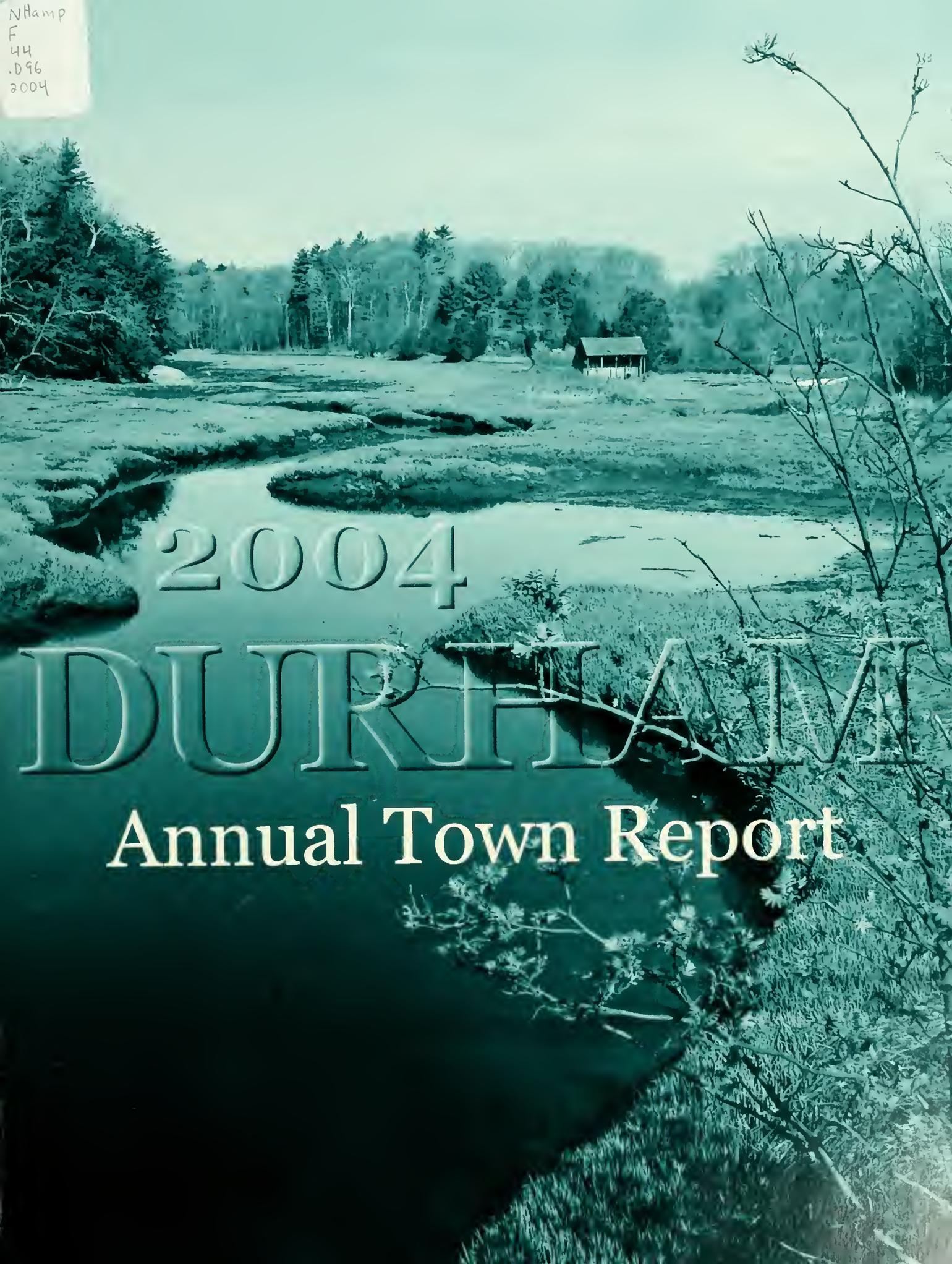


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IN 2004, MANY Town citizens volunteered their time, talents, and efforts to serve on various elected and appointed boards, commissions and committees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize those individuals for the important contributions they made to the community.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Katharine Paine
Patricia Samuels

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elise Daniel
Dale Eichorn
Philip Ginsburg
Ruth Moore
Norma Segal

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Laurel Adams
Robert Doty
Richard Hallett
Melanie Rose
William Skinner

DURHAM CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION (DCAT) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Kathleen Kentner
Clayton Tolson
Frank Windsor

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Charles Cressy
Richard England
Joseph Murdoch
Stephen Roberts
Robert Rush

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Andrea Bodo
Joan Graf

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Julie Newman

LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard Hallett

PLANNING BOARD

Nicholas Isaak
Rachel Rouillard
David Watt
Neil Wylie

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Robin Rousseau



NEW FACES FOR 2004

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BARBARA LANDGRAF
DEPUTY TOWN
CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR
DOH: 5/17/04



BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN
FIRE INSPECTOR/EMT
DOH: 3/15/04



**DAVID
BLATCHFORD**
FIREFIGHTER/
EMT
DOH: 3/15/04



GARY KUSTRA
FIREFIGHTER/EMT
DOH: 11/15/04

STEVEN JAUTAIKIS
FIREFIGHTER/EMT
DOH: 11/15/04



KENNETH LUNDBERG
FIREFIGHTER/EMT
DOH: 1/20/04



**NEW
FACES
FOR
2004**

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STEVE GOODWIN
TRADESMAN, DPW
DOH: 12/7/04



LISA RICHARDSON
ASSISTANT CLERK,
POLICE DEPT.
DOH 9/7/04



MARK WHEAT
MAINTENANCE
WORKER III
DPW
DOH: 3/29/04



MELISSA PERUSSE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
FIRE DEPT. DOH: 12/6/04



JOSEPH GAGNON
POLICE OFFICER
DOH:9/13/04



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Elected Officials

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DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL					
Malcolm Sandberg, <i>Chair</i>	15 Langley Rd.	868-5211	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
W. Arthur Grant, <i>Pro Tem</i>	PO Box 598	868-5356	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
Annmarie Harris	56 Oyster River Rd	868-5182	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
John Kraus	7 Cutts Rd.	868-1929	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Mark D. Morong	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
Gerald Needell	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Neil Niman	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Peter Smith	PO Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Karl Van Asselt	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES					
Douglas L. Wheeler, <i>Chair</i>	27 Mill Rd.	868-9633	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Cynthia Cote	21 Littlehale Rd.	868-3550	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
Luci S. Gardner	61 Durham Pt. Rd.	Unlisted	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Suzanne K. Loder	265 Mast Rd.	868-7532	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Catherine Leach	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
William Schoonmaker	24 Mill Rd.	868-1797	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Albert Frost, <i>Alt.</i>	16 Oyster River Rd.	868-7465	1 Yr	4/05	Council
Lois Unterborn, <i>Alt.</i>	4 Fitts Farm	868-8981	1 Yr	4/05	Council
Roman, Susan, <i>Alt.</i>	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	1 Yr	4/05	Council
LIBRARY DIRECTOR					
Gus Hedden, <i>Director</i>	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Lib Trustees
Laura Matheny, <i>Children's Librarian</i>	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Lib Trustees
Nicole Moore, <i>Library Asst.</i>	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Lib Trustees
Margaret Thrasher	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Lib Trustees
MODERATOR					
Anne F. Valenza	30 Mill Rd.	868-9666	2 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Elisabeth Vail Maurice, <i>Asst.</i>	36 Woodman Ave.	868-7447	2 Yrs	3/06	Moderator
Christopher Regan, <i>Asst.</i>	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	2 Yrs	3/06	Moderator
Shirley Thompson, <i>Asst.</i>	48 Bagdad Rd.	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/06	Moderator
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST					
Ann Shump, <i>Chair</i>	10 Fogg Dr.	868-1342	6 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Ann Lemmon	49 Durham Point Rd.	868-1458	6 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Rebecca B. Worcester	21 Davis Ave.	868-2204	6 Yrs	3/06	Elected



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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR					
Lorrie Pitt	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
TOWN TREASURER					
Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
William Bowes, Deputy	5 Magrath Rd.	868-2906	3 Yrs	3/05	Treasurer
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERIES					
Craig Seymour, <i>Chair</i>	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Treasurer</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
John W. de Campi	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected

Boards, Commissions And Committees

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

John W. de Campi, <i>Treasurer</i>	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Craig Seymour, <i>Cemetery</i>	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Chair</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/05	Elected
Mark D. Morong, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	21 Emerson Rd.	868-2863	1 Yr	3/05	Council
Gerald Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/05	Council
Peter Smith, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	PO Box 136	868-7500	1 Yr	3/05	Council

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dwight Baldwin, <i>Chair</i>	6 Fairchild Dr.	868-5759	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
Duane Hyde, <i>Vice Chair</i>	47 Emerson Rd.	868-6183	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Lee Alexander, <i>Secretary</i>	32 Dover Rd.	868-5822	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Beryl Harper	7 Davis Ave.	868-3369	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
George Thomas	77 Piscataqua Rd.	868-5606	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Cynthia Belowski, <i>Alt.</i>	35 Edgewood Rd.	868-5562	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Jim Hellen, <i>Alt.</i>	20 Fitts Farm Rd.	397-5011	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Wendy Snow Fogg, <i>Alt.</i>	185 Wednesday Hill Rd.	659-2436	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Peter Smith, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	PO Box 136	868-7500	1 Yr	3/05	Council
Kevin Webb, <i>PB Rep</i>	22 Davis Ave.	868-6949	1 Yr	4/05	Plan. Brd

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Jaques, Roger, <i>Chair</i>	47 Dover Rd.	868-3361	3 Yrs	3/05	Council
Crawford Mills, <i>V. Chair</i>	22 Newmarket Rd.	868-1410	3 Yrs	3/05	Council
Catherine Leach	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	3 Yrs	3/07	Council
Leslie Schwartz	24 Laurel Ln.	868-3210	3 Yrs	3/06	Council

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VACANT			3 Yrs	3/06	Council
Karl Van Asselt, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/05	Council
Nicholas Isaak, <i>PB Rep</i>	35 Oyster River Rd.	397-5078	1 Yr	4/05	Plan. Brd
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
Kenneth Andersen	16 Garden Ln.	868-9660	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
Jane G. Crooks	1 Hamel Dr.	868-5451	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
George Lamb	12 Nobel K. Peterson Dr.	868-5599	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
John E. Parry	5 Denbow Rd.	868-3352	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Frank L. Pilar	26 Newmarket Rd.	868-5326	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Melanie Rose	15 Cutts Rd.	868-5311	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Byrne, Denny, <i>Alt.</i>	4 Foss Farm Rd.	868-2648	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
Gerald Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/05	Council
PLANNING BOARD					
Stephen Roberts, <i>Chair</i>	174 Packers Falls Rd.	659-3761	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Nicholas Isaak, III, <i>V. Chair</i>	35 Oyster River Rd.	397-5078	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Amanda Merrill, <i>Secretary</i>	8 Meadow Rd.	868-2491	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
Richard Ozenich	15 Fitts Farm Dr.	868-6091	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Kelley, Richard	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
Kevin Webb	22 Davis Ave.	868-6949	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/07	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/06	Council
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VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/05	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/05	Council
W. Arthur Grant, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	PO Box 598	868-5356	1 Yr	3/05	Council
Annamarie Harris, <i>Alt Cncl Rep</i>	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	1 Yr	3/05	Council
RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION					
Paul Berton	482 Broad St. Portsmouth	431-0068	N/A	N/A	Council
Rene Kelly, <i>Durham Police</i>	86 Dover Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Perry Bryant, <i>DLA Rep.</i>	PO Box 1170, Durham	659-5263	N/A	N/A	DLA
Mark Henderson	12 Pendexter Rd. Madbury	868-2912	N/A	N/A	DLA
Ben Barrows	83 Main St., UNH, MUB 122	N/A	N/A	N/A	UNH
Brett Mongeon	83 Main St., UNH	862-2163	N/A	N/A	UNH
Mark D. Morong, <i>Cncl Rep.</i>	21 Emerson Rd.	868-2863	1 Yr	3/05	Council
Rory Sheehan, <i>Student Organ.</i>	Box 11435 Granite St., UNH	N/A	N/A	N/A	DLA/Council
Megan Brady, <i>Tenant Rep.</i>	39 Railroad Ave. Gonic	N/A	N/A	N/A	Council



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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Henry Smith, <i>Chair</i>	93 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8396	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Jay Gooze, <i>v. Chair</i>	9 Meadow Rd.	868-2497	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
John deCampi, <i>Secretary</i>	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Bogle, Linn	3 Croghan Ln.	868-5795	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Edward McNitt	PO Box 577	868-1842	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/05	Council
Myleta Eng, <i>Alt.</i>	216 Packers Falls Rd	659-7099	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Sally Craft, <i>Alt.</i>	300 Packers Falls Rd.	659-0708	3 Yrs	4/07	Council

Town Working Committees

DURHAM CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION (DCAT) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE					
Peter Brown	35 Sandy Brook Dr.	868-7448	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
George Kachadorian	9 Carriage Way	397-5215	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Kathleen Kentner	69 Mill Rd.	868-5535	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Merrick, Thomas	7 Canney Rd.	868-1564	3 Yrs	4/05	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/05	Council
Erika Mantz, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Schofield House, UNH	862-1567	1 Yr	4/05	Council
Paul Gasowski, <i>ORCSD Rep.</i>	46 Lamprey Ln., Lee	659-5273	1 Yr	4/05	Council
Gerald Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/05	Council

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)					
Mark McPeak	4 Glassford Ln.	868-2455	N/A	N/A	Council
Peter Ventura	71 Edgewood Rd.	397-5800	N/A	N/A	Council
Mark Morong, <i>Cncl. Rep.</i>	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	N/A	N/A	Council
Neil Niman, <i>Cncl. Rep.</i>	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	1 Yr	3/05	Council
Jim Campbell, <i>Planner</i>	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	1 Yr	3/05	Council

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Tracy Wood, <i>Chair</i>	1 Littlehale Rd.	868-6214	N/A	N/A	Council
Diana Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	N/A	N/A	Council
Merle Craig	23 Orchard Dr.	868-2591	N/A	N/A	Council
Jessie McKone,	35 Dover Rd.	868-7371	N/A	N/A	Council
Dale Valena	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Council
Neal W. Ferris	24 Woodridge Rd.	868-1521	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
John Kraus, <i>Cncl Rep.</i>	7 Cutts Rd.	868-1929	1 Yr	3/05	Council

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LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Marilyn Dewey	191 Packers Falls Rd.	659-5500	3 Yrs	4/07	State
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/07	State
James Hewitt	4 Fairchild Dr.	868-3516	3 Yrs	12/05	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	4/07	State
Daniel G. Miner	1 Sullivan Falls Rd.	659-3701	3 Yrs	7/04	State
Judith Spang	55 Wiswall Rd.	659-5936	3 Yrs	4/07	State

PDA NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE

Craig Seymour	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
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STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MPO POLICY)

Richard Kelley	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	4 Yrs	4/07	Council
Neil Niman	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	4 Yrs	4/06	Council
VACANT			4 Yrs	4/08	Council

SMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James Campbell, <i>Dir. of Planning and Community Development</i>	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	1 Yr	6/05	Council
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UNH OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL STUDY COMMITTEE (JOINT UNH/TOWN)

Town Reps.

Cheryle St. Onge	8 Wiswall Rd.	659-7528	N/A	N/A	Council
Ken Rotner	36 Madbury Rd.	868-5080	N/A	N/A	Council
Edward Valena	Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Council
Marjorie Wolfson	12 Fairchild Dr.	868-5192	N/A	N/A	Council
Annmarie Harris	56 Oyster River Rd	868-5182	1 Yr	N/A	Council

UNH Reps.

- Kevin Charles, *VP for Student Affairs*
- Allan Braun, *Asst. VP of Facilities*
- Denny Byrne, *Dir., Campus Rec.*
- Linda Hayden, *Asst. Dir., Campus Rec.*
- Doug Bencks, *UNH Campus Planner*

RETIREMENT



William "Jim" Davis

30 YEARS

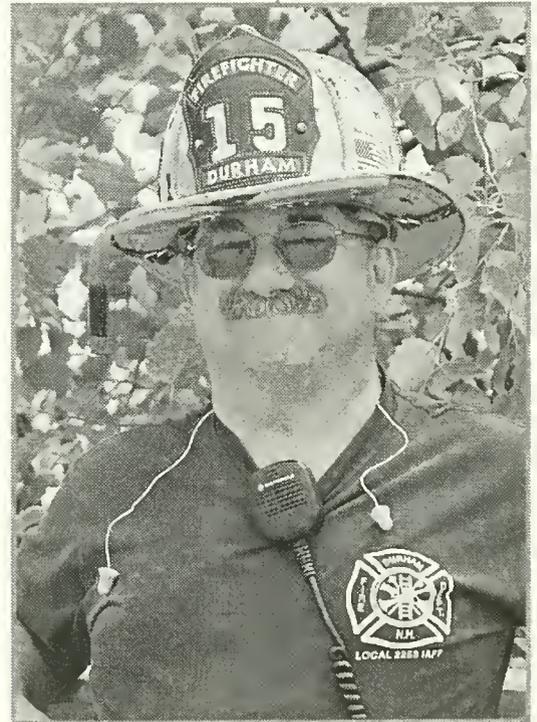
RETIREMENT

ON SUNDAY, August 29, 2004, William "Jim" Davis retired as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician, culminating thirty (30) years of dedicated service to the community.

Jim has been a stable fixture at the Durham Fire Department serving twenty (20) years as a permanent Firefighter from 1984-2004 and ten years as a Call Firefighter from 1974-1984. Over these years, Jim attained an associates degree,

and became certified as a Firefighter Level 3, Hazardous Materials Operations and Incident Command. He received many cards and letters of thanks from those he protected. Serving on fire apparatus specification committees to maintaining and repairing all of the departments small tools, Jim's knowledge of the community will be sorely missed. Having served for so long, new firefighters were constantly seeking his help as they were learning the community. Jim will not

be going very far. He becomes one of the first permanent firefighters for the Town of Lee. We wish him and his family the best of luck as he enters this new period of life.





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Raymond C. Osborne 30 YEARS

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2004, Raymond C. Osborne retired from the Durham Public Works Department, Wastewater Division with thirty (30) years of dedicated service to the Town.

Ray started his employment with the Town on October 8, 2004, as a Wastewater Division laborer. At that time the Treatment Plant was only a primary treatment facility operated by a two-man crew. As

the Wastewater Treatment Plant grew and changed the processing of wastewater, Ray climbed the ranks and as of his retirement had achieved his New Hampshire Grade II Wastewater Operators license and the position of Maintenance Worker IV Grade IV. Ray was also a front-line snow fighter and for many years patrolled the Main Street, downtown area. Ray also served as the Public Works Safety Officer for many years and did an excellent job in inspecting Department of Public Works

projects for compliance under the Department of Public Works policies and procedures safety manual.

In addition to his long-standing contributions to the Town of Durham, Ray enjoys traveling with his wife Barbara, and his hobbies include carpentry and small engine repair. As of his retirement, Ray was talking about maybe relocating to a warmer climate. His favorite destination was anywhere in Florida.

On November 1, 2004, Ray was recognized for his thirty years of service to the Town at a Town Council meeting. Council Chairman Malcolm Sandberg presented Ray with a certificate of appreciation.

The Town of Durham was most fortunate to have had Ray Osborne as an employee for thirty years and we will miss his many years of experience, historical memory, and background knowledge in the Town's wastewater collection and treatment systems. Good luck Ray upon your retirement.

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Town Council Chairman, Malcolm Sandberg presents a certificate to Ray at a Town Council Meeting in appreciation for his 30 years of dedicated service.



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Linda L. Ekdahl

38 YEARS

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004, Linda L. Ekdahl retired as Durham's Town Clerk-Tax Collector, culminating thirty-eight (38) years of dedicated service to the Town.

Linda was born, raised, and educated in Manchester, New Hampshire. After graduating from Manchester Central High School in 1961, she enrolled at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1966. While attending UNH, Linda worked part-time for Durham's Town Clerk and Tax Collector Phyllis Rochfort. On June 1, 1966, upon her graduation from UNH, Linda began working full-time as the Town's Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector until Ms. Rochfort's retirement in 1969. On March 11, 1969, Linda ran for the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector and won her first term in office with a total of 706 and 709 votes respectively. These positions later became combined into the elected position of Town Clerk-Tax Collector it currently is today.

Over the years, Linda has made many contributions, not only to the Town of Durham but to her alma mater, the University of New Hampshire. She served as UNH Class Secretary and Treasurer for the Seacoast Alumni Association since 1992 until present, receiving an Alumni Meritorious Service Award in 1993 for her efforts. Linda is an avid supporter of the Wildcats Hockey and Football teams, attending every home game she can, and has cheered the Wildcats on to many victories over the years.

In addition to her long-standing contributions to the University of New Hampshire, Linda also

gave generously and unselfishly of her time and talents in volunteer service for her professional affiliations. While serving as Durham's Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Linda was a dedicated and active member of both the New Hampshire Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Associations, where she volunteered many hours in the positions of President, as well as Secretary/Treasurer for the Tax Collectors Association. She also served in the Durham Chapter of the American Red Cross as a Service Chairman, as well as the Durham Historic Association, and still remains an active and involved member for both of these organizations.

On May 2, 2004, Linda was recognized for her thirty-eight years of service to the Town at a reception held in her honor at the Alumni Center. She was greeted by a stream of approximately 300 friends and colleagues, and received numerous presentations and gifts from various organizations with whom she associated throughout the years.

The Town of Durham was most fortunate to have had a Town Clerk-Tax Collector with many years of experience, historical memory, and background knowledge to provide consistency and stability with which to carry it through almost four decades of change.

Quite a remarkable accomplishment for quite a remarkable woman. Thank you Linda.

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Captain Hubert "Burt" Matheny

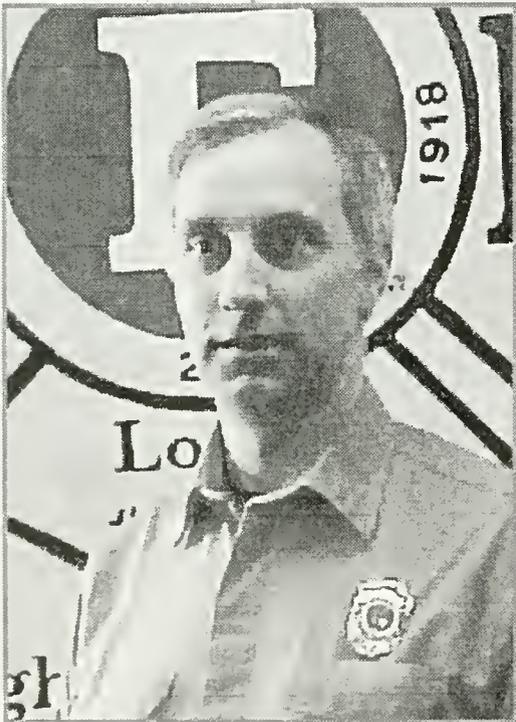
25 YEARS

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ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2004, Fire Captain Hubert "Burt" Matheny celebrated his 25th anniversary with the Durham Fire Department. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1986 and then to Captain in 1987, Burt has made lasting contributions to the Durham Fire Department. In 1991, Burt took on the role of Training Officer after the retirement of Captain John Rines. During

the next several years, Burt reorganized the Training Division and made numerous updates to the department's Training Bulletins and Probationary Firefighters manual. Burt also has the responsibility of the Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), becoming certified as an Interspiro Breathing Apparatus Technician. This advanced and technical training allows the department to facilitate testing and repairs of the department's air-packs "in house" at the

Fire Department, which reduces costs to the taxpayer. We wish Burt continued success in the department. —30—



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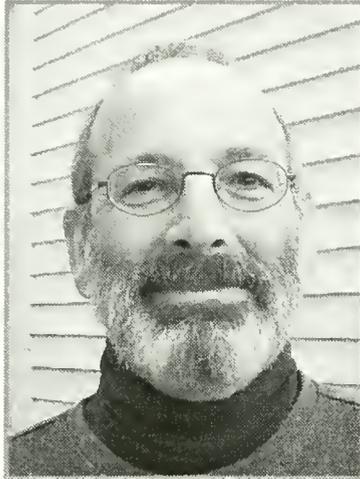


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PETER SMITH
Term: 3/04 -3/07



JERRY NEEDELL
Term: 3/04 -3/07



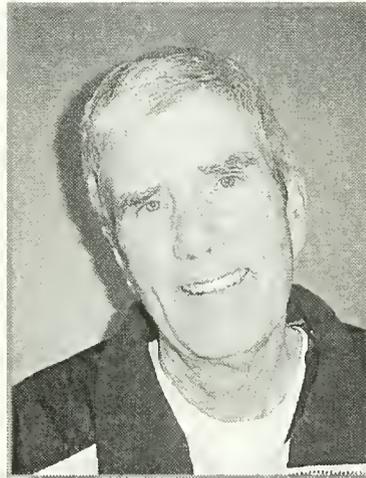
NEIL NIMAN
Term: 3/03 -3/06



JOHN KRAUS
Term: 3/03 -3/06



MARK MORONG
Term: 3/02 -3/05



KARL VAN ASSELT
Term: 3/04 -3/07



ART GRANT
Term: 3/02-3/05



MALCOLM SANDBERG
Term: 3/03-3/06



ANNMARIE HARRIS
Term: 3/02 -3/05



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Election, Tuesday, March 8, 2005

COUNCILORS OF DURHAM:

Malcolm Sandberg, Chair

W. Arthur Grant, Chair Pro Tem

Annmarie Harris

John Kraus

Mark Morong

Gerald Needell

Neil Niman

Peter Smith

Karl Van Asselt

TO THE INHABITANTS of the Town of Durham,
the County of Strafford, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster
River High School, located on Coe Drive in said
Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the ei-
ghth day of March 2005 (the polls will be open
between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM) to
act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors
(3-year terms); two (2) Durham Public Library
Board of Trustees (3-year terms); one (1) Du-
rham Public Library Trustee (2-year term); one
(1) Town Clerk-Tax Collector (3-year term); one
(1) Town Treasurer (3-year term) and one (1)
Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term).

Given under our hands and seal this 3rd day of
January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand
and Five.

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Office of the Business Manager: (l-r) Lisa Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant; Paul Beaudoin, Business Manager; Gail Jablonski, Fiscal Analyst.

challenges that came along during the year including:

- The firefighter's contract was finally resolved this year.
- We re-wired the computer network in Town Hall using state-of-the-art technology to ensure that operations can continue with reduced chances of interruptions.
- Accounting Assistant Lisa Beaudoin attended a benefits seminar put on by the HealthTrust, as well as meetings with the NH Local Welfare Administrators' Association.
- Business Manager Paul Beaudoin attended numerous management seminars and financial sessions during the year. With the complexities of duties entrusted with the staff in the Business Office, I find the greatest challenge is to keep us current in all areas that the Business Office deals with daily.

The Business Office staff will continue training to keep pace with their environment in hope of providing the highest level of support services to the various departments who are serving our community. —30—



Business Manager

PAUL BEAUDOIN

THE MISSION OF the Business Office is to provide support services to all Town departments by working interactively with department heads and their staff. Our goal is to provide timely and reliable information by which department managers, the Town Administrator, and ultimately the Town Council, can make informed decisions in the best interest of the Town.

Specifically, the Business Office provides accounting, purchasing, payroll, assessing, computer support services, accounts receivable billing and collection and cash management services for the Town. Additionally, we provide support to the Town Administrator in preparation of the annual operating budget and the ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Business Manager is also designated as the Welfare Officer for the Town.

Staff Accountant, Gail Jablonski, having completed almost four years in the office, has maintained the Town's financial records at a level never before seen in Durham. Administrative Assistant, Lisa Beaudoin, with almost five years experience with the Town, has done a wonderful job in overseeing payroll and benefits, accounts payables, worker's compensation and acting as intake coordinator for Welfare. Having completed my third year as Business Manager with the Town, I continue to focus on staff training, which will continue to play an important role in keeping the Town moving forward.

We accomplished many of the goals set for the year as well as addressing unforeseen challenges during the year.

In addition to accomplishing these goals, the Business Office staff has been busy with other



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Council Chairman

MALCOLM SANDBERG

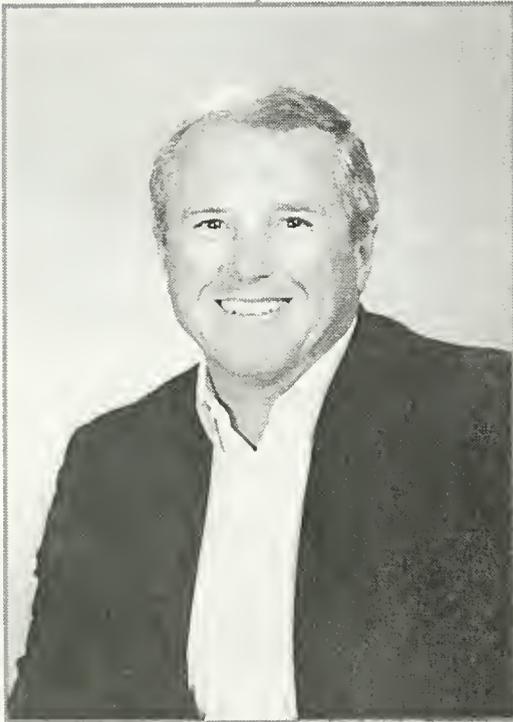
IN ITS CAPACITY AS the legislative body of the Town of Durham, the Town Council is ultimately responsible for the fiscal health of the Town. The Council is also responsible for adopting policies affecting the growth, development and maintenance and ensuring adequate public health and safety services for the town. Your Town Council is very much committed to reducing spending, whenever and wherever appropriate. Our administrative staff strives to increase staff efficiency and reduce spending. The other side of the equation is to increase revenue in order to alleviate the financial burden on taxpayers. To that end, the Town Council directed the Administrator to conduct a complete analysis of all negotiated agreements between the Town and the University of New Hampshire. The purpose is to ensure that there is appropriate cost sharing. The tax-free status of the University makes such agreements necessary and the Town Council seeks to affirm the agreements are fair and equitable for all concerned.

As 2004 began, the Town was still reeling from outrageous, riotous behavior of young citizens during 2003. The financial impact to taxpayers resulting from such activities is substantial even with partial recompense from UNH. The Town received support from our local legislative delegation, UNH President Ann Weaver Hart, as well as the UNH Student Senate in addressing our concerns. Through our combined efforts, policies are now in place which are meant to provide timely, predictable, meaningful and consistent

sanctions for those who choose to violate our ordinances and otherwise disrupt the community. We are indebted to Senator Iris Estabrook and Representative Marjorie Smith for their leadership in the legislature. Their efforts resulted in the adoption of two new laws designed to help Durham and other college towns maintain order in the face of what appears to be a national trend toward disruptive and dangerous youthful exuberance. In addition, President Hart's leadership and work with her staff and the Student Senate is commendable and very much appreciated. With her support, the Town Council and the University of New Hampshire adopted a "Shared Statement of Civic Commitment" designed to provide guidance to the newest members of our community. This statement is now included as part of admissions packets at UNH and on the Town of Durham web site, www.ci.durham.nh.us. We are optimistic that, going forward, we will experience reasonable and safe celebrations on and near campus.

In spite of all good intentions of the Town Council and Town staff, sometimes things go awry. The Packers Falls Bridge is an example. In the eyes of some, it is nothing less than a fiasco. Since the rebuilt bridge was "unveiled" in the fall of 2003, citizens have urged the Town Council to "fix" the bridge; to restore it to a picturesque structure which affords a lovely view of the designated "wild and scenic" Lamprey River. The Town Council continues to negotiate with the engineering firm that designed the bridge to find an acceptable resolution to the issue.

There is a new hotel under construction in Town. After many, many months of negotiations and hearings, the Town Council authorized permits for the construction of a new hotel structure at the intersection of Main Street and Newmarket Road. This, the first new commercial structure in Durham in years, will improve the current appearance of the intersection at the entrance to Durham's Historic District, as well as increase the tax base of the community.



*Malcolm Sandberg
Council Chairman*



As the Town Council considers and adopts policies and plans for our collective future, the issue of taxation is always on our minds. As most taxpayers know, 68.6% of our 2004 Durham property taxes support the Oyster River Cooperative School District. The Town Council is responsible for only 23.9% of the 2004 tax bill. Approximately two-thirds of that are personnel costs. Thus, approximately 8% of the Town's share of the tax bill results from actual costs of projects. Struggle as we do, there is great frustration among councilors when we are able to impact such a small fraction of our tax bill. In spite of our efforts, overall property taxes continue to rise dramatically.

