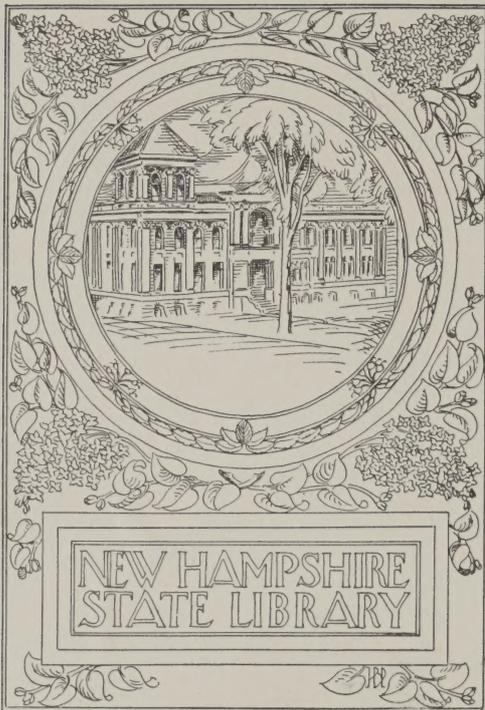


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*The Sixty-First
Annual Report*

Of The

*City of Somersworth,
New Hampshire*



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Foreword

This report is published to inform the people of Somersworth of the functions of their municipal government. It also provides documentary evidence concerning the stewardship of its officials.

While detailed data in considerable volume has been eliminated from the various departmental reports, the facts are on file at the office of the city clerk and citizens are welcome at all times to view the records.

In brief, the report contains an analysis of activities and expenditures of the various departments for the fiscal year.



MAYOR ROMEO ST. LAURENT
January 1, 1952—June 30, 1953



MAYOR PLACIDE J. LAGUEUX
July 1, 1953—January 1, 1954

Mayor's Message To City Council

January 7, 1953

To The City Council:

Gentlemen:

Anticipating several meetings in the next few weeks at which time we will review and compare some of last year's accomplishments with proposals for the coming year, permit me to discuss just one subject at this first meeting.

I wish to inform you, Gentlemen, that I will not be a candidate for reelection in November. With that decision in mind it would be easier for me if I neglected to even mention the controversial subject of school building needs, however, should I adopt that attitude and failed to bring this pressing matter to your and the people's attention, I would consider myself unworthy of the office I hold. Therefore, I will now survey this problem, express my personal opinion, and suggest a course of action.

In my last year's inaugural address I said and I quote, "Because of its far-reaching possibilities I want to talk at some length on the subject of a new school. In the fall of 1946 we made formal application to the Federal Government for funds for advanced planning of schools. We did this because of the repeated requests from the people that something be done about the condition of the Burleigh School. A committee was chosen representative of the School Board, the City Council and from the citizens-at-large to study the Burleigh School problem as well as the physical needs of the Chandler and High Schools. Too much credit or thanks cannot be given to this committee for the many hours spent studying all the possible angles of this tremendous problem. Meeting after meeting was held. Questions were discussed and argued quietly and intelligently. Questions referring to need; to increased birth rate; to growth of the city; to size; to location; to finances; even to the most suitable time to build. This committee thoroughly familiar with the problem after all its deliberations and exhaustive study voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council and the School Board that a new High School and auditorium were needed and should be built. Likewise; the

School Board, in official session, voted unanimously in favor of the construction of a new High School building and auditorium. The same unanimous recommendation was received from the Parent-Teachers Association.

From these expressions of opinion and from personal observation of the people's ideas on the subject, it is my belief that a very large percentage of the people are in favor of having a new school. This makes this project appear to be small and easy; however, some of us who are in close touch with city affairs do not regard it as so and do not treat it lightly.

I say to you, gentlemen, that for five years I have thought over this problem and regard it as the most difficult one I have been faced with since taking office six years ago.

No one more than I would like to see the City with as low a debt as possible and no one realizes more than I that the building of a new school will place a sizable debt on the City for the next twenty years. I cannot visualize, nor can anyone else, the conditions, industrially and financially speaking which may confront us in the next 20 years. But, I can foresee the danger and hardship for the people should a depression be felt in our city during those years.—I have taken all this in consideration as I have spent hours thinking and worrying before deciding on a recommendation relative to this problem. I have tried to think of all possibilities, good and bad, before carefully and finally arriving at a decision firmly convinced that this decision will be for the best interest of the City for many, many years to come.

The building of a new High School and Auditorium would eliminate the Burleigh School built in 1874, with its inadequate lighting; its high heating cost; its fire hazards and its lack of suitable recreation area plus the fact that the cost of putting it in real serviceable condition could not be justified. The building of a new school would provide more and better facilities for 550 children each year for at least 50 years, as well as relieve over-crowded conditions in the present High School. The added facilities would allow for an expansion of the physical education and musical programs for children of all schools and thereby would be a beneficial asset to our present set-up. Moreover, the study of the Committee shows an increase in the birth rate from 96 births yearly from 1935 to 1941 to an average of 146 yearly from 1942 to 1950. This, plus the industrial expansion not only in Somersworth but in nearby communities, points

to a definitely higher school population in the immediate years ahead. Therefore, I would be neglecting my duty if I failed to recognize the situation, take action accordingly by submitting you a prudent but convinced recommendation that steps be taken immediately for the purchase of land followed by construction of a new High School-Auditorium building.

By law, the School Board will have most of the responsibility as to selection and buying of site, kind of school, etc. and you, gentlemen, will have to provide the funds if and when the School Board concurs with my recommendation. Then I hope that you will see fit to face this greatest decision of your city governmental career with the same conviction in your minds that this decision would be in the best interest of the City and would guarantee the progressiveness of our people, particularly, the providing of educational opportunities for our children comparable at least to other cities in order that they be capable of competing with others as they go through life.

It is my intention to call a meeting of the School Building Committee very soon, at which time you gentlemen and the School Board will be invited, also to all subsequent meetings in order that you may become thoroughly familiar with the reasons for my recommendation, and to keep abreast, from now on, of all discussions on this subject so that you can intelligently and with full knowledge be able to vote when this subject reaches you.

With the new school the committee has recommended an auditorium—I am as strongly in favor of an auditorium as the school itself—for it has been nothing short of shameful for a community of our size, financially capable as we are, to be without a suitable place for community activities. Everyone knows that were it not for our friendly neighbors of Berwick, most of our social functions would have to be cancelled for lack of a hall, sizeable enough to provide proper accommodations for social gatherings such as dances, banquets, plays, etc.—events that are expected and indispensable to a happy community life.” Unquote.

I will not retract any of these words, rather I want to emphasize now that I feel absolutely certain the following recommendation to be not only in the best interest of the City but a definite need to our community—a community,—growing and progressing—one we are all proud of—except that we are a community shamefully neglectful in providing physical facili-

ties for our school children and for indoor social and athletic events for all our people. I recommend that steps be taken immediately to vacate the Burleigh School and build a new High School-Auditorium combined.

The present lack of modern facilities and overcrowded conditions, if allowed to continue and grow worse, will be an open admission of our willingness to let the thousands of Somersworth children of the next fifty years face strong employment competition not suitably prepared for we know that the following conditions exist:

1. Average number of children entering all city schools increasing each year. Except 180 in fall 1953. Average over last four years between 120-130.

2. Fifty-two pupils in grade 4—no room for this class in Chandler School Building.

3. Must use old gym at Burleigh School for classroom next year or convert basement at Chandler School.

4. Pupils in grades 7 and 8 can't take home economics and shop because of crowded condition of high school.

5. Hot Lunch facilities at Chandler School are too crowded. Feeding 400 children—should feed only 200 with present space. New School will eliminate this.

6. Need gym space badly for physical education of public and parochial schools. Present High School will furnish this.

7. Local organizations could use present high school and new school for practice and other functions.

8. Present high school built to accommodate 200 pupils. Now houses 272. Expect enrollment of 290 in fall of 1953.

9. Present science, home economics, shop and commercial department too small.

10. Gym can't even hold all present high school pupils at a basketball game not considering the public. Must go to Berwick, Maine.

11. Present teaching staff not being used economically. Due to crowded conditions there are more "Study Halls" and teachers must supervise instead of teach.

At the present High School:

1. Specialized classrooms (commercial, science, home economics) are being used for home rooms and study halls.

2. Larger classes with much less individual attention possible. The maximum size of a class should be 30 pupils; at present it is 37 in our school.

3. More divisions of each class is necessary. For example, there are 85 in the 9th grade which means 3 divisions of 9th grade English.

4. More divisions means more classes, more teachers, and more classrooms. We try to offset this somewhat by rotating some subjects to be taught every other year. For example, chemistry is only taught now every two years because we do not have either enough teachers nor space to teach both physics and chemistry every year.

5. Some classes which have to be taught every year (typing, shop, auto mechanics, etc.) have to be limited as to size. That is, not every pupil who wishes to take that subject is allowed to take it because of lack of space.

6. Individual guidance (advising of pupils on vocations, personal problems, course selections, make-up work, overcoming weaknesses in spelling, reading and arithmetic, etc.) is limited drastically because there just isn't time nor teachers available to do it although our present teachers have been trained to do it.

7. The average teacher load should be 30 as figured by the national formula. The average teaching load in Somersworth is 39. This means less efficient teachers.

8. There is constant friction in routine organization that cannot be eliminated because of lack of space such as:

Not enough lockers for athletics, curtailing activities in the gym because the various groups have to take turns using this single available space suitable for larger groups, petty stealing, noise, shuffling around of classes, etc.

Services which we cannot give at present but which any good High School should render:

1. In Somersworth, which is chiefly industrial, we should emphasize our vocational courses such as carpentry, electricity,

auto shop, machine shop, printing, secretarial work, home economics, etc. Instead, these are the areas which are chiefly crowded and have the least space.

2. We should have additional equipment for these classes and much of it we could get free from the government or from industries but there is no space to set it up.

3. A cafeteria which would permit the serving of hot lunches to pupils, be available to civic groups, and to give greater practical training to our students.

4. Adequate science laboratories in chemistry, physics, biology, and general science to give working space relative to the size of the classes. Individual experiments are not possible now.

5. A school library, conference room, and reading room combined.

6. A gymnasium and auditorium combination to give adequate facilities for dramatics, physical education, debating, music, band and school assemblies.

7. A complete guidance program.

8. An adult education program that would include both formal classes and recreation.

With those conditions existing we should no longer wait for possible lower building costs or State or Federal Aid—both possibilities do not appear to be forthcoming in the next few years ahead—we have waited for such help but with already explained conditions getting worse we should act at once to remedy them.

Financially we are able to build and pay our bills—our tax rate of \$37.00 and reasonably low valuation compares with a 1952 average N. H. cities and towns tax rate of \$45.20, therefore, a bond issue meaning an increase of approximately \$5.00 per thousand to the taxpayer would still leave us with a below average tax rate and would provide the one needed asset to our community for I am sure all other city services compare favorably with any other City in New Hampshire. I have tried to bring you this problem fairly though strongly as I see it based on a little experience as Mayor and Chairman of the School Board yet this problem is knowingly a huge one and

one in which the taxpayer should have a chance to be heard or to express his opinion.

Consequently we will, in the next few weeks, mail to all taxpayers a questionnaire seeking their opinions and ideas on this matter—from their viewpoint we should be in a position to consider their wishes with the hope of arriving at a decision favorable to the majority.

Gentlemen, the views I have expressed here tonight are my own and I want it clearly understood that I have not discussed this with you before nor do I know your feelings toward this problem.

Romeo St. Laurent,

Mayor.

