	2,721.67	0.00	83,109.07
Unreserved Fund Balance	17,497.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Total Fund Equity	88,822.40	0.00	2,721.67	0.00	83,109.07
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Total Liability & Fund Equity	132,158.06	3,048.92	11,322.37	19,820.00	83,109.07



Thornton School District  
 Special Education Actual Expenditures Report  
 per RSA 32:11-a

	<u>Fiscal Year 2001/2002</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2002/2003</u>
Expenditures	\$302,286	\$308,985
Revenues	\$114,688	\$141,454
Net Expenditures	<u>\$187,598</u>	<u>\$167,531</u>
\$ increase/decrease		-\$20,067
% increase/decrease		-10.70%

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the School Board  
Thornton School District  
Thornton, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Thornton School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Thornton School District'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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit in order 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.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Thornton School District as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund 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 Thornton School District. 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 stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C.,  
Laconia, New Hampshire  
October 24, 2003

## Principal's Report

It is with pride that I can report that Thornton Central School's fine reputation grows. Our students continue to do well on the end of grade three and six New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP) and California Achievement Tests. These results earn Thornton Central School an approval with distinction by the Commissioner's proposed approval designation.

We have three new teachers for Thornton Central School this year. Susan Secor is assigned to grade two. She received her Bachelors Degree from Plymouth State University and worked as a teacher assistant in grades kindergarten through third grade. She also coaches fifth and sixth grade girls' basketball. Kenton Wheeler is a half time Special Education teacher as well as Title I teacher. Mr. Wheeler earned his Bachelors Degree from the University of New Hampshire and Masters from Plymouth State University. Mr. Wheeler coaches soccer in the fall and fifth and sixth grade boys' basketball and is involved with Destination Imagination. Eileen Woolfenden is our Reading Teacher. She received her Bachelors Degree from State University of New York and Masters Degree from Adelphi University. Mrs. Woolfenden has spent her last few years working at SAU #48 as the Title One Coordinator.

Meagan Langevin, Denise Wall and Sally Francis were appointed as classroom assistants. Ms. Langevin has had experience working with children in a day-care setting. Denise Wall is a certified teacher that received her Bachelors Degree at Plymouth State University and did her student teaching in the Derry School District. Sally Francis has been a pre-school coordinator for many years in Southbury, Connecticut.

This past fall, we were awarded a grant from Governor Benson. The grant is Technology Promoting Student Excellence and will provide all seventh graders and their teachers laptop computers. This opportunity will enhance the learning environments for all seventh graders.

Our extra-curricular activities (school athletics, Destination Imagination, Homework Club, Musical, ADAPT) continue to give students opportunities to grow outside the academic environment. At least eighty-five percent of our middle school children take advantage of these excellent programs. The Destination Imagination program was again one of the top teams in New Hampshire and earned a trip to Tennessee to compete in the national competition.

Thornton Central School prospers because of all the hard work and effort our community puts into it. We continually have a large group of volunteers who give their time to help make our school a better place. To all those who have helped with coaching, fundraising, Winter Activities, classroom parties, PTO, plays, D.I., and chaperoning – THANK YOU!

Because of the hard work of an exceptional staff and the support of an outstanding community, Thornton Central School is "A fantastic place for children to learn and grow."

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Bownes  
Principal



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
2003-2004

It is with pleasure that I write this report regarding some of SAU #48's efforts during the past year. First I would like to welcome Ethel Gaides as the new assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment. Ethel has been working extremely hard with all of our schools holding curriculum workshops. All schools have been involved and are working collaboratively to update and modify curriculum so that it is consistent with the state frameworks and grade level equivalents. Hopefully this will result in strong test scores on the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program. This will go a long ways in meeting the challenges of "No Child Left Behind".

This SAU effort to ensure that all eighth grade students, regardless of school, enter the ninth grade with the same background has become crucial to our success at meeting national and state requirements.

I would also like to welcome Sue Amburg as our grants writer/administrator. Sue has been successful in obtaining grants for a number of our schools. One highlight is the Thornton Central School which was awarded a grant that gave all 7<sup>th</sup> graders laptop computers to use at school. Governor Benson presented the computers to the students in January. Additionally, she is pursuing corporation, foundation, and private grants as well as federal/state grants. As more money is directed to schools through grants, the ability to understand and write grants is vital.

We are pleased to have Dick Petrin with us as our accountant. This position does much to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the budgeting and accounting systems for all of our districts.

A major goal of the districts in SAU #48 (Campton, Ellsworth, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton Waterville Valley, Wentworth and Pemi-Baker Regional which include the towns of Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton and Wentworth) has been to improve the transition and success of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from their respective elementary/middle schools to our high school. Our principals and teachers are working hard to coordinate and implement consistent expectations in grading, homework, school attendance, discipline, and curriculum. Additionally, Freshmen at the high school will have teachers assigned to groups of students to improve communication with students and parents and to assist in developing connections between students and teachers.

Technology continues to be a rapidly changing, but necessary skill and knowledge base for our students. All of our schools have technology plans and are striving for continuous improvement.

Much appreciation is expressed to our parents, community, and board members. Each of you have provided constructive feedback and visible support which makes SAU #48 such a rewarding place to work, but more importantly a great place for students to live and learn.

Annual Report of the School Nurse  
2003-2004

I would like to submit this annual report for the 2003-2004 school year. Our current enrollment at Thornton Central School is 180 children in grades kindergarten through eight as of January 6, 2004. Visits to the Health Office for illness, injury, and some screening have numbered approximately 950 as of December 19, 2003.