State funding of public education is as controversial today as it was five years ago. While the state government strives to reduce taxes it collects for education, every dollar it "saves" shifts the cost burden back to the school district, thence to local taxpayers. The cost of education is high, either way. In 2004, the Town Council supported legislation that will allow communities with cooperative school districts to apply each community's state education funds directly to the school district BEFORE calculating each Town's share of local funding. The Town Council believes this important legislation will allow cooperating com-

munities to more fairly share education costs in accordance with the adopted Oyster River Cooperative School District funding formula. Voters in Durham, Lee and Madbury will have the opportunity to address this issue on the March ballot.

Taxpayers seeking tax relief often advocate broadening the tax base. At the same time, citizens repeatedly re-affirm that preservation of conservation land, quality of life, and carefully regulated growth and development practices are important. The community faces a challenge in finding the kind of development that will offer net-positive tax consequence while at the same time preserve what the community holds dear. Our Economic Development Committee is working on the Town Council's behalf to find an appropriate solution.

As the Town Council looks to the future, we welcome input from our fellow citizens. On behalf of each councilor, I want to thank you, the voters, for the opportunity to serve in this important role and for your support. I also want to thank all of our professional staff and employees for the hard work they do every day. We are proud of their accomplishments and appreciate their dedication.

We look forward to continued progress in our effort. —30—

2004 Informational Town Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

VICTORIA PARMELE, Minute Taker

Note: This set of minutes will be the last recorded for the annual Informational Town Meeting as the requirement for this meeting was removed from the Town Charter by the voters of Durham on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. However, annual election results will continue to be recorded in all future Town Reports.

I. Introductions of Public Officials by Town Moderator

- **Members of the 2003 Town Council**
Moderator Anne Valenza introduced the 2003 members of the Town Council. (Councilors Paine and Samuels were not present)

- **Newly elected members to the Town Council 2004**
Moderator Valenza introduced the members of the 2004 Council, including new members Karl Van Asselt, and Gerald Needell and Peter Smith, who had been re-elected. The votes for the office of Town Council (3-year terms) are as follows:

Karl Van Asselt	707
Gerald Needell	541

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Peter Smith	536
Richard Kelley	521
C.E. "Mac" McLean	209
Scattered (write-in)	13

• **Election results of other Town Officials**

Moderator Valenza read the results of the election concerning other Town officials under Article 1 of the election ballot as follows:

For Public Library Trustee (3-year term):

Judith Moyer	678
Julian Smith	666
Luci S. Gardner	646
Scattered (write-in)	5

For Public Library Trustee (1-year term):

Cynthia Cote	785
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For Moderator (2-year term):

Anne F. Valenza	805
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For Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term):

Ann R. Lemmon	777
Scattered (write-in)	3

For Town Clerk-Tax Collector (1-year term):

Lorrie L. Pitt	830
Scattered (write-in)	6

For Trustees of the Trust Funds (3-year term):

Craig Seymour	797
Scattered (write-in)	2

• **Charter Amendments**

Moderator Valenza read the results of the election concerning amendments to the Town Charter as follows:

Article 2 – To eliminate the Informational Town Meeting held annually in March following the Town Election

Yes: 503 No: 406

Article 3 – To memorialize in the Charter the Planning Board's ability, in accordance with NH RSA 673:6, to have not more than five alternate members and to memorialize

the appointment of an alternate Council member.

Yes: 783 No: 106

Article 4 – To memorialize in the Charter the Conservation Commission's ability to have up to three alternate members who can vote in the absence of regular members.

Yes: 777 No: 127

Article 5 – To memorialize in the Charter the Library Board of Trustee's ability to have up to three alternate members in accordance with RSA 202-A:10. All references to an "interim" Library Board of Trustees are obsolete since there is now an established Board of Library Trustees and are therefore being stricken from the Charter.

Yes: 812 No: 72

Article 6 - A newly inserted section. This change will ensure that it is the newly elected Council each year that makes appointments of citizens to the various Town boards, commissions, and committees.

Yes: 803 No: 100

Article 7 – To allow the newly elected Council more time to carefully consider appointments of citizen members to the various Town board, commissions and committees

Yes: 784 No: 118

Article 8 – Adding a new section 11.5 "Vacancies in Elected or Appointed Office" in Article 11. This will be inserted as a new section to maintain the numerical sequence of the sections.

Yes: 825 No: 40

II. Remarks

Town Council Chairman Sandberg

Chair Sandberg congratulated and welcomed new Councilors Karl Van Asselt and Gerald Needell, as well as returning Councilor Peter Smith, for their successful campaigns. He noted that Mr. Needell had sent his regrets that he could not be in at-



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tendance because of a long-standing prior commitment. Chair Sandberg thanked everyone who had run for elected office, whether contested or not, and thanked all the volunteers who had given their time for the betterment of the community.

Chair Sandberg noted the various committees in Durham that were involved in various efforts, and said the Town should be very proud of them. He said there was still plenty of work to do, and welcomed all who wished to join in the collective effort that made Durham such a special place.

He said that typically there were 30-40 vacancies on committees each year, which provided opportunities for interested citizens with fresh ideas. He explained that the Town Council would begin the process of filling vacancies the following Monday, and would continue with this process for several meetings. He said as they began this new post election year, he wanted to encourage fellow citizens to consider choosing to be involved in some important and rewarding work.

Chair Sandberg said that with the passage of Town Charter amendments at the election, the Town Council would have several weeks to make appointments, and invited citizens to submit applications within the next week or two, noting these applications were available in the Town Administrator's office.

He said the Town Annual Report for 2003 had been produced with great skill by the Administrative Assistant Jennie Berry, and included a comprehensive review of work accomplished the past year by the professional staff and by volunteer boards and committees. He noted each section of the report also included proposed goals and objectives.

Chair Sandberg said the Informational Town meeting was meant to provide time for citizens to share, in a less formal way than regular meetings, their thoughts about goals and objectives, and to learn more detail about work in progress. He said this conversation would be welcomed later in the meeting.

Chair Sandberg asked Town Administrator Selig to speak about his role in helping the Town achieve its goals, and to offer guidance from his professional perspective, as the Town moved forward, in maintaining a prosperous and healthy community.

Town Administrator, Todd Selig

Town Administrator Selig noted the various issues and challenges facing the community, including, but not limited to local zoning regulations, recreational issues, school funding, open space preservation, support for Durham's downtown area, budgetary constraints, economic development, downtown services, scenic bridges, a new library, local water supply, and rental housing issues involving the University of New Hampshire.

He said however that time, funding, and human resources were finite, so it was important as the Town moved forward in 2004 that each of the Town boards and departments, as well as local interest groups and citizens, carefully define their goals. He said achievable objectives should be the overriding theme for everyone involved in local government in 2004. He said the issues that were most important to the community should be determined, well defined, and packaged in a manner that was strategic, reasonable, and achievable within a definitive period of time, regardless of the time scale. Administrator Selig encouraged citizens, once objectives were defined, to be actively engaged, so the many perspectives existing in Durham would be considered, and brought to the forefront of public debate.

He said it was his goal as Administrator to insure that Town departments were actively working in the service of the Town and to accomplish goals and objectives outlined by the Town Council. Administrator Selig thanked current members of the Council for their work, and noted in detail the various crucial ways in which they acted on behalf of the Town. He said that most importantly, it was the Council's task, week after week, to provide decisions on issues where there was not always

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a right or wrong answer. He said it was his great privilege and pleasure to serve the Council, staff and citizens as Administrator.

III. Service Recognitions for Elected Officials and Town Staff

Chair Sandberg said at this time of year the Town liked to look back and remember the efforts of people who had served them well the past year. He said the Council wanted to express its appreciation by the issuance of Certificates of Appreciation for Councilors Katie Paine and Patricia Samuels, for their commitment and contributions to the Town.

Chair Sandberg presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Town Clerk-Tax Collector Linda Ekdahl in recognition of 38 years of service. He said that Linda was a very special person, and the Certificate noted her faithful service to the Town, with dedication and commitment to the citizens of Durham, and her knowledge, wisdom and sound judgment, all of which would be sorely missed. The Certificate also said that as she began her retirement, the Town hoped she would remember with fondness those citizens she had worked with along the way, and would take with her the knowledge that her service to the Town was very much appreciated and highly regarded.

Ms. Ekdahl said it had been a pleasure, noting she had served with a lot of wonderful people over the years, and said she didn't know where the time had gone. She said her deputy, Lorrie Pitt, would take good care of the Town, and thanked everyone for the Certificate of Appreciation.

IV. Conversation with Representatives of Town Departments and Town Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mac McLean said that at the previous Town Council meeting, it was noted that a Town meeting could be held if the Council decided to have one, regardless of whether this was authorized in the Town Charter. He noted that Foster's Daily Democrat had indicated in a cavalier tone that the Town had now thrown out the traditional Town meeting. He said he would like to look at this as a

temporary phasing out, and asked if enough citizens wanted to have this Town meeting, how they would go about getting one as each year went by.

Chair Sandberg explained that when the Informational Town Meeting was put in the Charter in 1988, there was a lot of sentiment behind this, because this was when the Town went from the selectman and annual Town Meeting to the Town Council form of government. He said the sentiment expressed at that time was that it would be good if citizens could continue to meet once a year informally in order to share ideas and ask questions.

Chair Sandberg said the Informational Town meeting had its ups and downs over the years, noting that sometimes the only people who came were staff, who had worked for weeks putting together wonderful presentations, when the only people who came to the meeting were the Councilors and a handful of citizens who were already involved at other meetings. Chair Sandberg said the Council offered the opportunity for members of the public to address it at every regularly scheduled meeting, and noted that many members of the community took advantage of this opportunity, and Councilors listened with great interest to the input provided.

He said there had been several discussions over whether it was worthwhile to continue the Informational Town Meeting concept, and noted there was now cable access television, email, the weekly newsletter, and the wonderful involvement of citizens at regularly scheduled meetings. He said the Council had decided to put the question of whether to continue the annual meeting to the citizens so they would have the opportunity to answer the question themselves.

In answer to Mr. McLean's question, Chair Sandberg said that any citizen could come to the Town Administrator's office and ask for a spot on an agenda, who would evaluate the dimension and scope of the question, as well as where it might best fit on the agenda. Chair Sandberg also noted



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Route 108 Oyster River Footbridge.

Council Peter Smith noted it must have taken Mr. Selig weeks to come up with one good thing to say about each of the Councilors. He said that when he ran for Town Councilor three years ago, his most important goal was to find a top-notch Town Administrator, because he felt a Town could not run properly without such a person. He said it would be impossible for the Town to fully appreciate what it had in Administrator Selig, and said he would defy anyone in the state to find someone with the competence and abilities that he had demonstrated. Councilor Smith said the Town was very lucky to have him, and hoped he would be around for a long time to come.

Tom Merrick lamented the loss of this kind of meeting, and said they were helpful, and created a warm feeling. He said he would work with Mr. McLean to see if they could have another one, whether it was the day before or after the vote, or any other time of year. He thanked the Council for its work.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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that it was not out of the question for a group of citizens to put together an agenda and ask for a special public meeting to address this. He said the request would come to the Council, which would determine the appropriate date and time to hear these issues.

Chair Sandberg said the Town had voted by a margin of 90 votes to not mandate the meeting for the day after election, stressing the difference now was that the meeting was not mandated. But he said if there was a groundswell of support for a meeting, he imagined that Councilors would give due consideration to the request in hope that there would be a substantial turnout, which would justify the time and effort that went into such an event.

Mr. McLean said he was one of the citizens who had not attended the meetings recently. He asked if there was any way to get the Informational Town Meeting back as a mandatory meeting the day after voting, and said if the meeting came back, it could be part of the citizens' checks and balances procedures.

Chair Sandberg said this would require a Charter amendment, which would require a petition by the citizens, and noted that the petitioning process was outlined in the Charter.

He also provided clarification that the Informational Town Meeting was not meant for the conduction of business.

V. Other business

Chair Sandberg explained that under state law, there was a window of opportunity to challenge the counts from election day, and the appeal period ran until Friday, with Town Councilors sworn in before the meeting the following Monday.

Councilor Morong thanked the citizens of Durham for the new Council chambers, which he described as a great improvement for the Town. Chair Sandberg pointed out that the real thrust of this effort had been undertaken by former Councilor Scott Hovey.



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A number of Town organizations provided informational displays for the annual "Durham Day" event at Wagon Hill Farm on September 12, 2004

Ordinances For 2004

2004-01

Establishing restricted parking on Young Drive
PASSED, 04/05/04

2004-02

Adopting proposed revisions to certain sections of the Durham Zoning Ordinance
PASSED, 05/10/04

2004-03

Amending Chapter 68, "Fire Prevention" of the Durham Town Code by adding Article V entitled "Mutual Aid", which authorizes the Fire Department to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district, from either within or without of the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail as requested in accordance with NH RSA 154:24-30 and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into such agreements
FAILED for lack of a motion. Replaced with Resolution #2004-11, 05/03/04

2004-04

Amending Part II "General Legislation" of the Durham Town Code by creating a new chapter, Chapter 42, entitled "Camping on Town Public Land" and initiating a permit system for camping on Town public land
PASSED, 08/16/04

2004-05

Prohibiting overnight parking in all municipal parking lots between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 AM
PASSED, 08/02/04

2004-06

Amending Part II "General Legislation" of the Durham Town Code by creating a new chapter, Chapter 34, entitled "Restaurant and Carryout Establishments Hours of Operations"
POSTPONED until first meeting in January 2005

2004-07

Amending Chapter 98 "Rental Housing Commission", Section 98-3 "Composition" of the Durham Town Code by increasing the membership to add a member who is a Durham citizen living in a neighborhood affected by rental housing
PASSED, 11/01/04

2004-08

Creating a resident only parking permit system in the Bayview Road neighborhood
PASSED, 11/01/04

2004-09

Reducing the speed limit on Canney Road from 30 MPH to 25 MPH
FAILED on First Reading, 10/18/04

2004-10

Amending Sections 175-133 (B) (2) and 175-133 (G) of the Durham Zoning Ordinance pertaining to snipe signs and political speech
PASSED, 11/15/04

2004-11

Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 153-32 "Penalties for Offenses" of the Durham Town Code by increasing the parking fine structure
PASSED, 12/20/04



Resolutions For 2004

2004-01

Establishing a Town-wide policy for the utilization of recycled paper stock

PASSED, 01/05/04

2004-02

Supporting Legislative Service Request 3233 which will add the act of throwing or propelling any object or substance at a Law Enforcement Officer as a Class B Felony under the riot statute

PASSED, 01/05/04

2004-03

Supporting House Bill 1361 relative to sentences for certain offenses committed on or near a public college or university campus

PASSED, 01/05/04

2004-04

Authorizing the acceptance of private donations and unanticipated revenues received by the Town of Durham between July 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003

PASSED, 01/12/04

2004-05

Establishing the compensation for the Town Administrator for Fiscal Year 2004

PASSED, 03/01/04

2004-06

Establishing regular Town Council meeting dates for April 2004 through March 2005

PASSED, 03/15/04

2004-07

Establishing the effective date for the Town Charter amendments that passed at the March 9, 2004 Town Elections to be April 1, 2004

PASSED, 03/15/04

2004-08

Recognizing outgoing elected officials and appointed members to the various Town boards, commissions, and committees for their dedicated

services to the Town of Durham and extending the terms of office for all appointed members to Town boards, commissions, and committees through April 30, 2004

PASSED, 03/15/04

2004-09

Establishing the compensation for non-bargaining unit employees for Fiscal Year 2004

PASSED, 04/05/04

2004-10

Establishing the evaluation procedure for the Town Administrator

DEFEATED, 04/19/04

2004-11

Authorizing the Fire Department to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district, from within or without of the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail as requested, in accordance with NH RSA 154:24 and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into such agreements

PASSED, 05/03/04

2004-12

Authorizing the Town to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$22,062.00 from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety, Bureau of Emergency Management to conduct a full-scale exercise for response to terrorist acts as outlined in the grant

PASSED, 05/17/04

2004-13

Authorizing the issuance of Seven Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,700,000) in Tax Anticipation Notes

PASSED, 05/17/04

2004-14

Authorizing the acceptance of funds from a variety of sources for use by the Police Department

PASSED, 07/12/04



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2004-15

Authorizing the acceptance of private donations and unanticipated revenues received by the Town of Durham between January 1 and June 30, 2004
PASSED, 08/02/04

2004-16

Establishing a trust fund for scholarship money for the Oyster River Cooperative School District
PASSED, 08/16/04

2004-17

Authorizing the issuance of Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000) in Tax Anticipation Notes
PASSED, 10/04/04

2004-18

Recognizing the outstanding efforts of the Town's departments of safety, UNH administrators and student leaders, and other outside law enforcement agencies who assisted during the 2004 American League Championship Series and the World Series
PASSED, 11/15/04

Town Administrator

TODD I. SELIG

IN APRIL 2004, THE Durham Town Council adopted a work plan designed to provide guidance to Town staff, boards, and committees in carrying out their respective roles and functions in the broader interest of the Durham community. An overview of major initiatives designed to address the goals outlined in the Council work plan, as well as other significant issues with which the Town was involved in 2004, follows:

→ The Durham Planning Board, the Zoning Rewrite Committee, members of our planning and zoning staff, and interested residents continued to devote countless hours in 2004 toward the development of revised zoning regulations for the Town of Durham. The

2004-19

Recognizing Durham's election officials and citizen volunteers for their outstanding efforts during the 2004 General Election process
PASSED, 11/15/04

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Recognizing the men and women of The Timberland Company who assisted the Town of Durham in assembling the new playground equipment at the Woodridge Field Park as part of Timberland's Serv-A-Palooza community service day efforts
PASSED, 11/15/04

2004-21

Adoption of the FY 2005-2014 Capital Improvement Plan
PASSED, 12/20/04

2004-22

Town Council approval of the FY 2005 General Operating budgets
PASSED, 12/20/04
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Town Council approved revisions to the Residential section of the zoning ordinance on May 10, 2004, and will undertake review of Non-Residential sections beginning in 2005. The Planning Board has already scheduled public hearings for January 5, 2005, January 12, 2005, and January 19, 2005, on these important sections of the zoning ordinance.

→ After a long year of labor negotiations in 2003 with all four of the Town's collective bargaining units, a bargaining agreement with the police officers was ratified by the Town Council on April 21, 2003. However, negotiations on the public works, middle manager, and firefighter contracts continued in earnest into 2004. The Council ultimately ratified a contract with the public works union on January 12, 2004. Contracts were ratified with the middle manager and firefighter unions on February 16, 2004. The Town

and the firefighters had been unable to reach agreement on a new contract since the expiration of the firefighters' last bargaining agreement in December 2001.

→ The Durham Conservation Commission and other devoted conservation minded volunteers continued in 2004 to work toward preserving open tracts of land through the negotiation of outright purchases or conservation easements utilizing monies set aside by the Town for this purpose. It is anticipated that the \$2.5 million land conservation bond approved by the voters in March 2003 will eventually be utilized to fund these efforts. On May 3, 2004, the Council adopted a *Policy for Acquiring Legal Interest in Conservation/Open Space*.

→ Work continued in the Planning Office this year with respect to developing an impact fee ordinance for consideration by the Town Council. The Planning Office engaged the services of impact fee consultant Bruce Mayberry to assist with this task. It is anticipated that the Council will take up whether an Impact Fee would be beneficial for Durham in the early part of 2005.

→ Town staff worked with University of New Hampshire officials in 2004 in order to renegotiate various agreements that presently exist between the two entities. Focus has been on the Fire Agreement, the Wastewater Agreement, the Water Agreement, and the Forest Park Agreement concerning students of the Oyster River Cooperative School District living in tax exempt campus housing. We will aggressively move forward with these negotiations in 2005. In addition, it is our hope to save the Town approximately \$200,000 per year beginning in 2006 by partnering with the University and moving our joint dispatching services for fire, emergency, and police calls from the UNH Dispatch Center to Strafford County. Additional analysis must still be done on this possible cost savings measure.

→ The Town Council and the Durham Rental Housing Commission had extensive discus-

sions this year concerning the idea of implementing a landlord permit registry ordinance and/or a disorderly house ordinance intended to help address quality of life issues for neighborhoods impacted by the existence of rental properties. While the Council ultimately opted not to move forward with these initiatives at this time, the process did lead to a much more active Rental Housing Commission, as well as increased coordination and cooperation between the Commission, our departments, and the Durham Landlord Association.

→ On April 16, 2004, the Durham Tax Collector moved forward with the Council's directive from December 2003 to transfer the tax deed, with all applicable safeguards, on Tax Parcels Map 1, Lot 1, and Map 1, Lot 1-1, known locally as the Craig Supply site, to the Town of Durham. It is our hope that this action will in time allow the Town to clean up contaminants on the Craig Supply site in order to bring the property back into productive reuse.

→ Durham contracted with the engineering firm of Dufresne-Henry in order to evaluate the Town's present and long-term water needs and received a report dated May 27, 2004. This detailed study concluded that the Durham/UNH water supply is not sufficient to meet present demand at all times of the year while simultaneously complying with the conditions of the 401 Water Quality Certificate under which we operate. In the coming months, we will continue to focus upon the four strategies outlined in the report: In-



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crease water supply capacity, increase water storage capacity, better management of existing water resources, and demand side management.

→ The Town Council succeeded once again in organizing an outstanding Durham Day Celebration on September 12, 2004. Many community volunteers and staff members, under the leadership of Councilor Arthur Grant, pitched in to make the day a great success.

→ Election officials expended a great deal of effort in order to ensure that Durham elections were carried off smoothly this year. As a result of construction at the Oyster River High School, the Town's traditional election venue, the presidential primary election was held at Heidelberg Web Systems on January 27, 2004. The Heidelberg facility was then unavailable in March so the annual Town election held on March 9, 2004, was moved to the Durham Evangelical Church. With the opening of the new gymnasium at the high school this fall, the September state primary and November general election were held once again at the school. On November 2, 2004, election officials same-day registered 1,695 individuals plus an additional 400 people at two pre-registration sessions on the University of New Hampshire campus. Kudos to all of our election officials and volunteers who strive each year to make Durham's elections a success.

→ The Council reestablished an Economic Development Committee (EDC) with a new charge. The group met during the summer with George Bald, Executive Director of the Pease Development Authority, in an effort to obtain some guidance in its efforts. This year, the EDC has looked at the potential cost of developing municipal infrastructure in the Beach Hill Road area estimated at \$898,299 in order to attract new taxable development, discussed ways to attract development to the Durham Business Park to broaden our tax base, considered the 1994 Design Guidelines for the Durham Business Park, and reviewed

the commercial/retail potential for the Town Hall site on the corner of Route 108. These efforts will continue into 2005.

→ Discussions continued in 2004 between the Town and a real estate broker intent upon developing a new gas station facility on the site known as Smitty's Route 108 Sunoco located at 2 Dover Road in Durham. Various land swap proposals involving the Smitty's site and the abutting Town Office site were exchanged over the course of many months of negotiations. At the present time, the Town is carrying forward an appropriation of \$750,000 from 2003 earmarked to be utilized for the outright purchase of the Route 108 Sunoco parcel. The site was identified in the 2000 Master Plan as a potential location for a Town center. The owner of the Route 108 Sunoco property and the Town have been unable to come to terms on a purchase price for many years, and the Council has been unwilling to exercise its eminent domain powers to acquire the site.

→ Confronted with a series of civil disturbances and riots in the downtown area in April 2003 revolving around the NCAA Men's Hockey Frozen Four Championship Tourney, and again in October 2003 associated with the baseball playoff series, the Town aggressively set about working collaboratively in 2004 with the University in order to hold students accountable for their behavior off campus. In addition, the Durham Police Department undertook to evaluate and improve upon its strategy for dealing with such situations. The combination of the two efforts proved successful in preventing similar disturbances from occurring in October 2004 during the Red Sox run to its World Series victory. The University of New Hampshire is to be commended for its willingness to hold UNH students accountable for egregious behavior off campus.

→ A great deal of discussion and deliberation took place this year surrounding whether to build a new Durham Public Library, and if



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so, where. The Library Trustees had recommended utilizing the existing Town Office site behind the Town Hall at 15 Newmarket Road. On September 20, 2004, the Council held a public hearing at the Oyster River Middle School to hear from citizens of the community concerning the subject. The session was well attended with considerable public support being expressed for moving forward with the construction of a new library facility. After much discussion, the Council ultimately voted during a budget work session on November 22, 2004, not to move forward with further consideration of constructing a library facility at the Town Office site. The Durham Library Trustees will continue in 2005 to look for a potential site for the construction of a new library.

for changing the structure, and suggest strategies to ensure that a similar situation does not occur in the future in which significant tax dollars are expended resulting in a less than satisfactory product. A number of bridge rail modification options ranging in price from \$30,000 (replacing only the concrete pedestrian railing with an aluminum rail) to an estimated \$130,000 (replacing concrete pedestrian and vehicular rails with an aluminum rail system) are presently being considered by the Council. It is expected that a decision will be made whether to move forward with changes to the bridge in early 2005.

→ Durham Community Access Television (DCAT) converted its tape recording of local programming to a digital system in 2004. This change will allow more programming to be shown on DCAT as the popularity of the channel grows. With the efforts of our dedicated DCAT Committee, we can look for good things to come in 2005.

→ In addition to the upgrades made at DCAT intended to keep the community well informed of local affairs, the number of subscribers to the Town's weekly list server has increased dramatically this year. At the present time, a total of 426 individuals subscribe to the server which provides interested individuals with updates and announcements concerning the community. Individuals interested in subscribing should send an email to Town_of_Durham@ci.durham.nh.us and type the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. It is also possible to subscribe by logging on to the Town's web site at www.ci.durham.nh.us. Maintaining and improving effective means of communication with Durham residents was a specific goal of the Town Council in 2004.

→ As part of the 2004 legislative session, RSA195 was amended to allow a cooperative school district to adopt an alternative method of apportionment for operating costs of the district. As a result of this change, a cooperative school district may now choose to credit

→ The Department of Public Works has had a busy year with respect to ongoing major initiatives. A \$1.6 million capping, redesign, and reconstruction of the Durham Solid Waste Transfer Station on Durham Point Road that began last year was completed in 2004. Modifications and upgrades totaling \$2.4 million that began in 2003 were also completed this year at the Durham Wastewater Treatment Facility in an effort to improve equipment deficiencies and other operational problems. In addition, the Department of Public Works completed the extension of new sidewalks and ornamental lighting along Madbury Road from the intersection of Main Street to Pettee Brook Road. These sidewalk upgrades will improve the streetscape in front of the U.S. Post Office and Wildcat Pizza for years to come.

→ The \$996,909.00 Packers Falls Bridge project was opened for vehicular travel late in 2003. Great concern exists among residents with respect to the final product as concrete railing and black w-rail approaches significantly diminish the view of the scenic river below. In response to Council concerns, the Administrator assembled a panel of local residents – the Packers Falls Bridge Committee -- to evaluate the situation, offer suggestions

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up to 100 percent of the state's yearly education grants to the cooperative school district's total operating budget before apportioning the remaining operating costs among the three towns (Durham, Lee, and Madbury) that make up the cooperative school district. Before the legislature approved this option, the state's yearly educational grant was credited to each town to be used to pay part of that town's share of the cooperative school district budget. This change does not affect in any way the basic apportionment formula currently in effect in the Oyster River Cooperative School District. That formula apportions costs among the three towns based on 50% assessed valuation and 50% average daily attendance. For a cooperative district to adopt the alternative method, the question

must be placed on the warrant for an annual or special district meeting, and must be approved by a majority of those voting in each city or town in the district. At their meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2004, members of the Oyster River Cooperative School Board decided to place this item on the district's warrant in March to be voted on by the residents of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. The Durham Town Council will evaluate this initiative in early 2005 in preparation for the Annual School Meeting.

It continues to be my pleasure to serve the Council and the community as Durham's Administrator. We have a vibrant town with many interested, engaged, and talented individuals all working to make life here as good as it can possibly be. —30—

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Conservation Commission

DWIGHT BALDWIN, CHAIR

THE DURHAM Conservation Commission (DCC) has a state legislative mandate to inventory, manage, and protect the natural resources of the Town, and to make recommendations to the state on all applications to the NH Wetlands Bureau. The DCC acts as an advocate for natural resource protection in town and regional affairs, and is a source of information for Town residents.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

→ **Land and Scenic-Vista Protection** - Accomplishments include recommendations to Council of the following: purchase of a conservation easement for the Mill Pond Center property; adoption of a document entitled "Policy for Acquiring Legal Interest in Conservation/Open Space Land"; authorization of a grant application for funding a conservation easement on the Allen soccer fields on Packers Falls Road; allocation of unspent funds in the Town's Contingency Fund for 2004 be used to help defray the cost of rehabilitation of the scenic vista as seen from the Packer's Falls Bridge. The DCC also provided financial support for seven land appraisals on parcels that landowners are interested in conserving. Twenty additional landowners are currently considering conservation options for their property.

→ **Site Visits** - The DCC conducted 4 site visits to land parcels on which controversial or potentially environmentally damaging activities are proposed. Additionally, the DCC, working with a landowner and with the help of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), established

the extent and environmental risk of a gasoline plume moving in ground water towards the Oyster River from the intersection of Newmarket Road and Main Street. Because of this inquiry, the NHDES moved the site up to a higher "watch priority".

→ **Mill Pond Restoration** - The Wetlands Permit for the dredging of Mill Pond was submitted to the NH Wetlands Bureau. Currently, the DCC and the Department of Public Works are working to identify a site where the dredged sediment can be placed. In addition, volunteers expended many hours keeping brush from regrowing at sites where it was cut last year.

→ **Town Land-Use/Trails Subcommittee** - Members from the Park and Recreation Committee and the DCC met regularly to prepare a report for Council on the appropriate use(s) of parcels of open land owned by Durham.

→ **Review of Wetland and Aquifer Conservation Overlay Documents** - At the request of the Planning Board, the DCC provided review of drafts of the Wetland and Aquifer Conservation Overlay District documents.

→ **Durham Day Participation at Wagon Hill** - The DCC, along with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Land Protection Working Group (LPWG), set up a table down by the water to show citizens what these groups are doing. Judging by the number of people who stopped to see the display, the effort was successful.

→ **Review of Standard Dredge and Fill Applications** - The DCC reviewed five (5) Standard Dredge and Fill Applications that were submitted to the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau. Activities included dock and driveway construction, and shoreline stabilization projects that impact freshwater and

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tidal wetlands. This oversight process included one site visit and two presentations at regular Commission meetings.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Continue the momentum and exciting work being done by the LPWG and the DCC for open land and scenic vista preservation.
- Continue efforts towards removal and disposal of sediment from Mill Pond.
- Continue efforts to keep brush from growing up on Town land along the shore of Mill Pond.

Durham Day 2004

W. ARTHUR GRANT, CHAIR

MORE THAN 450 Durham residents, Town employees and guests took advantage of a splendid fall afternoon to participate in the annual Durham Day gathering at Wagon Hill Farm on September 12.

The event, sponsored by the Town Council, featured picnic food, boat rides on the Oyster River, inspection of the Captain Sam Adams gundalow

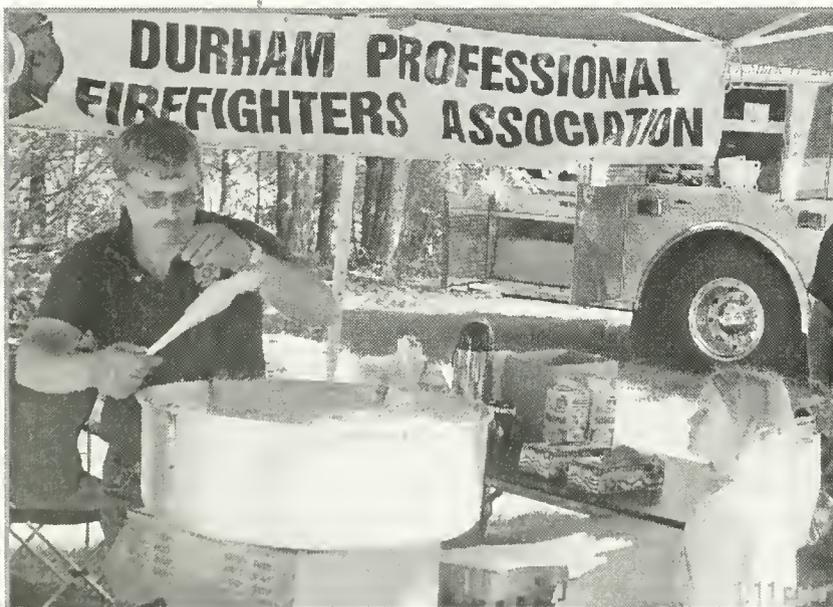
- Finalize document detailing how open land owned by Durham is to be used.
 - Establish an Adopt-a-Trail program whereby Durham residents may become more actively involved in care and maintenance of Town conservation lands and trails.
 - Formally delineate all prime wetlands in Durham.
 - With the help of the Department of Public Works, develop a long-term plan to reduce sediment and nutrient input to Mill Pond
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(brought to the shorefront by The Gundalow Company of Portsmouth), country music fiddlers, a display of classic and antique autos, and demonstrations of vehicles and equipment from the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and Public Works Department.