City Government

1953

Mayor	Romeo St. Laurent
City Clerk	Napoleon A. Berube
Councilmen	Field Driver
Ward 1	Albert J. Nadeau
Oscar Lemay	Auditors
Simeon Rainville	Margaret C. O'Connell
Ward 2	Hayward C. Logan
Norman A. Fournier	Street Commissioner
Louis P. Chasse	Omer T. DeRoy
Ward 3	City Solicitor
Roy L. Gardner	Leo H. Cater
William J. Vigneault	City Physician
Ward 4	W. Edmour Precourt, M. D.
Joseph Aubert	Overseer of the Poor
Bernard C. McCabe	John J. Duffy
Ward 5	Plumbing Inspector
Alfred Perusse	Albert A. Tapscott
Ludrope Camire	Board of Health
City Treasurer	John J. Duffy
Yvonne D. Turcotte	Chairman
Collector of Taxes	Peter N. Chasse, Clerk
Joseph F. McKeon	W. E. Precourt, M. D.
Sanitary Officer	Building Inspector
Peter N. Chasse	Harold V. Sheahan, term expires July, 1954
City Messenger	Municipal Court
Albert E. Boisvert	Clov's I. Desmarais
City Engineer	Judge
Harold V. Sheahan	Arthur Gilbert, Clerk
Probation Officer	
Frank H. Kinsman	
Fence Viewer	
Noel C. Chasse	

Police Commissioners

William W. Zabrick, Chair-
man

Phil O. Wentwork, Jr., Clerk

Joseph E. Langelier

Patrolmen

William J. Orr

Howard Wooley

Charles J. Boucher

Charles G. Deshaies

Joseph Dreinczyk

Police Officers

Charles A. Parsons, Marshal

Emil J. Gauvin, Assistant

Marshal

Department of Public Instruction

Romeo St. Laurent, Chairman

Elizabeth M. Ball, Secretary

Members

Elizabeth M. Ball, Lorenzo T. Ross, Raymond N. Vezeau, Paul
E. Garneau, Paul Bernier

Appointed by the Council—Harold W. Adams, died 1/3/53, Rob-
ert English to fill unexpired term; Rene Morin, John F.
Beamis, Emery L. Whitten, resigned 3/23/53, Robert C.
Jackson to fill unexpired term; Joseph M. Downey

Standing Committees for 1952-53

FINANCE — The Mayor, Councilmen Rainville and Fournier

ROADS, BRIDGES & DRAINS—The Mayor, Councilmen Four-
nier and Gardner

BILLS IN THEIR SECOND READING — Councilmen Chasse,
Gardner and Lemay

ENGROSSED BILLS and RESOLUTIONS — Rainville, Pe-
russe and Chasse

PUBLIC BUILDINGS — Councilmen Lemay, Aubert and Ca-
mire

CLAIMS and ACCOUNTS — Councilmen Aubert, Gardner and
Vigneault

PRINTING — The Mayor, Councilmen Aubert and Gardner

FIRE — Councilmen Rainville, Lemay and Perusse

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Councilmen

POLES and WIRES — Councilmen Perusse, Chasse and Vign-
neault

STREET LIGHTS — Councilmen Chasse, McCabe and Gardner

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY — Councilmen Perusse, Gardner and Vigneault

ELECTIONS and RETURNS — Councilmen Fournier, Lemay and Perusse

Fire Department

Chief Engineer—Albert M. Lessard

First Deputy Engineer—John F. Lucey

Second Deputy Engineer—Joseph R. Lucier

Water Commissioners

Romeo St. Laurent, Chairman, resigned June 30, 1953

Placide J. Lagueux, Chairman, for unexpired term ending Jan., 1955

Spencer Furbush, term expires January, 1954

Napoleon A. Habel, term expires January, 1953

Clerk and Superintendent, John R. Hodsdon, term expires December 31, 1953

Board of Assessors

Chairman, Roland G. Perreault, term expires January, 1954

Clerk, Fred J. Coffin, term expires January, 1955

Placide J. Lagueux, resigned June 30, 1953

Rodolph O. Carignan, for unexpired term ending January, 1956

Public Library Trustees

Celopie Semitros, term expires January, 1958

Max Isacoff, term expires January, 1957

Roland A. Jenkins, term expires January, 1956

Henry P. Mullen, term expires January, 1955

Gerard Gaudreau, term expires January, 1954

Forest Glade Cemetery Trustees

Frank H. Kinsman, term expires January, 1958

Fred H. Brown, term expires January, 1957

Fred Legro, term expires January, 1956

Melanie F. Sullivan, term expires January, 1955

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January, 1954

Supervisors of the Checklists

Margaret M. Zabrick, term expires Sept. 1, 1955; Thomas L. Perron, Chairman, term expires Sept. 1, 1954; John J. Duffy, term expires Sept. 1, 1953; Annie Chasse, Clerk, term expires Sept. 1, 1952; Oliver F. Colburn, term expires Sept. 1, 1951

Planning Board

Romeo St. Laurent, Mayor, resigned June 30, 1953
Placide J. Lagueux, Mayor; Harold V. Sheahan, City Engineer;
Roy L. Gardner, Councilman, as administrative officers
James F. O'Malley, a six year term ending in 1959
E. Elmore Graves, a five year term ending in 1958
Edward H. Kennedy, a four year term ending in 1957
Herman Horne, a three year term ending in 1956
John C. Malley, a two year term ending in 1955
Paul E. Normandeau, a one year term ending in 1954

Adjustment Board

James F. Malley, term expires July, 1954
Rene Morin, term expires July, 1955
Clovis G. Chabot, term expires July, 1956
Paul E. Normandeau, term expires July, 1957
John F. Beamis, term expires July, 1958

Board Of Examination Of Plumbers

George W. Dumais Albert Tapscott Ambrose LaFleur

Park Commissioners

The Mayor, ex-officio, Romeo St. Laurent, Harold W. Adams*,
M. D., term expires April, 1952; W. E. Precourt, M. D.,
term expires April, 1953; Rene A. Morin, term expires
April, 1955

* Died January 3, 1953

Weighers of Hay, Coal and Straw

John R. Hodsdon, Adjutor Turgeon, Wilfred Breton, Leonard
Ferland, Grafton J. Covey

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

William M. Ames, Wilfred Breton and Harold V. Sheahan

Ordinances-Resolutions-Petitions

Ordinances

Amendment to Chapter 13, Section 19, relative to "Reserved Parking Spaces for Official Use." Passed February 3, 1953.

Amendment to Chapter 24, Section 3 to 30 of Plumbing Ordinances. Passed March 10, 1953.

Ordinance establishing a City Planning Board. Passed March 23, 1953.

Ordinance known as Chapter 25 called Zoning Ordinance. Passed July 14, 1953.

Resolutions

Resolution in favor of granting Senior Clerk in City Clerk's office \$5.00 weekly added compensation. Passed February 3, 1953.

Resolution authorizing Mayor to expend a sum as may be deemed necessary for printing and mailing out school questionnaires. Passed February 23, 1953.

First reading of Appropriations submitted by the Committee on Finance April 29, 1953. Passed at Public Hearing held May 19, 1953.

Resolution allowing 10% deduction from all special head taxes and penalties collected to be allocated as follows: Tax Collector 3%; Clerk of the Board of Assessors 3%; balance to remain in City Treasury. Passed June 29, 1953.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to appropriate \$4,000.00 for sewer construction. Passed August 4, 1953.

Resolution to authorize the appropriation of \$5,500.00 for the purchase of an Adams Grader. Passed November 25, 1953.

Resolution in favor of borrowing in anticipation of taxes the sum of \$60,000.00. Passed December 1, 1953.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to transfer from one department to another to equalize expenditures. Passed December 1, 1953.

Resolution favoring the erection of a National Guard Armory in the City of Somersworth. Passed December 1, 1953.

Petitions

Request for permit to erect a marquee with an electric sign at 64-66 Market St. Granted January 26, 1953.

Request for permit to erect an electric sign at Public Service Co., High St. Petition granted January 26, 1953.

Request for permit to erect a wooden sign to overhang sidewalk at property known as 56 Market St. Granted February 23, 1953.

Request for street lights in the vicinity of the residences of Philip Blanchette and James Dalton were referred to the Committee on Street Lights with power to act. Meeting of March 10, 1953.

Request for permit to erect two signs at Property known as 13 Fore St. Granted April 29, 1953.

Request for permit to erect sign to overhang sidewalk at property known as 79 High St. Granted April 29, 1953.

Request for a street light on Blackwater Road between Cement Road to the intersection of Gonic Road was referred to Committee on Street Lights to investigate, April 29, 1953.

Request for permit to erect a wooden building located at 41 Green St. Granted at Hearing held May 19, 1953.

Request for permit to erect a cement block and brick structure at property known as 31 Elm St. No action necessary. Petition filed for information April 29, 1953.

Request for permit to erect cement block garage at property known as 142 High St. No action necessary. Petition filed for information April 29, 1953.

Request for extension of sewer system on Wilson St. Referred to Planning Board for study June 2, 1953.

Request for sewer extension on Main Street Extension. Referred to Planning Board for study June 2, 1953.

Citizens' petition to make High St. from Washington St. to Pearl St. a restricted area. Referred to City Solicitor for

a report. City Solicitor reported that no legal action could be taken. Meeting of June 2, 1953.

Request for street lights on Blackwater Road, Giroux St. and Nash Parkway. Referred to Committee on Street Lights June 2, 1953.

Request for a street light on Alicia Avenue referred to Committee on Street Lights June 29, 1953.

Request to remedy surface water conditions on West High St. from Plate St. Extension to residence of Philip Dumais. Referred to Highway Committee to investigate. December 1, 1953.

Request for permission to replace wooden sign with Neon sign at property known as 9 Market St. Granted December 1, 1953.

Reports of City Officials

CITY CLERK

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Collected by the City Clerk:

1952 Auto Registration Permits	\$	202.17	
1953 Auto Registration Permits		23,366.43	
1952 Dog Licenses		5.16	
1953 Dog Licenses		345.63	
Rent Pleasant Street Property		130.00	
Rent High Street Garages		108.00	
Reimbursement Blue Cross		106.40	
Theatre Licenses		250.00	
Pool Room Licenses		35.00	
Taxi, Motor Cycle Race permits, Dances and Shows		74.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 24,622.79

**Collected by Charles A. Parsons,
City Marshal:**

Beano Permits		90.00	
Gun, Junk and Coffee House Per- mits		37.00	
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**Collected by Peter N. Chasse,
Sanitary Officer:**

Milk Licenses		74.00	
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			\$ 24,823.79

NAPOLEON A. BERUBE,
City Clerk

Approved:

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL,
Auditors

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I submit my Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending December 31st, 1953.

Year	Amount
1953	\$ 301,558.32
1952	19,044.83
1952 Interest	144.94
1951	699.96
1950	24.00
1949	16.00
1952 Timber Tax	39.29
1952 State Head Tax	2,640.00
1952 State Head Tax Penalty ..	264.00
1953 State Head Tax	17,085.00
1953 State Head Tax Penalty ..	34.00
Sundries Redemptions	380.89
Sundries Tax Sales Costs	48.20

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1953

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector as of August 1, 1953:

Property Taxes and Bank Stock	\$ 332,128.03
Poll Taxes Regular @ \$2.00	6,608.00
Total Warrant	\$ 338,736.03

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	15.40
Poll Taxes	168.00

Total Debits	\$ 338,919.43
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CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal

Year ending December 31, 1953:

Property Taxes	\$ 296,242.92
Property Taxes Added	15.40
Poll Taxes Reg. @ \$2.00	5,132.00
Poll Taxes Added	168.00
Property Tax Abatements	286.36
Poll Tax Abatements	154.00
Uncollected Property Tax	35,598.75

Uncollected Poll Tax	1,322.00	
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 338,919.43

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1951**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1953:		
Property Tax	\$ 754.71	
Poll Tax	162.00	
Total Debit	<u> </u>	\$ 916.71

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer Year		
Ending December 31, 1953:		
Property	\$ 645.96	
Poll	54.00	
Poll—Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954	108.00	
Property—Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954	108.75	
Total Credit	<u> </u>	\$ 916.71

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1952**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1953:		
Property Tax	\$ 19,433.68	
Poll Tax	1,328.00	
Interest	144.94	
Added Poll	40.00	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 20,946.62

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer Year Ending		
December 31, 1953:		
Property Tax	\$ 18,274.83	
Poll Tax Reg.	712.00	
Poll Tax Added	58.00	
Interest	144.94	
Poll—Abatement	206.00	
Property—Abatement	283.98	
Uncollected—Property	874.87	
Uncollected—Poll	392.00	
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 20,946.62

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1946**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953:

DR.		
Poll Taxes	\$	6.00
CR.		
Abated Poll Taxes	\$	6.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1949**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953:

DR.		
Poll Taxes	\$	40.00
Total Debits	_____	\$ 40.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1953:

Poll Taxes	\$	16.00
Uncollected Taxes		24.00
Total Credits	_____	\$ 40.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1950**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953:

Poll Taxes	\$	44.00
Total Debits	_____	\$ 44.00

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Year
Ending December 31, 1953:

Poll Taxes	\$	24.00
Uncollected Poll Taxes		20.00
Total Credits	_____	\$ 44.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1953
HEAD TAXES**

DR.