All health records of students in grades K, 1, 6, 7, and 8 and all new students have been reviewed for compliance with state immunization laws and all are currently in compliance.

Yearly health updates have been reviewed and entered into the health records and a Medical Concerns list was updated for each grade for the health office. The lists were reviewed with faculty and staff on a need to know basis. These lists are sent on class field trips and basically include allergies and chronic illnesses.

Medications given so far this school year total 483. These include both daily medications and Tylenol or occasional other medications as requested by parents. I obtain permission from parents of students who are on medications for ADD/ADHD to have teachers do ACTERS medication evaluation forms which are sent home and to physicians twice a year and as needed. This helps parents and physicians to determine whether these meds are helping the students to achieve their full academic potential. It also assists the physician to determine appropriate doses of these medications. Fourteen of these have been completed so far this year.

All students in grades K-8 have been screened for head lice in the fall. I strongly encourage parents to continue to check their children's heads at home and to call me as needed if you find something which you can't identify.

Dr. Alan Rosen, of Speare Medical Associates, provided free sports physicals for 20 fifth through eighth graders on September 17, 2003, at the school. We have a policy requiring all 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders to have a sports physical on file in order to participate in school sports. Dr. Rosen and Carolyn Varin, RN, both deserve a large thank you for their time and dedication which make the free physicals a possibility. In the spring, Plymouth Pediatrics will provide free pre-sport physicals for any 8<sup>th</sup> grader who wishes to participate in high school sports at Plymouth Regional High School next year.

Dr. Alan Rosen is our school physician and is available for consultation as needed. I occasionally consult with him via telephone about medical or health issues in the school.

I have prepared a budget for the 2004-2005 school year for the health office and continue to order supplies and medications throughout the year as needed.

I have started screening heights, weights, vision and hearing on all students, and scoliosis and blood pressure checks on all 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I have completed health screenings for second and third grades so far.

In the spring, I will again offer a free MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) Clinic for 6<sup>th</sup> graders with the help of the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency.



I am currently turning over administration of the Free and Reduced Lunch Program to the Food Service Director. I also document and sometimes report suspected abuse cases. I am a member of the school Safety Committee and the Crisis Committee. Mr. Bownes and I arranged for fluffing up the woodchips on our playground after our yearly safety inspection of the playground. Safety issues have been minimal so far, thanks to a thick blanket of bark chips. I also participate in the pre-kindergarten screening in the spring for all children who plan to enter Thornton Central School in the fall of 2004. I continue to document absences and make phone calls home to parents who have not called in to report their child absent.

This year we will continue the Speare Memorial Dental Program in January 2004. Barbara Laverack, the dental hygienist who started this program several years ago, will be screening as well as cleaning and providing topical fluoride applications for students with parental permission at an affordable rate right here at school. She will also provide oral health education to all classes. We are continuing the weekly fluoride rinse program which was started several years ago for 145 participants in grades K-8. The fluoride is provided free of charge by the hospital and Delta Dental. The program is run by myself and several hearty volunteers and teachers who help children, with parental permission, to swish once a week with fluoride rinse. So far, this program has been a resounding success and hopefully the results will be apparent in the future with a decrease in the amount of dental decay and infections requiring medical intervention.

I have written a request for a grant which would provide Thornton Central School with an AED or Automated External Defibrillator for use during a cardiac emergency at our school.

I am a member of the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association and also attend monthly SAU 48 school nurses' meetings where we update policies, job descriptions, and discuss health problems which occur throughout our SAU.

As always, I wish everyone a safe and healthy new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mills, RN



## GRADUATES

Matthew Warren Bahr  
Emily Margreth Capaul  
Lisa Marie Cash  
Rebecca Anne Chappell  
Sarah Kathleen Clarke-Moon  
Kathryn Gabrielle Cristiano  
Alysse Diane Cushing  
Jaryn B. Cutter  
Nicholas James Day  
Brandy Alexandra Duguay  
Patrick Ross Dunlap  
Derek A. Farnsworth  
Debra Green  
Hunter Thomas Haas  
Joshua Benjamin Hill  
Justin R. Joaquin  
Hayley Priscilla Klandt  
Emily Jordan Lonergan  
Stacy Ellen Lyons  
A.J. MacLeod  
Abigail Jen O'Haire  
Katherine Marie O'Haire  
Brienne Lee Paul  
Geoff P. Pelchat  
Lakin Mary Potter  
Thomas Boyd Powers III  
Joshua M. Roy  
James C. Schwartz  
Ashley Morgan Seiferth  
Tyler J. Stearns  
Shealyn S. Thomson  
Lisa Ann Tower  
Adam Robert Trott  
Nicholas Peter Varin  
Kristen Denise Vaughan  
Jessica Welch

**THE GAVEL USED TO CONDUCT OUR  
TOWN MEETING  
IS MADE OF WOOD FROM AN ELM TREE  
PLANTED BY  
MATTHEW THORNTON  
SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**



## A MOMENT to REMEMBER



### GORDON MACINTOSH

Gordon MacIntosh was happy to serve as the Thornton Moderator for several years after doing the same in the town of Woodstock. He enjoyed living among the families of Thornton Gore while raising his family and running his various business enterprises.

*He will be missed by the community!*





# THORNTON TOWN HOUSE BIRDHOUSE

A replica of the historic  
Thornton Town House on Route 175



The little buildings are designed and built by  
Historical Society Member Stephen Scherer.  
Member Nancy Byerly is the Creative Director.  
Each house is numbered, signed and dated on the  
day it is presented to its new owner.

*A percentage of each sale is donated to the  
Thornton Historical Society's fund for the resto-  
ration of this historic building.*