Representatives of Town committees and civic organizations manned a number of exhibits to provide citizens with information about the purposes and work of their groups, including the Durham Historical Association, Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee, Durham Conservation Commission, Durham Public Library Trustees, Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club, UNH Marine Docent program, Lamprey River Advisory Committee and the newly formed "Durham - It's Where U Live" group.

We are grateful for the support and assistance of numerous groups and individuals in making Durham Day 2004 a success, including the University of New Hampshire Hospitality Services and Media Services, the Durham Professional Firefighters Association, Maggie and Linn Bogle (floral decorations), Bonnie McDermott and Cliff Zetterstrom (snow-cone machine), Bill Lenharth (classic autos), Michele Hovey (food serving), Kevin Scanlon (fiddlers), Chuck Cressy and his Durham Marketplace employees (food

Firefighter Jeffrey Furlong serves cotton candy to a visitor during "Durham Day" at Wagon Hill Farm.



and beverages), Town Clerk Lorrie Pitt (welcoming table), Town Administrative Assistant Jennie Berry, who coordinates all the support services, and Doug Bullen and his Department of Public Works crew who keep the Wagon Hill grounds in such good shape and provide set-up and clean-up for the event.

Historic District Commission

CRAWFORD MILLS, CHAIR

CURRENTLY, THE Historic District Commission (HDC) is composed of six members including a Town Council Representative and a Planning Board member. Most of us are in the first or second year of our terms. We still have an open position on the Commission which we would very much like to fill.

During the year, a number of Certificates of Approval were reviewed and approved. There were no significant items presented that required further hearings. Starting with the January meeting, the HDC began a new effort to become a more proactive rather than reactive body. Rather than meet just to consider applications for changes to structures within the district, we recognize that our duties include fifteen additional activities listed in Section 175-9 of the Durham Zoning Ordinance.

The Commission proposed changes to the current RSA 175-54 (B)(1) to incorporate language that will include Historic District guidelines concerning Infill Development. A mailing list of all the property owners within the district, both residential and commercial, was developed for future communications concerning the HDC and its duties in the preservation of the District structures, education, advocacy, signage and recognition of individual properties, and acknowledging special contributions toward historic preservation made by members of the community.

Special thanks to Ray Belles, Frank Windsor, Loring Tirrell and Peter Smith for providing and piloting their boats, and to Ted McNitt, Jennie and Ken Berry, Todd and Loren Selig, and Kevin Webb for supervising the boating operation.

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Crawford Mills attended the public hearing on March 24, 2004, of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) concerning the improvements of NH Route 108 in Durham to Sanborne Avenue in Newmarket. This 3.2-mile right-of-way is bordered by a number of “Native American, as well as historic archeological resources” as reported by consulting Archeologist Martha Pinello. A map of the right-of-way also denoted several architecturally significant farmsteads between the Durham Historic District and the Newmarket Historic District, as determined by Consulting Architect Liz Hengen.

With the leadership of Roger Jaques, the HDC prepared a working draft of a new ordinance section concerning Demolition by Neglect, which was forwarded to the Zoning Rewrite Committee. Commission member Nicholas Isaak attended the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and reported to the HDC. This conference was titled “Saving Community Landmarks and Landscapes.” He will continue to develop architectural guideline for the HDC.

Commission member Crawford Mills attended the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Planning and Zoning Conference May 8, 2004, and gained valuable information and resources regarding the *Certified Local Government* designation (which Durham is, since 1996), *Heritage Commissions, National and State Registers of Historic Places, The National Trust* and the *NH Division of Historical Resources*. Linda Wilson of the *New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources* attended our July meeting and offered guidance regarding our future efforts.

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Undeterred by rain, volunteers from Timberland and the Town crew erect the new playground at Woodridge Recreation Area.

On August 4, 2004, we presented the final version of the HDC overlay to the Zoning Rewrite Committee, and were asked to prepare a rationale for each parcel proposed for addition to the District. This request has caused us to rethink the new boundaries and to investigate the Heritage Commission approach. We then revised our boundary request back to the current overlay with a few

minor exceptions and again forwarded it to the Zoning Rewrite Committee in October.

Since that time we have continued to investigate the value in assuming the role of a Heritage Commission in addition to the HDC responsibilities. At the appropriate time in the coming year, we will bring this proposal before the Town Council. —30—

Parks and Recreation Committee

KENNETH K. ANDERSEN, CHAIR

THE PURPOSE OF the Parks and Recreation Committee is to help set policies, advise of needed parks and recreation programs, and to help plan, acquire and develop recreation facilities, parks and open space areas to meet future needs of the Town.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

→ The tennis facility at the Woodridge Recreational Area was rebuilt. The Committee met a number of times with Mike Lynch, Director of Public Works, and gave advice on the

number, layout and color of the new courts.

→ New playground equipment at the Woodridge Recreation Area was erected with a great deal of volunteer help from workers of the Timberland Corporation. The Committee, working together with Mike Lynch, met with equipment vendors and selected one who then designed the structure. The Town Council approved expenditure of the necessary funds and a colorful and very popular playground now stands in Woodridge adjacent to the Father Lawless Fields.

→ Two trails were cleared, signs placed and a small bridge erected on the northern "40 acre" section of Wagon Hill Farm by Doug Wilcox and volunteers as part of his successful quest for the rank of Eagle Scout.

→ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission visited most of the Town-owned properties and assessed their usefulness for recreational purposes. They will report their findings to the Town Council.

→ Members of the two committees continue to devote much time to the trails in Durham which are described on the Town website at www.ci.durham.nh.us, complete with colored maps. Some people in Durham are unaware that these sites exist. Others may not know where they are or realize the recreational opportunities they afford. To better inform the citizens of Durham, an introduction to these sites is inserted into this Annual Report. Go to the website for more information. The maps on the website were



prepared by Tony Federer with the help of Nancy J. Lambert.



GOALS FOR 2005:

- We will continue development of the trail system in Durham. Better information regarding the location of our recreational sites and informative signs are needed.
- An effort to make passable the parts of Longmarsh Road flooded by beaver activity is underway.
- Adopt-A-Trail Program. There are over 50 miles of trails in Durham. The Town Conservation Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee continue planning establishment of a volunteer land stewardship program to help maintain these trails.

Stewards would assist in keeping a trail accessible, open and attractive. The Durham trail system is intended for unstructured recreational activities, such as walking, jogging, horseback riding, and cross country skiing. If you are interested in being a trail steward, please contact the Parks and Recreation Committee at 868-9660.

- We continue to explore adult recreation opportunities and to advocate that:
 - a Skateboard Park and more playing fields be built in Durham.
 - a Director of the Parks and Recreation Department be appointed.
- We also support the Oyster River School District in its master planning effort to build more recreation/sports fields. —30—

OUTDOOR RECREATION IN DURHAM

Here is information on more than twenty locations in Durham where you can pursue outdoor recreation. You can download colored maps of the sites from the Town's webpages: www.ci.durham.nh.us

The Parks and Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission recently reissued an updated version of the Conservation Commission's 1991 publication "Outdoor Recreation" and posted it on the Town's web site where it is readily available. Revision is still in progress.

Outdoor Recreation - Recommended Site Activities

BIRDWATCHING	Doe Farm	Old Reservoir (*)	Doe Farm
Adams Point	Jackson's Landing	Thompson Farm (*)	Oyster River Landing
Cedar Point (L)	Old Reservoir (*)	Wagon Hill	Packer's Falls (L)
Colby Marsh (L)	Oyster River Landing	West Foss Farm	Wagon Hill
College Woods (*)	Wagon Hill		Wiswall Dam
East Foss Farm	Wiswall Dam	FISHING	
Jackson's Landing		Adams Point	HORSEBACK RIDING
Jenkins Rd (L)	XC SKIING &	Cedar Point (L)	Beech Hill Road
Longmarsh Rd (L)	SNOWSHOEING	Doe Farm	Jenkins Rd (L)
Mill Pond	Adams Point	Jackson's Landing	Longmarsh Rd (L)
Old Reservoir (*)	Beech Hill Rd	Old Reservoir (*)	Old Reservoir (*)
Oyster River Landing	Colby Marsh (L)	Oyster River Landing	
Oyster River Park (L)	College Woods (*)	Oyster River Park(L)	HUNTING
Stolworthy Lot	Doe Farm	Packer's Falls (L)	Adams Point
Wagon Hill	East Foss Farm	Wagon Hill	Colby Marsh
West Foss Farm	Horsehide Creek (L)	Wiswall Dam	Langmaid Farm (L)
	Jenkins Rd (L)		
BOATING	Langmaid Farm (L)	HISTORICAL SITES	ICE SKATING
Adams Point	Longmarsh Rd (L)	Adams Point	Colby Marsh (L)
Cedar Point (L)	MacDonald Lot	Cedar Point (L)	...continued on next page



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Doe Farm	PLAYGROUNDS	Old Reservoir (*)	MacDonald Lot (L)
Jackson's Landing	Jackson's Landing	Oyster River Landing	Old Reservoir (*)
Mill Pond	Woodridge Recreational Area	Packer's Falls (L)	Oyster River Pk (L)
Old Reservoir (*)		Wagon Hill	Thompson Farm (*)
		Wiswall Dam	Wagon Hill
			West Foss Farm
MOUNTAIN BIKING	PICNICKING		
Beech Hill Rd	Adams Point	TENNIS & BASKETBALL	Trails may not be marked or maintained.
College Woods (*)	Jackson's Landing	Woodridge Recreational Area	
East Foss Farm	Mill Pond		
Jenkins Rd (L)	Oyster River Landing		
Langmaid Farm (L)	Oyster River Park (L)		
Longmarsh Rd (L)	Packer's Falls (L)	WALKING & JOGGING	(*) UNH rules followed at these sites .
Thompson Farm (*)	Wagon Hill	Adams Point	(L) Limited parking or restrictions at these sites.
West Foss Farm	Wiswall Dam	Beech Hill Road	
	Woodridge Recreational Area	College Woods (*)	
OPEN FIELD GAMES		Doe Farm	
College Woods (*)	SCENIC VIEWS	East Foss Farm	<i>Subjective judgements were made in assembling this list. For updates, see www.ci.durham.nh.us</i>
Oyster River Park (L)	Adams Point	Horsehide Creek (L)	
Wagon Hill	Cedar Point (L)	Jenkins Rd (L)	
Woodridge Recreational Area	Jackson's Landing	Langmaid Farm (L)	
	Mill Pond	Longmarsh Rd (L)	

Outdoor Recreation Sites

(AP) Adams Point Wildlife Area -- 80 Acres (State)

Site: Fields, woodlands, tidal marsh and bay.

Trails: Perimeter trails.

Note: N.H. Fish and Game Reserve. Monument in memory of Adams family. Site of UNH Jackson Estuarine Lab.

(CP) Cedar Point -- 1.5 acres (Town and State)

Site: Tidal river, bay.

Note: Historical marker at Rt. 4 and Cedar Point Rd., site of a bridge to Newington via Goat Is..

(CM) Colby Marsh -- 15 acres (Town)

Site: Beaver pond. Abuts Langmaid Farm.

(CW) College Woods -- 240 acres (UNH)

Site: Reservoir, freshwater river, woodlands.

Trails: Approximately 3-4 miles of well maintained trails, other trails are intermittent.

(DF) Doe Farm -- 80 acres (Town)

Site: Fresh water river & woodlands. Includes

Moat Island to the SEt in the Lamprey River.

Trails: Class VI entrance road, 0.5 mile; two miles of additional trails.

(EF) East Foss Farm -- 165 acres (UNH)

Site: Field, woodlands, wetlands.

Trails: 1.7 mile loop including a Class VI entrance road. Side trails of varying quality.

(HC) Horsehide Creek -- 50 Acres (Town landfill lot and Johnson lot)

Site: Woodlands, marsh, solid fill (bordering the Town Landfill), steep slopes on W bank of Horsehide Creek.

Trails: Loop trail from Longmarsh Road, flooded at its northern end by beaver activity.

(JL) Jackson's Landing -- 4.5 acres (Town)

Site: Oyster R., boathouse, ice rink, playground.

(LR) Longmarsh Road, (LF) Langmaid Farm-- 46 acres (Town)

Site: Class VI road and woodlands, some owned

by the Nature Conservancy and the SPNHF, two major beaver ponds (the eastern one has inundated the road), and views of both Colby Marsh and the beaver dam on Horsehide Creek.

Note: Information posted describes the area when the landing was a center of activity in the 1800s.



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(ML) MacDonald Lot -- 78 acres (UNH)
Site: Field, woodlands, wetlands.

(OP) Oyster River Park -- 4.5 acres (UNH)
Site: Mowed fields; woodlands along river.

(MP) Mill Pond -- (Town)
Site: Freshwater pond and marsh.

(PF) Packer's Falls -- 3 acres (Town)
Site: Lamprey River with falls.

(OR) Old Reservoir -- 155 acres (UNH)
Site: Managed woodlands, pond and marsh.

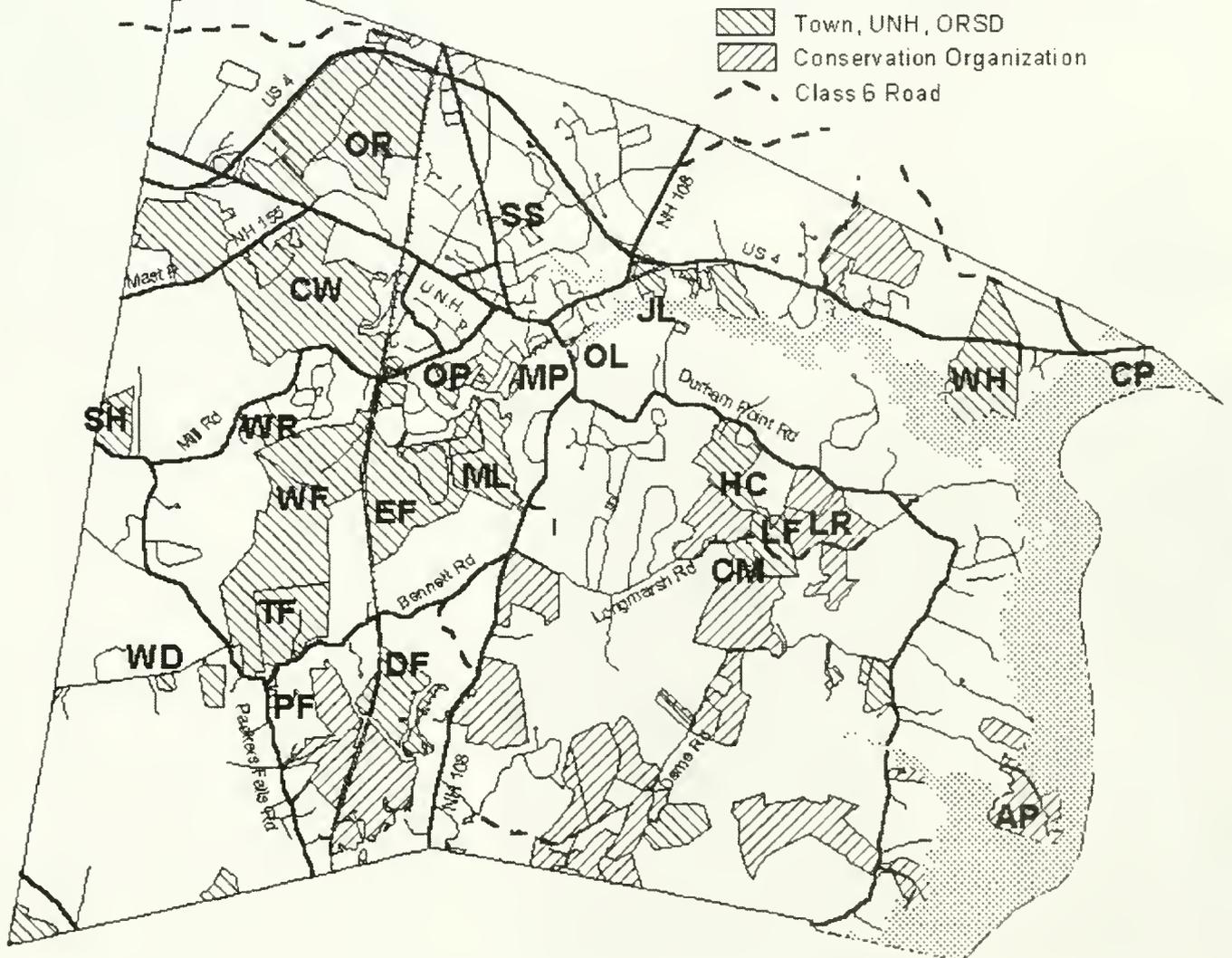
(SH) Spruce Hole - (Town) Unique kettle hole remaining from the last ice age.

(OL) Oyster River Landing -- 3 acres (Town)
Site: Tidal river and marsh.

(SS) Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary -- 3.5 acres (Town)

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Site: Woods behind Middle School playground.

Trails: Less than 1 mile.

(TF) Thompson Farm -- 219 acres (UNH)

Site: Woodlands, fields.

Trails: Trail connects with West Foss Farm.

(WH) Wagon Hill Farm -- 139 acres (Town)

Site: Woodlands, fields, tidal marsh and bay.

Trails: Perimeter and other trails in main area S of Route 4. Rough trails on portion N of Route 4 connects with Rt. 108 at the Evangelical Church via Watson, Jenkins and Old Dover Rds.

(WF) West Foss Farm -- 93 acres (UNH)

Site: Woodland and pasture

Trails: 2 mile loop with entrance off Mill Road. 1.3 mile trail connects with Thompson Farm trail through northern part of the Farm.

(WD) Wiswall Dam -- 2.5 acres (Town)

Site: Freshwater river and woodlands.

Note: Information posted describes the area when the area was a center of Town activity in the 1800s.

(WR) Woodridge Recreation Area (Father Lawless Fields) -- 5 acres (Town)

Site: Playing fields, outdoor basketball and tennis courts, playground equipment. —30—

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LOIS UNTERBORN, ALTERNATE

Front Row (l-r): Albert Frost; Cynthia Cote, Treasurer; Suzanne Loder, Vice Chair; Douglas Wheeler, Chair.
Back Row (l-r): Catherine Leach; Luci Gardner; Lois Unterborn and Julian Smith. Absent: Susan Roman and William Schoonmaker



THE BOARD'S membership will be changing after this year. Leaving the Board will be Secretary Bill Schoonmaker, Treasurer Cynthia Cote and Trustee Cathy Leach. Invaluable to us have been Bill's historical memory and knowledge as an architect, Cynthia's steady attention to detail, and Cathy's loyal service. To each of them, we say, 'thank-you!'

Even within the increasing limitations of our rental space, the library enjoyed a banner year, including:

- Expansion of activities for all age groups
- New programs
- Higher attendance
- Larger numbers of patrons
- Higher circulation
- Additions to the library's existing collections

We have received many gifts of books, and thanks to Friends and patrons we have found private storage space for this material, but due to our general lack of storage space it is difficult to accept new gifts of books and other materials. The loyal library staff deserves great credit for their resourcefulness in 'making do,' until we find a permanent new space.



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Library Director Gus Hedden rides a Segway During "Big Rigs" Day sponsored by the Public Library.

Two landmark developments affected the Library's life this year. First, the Town Council voted that the Town fully fund the library's annual budget for the first time in 2005. This means that the Board will no longer have to raise more than one-third of the annual budget. Second, the Town Council voted down the Town Office site, selected by the Board and pending as a proposal since October 2002. In three different votes on November 22, the Town Council vetoed the Town Office site, in part on the issue of an alleged parking shortage. A similar conclusion was reached at an informational meeting of December 2nd.

Following this Town Council action, the Board must seek a new site for the library's permanent home. In order to find a new site and move toward constructing a new library building, the

Board will proceed to form two new committees: an Advisory Committee for a new library site and a Capital Fund Campaign Committee. In this next effort, the Board will seek to continue the momentum gained this year and will seek to have greater involvement in this process by the Town staff, Town Council and the public at-large. 'Partnership and Town Pride' will be the themes of this cooperative effort to achieve a goal which will enhance Town identity and pride. These were on display for the future library in the extraordinary Public Hearing of September 20 on the library's future, held in the Middle School and attended by more than 200 Durhamites of all ages.

Finally, the Board would like to thank the Friends of the library and the library staff whose efforts are invaluable. —30—

Library Director

GUS HEDDEN, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Library usage continues to increase. Circulation figures for 2004 are up 12 percent from 2003. Attendance at adult programs has risen 31 percent. Attendance for Children's programs has risen 24 percent.
- The library continues to offer quality programming for the community. We received four grants to provide successful New Hampshire Humanities Council programs. The five-part *Women Mystery Writers and Detectives* series facilitated by Clia Goodwin and Jan Alberghene drew crowds. Our *Meet the Author* series is also very popular. We have hosted *Boston Globe* columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner Don Murray, Kristin Waterfield Duisberg, the author of *The Good Patient*, Ken Sheldon, author of *The Code*, Ron Fortier, comic book author, and Titia Bozuwa author of *In the Shadow of the Cathedral*, of which there were 45 people in attendance.
- We are blessed by having a wealth of talent

in our community. Professor Estelle Hrabak, Professor of Plant Biology at UNH presented *Genetically Modified Food*, Professor Win Watson of UNH Zoology Department spoke about *The Secret Life of Lobsters*. Self-Publishing Risks and Rewards was another program offered by the library. Kerry Thrasher

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presented a highly successful program introducing *American Sign Language*. We continue to offer parenting programs. Pat Van Wagoner of NHPTV's Knowledge Network presented two parenting programs and Dal Barison also presented a program entitled *Parenting and Your Emotional Health*. Wendy Snow Fogg shared her expertise in presenting a program, *Healthy Holidays with Herbs*.

- The library participated in NHPR's StoryLines program facilitating several discussions about books featured on the weekly radio show. The Newcomer's book group which meets at the library has about 20 people attending the discussions.
- The Friends of the Library are to be commended for their fundraising efforts including book and bake sales. Because of their efforts, the library was able to expand its audio and video collection. The Friends also donated money for the necessary technology to enable us to present programs for the public.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Finish library inventory
- Upgrade all areas of library collection
- Research Software for circulation systems that offer online catalog accessibility
- Continue to weed the collection so we have room to add more materials
- Locate a new facility for the library

REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN, LAURA MATHENY

In 2004 the library provided over 250 programs for children including weekly storytimes for both preschoolers and toddlers and an outreach storytime program at the UNH Child Study and Development Center. For elementary school children we provide a twice weekly Reading Buddy program in conjunction with UNH Education Department's Seacoast Reads organization.

We also provide a monthly book group for mid-

dle schoolers, the Book Eaters, facilitated by Ruth Wharton-McDonald and her students. An article about this program appeared in the UNH Alumni magazine. Thanks to Durham House of Pizza for donating food for the hungry kids. Twice monthly we provide a chess club, facilitated by UNH student Kurt Schweiss, for anyone who would like to play on Friday afternoons there have been times when we have had up to 33 people come and play chess. Foster's Daily Democrat published a picture of the giant chess board that was set up for our first meeting. Thanks to Dunkin' Donuts for providing munchkins for the crowds. We also provided a weekly middle school girls writing group facilitated by Laura Ritchie. This was such a popular program that when we reached 22 girls who wanted to participate, we no longer had space for them to meet at the library. Oyster River Middle School was generous in allowing the group to meet in one of its classrooms. We clearly are running out of space at the library.

We worked with the Oyster River School Librarians to provide a successful program "Connecting Boys with Books" by author Michael Sullivan. Another special program, "Paired Reading" was facilitated by Peg Downing, of New Hampshire Reads AmeriCorps, for parents who wanted to enhance their children's reading skills.

2004 END OF YEAR STATISTICS	
Circulation	29,368
New Patrons.....	464
Total Patrons	3000
Volunteer Hours	882
Community Service Hours	333
Adult Programs.....	436
Children/Young Adult programs	2,971
Total Programs	3,407
Materials Withdrawn	1,718
Materials Added	2,971
Total Materials.....	33,321



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Arts programming is popular for both adults and children. Storyteller Claudia Altemus entertained over 50 children and their parents during our Halloween event, *Not So Spooky Stories*. The Irish Folk Duo, *Regeanta*, performed during the library's St. Patrick's Celebration. Artist Chris Biondi continues to enthrall the crowds with her *Ukrainian Egg Decorating Demonstrations*. Martha Andersen hosted a Music and Me program for preschoolers and Professor Raina Ames of the UNH Theater and Dance Department and her students hosted a program *Drama Spotlight* for elementary school students. Durham Art Association members, Caroline West, Adina Linden and Nancy Hubbe gave of their time and talents to coach middle and high school students in creating pastel murals to beautify the library. Come and see the gorgeous results!

The library also participated in Light Up Durham. Mrs. Claus wouldn't miss coming to the library each year as she and Children's Librarian, Laura Matheny, share *Holiday Stories and Carols* with the families of Durham. This year Wayne from Maine also joined them to provide entertainment at the library. Although the crowd was too big to count, we know that over 75 children attended these events. We estimate that there were perhaps 250 people enjoying the

Light Up Durham events held at the library.

We continue to partner with the Police, Fire and Ambulance Corps. These public heroes come to storytimes to talk about their work and show the children their vehicles. They also participate as guest speakers in our successful Babysitters Certification Course. Durham Police hosted a Child Safety and Identification Clinic in which over 30 children participated. Along with Public Works and ORCSD Transportation Department our public heroes participated in the *Big Rigs: and the Heroes that Drive Them* as the kick off event to our successful "Check Out A Hero Summer Reading Program." Over 170 parents and children attended this event. Thanks to Durham Business Association all of our summer reading participants were rewarded with t-shirts, gifts and other goodies donated by our area merchants for their heroic reading. Two hundred and twenty children signed up for our most successful summer reading program ever. As part of our summer reading programming Olympic hero Cathy O'Brien drew 50 people to hear about her marathon career, the NH National Guard came to the library to speak about their refueling operations and Michael Behrendt, as Schmutz the Juggler, entertained the 85 people who attended our the Summer Reading Finale Celebration held at Durham Community Church. —30—

Swan Report

MARGERY MILNE, SWAN KEEPER

THE DURHAM SWANS were eager to return in February 2004. All the swan observers could see the birds as they flew high above us against the sky. There was a lot of snow, it was very cold, and the Mill Pond was frozen, so the birds were reluctant to settle over the frozen pond. It wasn't until late February that the swans got the courage to settle into the pond.

Swans have remarkable vision, and also hear very

well. Like all other high-flying birds, they can hear and see for great distances. At this season, many wild creatures return home to where they were born and start raising families. It is remarkable how the Durham swans, like other wildlife, know that home is where they were born.

What surprised me was that as soon as I saw the swans return to the Mill Pond I called and waved to the birds and they reacted at once, making a beeline straight to me up on the bank where the benches are located. How could they remember that I always carried goodies for them in my pocket? But they were there for a handout.

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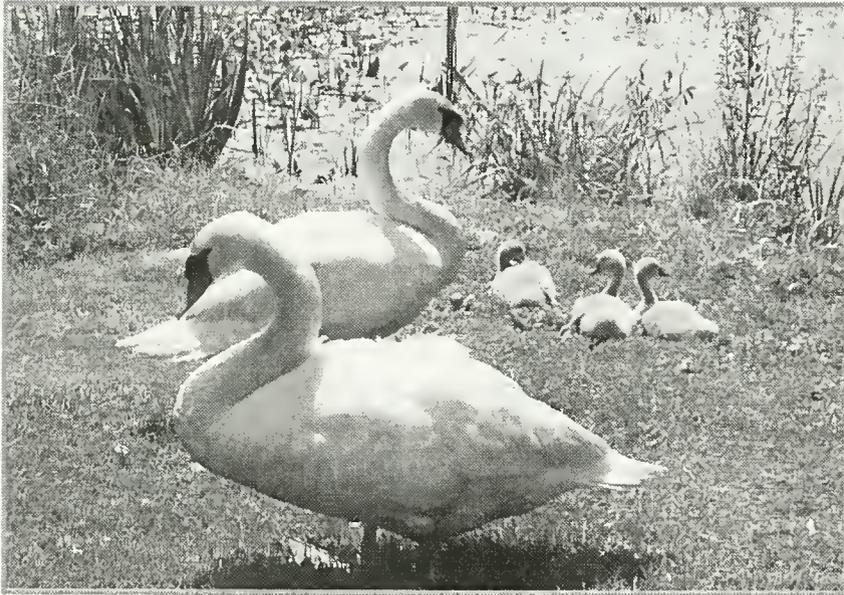


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By the end of May and early June, toward Memorial Day when the lilacs are in bloom, the bees are swarming around the flowering dogwood, and one can hear the loud trumpet of the frogs, the baby swans could be spotted at the Mill Pond snuggled on the backs of their parents. Their bills were so black, and their feathers still grey and fluffy. Often, visitors of the Mill Pond wished that the swans would come closer to be observed, but the birds stayed a safe distance from the wildlife that invades the pond. Beavers and muskrats might swim among them, but they are vegetarians and swans do not fear them.

There were four cignets to start with. After a few



*Swans with youngsters
in June at the Mill Pond.
Photo by Lainie, a former
UNH student.*

days three baby swans could be counted, and after another week, only two. Usually fifty percent of all wildlife babies disappear. The swans were busy shedding their baby feathers and growing their strong, colorful ones. They were getting to be large like their parents. Their black bills started to become orange, like the adults. As fall approached and the colors of fall began to fade, and the crickets and grasshoppers began to make their characteristic sounds, the young swans got to be more like their parents. They were almost white, and even seemed bigger than their parents. They started flying around the Mill Pond, even coming out to the center of the pond.

The most interesting occurrence was when another group of swans appeared in Durham, at Beard's Creek. Could it be that our male swan, being unfaithful to his mate, took off occasionally to raise another family? The other family disappeared as soon as the cold weather came. The Mill Pond family lingered on longer; perhaps the father of both families was never identified.

The red fruits of bittersweet and sumac appeared over the land and concealed the exact date when the birds flew to Great Bay for the winter. It was there in Portsmouth that they must have gossiped about their adventures of where they traveled. We look forward to their return next winter, and hopefully, the Mill Pond will be cleared of vegetation so they have more places to raise a family. —30—

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Assessor

ROBB DIX

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

Regular full revaluations and assessment updates are necessary to maintain property tax equity. Different property classes increase or decrease in value at different rates. If an assessment update or full revaluation has not occurred for several years, inequity in assessments may result. This is why we conducted a **full revaluation** in 2003.

Durham's previous full revaluation was in 1988 and last assessment update was in 1993. The revaluation has brought the level close to 100%. The tax rate (\$/1000) is now \$25.14.

The total value of taxable property rose about 1% to \$781,874,971 while the tax rate rose about 6.7%. This illustrates the fact that rising assessments do not correlate with higher taxes. Higher spending raises taxes, assessments only distribute equitably the burden that taxes create to pay for Town services.

For information regarding our 2002-2004 valuation and tax history, including a breakdown of the Town, School District and County tax rates, please refer to the **Budget and Finance** section of this Town Report.

While I understand that we all are burdened by ever increasing property taxes in New Hampshi-

re, some tax relief may be available through the following courses of action: Exemptions/Tax Credits for the Blind, Elderly, Veterans', Disabled and Physically Handicapped; Exemptions for Solar Energy Systems; Tax Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled; Property Tax Hardship Relief; Current Use assessments; and Abatement requests. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- The 2003 revaluation was reviewed by the Department of Revenue during 2004 and received positive status.
- Assessing data was placed on the Town Web Site. All who requested had their data suppressed.
- Some 275 building permits were reviewed and appropriate changes were made to the data base.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Start cyclical inspections of all properties in Durham. Attempt to verify the data on approximately ¼ of existing parcels.
- Analyze whether values need to be adjusted for 2005.
- Monitor sales activity to verify assessment level.

For information and assistance regarding assessments, tax exemptions, tax credits, abatement appeals, Current Use, timber cutting, tax map and legal ownership information, you may contact the Assessing Office via telephone: 603-868-8065, e-mail: rdix@ci.durham.nh.us or visit us at the Town Office. —30—



Cemetery Committee

**CRAIG SEYMOUR, CHAIR
BRUCE BRAGDON
JOHN DE CAMPI
PETER SMITH, COUNCIL MEMEBER
MARK MORONG, COUNCIL MEMEBER
JERRY NEEDELL, COUNCIL MEMEBER**

THE DURHAM Cemetery recorded a total of 18 burials in 2004, including 8 casket internments and 10 cremation internments. This year, 31 individual graves in 8 plots were sold or transferred while one 3-grave plot was repurchased by the Trustees. Several new monuments were also set. Further progress was made in organizing the cemetery records towards the creation of a functional database that can be more easily accessible. The Public Works Department did a wonderful job maintaining the Cemetery grounds, as well as in performing occasional clean-up work on most of the 70+ historic and abandoned graveyards which are located throughout the Town.