Taxes committed to Collector as of
May 29, 1953:

Head Taxes	\$	20,485.00
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Added Head Taxes	410.00	
Penalty	34.00	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 20,929.00

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer During Year		
Ending December 31, 1953:		
Head Tax Regular @ \$5.00	\$ 16,675.00	
Head Tax Added @ \$5.00	410.00	
Penalty	34.00	
Abatements	460.00	
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954	3,350.00	
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 20,929.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1952

HEAD TAXES

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1953:		
Head Taxes @ \$5.00	\$ 3,395.00	
Head Taxes Added	215.00	
Head Taxes Penalty	264.00	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 3,874.00

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer Year		
Ending December 31, 1953:		
Head Taxes @ \$5.00	\$ 2,425.00	
Head Taxes Added	215.00	
Penalty	264.00	
Abatements	970.00	
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 3,874.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1952

DR.

Uncollected Timber Tax as of January 1, 1953:		
Timber Tax	\$ 39.29	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 39.29

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953:		
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Timber Tax	\$	39.29	
Total Credits			\$ 39.29

**TIMBER TAX
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
1953 LEVY**

DR.

Taxes committed to Collector as of
September 30, 1953:

Timber Tax	\$	50.58
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953		50.58

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 1953**

DR.

Tax Sales Accounts Levy of Years

Sales to City during current --

Years	1952	1951	1950
	\$ 573.26	\$ 340.00	\$ 15.16

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1953:

	1952	1951	1950
Redemptions	\$ 101.44	\$ 270.42	
Interest	1.22	7.81	
Abated by Assessor		9.50	\$ 15.16
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes	470.60	52.27	
Total Credits	\$ 573.26	\$ 340.00	\$ 15.16

Sundries Tax Sales Cost—\$48.20

Respectfully Submitted,
JOSEPH F. McKEON,
Tax Collector

Audited and Approved:
HAYARD C. LOGAN
M. C. O'CONNELL

Approved by Assessors:
CLOVIS G. CHABOT
FRED J. COFFIN
RODOLPHE O. CARIGNAN

POLICE

February 5, 1954

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Somersworth, N. H., I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953:

Arrests

Drunkenness	38
Assaults	7
Non support	8
Larceny	8
Disturbing the peace	1
Failure to send children to school	1
Bastardy	2
Assault and Battery	1
Parking on private property	1
Vagabond	1
Using offensive language to Officer	1
Brawl	1
Disorderly conduct	1
Contempt of court	1
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Automobile Offenses

Operating under the influence of liquor	27
Operating without a license	19
Operating after registration suspended	1
Operating in a reckless, negligent manner	1
Unreasonable rate of speed	49
Operating with inadequate brakes	1
Operating an unregistered auto	2
Passing school buses	61
Passing on yellow line	6
Operating after license suspended	2
Parking too close to hydrant	1
Failure to stop at stop sign	27
Taking auto without permit	1
Operating in gross and careless manner	4
Leaving scene of accident after damage	1
Failure to have auto inspected	10

Operating carelessly	3
Failure to file accident report	1
Failure to give hand signal	1
Misuse of registration plates	1
Failure to stop for an officer	1
Allowing an unlicensed person to operate	1
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Disposition of Cases for the Year 1953:

Disposition of Cases

Paid fines to court	243
Cases continued	2
Committed to House of Correction	18
Cases placed on file	5
Placed on good behavior	7
Cases dismissed	4
To pay restitution	5
Cases discharged	1
Plead not guilty	3
Cases appealed	3
Fines suspended	2
Nol prossed	1
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Juvenile Docket

Taking car without permit	1
Operating without license	1
Delinquent child female	1
Attempt rape	
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Placed in the New Hampshire State Industrial School	1
Delinquent child placed in the home of Good Shepherd	1
Attempt rape placed on probation	1
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All accidents reported to police	167

Autos damaged in accidents	173
Adults injured in accidents	14
Minors injured in accidents, minor injuries	4
Property damaged	5
Dogs killed by autos	20
Dogs shot by police	4
Deer killed by auto	1
Assist to persons	190
Assist to other departments	112
Assist to other police	74
Assist to F. B. I.	5
Persons given lodgings	110
Street lights reported out	124
Doors found unlocked	193
False alarm	1
Fire alarms answered	17
Goods reported stolen	23
Goods reported stolen recovered	5
Goods reported lost	12
Goods reported lost—recovered	12
Persons for safe keeping	27
Stolen car recovered	1
Minors reported missing—recovered	16
Adults reported missing—recovered	3
Breaking and entering—reported	5
Breaking and entering—nothing taken	3
Breaking and entering—attempt	1
Car taken without permit—recovered	1
Suicide by hanging	1
Suicide by shooting	1
Beer license suspended	3
Complaints received and attended to by police	628

One fatal accident for year. Died from injuries. Doctor
Harold W. Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. PARSONS,
Chief of Police,
Somersworth, N. H.

MUNICIPAL COURT

March 30, 1954

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Municipal Court of the City of Somersworth, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953.

Arrests

Drunkness	38
Assaults	7
Non support	8
Larceny	8
Grand Larceny	1
Disturbing the peace	1
Failure to send children to school	2
Bastardy	1
Assault and battery	1
Parking on private property	1
Vagabond	1
Using offensive language to Officer	1
Brawl	1
Disorderly conduct	1
Contempt to court	1
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Automobile Offenses

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Operating without a license	19
Operating after registration suspended	1
Unreasonable rate of speed	1
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Failure to stop at stop sign	1
Taking auto without permit	27
Operating in gross and careless manner	1

Leaving scene of accident after damage	4
Failure to file accident report	1
Failure to give hand signal	10
Misuse of registration plates	3
Failure to stop for an officer	1
Allowing an unlicensed person to operate	1
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Receipts 1953

Balance January 1	\$	884.43
January		255.00
February		40.00
March		566.00
April		104.00
May		271.50
June		467.00
July		720.00
August		525.00
September		933.00
October		331.00
November		315.00
December		397.75
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	\$	5,809.68

	Expenses	1953	
January			\$ 506.32
February			49.50
March			56.00
April			403.50
May			86.36
June			180.72
July			12.48
August			229.84
September			543.04
October			6.24
November			768.42
December			545.42
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			\$ 3,387.78
Cash on hand			2,421.90
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			\$ 5,809.68

	Expenditures	
State M. V. Fines		\$ 2,770.50
Witness Fees		137.16
Supplies		15.50
Printing		6.50
Superior Court Bail		450.00
Associate Justice		3.12
Safe Repairs		5.00
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		\$ 3,387.78

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR GILBERT,
Clerk

CITY SOLICITOR

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as City Solicitor for the period January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

The plumbing ordinances, omitted from the 1944 Revision of the City Ordinances, were revised and enacted, establishing plumbing regulations and a plumbing board.

In the matter of: Lessard vs. Tax Collector and the City of Somersworth, a suit concerning certain land sold for taxes, trial was held in Superior Court and a decision rendered in favor of the City and the Tax Collector. With the exception of litigation in the matter of the estate of Sarah A. Rollins there are now no suits pending by or against the City.

The usual number of complaints were investigated and prosecuted in Municipal Court in cooperation with police and health officials. Counsel was given to various City Departments and Boards and appropriate action taken in other matters of a routine nature.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO H. CATER,
City Solicitor

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a report of the affairs of Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1953 as made up by the clerk.

		Receipts	
Trust Fund Income		\$ 1,673.60	
Appropriations		7,000.00	
Income		1,201.47	
Total Income		<u> </u>	\$ 9,875.07
		Expenditures	
Labor		\$ 7,638.14	
Supplies		1,729.59	
Total Expenditures		<u> </u>	9,367.73
Unexpended Balance			<u> </u> \$ 507.34

Respectfully submitted,
MELANIE W. SULLIVAN,
MARY C. FURBUSH,
FRED LEGRO,
FRANK H. KINSMAN,
Trustees
Forest Glade Cemetery
JOHN R. HODSDON,
Clerk

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

December 31st., 1953

Forest Glade Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 55,096.24
March 31, 1953	
Gerald Chapman—Hartley Chapman Lot	75.00
April 20, 1953	
Emma Andrews—E. C. Andrews Lot	100.00
July 31, 1953	
William Ames—William Ames Lot	200.00
July 31, 1953	
Gerald Chapman—Hartley Chapman Lot	50.00
August 31, 1953	
Gerald Chapman—Hartley Chapman Lot	50.00
November 30, 1953	
Mrs. Edith Russell—Edgar LeGro Lot	200.00
November 30, 1953	
Mrs. Bertha Beamis—Boynton Beamis Lot	200.00
December 23, 1953	
Mrs. H. O. Jackson—H. O. Jackson Lot	200.00
Scmersworth Trust Fund in Somersworth Sav- ings Bank	56,171.24
Chandler Trust Fund in Somersworth Savings Bank	2,000.00
Trustees of the Trust Fund:	

MARY C. FURBUSH
GERARD L. GAUDREAU
JOHN R. HODSDON

We certify that we have examined the books of the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the City of Somersworth February 15th, 1954 and found them correct.

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL,
Auditors
City of Somersworth

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Somersworth, N. H.
January 2, 1954

To the Trustees of the Somersworth Public Library:

The work in this library was carried on very successfully during the past year; new books were added every month and lists published in local papers and printed for distribution. Thus the public was informed of our accessions.

One of our projects was the revision of the card catalog which is contained in a cabinet of 120 drawers. Many worn cards were replaced with new copies; new guide cards and many cross-reference and analytic cards were added. The catalog now contains approximately 72,000 cards.

A great amount of time was required for reference work which has become one of our most valued services. No day passes without requests for special information. Since this is certainly one of the most important phases of library work we invariably supply the desired information. Sometimes this necessitates the immediate purchase of the most recent books. Recent magazines are often our most helpful source of information. The "Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature," received twice a month, has always been of great value in this library.

We are fortunate in having access to the volumes in the New Hampshire State Library in Concord through the inter-library loan system. Frequent requests are received from the State Library for books available here. This interchange has been found a very satisfactory arrangement.

Books were received as gifts from Miss Georgia Bernier, Mrs. William Latchaw, Mrs. Joseph Nash, and Mrs. Thomas Pratt. Mrs. W. T. Shaver presented three books in memory of Mrs. Fred Leslie Chapman and two books in memory of Jan Cheryl Adams. The 1953 "Hilltop Echo" was received from the Senior Class in High School. Publishers contributed their newspapers "Somersworth Free Press" and "Foster's Daily Democrat." The local W. C. T. U. sent a subscription to their magazine "The Young Crusader." Dr. Frederick R. Sanborn presented a framed print of Great Falls taken in 1856 from the site of the High School.