Since 2001, a total of 84 burials have occurred in the Town, with approximately 45% being full body internments. A total of 63 grave sales/transfers have been made involving 21 separate plots, and 16 graves in 5 plots were repurchased.

For 2005, the Cemetery Trustees are looking forward to completing the Cemetery database, reviewing policies on grave and lot pricing, as well as monument standards, and studying the long-term need for additional land for expansion of the Cemetery. Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist the Trustees are urged to contact Craig Seymour through the Town Offices. —30—

Trustees of the Trust Funds

**BRUCE BRAGDON, CHAIR
CRAIG SEYMOUR
JOHN DE CAMPI**

THE TRUSTEES OF the Trust Fund invest and disperse funds in the various trusts and certain other Town accounts. These include 73 separate trust funds. Most of the trusts are small, ranging in size from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars, and are concerned with the care and maintenance of various cemeteries and gravesites. Others support various Town funds and capital projects. In the past the funds were all invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool. With the help of the Town, we are now invested in Citizens Bank. This was done in an effort to gain greater return and still maintain the safest possible investment. At the end of November 2004 the Trust Funds had a total of \$2,617,637, broken out as follows:

Capital Reserve Funds (Fire Equip., Water, Sewer & Parking):.....	\$1,022,746
Cemetery Trusts for Small Cemeteries: ...	38,689
Town Cemetery.....	169,169
Facilities Development Funds	111,585
Community Development Funds	377,603
School and Scholarship Funds	482,142
Misc. Town Trust Funds (Parks, Events & Fire Station).....	417,703

Planning and Community Development

JAMES CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR

"Growth is inevitable and desirable, but destruction of community character is not. The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change. The question is how."

-- Edward T. McMahon, The Conservation Fund

YOU MAY OR MAY not have heard this statement before but its meaning is easy to understand. The Town of Durham is not immune from growth. However, the Town of Durham and its citizens work hard to keep the community's character. You can say that we embody this statement. Much of this year was spent rewriting the Zoning Ordinance in an effort to embrace growth but also direct it in a way in that will keep, and enhance, the character of the Town. In May of this year the Town Council passed changes to the Residential sections of the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Rewrite Committee and Planning Board have worked extremely hard to bring something to the Town Council that the Town can be proud of.

The Rewrite Committee and the Planning Board have also been working on the Non-Residential Sections of the Ordinance and are preparing these sections for public hearings in January 2005. This work has been long and difficult, but ultimately, will be rewarding. As with last year, we have benefited from a very active citizenry, which has only made the process better. It is our sincere hope that this participation will carry forward into next year, not only for the rewrite process, but also for all applications that come before the Planning Board. As I have said in the past, this is your community and your opinions do matter. We need you if we are to be successful.

Once again, many thanks need to be expressed for the work that has been accomplished this year.

The Planning Board and Zoning Rewrite Committee have given a tremendous amount of their time and effort towards making this a great community in which to live. I thank them and could not do it without them. I would like to thank my Administrative Assistant, Karen Edwards, for not only putting up with me but for keeping this department in running order. We said goodbye to three members of the Planning Board this year. Dave Watt, Neil Wylie, and Rachel Rouillar left the Board after working very hard on the rewrite and regular Planning Board duties. Their dedication is much appreciated and we thank them for their service to the Town of Durham. We welcomed a new member, Richard Kelley, to the Board and thank him for joining the Board. We still have four alternate positions available, and I would like to have them filled in 2005. Finally, I would like to thank the other departments and the Town Administrator for their help and support throughout the year.

Below is a brief list of the accomplishments from the very exciting year we had as well as some of the goals for next year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Adopted the Residential Sections of the Zoning Ordinance

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Planning Dept: (front, l-r) Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant; Jim Campbell, Director of Planning; (back, l-r) Tom Johnson, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; Robb Dix, Assessor





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- Completed drafts of the Non-Residential sections for public hearing.
- Adopted revised Subdivision regulations.
- Enhanced public education by creating an educational campaign for the citizens of Durham on a variety of topics including pedestrian and bicycle safety, land conservation, wetland and shoreland information, the importance of volunteerism, voluntary wildlife conservation programs, and learning more about the Planning Board and what it does.
- Worked on programs outlined in the Master Plan 2000.
- Continued to seek grant money to offset the cost of projects on the town.
- Continued to work on and improve our GIS capabilities.
- Continued to work on and follow through on the Craig Supply property with the goal of a productive reuse of the property. Received remedial action plan for clean-up of property.
- Worked toward the development of the Durham Business Park.
- Worked with the Economic Development Committee to improve the climate for proper economic development.
- Strengthened the relationship and communication between the Durham Community and the UNH Community.
- Held four quarterly planning meetings with the Planning Board.
- Stayed active with outside committees and organizations to ensure Durham's concerns are raised and made part of the process.
- Received approval from State on reclassification of Aquifers around Spruce Hole and Lee Well.
- Applied for and received Transportation Enhancement Grant (TE) for the remainder of Main Street from the RR Bridge to the Route 4 interchange (west end).
- Interviewed and hired a consulting firm for our Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality

(CMAQ) grant funded Main Street Enhancement project from Pette Brook Road to the RR Bridge.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Revise the Site Plan Regulations and Road Regulations.
- Begin to update the Master Plan.
- Continue to seek ways to enhance public participation and education.
- Work on securing more grants.
- Continue holding one (1) meeting a quarter for "planning" issues with no regular business on the Planning Board agenda.
- Continue working with the Department of Public Works (DPW) on developing a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Town.
- Continue to serve the Town on several outside committees whose work will have an effect on Durham so our concerns could be heard and taken into consideration.
- Continue to move forward on the Craig Supply property by following through with the remedial action plan and find funding to help with cost.
- Work as a member of the Economic Development Committee to improve the climate for proper economic development within the Town. —30—

Taking a break during "Big Rigs" Day.



Planning Board

STEPHEN ROBERTS, CHAIR

DURING 2004 THE Durham Planning Board focused its attention on significant day to day activities summarized on the chart "Comparison of Number of Application Approvals 2002 - 2004" and the remaining update of the Zoning Ordinance to implement the 2000 Master Plan. Our timing plan shows ZO completion and the last of the public hearings to begin in January of 2005. The Application Approval chart shows a curious lack of subdivision approvals during 2004 which is best described as a pause with over one hundred lots presented to us in several preliminary "age restricted" development proposals.

In preparation for the 2004 election, we were challenged to rewrite the sign ordinance to allow an increase in snipe signs for political speech. This applied to supporting candidates for office and the expression of political viewpoints. The Planning Board, Town Administrator, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Code Enforcement Office and Council Members cooperated to get a temporary fix to the Zoning Ordinance passed and implemented to allow increased political expression during the 2004 election. This was an example of the right cooperation within the Town family which we would like to see continue.

The Planning Board wrestled with dual concerns of the Master Plan for increased protection of resources within our Overlay Districts (Shoreland, Wetland, Aquifer etc.) and tax stabilization efforts. The "age restricted" development proposals and the new ORLI (Office research and Light Industry) and MUDOR (Multiunit Dormitory Office Research) districts go to Public Hearing in January and will assist tax stabilization. The Planning Board heard a presentation from a major developer of multiunit student housing with evidence from other communities supporting the recommendations of the Master Plan and the new MUDOR zone. However, added support from some of the elements proposed by the Economic

Development Committee in their 2004 report will be required and needs to be a part of our 2005 efforts.

The Zoning Ordinance Update has consumed the majority of time with a subcommittee meeting bi-weekly. We find the Council's response to the current zoning update generally compatible with the Boards outlook and the Master Plan. Our final draft in response to citizen and the Town Council's concerns is nearing completion. In response to one of the citizen concerns during our early public hearings, we have contracted the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to complete an updated build-out analysis to present accurate data on the cumulative effect of the total 2003-2005 Zoning Ordinance updates. The 2000 Master Plan presented a build-out analysis based on the older ordinance for comparison.

Issues And Concerns

- Master Plan and Zoning Update Method. Use "request for proposal" and outsourcing contract to do the heavy lifting. We will be able to pipe into the latest experiences and implementation methods of other successful communities and gain a more efficient ordinance (clarity). Use our "Planner" for Master Planning to develop a current action list and time plan. This role would also include

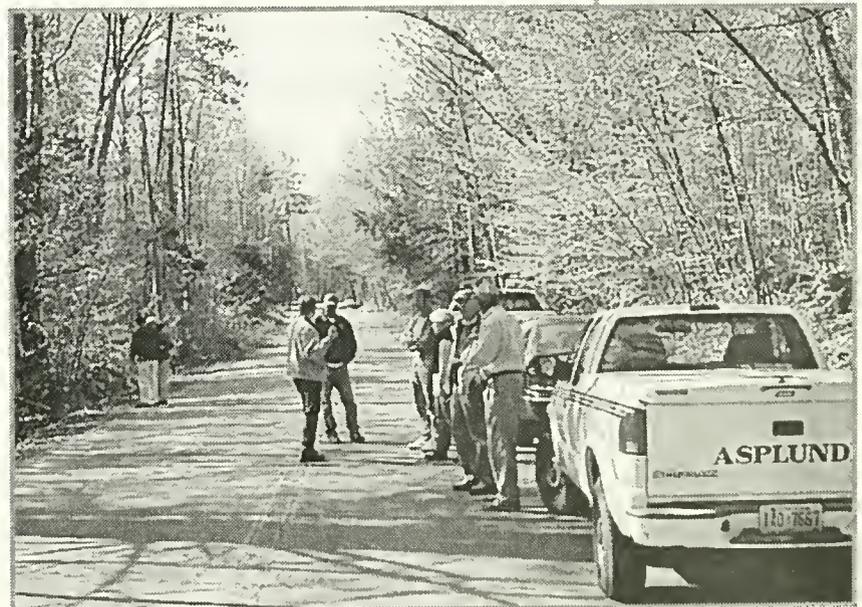
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Joint Planning Board and Public Works inspection of Public Service proposed tree cutting on Durham Point and Bay Roads. Stephen Roberts photo





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researching and outreach to list community needs, administering current work flow and coordination of Planning Board activities and training. GOAL; the Planning Board is charged with developing the needs list and reviewing the results. Current practice minimizes our strengths (good judgment) and maximizes our weakness (time for and experience in ordinance writing).

- Add the "Gateway's to Durham" to the Master Plans list of protected viewsapes. The Planning Board will coordinate with the Historic District Commission, Council, Planner, Code Enforcement Officer for how to implement. A mix of "design standards", new Heritage Commission, a new overlay district and some expansion of the current Historic District might be combined to protect our "Gateway's".
- Rewrite the sign ordinance to allow an increase in snipe signs for political speech. This would apply to supporting candidates for office and the expression of political viewpoints. We now have a temporary fix to the Zoning Ordinance passed and implemented allowing increased political expression during the 2004 election.
- The 2000 Master Plan needs updating to address new concerns and remain a timely legal basis for our Zoning Ordinance. The following issues have been presented by citizens during 2004 for review and possible inclusion in the Master Plan.
 - Town Center and Library location.
 - Implementation plan for the recommendations of the Economic Development Committee.
 - North and South Connectors, traffic issues and roadway design standards.
 - Do we compete for taxable UNH Student Housing?
 - How do we accomplish an increase in housing density from the center out?
 - Add the "Gateway's to Durham as a protected viewscape – per Item 2.

- Revisit the definition of "unrelated occupant" and study the current limit of three.
 - Design Guidelines for businesses and multiunit housing, especially in the Gateway's to Durham.
 - Water access and dredging issues.
 - Role of "Conditional Use and "Special Exception" in protecting homeowner property values, viewsapes and business success.
- The NH Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, of which the Town is a member, of are advancing model planning guidelines which are suggested for inclusion into our Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Solutions for most of the issues are included in our current Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance, however, Durham has plotted its own course in several areas and we need to at least track our differences.
 - The Planning Board needs alternate members. Our current meeting schedule is weekly

**COMPARISON OF NUMBER
OF APPLICATION APPROVALS
2002 - 2004**

APPLICATION TYPE	2004	2003	2002
Subdivision	0	4	4
Site Review/ Conditional Use	2	5	4
Boundary Line Adjustment, Subdivision Modification, or Voluntary Lot Merger	6	9	1
Site Plan Review by Technical Review Committee	6	3	4
Other*	8	10	4
Total	22	31	17

**Includes Conceptual Consultations, Design Reviews, UNH Projects Public Hearings, and Scenic Road Public Hearings.*

when you include the important Zoning Rewrite Committee.

Thank You

The Durham Planning Board consists of the following current members who have contributed many long hours during the past year: Nicholas Isaak III (Vice Chair) Amanda Merrill (Secretary), Kevin Webb, Richard Kelley, Richard Ozenich, W. Arthur Grant (Council Representative)

and Annmarie Harris (Alternate Council Representative). In addition, Rachel Rouillard served a number of months in 2004 plus she wrote most of our new Shoreland Overlay District after her retirement from the Board.

A special thank you must be given to our Town Planner, Jim Campbell, and our rewrite consultant, Mark Eyerman, who besides contributing paid service sought to understand and assist Planning Board members "above the call". —30—



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Supervisors of the Checklist

ANN SHUMP, CHAIR

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

→ 2004 has been a very busy year for Supervisors of the Checklist with four elections being held.

→ The Presidential Primary was held on January 27. After much deliberation among Town Council members, the Town Administrator, the Town Moderator, and other election officials, it was decided to hold the election at Heidelberg-Harris rather than the Oyster River High School, which was still being remodeled, or the Durham Evangelical Church. This proved to be a workable facility, although temporary. Registration that day went fairly smoothly, with approximately 500 new people registering at the polls, mainly UNH students. We had expected the numbers to be higher, but believe that because much information was given out before the holidays by the UNH Student Senate regarding absentee registration and voting, coupled with the fact that UNH was in session for only a few days before this election, helped keep the numbers down. Many volunteers were deputized to help with registration. We had hoped to be able to use the Town's new laptops at the polls to begin inputting new names onto the checklist, but we were not able

to make the internet connection necessary to accomplish this task.

- The Town/School election was held March 9, this time at the Evangelical Church. Ann Lemmon chose to step down as Chairman of the Supervisors of the Checklist, but luckily for the Town she decided to run again and is still a Supervisor.
- In August Kathy Sparr was appointed to take the place of Supervisor Becky Worcester who had requested a 6-month leave of absence. Kathy has been a great help during a very busy time.
- The State Primary was held September 14, this time in the new gymnasium of Oyster River High School. This election went smoothly, with only 24 new voters being registered that day. We all considered it a dry run for the General Election, allowing us to experiment with the set up in the new surroundings. Thanks to Luke Vincent, a student computer specialist from UNH who is working with the Town, and Toni Westbrook, the Network Administrator for the Oyster River School District, we were able to connect a laptop to the Town's voter checklist and we finished updating the checklist by the time we left the polls.
- The Supervisors spent three Thursdays at the UNH Memorial Union in order to register students for the upcoming General Election. We

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were invited and sponsored by the Student Senate, which did all the work of advertising and setting up. We were quite surprised to actually register 401 new voters over those three days, as well as answer many questions.

- November 2 found us at the High School once again for the General Election. Both registration and voting were held in the gym while school was in session, making for somewhat cramped quarters and interesting parking problems. Many, many volunteers were used to register new voters, which numbered nearly 1700 that day. Although lines were quite long, generally things went very smoothly. Many problems we had expected and tried to prepare for did not occur. We were able to utilize two laptops for a good part of the day to begin updating the checklist.
- At the end of 2004 there are just over 7400 registered voters in the Town of Durham.
- Over the past year and one-half we have had the pleasure of establishing a strong and, we hope, long working relationship with UNH, through Dr. Anne Lawing, Senior Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Student Life, and the Student Senate. They made it a priority to get correct registration information out to as many students as possible. New freshmen and their parents

were targeted this summer at various orientations. This fall I was invited to meet with the student representatives from the two major parties along with members of the Student Senate to discuss problems that have been faced in the past with registration procedures and voting by students. A result of this meeting was a Q&A sheet regarding voter registration that was handed out to students and put on the UNH website. Without this student connection, we are convinced that Election Day would not have gone nearly as smoothly as it did.

We would also like to especially thank Lisa Maurice and Anne Valenza who were always available to us when we needed extra help over the course of the year.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- The Supervisors are looking forward to a quiet year in 2005, with only the Town/School Elections in March to prepare for.
- The new state-wide voter checklist is expected to be in place by January 2006. We therefore anticipate a few training sessions over the course of the year to teach us how to use this new piece of technology. We may at that time also have to update our checklist with specific new information. —30—

Town Clerk

LORRIE L. PITT,

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

THE TOWN CLERK-Tax Collector's Office underwent some major changes in 2004 starting with the retirement of long-time Town Clerk-Tax Collector Linda Ekdahl. Linda retired in March after 38 years of service to the Town and I, former Deputy Lorrie Pitt, was elected to the position. I thank you for your confidence in me and look forward to continuing to serve you. It

has been nearly a year since I took office and, with the help of my staff, I believe we have made a successful transition.

During the month of April I attended several workshops designed for new Town Clerks and Tax Collectors. Although I had been Deputy for many years, these workshops were very informative and a great learning experience. I will continue to attend trainings and workshops to expand my knowledge of the job to better serve you.

Our office was running short staffed until May 17th when our new Deputy, Barbara Landgraf,

started work. Barbara and her husband Brian have been residents of Durham for 19 years.

This year, in addition to mail-in registration renewal, we implemented an internet renewal program called E-Reg. This allows residents to renew over the internet. Data is retrieved, processed and returned to you in the mail. Your renewal notice has specific information on how to use E-Reg. In addition, we have gone on-line with the State Vital Records Administration. This enables us to furnish certificates for marriages, births and deaths occurring anywhere in New Hampshire within a specific date range. Prior to this marriage/birth/death certificates had to be acquired in the town/city where the event occurred. The State will continue to add data so that eventually we will have access to all dates.

This was a busy election year with four elections: The Presidential Primary in January, Town Election in March, State Primary in September, and the General Election in November. Big elections such as the Presidential Primary and General Election increase the level of activity in our office. We experienced increased volume of voter registrations at the counter and absentee ballot requests. In addition, my staff assists the Supervisors of the Checklist whenever possible.

As in the past, we continue to distribute Red Cross equipment to residents in need (on a loan basis). We also distribute the Durham Afghan and assorted books for the Durham Historic Association, and participate in the sale of Durham Ornaments for the Durham Business Association, as well as other organizations items and tickets throughout the year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Fully utilizing *Clerkworks* (Town Clerk Software Program).
- Automated record ledgers to Excel Spreadsheets.
- Went online with *VRV2000* (State's Vital Records Program).
- Converted from *VRV2000* to *NAVRIN* (State's New Vital Records Program).
- Implemented *E-Reg Pilot* (Internet Renewal Program).
- Hired and trained a new Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector.
- Renovated the office.
- Completed first year of Town Clerk Certification.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Continue to become knowledgeable in all aspects of my position.
- Continue automation of the office.

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Office of the Town Clerk: (l-r) Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector; Barbara Landgraf, Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector; Donna Hamel, Administrative Assistant

**JANUARY 1, 2004,
TO DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Auto Registrations	\$876,258.65
Title Applications	2,642.00
Municipal Agent Fees	14,447.50
Marriage Licenses.....	2,025.00
Vital Statistics Copies	2,184.00
U.C.C. Recordings.....	1,260.00
U.C.C. Discharges	0
Dog Licenses	5,724.00
Miscellaneous	182.00
TOTAL	\$904,723.15
Cars Registered.....	6,545
Dogs Registered	835





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Tax Collector LORRIE L. PITT JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004

	2004	2003	1989
Uncollected Taxes as of 01/01/04:			
Property Taxes	\$ 0	\$1,197,874.75	\$ 11,187.84
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	19,589,651.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	1,602.65	0	0
Land Use Change Taxes	143,830.00	0	0
Boat Taxes	394.32	0	0
Taxes Paid in Advance			
Property Taxes	0	0	0
Overpayments:	33,423.25	6,239.00	0
Interest Collected	5,410.80	39,038.77	0
TOTAL DEBITS	\$19,774,312.02	\$1,243,152.52	\$ 11,187.84
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$18,258,952.97	\$1,091,314.69	\$ 0
Yield Taxes	1,602.65	0	0
Land Use Change Taxes	119,830.00	0	0
Boat Taxes	394.32	0	0
Interest Collected	5,410.80	39,038.77	0
Conversion to Lien	0	84,510.57	0
Abatements Made During Year	0	9,458.49	0
Deeded to Town	0	18,830.00	11,187.84
Uncollected Taxes as of 12/31/04:			
Property Taxes	1,364,121.28	0	0
Land Use Change Taxes	24,000.00	0	0
TOTAL CREDITS	\$19,774,312.02	\$1,243,152.52	\$ 11,187.84

Tax Lien Report January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004

	2003	2002	2001	2000 & PRIOR
Balance of Unredeemed Liens as of 01/01/04	\$ 0	\$91,454.86	\$65,430.62	\$325,114.83
Tax Liens Executed During Year	93,975.36	0	0	0
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,338.97	7,790.60	9,265.72	107,982.95
Overpayments Made During Year	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 95,314.33	\$ 99,245.46	\$ 74,696.34	\$433,097.78
Remitted to Treasurer:				
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$ 40,270.80	\$ 55,162.79	\$ 36,330.77	\$132,658.58
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,338.97	7,790.60	9,265.72	107,982.95
Abatements Made During Year	0	0	0	0
Liens Deeded to Town	0	22,902.14	23,410.74	192,097.78
Unredeemed Liens as of 12/31/04	53,704.56	13,389.93	5,689.11	0
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 95,314.33	\$99,245.46	\$74,696.34	\$433,097.78

Tree Warden

MICHAEL LYNCH

DID YOU KNOW that Durham is the home to the biggest Norway Spruce Tree in the country? The tree sits amid the 30-plot Drew family graveyard at 28 Newmarket Road and is estimated at 200+ years old and stands 94 feet tall.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- 28 dead or decaying trees were removed from Town property or right-of-ways.
- The Town was honored with its 26th consecutive Tree City USA award and continues to be the leading award winner in the State of New Hampshire. The Tree City USA award is a national recognition for communities that have outstanding tree programs.

Welfare Director

PAUL BEAUDOIN

NH RSA 165 requires that each City and Town in the State of NH provide for any persons who are poor and unable to provide for themselves and that the Governing Body of each City and Town establish written guidelines relative to general assistance. On March 3, 2003 the Durham Town Council approved new written regulations relative to general assistance. Section 4-10 A-7 of the Administrative Code of the Town of Durham identifies the Business Management Department, headed by the Business Manager, as being responsible for overseeing Welfare services.

The Town of Durham is dedicated to providing for those in need without regard to age, race, sex or national origin. The Business Office is compassionate towards all those seeking assistance. We work with everyone who applies, whether the applications are approved or denied, to as-

- The Town celebrated Arbor Day this year on October 6th, with three tree plantings: a London Planetree, Kousa Dogwood, and a River Birch Clump. A special ceremony on Mill Road was hosted by the Durham Trustees of the Trust Funds who also donated the trees.

Drought and its effect on trees

Drought is probably the worst element that stresses trees. Lack of rainfall for periods in excess of seven days can produce drought symptoms in trees. Watering trees during these dry times is extremely beneficial and a good soaking once a week is better than a daily light watering. Younger trees require more water than older trees and 3" of some type of mulch around the base of the tree will help conserve moisture.

Please see the simple example for planting trees published by the National Arbor Day Foundation on the following page. Enjoy. —30—

sist them towards self-sufficiency in the future.

During 2004, the Business Office received and processed seven new applications for public assistance and continued assistance on one application from late in 2003. Of these requests, six of the new requests were approved as qualifying for assistance. One new request was denied, as the applicant did not meet the standard of need in the regulations for general assistance. Over the past year we also had numerous people contact our office for information concerning assistance but never submit a formal application for assistance. As we move into 2005, there are no active cases of public assistance open.

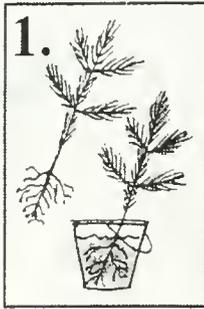
During 2004 a total of \$6,749.88 was provided for direct assistance. The Business Office works closely with several non-profit service providers in the area, the University of New Hampshire for students in need of assistance, the NH Department of Health and Human Services Office in Ro-



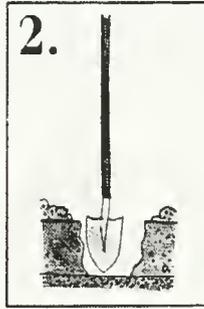
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How to Plant a Bare-root Tree



1. Unpack tree and soak in water 3 to 6 hours. Do not plant with packing material attached to roots and do not allow roots to dry out.



2. Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can spread without crowding. Remove any grass within a 3-foot circular area. To aid root growth, turn soil in an area up to 3 feet in diameter.



3. Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery, without crowding the roots. Partially fill the hole, firming the soil around the lower roots. Do not add soil amendments.



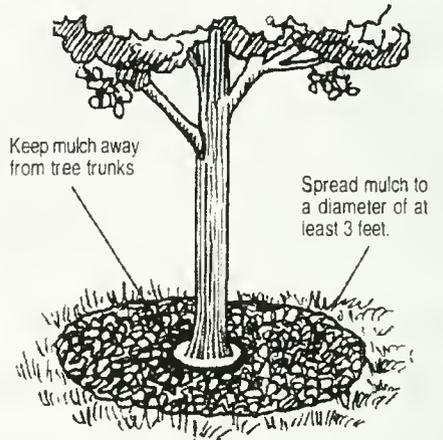
4. Shovel in the remaining soil. It should be firmly, but not tightly packed. Construct a water-holding basin around the tree. Give the tree plenty of water.



5. After the water has soaked in, place a 2-inch deep protective mulch in an area 3 feet in diameter around the base of the tree (but not touching the trunk).



6. During dry weather, water the tree generously every week or 10 days during the first year.



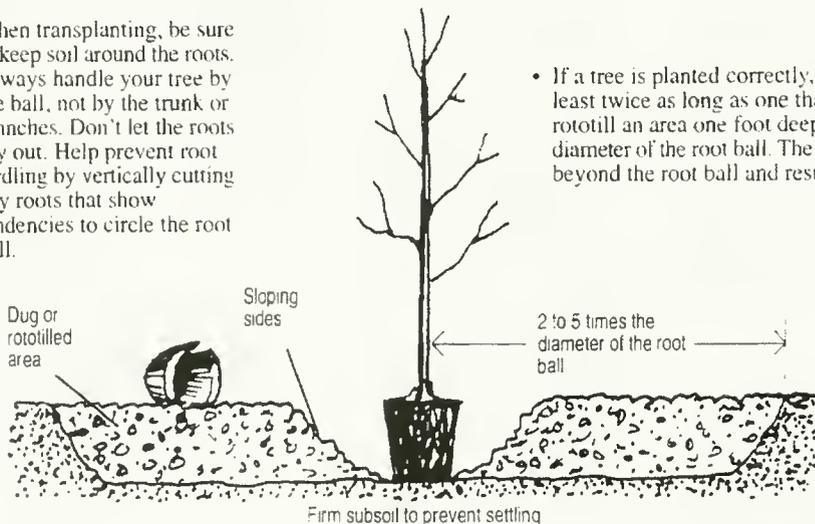
A properly mulched tree

Mulch: A Tree's Best Friend

Mulch is a young tree's best friend. It holds down competing weeds or grass, retains moisture, prevents soil cracking that can damage new roots, protects the trunk from lawnmower damage, and helps prevent soil compaction. Common mulches include bark, wood chips, decorative gravel, and crushed lava. Organic mulches such as wood chips or pine needles also contribute to better soil structure and aeration as they decompose. Avoid limestone rock and allow no mulch to touch the tree's trunk or be piled higher than 3 inches.

How to Plant a Containerized Tree

- When transplanting, be sure to keep soil around the roots. Always handle your tree by the ball, not by the trunk or branches. Don't let the roots dry out. Help prevent root girdling by vertically cutting any roots that show tendencies to circle the root ball.



- If a tree is planted correctly, it will grow twice as fast and live at least twice as long as one that is incorrectly planted. Ideally, dig or rototill an area one foot deep and approximately five times the diameter of the root ball. The prepared soil will encourage root growth beyond the root ball and result in a healthier tree.

- After placing the tree, pack soil firmly, but not tightly, around the root ball. Water the soil and place a protective 3-foot circle of mulch around the tree.

chester, and the NH Local Welfare Administrator's Association for advice and guidance on the more difficult cases.

All in all, with the economic conditions we faced in 2004, Durham's share of needy persons was

remarkably low compared to surrounding communities. For the benefit of everyone, we have published our welfare regulations and the application for public assistance on the Town's website at: http://ci.durham.nh.us/departments/business_office/assistance.html —30—



Zoning Board of Adjustment

HENRY M. SMITH, CHAIR

THE DURHAM Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) currently consists of five regular voting members: Henry M. Smith, Chair; Jay Gooze, Vice-Chair; John deCampi, Secretary; Ted McNitt and Linn Bogle. In addition, there are two alternates: Myleta Eng and Sally Craft. Ms. Craft joined the board as an alternate voting member in May 2004 and we were quite happy to have a full board at that time. Later in May, however, we were confronted with the sudden and unexpected resignation of Robin Rousseau from the Board. Her departure has left us with one vacant (alternate) position which has not yet been filled. Following Ms. Rousseau's resignation, Linn Bogle was promoted from alternate status to that of full voting member by the Town Council.

The Board has grappled with the following challenging issues this year:

→ The New Hampshire Supreme Court has continued to refine the guidelines applying

the "hardship standard" to an applicant's request for a variance. Prior to 2004, the hardship standard was found in the Court's *Simplex v. Town of Newington* (2001) decision whereby a zoning board must determine whether "The zoning restriction as applied interferes with a landowner's reasonable use of the property...." Then, in May of 2004 (*Boccia v. City of Portsmouth*), the Court further refined the application of the hardship standard with the question of whether or not "The benefit sought by the applicant (can or cannot) be achieved by some other method reasonably feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an *area* variance..." Thus the distinction must now be drawn between a *use* variance and an *area* variance. The result is that the ZBA's task has been rendered more complex and challenging for laypersons serving on a quasi-judicial board.

→ Applicants continue to engage the ZBA in lively discussion of the *unrelated occupancy* question. Our Zoning Ordinance states that "No more than three (3) unrelated occupants may occupy a dwelling unit in an R, RA, RB, RC or LB Zoning District." Given the definition of a 'dwelling unit' in the Ordinance, our discussions in August and September boiled down to whether the *entire structure* is one 'dwelling unit' or whether the accessory apartment is a separate 'dwelling unit'. At the ZBA's request, the Town's attorney, Walter Mitchell, issued an opinion on this matter which we found helpful and to which we are adhering closely. It is, therefore, the Board's position that under the terms of Durham's new Zoning Ordinance (May 2004), use of

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
BREAKDOWN OF HEARINGS
FOR 2004**

Variance	41
Special Exception	0
Administrative Appeal.....	13
Equitable Waiver	1
Re-Hearing Request	13
Total	68

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*A couple of the
"Big Rigs" that par-
ticipated during the
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sponsored event.*

a property in Durham is restricted to *three* unrelated individuals, or a family in the main house with two unrelated individuals in the accessory unit, renting from the main house family. There are currently several challenges coming before the ZBA on recent decisions regarding this important question.

Over the course of the year, we were challenged in court on four of our decisions and the Superior Court upheld our decisions in every case. We have worked very hard in carefully discussing and referencing the five criteria for a variance request mandated by the New Hampshire Supreme Court. One of our four decisions, upheld by the Superior Court, is being appealed to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

During 2004 the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment met 16 times. There were sixty-eight applications before the Board.

Variances: There were forty-one requests for variances. Twenty-seven requests were approved, ten requests were denied, and four requests were withdrawn.

Motion for Rehearing: There were thirteen requests filed for motions of rehearing. Five requests were denied a rehearing. Eight requests were granted a rehearing. Of these eight requests, two requests were withdrawn, two requests failed to be approved upon rehearing and four requests were approved upon rehearing.

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

Appeal of an Administrative Decision: There were thirteen appeals of administrative decisions. Nine appeals were denied and three appeals were approved. One appeal was withdrawn.

Special Exceptions: There were no requests for special exception.

In conclusion, we of the Zoning Board of Adjustment appreciate the helpful public involvement in our deliberations from month to month, as well as the insights we receive from our fellow citizens. We look forward to another year, in the words of the Durham Ordinance, of striving "to ensure that development is commensurate with the character and physical limitations of the land... for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Durham." —30—



Zoning, Code Enforcement and Health Officer

TOM JOHNSON

THE ZONING Administration, Building Code Enforcement and Health Offices collectively have continued the busy year started last year. As of December 1, 2004 permit applications and fees generated were approximately the same compared to 2003. The High School project is nearing completion, while new construction activity is seen at the new hotel site on Route 108/Main

Street, and more age restricted housing is being constructed at the Fitts Farm and the Spruce Wood developments.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has seen a significant decrease in the number of cases heard; from 109 in 2003 down to approximately 68 in 2004. This anticipated decrease in the number of cases was due to the further completion of the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance by the Planning Board and Town Council. The Zoning Rewrite Committee's work will be completed early next year. The ZBA still continues to meet every month and sometimes twice a month.

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CONSTRUCTION PERMITS PROCESSED

	2004	2003	2002
Building Permits	250	263	189
Building Permits Denied	36	66	53
Building Permits Withdrawn	4	1	3
Demolition Permits	8	10	5
Building Permits On Hold	0	4	4
Septic Permits/Test Pits	25	68	35
Electric Permits	186	162	153
Plumbing/Mechanical Permits	145	124	124
Total Permits	666	698	566

Value of Building Permits Given \$12,638,895 \$9,267,385 \$41,325,745
 Fees Collected for all Permits \$47,803 \$55,040 \$184,725

BREAKDOWN OF BUILDING PERMITS

	2004	2003	2002
New Single Family House	17	14	11
New Multi-Family Units	14	27	118**
Additions, Renovations	168	159	105
Commercial (New & Renovations)	33	32	20
Demolition	8	10	5
Hold/Renewals	10	10	7
Swimming Pools	2	3	8
Other Permits			
Signs	22	19	17
Sidewalk Cafes	5	4	4
Totals all Permits	279	278	326

Average Value for New Homes 2004: \$229,039

**Includes 90 units from the Spruce Wood Inn



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ses are reviewed and dealt with accordingly, and some very difficult decisions are being made.

The Health Department was less active with West Nile Virus and dead bird complaints in 2004. Durham had no positive testing birds this year and statewide the totals were down. There were also less mold-type complaints, which may be attributed to a dry spring and summer.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Increased correspondence with and cooperation by local realtors has seen a drop in property transfers resulting in student rental problems. Occasionally a property becomes a problem and is being dealt with accordingly.
- Successful decisions in Durham's favor at both the New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board and at the Strafford Superior Court, which reinforces our Code Enforcement or Zoning Board decisions.
- Continued participation in International Code Council, the New Hampshire Building Officials Association and the Seacoast Electrical Inspectors educational programs and meetings.
- Successful cooperation with neighborhood groups in our enforcement efforts to provide "neighborhood conservation".
- Near 100% completion of the new Oyster River High School additions and renovations with the administrative wing ready for occupancy prior to the Christmas holiday break. There are still some "punch list" items that have to be completed in 2005.
- Participation in the Southern Strafford Community Health Coalition for regional planning and mutual aid preparedness.
- Implementation of the new zoning requirements for septic systems for proposed subdivisions with an arrangement with the Rockingham County Conservation District to provide the Code Enforcement Officer a certified independent New Hampshire Soil Scientist to review proposed test pits.
- Improvement along Madbury/Garrison Road area by the Greek housing system landlords.
- Successful completion of the new Perley Lane bridge project within the Fitts Farm development due to the joint efforts of the developer's contractors and site inspections and overview by Code Enforcement, Public Works, the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau and the Durham Conservation Commission. —30—



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Durham Ambulance Corps

JASON DAHLSTROM, PRESIDENT

ERIC JAEGER, MANAGER

TRAVIS FLEURY,

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

BRIAN CARTIER,

OPERATIONS VICE PRESIDENT

CHRIS LEMELIN, TREASURER

IAN MCKENZIE, SECRETARY

ARTIE BOUTIN, TRAINING

AND PR SPECIALIST

THE DURHAM Ambulance Corps (DAC) is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing emergency ambulance services to the communities of Durham, Lee, Madbury and the University of New Hampshire. Its active members are professional EMT-Basics, EMT-Intermediates, and Paramedics who have dedicated themselves to delivering the highest possible standard of care to their fellow residents, students and neighbors. Founded in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor, the Corps is entering into its 37th year providing exemplary services to the community.

In 2004, the Durham Ambulance Corps responded to 1,171 calls, a 4.3% decrease from 2003. There were 474 calls in Durham (40.5%), 342 calls to UNH locations (29.21%), 222 calls in Lee (19.0%), 82 calls in Madbury (7.0%), and 51 mutual aid calls to other communities (4.36%).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Formed a Board of Advisors to:
 - Enhance our connection to the communities we serve;
 - Improve our organizational structure; and
 - Assist us in developing a strategic plan.

- Increased our Advanced Life Support (ALS) capabilities by adding two Paramedics and five EMT-Intermediates. This brings to 21 the total number of DAC ALS providers, or nearly half of our active members. In addition to enhancing our day-to-day capabilities to deliver the highest level of care, it provides us with increased capacity for large events, such as UNH Graduation.
- Upgraded our already strong training program to include increased training in ALS skills, interagency operations, pediatric emergencies, emergency vehicle operations and hazardous materials.
- Enhanced our availability by increasing our schedule of paid personnel, boosting our administrative capacity and ensuring a Paramedic and Intermediate in the station Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- Raised \$20,577 through the 2004 Community Fund Drive.
- Ordered a new 2005 Road Rescue ambulance which, when delivered in Spring 2005, will increase the number of ambulances operated by DAC from two to three.
- Tested and upgraded disaster response plans by participating in a mass casualty drill with the Durham Fire and Police Departments.
- Offered a free community CPR class to Durham and Madbury communities in conjunction with the Madbury Fire Department.
- Continued to increase the ranks of our volunteer membership, with 56 volunteers at the end of 2004.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- **Strategic Planning.** Together with our new Board of Advisors, continue to plan for the future of the Corps.

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- **Increase Public Education.** Broaden our offerings of free CPR and first aid classes to our communities and expand our injury prevention programs.
- **Associate Members.** Recruit non-clinical volunteers to assist with fundraising, strategic planning, public education, and public relations.
- **Third Ambulance.** Place the new third ambulance into service. The third ambulance is to be used primarily as a reserve unit to help

Fire Department

RONALD P. O'KEEFE, FIRE CHIEF

THIS LAST YEAR HAS been a positive yet challenging year for the Durham Fire Department. There are five (5) new faces you will see around the fire station as we welcome Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians Ken Lundberg, Dave Blatchford, Jim Brown and Fire Inspector Brendan O'Sullivan to the Fire Department, as well as our new Administrative Assistant, Melissa Perusse.

Regrettably, Administrative Assistant Deborah Quisumbing will be leaving the Town after seven

ensure two ambulances are available to our communities at all times.

We are truly grateful for the support of members of the communities we serve, the Durham, Lee, and Madbury Fire Departments, and the Durham, UNH, Lee, and Madbury Police Departments, and the Durham-UNH Communications Center. Anyone wishing more information about the Durham Ambulance Corps may call the station at (603) 862-3674 or visit our website at www.dac.unh.edu. —30—

years to pursue a Masters in Nursing Degree at the University of New Hampshire. Deb came to the Fire Department from the Durham Planning, Zoning and Assessing Offices in 1998. Through the years, Deb reorganized the office management functions within the Fire Department, developed an informative award-winning newsletter and received numerous letters of recognition and commendation for her work at the Fire Department. Deb excelled in designing new educational brochures and public relations materials for the department and was the epitome of what a public servant should be. We wish Deb the best of luck in her future endeavors.

As we continue on our journey in providing the finest most cost-efficient fire protection services to the community, we strive to improve the services we provide each and every year. In the past few years, we have increased the number of CPR courses we offer to the community and added life saving epinephrine pens to every emergency medical first aid kit in the department to aid those suffering from an allergic reaction. Both our Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector are certified child car safety seat technicians, conducting dozens of inspections to ensure the safety of children. In 2005, we hope to receive a grant to improve our water rescue capabilities at no cost to the community.

The Fire Department conducted two information gathering sessions in 2004 to update its Strategic Plan. I thank all who participated in this process

*(l-r): Thomas Stano,
Safety Officer/Training
Captain; Melissa Perusse,
Administrative As-
sistant; Ronald O'Keefe,
Fire Chief; Brendan
O'Sullivan, Fire Inspector;
and Mark Tetreault,
Fire Marshal*



and provided us with critical feedback so we may continue to improve services to you. We recently completed the evaluation of the Fire Department by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), a two year undertaking. I hope to report to you in early 2005 that we were successful in lowering the insurance risk rating for the outlying areas with potential savings in your insurance rates.

Our members are committed to meeting the needs of the community. We place great emphasis on hiring the person best suited for the Durham Fire Department and the community. Our strengths are in our personnel. Each and every one stands ready to respond to whatever emergency situation is given to them. Each trains for hundreds of hours a year to maintain the highest state of readiness making Durham an attractive community to reside. I thank the men and women of the Durham Fire Department for their dedication and I thank the community for the continued support throughout the years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Firefighter/EMT "Jim" Davis retired after 30 years of service with the department.
- Completed the information gathering for updating the Strategic Plan.
- Conducted a terrorism mass casualty drill funded entirely by grant money.
- Upgraded the incident command module in Car 2.
- Completed the ISO evaluation process.
- Installed new digital radios in all department vehicles to improve communications interoperability, funded entirely by grant money.
- Installed voice operated emergency system in Car 2 through UNH Office of Computer Interoperability, funded entirely by grant money.
- Received a Life Safety Achievement Award from the Residential Life Safety Institute for the seventh year in a row.
- Maintenance Coordinator Firefighter/EMT.

Jeff Furlong became certified as an Emergency Vehicle Technician in Aerial Apparatus and Fire Apparatus Design.

- Conducted two "live-burn" training sessions providing valuable training to the department while ridding the community of unwanted structures.
- Captain Miller and Administrative Assistant Quisumbing updated the Fire Department's computer system.
- Firefighter/EMT-I Steve Auger graduated from Paramedic school.
- The Call Firefighters evaluated the Littlehale Road, Cowell Drive, Sauer Terrace and Galesford Lane, areas for 911 property numbers.
- Coordinated with DCAT to air programs for the Fire Department.
- Assistant Chief Blake and Firefighter/Paramedic Lapolla coordinated a mass casualty drill at the UNH Whittemore Center.
- Captain Hoffman coordinated the bid/spec process for the installation of a dry hydrant on Cutts Road.
- Captain Stano and Firefighter/EMT Emanuel completed training in wildland firefighting.
- Firefighter/EMT-I Miller became certified as a first aid instructor.

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Firefighters attended storytime at the Durham Public Library wearing their firefighting gear and read stories to the youngsters.





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→ Fire Marshal Tetreault was accepted into the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Evaluate all department operations for efficiency and effectiveness.
- Develop an internal position of Public Information Officer, increasing the number of press releases issued, and improve the use of our web site and utilizing DCAT more often.
- Conduct more public relations events to advertise the department more.
- Review the National Fire Protection Stan-

- dard 1710 for Professional Fire Department Operational Response Criteria.
- Continue to evaluate false alarms and service calls with the goal to reduce these.
- Improve the department's water rescue capabilities with the use of grant money.
- Evaluate the delivery of emergency medical services within the community in cooperation with the Durham Ambulance Corps.
- Complete the updating of the department's Strategic Plan.
- Conduct a tabletop drill of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS 2004

	UNH	TOWN
Structure Fires	6	7
Other Fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	20	28
Emergency Medical	357	429
Extrications.....	29	3
Hazards/Hazardous Materials ...	21	47
Service Calls.....	113	243
Smoke Investigations	30	17
False Alarms Total.....	149	169
Malicious	14	25
Unintentional	86	90
Malfunction	33	30
Not Classified.....	16	24
Other Responses.....	14	48
Totals.....	739	991

Dollar Loss Due to Fire..... \$131,554

Mutual Aid provided to other communities . 23

THREE YEAR AVERAGE	UNH	TOWN
Cost Share Rates for 2004.....	45%	55%
2004.....	43%	57%
2003.....	46%	54%
2002.....	46%	54%

Fire Safety Inspections 333
(Includes: multiple occupancy, commercial, home, day-care, chimney & woodstove inspections)

Permits Issued Approved	304
Blasting	13
Burning	179
Fireworks Display	2
Hot works.....	3
Install/Operate Fire Alarm System	17
Install LPG Tank	10
Install Oil Burner	9
Install Fire Sprinkler System	7
Open Flame in Place of Assembly	5
Operate Place of Assembly	48
Permissible Fireworks	2
Pyrotechnics.....	1
Remove Underground Fuel Storage Tank....	6
Suppression Systems	2

Fire Safety Education (864 students)..... 103
(Includes fire drills, fire extinguisher classes, public school programs, dormitory & Greek System programs, fire station tours, etc.)

Car Seat Safety Inspections.....40

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Classes (50 students) 7

Training Hours6,678

Miscellaneous

Fire Investigations	4
Special Events Coverage	69

Forest Fire Warden

RONALD P. O'KEEFE

LAST YEAR WAS, again, an inactive year for brush fires in the community. Only one significant fire was reported, burning approximately one-half of an acre adjacent to the Town Recycling & Transfer Center. Permits for open burning are available seven days a week. It is recommended to call first to determine if permits are being issued that day due to the level of fire danger. To provide improved customer service, the department offers annual fire permits to those who burn brush seve-

ral times per year, minimizing the number of trips necessary to the Fire Department. Homeowners obtaining these permits are required to call each time before burning their brush.

No permit is required with 100% snow cover but we ask that you call to let us know when you are burning to prevent a false response to your property. For brochures on fire permit laws, call us at 868-5531 or e-mail us at fire@ci.durham.nh.us. Check out brush fire safety tips and interesting links at our web site www.ci.durham.nh.us. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires. —30—



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Police Department

DAVID L. KURZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

THIS MARKS THE ninth annual report I have completed as your police chief. Last year, 2003, was the only year during my tenure when no employees came or went for other career opportunities or retirements. During 2004, Joseph Gagnon accepted employment after a long and arduous selection process. Joe had previously been employed by the City of Concord Police Depart-

ment and brings experience, training and a professional commitment to the Town of Durham.

We continue to place significant emphasis upon our hiring process with the acknowledgement that it is the people who comprise the organization that are the true measure of its' quality and effectiveness. Our services are often very personal and traumatic with the outcome very much affected by the quality of the officer and the training they receive. We are pleased that a solid

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Police Dept: Seated (l-r) Sean Kelly, Lieutenant; Dawn Mitchell, Administrative Assistant; David Kurz, Police Chief; Rene Kelley, Deputy Police Chief; Jennifer Jahnsen, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Richardson, Assistant Clerk. (second row, l-r) Andrew Buinicky, Sergeant; Gabriel Tarants, Detective; Kathryn Lilly, Patrol Officer; Sean Dalliver, Detective; Frank Daly, Sergeant; Joseph Marganello, Patrol Officer; Michael Biladeau, Detective; Joseph Gognon, Patrol Officer; Hally Rauleau, Patrol Officer; Richard Martin, Parking Enforcement Officer; Ann Champagne, Patrol Officer. (back row, l-r) Michael Lysak, Patrol Officer; David Holmstock, Sergeant; Frank Weeks, Patrol Officer; Jack Dalton, Patrol Officer; Bobby Joslin, Sergeant; Edward Pike, Patrol Officer; Edward Levesque, Sergeant/ School Resource Officer.



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ACTIVITY	2004	2003	2002
Arrests.....	545	404	255
Assaults.....	56	53	47
Thefts.....	144	122	91
Noise Complaints.....	109	169	150
Alcohol Violations.....	267	221	197
DWI.....	48	42	39
Accidents.....	233	274	255
All Traffic Contacts.....	5,111	3,712	3,322
Calls for Service.....	11,718	11,390	12,003

recruiting and selection process has produced exceptionally qualified and dedicated employees to serve you.

During 2003, the Police Department and the Durham-UNH community were challenged with three “Celebratory Riots” as the aftermath to sporting events. In partnership with our community, we worked collaboratively in 2004 to prevent these events from reoccurring. While we believe that we

have turned a corner and can see success looming in the future, there is still much that we have to accomplish before we no longer need a large police presence to curtail this national phenomenon that presents unique challenges to Durham as the host community to a large educational institution. Success is assured due to the commitment of our entire Durham/UNH community working in partnership and the department’s business-like dedication to customer service. Partnerships with all of our neighborhoods, each with their own unique issues, have served to open dialogue between the police and the residents creating an environment where we learn to help each other.

I would like to thank the members of the Durham Police Department for their commitment to this community and the countless contributions they have made over this past year. We look forward to working together in providing the level of service that the Durham community has come to expect from its’ Police Department. —30—

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(l-r): Douglas Bullen, Asst. Director of Operations; Robert Levesque, Town Engineer; Sharice Pitkins, Asst. to the Public Works Director; Michael Lynch, Director of Public Works

Director of Public Works

MICHAEL LYNCH

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

The department completed two major Capital Improvement Projects: The Landfill Closure/New Transfer Station and the Base Line Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A third capital project, the Packers Fall Bridge, was completed but not to the satisfaction of the community. Public Works staff has been researching the issues and negotiating with the engineering firm who designed the bridge to make some modifications to the railing system. Another project the department has been undertaking is the application process for a new Storm Water II Permit, which regulates storm water runoff for both solids and water quality. As part of this process, in 2004 the department completed its second year of a five-year plan, as well as focused on public education and illicit discharges. The 2004 Road Program was a success with the largest piece, the Woodridge Development, being completely reclaimed and resurfaced. Another ongoing project is the dredging of the Mill Pond. This project is in the permitting phase as we continue to meet with the Wetlands Division officials from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The anticipated start date is between August and October 2005. The department also experienced the retirement of 30-year veteran Ray Osborne. Ray was a Maintenance Worker IV at our Wastewater Treatment Facility and he and his dedication to the Town will be greatly missed. The department had many other accomplishments in 2004, which are listed in the division reports completed by Assistant Director for Operations Doug Bullen on the next few pages. The department looks forward to 2005 with great anticipation and excitement. Projects we anticipate completing in the upcoming year are:

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Repair sidewalks at Pettee Brook Lane, Garrison Avenue, and Bagdad Road.
- Design improvements to the Main Street Corridor.
- Purchase a new backhoe for use by the Operations, Water, and Wastewater Divisions.
- Complete a stability analysis and engineering report for repairs to Wiswall Dam.
- Replace the 1990 roll off truck in the Solid Waste Division.
- Initiate engineering of the Spruce Hole Aquifer.
- Complete Storm Water II GIS mapping.
- Repair roof at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Complete the \$298,000 Road Rehabilitation Program.

We at Public Works would like to say what a pleasure it was to serve the residents of Durham in 2004, and we look forward to serving them further in 2005 with great enthusiasm and will continue to make Durham the terrific place that it is today. —30—





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Operations Division

**DOUGLAS BULLEN,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

ALTHOUGH OVERALL snow amounts were less than in previous years, we still responded to numerous weather related events. Unusually rainy weather interrupted and delayed many projects during the year, but Town staff worked hard to maintain roads and walkways and all projects were eventually completed.

Responding to citizen concerns is an important service provided by the Operations Division, and interacting with the residents is an integral part of our overall services and paramount to our success. We will always strive to maintain professional, courteous, and cost-effective services to the residents of Durham as we head into the New Year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Completed the annual Spring Cleanup in May. Personnel from all departments assisted in the cleanup. Over 150 tons of material was removed and disposed.
- Completed Fall Cleanup in November. Starting in 2003 we asked residents to use paper bags to store their leaves. This was a great success in 2004 as we saw almost ninety-

*Back Row (l-r): Charlton "Chuck" Dill, Arthur Nutter, Brian Beers, James Couch, David Seeley.
Front Row (l-r): James Currie, Bonnie McDermott, Mark Wheat, Tony Wollingsford.*



- five percent (95%) of the residents use this method. The department collected 10 tons of leaves and 30 tons of brush. An overall reduction was seen this year in material that was collected.
- Completed a successful Road Program. Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH was the low bidder and selected to perform the reclamation and paving at the Woodridge development and at Riverview Road and Court. This procedure grinds up the existing asphalt, which is then graded and compacted. After this process is completed, three inches of asphalt is laid with a two percent (2%) percent center crown. The final procedure is the placement of shoulder gravel to back up the new asphalt roadway. This procedure allows for greater drainage and extended road life.
- Completed crack filling on various roadways. Over 15,000 pounds of material was applied.
- Screened over 2,500 cubic yards of material from the Town-owned gravel pit on Packers Falls Road. This material is then mixed with salt and stored at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for winter operations.
- Completed the painting of crosswalk and traffic markings. Crews also painted the red pattern walkways.
- Completed painting of the center and edge line markings on roadways in the spring. This operation can often be delayed due to the weather and is an important element in overall traffic safety.
- Responded to and repaired any infrastructure issue that arose. This can include drainage, roadways or vegetation situations.
- Responded to any citizen concern that arose during the year.
- Assisted various departments in any situation when requested.
- Continued with the Federal mandated street sign replacement.
- Contracted the cleaning of 175 catch basins. This operation will be continued each year to comply with Federal regulations.



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- Coordinated the installation of a new air conditioning system and handicap stairway lift at the Durham Historical Association located in the Durham Courthouse building.
- Performed general upkeep of all Town-owned properties and facilities. This includes summer and winter maintenance and any daily issues that may occur.
- Performed maintenance to the Town-owned fleet. Included in the fleet are the police vehicles, DPW vehicles, and equipment and vehi-

Solid Waste Division

DOUGLAS BULLEN,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

THE NEW TRANSFER Station and Recycling Center is in full operating mode. Approximately 20,000 residential visits were logged to the facility during 2004. This was a fifteen percent (15%) increase over 2003 figures. We attribute this increase, in part, to the Swap Shop as many residents make multiple trips to search for that special item. Recycling markets for our mixed paper and cardboard have remained strong throughout the year, and metal has experienced a substantial increase as well.

With the replacement of our recycling and trash collection vehicles we will keep up with the growing demands of our residents and continue our efficient pickup service. The service we provide is unique to the community and one of the few remaining municipal collection operations in the Seacoast area. We pride ourselves on a more personal and cost-effective operation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Purchased two new vehicles for the solid waste operations from Kahn Manufacturing Corporation of Guttenberg, Iowa. New additions include a recycle collection vehicle and side load trash collector. The old packer

cles used by the Solid Waste, Wastewater and Water Departments.

- Serviced and repainted all snow related equipment.
- Painted the cat loader for use at the Transfer Station.
- Purchased a new Volvo loader to be used in daily operations.
- Helped coordinate the sensational 2004 Fourth of July fireworks celebration. —30—

and recycle vehicle were traded to keep fleet numbers down.

- Completed the capping and redesign of the Transfer Station. Some sign additions are still needed, which when completed should ease any confusion.
- Continued to work with the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee to address issues that arose and to look at our methods of disposal and collection. Assisted in the release of yearly newsletters sent to the residents containing general and new information.
- Held the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which provided residents with an opportunity to dispose of material in a proper manner.
- Transported mixed and co-mingled paper in-house, allowing the department better cost control and revenue.
- Continued to evaluate all markets that impact the Town and its operations.
- Monitored the Transfer Station to ensure its optimal operation.
- Assisted the Operations Division with the annual fall and spring cleanup.
- Conducted training for employees to maintain their state required certifications.
- Bonnie McDermott and Doug Bullen received their Level 4 New Hampshire Department of

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Children take a break during the "Big Rigs" Day sponsored by the Durham Public Library.



2004 SOLID WASTE DIVISION DATA

TONS OF MATERIAL MARKETED:	2004	2003	2002
Recyclable Material:			
Mixed Paper	543	520	431
Cardboard	129	119	129
Scrap Metal - tons	123	92	120
Car Batteries - each	4	2	3
Totals	799	733	683
Recycling Revenue	\$49,272	\$14,755	\$14,162
Tip Fee Avoidance	\$45,567	\$40,586	\$36,295
Other Material Recycled:			
Comingled Containers - tons	280	272	180
Textiles - tons	N/A	10	8
Car Tires - tons	7	10	7
Waste Oil - gallons	803	870	892
Antifreeze - gallons	110	55	0
Leaves -Collected @ Curb - tons	12	14	8
Propane Tanks - each	273	356	293
Material Disposed:			
Curbside Collection - tons	1,490	1,459	1,408
Commercial - tons	0	0	0
Refuse Total	1,490	1,459	1,408
Bulky Waste - tons	412	443	452
Const. & Demo. Waste - tons	181	105	143
Electronics - tons	11	N/A	N/A
SWMF Permits Issued	958	1,001	1,270
Electronic Stickers Sold	558	340	0

Environmental Services (NHDES) certifications, which allows them to operate a capped landfill.

- Held more than 19,900 vehicle visits at the Transfer Station. This was an increase of over 2,000 visits from the previous year.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Hold the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
- Review and implement any changes that benefit the Town through our operations and methods.
- Continue to provide a superior service to the residents. —30—

Town Engineer

BOB LEVESQUE

IN 2004, engineering was busy implementing the Storm Water Management Plan for the Town. The focus this year was on the development of a Storm Water Ordinance that was drafted and reviewed by the Planning Board. The next step will be to revise the Ordinance, incorporate comments, and forward it to the Town Council for review.

In addition, engineering pursued the development of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required Stormwater Mapping System for the Town. A grant was applied for through New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and awarded to Durham for \$11,285.00. With this grant, the University of New Hampshire and the Town have developed a Geographic Information System (GIS) map of all of our stormwater culverts and catch basins within our MS4 area.

Engineering oversaw the completion of the \$2,400,000 Capital Improvement Project for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. This project took over two years due to a ban-

kruptcy mid-project. We have been working with the contractor's bonding company for over a year now, and hope to complete this project December 2005. This upgrade will allow for a better processed treatment of our wastewater and cleaner water being discharged to the Oyster River.

Engineering has overseen the completion of the Landfill Closure project, as well as the new Transfer Station and Recycling Center, which are both fully operational.

Engineering has worked with the Planning Department on the development of the new proposed zoning maps for the Town, as well as establishing base maps in GIS format. We hope to expand the GIS mapping of our Town next year as well.

Engineering sat as the Town's representative on a number of committees and boards, including the Regional Outfall Study Commission, the Bellamy and Oyster River Watershed Protection Partnership (BORWPP), the Wiswall Fish Passage Working Group, and the Main Street Design Selection Committee.

These are just a few of the highlighted projects completed in 2004. Overall, it was a very productive year for the Engineering Division. —30—



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(l-r): Steve Gaadwin, Lloyd Gifford, Duane Walker, Daniel "Max" Driscoll, Clara Camuso-Reed.

Wastewater Division

DUANE WALKER, SUPERINTENDENT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Quotes were sought for the rebuilding of the #3 Raw Sewage Pump in the Dover Road Pumping Station. The pump is presently being serviced.
- 740 new Aeration Diffusers were purchased and installed in the aeration tanks.
- Three new Ultrasonic Level Indicators were purchased and installed in the sludge holding tanks.

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- Two new retractable covers were purchased and installed on the roll-off containers used to haul the sludge.
- Two new primary sludge pumps have been ordered to replace badly worn originals units.
- 29,700 feet of sewer mains were cleaned as part of our annual sewer cleaning program.
- Two new slide gates have been ordered to replace the badly corroded, 24 yr old originals in the chlorine contact tanks.
- New suspended ceilings were installed in the control building as budgeted for.
- The entire interior of the control build was repainted by the staff.
- The work on the Baseline Improvements Project has been basically completed. The project took an additional 14 months to complete because the original contract filed for bankruptcy in 2003.

Although we operated the Treatment Plant under less than desirable conditions, with only approximately one-half of our systems in working order, the new equipment that had been installed performed flawlessly and we were able to remain in compliance with our discharge permit. —30—

WASTEWATER STATISTICS

PERMIT PARAMETERS	AVG.2004 TOTAL	AVG.2003 TOTAL	AVG.2002 TOTAL
Avg Flow MGD	0.95	0.94	0.94
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	8	22	12.2
Avg.% TSS Removal min.85%	95.6	85.9	94.9
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	6.5	7.1	6.8
Avg.% BOD Removal min. 85%	95.2	93.1	86.7

Total Flow (MG)	347.4	338.6	450
Septage Received	0	52,000	87,000

MGD.....Million Gallons per Day MG/L.....Milligrams per Litre
 TSS.....Total Suspended Solids MG.....Million Gallons
 BOD.....Biochemical Oxygen Demand Gal.....Gallons



Kids and "Big Rigs" just naturally go together!

Water Division

DOUGLAS BULLEN,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Worked with the UNH Water Department to produce and distribute the lead and copper public notification document and the Consumer Confidence Report as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of New Hampshire.
- Interacted daily with UNH Water Treatment Plant personnel in the production of potable water to the Durham/UNH water system.
- Regularly tested for bacteria. Lead and copper testing was performed throughout the year. The state and (EPA) continue to require increased testing of the water supply.
- Completed spring and fall main line flushing in cooperation with UNH.
- Implemented a new computer to remotely observe, monitor, and control the water system.
- Completed a reclassification of ground water in portions of Durham and Lee. This is the wellhead protection area for the UNH/Durham water system Lee Well.
- Conducted regular monitoring of the Lee

Well water production and its introduction to the distribution system.

- Ensured staff training completed to maintain contact hours for state certification.
- Completed weekly inspections of all water facilities, to include the Beech Hill and Foss Farm water tanks and various booster stations.
- Performed winter maintenance on the system to include hydrant antifreeze and snow markings.
- Responded to citizen and contractor requests.
- Inspected 16 new water service installations.
- Repaired and replaced 25 water meters.
- Installed 2 new fire hydrants.
- Performed 3 water main repairs.
- Repaired 3 water services
- Replaced 2 water valves.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Monitor 2005 expenditures.
- Continue testing of the water system as mandated by the state and EPA.
- Coordinate with the Director of Public Works and Town Engineer to implement a Master Water Line Replacement Program.
- Continue to monitor any new development and its impact on the system. —30—



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AIDS Response Seacoast

WENDY NOYES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AIDS RESPONSE Seacoast (ARS) is a non-profit, community based HIV/AIDS service organization serving Rockingham and Strafford counties with a three fold mission: to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS through education and prevention programs; to provide direct services for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and their families; and to advocate for issues affecting HIV/AIDS.

The Prevention Education Department has provided serviced to residents of the Durham area during the 2004 calendar year. We respond to all requests for HIV/AIDS education programs and consult with requesting persons to design culturally competent and appropriate training, awareness, education, and prevention programs. We also work collaboratively with UNH on many levels, such as working with their Health and Wellness department, presenting programs to student groups, and having UNH interns and volunteers in our office. While it costs ARS approximately \$40 per person to educate about HIV/AIDS, all of our services and programs are free. We reach between 7,000-10,000 people a year.

One of our most effective programs is our Speaker's Bureau. These volunteers are people living with HIV/AIDS who are trained and supervised by the Coordinator of Community Programs. They share their experiences of living and coping with HIV/AIDS, and often participate with ARS education staff in educational sessions. They effectively put a "human face" and personal story to this epidemic. Their presentations and the resulting discussions help to dispel myths and fears, answer specific questions, and create more understanding in our communities. Feedback about this part of the program is always highly ranked and very powerful for participants. There is no doubt in our minds that our speakers have saved the lives of others by offering their mistakes as a tough lesson to learn.

On an ongoing basis, ARS receives calls from area residents, including Durham residents, who have questions about HIV/AIDS and other STD's, risk behaviors, transmission issues, testing, etc. Some of these individuals are referred to area providers or to the ARS clinic for free HIV counseling and testing, STD counseling, testing, and treatment, or Hepatitis vaccines. Literature and prevention materials are also given to anyone requesting them at no cost.