One of our greatest needs at present is space for books and magazines not often required for reference. This situation has been presented quite thoroughly in previous reports when recommendations were made that the rooms upstairs be utilized for book stacks and storage of such material. The need is so urgent that it seems to call for reiteration at this time. Our stacks are so crowded that the books are not easily accessible to the library staff or the public.

The following statistics present a summary of the work done during 1953.

BOOKS

The number of new books accessioned was 496; of this number 381 were adult books and 115 for younger readers.

Volumes in the library January 1, 1952 21,937

Acquired during the year:

By purchase	472	
By gift	24	
Total additions	—	496

22,433

Withdrawn during the year 135

Books in the library January 1, 1954 22,298

PERIODICALS

Subscriptions placed for 1953 38

Gift and complimentary subscriptions 18

Total periodicals received 56

CIRCULATION

The number of books borrowed for home reading was 18,488; of this number 11,811 were adult books and 6,677 were juvenile books.

The books borrowed were divided into the following classes:

General Works	37
Philosophy	135
Religion	115
Sociology	907

Natural Science	425
Useful Arts	829
Fine Arts	828
Literature	378
History	297
Travel	369
Biography	1,158
Magazines	1,748
Pamphlets	135
Music	160
Pictures	55
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Non-fiction	7,586
Fiction	10,902
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Total circulation	18,488

At this time I wish to express appreciation of your interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
LEONA H. SAVITHES,
Librarian

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Council:

Gentlemen:

In submitting our report for this year, we wish, first to compliment our Librarian for the excellent work done by her during the year. We deeply appreciate the interest she takes in her work and in the library. Her friendly attitude toward her patrons is an open acknowledgment of her efficiency. Considering the limited budget under which she operates, she manages to select those books and magazines mostly desired by her reading public. The Trustees are deeply grateful.

We are all aware of the fact that our stacks are limited and therefore crowded. Due to a limited floor space, the only remedy that we can prescribe at the present is the construction of additional shelves in the old Council rooms.

We feel that the interior of the library should be renovated, if finances will permit, during this coming year. The lighting system, for one thing, should be changed as the system now in use is antiquated. The walls and ceiling are badly in need of a paint job and do not create the atmosphere a library should have if it is to function as a place for reading or for study.

The Trustees are very grateful to you for your excellent cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. MULLEN,
Chairman

CELOPIE SEMITROS (Miss)
ROLAND JENKINS,
MAX ISACOFF,
GERARD GAUDREAU,
Trustees of Library

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953.

Buried Nuisance	200
Complaints from other sources	75
Disinfection of houses	10
Issued 37 milk licenses at \$2.00 each	\$74.00
Issued 1 milk license exempt by law of fee	1
Contagious Diseases:	
Polio	4
Tuberculosis	2

Respectfully submitted,

PETER N. CHASSE,
Sanitary Officer

WATER WORKS

Board of Water Commissioners
Somersworth, N. H.

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit the report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31st, 1953.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE REGULAR DEPARTMENT

Leaks Checked	62
New Services	49
Meter Readings Checked	78
Meter Changes	57
New Meters Installed	100
Services Repaired	27
Hydrants Repaired	6
Replaced Hydrant (Rocky Hill Road)	1
Old Services Renewed	28

With the cooperation of the Highway Department, we were able to fill wells on Green, West High and Main Streets throughout the months of September, October and November for citizens whose wells had gone dry.

The two well houses were repainted and repaired.
Repairs were made on the pump in the No. 1 Well.

BOND ISSUE

Total amount of money spent as per Water Works Accounts	\$ 23,312.37
Inventory of material on hand Jan. 1, 1953	4,440.66
	\$ 27,753.03

Inventory of material on hand Dec. 31, 1953	
In Storage	\$ 2,189.00
Loaned Ames Co. (to be returned)	426.24
	2,615.93
	\$ 25,137.10

Expense charged to Test Wells:	
Landers & Griffin Acct.	1,339.35
	2,600.93

	318.75	
Engineering	174.50	
	4,433.53	

Cost of Water Main Extensions for 1953 \$ 20,703.57

This cost of \$20703.57 is accounted for in water main extensions in various streets as follows:

Street	Pipe Sz. Length	Hydrants No.	Ho. Serv. No.	Total Cost
Nash Parkway	6" 316'	1	4	\$ 2,021.61
Bartlett Ave. & Dump	6" 2651'	4	2	12,401.41
Mt. Auburn	10" 220'			822.05
Downs	4" 112'			
Polychronis	6" 455'	1	4	2,189.80
Morning	6" 396'	1		1,359.98
	4" 200'	--		1,908.72
Totals	4729'	7	10	\$20,703.57

The high cost of installing 4-inch pipe on Mt. Auburn Street is on account of it being a lowering and relaying project. Unit costs are made up as follows:

Cost of installing 6-inch pipe per foot	\$ 3.76
Cost of installing 4-inch pipe per foot	4.12
Cost of installing 10-inch pipe per foot	5.00
Cost of installing Hydrants including hydrant branch lines	each 315.00
Cost of installing House Services average length 20 feet	50.00

Unit costs vary on different streets due to ledge excavation, for example on Nash Parkway ledge excavation for 316 feet of trench amounted to \$344.00.

Following is the comparative Balance Sheet and Statement of operations as submitted to the Public Service Commission.

Somersworth Water Works

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

As At December 31, 1953 and 1952

ASSETS

Fixed Assets	December 31,		Increase or
	1953	1952	(Decrease)
Land	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$
Cash Bond Issue	1,360.78	24,673.15	(23,312.37)
Water Supply Structure	22,491.01	22,491.01	
Pumping Station Structure	32,869.20	32,869.20	
Water Supply Equip- ment	35,913.22	35,913.22	
Pumping Station Equipment	11,199.77	11,199.77	
Purification Equip- ment	1,076.18	1,076.18	
Water Storage Equip- ment	17,683.81	17,683.81	
Distribution Mains	243,451.44	226,696.01	16,755.43
Services	36,157.60	34,250.39	1,907.21
Hydrants	20,785.49	18,680.49	2,105.00
Meters	19,934.18	17,376.80	2,557.38
Truck	5,104.84	5,104.84	
Other Equipment	1,087.25	1,087.25	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 451,314.77	\$ 451,302.12	\$ 12.65

Current Assets

Material and Supplies	12,322.28	13,502.79	(1,180.51)
Accounts Receivable	19,579.64	10,414.88	9,164.76
Total Current Assets	31,901.92	23,917.67	7,984.25

Stand-pipe Repairs (Note)	2,483.52	5,237.72	(2,754.20)
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 485,700.21	\$ 480,457.51	\$ 5,242.70
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LIABILITIES

Capital Liabilities

Municipal Invest- ment	\$ 100,392.79	\$ 100,392.79	\$
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Funded Debt	136,000.00	144,000.00	(8,000.00)
Total Capital Liabilities	236,392.79	244,392.79	(8,000.00)
Contributions to Aid in Construction	21,420.35	21,420.35	
Accrued Interest Reserve for Depreciation	30.00	30.00	
	168,754.89	164,145.34	4,609.55
Surplus	59,102.18	50,469.03	8,633.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 485,700.21	\$ 480,457.51	\$ 5,242.70

Note—The stand-pipe repairs are written off over a period of five years.

Exhibit B

Somersworth Water Works

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For The Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1953 and 1952

Income	1953	1952
Commercial Sales and Job Work	\$ 48,041.10	\$ 43,550.17
Operating Expenses		
Pumping Station, Labor	1,615.86	1,769.00
Pumping Station, Expense	636.22	603.21
Power Purchased	4,419.05	4,507.94
Superintendence	1,802.00	1,672.00
Distribution Labor	70.20	249.00
Distribution of Supplies	205.16	140.00
Repairs to Mains	1,672.66	724.14
Repairs to Services	1,437.93	582.19
Repairs to Water Storage Equipment (Note)	2,754.20	2,754.20
Repairs to Hydrants	798.45	492.22
Repairs to Meters	879.08	174.00
Repairs to Wells	1,102.61	2,776.44
Office Salaries and Expense	1,388.12	1,360.20
General Expense	1,087.00	836.29
Insurance	343.09	228.04
Shop Expense	823.73	307.07
Truck Expense	480.53	148.92
Interest	2,956.25	1,085.00

Purification Expense	212.00	210.00
Total Operating Expense	<u>24,684.14</u>	<u>20,619.86</u>
Net Income Before Depreciation	23,356.96	22,930.31
Depreciation	6,247.38	5,973.28
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$ 17,109.58	\$ 16,957.03

(Note) The repairs to the stand-pipe are being written off over a five year period.

In addition to the above expenses, \$4,433.53 was spent from the Bond Issue account testing for wells.

JOHN R. HODSDON,
Superintendent

———— SOLDIERS' AID REPORT ————

75.00	9.90	8.50			
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					1574.37
					<u>11276.77</u>

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of the Poor

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

DIRECT RELIEF and OFFICE EXPENSE—1953

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B.&C.	Off.Exp.	Total
January	115.00	5.10	16.80	48.00	7.25		510.65	12.25	715.05
February	65.00		16.80		18.00	13.50	305.60	13.10	432.00
March	104.90		16.80	8.00	15.71	71.75	364.12	11.00	592.28
April	134.29		16.80	28.00	2.45	5.00	351.27	11.75	549.56
May	99.66				8.75		259.60	10.20	378.21
June	109.71						271.60	11.35	392.66
July	101.66				57.00	1.50	309.60	10.79	480.55
August	113.96				13.74		311.60		439.30
September	109.18				14.75		264.19		388.12
October	137.16				25.00	341.40	313.60	8.37	825.53
November	154.00		37.67	15.00	2.25	289.25	310.87	11.20	820.24
December	165.00		10.97	15.00		481.15	272.85	12.75	957.72
	\$1409.52	5.10	115.84	114.00	164.90	1203.55	3845.55	112.76	6971.22

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Ovseer of the Poor

FIRE CHIEF

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: In compliance with the city ordinance, and in behalf of the Board of Engineers, I submit the following report of the number of fires and calls that have occurred in the City of Somersworth for the year 1953.

The Fire Department answered 202 calls which were as follows:

Box Alarms	21
Engineers Alarms	35
False Alarms	3
Out of Town Calls	15
Dump	29
Still Alarms	66
Brush and Grass	33
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Total	202

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT M. LESSARD,
Chief

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953.

Streets Tarred in 1953

Franklin	Myrtle
South	Rowland (2 coats)
High	Laurier—High to Davis (2 coats)
Davis	Maple Street Hill (2 coats)
Nash Parkway	Indigo Hill—Pary way (2 coats)
Old Salmon Falls Road	

Sidewalks Built With Blue Rock Mix

Beacon Street	240 feet	Green Street	800 feet
Prospect Street	300 feet	High Street	1040 feet
Second Street	820 feet	Franklin Street	1025 feet
TOTAL			4225 feet

The collection of garbage has reached the maximum of twenty-seven loads weekly as we now cover all areas of the City.

A sufficient supply of sand was stored for winter use and for mixing patching material.

Respectfully submitted,

OMER T. DeROY,
Street Commissioner

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

To His Honor, The Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953.

The Zoning Ordinance became a law on July 14, 1953 which required building permits to be issued by the Building Inspector for the erection, alteration, and reconstruction of all buildings and structures, and also restricted the intended use of the various structures within the limits of the three Zones as specified.

In the absence of a City Building Code, the only other building restrictions as provided in the Law, was the location of the structure on the lot with regard to its distance from street and property lines.

From the enactment of the law to December 31st, 1953, I have granted 38 permits, classified as follows:

14	Residences—Estimated cost	\$ 130,000.00
6	Additions to residences—Estimated cost	4,600.00
12	Garages—Estimated cost	7,900.00
6	Miscellaneous Buildings—Estimated cost	5,100.00
	Total Estimated cost	<hr/> \$ 147,000.00

As there was no provision in the Zoning Ordinance for cost of Building Permits, no fee was collected for the above permits.