ARS Client Services Department provides direct assistance thru case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS. During the past calendar year, we have provided case management services to clients from Durham. Thirty-two units of case management were delivered, and through this assistance, other services and referrals were provided, such as complementary therapies, legal assistance, housing assistance, utility assistance, transportation, social events, access to food and personal care pantry, mental health referrals and nutritional counseling and supplements. It costs ARS approximately \$4,000 per client per year to provide these critical services. —30—



Durham Historic Association

ALEXANDER R. AMELL, PRESIDENT

THE DURHAM HISTORIC Association's roots go back to 1851. This makes it the oldest Historic Association in the State of New Hampshire and one of the oldest (some have said it is the oldest) in the United States. It is the preserver of the Town's artifacts and the guardian of the history that has marked Durham's growth from a riverside agricultural community to a complex town. While the Association is a private institution, it is closely tied to the town. In addition to preserving the Town's history it also keeps the citizens of the Town informed about the nature and identity of their present community. Durham is the sum of its past experiences.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

During this past year we made two major improvements to our Museum located on the second floor of the Old Durham Town Hall. Last year we reported on the monetary gift made to us by Thomas and Clara Butler, long-time residents of Durham who had moved to Springfield, NH, the money to be used to install air conditioning in the Museum. This was accomplished and our dedicated workers in the Museum can now work all summer long in comfort instead of having to virtually shut down the Museum during the hot season. As all those who have visited the Museum know, reaching the Museum required climbing a long, steep staircase. This made access very difficult, or even impossible, for many of our members or potential visitors. To alleviate this the Executive Committee voted to install a chairlift. This has been done and is welcomed by all.

We wish to acknowledge the cooperation and support we received from officials of the Town of Durham in achieving both of these improvements. While we found all Town employees we worked with to be most helpful, we wish to specifically acknowledge the interest of Town Administrator Todd

Selig who responded immediately to questions and requests, and Mr. Doug Bullen of the Public Works Department who supervised the work being done. It was a pleasure to work with Doug.

We had four meetings of the Association during the year, all open to the public. At our October meeting Maryanna Hatch, a long-time devoted member of the Association, presented a talk: *Between the Mountains and the Sea with John Hatch*. Maryanna showed many slides of John's work, illustrating the wide range of his interests. Unfortunately, because of a scheduling conflict this meeting could not be held in the Durham Community Church where a mural done by John is now hanging.

Mr. Stephen Pesci, UNH Campus Planning, was the speaker at the January, 2004 meeting. Mr. Pesci related history of the Durham-UNH railroad station. UNH has received funding to renovate and expand the station, returning it to its previous features as a transportation center, an arrival point into Durham and a social gathering place. Included in his lecture were many slides of the old railroad station and many of the individuals who were connected with its operation. In April, Cathlenn Beau-doin, Librarian at the Dover Public Library, gave a very enjoyable history of the Dover Cotton Mills: *A Yarn to Follow: Dover Cotton Mills from 1823 to 1940*. Dover's economy was closely related to the Mills. She offered us an insight into the lives of the workers and their families.

Our annual picnic in June was held at the home of Phyllis Bennett and Ray Belles at 14 Deer Meadow Road. We are indebted to them for their hospitality and the opportunity to see their spectacular setting on the banks of the Oyster River. After eating we were told some of the history of the house including its occupation by a reputed gang of agents spying on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard during the war.

Unresolved Problem:

The Museum is very crowded and not easily accessible. We need more room. Some of our artifacts must be kept in storage instead of being



displayed. A long-range goal, should the Town Court be moved to a new location, is the expansion of the Museum to the first floor of the Old Town Hall.

In closing, I once again wish to thank all of the members of the Executive Board for their interest and efforts in keeping the Association focused

and progressing. Anyone who is interested in serving in any capacity for the Association can call any member of the Executive Board to volunteer. We can use help in the Museum. Anyone interested in doing this may contact either Marney Sumner at 868-2579 or Alma Tirrell at 868-2700. We invite everyone to come to our meetings and to consider joining the Association. —30—

The Homemakers of Strafford County

**CLAUDETTE BOUTIN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ESTABLISHED IN 1974, The Homemakers of Strafford County is a charitable health care organization. The mission of The Homemakers is to prevent or postpone unnecessary hospitalization or nursing home placement by offering comprehensive, quality, and cost-effective Home Health, Home Support, Adult Medical Day Care and Community Wellness services throughout Strafford County.

Through its home health care programs, the Agency provides skilled visiting nurses, rehabilitative therapies, case management, medical social work and home health aide services. Through its home support program, the Agency provides homemaker, companionship and Alzheimer's respite services. The Homemakers also provides adult medical/social day care services through its "Day Out" program, which is the only certified adult medical/social day care in Strafford County.

The Homemakers of Strafford County also offers several community wellness programs including Alzheimer's educational seminars, flu clinics, and wellness programs such as its Strong Living weight training program for older people; Aerobics of the Mind, a program designed to help people improve their short and long-term memory abilities and possibly prevent future memory loss and Alzheimer's disease; Friend to

Friend, a program to increase social wellness; and is involved in "Step Up to a Healthy Heart," a project of the Healthy Heart Task Force and the Foundation for a Healthy Community. The Homemakers also hosts a Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

During 2004 The Homemakers provided:

- 23,199 skilled visits – nursing, rehabilitative therapies, medical social work and home health aides.
- 40,022 hours of home support services – homemaker and in-home care provider, Alzheimer's respite.
- 40,990 hours of adult medical/social day care.
- \$115,629 worth of "free" non-reimbursable homemaker and adult day services, \$5,715 of which was provided to Durham residents.
- Subsidized a total of \$500,264 worth of services to those un/underinsured.

In addition, The Homemakers:

- Vaccinated 467 people against the flu virus.(Fall 2003)
- Helped more than 150 people build muscle mass through its Strong Living program.
- Provided educational seminars in relation to Alzheimer's disease.
- Developed and began distributing a Community Resource Guide of Strafford County

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resources and agencies that includes telephone numbers.

- Received more than 5,184 hours of volunteer services.
- Helped 34 people develop new friendships through the Friend to Friend program, a program which partners community volunteers with older and/or disabled persons who seek socialization, companionship and opportunities for growth and involvement.
- Participated in two free cholesterol screening clinics and develop a Walking Guide as part of the Step Up to a Healthy Heart program.
- Prepared and delivered more than 200 Thanksgiving dinners and 167 Holiday food and gift baskets to elderly and disabled residents in need.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Continue to help older and disabled people remain independent and integrated in the

Lamprey Health Care

**PHYLLIS ELDRIDGE
ANCILLARY SERVICES MANAGER**

LAMPREY HEALTH Care is a 33-year-old nonprofit community health care organization providing primary medical services, social services, information and referral, and transportation to seniors and disabled residents of Durham and thirty-one other communities.

- **Primary care medical services** span prenatal to geriatric groups. No one is refused because they cannot pay—a sliding fee scale is available. Other health programs are substance abuse, mental health services, prevention, education activities (diabetes, asthma, nutritional counseling, HIV/AIDS testing & counseling, breast & cervical screening programs) and social services. Our goal is to remove barriers that prevent access to care.

community by providing high quality, cost-effective skilled, home support and adult medical day care services as well as community clinics, wellness programs and educational seminars.

- Continue to deliver “free” care to those in need.
- Continue to collaborate with other agencies to meet the growing health care needs of elderly and disabled persons in the county.
- Attract more volunteers to the Friend to Friend Volunteer program, this is designed to match older volunteers in need with older volunteers who are able to meet those needs.
- Continue to help people keep their minds and bodies fit through the Agency’s Strong Living and Aerobics of the Mind programs.

For more information about The Homemakers, persons may call (603) 335-1770/1-800-660-1770, email us at hsc@ghi.net or visit our website at www.thehomemakers.org. —30—

- **InfoLink** offers free, confidential, comprehensive information and referral to local and national social service organizations and support groups and provides the link to community resources when help is needed. A friendly, caring professional is available weekdays 1-888-499-2525, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM or our online database www.infolinknh.org can assist anytime.
- **Senior Transportation Program** enables elders and adults with disabilities to remain independent and safe in their own homes by providing access to essential services such as door to door rides to weekly shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy, post office or bank and recreation. All buses are handicapped accessible. Residents can arrange for this service by calling 659-2424, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Thank you to the Town of Durham. —30—

Oyster River Youth Association

RACHELLE HENNESSY, DIRECTOR

LAST YEAR WAS A year of growth for the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA). We have restructured the management of the organization, which included the hiring of a new Director, Rachele Hennessy. Rachele joined ORYA in mid-August. She is being assisted by former Director Kathy Trainor. This team has proven successful and promising in just the few months they have been together.

Of special interest in programming news for this year, we have started up a successful flag football league. We have also had tremendous growth in all of our preschool age programs. We had 70 kids in one session of learn to skate and 87 kids in our fall soccer program. This is representative of an overall 20% growth across the board in all of our preschool aged offerings. We are also experiencing similar growth in our intro level programming for the kindergarten and first grade age groups.

We have had increased use of the Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing from the public for recreational skating and pick up hockey. We have also been able to host birthday parties at the rink for

the children in Town. The support from residents and students of UNH was exceptionally helpful in preparing the rink to open for the season. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in the painting, cleaning, and preparing of the rink. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who coached, organized, officiated, and set up all of our teams, leagues, and fields for each season. We have had parents, university and high school students, residents, and even out-of-town volunteers step up to assist in running our leagues. It takes a lot of hands and a lot of dedication to run the variety of programs that we offer to the children of three towns. All of our programs run to the thanks of the volunteers. Thank you! ORYA also wishes to thank the Towns of Lee, Madbury, and Durham for their continued support in our mission to provide great opportunities to the youth of these communities. ORYA appreciates the tremendous commitment given by the Board of Directors, each of the program coordinators, officials, coaches, and parents. THANKS!!

Over the next twelve months ORYA will be concentrating on developing and strengthening the volunteer base that the organization is run on, in addition to looking at adding a few new programs. We are also hoping to create a cooperative relationship between the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury through their recreation departments in order to expand our program offerings to include a wider variety of interests and age groups. --30--

Sexual Assault Support Services

KATHY BEEBE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SEXUAL ASSAULT Support Services (SASS) offers the following services: 24 hour toll-free rape crisis hotline, advocacy (medical, emotional and legal) for survivors of sexual assault, support groups for survivors, their parents and partners, child sexual assault prevention programs and adolescent works-

shops (K-12) and community service referrals.

The program is committed to providing support, education and advocacy to all survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. It also provides extensive services for survivors of incest and childhood sexual assault.

Sexual Assault Support Services is committed to providing school and community education programs to help prevent sexual violence and gua-

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rantee appropriate response and support for the survivors, to help them in their recovery process. Volunteers are welcome and are utilized in any and all aspects of the program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Continued an outreach campaign utilizing newspapers, posters and stickers to the entire community about the toll-free crisis hotline and information and referral services.
- Outreached to the entire community about support groups available to survivors, parents and partners.

- Presented our education/prevention program to children and teens in area schools—reached 219 students in Durham schools during 24.5 hours of presentations.
- Ten residents of the Town of Durham made 12 calls to the hotline, including 10 residents who were provided with 19 hours of in-person accompaniment. In addition 8 residents called the office for information and referral.

GOALS FOR 2005:

Continue outreach and provision of all services to residents of the Durham community. —30—

***Strafford County
Community Action
Committee, Inc***

**ROBERT MARSHALL,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

Route 108 Oyster
River Footbridge.



In 2004, Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SCCAC) appreciated Town support in delivering vital services to low-income and at-risk elderly households.

GOALS FOR 2005:

With an ongoing partnership between the Town and SCCAC, we will continue to provide programs critical to the needs of otherwise vulnerable and unprotected citizens. —30—

2004 FIGURES

Fuel Assistance	10 households
Electric Assistance	28 households
Elderly Transportation	592 rides
Provision of Food via Pantries	5 households
Commodity Food Distribution	451 cases
Self-Sufficiency Case Management	2 families
Housing Search	4 families
Job Search	2 employed
Medicare counseling	26 households
Dental Program	4 patients
Information and Referral Services	902 units
Value of goods and services Provided to Durham citizens	\$32,186

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

CYNTHIA COPELAND, AICP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STRAFFORD REGIONAL Planning Commission (SRPC), a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, serves in an advisory role to its eighteen member communities located in the northern coastal zone. We provide professional services to officials, boards, commissions, and committees to promote coordinated planning, efficient land use, and managed growth. SRPC has focused on the implementation of a sustainable development planning strategy for the region, integrating economic vitality, community well being, and natural resource management to ensure a better quality of life now and for future generations. Using these tenets, community decision-makers can seek a longterm balancing of various community needs.

SRPC's six professional staff offer a range of services in transportation, land use, conservation, and natural resource planning, economic development, downtown revitalization, project management, and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping and analysis. These services use multiple modes of communication to meet the diverse needs of the volunteers who are the foundation of local communities. Educational outreach occurs in the form of the website, newsletter, *How To Guides*, *Fact Sheets*, topical workshops, video/audio training, and personalized training with boards and residents by request.

In 2004 SRPC focused on the following regional issues: adoption of conservation/cluster subdivision ordinances, implementation of nonpoint pollution prevention best practices, water quantity and quality within the coastal watersheds, wastewater and septage, workforce housing with a focus on maintaining the economic vitality of the region, land conservation, adoption of the

state Transportation Improvement Plan, air quality conformity, and the integration of transportation and land use planning through access management. These areas will continue to receive the Commission's attention as the northern coastal region continues to grow.

Services provided to all communities for 2004 included: Census and GIS data and mapping, NH Land Use planning books, websites for the Commission and the Seacoast Metropolitan [Transportation] Planning Organization (MPO), road inventories, traffic counts, bike maps, transportation conference scholarships, and local match to federal coastal and transportation funds for local and regional planning and construction projects.

PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES CONDUCTED WITH OR FOR DURHAM IN 2004 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Provided GIS coverage for Town Zoning Map update.
- Updated Town conservation lands mapping.
- Updated the Town building permit data from 1/1/2000 through 12/31/2003.
- Updated Town Tax Map data and produced field assessing maps for Assessor use.
- Provided requested traffic count data for Town staff.
- Collaborated with the Oyster River Watershed Association and the Lamprey River Watershed Association and Advisory Committee on river and watershed concerns.
- Provided requested data for Town's State Planning and Research grant proposal. Assisted Town Planner in the development of the Static Planning and Research (SPR) grant application and project presentation to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.
- Assisted Town Planner in developing project presentations for Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds.

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- Provided technical assistance and support for collecting traffic count and turning movement data for the Main Street redesign project.
- Updated the Seacoast Transportation Model network for the Town of Durham.
- Created a Town center and destinations data layer for the Town to be used in GIS analyses.
- Updated the Local Resources Protection Priorities data layer for the Town to be used in determining the locations of future land protection areas.
- Updated child care and assisted housing data and corresponding GIS layers.
- Updated economic indicators data to be used in GIS analyses.
- Provided data and information for tax parcel-based maps for their use during the revaluation and followup, and for other issues.
- Prepared estimate for and met with Planning Board regarding a build-out analysis of Durham to be completed in 2005.

Further questions or comments can be referred to Cynthia Copeland, AICP, Executive Director at cjc@strafford.org. Please visit our website at www.strafford.org. We look forward to working with the Town of Durham in 2005. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for your continuing support of regional planning and action for sustainable development and an improved quality of life. —30—

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Young visitors to Woodridge Park play on one of the new playground equipment pieces installed in the fall of 2004 with the assistance of Timberland Company volunteers.

Durham Cable Access Television

PETER BROWN, CHAIR

DURHAM CABLE ACCESS Television (DCAT) continues to make progress in all areas. The DCAT Governance Committee has and will continue to review and revise policies and guidelines so that DCAT can better serve the Town of Durham and its residents as a source of information, communication and entertainment. The efforts of DCAT coordinator Craig Stevens and his staff, as well as the excellent work of Paul Gadowski and his high school students, have contributed immensely to the successes of DCAT.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

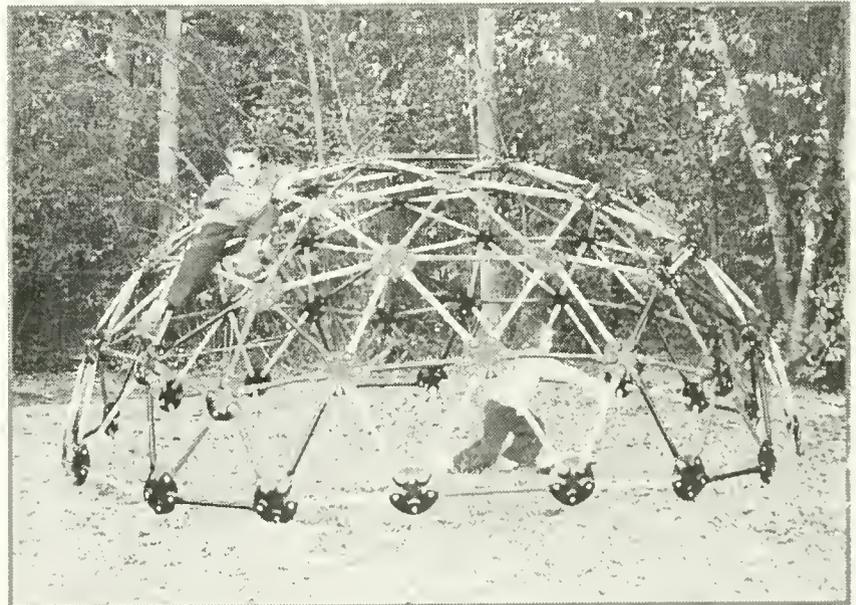
- Upgraded equipment to digital format allowing for enhanced programming, scheduling and viewing.
- Established bylaws for the Governance Committee.
- Revised the Community Bulletin Board guidelines.
- New programming schedule featuring original programming slots on Thursday and Sunday nights.
- The debut of "Good TV" produced by local residents Ed Valena and George Kachadorian.
- Several DCAT productions including "Rotary July 4th Celebration", "Super Bowl 2004 Durham PD", and "Durham Day '04".
- Regular high school productions including "The Power of One: Voices in the Community", "Game of the Week", "Generations TV Magazine", as well as high school graduation and "Peace Requiem".

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Establish new sponsorship/underwriting guidelines to help cover production costs.
- Improve community involvement, in cooperation with the school district, through community based programming, video production training classes and integration of the high school studio.
- Utilize all available resources (list server, Channel 22, website, etc.) to inform the community about programs and classes.

We welcome public comment through email, telephone calls or attendance at our monthly meetings. We hope to have all DCAT committee positions filled and encourage you to apply for open positions. Please see the DCAT section of the Durham Town web site for committee membership and other relevant information.

I thank my fellow members on the DCAT Governance Committee for volunteering their time and efforts. We will continue our work to make DCAT a viable entity for the Durham community and we thank you for watching Channel 22. —30—





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The Town begins the process of tearing down the old Public works storage shed behind the Town Offices. The salt shed will remain; however, the old Public Works garage (building shown with the white bay doors) will also be demolished.

Economic Development Committee

**JAMES CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

EARLY IN 2004 the Economic Development Committee met to discuss several issues including a boathouse, Smitty's parcel on Dover Road, and the library. We also had representatives from the Mill Pond Center come to a meeting of the Committee to present their master plan for the Center. We met with the Director and some of the Board members.

The Economic Development Committee was formed on a temporary basis so the committee was "sunset" and disbanded. However, Neil Niman gave the Town Council the Committee's recommendations that were generated as a result of its meetings. Eventually, the topic of the Economic Development Committee went back to Town Council who reinstated the Committee in August of 2004. The Committee consists of four citizens, two Councilors, and the Director of Planning and Community Development. We have only filled two of the citizen positions and welcome others to ap-

ply and help the committee move forward.

As voted on by Town Council, the charge for this committee will be to:

1. Develop a marketing plan for the Durham Business Park intended to aggressively seek a buyer for the property for presentation to, and approval by, the Town Council for implementation;
2. Review the 1994 Design Guidelines for the Durham Business Park to ensure they accurately reflect present aesthetic considerations for the property and present any changes needed to the Town Council for final incorporation into the document;
3. Establish development guidelines for the area around Technology Drive for presentation to, and approval by, the Town Council and determine the cost of extending water and sewer to the properties abutting Beech Hill Road along with transforming the roadway to a Class V road, and
4. Review the commercial/retail potential for the Town Hall site.

Since August the Committee has been working to fulfill the charge set out by the Council. The Committee met in August, September, October, and November. The Committee has been working on developing a marketing plan for the Durham Business Park; we have been reviewing the 1994 Design Guidelines for the Durham Business Park; we have discussed the need to establish development guidelines for the area around Technology Drive for presentation to, and approval by, the Town Council; we have determined the estimated cost of extending water and sewer to the properties abutting Beech Hill Road along with transforming the roadway to a Class V road and have placed this project into the Capital Improvement Plan; and we have been reviewing the commercial/retail potential for the Town Hall site on the corner of Route 108. The Committee also met with George Bald, Executive Director of Pease Development Authority, and took a tour of the facilities. —30—



Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

TRACY WOOD, CHAIR

THE INTEGRATED Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) currently has six resident volunteers, a Town Council member volunteer, and two vacancies. Our mission and the scope of our activities is as a citizen advisory group for the Durham Public Works Department and committee members work directly, in the Town, to minimize and eliminate waste and its impacts to our environment and resources.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

- Successfully completed the campaign for all Town offices to use Chlorine free/80% recycled paper.
- Another successful compost bin sale.
- Despite construction confusion at the Oyster River High School (ORHS), two committee members joined with school administrators, a teacher, and students to increase recycling within the classrooms at ORHS. Permanent posters are displayed above each bin.
- The Swap Shop has continued to grow in popularity. The building was completed this summer, and is in constant use. The number of volunteers has increased to thirty. One committee member coordinates the volunteers.
- Started a recycling program for packing peanuts, which has been successful. Estimated average quantity recycled is 7cu.ft/week.
- Hosted two guest speakers discussing current wastewater issues. IWMAC hosted a display at the Durham Day gathering. IWMAC produced two more issues of the "Down to Earth" newsletter, Spring and Fall editions, which focus on waste issues and useful waste management practices.
- IWMAC members met with the Planning Board regarding recycling programs for pri-

vate developments in Durham. Options have been researched.

- Increased efforts on campaign about the benefits of using brown paper leaf bags for Fall Cleanup disposal of leaves.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Continue to promote waste reduction and recycling programs, compost bin sales, two yearly newsletters and Durham Day display, and monthly meetings.
- Keep abreast of current options for expanding plastics recycling.
- Monitor and educate residents about disposal options and costs for treated wastewater and storm water.
- Re-evaluate the Household Hazardous Waste collection program, with hopes for expansion.
- Join up with the UNH ReNU program to help expand the volumes of recycled goods from exiting students (thus reducing waste).

While our main goal is to minimize or eliminate waste and its impacts to the environment and resources, our "local" goal is to reach Durham residents and broaden their knowledge about issues of waste. Our committee strives to help Durham become a healthier, more sustainable, and self-sufficient community. —30—



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Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee. Front (l-r): Dale Valena, Tracy Wood, Diana Carroll. Back (l-r): Jessie McKone, Neal Ferris, Merle Craig, Doug Bullen, Public Works Rep; John Kraus, Town Council Rep.





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Lamprey River Advisory Committee

JUDITH SPANG, CHAIR, Durham

Committee Members:

Durham: Dick Lord
Marilyn Dewey
Jim Hewitt

Lee: Joe Ford
Frank Reinhold
Dick Weyrick
Kitty Miller
Sharon Meeker

Newmarket: Fred Pearson

Epping: Kevin Martin
Greg Tillman

At Large: Brian Giles

THE LAMPREY RIVER Advisory Committee (LRAC) was formed when the Lamprey was designated a National Wild and Scenic River by Congress, and a State Protected River by the State Legislature. It consists of representatives from Epping, Lee, Durham and Newmarket. The LRAC has developed a long range River Management Plan and works yearly on carrying out parts of the Plan. The Committee also reviews all projects which could impact the river for state and federal agencies.

*Blue Heron on
the Lamprey River.
Photo by Richard Lord*



Meetings, open to the public, are generally the second Tuesday of every month, with location rotating among the four towns. There are currently two openings for members from Durham on the LRAC. For more information, please contact Judith Spang, Chair, at 659-5936.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

Public Information Education

→ The LRAC is completing the editing and illustration of Lee conservationist Dave Allan's children's book on a young native American's summer on the Lamprey. Because it is historically correct as well as entertaining, it will supplement the LRAC's curriculum on the river now being used in area schools. The book will be published in January, 2005.

→ A recreation subcommittee was formed to address recreational access to the river and create opportunities at suitable sites. The first task has been working with the Town of Epping on the access point at the Route 87 bridge with a new informational kiosk.

→ Oyster River's Mast Way school in Lee continues to be one of several elementary schools using the LRAC's Lamprey River curriculum. In three river towns there are now eight classes using the curriculum, which encompasses hands-on art, social studies, science and writing.

Review of River-Related Development

The LRAC contributed \$15,000 toward the reconstruction of a safer and more aesthetic Packers Falls bridge in Durham in order to enhance public appreciation for the site and the river.

Water Quality Monitoring

Members assisted the Lamprey River Watershed Association in monitoring the Lamprey from Epping to Newmarket. In part thanks to the new Epping Wastewater Treatment Plant and in part due to land conservation and effective local shoreland zoning, the river has maintained its high water quality.



Land Conservation

- By matching the LRAC's federal appropriations with funding by towns and conservation organizations, the Committee has been able to support the conservation of 1,432 acres and 6.7 miles of Lamprey river frontage in the 4-town area and over a mile on the tributaries, the Little and North Rivers.
- In 2004, the LRAC partnered with multiple other parties to assist Frank and Linda Rheinfeld of Lee to place an easement on their Flag Hill Winery land, with extensive frontage on both the Lamprey and the North River. Margaret Blickle's 70-acre property in Lee with its highly significant Blandings turtle habitat was also protected by Lee and the LRAC in 2004.
- In Durham, the LRAC is supporting the efforts of the Land Protection Working Group in saving land that is on the river, or ecologically connected to it.

Residents interested in assuring that their land remains undeveloped for future generations should contact the Chair about participating in this program. The LRAC pays for most costs to landowners associated with easements.

Fish Passage at Wiswall

Federal money has been appropriated to create fish passage at the Wiswall dam. The LRAC is participating in a task force analyzing options, include installing a fish "ladder", removing the

dam, or creating a brook that by-passes the dam. The Durham Town Council will be ultimately responsible for the decision.

Instream Flow Study

The pilot study to determine how to protect the Lamprey River's flow levels is commencing, and the LRAC has been identifying important river resources that should be protected under the program.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Work on conservation of Lamprey corridor properties in Durham, Lee and Epping totaling over 400 acres and 14,000 feet of river frontage.
- Assist the Town, State and Federal agencies in determining the best fish passage options for Wiswall dam.
- Review and make recommendations on the Instream Flow Study for the Lamprey.
- Monitor the study on a potential regional wastewater outfall pipe into the Atlantic, which could have an impact on water levels in all rivers where treatment plants now exist.
- Continue to monitor water quality with the Lamprey River Watershed Association (which is seeking volunteers for the coming summer).
- Address streamside erosion problems in recreational areas on the river. —30—

**Rental Housing
Commission**

MARK HENDERSON, CHAIR

THE RENTAL HOUSING Commission is made up of nine members from various organizations, all of which have an impact on rental housing and its impact on our community. All seats were filled for 2004 and the Commission held official meetings.

Commission Members: Mark Henderson, Chair; Brett Mongeon, UNH; Paul Berton, DLA; Ken Barrows, UNH; Rory Sheehan, Student Senate; Perry Bryant, DLA; Rene Kelly, Durham Police; Megan Brady, Tenant/UNH; Mark Morong, Council Rep.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2004:

The Commission accomplished its goal for 2004 as it has become a more active vehicle for citi-

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zens, landlords, and Town officials to discuss situations, actions, and events pertaining to rental housing and tenants that may be detrimental to our community. Most of our year was spent on discussions and drafting of potential ordinances that would help the Town hold property owners more accountable for their properties and their tenants. We heard from numerous residential neighborhood groups and individuals that expressed concerns with the growing number of rental properties that have disrupted their neighborhoods. Most of these complaints were directed at houses that were owned by non-professional or absentee landlords. Police and Fire Departments along with the Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer have worked diligently to hold these owners and tenants accountable for their actions and to make sure that their property is consistent with Durham zoning laws. The Commission has worked hard to assist the Durham Landlord Association in promoting a more active involvement and ma-

nagement of their properties. More visible management, Police and Fire Department presence, and code enforcement have all been very effective in controlling most of the rental housing owned by professional and active landlords.

GOALS FOR 2005:

- Further assist the Town and residents with problematic neighborhood rental houses.
- Hold the non-professional and absentee landlords accountable for their tenants and properties.
- Work with UNH to create a system of awareness and education for tenants and property owners that relates to off-campus living in residential neighborhoods.
- Add a new seat to the Commission to include a "residential neighborhood" representative.

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American Red Cross

DURHAM CHAPTER

Serving Durham and the University of New Hampshire. For Service or Information Please Call: (603) 868-9692

THE AMERICAN RED Cross in Durham is staffed entirely by volunteers and financed largely by membership contributions. It is the only all-volunteer Red Cross Chapter in New Hampshire.

It's a hometown affair. People in Durham care about their neighbors. Hundreds of men, women, and young people are Durham Red Cross volunteers. Each year, they contribute funds to make the Red Cross services available to residents of Durham and to faculty, staff and students at the University of New Hampshire.

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

Membership

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

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

Leadership Volunteers

Mrs. Nobel K. Peterson, Dr. James P. Barrett, C. Robert Keesey, Mrs. Herbert H. Flather, Dr. Paul C. Young, Kenneth R. Dudzik, Dr. Kevin V. Dugas,

Kathryn Perry Firczuk, David T. Funk, Col. Calvin Hosmer III, Peter J. Pekins, Ralph Smallidge, Alden L. Winn, Jerilyn B.Young, Col. Richard Erickson, Alexander Amell, William Carter III, Linda Ekdahl, Marcia Erickson, Linda L. Hayden, Gerald J. Needell, Dr. Amos R. Townsend

Service to military personnel, veterans, and their families is one of the primary responsibilities of the American Red Cross. It includes family counseling, reporting and communications in cooperation with the military services and Veterans Administration, assistance applying for government benefits, referral to other resources and emergency financial assistance. This service also assists with international tracing and emergency communications.

Disaster Services

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. Immediate emergency aid or relief and recovery assistance must be provided for residents threatened or affected by disasters such as fire, flood, or hurricane. The Durham Chapter has a small share in Red Cross efforts to help alleviate suffering around the world.

Blood Services

Whenever a resident of Durham or a student, faculty or staff member of the University of New Hampshire needs blood while anywhere in the USA or Canada and notifies the Durham Red Cross, the blood can be replaced. All hospitals in New Hampshire are provided blood by the American Red Cross. This year, the Durham Red Cross conducted drives on 17 days. This service is successful because generous people contribute funds to their Red Cross chapter, serve as volunteers and give blood.

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Nursing and Health Services

Volunteers in nursing and health services assist with Durham Chapter Red Cross Blood Services. Upon request, they assist with blood pressure clinics and AIDS information programs of the UNH Health Services. Volunteers told of Red Cross nursing and health services at community and area health fairs held on the UNH campus. The BAT program and Baby Sitting Course are available to schoolchildren.

Water Safety Services

Service is provided for young people in Durham in cooperation with ORYA, and for UNH students and other adults.

First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and AED is available for all members of the DurhamUNH community.

Motor Corps Service

Transportation is provided to nearby medical facilities for routine treatment or therapy where there is need. This is the 60th year of service by the Motor Corps.

Equipment Loaned to Convalescents

Wheelchairs, walkers, hospital-type beds, canes, and more are loaned on a first-request basis crutches to residents of Durham, UNH faculty, staff, and students. —30—

Births for 2004

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAMES
Elli Francis Donovan	January 13	Portsmouth	Kevin & Monika Donovan
Lillian Norah Henderson	January 14	Dover	Douglas & Gayle Henderson
Aakanshya Bhatt	January 15	Dover	Maya & Seema Bhatt
Hannah Kate McLoughlin	January 16	Portsmouth	Edward & Lauren McLoughlin
Andrew Chia-Her Hsu	January 19	Dover	Yu-Kuang Hsu & Chiung-Ting Yeh
Kana Sophia Matsuda	January 20	Portsmouth	Paul & Aya Matsuda
Carl Andrew Wierda	January 30	Portsmouth	Derk Wierda & Carmela Amato-Wierda
Eden Remembrance Williams	February 04	Dover	Jason & Chelsea Williams
Charlotte Cecile Moran	February 09	Exeter	Joshua & Heather Moran
William Flynn Wade	February 16	Portsmouth	Steven & Molly Wade
Kyra Isabel Langley	February 20	Dover	David & Donna Langley
Cameron Chase Maroh Howland	February 27	Dover	David & Victoria Howland
Albert Mingdi Tang	March 11	Dover	Guoping Tang & Yingmin Zhou
Marc Constable Parsons	March 16	Dover	Ira & Yasmine Parsons
Brooke Haylee Thompson	March 28	Portsmouth	Robert & Lea Thompson
Terrell Alexander Barnes	March 29	Portsmouth	Christopher & Angela Barnes
Anderson Sidney Myers	March 31	Portsmouth	Thomas & Jennifer Myers
Caraline Jeanne Shaheen	April 05	Portsmouth	Craig Welch & Stefany Shaheen
Hannah Juliann Knightly	April 13	Dover	Russell & Jocelyn Knightly
Collin Michael Chutter-Cressy	April 17	Burlington, VT	Bruce & Kristen Chutter-Cressy
Adara Rose-Marie Thone	April 20	Exeter	Lindsey Thone
Andrew Bradley Carlson	April 30	Dover	James & Caroline Carlson

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAMES
Theodore Alfred Castonguay	May 08	Portsmouth	Ted Castonguay & Lynne LaPlante
Martin William Schotto	May 21	Dover	Kathleen Schotto
Jonathan Ryan Schotto	May 21	Dover	Kathleen Schotto
Charlotte Allen Merritt	June 02	Dover	Wesley & Sonya Merritt
Madeline Shea Marshall	June 03	Portsmouth	Robert & Jania Marshall
Amelia Maily Zoeller	June 19	Portsmouth	Kristian & Michelle Zoeller
Adam Timothy Pescosolido	June 25	Dover	Anthony & Elizabeth Pescosolido
Grace Ha-Young Lee	June 29	Dover	Frederick & Sunghea Lee
Maxwell Adams Proulx	July 09	Portsmouth	David & Rachel Proulx
John Raftis Henry	July 18	Concord	Mark & Kathleen Henry
Johanna Grace Skubisz	July 20	Lebanon	Michael & Kelly Skubisz
Maxwell Reed Daigle	July 27	Dover	Joshua & Dana
Ashley Jane Harvey	August 02	Dover	Brett & Tamara Har...
Luke Yi Wang	August 04	Dover	Yuan Li Wang & Minghua Li
Sophia Gwendolyn Isaak	August 09	Dover	Nicholas & Maria Isaak
Margit Addie Marie Berglund	August 10	Exeter	Nils Per Gustav Berglund & Julia Bryce
Osiris Willow	August 12	Durham	Matthew McMurtry & Patricia Welch
Benjamin Andrew Montgomery	August 15	Portsmouth	John & Ann Montgomery
Laura Emily Slama	August 23	Portsmouth	Frederick & Emily Slama
Maya Evelyn Eichorn	September 03	Portsmouth	Paul Eichorn & Amy Carrington
Kushal Mital	September 19	Portsmouth	Amit Mital & Anjali Gupta
Caleb Stephen Greene	September 20	Portsmouth	Richard & Suzanne Greene
Gabriel Richard Goodwin	September 22	Exeter	Jamie & Polly Goodwin
Olivia Gunda	October 07	Dover	Shyam Gunda & Vani Murarishetty
William Robert Grove	October 11	Exeter	Nathan & Yvonne Grove
Quinn Thomson Van Ledtje	October 13	Dover	Matthew Van Ledtje & Cynthia Merrill
Nicholas Norman McClary	October 24	Dover	Michael & Melissa McClary
Mayha Zahra Ali	November 24	Portsmouth	Yasir Ali & Sadaf Shams
Fiona Adhiambo Ongany	December 06	Dover	John Osambo & Joyce Ongany
Lauren Elizabeth Jenson-Dickey	December 09	Exeter	Brian Dickey & Lisa Jenson
Gael DelGadillo	December 12	Exeter	Jorge DelGadillo & Jennifer Forcier DelGadillo
Julian Ryan O'Quinn	December 12	Portsmouth	Ryan & Jocelyn O'Quinn
Lucas Nathaniel Kachadorian	December 24	Dover	George Kachadorian & Courtney Bent
Isabelle Reese Vaillincourt	December 16	Exeter	Joseph & Molly Vaillincourt
John Charles Pache	December 26	Portsmouth	Thomas Pache & Anna Fitzpatrick
Harrison Scott Salvatier Vallery	December 28	Portsmouth	David & Ireen Vallery

Deaths For 2004

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Christine Boyland	January 07	Portsmouth	Alexander MacIntyre	Sarah Munroe
Daniel Ricker	February 03	Portsmouth	Daniel Ricker	Virginia Babcock
Elaine Hutchinson	March 03	Exeter	Robert Hutchinson	Margaret Wheelock
George Burnett	March 11	Dover	George Burnett	H. Birdine Whittington
Pearl Edith Libby	March 11	Durham	William Daniels	Marrilla Smith
Albert Elwell	March 12	Dover	Sumner Elwell	Fleurange Bernard
Dorothy True	April 17	Dover	Joshua Janvrin	Esther Chase
Helga Gombossy	April 17	Durham	Rezso Huber	Martha Brecher
Lyle Ford	April 18	Dover	Harry Ford	Sylvia Hiltz
Mildred Ross	May 01	Portsmouth	George Chalker	Anne Hussey
Hollis Leland	May 06	Durham	Will Leland	Nellie Jackson
Charlotte Chase	May 24	Durham	Benjamin Boothroyd	Bessie Ingham
Lorraine Frick	June 02	Durham	George Hammerstram	Margaret Low
Vincent Todd	June 14	Durham	Ernest Todd	Ada Sidebottom
Alice Pike	July 10	Exeter	Wilson Pike	Margaret Acorn
Jane Bucklin	July 11	Dover	Earl Rowe	Myra Collins
Raymond Biondi	July 28	Dover	Raymond Biondi	Nancy Argentati
T. Moher	September 14	Durham	Daniel Moher	Mary O'Neill
Roland LaRoche	October 10	Dover	Roger LaRoche	Laura Cote
Sam Rosen	October 16	Dover	Louis Rosen	Belle Kurtz
Leslie Warren	November 17	Dover	Leslie Warren	Margaret Chalmers
Daniel Valpey	November 23	Portsmouth	Frank Valpey	Gladys Parker
Frances Mullin	December 01	Portsmouth	Patrick Lee	Catherine Toomey
James Fleming	December 01	Portsmouth	Frances Fleming	Thelma Drayton
Paul Hubbe	December 02	Durham	Paul Hubbe	Hedwig Strack
Marie Dresser	December 13	Durham	Carroll Peacock	Sara Marston
Charles Burley	December 14	Dover	Charles Burley	Anne Monticone
Lyman Mower	December 20	Durham	Robinson Mower	Elizabeth Kimball
May Turmelle	December 23	Dover	Raoul Turmelle	Lucinda Throughworthy

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Marriages For 2004

GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Paul D. Eichorn	Durham	Amy Carrington	Durham	Durham	January 21
Bradford M. Harris	Farmington	Amanda E. Thomas	Durham	Rochester	February 12
Francis R. Costa	Durham	Linda L. Tirrell	Loudon	Durham	February 01
Vasyl M. Grychanyuk	Durham	Marina D. Vestal	Middleton	Durham	March 19
Stephen M. Marston	Pittsfield	Melinda R. Shump	Durham	Durham	May 01
Frank D. McCann	Durham	Diane M. McCann	Durham	Portsmouth	May 20

GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Roger LaPointe	Durham	Natalie A. Pettis	Durham	Somersworth	May 29
Robert A. Cutting	Durham	Jennifer E. Lawrence	Durham	Durham	June 05
Henry M. Smith	Durham	Eileen M. Fitzpatrick	Durham	Durham	June 11
Jamie F. Goodwin	Durham	Polly L. Gsottschneider	Durham	Durham	June 18
Matthew R. Doiron	Sanford, ME	Jennifer L. Thompson	Durham	Durham	June 26
Kevin P. Gorski	Durham	Valerie J. Schuyler	Durham	Durham	June 26
Brian T. Linvill	Durham	Maria J. Kanters	Durham	Durham	July 04
Edward L. Lazarus	Durham	Nahanni W. Rous	Durham	Lee	August 22
Andrew L. Kun	Durham	Jennifer M. Sneirson	Durham	Durham	August 28
Todd I. Selig	Durham	Loren J. Weiss	Baltimore, MD	Portland, ME	Sept. 10
Michael L. Windsor	Durham	Jessica M. Montgomery	Durham	Durham	October 01
Ross D. MacKinnon	Coventry, CT	Marilyn B. Hoskin	Durham	Portsmouth	October 02
Michael E. Grover	Kennebunk, ME	Heather E. Armitage	Durham	Durham	October 09
Paul Ramsay	Durham	Jennifer Scumaci	Durham	Loudon	October 10
Justin K. Darling	Durham	Jenna N. Zabriskie	Durham	Portsmouth	October 16
Andrew F. Kenney	Cambridge, MA	Shannon M. Reilly	Durham	Portsmouth	October 23
Michael E. Grassi	Durham	Elizabeth M. Caffrey	Exeter	Durham	October 23
Andrew C. Reed	Durham	Allison L. Kelley	Durham	Lee	Nov. 06
Charles T. Cheney	Durham	Cynthia H. Adams	Durham	Durham	Nov. 22
Paul A. Leroux	Durham	Susan M. Ayers	Durham	Durham	Dec. 04
Amit Joglekar	Durham	Archana Bhargava	Durham	Durham	Dec. 18

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Resource Information

LAND AREA

(2.2 miles of which is water surface).....	25.5 sq. miles
Population (based on 2000 census).....	12,664
Incorporated.....	1732
Durham's Congressional District Number	1

MEETING DATES FOR TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

(Notices are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall and on the Town's web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.)

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

TOWN OFFICE FUNCTIONS

Town Office Hours.....	Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Car Registration	Registration in month of birth. Renewal stickers and license plates can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for an additional \$2.50 per registration.

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- Car Inspection Car must be inspected within ten (10) days of first registration in New Hampshire. After that, inspection is done in the registrant's birth month. Residents may now register cars on-line by logging onto the Town web site at: www.ci.durham.nh.us or www.ebzgov.com
- Driver's License Application available at the Dover Point MV Substation.
- Dog Registration..... Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$9.00.
- Property Taxes Due December 1st.
- Water & Sewer Billings..... Issued every six (6) months.
- Voter Registration New voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age and citizenship are required.
- Marriage Licenses..... Available through Town Clerk's Office

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Hearings & Public Forums: Notices for public hearings & public forums are published in the legal notice section of the Foster's Daily Democrat, on the bulletin board outside of Town Hall, and on the Town's web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.

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

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

TOWN TAX RATE

(Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation)	\$25.14
Town	\$ 6.02
School (Local).....	\$14.36
School (State)	\$ 2.89
County.....	\$ 1.87
Net Assessed Valuation	\$781,948,571
Percentage of Valuation	95%*

* Estimate of percent of valuation.

A list of all new property valuations in Durham can be viewed on the Town's web site at:

www.ci.durham.nh.us

A copy of the listings may also be obtained at the Town Office. Residents may also call the Town Assessor's Office at 868-8064 to request a hard copy, which will be printed and mailed at no cost to taxpayers.

Telephone Directory *Durham Web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us*

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EXT.	FAX	E-MAIL
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Administration, 15 Newmarket Road *Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*

Todd I. Selig..... Town Administrator868-5571 133 868-5572tselig@ci.durham.nh.us

Jennie Berry Admin. Assistant.....868-5571 129jberry@ci.durham.nh.us

NAME TITLE PHONE EXT. FAX E-MAIL

Assessing, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Robert Dix..... Assessor.....868-8065...119..... 868-8033rdix@ci.durham.nh.us

Business/Finance, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Paul Beaudoin..... Business Manager.....868-8043...138 868-5572pbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
 Lisa Beaudoin Administrative Assistant 116.....lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
 Gail Jablonski Fiscal Analyst.....115..... gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us

Fire Department, 51 College Road Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Ronald O'Keefe Fire Chief.....868-5531..... 862-1513..... rokeefe@ci.durham.nh.us
 Michael Blake Assistant Fire Chief..... mblake@ci.durham.nh.us
 Melissa Perusse Administrative Assistant mperusse@ci.durham.nh.us

Planning & Community Development, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

James Campbell Director868-8064...121..... 868-8033 jcampbell@ci.durham.nh.us
 Karen Edwards Administrative Assistant 117kedwards@ci.durham.nh.us

Police Department, 86 Dover Road Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

David Kurz..... Police Chief868-2324 868-8037dkurz@ci.durham.nh.us
 Rene Kelley Deputy Chief rkelly@ci.durham.nh.us
 Jennifer Johnson..... Administrative Assistantjjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us

Public Works, 100 Stone Quarry Road Hours: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon-Fri

Mike Lynch Director868-5578..... 868-8063 mlynch@ci.durham.nh.us
 Bob Levesque..... Town Engineer.....rlevesque@ci.durham.nh.us
 Sharice Plitkins..... Assistant to Public Works Dir. splitkins@ci.durham.nh.us

Solid Waste Division, 100 Durham Point Road Hours: 6:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Thu

Doug Bullen Opns Director868-5578...142dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us

Tax Collector/Town Clerk, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Lorrie Pitt Tn Clerk/Tax Col.868-5577...135..... 868-8033 lpitt@ci.durham.nh.us
 Barbara Landgraf Deputy Town Clerk.....137.....blandgraf@ci.durham.nh.us
 Donna Hamel Assistant to Town Clerk.....136dhamel@ci.durham.nh.us

Wastewater, Route 4 Hours: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Duane Walker Superintendent868-2274 dwalker@ci.durham.nh.us

Water Division, 100 Durham Point Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Doug Bullen Opns Director868-5578.....dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us

Zoning & Code Enforcement, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Thomas Johnson Zoning Officer.....868-8064...118..... 868-8033tjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us

OTHER COMMONLY USED NUMBERS

Oyster River School District

Superintendent of Schools868-5100
 Moharimet Elem School..... 742-2900
 Mast Way Elem School.....659-3001
 Middle School.....868-2820
 High School868-2375

Oyster River Youth Association

Office.....868-5150
 Ice Rink..... 868-3907

Durham Post Office 868-2151
 Durham Public Library 868-6699
 Historic Museum..... 868-5436
 Durham District Court 868-2323
 NH Fish & Game868-1095

STATE AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

Governor

The Honorable John Lynch
 Office of the Governor
 107 North Main Street, Room 208
 Concord, NH 03301
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 www.state.nh.us

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 mailbox@sununu.senate.gov

Senator Judd Gregg
 125 North Main Street
 Concord, NH 03301
 Office: 225-7115
 mailbox@gregg.senate.gov

US Representatives

Congressman Jeb Bradley
 104 Washington St., Dover, NH 03820
 Office: 743-4813

Executive Councilor

Ruth Griffin
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 Office: 271-3632 Home: 436-5272

Durham's Representatives in the House – District 72

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 PO Box 136, Durham, NH 03824-0136
 Office: 271-3661 Home: 868-7500
 marjorie.smith@leg.state.nh.us

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 judith@kestrelnet.net

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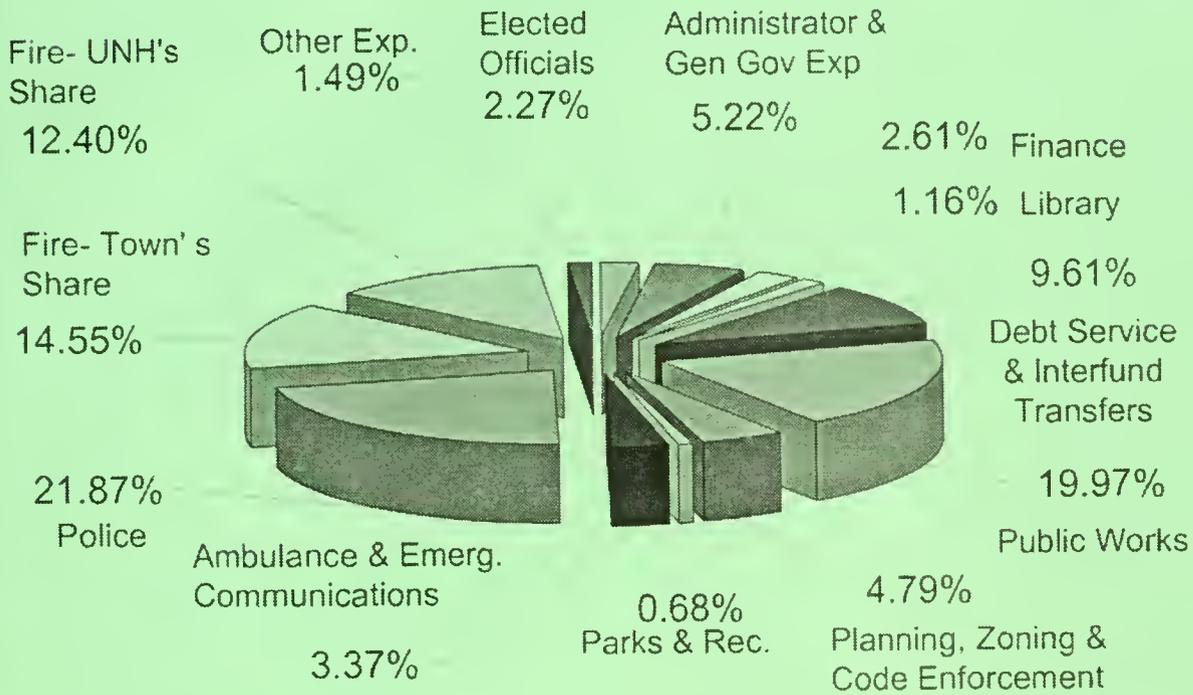
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 werous@rcn.com

Rep. Joseph Miller
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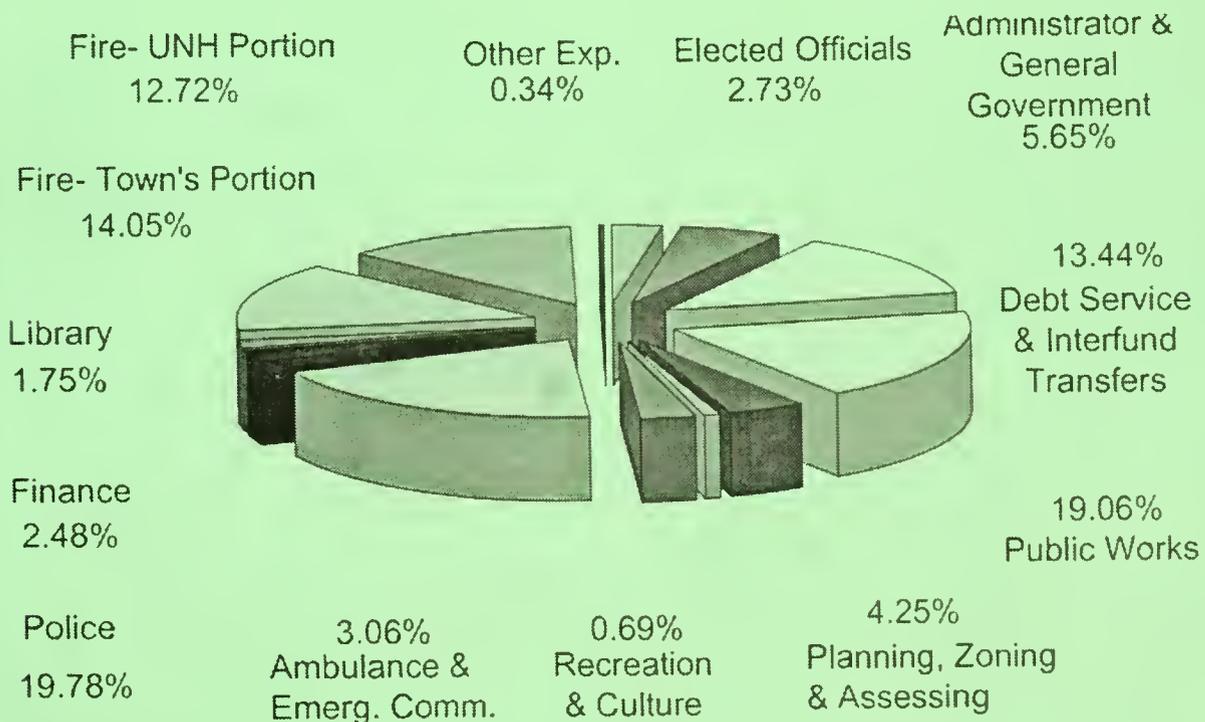
Durham's Senate Representative
 Senator Iris Estabrook
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2004 Actual General Fund Expenditures (unaudited)

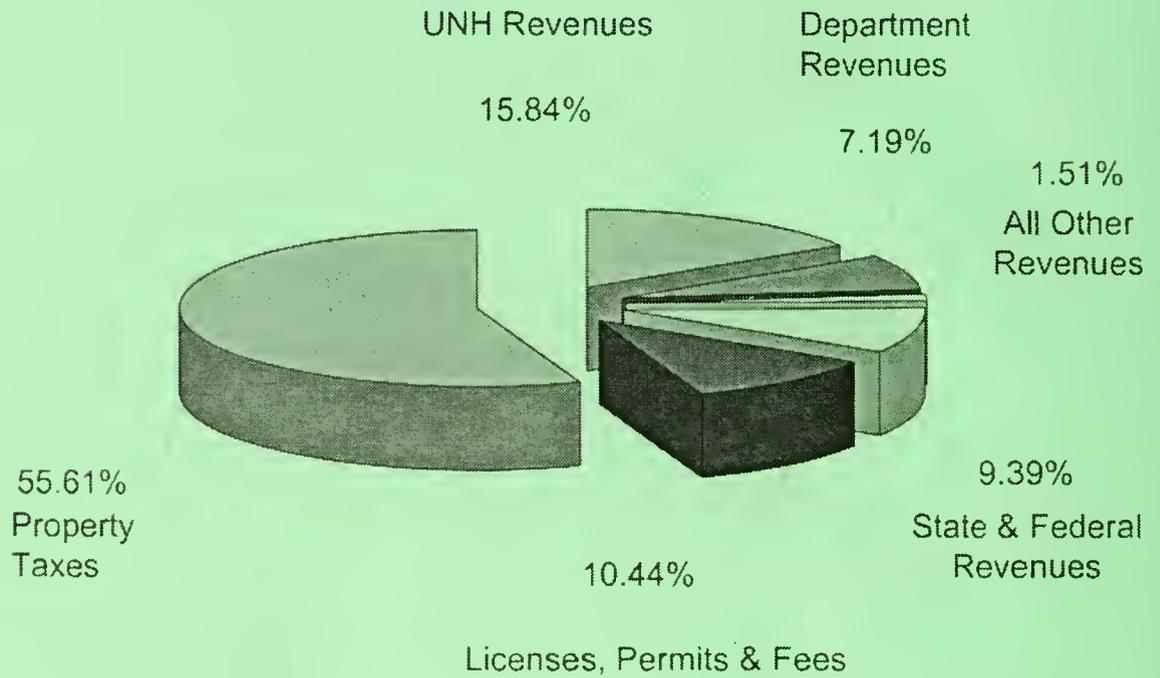


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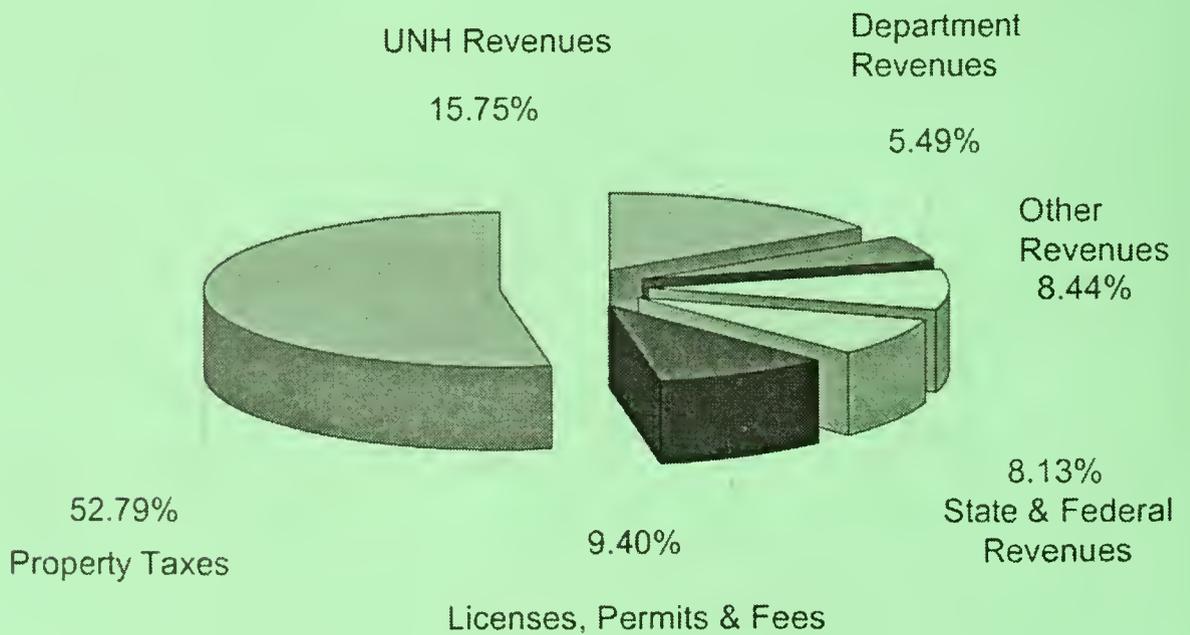
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2004 Actual General Fund Revenues (unaudited)



2005 Anticipated General Fund Revenues



Capital Improvement Program Summary

2005 - 2014

Project #	Description	Ranking	2005	Ranking	2006	Ranking	2007	Ranking	2008	Ranking	2009	Ranking	2010	Ranking	2011	Ranking	2012	Ranking	2013	Ranking	2014		
Library Trustees																							
4100-1000-06	New Library			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Conservation Commission																							
4400-5000	Land Purchase	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000		
Planning																							
4400-1010-05 & 06	Main Street Rehabilitation/UNH	1	60,000	1	587,000																		
4400-1013-05	Wagon Hill Parking			2	87,000																		
4400-1010-06	Beech Hill Road Improvements			3	858,750																		
4400-1012-06	NW & SE Transportation Linkage			4	100,000																		
4400-1007-11	US 4 Route 106 Interchange												1	150,000							491,150		
4400-1010-14	Main Street Rehabilitation, West End																						
Recreation																							
4400-2001-06 & 07 & 08	Athletic Fields			1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000		
Police Department																							
4600-1000-05 to 14	Vehicle Replacement (Purchase 20%)	1	45,000	1	46,000	1	46,000	1	47,000	1	47,000	1	47,000	1	48,000	1	48,000	1	48,000	1	48,000		
4600-1001-05	Dispatch Center Transition Costs	2	60,000																				
Fire Department																							
4700-1000-06 to 07	Fire Control Program	1	27,350	1	55,000	1	56,800																
4700-1004-07	Car 2 Replacement			2	33,865																		
4700-1003-07	Car 1 Replacement			3	24,600																		
4700-1008-08 & 07	Fire Station Upgrade	2	38,250																				
4700-1012-08	Medic Truck Replacement					2	41,500																
4700-1009-10	Engine 2 Replacement							2	365,000														
4700-1010-10	Car 3 Replacement							3	28,460														
4700-1011-11	Engine 1 Redesign												1	45,000									
4700-1002-12 & 13 & 14	Fire Station Replacement														1	1,000,000	1	1,000,000	1	250,000	1	2,500,000	
4700-1013-13	Engine 3 Replacement																2	299,000					
Public Works - Operations Division																							
4900-1005-04 to 13	Road Resurfacing	1	298,350	1	202,389	1	278,452	1	313,506	1	287,343	1	306,042	1	305,043	1	306,529	1	306,042	1	513,864	1	203,876
4900-1006-05	Stormwater GIS Mapping Data	2	22,000																				
4900-1008-05 & 06 & 07	Sewer Reconstruction			2	70,000	3	87,000	3	54,000														
4900-1007-05	Sanctuary (shared with Water & WW Funds)																						
4900-1013-08	3.4 Ton Pick-Up Truck Replacement					4	28,000																
4900-1005-06 & 07	Vertical Bridge Replacement					3	50,000	5	800,000														
4900-1015-07	Snow Blower Replacement																						
4900-1004-07 & 11 & 12	Dump Truck 33 430 GVWR Replacement																						

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2004 Combined Fund Statement Budget to Actual

REVENUES	FY2004 Estimated Revenue (Amended)	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/2004	Differential Increased (Decreased) Revenue	FY2005 Estimated Revenue
General Fund				
Taxes	\$4,711,838	\$4,710,544	(\$1,294)	\$4,941,685
State Taxes & Shared Revenue	\$698,640	\$795,706	\$97,066	\$761,226
UNH - School Allocation, Fire & Debt	\$1,411,423	\$1,341,962	(\$69,461)	\$1,473,902
Licenses & Permits	\$880,250	\$884,606	\$4,356	\$879,750
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$325,286	\$128,200	(\$197,086)	\$349,992
Departmental Charges	\$499,175	\$609,302	\$110,127	\$514,151
Fund Balance	\$365,000	\$0	(\$365,000)	\$440,000
Total General Fund	\$8,891,612	\$8,470,320	-\$421,292	\$9,360,705
Water Fund	\$460,217	\$313,469	(\$146,748)	\$421,547
Sewer Fund	\$1,369,721	\$1,183,760	(\$185,961)	\$1,513,905
Parking Fund	\$216,000	\$170,903	(\$45,097)	\$213,000
Capital Fund	\$3,751,555	\$2,218,882	(\$1,532,674)	\$1,424,550
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$14,689,105	\$12,357,333	-\$2,331,772	\$12,933,707
EXPENDITURES	FY2004 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2004	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2005 Council Approved
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Council	\$72,571	\$74,210	(\$1,639)	\$83,399
Elections	\$14,808	\$14,330	\$478	\$7,987
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	\$161,431	\$171,831	(\$10,400)	\$157,782
Town Treasurer	\$6,028	\$6,028	\$0	\$6,050
Town Administrator	\$204,043	\$198,103	\$5,940	\$208,372
General Government & Computers	\$284,900	\$228,539	\$56,361	\$320,355
Finance Office	\$231,892	\$224,365	\$7,527	\$232,446
Planning, Zoning & Assessing	\$440,556	\$391,271	\$49,285	\$398,083
Other General Government	\$7,646	\$7,325	\$321	\$9,073
General Government Total	\$1,423,875	\$1,316,001	\$107,874	\$1,423,547
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police Department	\$1,701,596	\$1,786,304	-\$84,708	\$1,851,936
Fire Department	\$2,326,443	\$2,200,943	\$125,500	\$2,505,800
Communication Center	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$0	\$251,522
Ambulance Services	\$19,125	\$19,125	\$0	\$34,900
Public Safety Total	\$4,303,164	\$4,262,372	\$40,792	\$4,644,158

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2004 Combined Fund Statement Budget to Actual (continued)

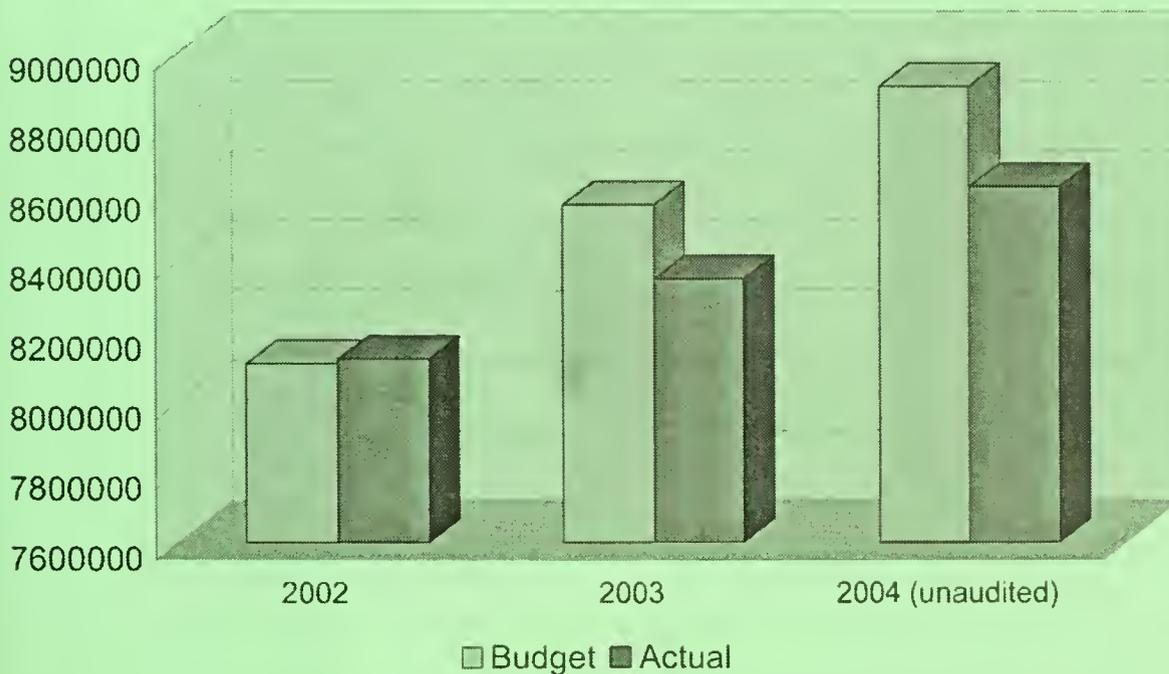
EXPENDITURES	FY2004 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2004	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2005 Council Approved
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	\$383,710	\$335,324	\$48,386	\$358,067
Buildings & Grounds	\$241,074	\$232,671	\$8,403	\$244,983
Equipment Maintenance	\$153,714	\$138,454	\$15,260	\$151,965
Roadway & Drainage	\$141,347	\$94,744	\$46,603	\$147,310
Snow Removal	\$136,601	\$112,825	\$23,776	\$143,872
Traffic Control	\$103,229	\$108,456	(\$5,227)	\$102,178
Bridges & Dams	\$142,120	\$133,210	\$8,910	\$141,740
Public Works Total	\$1,301,795	\$1,155,684	\$146,111	\$1,290,115
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Administration	\$105,730	\$107,167	(\$1,437)	\$102,635
Curbside Collection & Litter Removal	\$139,904	\$142,080	(\$2,176)	\$138,390
Recycling	\$108,087	\$113,269	(\$5,182)	\$107,570
Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF)	\$112,498	\$77,846	\$34,652	\$112,630
Hazardous Waste Day	\$3,500	\$3,719	(\$219)	\$3,500
Rolloff Vehicle Operation	\$24,990	\$30,989	(\$5,999)	\$29,320
Sanitation Total	\$494,709	\$475,070	\$19,639	\$494,045
Public Works & Sanitation Total	\$1,796,504	\$1,630,754	\$165,750	\$1,784,160
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Health Inspector	\$500	\$40	\$460	\$500
Administration & Direct Assistance	\$18,859	\$22,320	(\$3,461)	\$22,065
Health & Welfare Total	\$19,359	\$22,360	-\$3,001	\$22,565
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Public Library	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$0	\$163,509
Parks & Recreation Programs	\$2,500	\$1,152	\$1,348	\$2,000
Resident Pool Rebate	\$15,100	\$15,095	\$5	\$15,100
Memorial Day	\$700	\$1,350	(\$650)	\$1,300
O.R.Y.A.	\$25,086	\$25,086	\$0	\$25,838
Swans	\$260	\$260	\$0	\$260
Conservation Commission	\$10,000	\$11,260	(\$1,260)	\$10,000
Historic District Commission	\$600	\$101	\$499	\$4,500
Historical Association	\$2,550	\$0	\$2,550	\$3,810
Durham Day	\$1,500	\$1,480	\$20	\$2,100
Culture & Recreation Total	\$153,296	\$150,784	\$2,512	\$228,417
DEBT SERVICE				
Long Term	\$702,783	\$636,139	\$66,644	\$674,508
Short Term	\$185,000	\$80,478	\$104,522	\$185,000
Interfund Transfers	\$319,000	\$68,444	\$250,556	\$398,350
Debt Service Total	\$1,206,783	\$785,061	\$421,722	\$1,257,858
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$8,902,981	\$8,167,332	\$735,649	\$9,360,705

2004 Combined Fund Statement Budget to Actual (continued)

EXPENDITURES	FY2004 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2004	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2005 Council Approved
OTHER FUNDS				
Water Fund	\$460,217	\$362,415	\$97,802	\$421,547
Sewer Fund	\$1,369,721	\$1,209,717	\$160,004	\$1,513,905
Parking Fund	\$216,000	\$47,451	\$168,549	\$213,000
Capital Fund	\$3,651,555	\$2,968,566	\$682,989	\$1,424,550
Other Funds Total	\$5,697,493	\$4,588,149	\$1,109,344	\$3,573,002
COMBINED TOTALS	\$14,600,474	\$12,755,481	\$1,844,993	\$12,933,707

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General Fund Budget to Actual 2002 – 2004



Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of the Town Council
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 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 Durham 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 Durham 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 Durham 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 Durham. 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.