The City has never before had any Zoning laws or Building Code, and with the starting of these new requirements, the cooperation of the public has been very gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD V. SHEAHAN,
Building Inspector

PLAYGROUND REPORT

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

Somersworth's recreational activities during the summer months center in one of New Hampshire's most picturesque sites, the Noble Pines and Playgrounds. Over 600 youngsters, ranging in age from 6 to 16, make this cool haven their summer home.

Many employees of our various plants have become aware of the cool breezes that are ever present, even on the hottest days of the year. It serves as a picnic ground for young and old.

Many of the facilities at the Noble Pines are in excellent shape, notably the baseball diamond, the basketball court and the tennis courts.

The picnic tables and benches have been completely destroyed over the years. One-half of the swings in the childrens' area need to be replaced. There is an immediate need for a modern building to house toilets, storage rooms and a small office.

Each year the playground staff plan an all-round program which will attract and hold the children. Several innovations proved to be very popular in 1953.

There was an election of a Mayor, City Clerk and City Council following a most interesting campaign. The boys and girls were introduced to the city officials. Pictures were taken by several newspapers.

The children's area was wet down at noon during the dry spell and whenever necessary in mid-afternoon.

There were 100 boys enrolled in the Minor League baseball program. Following a period of basic instruction six teams were formed. The last week the teams met in a play-off. Emersons, second during the league season, defeated Charpentiers, league champions, to become the Play-off Champions.

The pool is always the favorite spot during the hot afternoons. It is a rule that at least one supervisor be on duty

while the children play and wade. In the mornings there were daily swimming fundamental lessons.

Each Wednesday the picnics and hikes proved very popular. The supervisors stressed safety, cleanliness and cooperation. Each Friday the children enjoyed Pet Shows, Doll Contests, Doll Carriage Contests, Baby Shows, Bum's Shows, and Talent Shows.

Softball proved to be very popular among the girls. The minors received fundamental instructions while the senior girls were undefeated in outside competition. The highlight was a Father-Daughter twilight game as part of the closing week program.

A cavalcade of 26 cars transported 200 boys and girls to Fenway Park to see a baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the Detroit Tigers: Civic minded citizens donated their cars while the Somersworth-Berwick Recreation Association gave each child fifty cents for spending money.

The playground staff, assisted by many Derby enthusiasts, put on a very successful Somersworth Derby on West High Street. It was the largest of all the local races with fourteen youngsters racing for the title won by Bobby Horne. The cooperation of the city department, the Police department, city officials and private citizens made it possible to complete the derby in record time.

Other activities included: tennis, ping-pong, croquet, badminton, volley ball, basketball, checkers, horseshoes, and handcraft.

On consecutive weeks 44 boys and 30 girls from St. Charles Orphanage, Rochester, were guests of the local children from morning to night. Local merchants and parents donated sandwiches, cakes, soft drinks, dinners and transportation to insure the success of this worthwhile project.

A closing day program, sponsored jointly by the Somersworth-Berwick Recreation Association and the playground supervisors, was witnessed by many parents and friends. The events included track and field games, championship games in all the activities for minors, intermediates and seniors. Tonic and ice cream were donated and served by a committee of the Recreation Association, headed by William Goddard, treasurer.

Carmella Hamel, Pamela Horne, Robert Brunelle and Robert O'Leary served as playground supervisors. Their cooperation and their devotion to the welfare of the children was instrumental in making the playground season a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY F. FRANCOEUR,
Playground Director

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The City Treasurer herewith submits his report for the Year ending December 31, 1953.

TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

DR.		CR.	
To Cash Balance		Improvement	
Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 178,921.04	Bonds,	\$ 432.00
Auto Taxes, 1952	202.17	Bonds,	15,000.00
Auto Taxes, 1953	23,366.43	Cemetery,	8,549.84
Cemetery Trust		Cemetery Trust	
Fund,	1,075.00	Fund,	1,075.00
Cemetery Trust		Chandler Building,	937.04
Funds Income,	1,673.60	City Hall,	377.80
Cemetery Income,	1,201.47	County Tax,	33,338.93
Chandler Building,	540.00	Damages,	141.80
Chandler Fund		Fire Department,	10,086.40
Income,	60.45	Health,	2.50
City Hall,	1,200.00	Highways,	50,129.77
Dog Licenses, 1952,	5.16	Hydrant,	4,000.00
Dog Licenses, 1953,	345.63	Income Tax,	9,030.09
Miscellaneous		Interest,	6,732.01
Licenses,	560.00	Lights,	12,750.94
Notes Payable,	270,000.00	Macadamizing,	4,686.51
State of New		Miscellaneous,	2,998.74
Hampshire,	7,301.47	Municipal Building,	1,940.27
Sundries,	11,599.43	Notes Payable,	282,917.38
Taxes 1949,	16.00	Outstanding	
Taxes 1950,	24.00	Checks,	110,375.66
Taxes 1951,	699.96	Police,	33,407.71
Taxes 1952,	19,044.83	Public Library,	3,629.24
Taxes 1953	301,558.32	Printing,	2,711.25
Water Works,	40,000.94	Salaries,	30,209.29
Head Tax 1952	2,640.00	Schools,	126,531.64
Head Tax 1953	17,085.00	Water Works,	
Rent High St.		Special,	20,466.04
Garage,	108.00	Sundries,	9,746.33
STATE OF N. H. ITEMS		Tax Purchases,	573.26
Railroad Tax,	1,675.02	Water Works,	34,116.39
Savings Bank Tax,	1,905.67	Welfare and Relief,	11,536.85

Interest and Divi- dend Tax,	3,720.78
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	\$ 7,301.47
Timber Tax,	39.29
Federal Aid Schools,	8,719.39
Fed. Funds Schools,	
Fiscal Year 52-53,	1,536.44
T. R. A.,	3,470.00

Workmen's Com- pensation,	1,279.68
F. I. C. A.,	3,223.03
Fire Hose,	1,999.20
Head Tax,	24,321.15
Main St. Construc- tion,	2,354.79
Municipal Real Estate,	163.01
Sewers,	5,813.41
T. R. A.,	426.11

SUNDRIES ITEMS

Police to High- way,	\$ 454.77
Highway Depart- ment,	100.00
School Depart- ment,	1,169.99
Transfer Water, Sewer, Sidewalk to General Fund,	57.96
Public School, Milk Fund,	1,180.00
Refund, Board and Care,	1,480.67
Refund, Tel. City Marshal,	57.40
Refund, Tel. 326,	8.90
Refund, Allied Gas to Chandler Sch.,	17.05
Refund, State Head Tax,	111.75
Refund Probation Dept.,	271.00
Refund, Supt. Salary, Schools,	133.50
Refund Old Age,	303.96
Refund Federal Tax, Police Car,	158.46
Refund Tel. Dept. Engineers,	6.25
Refund Forest Fires,	57.39
Reimb. Forest Fires, Milton,	52.60

SUNDRIES ITEMS

Memorial Day,	\$ 600.00
Repairs on Public Buildings,	278.94
Blue Cross,	1,088.30
Christmas Decorations,	2.50
Court Litigations,	1,133.45
District Nursing Assoc.,	1,500.00
Parks & Play Grounds,	2,708.02
Seacoast Regional Div. Asso.	150.00
Sidewalks,	79.20
Soldiers' Aid,	1,340.71
Zoning,	865.21
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	\$ 9,746.33
By balance on hand,	\$ 24,982.96
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TOTAL	\$ 892,994.02
Cemetery Gate Fund,	2,483.75
Street Construction Sinking Fund,	1,940.00
Chandler Trust Fund,	2,000.00
Richard Royal East- man Memorial Prize Fund,	504.84
Cemetery Trust Fund,	56,171.24

Reimb. School Lunches,	2,926.00
Reimb. Blue Cross,	106.40
Interest, 1952,	144.94
Rent, Pleasant St. Property,	130.00
Violation Tags,	203.50
Shop Money, Schools,	83.71
Forestry & Rec. Comm.,	16.25
Redemption 1951 Tax,	278.23
Redemption 1952 Tax,	102.66
Auto Damage,	72.68
B & M R R., Fighting forest fires,	13.25
Plumbing Board Receipts,	90.00
Tax Sales Cost,	48.20
Head Tax Penalty, 1952,	264.00
Head Tax Penalty, 1953,	34.00
Partial Settlement, Rollins Est.,	1,000.00
Federal Reimbursement, Schools,	458.91
Adjustment Board Hearings,	5.00
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	\$ 11,599.43
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	\$ 892,994.02

YVONNE D. TURCOTTE,
City Treasurer.

Report of Auditors for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

We herewith submit our report as auditors for the year ending December 31, 1953.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the City Clerk and City Treasurer. We find the accounts to agree with orders drawn on the Treasurer, and accounts correctly cast.

We have examined the books of the Tax Collector, Water Department, Superintendent of Forest Glade Cemetery, City Messenger, the Clerk of the Municipal Court, the Trustees of Trust Funds and find all accounts correctly cast and properly vouchered.

We thank the heads of all departments for their cooperation in assisting us in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL,
City Auditors,
Somersworth, N. H.

Bonded Indebtedness

WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$53,000.00 Water Works Improvement and Extension Bonds, (nos. 1 to 53) dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1962 and \$2,000.00 in 1963 to 1969.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	\$53,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$41,000.00

Rate 2¼%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1954	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 461.25
Dec. 1, 1954		427.50
June 1, 1955	3,000.00	427.50
Dec. 1, 1955		393.75
June 1, 1956	3,000.00	393.75
Dec. 1, 1956		360.00
June 1, 1957	3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1957		326.25
June 1, 1958	3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1958		292.50
June 1, 1959	3,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1959		258.75
June 1, 1960	3,000.00	258.75
Dec. 1, 1960		225.00
June 1, 1961	3,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1961		191.25
June 1, 1962	3,000.00	191.25
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00
June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00

Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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	\$41,000.00	\$6,311.25

SEWER AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND
EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, N. H., at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$37,000.00 and \$10,000.00 a total of \$47,000.00 Sewer Extension and Sidewalk Construction Bonds, Nos. 1 to 47 dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1956 and \$2,000.00 in 1957 to 1969.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	\$47,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$35,000.00

Rate 2¼ %

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1954	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 393.75
Dec. 1, 1954		360.00
June 1, 1955	3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1955		326.25
June 1, 1956	3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1956		292.50
June 1, 1957	2,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1957		270.00
June 1, 1958	2,000.00	270.00
Dec. 1, 1958		247.25
June 1, 1959	2,000.00	247.25
Dec. 1, 1959		225.00
June 1, 1960	2,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1960		202.50
June 1, 1961	2,000.00	202.50
Dec. 1, 1961		180.00
June 1, 1962	2,000.00	180.00
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00

June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,860.75

WATER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$100,000.00 Bonds to be known as Water Bonds Nos. 1 to 100 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, 1953, to 1972.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	\$100,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$95,000.00

Rate 2%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1954		\$ 950.00
Dec. 1, 1954	\$ 5,000.00	950.00
June 1, 1955		900.00
Dec. 1, 1955	5,000.00	900.00
June 1, 1956		850.00
Dec. 1, 1956	5,000.00	850.00
June 1, 1957		800.00
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	800.00
June 1, 1958		750.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	750.00
June 1, 1959		700.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	700.00
June 1, 1960		650.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	650.00
June 1, 1961		600.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	600.00
June 1, 1962		550.00

Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	550.00
June 1, 1963		500.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	500.00
June 1, 1964		450.00
Dec. 1, 1964	5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1965		400.00
Dec. 1, 1965	5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1966		350.00
Dec. 1, 1966	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1967		300.00
Dec. 1, 1967	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1968		250.00
Dec. 1, 1968	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1969		200.00
Dec. 1, 1969	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1970		150.00
Dec. 1, 1970	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1971		100.00
Dec. 1, 1971	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1972		50.00
Dec. 1, 1972	5,000.00	50.00
	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 19,000.00

STREET BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$55,000.00 Bonds to be known as Street Bonds Nos. 1 to 55 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, \$5,000.00 in 1953 to 1963.