March 12, 2004

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*INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF
REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS*

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To the Members of the Town Council
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Durham for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

March 12, 2004

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2003

<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,826,529	\$ 673,015	\$
Investments		597,929	
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)</u>			
Taxes	1,428,489		
Accounts	78,503	202,862	
Intergovernmental	155,392		547,571
Interfund Receivable	265,812	144,500	
Voluntary Tax Liens	26,182		
Voluntary Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(26,182)		
Prepaid Items	15,799	2,500	
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 7,770,524</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,806</u>	<u>\$ 547,571</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 198,080	\$ 78,670	\$ 514,886
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	230,490	22,564	
Retainage Payable			212,666
Intergovernmental Payable			
Interfund Payable	5,258,136	13,890	247,841
Escrow and Performance Deposits	9,372		
Bond Anticipation Note Payable			599,381
General Obligation Bonds/Notes Payable			
Capital Leases Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Accrued Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs			
Other Long-Term Commitments			
Total Liabilities	<u>5,696,078</u>	<u>115,124</u>	<u>1,574,774</u>
 <u>Equity</u>			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved For Encumbrances	255,213	69,748	1,300,722
Reserved For Endowments			
Reserved For Special Purposes			
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated For Contingency	164,000		
Designated For Special Purposes		1,435,934	
Undesignated (Deficit)	1,655,233		(2,327,925)
Total Equity	<u>2,074,446</u>	<u>1,505,682</u>	<u>(1,027,203)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 7,770,524</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,806</u>	<u>\$ 547,571</u>

<u>Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency</u>	<u>Account Group General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
\$ 2,299,365	\$	\$ 6,499,544 2,897,294
		1,428,489 281,365 702,963
5,113,636		5,523,948 26,182
		(26,182) 18,299
	<u>10,199,199</u>	<u>10,199,199</u>
<u>\$ 7,413,001</u>	<u>\$ 10,199,199</u>	<u>\$ 27,551,101</u>
\$ 5,501,669 4,081	\$	\$ 791,636 253,054 212,666 5,501,669 5,523,948 9,372 599,381 6,273,557 423,419 377,545
	6,273,557 423,419 377,545	6,273,557 423,419 377,545
	300,000	300,000
	<u>2,824,678</u>	<u>2,824,678</u>
<u>5,505,750</u>	<u>10,199,199</u>	<u>23,090,925</u>
323,816 1,583,435		1,625,683 323,816 1,583,435
		164,000 1,435,934 (672,692)
<u>1,907,251</u>		<u>4,460,176</u>
<u>\$ 7,413,001</u>	<u>\$ 10,199,199</u>	<u>\$ 27,551,101</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$ 4,600,331	\$ 4,750,512	\$ 150,181
Licenses and Permits	856,100	888,206	32,106
Intergovernmental	2,118,550	2,044,821	(73,729)
Charges for Services	587,822	659,257	71,435
Miscellaneous	<u>91,363</u>	<u>112,053</u>	<u>20,690</u>
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>8,254,166</u>	<u>8,454,849</u>	<u>200,683</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	1,292,011	1,222,381	69,630
Public Safety	4,067,913	4,198,498	(130,585)
Highways and Streets	1,271,991	1,262,992	8,999
Sanitation	447,631	486,104	(38,473)
Water Distribution and Treatment			
Health	12,521	11,534	987
Welfare	2,250	11,407	(9,157)
Culture and Recreation	46,446	54,236	(7,790)
Conservation	10,000	6,449	3,551
Debt Service	834,447	717,563	116,884
Capital Outlay			
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>7,985,210</u>	<u>7,971,164</u>	<u>14,046</u>
<u>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</u>	<u>268,956</u>	<u>483,685</u>	<u>214,729</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>			
Interfund Transfers In	199,544	214,890	15,346
Interfund Transfers Out	<u>(544,500)</u>	<u>(544,460)</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Total Other Financing Sources and Uses</u>	<u>(344,956)</u>	<u>(329,570)</u>	<u>15,386</u>
<u>Net Change in Fund Balances</u>	<u>(76,000)</u>	<u>154,115</u>	<u>230,115</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>1,665,118</u>	<u>1,665,118</u>	
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 1,589,118</u>	<u>\$ 1,819,233</u>	<u>\$ 230,115</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Expendable Trust	
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 4,750,512	\$ 94,500	\$	\$	\$ 4,845,012
Licenses and Permits	888,206				888,206
Intergovernmental	2,154,890	852,311	708,954		3,716,155
Charges for Services	659,257	1,045,358			1,704,615
Miscellaneous	112,053	99,696	5,575	12,404	229,728
Total Revenues	8,564,918	2,091,865	714,529	12,404	11,383,716
Expenditures					
Current					
General Government	1,264,924	25,343			1,290,267
Public Safety	4,237,964				4,237,964
Highways and Streets	1,275,726				1,275,726
Sanitation	487,406	764,103			1,251,509
Water Distribution and Treatment		218,514			218,514
Health	11,534				11,534
Welfare	11,407				11,407
Culture and Recreation	49,236	139,725			188,961
Conservation	10,499				10,499
Debt Service	717,563	578,181			1,295,744
Capital Outlay		29,474	4,488,204		4,517,678
Total Expenditures	8,066,259	1,755,340	4,488,204		14,309,803
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	498,659	336,525	(3,773,675)	12,404	(2,926,087)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt			2,163,629		2,163,629
Interfund Transfers In	214,890	140,000	435,072	35,000	824,962
Interfund Transfers Out	(544,460)	(252,171)		(24,250)	(820,881)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	(329,570)	(112,171)	2,598,701	10,750	2,167,710
Net Change in Fund Balances	169,089	224,354	(1,174,974)	23,154	(758,377)
Fund Balances - January 1	1,905,357	1,281,328	147,771	1,536,772	4,871,228
Fund Balances (Deficit) - December 31	\$ 2,074,446	\$ 1,505,682	\$ (1,027,203)	\$ 1,559,926	\$ 4,112,851

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Public Library</u>	<u>Conservation Commission</u>	<u>Water Department</u>	<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Revenues</u>						
Taxes	\$	\$	\$ 94,500	\$	\$	\$ 94,500
Intergovernmental					852,311	852,311
Charges for Services	205,304			424,818	415,236	1,045,358
Miscellaneous	<u>1,256</u>	<u>83,536</u>	<u>1,918</u>	<u>9,016</u>	<u>3,970</u>	<u>99,696</u>
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>206,560</u>	<u>83,536</u>	<u>96,418</u>	<u>433,834</u>	<u>1,271,517</u>	<u>2,091,865</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>						
<u>Current</u>						
General Government	25,343					25,343
Sanitation					764,103	764,103
Water Distribution and Treatment				218,514		218,514
Culture and Recreation		139,725				139,725
<u>Debt Service</u>						
Principal				97,715	353,492	451,207
Interest				44,464	82,510	126,974
Capital Outlay				<u>26,957</u>	<u>2,517</u>	<u>29,474</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>25,343</u>	<u>139,725</u>		<u>387,650</u>	<u>1,202,622</u>	<u>1,755,340</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues</u>						
<u>Over (Under) Expenditures</u>	<u>181,217</u>	<u>(56,189)</u>	<u>96,418</u>	<u>46,184</u>	<u>68,895</u>	<u>336,525</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>						
Interfund Transfers In		90,000	50,000			140,000
Interfund Transfers Out	<u>(181,217)</u>			<u>(26,898)</u>	<u>(44,056)</u>	<u>(252,171)</u>
<u>Total Other Financing Sources and Uses</u>	<u>(181,217)</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(26,898)</u>	<u>(44,056)</u>	<u>(112,171)</u>
<u>Net Change in Fund Balances</u>		33,811	146,418	19,286	24,839	224,354
<u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>		<u>318,636</u>	<u>247,074</u>	<u>616,172</u>	<u>99,446</u>	<u>1,281,328</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$352,447</u>	<u>\$ 393,492</u>	<u>\$ 635,458</u>	<u>\$ 124,285</u>	<u>\$ 1,505,682</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2003

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Public Library</u>	<u>Conservation Commission</u>	<u>Water Department</u>	<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 742	\$ 15,983	\$	\$ 538,114	\$ 118,176	\$ 673,015
Investments		348,937	248,992			597,929
Accounts Receivable				115,889	86,973	202,862
Interfund Receivable			144,500			144,500
Prepaid Items		2,500				2,500
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 742</u>	<u>\$ 367,420</u>	<u>\$ 393,492</u>	<u>\$ 654,003</u>	<u>\$ 205,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,806</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 7	\$ 1,083	\$	\$ 13,331	\$ 64,249	\$ 78,670
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	735			5,214	16,615	22,564
Interfund Payable		13,890				13,890
Total Liabilities	<u>742</u>	<u>14,973</u>		<u>18,545</u>	<u>80,864</u>	<u>115,124</u>
 <u>Equity</u>						
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Encumbrances				13,400	56,348	69,748
<u>Unreserved</u>						
Designated For Special Purposes		352,447	393,492	622,058	67,937	1,435,934
Total Equity		<u>352,447</u>	<u>393,492</u>	<u>635,458</u>	<u>124,285</u>	<u>1,505,682</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 742</u>	<u>\$ 367,420</u>	<u>\$ 393,492</u>	<u>\$ 654,003</u>	<u>\$ 205,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,806</u>

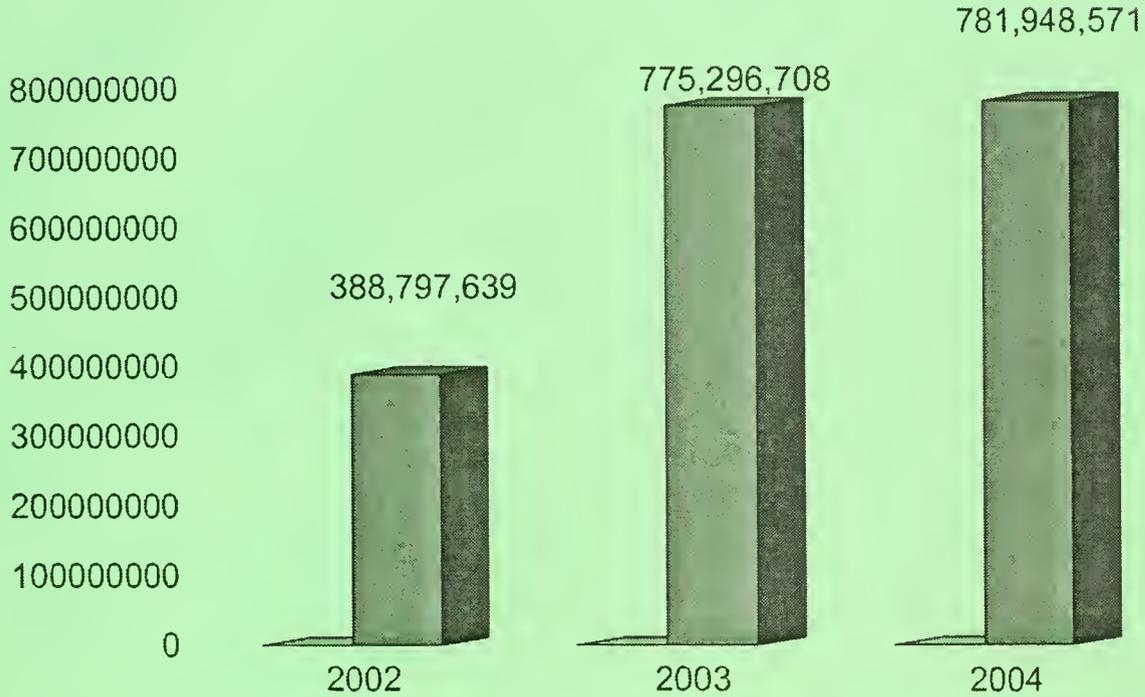
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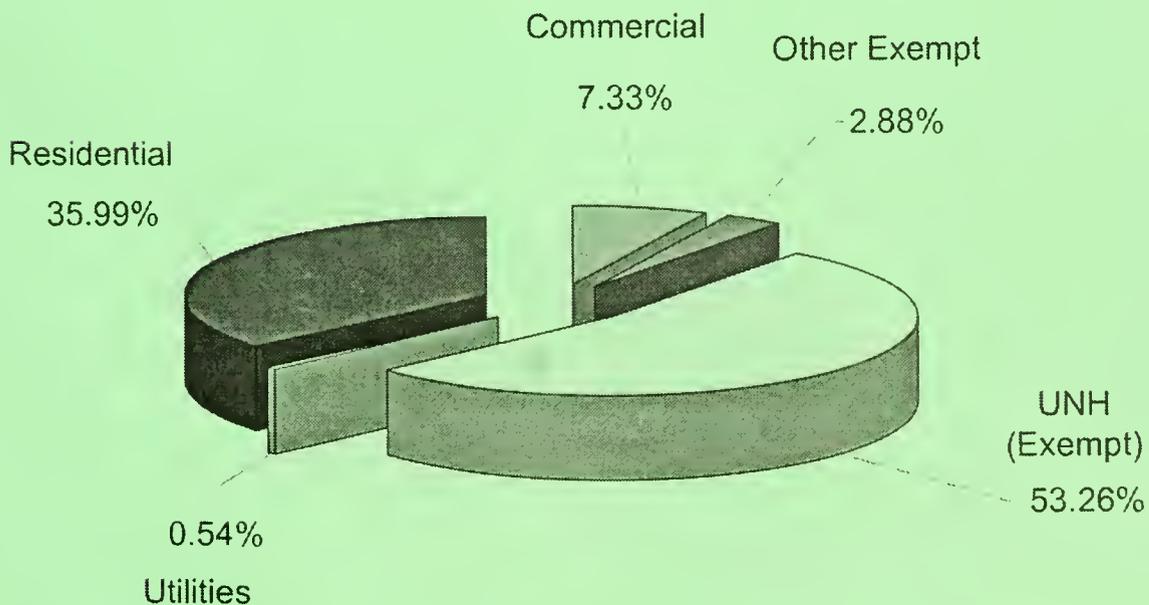
TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

<u>Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance - January 1</u>		\$ 1,665,118
 <u>Changes</u>		
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2003 Tax Rate		(76,000)
 <u>2003 Budget Summary</u>		
Revenue Surplus (Schedule A-1)	\$216,029	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Schedule A-2)	<u>14,086</u>	
2003 Budget Surplus		230,115
Increase In Designation For Contingency		<u>(164,000)</u>
 <u>Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance - December 31</u>		 <u>\$ 1,655,233</u>

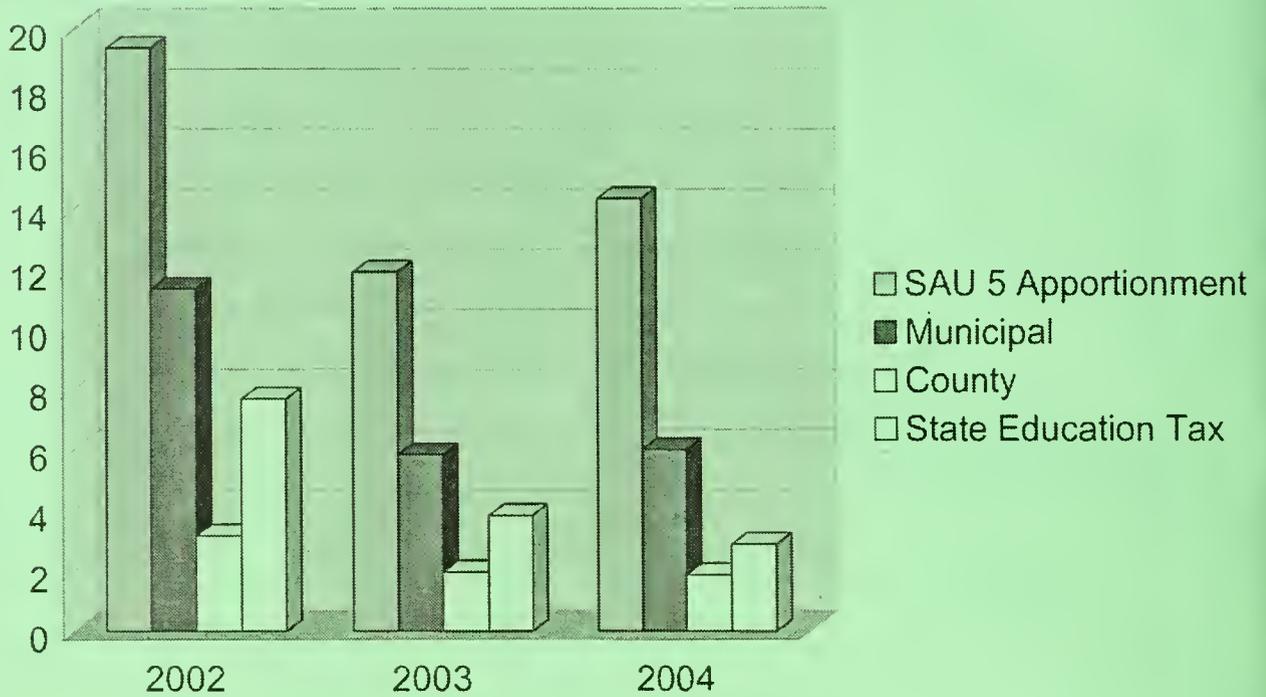
Net Taxable Valuation 2002 – 2004



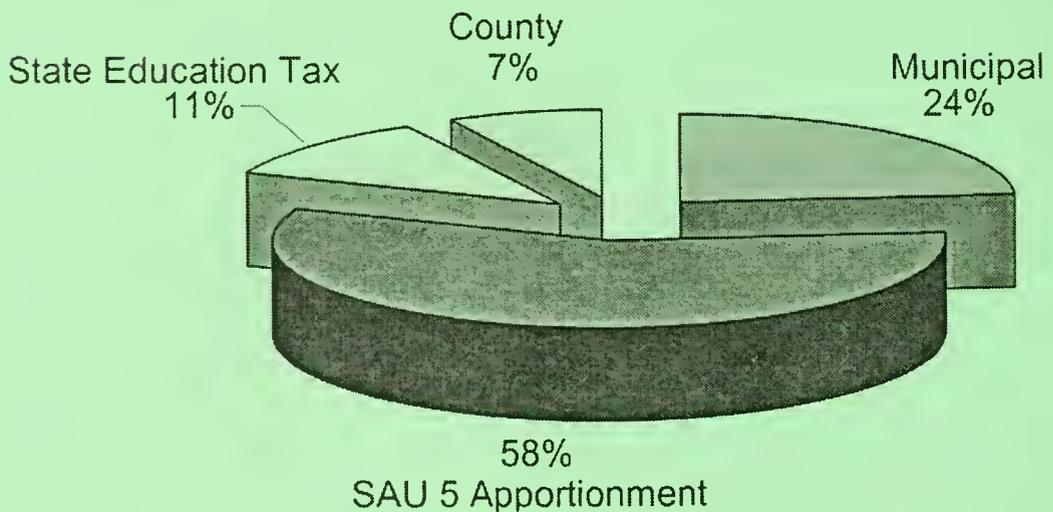
Tax Valuation Breakdown for 2004



Property Tax Revenue Comparison 2002 – 2004



Tax Rate Breakdown for 2004



Statement of Long Term Indebtedness

Payments 1/1/04 through 12/31/04

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
2002 General Obligation Bond including 2000, 2001 and 2002 Capital Projects and Refunded 1996 and 1999 Bonds	11/5/2002	\$3,279,458	3.0%-4.5%	9/1/2019	\$295,000	\$112,319	\$2,675,000
1989 Refinanced in 1997 WHF & Spruce Hole	12/15/1989	\$2,305,000	4.25%-4.6	12/15/2009	\$190,000	\$47,693	\$895,000
1997 SRLF- Dechlorination at WWTP	10/20/1997	\$259,625	2.61%	12/1/2006	\$27,611	\$2,215	\$57,399
1994 SRLF- WWTP	6/6/1993	\$3,366,018	3.91%	12/18/2008	\$248,329	\$52,460	\$1,094,215
					\$760,940	\$214,686	\$4,721,614

Trustees of the Trust Funds

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Name of Capital Reserve	Principal Balance 1/1/2004	Change in Funds	Principal Balance 12/31/2004	Income Balance 1/1/2004	Change in Funds	Income Balance 12/31/2004	Combined Fund Balance 12/31/2004
Parking	7,500.00	20,000.00	27,500.00	24,669.01	413.66	25,082.67	52,582.67
Fire Equipment and Service	17,187.69	86,465.02	103,652.71	19,212.20	512.74	19,724.94	123,377.65
Community Development Fund	218,810.36	0.00	218,810.36	155,849.27	3,295.64	159,144.91	377,955.27
Reserve Water	311,485.04	35,096.36	346,581.40	85,840.59	3,778.86	89,619.45	436,200.85
Sewer Fund	384,914.19	(35,096.36)	349,817.83	58,107.44	3,612.91	61,720.35	411,538.18
Total of Capital Reserve	939,897.28	106,465.02	1,046,362.30	343,678.51	11,613.81	355,292.32	1,401,654.62

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	Principal Balance 1/1/2003	Change in Funds	Principal Balance 12/31/2003	Income Balance 1/1/2003	Change in Funds	Income Balance 12/31/2003	Combined Fund Balance 12/31/2003
43 Separate Trust Funds		25,953.58	100.00	26,053.58	3,633.12	(845.34)	2,787.78	28,841.36
Smith Chapel	Cemetery Care	8,645.60	243.73	8,889.33	967.98	(465.43)	502.55	9,391.88
Smith Town Improvements	Town Improve.	6,628.96	0.00	6,628.96	5,615.67	(865.30)	4,750.37	11,379.33
Durham 250 Fund	Memorial	6,418.22	0.00	6,418.22	4,860.53	99.38	4,959.91	11,378.13
George Frost	Education	4,441.23	0.00	4,441.23	5,108.05	84.24	5,192.29	9,633.52
Olinthus Doe	Farm Care	23,278.17	0.00	23,278.17	3,079.47	232.20	3,311.67	26,589.84
Town Cemetery	Cemetery Care	160,024.73	7,450.00	167,474.73	2,535.77	(1,085.93)	1,449.84	168,924.57
Philip Wilcox	Unfunded Graves	7,273.50	0.00	7,273.50	1,455.72	76.91	1,532.63	8,806.13
Leather Graveyard	Cemetery Care	624.70	0.00	624.70	106.55	(84.56)	21.99	646.69
Wagon Hill	Memorial	765.38	0.00	765.38	372.65	9.98	382.63	1,148.01
Tirrell Fund	Cemetery Care	0.00	0.00	0.00	426.52	4.00	430.52	430.52
Memorial Day Parade Fund	Parade Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	380.54	3.84	384.38	384.38
Memorial Park	Memorial	8,406.00	0.00	8,406.00	2,570.66	96.70	2,667.36	11,073.36
July Fourth Celebration	Fund Day	3,503.52	0.00	3,503.52	1,721.54	46.08	1,767.62	5,271.14
ORSD/Cap Development Fund	School Exp	40,930.41	0.00	40,930.41	24,857.13	579.90	25,437.03	66,367.44
Wagon Hill Expense Trust	Site Care	80,076.53	0.00	80,076.53	19,934.75	881.40	20,816.15	100,892.68
Fire Station Exp. Trust	Fire Station	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	11,113.70	1,607.16	12,720.86	162,720.86
Track Fund Appropriation	School Exp	97,099.85	90,772.80	187,872.65	3,004.83	1,672.83	4,677.66	192,550.31
Special Education Fund	School Exp	104,246.19	50,000.00	154,246.19	7,182.46	1,100.94	8,283.40	162,529.59
Fac. Dev. Capital Reserve	School Exp	102,620.99	0.00	102,620.99	8,091.86	975.78	9,067.64	111,688.63
High School Scholarship	School Exp	0.00	60,999.11	60,999.11	0.00	144.94	144.94	61,144.05
Town Cemetery Improvements	Cemetery Improve.	200.00	200.00	400.00	0.05	2.08	2.13	402.13
Wilcox Fund		67,558.27	0.00	67,558.27	74.58	596.14	670.72	68,228.99
Total of Trust Funds:		898,695.83	209,765.64	1,108,461.47	107,094.13	4,867.94	111,962.07	1,220,423.54

Valuation, Tax History and Inventory

VALUATION FIGURES

YEAR	PERCENT OF VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
2004	*95%	\$781,948,571
2003	99%	\$775,296,708
2002	57%	\$388,298,739
2001	60%	\$369,827,888
2000	71%	\$361,456,773

*estimate of percent of valuation

MS-1 SUMMARY 2004

Total Taxable Land.....	\$2551,282,761
Total Taxable Buildings.....	\$ 522,706,700
Total Taxable Public Utilities.....	\$ 9,673,700
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 783,663,161
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions.....	\$ 1,714,590
Net Valuation on which local tax rate is computed	\$ 781,948,571
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$ 40,600

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Tax Rate in Durham 2000 – 2004

YEAR	TOWN	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE SCHOOL	COUNTY	TOTAL
2004	\$ 6.02	\$14.36	\$ 2.89	\$ 1.87	\$25.14
2003	5.85	11.91	3.84	1.97	23.57
2002	11.35	19.27	7.69	3.17	41.48
2001	11.14	19.54	8.43	3.22	42.33
2000	10.38	18.01	7.38	2.70	38.47

Inventory of Town Property

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Bagdad Road.....	Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary	03-02-06 & 14.....	\$ 8,700
Beech Hill Road.....	Water Tank Site.....	09-26-00 (99-300-0)	213,400
Bennett Road.....	Doe Farm.....	18-01-03	270,600
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easements only
Dame Road	Willey Property.....	19-06-05.....	18,800
Dame Road	Westerly side	18-27-00.....	63,400
Davis Avenue.....	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Dopot Road.....	Former Commercial Property.....	1-1 & 1-1-1	788,900
Dover Road.....	Police Facility	11-4-1	638,000
Dover Road.....	Sewer Pumping Station.....	11-11-00	194,100
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	389,600
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	11-36-02	162,000
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	16-03-02.....	11,400
Durham Point Road (and Sunnyside Dr.)	Scenic Easements.....	15-15-08.....	Easements only
Fogg Drive	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	158,700
Foss Farm Road.....	Water Standpipe.....	99-300-00	1,020,000
Foss Farm Road.....	Woodlot	06-01-13A.....	2,700
Ffrost Drive.....	Vacant Land.....	8-1-73 & 75.....	100,000
Littlehale Road/US4.....	Vacant lot.....	10-21-00	9,900

Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	\$ 64,300
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	169,700
Main Street	Grange Hall/Davis Memorial Building	05-01-05	446,300
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	14,700
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	140,200
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	57,500
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-05	43,300
Mill Road & Main St.	Strip of Park Land at Shopping Center		Easement only
Newmarket Road	District Court and Museum	05-04-12	395,000
Newmarket Road	Easterly side	06-12-14	5,000
Newmarket Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	11,900
Newmarket Road	Town Offices	05-04-11	276,900
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	140,000
Main Street	Cemetery	09-24-00	106,700
Old Concord Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	297,000
Old Landing Road	Town Landing	05-05-14 (Incl 5-5-13)	154,600
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	162,900
Orchard Drive	Scenic easements	6-2-22..6-2-25	Easements only
Oyster River	Access easement		Easement only
Oyster River Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	100,000
Packers Falls Road	Lord Property	17-55-01	64,800
Packers Falls Road	Spruce Hole Conservation Area	13-13-05	26,800
Packers Falls Road	Abutting Spruce Hole	13-13-01	416 CU*
Pettee Brook Lane	Town Parking Lot - Multiple Parcels	2-15-0, 1	481,800
Piscataqua Road	Thatch Bed	11-31-31	151,700
Piscataqua Road	Wagon Hill Farm	12-08 - 01 & 02	590,520 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-04 (Incl. 11-11-3)	921,200
Piscataqua Road	W. Arthur Grant Circle	11-27-0	464,000
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09-02	105,700
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	6,856,300
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot - Part of Treatment Plant	11-09-05	Included above
Schoolhouse Lane	Former Highway Garage-Multiple Parcels	05-04-10	443,100
Schoolhouse Lane	Cemetery (owned by heirs, town maintained)	05-05-12	79,600
Simons Lane	Two small lots	18-11 - 13 & 14	21,000
Simons Lane	Vacant Land	18-11-06	51,700
Stone Quarry Drive	Public Works Site	11-12-0	766,700
Technology Drive	Water Booster Station	99-300-00	90,000
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	45,700
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam Site	17-7-0	111,400
Wiswall Road	Vacant Land	17-11-00	972 CU*
Woodridge Road	Lot 55	07-01-55	85,600
Lee Five Corners, Lee	Vacant	Lee 6-7-0700	73,400
Garrity Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 9-03-00	2,123
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 15-1-0900	254,172
Snell Road, Lee	Water Pump House	Lee 5-6-0100	178,300
Garrity Road, Lee	Vacant	Lee 9-3-0100	93,200
Total			\$18,696,403

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