Rate 2%

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding	
Dec. 1, 1952	\$55,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Date Due			Principal	Interest
June 1, 1954				\$ 500.00
Dec. 1, 1954			\$ 5,000.00	500.00
June 1, 1955				450.00
Dec. 1, 1955			5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1956				400.00
Dec. 1, 1956			5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1957				350.00

Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1958		300.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1959		250.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1960		200.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1961		150.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1962		100.00
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1963		50.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	50.00
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	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5,500.00

IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held June 26, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer, were authorized to prepare and sell \$35,000.00 Bonds to be known as Improvement Bonds, Nos. 1 to 5 dated September 1, 1952, payable September 1, \$7,000.00, 1953 to 1957.

Rate 2¼

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Sept. 1, 1952	\$35,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$28,000.00
Date Due		Principal	Interest
Mar. 1, 1954			\$ 315.00
Sept. 1, 1954		\$ 7,000.00	315.00
Mar. 1, 1955			236.25
Sept. 1, 1955		7,000.00	236.25
Mar. 1, 1956			157.50
Sept. 1, 1956		7,000.00	157.50
Mar. 1, 1957			78.75
Sept. 1, 1957		7,000.00	78.75
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		\$ 28,000.00	\$1,575.00

Valuation

	1953	1952
Real Estate	\$ 5,677,045.00	\$ 5,399,015.00
Electric Plants	686,000.00	746,000.00
Horses (7)	745.00	820.00 (9)
Cows (179)	20,585.00	19,320.00 (167)
Other neat stock (3)	345.00	345.00 (3)
Sheep and Goats (2)	30.00	40.00 (3)
Hogs (2)	50.00	110.00 (4)
Fowl (3455)	3,965.00	3,130.00 (3000)
Fur Bearing Animals (44)	440.00	220.00 (22)
Value of Wood and Lumber	1,700.00	1,415.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	6,800.00	5,900.00
Value of stock in trade	1,624,440.00	1,507,865.00
Mills, machinery and factories	967,455.00	964,235.00
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	\$ 8,989,600.00	\$ 8,648,415.00
Soldiers' exemptions	400,730.00	355,140.00
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Net Valuation	\$ 8,588,870.00	\$ 8,293,275.00
Somersworth National Bank		
(809 shares)	809.00	811.00 (811)
First National Bank, Somersworth		
(777 shares)	777.00	777.00 (777)
First National Bank, Rochester		
(21 shares)	5.25	6.25 (25)

Appropriations

	1953	1952
Bonds	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Interest on Bonds	2,630.75	1,011.25
Town Road Aid	426.11	416.42
Cemetery	7,000.00	5,782.00
Fire Department	9,000.00	8,500.00
Highway	46,000.00	40,000.00
Hydrants	4,000.00	4,000.00
Library	4,300.00	4,200.00
Macadam	5,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,250.00
Municipal Building	2,000.00	1,800.00
District Nursing Service	1,500.00	1,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	2,800.00	2,800.00
Interest—Notes Payable	2,790.35	3,573.88
Police	32,016.11	30,560.00
Police Cruiser	3,500.00	
Printing	2,600.00	3,000.00
Repairs Public Buildings	300.00	600.00
Salaries	33,000.00	32,500.00
Schools	122,980.00	117,521.53
Street Lights	12,500.00	11,500.00
Welfare and Relief	15,000.00	16,000.00
County Tax	33,338.93	37,674.82
Memorial Day	600.00	600.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,000.00	1,200.00
Seacoast Region Membership	150.00	100.00
Zoning and Planning	1,000.00	500.00
Social Security	1,132.00	1,300.00
Main Street Re-Construction		2,500.00
Spraying		350.00
Garbage Truck		9,597.00
Chevrolet Truck		2,463.34
Sewers	3,000.00	
Sidewalks	2,000.00	
Sno-Go	12,917.38	
Sinking Fund	970.00	
Fire Hose	2,040.00	
Total Appropriation	\$ 382,491.63	\$ 355,305.24
Amount to be raised by Taxation	327,455.63	306,851.18
Total Valuation	\$8,588,870.00	\$8,293,275.00
Rate, \$38.50 on \$1,000		

Departmental Expenditures

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD

Salaries	\$	420.45	
Police		183.35	
Water Works		75.15	
Highway		383.85	
Library		25.50	
			\$ 1,088.30
City Treasurer			1,088.30
Reimbursement—B. C. & B. S.	\$	106.40	
Transferred from City Treasury		981.90	
			\$ 1,088.30

BONDS

Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds			\$ 3,000.00
Improvement Bonds			7,000.00
Street Bonds (\$2,500.00 Approp., \$2,500.00 State)			5,000.00
			\$ 15,000.00
City Treasurer			15,000.00
By Appropriation	\$	12,500.00	
Received from State		2,500.00	
			\$ 15,000.00

CEMETERY

Supt.'s Salary (Gross)	\$	1,500.00	
Labor (Gross)		6,138.14	
			\$ 7,638.14
Total Gross Salaries			\$ 7,638.14
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$	685.40	
F. I. C. A.		110.68	
			\$ 796.08
Total Deductions	\$	796.08	
Total Net Salaries	\$	6,842.06	
Supplies		574.68	
Dressing		62.18	
Seed		48.78	
Turf Builder		57.45	

Oil	36.92		
Plants and Shrubs	417.30		
Repairs	62.00		
Street Signs	195.78		
Rotary Mower	192.50		
Postage	82.00		
Total Expenses		1,729.59	1,729.59
		\$ 8,571.65	\$ 9,367.73
Outstanding Checks		21.81	
		\$ 8,549.84	
City Treasurer		8,549.84	
Cemetery Trust Funds Income	\$	1,673.60	
Cemetery Income		1,201.47	
By Appropriation		7,000.00	
		\$ 9,875.07	
Transferred to City Treasury		—507.34	
			\$ 9,367.73

CHANDLER BUILDING

Fuel	\$	613.60	
Lights		22.65	
Water		14.40	
Insurance		283.05	
Repairs		41.25	
		\$ 974.95	\$ 974.95
Outstanding Check		37.91	
		\$ 937.04	
City Treasurer		937.04	
By Receipts	\$	540.00	
Transferred from City Treasury		434.95	
			\$ 974.95

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Supplies			\$ 2.50
City Treasurer			2.50
Transferred from City Treasury			\$ 2.50

CITY HALL

Insurance	\$	359.95		
Water		15.10		
Supplies		2.75		
Stock and Labor		20.80		
			\$	398.60
Outstanding Checks			\$	20.80
	\$	377.80		
City Treasurer				377.80
By Receipts	\$	1,200.00		
Transferred to City Treasury		801.40		
			\$	398.60

COURT LITIGATIONS

Rollins Estate	\$	1,133.45
City Treasurer		1,133.45
Partial settlement Rollins Estate	\$	1,000.00
Transferred from City Treasury		133.45
	\$	1,133.45

COUNTY TAX

Strafford County Treasurer—1953 County Tax	\$	33,338.93
City Treasurer		33,338.93
By Appropriation		33,338.93

DAMAGES

Damages by Dogs	\$	141.80
City Treasurer		141.80
Transferred from City Treasury	\$	141.80

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

John J. Duffy, Treasurer	\$	1,500.00
City Treasurer		1,500.00
By Appropriation	\$	1,500.00

F. I. C. A.

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	3,223.03
City Treasurer	\$	3,223.03

By Appropriation	\$	1,132.00	
Transferred from City Treasury		479.51	
Payroll deductions		1,611.52	
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FIRE

Firemen's Semi-annual Payroll	\$	4,640.00	
Assistant Drivers		572.50	
Maintenance of Fire Alarm		200.00	
Labor		740.15	
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Total Salaries (Gross)	\$	6,152.65	\$ 6,152.65
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$	6.40	
F. I. C. A.		93.04	
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Total Deductions 99.44

\$ 6,053.21

Gas	\$	138.34	
Telephone		229.24	
Inspections—1952 and 1953		200.00	
Lights		302.85	
Fuel		731.69	
Supplies		889.11	
Truck Repairs & Maintenance		504.51	
Insurance		505.40	
Miscellaneous		218.82	
Repairs to Fire Alarm		43.00	
Repairs—Stock and Labor		315.79	
Water		28.80	
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	\$	4,107.55	\$ 4,107.55

\$ 10,160.76 \$ 10,260.20

Outstanding Checks		74.36	
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	\$	10,086.40	

Telephone Refund	\$	15.20	
Refund—Forest Fires		57.39	
Reimbursement—Milton Fire		52.60	
Forestry & Recreation Comm.		16.25	
B. & M. Railroad—fighting forest fires		13.25	

By Appropriation	9,000.00	
Transferred from City Treasury	1,105.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,260.20

FIRE HOSE

Justin A. McCarthy, 700 feet of 1½" hose	\$	1,999.20
City Treasurer		1,999.20
By Special Appropriation	\$	1,999.20

HIGHWAY

Labor (Gross)	\$	34,099.64	\$	34,099.64
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	1,901.70		
F. I. C. A.		507.16		
Blue Cross and Shield		361.35		
Total Deductions		<hr/>	2,770.21	

Labor Salaries (Net)	\$	31,329.43		
Truck Maintenance	\$	2,410.74		
Supplies & Equipment		3,074.18		
Repairs		697.43		
Fuel		712.26		
Lights and Telephone		464.61		
Gas and Oil		5,342.60		
Insurance		657.03		
Crushed Stone		618.00		
Sand		702.48		
Tarvia		905.40		
Water		25.20		
Salt		918.00		
Parts		2,473.03		
Transportation		82.92		
Surveying & Excavating		240.50		
Miscellaneous		345.12		
		<hr/>	19,669.50	19,669.50

	\$	50,998.93	\$	53,769.14
Outstanding Checks		869.16		

	\$	50,129.77
City Treasurer		50,129.77
By Appropriation	\$	46,000.00

Rent—High Street Garage	108.00	
From Police Department	454.77	
Highway Receipts	100.00	
Damage to Property (auto)	72.68	
Transferred from City Treasury	7,033.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 53,769.14

HEALTH

Supplies		\$ 2.50
City Treasurer		2.50
Transferred from City Treasury		\$ 2.50

HYDRANTS

Somersworth Water Works		\$ 4,000.00
City Treasurer		4,000.00
By Appropriation		\$ 4,000.00

HEAD TAXES

1952 Head Ttxes		\$ 9,841.62
1953 Head Taxes		14,479.53
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		\$ 24,321.15
Head Tax Penalty 1952	\$ 264.00	
Head Tax Penalty 1953	34.00	
Transferred from City Treasury	24,321.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 24,321.15

IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Landers & Griffin, Inc., City Dump		\$ 432.00
City Treasurer		\$ 432.00
Unexpended Balance, Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 1,656.26
Expended in 1953		432.00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,224.26

INTEREST

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 4,023.26	
Improvement Bonds	787.50	
Street Bonds	1,100.00	
Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds	821.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,732.01
City Treasurer		\$ 6,732.01

By Appropriation—Notes Payable	\$	2,790.35	
By Appropriation—Bonds		2,630.75	
Transferred from City Treasury		1,310.91	
		<u> </u>	\$ 6,732.01

LIBRARY

Librarian		\$	2,420.00	
Clerks and Janitor			347.50	
			<u> </u>	
Total Salaries (Gross)		\$	2,767.50	\$ 2,767.50
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	222.40		
Blue Cross		25.50		
F.I.C.A.		41.51		
		<u> </u>		
Total Deductions			289.41	
			<u> </u>	
Total Salaries (Net)		\$	2,478.09	
Books	\$	1,105.76		
Supplies		138.02		
Lights and Telephone		154.60		
Binding		93.06		
Printing		45.50		
Magazines		18.00		
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,554.94	\$ 1,554.94
			<u> </u>	
			\$ 4,033.03	\$ 4,322.44
Outstanding Checks		403.79		
		<u> </u>		
	\$	3,629.24		
City Treasurer	\$	3,629.24		
By Appropriation	\$	4,300.00		
½ Chandler Fund Income		30.23		
		<u> </u>		
Transferred to City Treasury	\$	4,330.23		
		7.79		
		<u> </u>	\$	4,322.44

MACADAM

Tarvia	\$	1,516.80	
Cement		2,611.31	
Asphalt		558.40	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,686.51
City Treasurer	\$		\$ 4,686.51

By Appropriation	\$	5,000.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		313.49	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,686.51

MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION

Boston & Main R. R. (expense incurred a/c line changes)	\$	802.52	
Treasurer, State of N. H. (City's Share)		1,552.27	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,354.79
City Treasurer			\$ 2,354.79
Unexpended Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	\$	3,521.68	
Spent in 1953		2,354.79	
		<u> </u>	
Balance in City Treasury	\$	1,166.89	

MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion Post, No. 69	\$	450.00	
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, No. 4485		150.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 600.00
City Treasurer			600.00
By Appropriation	\$		600.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Supplies for City Clerk	\$	277.05	
Tax Collector		131.55	
Assessors		365.29	
Officials' Bonds		221.86	
Legal Opinion Bonds		532.19	
Miscellaneous		121.37	
Rental—Am. Legion Hall		492.00	
Mayor		133.11	
Election		199.72	
Duplex Adding Machine		540.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,014.14
Outstanding		15.40	\$ 3,014.14
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,998.74
City Treasurer	\$		2,998.74
By Appropriation	\$		2,500.00
Transferred from City Treasury		514.14	
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,014.14

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Fuel	\$	766.36		
Lights		283.29		
Supplies		135.32		
Telephone		390.70		
Repairs		64.97		
Miscellaneous		16.00		
Insurance		271.45		
Water		13.00		
		<hr/>	\$	1,941.09
Outstanding Check			\$	1,941.09
				.82
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City Treasurer	\$	1,940.27		
By Appropriation	\$	2,000.00		
Transferred to City Treasury		58.91		
		<hr/>	\$	1,941.09

MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE

Insurance	\$	123.16		
Water		39.85		
		<hr/>	\$	163.01
City Treasurer	\$		\$	163.01
Rent Pleasant Street Property	\$	130.00		
Transferred from City Treasury		33.01		
		<hr/>	\$	163.01

NOTES PAYABLE

Tax Anticipation Notes			\$	270,000.00
City Treasurer				270,000.00
Transferred from City Treasury			\$	270,000.00
Highway Note—Sno-Go			\$	12,917.38
City Treasurer				12,917.38
By Appropriation			\$	12,917.38

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Labor (Gross)	\$	2,090.00	\$	2,090.00
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	164.90		
F. I. C. A.		31.46		
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Total Deductions				196.36
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Labor (Net)	\$	1,893.64		

Noble Pines	810.03		
(Lights and Supplies)			
Municipal Grove	25.35		
		835.38	835.38
		2,729.02	2,925.38
Outstanding Check		21.00	
		2,708.02	
City Treasurer	\$	2,708.02	
By Appropriation			2,800.00
Transferred from City Treasury			125.38
			\$ 2,925.38

POLICE

Salaries (Gross)		\$ 29,298.61	\$ 29,298.61
Deductions:			
Retirement	\$ 437.22		437.22
			\$ 28,861.39
Withholding	2,379.50		
Blue Cross	183.35		
F.I.C.A.	51.09		
Total Deductions		3,051.16	
Salaries (net)		\$ 26,247.45	
N. H. Police Ret. Board	1,123.59		
(City's share \$686.37)			
(Payroll deductions \$437.22)			
Telephone	1,377.41		
Lights	251.13		
Auto Hire	73.90		
Supplies	202.09		
Miscellaneous	13.30		
Crusier	1,942.00		
Cruiser Maintenance	2,370.31		
		7,353.73	7,353.73
		\$ 36,601.18	\$ 36,215.12
Outstanding checks		193.47	
		33,407.71	
City Treasurer		33,407.71	

By Appropriation—Police Department	32,016.11
By Appropriation—Cruiser	3,500.00
Telephone Refund	57.40
Refund—Federal Tax Police Cruiser	153.46
Violation Tags	203.50
Transferred from City Treasury	279.65
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	\$ 36,215.12

PRINTING

City Clerk	\$ 92.70	
Mayor	10.00	
Tax Collector	81.15	
Assessors	17.50	
Elections	398.91	
City Reports—1951 and 1952	1,548.50	
School Questionnaires	409.38	
City Maps	27.36	
City Ordinance and Supplies	149.75	
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	\$ 2,735.25	\$ 2,735.25
Outstanding checks	24.00	
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	2,711.25	
City Treasurer	2,711.25	
By Appropriation		2,600.00
Plumbing Board Receipts		90.00
Transferred from City Treasury		45.25
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		\$ 2,735.25

SCHOOLS

Salaries (gross)		
Teachers	\$ 73,122.82	
Janitors	7,557.88	
School Nurse	2,363.56	
Truant Officer	150.00	
Retired Teachers	485.88	
Clerks and District Officers	1,730.16	
Special Instructions	362.00	
Cafeteria Staff	3,822.30	
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	\$ 89,594.60	\$ 89,594.60
Deductions		

Withholding	\$ 10,259.95		
Retirement	5,239.85		
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	835.28		
F.I.C.A.	170.53		
Total Deductions		<u>16,505.61</u>	
Total Salaries (net)			<u>73,088.89</u>
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	2,299.94		
Tax for State-wide supervision	1,230.00		
Supplies & Expensés of Administration	1,549.66		
Books and other In- structional aids	2,725.07		
Scholars' Supplies	1,929.88		
Supplies & Expenses of Instruction	689.50		
Fuel	3,132.44		
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	3,298.70		
Repairs & Replacements	2,883.47		
Health Supervision	100.42		
Transportation	8,000.00		
Special Activities and Special Funds	3,809.58		
Retirement (City's share)	4,536.26		
Insurance	1,987.80		
New Equipment	445.53		
		<u>38,618.25</u>	<u>38,618.25</u>
			\$ 128,212.85
Director of Internal Revenue	10,365.13		
Employee's Retirement System	4,898.99		
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	878.50		
		<u>\$ 127,849.86</u>	
Outstanding Checks		<u>1,318.22</u>	
			\$ 126,531.64
City Treasurer	126,531.64		
By Appropriation	\$ 122,980.00		
Dog Licenses	350.79		
½ Chandler Fund Income	30.22		
School Dept. Receipts	1,169.99		

Milk Fund	1,180.00	
Refund—Allied Gas	17.00	
Refund—Supt's Salary	133.50	
Reimbursement—School Lunches	2,926.00	
Shop Money	83.71	
Federal Reimbursement	458.91	
	\$ 129,330.12	
Transferred to City Treasury	1,117.27	
		\$ 128,212.85

REPAIRS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Fire Engine House			
Doors	\$ 139.90		
Noble Pines	92.48		
City Hall	36.29		
Fire Station	15.00		
	\$ 283.67	\$ 283.67	
Outstanding Check	4.73		
	\$ 278.94		
City Treasurer	278.94		
By Appropriation	\$ 300.00		
Transferred to City Treasury	16.33		
		\$ 283.67	

SALARIES

Mayor, City Clerk, Tax Collector, Street Commissioner, Overseer of Poor, City Messenger, Fire Apparatus Driver and Office Clerks	\$ 28,381.80	
Quarterly Salaries	6,115.59	
Supervisors	300.00	
Auditors	150.00	
Election, Returns and Drawing Jurors	654.58	
Total Salaries (Gross)	\$ 35,601.97	\$ 35,601.97
Deductions:		
Withholding	\$ 3,346.83	
F. I. C. A.	470.35	

Blue Cross	370.60	
		4,187.78
Salaries (Net)	\$ 31,414.19	
Outstanding Checks	1,204.90	
		\$ 30,209.29
City Treasurer	30,209.29	
By Appropriation	\$ 33,000.00	
Transferred from City Treasury	2,601.97	
		35,601.97

SEACOAST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

1953 Seacoast Assessment	\$ 150.00
City Treasurer	150.00
By Appropriation	\$ 150.00

SEWERS

Engineer	\$ 557.14	
Contractor	7,286.40	
		\$ 7,843.54
Outstanding Check		2,030.13
		\$ 5,813.41
City Treasurer		5,813.41
Unexpended Balance Bonds	\$ 975.23	
1953 Appropriation	3,000.00	
Special Appropriation	4,000.00	
		\$ 7,975.23
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,843.54	
Transferred to City Treasury	131.69	
		\$ 7,975.23

SIDEWALKS

Expenditures:		
From Sidewalk Bonds	\$ 1,101.47	
From General Fund	79.20	
Unexpended Bond Amount	57.96	
		\$ 1,238.63
City Treasurer—Bond Account	\$ 1,159.43	
City Treasurer—General		

Fund	79.20		
	<u> </u>	\$	1,238.63
Transferred to City Treasury			1,920.80
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,159.43
Unexpended Balance from Sidewalk			
Bond		\$	1,159.43
By Appropriation			2,000.00
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,159.43
Total Expenditures		\$	1,238.63
Transferred to City Treasury			1,920.80
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,159.43

SINKING FUND

Street Construction	\$	1,940.00	
Outstanding Check		1,940.00	
State's Share			\$ 970.00
City's Share			970.00
			<u> </u>
			\$ 1,940.00

STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$	12,750.94	
City Treasurer			12,750.94
By Appropriation	\$	12,500.00	
Transferred from City Treasury		250.94	
		<u> </u>	\$ 12,750.94

WATER WORKS

Superintendent's Salary	\$	2,756.00	
Engineer's Salary		3,546.40	
Commissioners' Salaries		650.00	
Labor		5,047.52	
		<u> </u>	
Total Salaries (Gross)		\$11,999.92	\$ 11,999.92
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$	717.90	
F. I. C. A.		172.91	
Blue Cross		73.05	
		<u> </u>	
Total Deductions		963.86	
		<u> </u>	
Total Salaries (Net)	\$	11,036.06	

Supplies	\$	6,171.59		
Power and Lights		4,422.55		
Telephone		291.90		
Truck Maintenance		195.24		
Parts and Repairs		250.79		
Gas and Oil		38.91		
Fuel		324.31		
Bonds		8,461.25		
Interest—Bonds		2,495.00		
Insurance		343.09		
Miscellaneous		272.75		
		<hr/>	\$	23,267.38
			\$	23,267.38
Outstanding Checks			\$	34,303.44
				187.05
			\$	34,116.39
City Treasurer				34,116.39
Water Works Receipts			\$	40,000.94
Transferred to City Treasury				4,733.64
			\$	35,267.30

TAX PURCHASES

Joseph F. McKeon, Tax Collector	\$	573.26
City Treasurer		573.26
Transferred from City Treasurer		573.26

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Old Age Assistance	\$	4,738.93		
Groceries		1,881.99		
Board and Care		3,858.50		
Fuel		124.14		
Medical		892.45		
Office Expenses		113.71		
Rent		114.00		
Funeral Expenses		209.00		
		<hr/>	\$	11,932.72
Outstanding Checks			\$	11,932.72
				395.87
			\$	11,536.85
City Treasurer				11,536.85

Soldiers' Aid	\$ 1,353.58	1,353.58
Outstanding Check	12.87	
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	\$ 13,286.30	

	\$ 1,340.71	
By Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Refund—Probation Dept.	271.00	
Refund—Old Age	303.96	
Refund—Board and Care	1,480.67	
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	\$ 17,055.63	
Transferred to City Treasury	3,769.33	
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	\$ 13,286.30	

WITHHOLDING TAXES

Director of Internal Revenue	\$ 9,030.09
City Treasurer	9,030.09
Transferred from City Treasury	\$ 9,030.09

WATER WORKS SPECIAL

Labor (Gross)	\$ 192.10	\$ 192.10
Deductions:		
Withholding	\$ 13.30	
F. I. C. A.	2.89	

Total Deductions

 16.19

\$ 175.91

Contractor	\$ 7,420.14	
Valves and Fittings	919.32	
Water Supplies	761.14	
Pipe	8,490.38	
Miscellaneous	318.75	
Engineer	5,210.54	
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	\$ 23,120.27	\$ 23,120.27

\$ 23,296.18 \$ 23,312.37

Outstanding Checks

 2,830.14

\$ 20,466.04

City Treasurer	20,466.04	
Unexpended Balance—Bond Issue	\$ 24,673.15	
Amount Expended in 1953	23,312.37	

Balance in Somersworth National
Bank 12/31/53

 \$ 1,360.78

ZONING

Salaries (Gross)	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	50.00		
F. I. C. A.		7.50		
Total Deductions		57.50		
Salaries (Net)	\$	442.50		
Engineer	\$	101.00		
Supplies		326.51		
		427.51		427.51
		\$ 870.01		927.51
Outstanding Check		4.80		
		\$ 865.21		
City Treasurer		865.21		
By Appropriation	\$	1,000.00		
Adjustment Board Hearings		5.00		
		\$ 1,005.00		
Transferred to City Treasury		77.49		
		\$		927.51

T. R. A.

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	426.11		426.11
City Treasurer		426.11		
By Appropriation	\$	426.11		

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

William G. Ball Agency		\$ 1,279.68		1,279.68
City Treasurer		1,279.68		
By Appropriation	\$	1,000.00		
Transferred from City Treasury		279.68		
		\$		1,279.68

WATER WORKS, SEWER AND SIDEWALK
CONSTRUCTION

FOR PERIOD BEGINNING 1949, ENDING DEC. 31, 1953

Sale of Bonds	\$100,000.00			
Accrued Interest	312.50			
		\$100,312.50		

Water Construction and Extensions		
Expenditures—1949	\$ 44,201.41	
Expenditures—1950	8,483.30	
Expenditures 1951	315.29	
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	\$ 53,000.00	
Amount Allocated Water Works Construction	53,000.00	
Sidewalk Construction		
Expenditures—1949	\$ 2,047.37	
Expenditures—1950	5,868.80	
Expenditures—1951	924.40	
Expenditures—1953	1,101.47	
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	\$ 9,942.04	
Transferred to General Fund for Sidewalk Construction	57.96	
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	\$ 10,000.00	
Amount Allocated to Sidewalk	10,000.00	
Sewer Construction		
Expenditures—1949	\$ 21,887.81	
Expenditures—1950	10,230.85	
Expenditures—1951	498.77	
Expenditures—1952	3,407.34	
Expenditures—1953	975.23	
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	\$ 37,000.00	
Amount Allocated to Sewer	37,000.00	
Total Amount of Bonds and Accrued Interest		\$100,312.50
Water Works Construction	\$ 53,000.00	
Sewer Construction	37,000.00	
Sidewalk Construction	9,942.04	
Interest Paid on Bonds from Accrued Interest	312.50	
Transferred to General Fund for Added Sidewalk Appropriation	57.96	
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		\$100,312.50

School Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT SCHOOL YEAR 1953-54

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Somersworth School Board:

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The perpetuation of freedom for the individual citizen, and indeed of the western concept of a free society, involves two main elements that depend in large measure for their strength upon a universal, compulsory public school system of highest quality. The first of these is the program of citizenship training and education that is essential for the inculcation of our American way of life, and for its continued improvement in accordance with the basic ideals of our forefathers. Citizenship training of our youth is the public school's central reason for existence, and the major justification for taxation of all wealth by whomever owned, for school support.

The second major element is the school's program for developing constantly improved competence in all youth of occupational abilities sufficient to make them self-supporting citizens. Our continued welfare, and our impact upon the remainder of the world, depends upon steady devotion to our ideology of the good life, and upon maintaining our productive capacity, not only to meet our own steadily expanding needs, but also to enable us to assist others in meeting theirs.

Thus intellectual and economic concerns go hand in hand, and both look to the schools for support and advancement. Both justify and demand the providing of good schools in the broadest sense of that term for all our children, and warrant the payment that is required to maintain them.

The cost of education in Somersworth is extremely low as compared to the average cost in the State or as compared to equal communities in the State. Inspection of the financial report in the succeeding pages will show that expenditures amounted to \$127,864.68 during 1953. This represents an average per pupil cost of \$204.25 as compared to the average per pupil cost in the State of \$280.06. Increased costs of education are chiefly due to increased enrollment. National public school enrollment in 1953 is estimated to be 7% above the 1940 figure, and by 1960 it is expected to rise to a figure 34% higher than that in 1940. In Somersworth the Public School Enroll-

ment has risen from 496 in 1945 to 630 in 1953 or an increase of 27%. The projected enrollment for 1959 and based upon the annual school census will reach 850. This increased enrollment means increases in the annual operating budget for the purchasing of books, desks, chairs, paper, pencils, and all the other necessary school supplies in addition to the need for more teachers. Also where our present school buildings were built to house 525 pupils we are already housing 630. I am not going into detail again, on the various studies and recommendations that have been made to provide more classroom space and to eliminate the sub-standard classrooms which now exist. For the good of the children, I sincerely hope that a positive building program will be started this year to eliminate the present inadequacies which penalize our youth so severely.

Changes in the instructional staff have been few this year, and all vacancies have been filled with qualified candidates. The quality of a school system depends largely on the quality of its instructional staff. Somersworth has been extremely fortunate in retaining a group of teachers who excel in both experience and training. Most of all this teaching experience has been in Somersworth's schools, representing a long period of loyal as well as valuable service to the City's children. Their products continue to bring many academic honors and activity achievements to our schools. An ever increasing number of pupils are guided into further training to prepare them for profitable vocations. Teachers are constantly striving to improve their techniques and methods by enrolling in extension courses, attending summer schools, and working together for the common good. Again, as in the total operating budget, the salaries paid to teachers in Somersworth are below the average salaries paid in the State. It seems unreasonable that pupils whom these teachers have trained can go out and in a short time receive higher wages in business and industry than our teachers.

I will close this report by expressing to you my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and support you have given me during the past year. It is a pleasure to work with a group whose insight into the educational problems of today is so keen.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. TOLL,

Superintendent of Schools

Mayors Since the City was Chartered

1893-	<i>Franklin N. Chase</i>
1894-1896	<i>Christopher H. Wells</i>
1897-	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1898-1900	<i>Arthur J. Seavey</i>
1901-	<i>Haven Doe</i>
1902-1903	<i>John N. Haines</i>
1904-	<i>Freeman A. Hussey</i>
1905-1908	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1909-1911	<i>Thomas J. Dougherty</i>
1912-1913	<i>Paul LaBonte</i>
1914-1922	<i>Fred H. Brown</i>
1923-1933	<i>Peter M. Gagne</i>
1934-	<i>Clement P. Roy</i>
1935-1943	<i>Alfred J. Boucher</i>
1944-1944	* <i>Arthur W. Proulx (Jan. 1-June 6)</i>
1944-1945	** <i>Napoleon A. Habel (June 6-Dec.31)</i>
1946-1953	* <i>Romeo St. Laurent (June 30, 1953)</i>
1953-1953	** <i>Placide J. Lagueux (July 1-Dec. 31)</i>
	* <i>Resigned</i>
	** <i>Unexpired term</i>

Returns of Biennial Election Held November 3, 1953

W A R D O N E

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Edward S. Charpentier	299	Virginia H. Legro	111
No Party Designation —		Frances Ingalls	1

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS EACH

Democrat		Republican	
Richard A. Gagnon	311	Edwin Baxter	18
Simeon Rainville	308	Frank Babb	1
		Charles Ingalls	1
		Wilfred Cote	13
		Oscar Lemay	1

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Elizabeth M. Ball	342	Clifford Miller	17
		Hilda Colburn	1
		Mark Taylor	1
No Party Designation —		Clifford Miller	1

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Raoul A. Turmelle	315	Ernest Metivier	1
Angelo B. Viola	309	Gladys Weeks	1
Rose Alma Lambert	316	Hollis Whalen	1
		Phil Wentworth, Jr.	2
		Herman Horne	1
		H. V. Sheahan	1
		Hilda Colburn	1
		Max Young	1
		Edwin Furlong	1
		H. C. Logan	1
		Clovis Desmarais	1
		Gilbert Dolloff	1
		Alphonse Chattel	1
		C. Adams	1

W A R D T W O

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Edward S. Charpentier	338	Virginia H. Legro	102

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Louis P. Chasse	347	Alphonse Chatel	1
Norman A. Fournier	349	Laurier Sans Cartier	1
		Louis P. Chasse	1
		Norman A. Fournier	1

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Lorenzo T. Ross	362	Alphonse Chatel	1
		Lorenzo T. Ross	1

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Thomas C. Joyal	335	Thomas C. Joyal	1
Margaret C. O'Connell	346	Margaret C. O'Connell	1
Cyrille Doucette	340	Cyrille Doucette	1

W A R D T H R E E

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Edward S. Charpentier	392	Virginia H. Legro	111

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Paul R. Blanchette	417	Norman Brown	6
William J. Vigneault	381	Anthony Zabrick	1

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Raymond N. Vezeau	405		

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Ludger Carignan	393		
Charles King	394		
Peter Chasse	406		

W A R D F O U R

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Edward S. Charpentier	520	Virginia H. Legro	86
No Party Designation — Armand LeHoullier			2

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Bernard C. McCabe	530		
Joseph Aubert	533		

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Albert J. Nadeau	545		

THREE COUNCILMEN FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Onesime Blouin	534		
Joseph Bolduc	532		
Auguste Boucher, Jr.	532		

W A R D F I V E

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Edward S. Charpentier	240	Virginia H. Legro	63

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Ludrope Camire	249	E. Thomas Robertshaw	4
Alfred Perusse	250	James Ringer	2

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Paul E. Bernier	252	Robert Sears	2

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Alfred J. Lamb	247	Edward Libby	1
Alfred Grondin	250	Sylvio Pouliot	3
Ernest Tanguay	255	Joseph Landry	3

Fire Alarm Boxes

- 5 Depot and Main streets
- 6 Main and Franklin streets
- 12 City Hall
- 13 Main and Spring streets
- 14 Main and Indigo Hill road
- 15 Third street
- 16 New Dam
- 18 General Electric Co.
- 21 Franklin and Green streets
- 23 Myrtle and Green streets
- 24 Tremont and Green streets
- 25 Pleasant and West Green streets
- 26 Franklin and Garden streets
- 31 High and Washington streets
- 32 High and South streets
- 34 Bartlett avenue
- 35 Black Harry Clay
- 36 Central Park
- 41 Highland and Grand streets
- 43 Lincoln street
- 45 Lily Pond road
- 51 Court and Washington streets
- 52 High and Fore streets
- 54 Market street
- 56 Somersworth Shoe
- 58 Collea Corp.
- 62 West High St. and Maple St. Ext.
- 551 From Y to Blue Moon
- 552 From Blue Moon to Hanson's Corner
- 553 Hanson's Corner to Town Line
- Test: 2 blasts, 6 o'clock, P. M., and 12 noon
- 1 blast: Engineers' Call
- 2-2-2 House call
- 4 Out of town and brush fires
- 1-1 No-school signal
- 7 Air Raid Signal
- 8 American Legion and V. F. W.
- 9 Boy Scouts
- 3-3-3 National Guard—Militia Call

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